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## Relief as canola tariffs lowered after China trip

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There was relief among Saskatchewan producers last week after it was announced that Chinese tariffs were being lowered on canola. The announcement came during Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe's and Prime Minister Mark Carney's trip to China last week.

Carney said he expects China will lower tariffs on canola seed by March 1 to a combined rate of about 15 per cent—a drop from current combined tariff levels of 84 per cent. China is a \$4 billion canola seed market for Canada. In exchange, Canada will slash tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles.

"It's very welcome positive news for all canola and pea producers in the province who have been patiently waiting for some news like this, giving us some optimism going forward," said Bill Prybylski, President of APAS Friday.

"There has been so much uncertainty from the first announcement of the tariffs almost a year ago and the pressures that farmers have been dealing with in terms of the

lower commodity prices and where are they going and how long are these tariffs in place—so to see some clarity going forward is certainly some relief.

"On the other side we do know there is still work to be

done. There are still tariffs on canola oil and tariffs aren't gone completely, they have just been reduced on canola seed, so there still some work to do."

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## Winter Wonderland February 16

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

People will get a chance to experience Moosomin Regional Park in the winter during the park's annual Winter Wonderland event which is planned for Monday, February 16 this year—the Monday of the Family Day weekend.

"I believe that is a free fishing weekend as well," says Kyle Jeannot with the Moosomin Regional Park board. "There will be sleigh rides, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and we are working on a ski-doo derby right now. It's all in the works and coming together, and we are hoping that the weather holds out.

"I think the biggest thing right now is having activities out there for people to do and come and enjoy the day and experience the park in the winter.

"Events will be by the marina, where it was last year. Everything is set up in that area. It seems to work pretty well there, so we are going to keep it there."

Jeannot says about 150 people came out for the event last year, but says it was also a very cold and windy day last year.

Why does the park board host the event?

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# Full house for meeting on CFIA traceability regulations

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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About 300 livestock producers crowded into the Wawota town hall Thursday to discuss proposed changes to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's traceability regulations.

Henry McCarthy, 2nd Vice President of Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA), the SSGA's rep on the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association board, and local veterinarian, said the focus following the meeting is for producers to work through their associations to formally bring their concerns forward.

"The next steps will be formulating resolutions through the various associations in the province to get the will of the producers, their desires, into the hands of the people in government," McCarthy said.

He said the meeting was intended to allow information to move from producers upward. "Yesterday was about information flowing from the grassroots up, not top down," he said.

## Strong turnout

McCarthy said the strong turnout reflected growing frustration among producers.

"These people are hard to get out to meetings," he said. "They're independent farmers, and they've traditionally trusted their representatives or left it up to somebody else. The fact that this many people came out tells you something."

He said trust in the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has declined over time, largely due to communication issues.

"When things get bungled, it's through poor communication," McCarthy said. "People are going to lose faith in you. When they feel there's no accountability and no voice, people get pretty frustrated."

McCarthy said producers are particularly concerned that proposed traceability changes would increase their workload.

"They're just transferring the workload from the CFIA veterinarian to the producer," he said. "That paperwork burden is a big concern."

He said producers are not opposed to traceability, but want practical solutions that build on systems already in place.

"We've spent a lot of money creating brand inspection databases and tracing movement," McCarthy said. "Does it make sense to go reinvent the wheel?"

McCarthy said his hope is that industry groups can work together and repair relationships with CFIA.

"My best hope is that we repair all the relationships and come up with workable solutions that demonstrate compliance and producer buy-in, without creating extra workload for producers," he said.

He encouraged producers who were unable to attend the meeting to become involved through their associations and



Part of the crowd at a meeting on cattle traceability held in Wawota Wednesday.

elected officials.

"Contact your provincial association. Come to a meeting. Have your voice heard," McCarthy said. "Contact your local MLA or MP. Their job is to represent you, but they need direction."

## Participation is key

McCarthy said participation is key if producers want to influence the outcome.

"If you sit at home and do nothing, then everything stays status quo," he said. "This was a chance for people to speak up."

He said he believes that it's possible for producers to influence CFIA's proposed regulations if the groups representing producers speak with one voice.

He said the groups should focus on a few of the most important changes they would like to see, potentially including a mechanism for producer input to the CFIA, possibly through an advisory board.

One of the ideas suggested from the floor, maybe we need to have a board in the CFIA where there's producers from every region.

"What we need is representation that actually works."

The Wawota meeting was organized following widespread discussion about potential Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) amendments that would significantly expand reporting requirements for livestock movements.

While CFIA has since announced it will pause publication of the proposed regulations to allow for more input, producers said uncertainty, lack of consultation, and past experience with enforcement have left them deeply uneasy.

"This isn't about being anti-traceability," one producer told the room. "This is

about how far it goes, who controls it, and what happens if you don't comply."

A central frustration raised throughout the meeting was that producers said they still do not clearly understand what would be required of them under the proposed changes.

"How are we supposed to come up with

resolutions when we don't even know what they're asking us to do?" one rancher asked.

Several speakers noted that information about the proposed regulations has largely been learned through other producers, rather than direct communication from CFIA with producers themselves.

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## Regional Park holding Winter Wonderland

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He says there are still a lot of people who don't know how nice Moosomin Regional Park is.

"I think it is almost like a hidden gem, it's not too far off the highway if you are travelling by to stop in. It's nice and quiet and peaceful, it's not too busy. There can be lots of people out there, but it's not steady busy like on August long weekend. You can go there with your family, it's a place for the kids and you are not always worried about them. There is the lake, there are basketball and tennis courts. There are lots of little things there to offer, it's really nice."

"The main purpose of it is to pull people into the park and show them what Moosomin Regional Park can provide, and then at the end of the day hopefully they enjoy it in the winter and then book a campsite in the future. It's to trying to get them out there so that they have fun in the winter and show them how much fun they can have. They can see above the snow what the park has to offer, and maybe come out in the summer time and experience it then as well."

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# Relief as canola tariffs lowered after China trip

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Prybylski says the impact of the tariffs on producers has been both economic and emotional.

"There are two sides to that, there is the economic impact which has been huge. It's hard to put an exact dollar figure on it because there are so many other factors that have affected the prices of our commodities. But certainly the tariffs had a big impact on those prices and they were quite significant. And the other side is just the attitude and mental wellbeing of farmers and dealing with these tariffs knowing there is nothing that we have done wrong but we are having to pay the price for all this. So there is certainly that aspect to it that will hopefully be alleviated going forward.

"Not only the tariffs from China but our input costs were pressured upward because of tariffs from other countries, particularly the United States, so certainly the talk of tariffs and trade have been top of mind for most producers. It was definitely tough on a lot of guys just trying to figure out what the effect of all these tariffs are going to be and what are our plans going forward to mitigate some of that risk that certainly was brought on because of the tariffs."

Prybylski says producers were optimistic when they heard Moe and Carney were heading to China together.

"I talked to a few folks and they were very optimistic about just the fact that the prime minister was there and that the premier was accompanying him was a good sign that there was going to be some movement and some relief from the tariffs. There was also a lot of skepticism that this was just a photo op, that maybe they would be setting the ground work for future talks, but to have some movement on the tariffs is certainly welcome news—it surprised some.

"We've been dealing with these tariffs for almost a year now so it's about time something was done."

Tracy Broughton, Executive Director with Sask Oilseeds, says they were hopeful when they saw Moe and Carney were heading to China together.

"We were quite hopeful, actually, and to be honest we were trying to temper our expectations because the relationship between Canada and China have been tenuous for the last a decade or so. It has been a year since the tariffs and there has been a lot of pressure on our farmers.

"Discussion has been moving very fast so we're hopeful, we are cautiously optimistic and we're feeling pretty positive about the reduction in tariffs. Of course we would like it to be zero per cent, but at the same time, it's significant progress on the file and I guess the market will tell us if that's what it needed to start moving canola and the export market a little bit more swiftly.

"It's a pretty big sense of relief for now."

Broughton says they have already seen positive market movement since the announcement.

"The market this week have been responding positively already and prices seem to be strengthening. I think that's really helpful for farmers who are going to be moving canola in spring to get ready for clearing out some of those bins. I know there was a lot of pressure and concerns for farmers who haven't sold their canola and still have seed in the bin. This is the time of the year when farmers start planning for the upcoming crop year and they're going to be having to pay for some of the inputs that they'll be needing for the new crop year, so cash flow becomes really important in January.

"The tariffs were causing a lot of discomfort. Uncertainty always does. And a lot of farmers I know, they have experienced dealing with weather-uncertainty and they know that's out of everyone's control. I think this one is very political in nature. That always brings a lot of emotions and there was an inability for people to have any direct impact on the issue and so that causes a lot of stress and anxiety."

While Broughton is happy to see tariffs lowered, she's even more hopeful for a tariff free environment at some point.

"We would like to see a tariff free environment—zero tariffs. It would be great to have some sort of bilateral trade deal. We would like to see open access to any export market that brings or that would like to buy our farmers' canola."

Broughton says she was impressed by Moe and Carney's leadership on the issue.

"I'd like to call out the fact that we are very happy to see a strong relationship between our provincial government and the federal government. Premier Scott Moe has shown a lot of leadership on this file and advocated very hard for canola farmers and we're very appreciative of that leadership and we're also very thankful for the priority that Prime Minister Mark Carney has put in our sector. It is a \$43 billion industry and very important to the Canadian economy, and sometimes in agriculture, we don't always feel recognized by the federal government and so I think



Ashley Bocek took this aerial photo of crops near Moosomin last July.

this demonstrates that they do see the importance that agriculture provides to the economy. I was just looking it up the other day and it's seven per cent of the national GDP, so it's very important industry."

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark said Saskatchewan has pushed hard to promote trade, and the lower tariffs are a win for the province.

"Our Saskatchewan government has always promoted trade," he says. "We have a network of trade offices around the world, we have done many, many trade missions around the world and laying that ground work and doing that hard work ends up with results like this. This didn't just happen, this is the second time the premier has been in China recently (Moe visited China in September).

I know that the hard work the Saskatchewan government has done on the trade file has led to results like these.

"It's thanks to the leadership of Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan that this is a win for all of Canada and we've seen this consistently that this province leads the way on trade and there's a reason for that. First of all on the canola issue, it's vital to this province. If you drive around our area the province in the summer, those yellow canola fields define the landscape in the summer. It's of vital, vital importance and that's why the premier and our government have made it a priority for us is to work on these tariffs, and that's why there's been a lot of work behind the scenes and a previous trip by the premier to China, so there's been a big focus on that.

"But overall, our area of the province, and our province as a whole, is focused on trade. Look at our industries around here, our manufacturers, places like IJACK, they ship items all around the world. Our agriculture sector, it ships its products all around the world. Our energy sector, much of our energy is produced for export. And our mining—potash—mining, those products are produced here and go around the world.

"So we are a province that's defined by trade. As a matter of fact, Saskatchewan had the second largest exports per capita in all of Canada last year. That tells you how dependent we are on trade and why trade has been a focus of this government and why Scott Moe has made it a particular focus.

"The opposition NDP has criticized us for having trade offices. They said that they would close those offices. The opposition NDP has criticized trade missions—rade missions that result in things like a much better deal for canola producers. They have criticized those missions very often as junkets or as unnecessary.

"But that hard work, laying the ground work, setting up those offices, doing the hard work—that leads to successes like this. This is a win for Saskatchewan, this is a win for Canada, this is a win for trade and the economy.

"I just want commend premier Scott Moe on his leadership on this issue. He is not only leading Saskatchewan but he has provided leadership that has benefited the entire country in this case."

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# Moosomin's South East Recovery Centre approved to bid on addictions recovery spaces

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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Moosomin is one step closer to being able to set up an addictions treatment centre in the community after the South East Recovery group's Request for Qualification (RFQ) application was approved in the fall of 2025.

This means that next time the provincial government puts out a call for groups to bid on addiction recovery beds in Southeast Saskatchewan, Moosomin will be one of the qualified bidders.

"The Moosomin South East Recovery Group has been interested in furthering assistance for addictions recovery in Moosomin and they have been collectively gathering for a number of years toward that goal, and one of their goals was a recovery centre," says Greg Hofferth with RSG Solutions Group who has been helping the Moosomin South East Recovery Group with the process.

"To qualify to even bid on becoming a recovery centre in Saskatchewan, your organization first has to be qualified as a bidder. So the province put out a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process in the fall of 2025. It happens every year. Moosomin entered that process and they were successful. They became qualified, which means they demonstrated to the government they have the ability to bid on future projects when they become available, demonstrating things like the legitimacy of the organization that is requesting this, some clinical expertise, and operational expertise. They consider the quality of the board members, all different sorts of things go into this.

"They became qualified late in the fall of 2025. So the next time the province puts out a call for groups to bid on addiction recovery beds in Southeast Saskatchewan, they are one of the qualified bidders that could bid on that.

"There is no telling when that could be. There are some requests for services out in Northern Saskatchewan right now, but as of the new year there haven't been any for Southern Sas-



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"So that is where they are at now, they are a qualified bidder should beds open up in Southeast Saskatchewan.

"The government will at some point say they are looking for interested applicants to send a request for service proposal to operate addiction recovery beds. The Moosomin group is now in a position to put in a proposal. It's a competitive process. It's open to anyone who is qualified. Moosomin is now in a position to put in a proposal to actually be considered by the government to provide addiction recovery spaces."

What would be required for a successful proposal?

"They need to have a plan," says Hofferth. "They need to have options. The government needs some confidence that they have the ability to secure a facility, that they have the ability to provide a solid, evidence-based clinical program, the ability to provide staff, and have community support. It's a fairly detailed process and Moosomin seems to be gaining steam in that regard."

While the group must wait for the government to issue a request for service proposals, Hofferth says the group can still make some plans while waiting for that to happen, including finding a location for those treatment spaces.

"They would certainly want to be in the discussion

stages," he says. "You can't lay out the capital funding for a building if you don't know if you are getting the program, so it's kind of a tricky situation, but if they were awarded the ability to create spaces in Moosomin, they wouldn't be required to open it the next week, there is usually up to a year of a process.

"There are a number of options they could consider, from existing space to creating new space to renting space. There are different options and their discussions are taking them down that road.

"Typically what will happen is the government will put out a request for service saying they are looking for a certain number of addiction recovery spaces. It might be inpatient beds, it might be detox beds, it might be any different number of addiction recovery spaces. When they put out the one that meets the Moosomin group's mandate, the next step is for them to put in an application to be the successful applicant.

"The government is looking for some spaces now, but they are in Northern Saskatchewan. What is commonly reported in the media is that Saskatchewan is nearing 300 spaces, and the government has indicated their desire to create 500 new spaces. So they are over half way there, but there are a lot of spaces left, so the hope is that some will be put out in Southern

East Recovery group with the process of setting up addictions treatment in Moosomin. Teed is also a certified addictions counsellor who lives south of Moosomin.

"For many in our community, the addiction crisis isn't just a headline—it's a personal reality," says Teed. "Almost everyone in our town has a family member, a friend, or a co-worker who has struggled with substance use. We hear time and again how difficult it is to find local, accessible help. Currently, families are often forced to navigate a complex system or travel long distances during their most vulnerable moments. This centre will change that by providing a path to healing right here at home.

"Beyond the vital social impact, the South East Recovery Centre represents a major economic investment in Moosomin. The facility will create a significant number of new, permanent jobs, ranging from specialized healthcare and counselling roles to administrative and support staff. This infusion of employment will boost our local economy and reinforce Moosomin's growing reputation as a regional hub for healthcare services.

"Furthermore, the shift from active addiction to recovery carries a profound ripple effect for our society. When individuals enter recovery, we see

a marked decrease in the strain on our emergency rooms, law enforcement, and social services. More importantly, we see people return to their families and the workforce as productive, contributing members of our community.

"As we move into this next phase, we want to thank the community for its ongoing support. We are committed to making it easier for our neighbors to get the help they need, while simultaneously strengthening the economic fabric of the place we all call home."

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# Jays having championship-style off-season

Mid-January is not normally the time of year for baseball-related sports columns, but what the Toronto Blue Jays are doing this off-season can't wait for spring.

The Jays, owned by Rogers, made truckloads of money in 2025 when the team went all the way to the World Series, falling one game short against Los Angeles Dodgers. Rather than stuffing all that loot in a storage room at company headquarters on Bloor Street, the owners have authorized the use of that excess dough to make manager John Schneider's team even more powerful in 2026.

Expectations will be high when the 162-game regular season begins in late March, and why not? The Jays have bolstered their starting pitching corps, added a major slugger to their lineup and signed a relief pitcher who might just be a real closer. (Memories of Jeff Hoffman, he of the seven blown saves in 2025, second-most in the American League, won't be long forgotten.)

With a solid starting pitching staff already established with Kevin Gausman, breakout star Trey Yesavage, Shane Bieber and Jose Berrios, the Jays have added one of the best free agents available, Dylan Cease, to a seven-year, \$210 million pact. A seven-year veteran, Cease played five seasons with the hapless Chicago White Sox before being traded to San Diego, where he played the last two seasons. His stat numbers aren't overwhelming, but he's a 1A starter, as is Gausman. Added to the starting pitching staff is right-hander Cody Ponce, who was 17-1 last season in the Korean Major League, where he was voted Most Valuable Player. The Jays gave Ponce a three-year deal worth \$30 million.

Strengthening the bullpen is right-hander Tyler Rogers, who compiled a 1.98 earned-run average in 2025 while playing for the Mets and Giants. Rogers, who throws the ball submarine-style, has the lowest release point of any MLB pitcher. He throws low, but comes with high hopes



Bruce Penton

for the Jays to develop a shutdown bullpen for late innings of 2026 games.

And while the Jays led the majors in team batting average (.265) in 2025, their power numbers were middle of the pack. Toronto's 191 home runs trailed leading New York Yankees by 83, and nine teams hit more than 200. So, the Jays went out and signed Japanese slugger Kazuma Okamoto to a four-year contract worth \$60 million. Okamoto, who is likely to play third base, played 11 years in the Japanese major league and belted 248 homers in that span. Will that power translate smoothly to MLB? It worked pretty well for the Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani.

Reports indicate Toronto is still hoping to resign longtime Jay Bo Bichette, currently pondering free-agent opportunities, and pursuing another slugger, outfielder Kyle Tucker, 29, who hit 22 homers last year with Chicago Cubs.

On the acquisition of Cease, Schneider was effusive in his praise: "We've been in love with his stuff for a while and there's a real opportunity for him to continue to get better with what we have to offer."

It's official, Blue Jays' fans: Canada has a baseball power.

• Headline at fark.com: "Texas Tech's gamble on a high school coach has paid off As did the Brinks trucks of west Texas oil money they amassed for paying players."

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• Steve Hofstetter on Facebook: "First Venezuela misses qualifying for the World Cup by one game, then gets bombed by the winner of the FIFA peace prize."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "The Orlando Magic used to play defence like the '85 Bears. Now they play defence like the Venezuelan Air Force."

• Another one from Bianchi: "Did you see where Atlanta Hawks star Trae Young wants to be traded to the hapless Washington Wizards? In a league where most stars chase championships, Trae Young just asked to be placed in a witness protection program."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "If the Canucks draft Gavin McKenna, will the arena name go back to being GM Place?"

• Rolfson again: "Las Vegas Raiders have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. It will be fascinating to see which young quarterback's career they will destroy."

• Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site, on the NFL coaching opening in Las Vegas: "Bad roster; bad owner; the specter of Tom Brady hovering around the team; playing in a tough division. Other than those factors, this is a great job."

• Finarelli again, on Tennessee Titans looking for a new head coach: "The Front Office has no clue what it needs or wants and will – at some point – tire of trying to sort among the 13 candidates and draw a name out of a hat."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Steph Curry finally finishes eating mouthguard."

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Team Campbell. From left, Skip Jolene Campbell, third Robyn Silvernagle, second Rachel Big Eagle, lead Danya Demmans, and Coach Ben Gamble.



## Prairie Pinnacle Women's Playdowns

# Maryfield's Rachel Big Eagle qualifies for Scotties Tournament of Hearts

BY TRAVIS LONGMAN

The 2026 Bunge Prairie Pinnacle Women's Provincial Curling Championship was held in Melville from January 5-11. Nine of the best teams battled for provincial supremacy. The event had plenty of local talent on display.

Rachel Big Eagle of Maryfield is the second for team Campbell, which will be moving on to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts after the championship. She is no stranger to success on the curling ice and this event was no exception.

It was not a good beginning for team Campbell. Their first game was against team Tisdale. Tisdale scored in each of the first four ends to take a commanding 6-0 lead into the fifth end break. Team Campbell got on the board with one in the sixth before team Tisdale put up three in the seventh to make the final 9-1 in favour of team Tisdale.

After the opening defeat, Team Campbell rattled off six consecutive wins:

Team Martin 4 Team Campbell 7  
Team Enge 6 Team Campbell 10  
Team Orsted 2 Team Campbell 9  
Team Barker 7 Team Campbell 12  
Team Miller 6 Team Campbell 9  
Team Selzer 6 Team Campbell 10

The winning streak had team Campbell in position to claim the top spot in the round robin. All they had to do was beat team Thevenot, who had yet to lose a game. It was the final game of round robin play. It did not go Team Campbell's way. Thevenot cruised to a 9-4 victory. Despite the loss, Campbell still clinched a spot in the 1 vs 2 page playoff game. Which happened to be a rematch against team Thevenot.

In the playoff game team Thevenot opened the scoring by getting one in the first. The second end was blanked then team Campbell threw their first two punches, scoring two in the third and stealing three



Rachel Big Eagle from Maryfield has qualified with Team Campbell to represent Saskatchewan at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Mississauga Ontario.

in the fourth. Thevenot scored a single in five. The score was 5-2 for team Campbell at the fifth end break. In the sixth Campbell increased her lead to 7-2. The teams swapped threes in ends seven and eight and team Thevenot scored a pair to close the gap to 10-7. Then it was time for handshakes. The final score was Thevenot 7 Campbell 10. Team Campbell advanced to the championship game.

In the championship game team Campbell went toe to toe with team Tisdale. Team Tisdale won their earlier matchup 9-1. The championship was a blankfest—there were a total of five blank ends in the contest. The game started with a blank end. In the second, Team Campbell scored once. Neither team scored in the third. In the fourth Team Tisdale scored a pair but team Campbell answered right back with two of their own and a 3-2 lead at the break. Ends six, seven and eight were blanked but Team Tisdale had the hammer. In the ninth team Tisdale

scored a single. The game was tied playing ten. Team Campbell had the last rock advantage.

In the tenth end team Campbell used a crowded house to her advantage. Team Campbell didn't even have to throw their final stone. Team Campbell wins 4-3.

Rachel Big Eagle is going back to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts. She had previously gone twice with team Zacharias as a Wild Card. This is the first time she will represent Saskatchewan at the event and also the first Scotties she will be at which will also have fans in the stands.

Despite all of the success Big Eagle has enjoyed, she has stayed humble and true to her roots. She has not forgotten where she came from.

"I am thankful to come from the community of Maryfield, a community so supportive of curling, supporting our dreams," Big Eagle says. "High school curling to winter games—I know we will have their support."

Maryfield won't have long to wait to watch Big Eagle curl again. Team Campbell will now represent Saskatchewan at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts from January 23 to February 1 in Mississauga Ontario.

### Esterhazy's Team Enge finishes 3-5

Team Enge curls out of Esterhazy. They finished

with a 3-5 record at the Women's Provincial Curling Championship, but every game was competitive and could have gone either way.

Despite falling short of making the playoffs, lead Jasmine Kerr was pleased with the experience.

"It was such a fun week!" Kerr says. "Although we didn't get the result that we wanted, I was grateful

to be able to compete in this event with such great teammates, ice, and competitors. It was extra special to be able to experience provincials together this year with my twin sister Jade and my Dad!"

"Also, seeing so many people in the stands coming to support us was the icing on the cake. Thank you to Melville for hosting such a top-notch event!"



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## In our opinion:

# Saskatchewan's carbon tax fight with Ottawa isn't over

Saskatchewan scrapped the industrial carbon tax, but Ottawa is applying pressure to bring it back

From Swift Current to Melville to La Ronge and everywhere in between, Saskatchewanians want the province to stay carbon tax-free.

New polling from Inshightrix shows that 69 per cent of Saskatchewanians support Premier Scott Moe cancelling the provincial government's industrial carbon tax.

That's a level of support usually reserved for the Roughriders in this province. And it's a level of support that transcends partisan politics. Moe's Saskatchewan Party garnered about 52 per cent of the vote in the last provincial election. The support for cancelling the industrial carbon tax is 17 per cent higher than that.

The numbers are clear: Moe needs to do everything he can to keep Saskatchewan carbon tax-free.

It's what Saskatchewanians want, it makes life more affordable, and it helps grow the economy.

Moe cancelled Saskatchewan's hidden industrial carbon tax on April 1, 2025. That made Saskatchewan Canada's first and only carbon tax-free jurisdiction.

"We are leading again as the first province in Canada to remove the industrial carbon tax on electricity generation, delivering further savings for Saskatchewan families, businesses and industries on their SaskPower bills," said Minister of Crown Investments Corporation Jeremy Harrison.

"What we are doing as a province is taking very decisive steps to ensure that our industries in Saskatchewan are more competitive and to protect the jobs today in those industries and protect the jobs that we want to attract in those industries into the future," said Moe.

Scrapping the industrial carbon tax is saving the average Saskatchewan family about \$112 per year on their power bills, according to SaskPower. Farms will save about \$330 per year.

Those savings are important for Saskatchewanians trying to make ends meet, as surveys show that the cost of living is the biggest issue facing families in the province.

But taxpayers are saving without the carbon tax even if they didn't see a direct bill for it on their receipts. That's because when governments force businesses to pay the tax, they have no choice but to pass those costs on to ordinary Canadians when they buy their products.

Carbon taxes on refineries make gas more expensive, carbon taxes on utilities make home heating more expensive, and carbon taxes on fertilizer plants increase costs for Saskatchewan farmers.

Industrial carbon taxes also cost Saskatchewan jobs.

Companies that can't afford to pay the costs of an industrial carbon tax can just pack up and shift production south to the United States, where they don't have to pay the tax and take all their jobs with them.

Moe did the right thing when he scrapped Saskatchewan's industrial carbon tax. What Moe can't do now is fall prey to Prime Minister Mark Carney's pressure to make a deal that would slap an expensive industrial carbon tax back on Saskatchewanians. That's because Ottawa continues to put pressure on provinces to impose an industrial carbon tax.

A recent memorandum of understanding between the federal and Alberta governments includes an industrial carbon tax increase in Alberta in exchange for the federal government supporting a future pipeline. "It means more than a six-times increase in the industrial price on carbon," Carney said.

It's likely the federal government is pressuring the government of Saskatchewan with a similar deal. But Moe must stand strong and continue to say no to Ottawa imposing a hidden industrial carbon tax in the province.

Saskatchewanians can't afford to pay any level of carbon tax, no matter what kind of political goodies Ottawa offers up in exchange.

The Saskatchewan government has been fighting the carbon tax since the beginning. That fight got the consumer carbon tax scrapped, saving Saskatchewanians hundreds of dollars per year. The same can happen with the hidden industrial carbon tax. Moe can't give up now.

Saskatchewanians want to stay carbon tax-free. Moe needs to make sure that happens.

*This editorial is written by Gage Haubrich, the Prairie Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.*



## Finally, relief for producers on canola tariffs

Farmers are a tough bunch, but when they face uncertainties like the tariffs that China put on canola a year ago, it makes it hard for everyone in the industry. It's not just the tariffs but the uncertainty of the entire situation that makes it hard for producers, and every time we talked to farmers for our monthly Ag News publication, we found out that Canada tariffs were weighing heavily on their minds.

Saskatchewan produces over half of Canada's canola and China is the country's second-largest canola customer.

There was some movement on the issue last week after Carney and Moe made a trip to China that bore fruit in terms of Chinese-Canadian trade relations.

Regardless of where you stand politically, this is the type of action we need to see from our leaders. When federal and provincial leaders can work together with a common vision, everyone in our country benefits. We stand far stronger as a country when we have multiple leaders working together to represent our provinces and our country with a common goal on the international stage. Presenting a united front, and having united voices from more than one leader heading overseas makes a stronger case for Canada as a whole.

Moe was instrumental in laying the groundwork for Canada-China relations with a trip to China in September ahead of the combined visit with Carney. Saskatchewan has been aggressive about promoting trade overseas, and Moe has made comments to the effect that it's important for the province to support the prime minister when he is doing the right thing for Saskatchewan.

Relations were much tougher under the Trudeau government. It's refreshing to see our leaders find common ground and work on problems together, and to see solutions arising from that work.

### Should Moosomin be next?

Last week we ran a story about where Carlyle's new school is at, with the South East Cornerstone School Division getting ready



**Kara Kinna**

to submit a revised plan and revised budget for the project to the Ministry of Education. If all goes well, tenders could go out in April for the new school.

This is great news and I hope the new school is approved by the ministry soon so that people in Carlyle can benefit from a new school sooner rather than later!

Of course we can't write a story about a new school without some reader feedback about Moosomin.

Moosomin is a town that has been hoping for a new school for a very, very long time. Our paper has done quite a few stories around the potential for a new school in Moosomin, but at the time of those stories, the school division had no plans for a new build in Moosomin any time soon.

With the story on the school in Carlyle, a few of our readers pointed out that maybe it's time that school division start looking at Moosomin for a new build next. The town is growing, classroom sizes continue to increase in Moosomin, and over the last few decades a number of new builds have taken place around the division, yet Moosomin has not yet been considered for one.

Our readers pointed out that it would be wise to start planning for a new school now, not down the road, as a new school takes time, and the town continues to grow.

With Moosomin the third largest community in the school division behind Estevan and Weyburn, and with every indicator showing the town will continue to grow, it's time for the school division to start casting their gaze this way for their next build. Our community loves to build for the future, and our school is a critical part of that future planning!





The Carlyle Memorial Hall is a place where many functions have been held and will be held in the future after some key improvements were made recently.



On the south side of the hall, a new and improved accessible ramp was added to the Carlyle Memorial hall.

Stephanie Zoer photos

## Improvements made to Carlyle Memorial Hall

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

In a move applauded by community members and accessibility advocates alike, the Carlyle Memorial Hall has completed significant improvements to its facilities, highlighted by the installation of a new accessible ramp. The upgrades were done to make the hall more inclusive and user friendly, address long-standing accessibility concerns and opening the venue to a wider range of visitors.

For years, the Carlyle Memorial Hall has served as a hub for community events, ranging from weddings and anniversaries to meetings and local celebrations. However, the entrance on the west side of the building was a challenge for participants to fully access.

The Memorial Hall is a beloved town asset, and during a Recreation and Culture Feasibility Study survey, 42

percent of respondents believed that the hall should be more readily available or enhanced, with accessibility being noted as a top priority. In 2025, Carlyle town council approved some of the needed renovations, starting with the ramp.

Ready To Go Solutions was the appointed contractor and upon further review it was determined that the space on the west side of the building by the main doors was not enough space to house a proper accessible ramp.

The front entrance had the temporary ramp removed and new concrete stairs took its place and the new ramp was placed on the south side of the building, adding a new entrance. The new entrance included the installation of a wheelchair accessible ramp with railings, and a new wider door with a power door opener installed.

Once the project was underway, the town noticed a few

other issues that needed repair to extend the life span of the hall. The building in the southwest corner required some structural reinforcement, to accommodate the installation and removing of the doors to accommodate the new entrance inside.

During the span of the project, new insulation was added where needed, drainage upgrades and sealing measures were made to ensure the substructure would have a longer life.

The project was completed in December just before the famous Carlyle Dickens Festival. The project total was over \$100,000.

The scope of the project increased when the work started, but in the end the Town of Carlyle is pleased with the results. There will be further upgrades to the hall in the future by adding an accessible bathroom.

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**Left and below left:** The Moosomin Rangers and Redvers Rockets battling it out in league play last season.

**Below:** The stands packed for the Round Lake Bears provincial A final last year.



## Southeast teams gear up for Provincial A Playoffs

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

The draws for the Hockey Sask Provincial Playoffs have been revealed, with a few teams from the southeast region taking part in the competition.

In Provincial A, the Moosomin Rangers take on the Round Lake Bears in the first round of the South side of the bracket. The Bears made a run to the Provincial Finals last season, but fell just short to the Kenaston Blizzard in the third and deciding game.

For this year's Provincials, the Round Lake Bears will be coached by Canadian hockey legend Theoren Fleury, who won the Stanley Cup with the Calgary Flames in 1989.

"From what I've seen, the team is as good as they were last year, so it should be a fun couple of months. I played in a rec hockey tournament with the Bears last year in Calgary, and I just finished playing in the same tournament this past weekend with them as well. I obviously know Ochapowace as well, I've been out there speaking a few times and played an NHL Legends game there as well," said Fleury.

This is Fleury's first time coaching at any level of hockey, and he's excited to experience it for the first time.

"It's something I've never done, and having some experience playing Senior hockey in Horse Lake many years ago, I thought it would be a fun thing to do and a great opportunity. The fans have high expectations and so do I, we want to win this thing and I'm excited to see how it goes. I've been on a lot of championship teams as a player and so I'm looking forward to maybe coach to a championship as well."

Fleury says that he has plans for the Bears to be a highly competitive team with a potent offence.

"I think we'll be a very fast team and a high scoring team. One thing I really want for us is to have great special teams. You can look at most successful teams and see that special teams are incredibly important. It's also about depth as well. The top two lines of each team usually cancel each other out, and so when it comes down to it, your third and fourth line guys are going to score important goals and win you hockey games," he said.

He says that being able to be back into the small-town game of Senior is very important to him.

"I grew up in those small town rinks, so it'll be good to go back and sort of reminisce about my minor hockey days. Hockey is so important in small communities, and I'm pleased to see there are still Senior teams in every small town. I'm looking forward to being back in that side of the game."

"As far as Provincials goes, I'm going in with a clear head and a clear mind, and I'm trying to learn just as much as the guys I'm coaching from the experience. I'm looking forward to being in the dressing room and making these guys into better hockey players. I'm hoping that I can bring my experience playing with and against some of the greatest players to step on the ice and give us a shot at going far. It'll be a lot of fun."

Fleury said that his work off the ice has kept him quite busy, and that coaching has been something he's wanted to do for a while now.

"I've been busy with other things, particularly in mental health and that is extremely important to me. We've had a huge impact in Canada and helping people get out of tough situations in their life. So maybe that will rub off on the team a bit, having a team atmosphere and a group mentality. It's taking it one game at a time or one game at a time and going with the flow," he said.

In closing, Fleury talked about the importance of fans at every level of hockey.

"I've always said without fans, and without the hockey community, things like this don't happen. I feel like this is my opportunity to give back and thank everyone that cheered for me and supported me during my career."

Moosomin is currently at the top of the Big Six hockey league with an 11-2 record. The team is looking to continue their momentum from league play and take it into provincials. Jeff Cole, Head Coach of the Rangers, said that the team has made a few additions since the start of the season, and that he is excited to see the team take on new opponents in Provincials.

"I'd like to get our guys out to a couple more practices before Provincials. We've got a few pickups, one from Grenfell, one from Carlyle, and Parker Johnson who plays in Esterhazy but lives here in town. So a couple of key-guys to try and make sure we're bulletproof to go on a run. I know what we can do, and that we can play with anyone at our best. Our job as a coaching staff is to make sure that we get an A-plus game out of each guy, and if we can do that, we'll be okay against any team," he said.

The Round Lake Bears have been staying in form since their run last season, playing in a few tournaments as a team to gear up for another trip to the finals. Since April 2025, when the final series ended, the Bears have played in the Jim Neilson Invitational Tournament, The Senators Cup, and the Fred Sasakamoose "Chief Thunderstick" National Hockey Championship in Saskatoon, with over 40 other teams.

Another series taking place in the South is the Langenburg Warriors facing off against the Redvers Rockets. The Warriors are at the top of the Sask East Hockey League, and the Rockets are the defending champions of the Big Six Hockey League. Both teams have been playing great hockey so far this season, so this matchup will surely be an entertaining one to watch for fans all the way up Highway 8.

Redvers Head Coach Brian Magotiaux had lots to say regarding the Rockets' championship hopes.

"Going into Provincials and playoffs we're committed and ready. We know there might be some big challenges but we're ready to face Langenburg. I know we played them a few years ago, and it's nice to not have to start against Moosomin or another team from our own league," he said.

Redvers won the Provincial Championship of the Senior D division last year, and so their jump to A is a new but welcomed challenge.

"Provincials might be a bit different for us this year. We won in D last year, and this year Hockey Sask changed their mandates around a bit. We found we were a little unfortunate that we were obliged to go into division A. We just figured that if we're going in we might as well

commit to it.

"It's tough because the A division is unlimited, and let's face it, some teams have a lot of money to spend to get guys. The closer you live to the cities as well, it's easier to pick up guys that just got out of Junior or USports. The further you might be from the cities, the more you're banking on your local talent," he said.

In terms of their Provincial squad, the Rockets have made a few additions.

"We've picked up a few Carlyle players, so not that far from town. I believe we've got six, seven of them. We won't use all of them, which is what we told them from the start, just depending on what we have on our roster. We want to use the talent that we have on our own team first, but if we have guys away or sick or injured, it's great to have that depth. I think we're looking at three forwards, two defencemen and a goalie," said Magotiaux.

The Rockets have a lot of talent and are looking to go on another deep run in the Big Six Playoffs, as well as showing what they've got in Provincials.

As for Langenburg, they are having a great season so far, and are looking to make a deep run into Provincials. Coach Logan McDonald says that they are excited to face the best the province has to offer.

"We have a real great group of guys, the team has really gelled this year even with a few new guys joining, and everyone's been buzzing. We've had really good commitment so far this season, we usually have a full bench with every guy giving their all and pushing each other to be better. It's something I haven't seen this much in all my years of coaching. Everyone has a common goal we're working toward and I think it's brought out the best in the team."

He says that the team is ready for what is sure to be a tough cross-league match-up.

"We haven't been in any Provincials before, so we're excited for the opportunity. We know they have a really good team there and that they've made a few pickups, but I know we're excited to get going and see what we can do. It's definitely a tough first round, but it would be tough against any team this year."

McDonald said that Provincials are often chaotic, but it's a welcome challenge that the team is looking forward to.

"You never really know how a game is going to go until it's here. It's about who shows up and who can win the small battles, you can never know how it'll play out on any given day."

"I think we'd be crazy if we didn't think we could win, so that's our main goal. We just have to take it game by game, there's no point in looking ahead. All we can do is try to win every battle we can and see what we can do. I believe this group can win a title, but I know every other team in the A division is thinking the same thing. We've got to bring our best every night and see what happens."

The Hockey Sask Provincial Playoffs are a tradition that brings out fans from all across the province to cheer on their teams, and one that gives players the chance to take a championship back to their hometowns, capping off the hockey season each year since 1912.





National curling champion Gilbert Dash started curling in his home town of Kipling.

## Kipling Town Council Kipling recognizing wheelchair curler and former resident Gilbert Dash

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

**LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER**  
Kipling Town Council also passed a motion at their meeting last week to recognize wheelchair curler Gilbert Dash with a sign at the entrance to town.

Dash is from Kipling and is a member of Canada's national team and a three-time world champion. He made his worlds debut in 2023 and helped Canada to a silver medal. He returned for the next two worlds and the Canadians were on the podium again with bronze in 2024 and silver in 2025.

Dash played second at his first two worlds then was skip for 2025. This year he will be in Canada's starting line-up for the 2026 Paralympic Winter Games in Milano Cortina.

Dash is a lifelong curler. In 2006, he was diagnosed with a broken back and spinal cord damage after he crashed while ski jumping in Kimberley, B.C. He had been involved in curling growing up in his hometown of Kipling.

Dash became a wheelchair curler in 2008 and by 2012 he was a provincial champion for the first of many times. In 2016, Dash was promoted to Curling Canada's Next-Gen wheelchair program as a top prospect for international play.

Kipling council received a letter suggesting the town recognize Dash's

achievements on one of their billboards on the highway corridor on the edge of town where other notable Kipling people are recognized. The town was in support of it and will be adding a billboard in Dash's honor.

### Food bank moving into old fire hall bays

Kipling town council passed a motion at their meeting last week to allow the Kipling Food Bank to move into the fire hall to give the food bank more room for food storage and to make it more accessible.

Currently the food bank is located in the basement of the Professional Building.

After their second annual food drive before Christmas, the food bank brought in \$30,000 in food and monetary donations, and the communities of Kennedy, Langbank and Windthorst have expressed interest in taking part in the food drive in 2026.

Kipling CAO Brenna Ackerman said last week the decision was made to allow the food bank to move into some bays at the fire hall that are currently being used to store municipal equipment.

She said this would give the food bank access to large doors to allow for big shipments, and would give them more room for shelving as well.



Some of the minor hockey players and firefighters during the food drive in Kipling before Christmas.

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From left to right: Kylie Winter, Jaylynn Lynch, Claire Winter, and Emma Hutton came from Manor and Redvers to take part in the kid's bonspiel.

Stephanie Zoer photos

## Carlyle Kids Bonspiel draws strong turnout with 52 young curlers

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

The sound of sweeping brooms, laughter, and sliding stones filled the Carlyle Country Club as the Kids Bonspiel welcomed a remarkable 52 young participants for a day dedicated to fun, learning, and sportsmanship. The event took place on January 10, and it showed the popularity of curling in the community and surrounding areas.

Young curlers from Grade 3 up to and including Grade 12 with all kinds of skill levels took to the ice, several of them having their first taste of competitive play. There were two categories with juniors from Grade 3 up to and

including Grade 7, and seniors from Grade 8 to Grade 12. This fun bonspiel gives kids the opportunity to communicate with teammates and understand the spirit of curling.

Robin Brown, Justine Kyle, and Chaelynn Boutin organized the event for its third annual year. Kids from Weyburn, Oxbow, Alameda, Arcola, Stoughton, Carlyle, Balgonie, Manor and Redvers teamed up to enjoy the day.

The carefully organized one-day event is to ensure that all kids felt welcomed and included. Volunteers and coaches were on hand throughout the day, offering guid-

ance, encouragement, and plenty of high-fives.

Curlers took to the ice at 10 am and carried on all day. A pizza supper was provided by the Carlyle Curling Club, and prizes were handed out to all the participants, which were donated by local and area businesses.

By the end of the day there were a lot of smiles, and tired legs, but it showed the successfulness of the event. The Carlyle Kids Bonspiel was more than just a day of curling, it was a celebration of community, youth involvement, and the future of curling among the youth in the area.



Above left: Hale Foster from Carlyle, left, and Thomas Steffensen from Balgonie, right, enjoyed a day of curling while learning more skills.

Above from left: Jett Johnson, Ryan Cooper, Luke Tremblay, and Aliya Faber from the Carlyle Junior High School have played together for several years.

Left: Robin Brown is a big part of the curling community in Carlyle by making sure the ice surface is in shape for all curling events.



# Senior Rangers gearing up for Big Six playoffs

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

With the Senior hockey season nearing the crunch time of playoffs, the World-Spectator spoke with the Jeff Cole, Head Coach of the Moosomin Rangers. Taking over the job behind the Rangers' bench this year was a shake up from the last few seasons, but the team has stayed successful. As of January 12 they were first in the Big Six Hockey League with a record of 11-2.

"We're getting down to the nitty-gritty here with only three games left. We're transitioning to where I wanted to be going into the playoff. I'm hoping we can get an extra ten or twelve percent improvement on an individual basis, and probably fifteen percent better as a team," said Cole.

"I wasn't too worried about where we were in league, but we obviously want to win all the games we can. Redvers is a good team, we lost that home-and-home with them at Christmas time. I think if we had a better start in Game 1 in Redvers we maybe had a chance to have a better outcome, and then we were a little flat the next game at home, and that's just the way hockey goes sometimes."

Moosomin defeated Redvers 3-2 on January 9th to move into first spot in the league.

"Getting that win in Redvers was a great momentum-builder for our team mentally. We didn't have our full roster, and I know they were missing guys as well, but collectively we were playing the way we know we can. Putting a solid effort on the defensive side of the puck and having an all around good night helped us out in that one," he said.

Cole noted that getting experience will have a big role going into the playoffs.

"I think one thing that's been really good for us is that some of our young guys have really adapted to Big Six hockey. It's a bit of a heavier game, especially come playoffs. Some of our games so far have had that play-off



mosphere, so being able to experience that for our young guys is really good."

He says that the team is looking better and better with each game.

"Our forwards have come to compete every night, and they've been bringing it game-after-game. On the back end, when we picked up Brad Cole just before Christmas, our D-pairings seemed to get stronger. Our leadership guys have pushed everyone to be better. Our goaltending in my opinion has been elite with Levi (Horn) and Kyler (Beckett), it's really crucial to get big saves when you do make a mistake, and we trust those guys between the pipes."

"We seem to be almost better on the road than at home, which from a coaching standpoint is good to know away from home. The tricky part is that we're not always going to have a full-powered line-up, but we've been playing good hockey regardless. We've got guys that work shift

work, and not everyone is always able to make it because of injuries or whatever is going on, so being used to that is good for when it does happen."

Cole says that he believes some of the extra skates and practices early in the season have been a big help.

"I think because of some of our pre-season stuff that we had with U18s and Junior B guys there, our conditioning was really good going into the year. I think that's maybe just from the planning we did and getting people out to skate. Our special-teams have also been good, which I expected because of the talent we have and our playstyle. The biggest surprise for me was how much our young guys are contributing and helping us win crucial games. Overall we had a really good start to the year."

Cole says that the Ranger's success isn't just about the guys at ice-level.

"We've got a ton of volunteers that do a lot of work on the side, as well as our committees who contribute so much to the team. It takes a lot of people and a lot of time to run a great program, and the product on the ice is the end result. It's commitment from the whole organization."

## HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 15, 2026

### BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Moosomin Rangers	13	11	2	0	22
Redvers Rockets	12	10	2	0	20
Carlyle Cougars	11	7	3	0	14
Oxbow Huskies	11	7	4	0	14
Wawota Flyers	12	6	5	1	13
KW Oil Kings	12	3	8	1	7
Carnduff Red Devils	11	3	8	0	6
Midale Mustangs	12	0	12	0	0

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	13	22	28	50
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	12	18	25	43
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	11	21	11	32
Josh Elmes (IM)	Moosomin Rangers	12	9	21	30
Rykr Cole	Moosomin Rangers	12	18	8	26
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	12	8	16	24
Riley Riddell	Wawota Flyers	8	4	18	22
Riley Niven	Carlyle Cougars	11	6	15	21
Jordan Miller	Redvers Rockets	8	6	14	20
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle Cougars	11	9	10	19

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	6-6-0-0	0.83
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	7-5-2-0	2.43
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	5-4-1-0	2.53
Landon Audet	Carlyle Cougars	7-6-1-0	2.95
Zack Miller	Oxbow Huskies	7-3-3-0	3.04

### SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS NORTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Swan Valley Axemen	12	8	2	2	18
Canora Cobras	11	7	3	1	15
Theodore Buffalos	13	7	5	1	15
Cote Selects	14	7	6	1	15
Preeceville Pats	11	0	11	0	0

### SOUTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Langenburg Warriors	13	12	1	0	24
Esterhazy Flyers	11	7	3	1	15
Rocanville Tigers	10	7	3	0	14
Churchbridge Imperials	12	4	8	0	8
Wapella Blackhawks	11	3	8	0	6

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	11	19	24	43
Dakota Macintosh	Cote Selects	11	27	14	41
Taylor Thompson	Langenburg Warriors	12	18	22	40
Rylee Zimmer	Langenburg Warriors	13	11	26	37
Jaymes Knee	Langenburg Warriors	13	11	25	36
Trey Sauder	SV Axemen	10	11	22	33
Damian Bentz	Canora Cobras	11	14	17	31
Derrick Budz	Esterhazy Flyers	9	7	20	27
Josh Tripp	SV Axemen	7	13	13	26
Mike Rogoschewsky	Langenburg Warriors	12	9	17	26

GOALIE	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Cole Denesowych	Canora Cobras	2-1-0-0	0.94
Warren Shymko	Langenburg Warriors	2-2-0-0	1.50
Ross Hawryluk	Canora Cobras	8-6-2-0	2.63
Brenden Birch Hayden	Langenburg Warriors	6-5-1-0	3.62
Carter Olson	Rocanville Tigers	3-2-1-0	3.94

## Rockets looking to continue success, repeat as Champions

Next was Brain Magotiaux, Head Coach of the Redvers Rockets. The Rockets have been very successful for the past few seasons, winning two of the four championships since the Big Six returned after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"So far I can't complain this season, we've got four games left and it's been going the way we had planned at the start of the year. We set our goals at the beginning and so far we're achieving them so hopefully it continues," he said.

Some of those goals that were set have been pretty straightforward.

"It's always tough after winning the league because you tend to want to shoot really high for the next season. I always try to set our goals high, you're not always going to get all of them done, but if you aim high and work for it anything can happen. We obviously want to get back to the Big Six Finals, because once you get there it can go either way."

Redvers is one of the top teams in the area, currently jockeying with Moosomin for first place in the Big Six.

"The players work for it, and it's like everything I tell them. You've got to earn everything you get in hockey, nothing is ever handed to you. It's nice to see results from the hard work that you put in, because they definitely practice every week and we get 16-20 guys out every Wednesday night. They dedicate their time on weekends to take on some tough opponents and it's nice to get results from that hard work."

Magotiaux says that the team has been very fortunate with staying in top condition this season.

"We've been lucky this year. I think we've only ran into one injury that really affected lines, but other than that we have had pretty much a full squad every game. We might have dressed only 16 or 17 guys for a game or two but other than those we've had a successful year staying healthy."

"Like I said, we're committed, we're ready to put in the



work to make it happen, and we're hoping that it will pay off and give us some results like it has for the last few seasons for this group," he said.

Moosomin & District  
REGIONAL PARK

## SWIMMING LESSONS

### July 13 - 17, 2026

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

8-8:45 am Star & Ranger  
8:45-9:30 am Rookie & Swimmer 6  
9:30-10 am Swimmer 5

10-10:30 am Swimmer 4  
10:30-11 am Swimmer 3  
11-11:30 am Swimmer 2  
11:30 am - 12 pm Swimmer 1

- Times & groups are subject to change based on number of participants
- All swimmers MUST be willing to put their face in the water
- I will not be offering personal levels this year as there are limited activities I can do with them in the lake. If there is a large demand I will consider it!

**PRICES**  
Star, Ranger, Rookie & Swimmer 6: \$70  
Swimmer 1, 2, 3, 4, 5: \$65

**AVAILABILITY**  
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**GARBAGE/RECYCLING CALENDAR**

**ROUTE A:**  
Homes West of Main Street:  
JAN 20 - RECYCLE  
JAN 27 - GARBAGE

**ROUTE B:**  
Homes East of Main Street:  
JAN 26 - GARBAGE  
FEB 2 - RECYCLE

**LANDFILL HOURS**

<b>JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED	<b>MAY 1 - MAY 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	<b>JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED	<b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m. SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	<b>NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m. SUN. & MON. CLOSED
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**MOOSOMIN LIBRARY OPEN HOURS:**

MONDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
TUESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
THURSDAY: 12 PM - 4 PM, 5 PM - 8 PM

FRIDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY: CLOSED



**Hockey Sask Sr A Provincials**  
**SR Rangers vs Round Lake**

Best of 3! Games include:

**Saturday, February 7th ..... 8pm**  
Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

**Sunday, February 8th ..... 6pm**  
Mike Schwan Arena

**Sunday, February 15th ..... 4pm**  
Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex



**Iron Man 2026**

**Iron Man 2026 goes March 26-28**

Lots of plans for 2026 including the regular Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball, Billiards, Bowling, Shuffleboard and Darts along with Bucket Golf, 2 on 2 Pickleball and depending on weather - one of either outdoor Broomball or Snow Pitch.

Entries are already filling up - entered teams include:

- Moosomin Leafs
- Moosomin Untouchables
- Moosomin Mustangs
- Moosomin SP
- Moosomin U18
- Wapella Dirty Dangles

If you like to enter a team please email the Rec Office at [msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net)





**Jr B Steel Hawks**

**Upcoming Home Games**

**Regina Capitals @ Moosomin Steelhawks**  
Wednesday, January 21 at 8pm

**Pilot Butte @ Moosomin Steelhawks**  
Friday, January 23 at 8pm

**Regina Foxes @ Moosomin Steelhawks**  
Saturday, January 24 at 8pm



**2026 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Registrations**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Set:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 Sets**

- June 1-12
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 20-24
- August 3-7
- August 10-21

**Private Sets (first come-first served)**

- June 15-19 **\$40/lesson**
- July 13-17 **\$200/week**
- July 27-31



**2026 HOURS OF OPERATION**

We're back to regular hours at the Nutrien Sportsplex:

Monday .....	Closed	available for private bookings
Tuesday .....	Closed	
Wednesday .....	3pm to 9pm	
Thursday .....	3pm to 9pm	
Friday .....	10am to 9pm	
Saturday .....	10am to 9pm	
Sunday .....	12nn to 8pm	

**Mike Schwan Arena Special Events 2026**

**Jan 31 - Feb 1**  
U9 Rangers Tournament

**February 13-15**  
Moosomin Skating Club Regional Competition

**March 15th**  
Skating Club Carnival

**March 27-28**  
Iron Man Tournament 2026

**Farmers and Friends Curling Bonspiel**

Always a winter favourite!

**Jan 28 - Feb 1**

Contact Hayley Mannle  
[hay.senk@gmail.com](mailto:hay.senk@gmail.com)



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Preschool 2	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Preschool 3	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Swimmer 1	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 2	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 3	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 4	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 5	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 6	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Rookie Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Ranger Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Star Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120

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**Lane Swim**  
\$7 drop in  
\$85/season

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1-15 people \$100  
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**TO REGISTER**

**Before April 30, 2026** [a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net](mailto:a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net)  
306-435-3622

**After May 1, 2026** [moosominpool@gmail.com](mailto:moosominpool@gmail.com) 306-435-2346

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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Sr Rangers vs Round Lake Provincials

It has been a few years in the making but the Rangers and Round Lake Bears provincial matchup is finally here. The Round Lake Bears have a talented hand picked squad that are built to win the province. The Rangers will answer with a talented squad who will bring a ton of pro and Junior hockey experience. Should be a dandy first round. Round Lake was awarded the home designation and with that get games one and three with game two going at the Mike Schwean Arena.

Games include:  
Saturday, February 7 at 8 pm at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex  
Sunday, February 8 at 6 pm at Mike Schwean Arena  
Game 3: TBA at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

## Sportsplex Regular Hours of Operation

We are back to regular hours at the Nurtien Sportsplex. Listing includes:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
(available for private bookings)	
Wednesday	3 to 9 pm
Thursday	3 to 9 pm
Friday	10 am to 9 pm
Saturday	10 am to 9 pm
Sunday	12 nn to 8 pm

## Junior Golf League

All new is our Junior Golf League! Runs Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm  
To enter or for information please contact Angela at a.thorntownmoosomin@sasktel.net.

## Sportsplex Men's & Ladies Golf Night Thursdays

Our Thursday Night Golf League has started for the season. These are Skin Nights however you are not required to go into skins. We have two tee times at 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Royal LePage King Pin Bowling Thursdays

Thursday Night Royal LePage Bowling League is back and a ton of fun. We are so grateful to Kim Setrum for restarting the league and keeping things rolling on the Thursday nights.

## Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

Devona Putland is back at the Sportsplex running senior fitness classes. Devona did an amazing job last year and the registration reflected that. For further information please contact Devona direct at 435-9046.

## Mike Schwean Arena New Video Monitors

Those arriving at the MS Arena in 2026 will find three new indoor monitors/boards. One is located in the atrium and two by the tickets booth. One of the two by the ticket booth will run the dressing room allocation. The second was purchased by the Senior Rangers and will run sponsor ads and upcoming games. The board in the atrium will run upcoming events at both the MCC and the MS Arena.

## Mike Schwean Arena New Kids Area

Thank Councillor Andi Hodgson and our own staff member Angela Thorn for putting together the kid's area in the rink lobby. It has already been made good use of! Also, thanks to a few generous donations that allowed us to purchase many of the items in the room!

## Mike Schwean Arena 2025/2026

If you are interested in booking ice you can call 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. I would advise you to call sooner than later as we will have a crazy busy in January and February.

## Provincial Playoffs Senior Rangers

With the new Hockey Sask rules, the Senior Rangers' only options were to enter A playdowns or drop two thirds of their team, so A it is. A division is wide open for imports, so while many teams have loaded up on additions, the Rangers have kept their roster mostly in tact.

This is a 16-team division with eight teams in the South and eight in the North. First round for the Rangers will be the Round Lake Bears with the winner going on to meet the winner of the Redvers vs Langenburg series.

Saturday, February 7 at 8 pm at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex  
Sunday, February 8 at 6 pm at Mike Schwean Arena  
Game 3: TBA at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

## Provincial Playoffs U18 Rangers

U18 Rangers are entered in Provincial B. This draw has eight teams in the North and six teams in the South. Moosomin will meet Wawota in the first round with Wawota being the designated home team.

Game 1 Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 pm Wawota at Moosomin

## Provincial Playoffs U15 Rangers

U15 Rangers are entered in the B Playdowns. This draw has nine teams in the North and eight teams in the South. Rangers' first round opponent will be the Kamask Flyers with the Rangers being the designated home team. These game dates had not been determined as of late last week.

## Provincial Playoffs U13 Rangers

U13 Rangers are entered in the Provincial C Playdowns. This draw has 20 teams in total with 12 teams in the North and eight teams in the South. The Rangers will meet Midale in Round 1 with Moosomin being the designated home team.

Game 2 Thursday, January 22 at 6:15 pm Midale at Moosomin

## Open Ice at Mike Schwean Arena

We have an absolute ton of things going on this spring. As a result, not a lot of open ice coming up in the next three months. Here is a list of what was open for the last 11 weeks of the season as of last week:

Saturday January 24	3 to 5 pm
Saturday February 7	2 to 4 pm
Saturday February 7	7:45 pm to close
Thursday February 12	4:45 to 5:45 pm
Tuesday February 17	4:45 to 5:45 pm
Saturday February 21	9:15 am - 12:45 pm
Saturday February 28	10 am to 12 nn
Sunday March	7:30 pm
Saturday March 7	9:15 am - 4:45 pm
Saturday March 7	7:45 pm to Close
Sunday March 8	10 am to Close
Saturday March 14	9 to 10:45 am
Saturday March 14	1:15 pm to Close
Sunday March 15	5 pm to close
Saturday March 21	9:15 am to Close
Sunday March 22	8 am to Close
Saturday March 28	7 pm to Close
Sunday March 29	8 am to Close

Ice plant will go off the evening of Sunday, March 29.

## Public Skating / Shinny for this week

<b>Monday, January 19</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 nn
Noon Hour Shinny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 2 pm
<b>Tuesday, January 21</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 nn
Shinny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 2 pm
<b>Thursday, January 22</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 nn
Shinny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3:30 pm
<b>Friday, January 23</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 nn

Shinny 12 to 1 pm  
Public Skating 1 to 2 pm  
Please note schedule is subject to change on short notice. Please call ahead to confirm times.

## Parents and Tots

We had a few calls regarding information on Parents and Tots and if it were a pay to participate program. The answer is no! We offer Parents and Tots as a free public skate time where parents can bring little ones out to team skating skills without concerns of sticks and pucks and older kids whizzing around. The program runs most weekdays from 10 am to 12 noon and just head on down to the rink, get geared up and enjoy the time with the tots!

## Moosomin Skating Club

If you would like to register a child for one of their many programs you can go to moosominskatingclub.uplifterinc.com or you can email the club at moosominsc@gmail.com. Registration remains open for all programs year round!

## Skating Club Weekly Activities

Monday	5 to 8 pm
Wednesday	5 to 8 pm
Friday	5 to 7 pm
Sunday	7:45 to 9:45 am

## Minor Hockey Games this week

Here is a listing of games 15 games scheduled for this week at the Mike Schwean Arena!

<b>Thursday</b>	
6:15 pm Wawota vs U13 Rangers Provincials	
<b>Saturday</b>	
9:15 am Tri Town Eagles vs U11 Female Badgers	
11:30 am Kak. vs U9 RME	
1 pm Tri Town Eagles vs U11 Female Badgers	
5 pm SW AA Cougars vs U13 AA Melville Mills	
<b>Sunday</b>	
9:45 am U5 Rangers Exhibition Hockey Game	
11 am Whitewood @ U9 RME	
11 am Langenburg @ U9 Poelzer Trucking	
12:30 pm Rocanville @ U13 Dodge Rangers	
2:30 pm Core Rangers @ U15 Eastons Autobody	
5 pm Estevan @ U15 Female Badgers	
7:30 pm Langenburg @ U18 Celebration Ford	

## SteelHawks Upcoming Home Games

The Steelhawks have a busy week this week with three games scheduled. With the holidays in the rear-view mirror this will be a great opportunity to back into the playoff picture!

Regina Capitals @ Moosomin Steelhawks  
Wednesday January 21, 8 pm  
Pilot Butte @ Moosomin Steelhawks  
Friday January 23, 8 pm  
Regina Foxes @ Moosomin Steelhawks  
Saturday January 24, 8 pm

## Senior Rangers Games

The Rangers are down to their final two games of the regular season. One road game in Kipling and a season finale in Moosomin.

Remaining home game in the regular season: Saturday January 31 Carlyle Cougars @ Sr Rangers, 8 pm

## Mike Schwean Arena Special Events

MS Arena is always busy in the winter with lots of special events. I know our hotel and restaurant business community plan around these weekends so here is a list of the remaining special events for this winter:

Jan 31 - Feb 1: U9 Rangers Tournament  
February 13-15: Moosomin Skating Club Regional Competition

March 15: Skating Club Carnival  
March 27-28: Iron Man Tournament 2026

## Curling Special Events

There are several special events scheduled for the Curling Rink over the winter. Here is a listing with contact information:

Farmers Bonspiel  
January 28 - February 1 Contact  
Hayley Mannle hay.senk@gmail.com  
Minnetoba Curling Club Bonspiel  
February 14, 15 Contact Angela Thorn  
a.thorntownmoosomin@sasktel.net

## Moosomin Senior Club Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex multiple times weekly for a wide range of activities from cards to bowling to shuffleboard and more! If you would like more information on all their programs and services, please contact Orey at 435-6788.

## Conexus Convention Centre this week

If you are looking to book the MCC for an event this week, you are somewhat limited in options however the weekend is open.

1 to 3 pm	<b>Monday</b>
6 to 10 pm	Pickleball
	Cadets

8:30 to 9:30 am Tara Billings	<b>Tuesday</b>
1 to 3 pm Pickleball	
3:30 to 8:30 pm Gymnastics	

3:30 to 8:30 pm Gymnastics	<b>Wednesday</b>
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1 to 3 pm Pickleball	<b>Thursday</b>
7 to 9 pm Pickleball	

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday**  
Open

## Moosomin Library

Its has been a busy busy New Year!  
Tue, Jan 20 Embroidery 101 at 3:30 pm  
Wed, Jan 21 Genealogy Society at 2 pm  
Thu, Jan 22 Read and Create Book Club at 6 pm  
Fri, Jan 23 Grade 3 at 1:15 pm  
Tue, Jan 27 Tech Time at 6:30 pm  
Fri, Jan 30 Pancake Story Time at 10 am  
Prime Timers Book club at 10:45 am

## 2026 Communities in Bloom

We are super excited to join forces with the Moosomin Regional Park, Moosomin Pipestone Hills Golf Course and the RM of Moosomin on our 2026 National Entry. You can expect news and details to start coming out in late January.

The 2026 theme for Communities in Bloom is "Therapeutic Gardening." The theme emphasizes the restorative power of green space and aims to foster connection, resilience, and well-being through community gardens and sensory landscapes. Additionally, a new rose called "Always Together" will be introduced, symbolizing community compassion, and hope.

## Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

We offer programming for all ages and skills! Have a look at our upcoming classes and book through the link: <https://www.moosominvac.com/events-2-2>.

If you don't see a class listed in available classes, it is either full or the registration hasn't opened yet.

## Bradley Park - Outdoor Winter Activities

For those looking for winter activities without breaking the bank we have multiple options for you at Bradley Park (all free of charge) including: Outdoor Arena, Disc Golf and quarter mile Dog Walk Track.

As well we have the sports lending shed open with tons of winter equipment. There is no charge to use. We just ask you return it as you found it.

# Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

## Rocanville Rec Centre Play group

A welcoming environment where young children can play, imagine, and explore while parents and caregivers enjoy time to connect. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 12 pm for relaxed playtime, social interaction, and opportunities to build friendships for both kids and adults.

## Group Walking

Cold outside? No problem—we've got you covered! Come walk indoors and stay active in comfort. Meet up on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am - 3 pm for a refreshing group walk and a chance to visit with others in the community.

## Puzzle Swap

Love puzzles? Bring along completed puzzles you're ready to pass on and trade them for something new. Drop in at any time to swap puzzles, share recommendations, and enjoy good company. A fun way to refresh your puzzle collection.

## Pickle Ball

Looking for an easy-to-learn, fun activity? Join us for pickleball Tuesdays from 7-9 pm at the Rec Centre, equipment is available, no experience needed—just come ready for laughs, movement, and a great time with friends.

## Sew What!

Curious about sewing or looking for a creative outlet? Sew What offers a welcoming space for all skill levels—from first-time stitchers to experienced sewists. Enjoy a relaxed, social setting where you can learn new techniques, work on projects, and share ideas. This group meets on Wednesday mornings. Contact the Rec Office for more information at [rocانville.rec@sasktel.net](mailto:rocانville.rec@sasktel.net)

## Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

Please note schedule is subject to change. Please visit [www.rocانville.ca](http://www.rocانville.ca) for the most up-to-date schedule or check us out on Facebook and Instagram for updates at "Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre"

### January 19

Lane Swim 7:30 - 8:30 am  
AquaFit 9:30 - 10:30 am  
Open Fitness Swim 12 - 1 pm  
Family Swim 1:30 - 3 pm  
Public Swim 3:30-6:30 pm  
Lane Swim 6:30-8 pm

### January 20

Lane Swim 7-8:30 am  
Family Swim 9-10:30 am  
Senior AquaFlex 11 am -12 pm  
Family Swim 1:30-3:00 pm  
Public Swim 3:30-7 pm  
AquaFit 7:00-8:00 PM

### January 21

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30-7:15 am  
Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 am  
AquaFit 9:30-10:30 am  
Senior Swim 11 am-12 pm  
Family Swim 1:30-3 pm  
Public Swim 3:30-6:30 pm  
Lane Swim 6:30-8 pm

### January 22

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am  
Family Swim 9-10:30 am  
Senior AquaFlex 11 am-12 pm  
Parent & Tot AquaFit 1:30-2:30 pm  
Public Swim 4 - 7 pm  
AquaFit 7 - 8 pm

### January 23

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30-7:30 am  
Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 am  
Open Fitness Swim 12-1 pm  
Family Swim 1:30-3 pm  
Public Swim 3:30-8:30 pm

### January 24

Public Swim 9 - 10:30 am  
Lane Swim 1 - 2 pm  
Family Swim 2 - 4:30 pm  
Evening Swim 6 - 9 pm

### January 25

Lane Swim 9 - 10 am  
Family Swim 10 am -12 pm  
Public Swim 1 - 3 pm

## Rocanville Dance Club Princess Ball Fundraiser

Princesses and superheroes unite for character meet and greets, dancing, and food and drink fit for a queen or king.

Dress Code: Princess or Prince Attire or superhero!  
When: January 25, 2026  
Where: Rocanville Nutrien Hall  
Time: 2 - 4 pm  
Entry fees: Dance Kids \$2  
Kids over 3 \$5

Adult Ticket \$10  
Family ticket \$30

## Rocanville Community Centre Senior Supper - Community Potluck

Join us on January 26 at 6 pm.

Pull up a chair and join us for a cozy evening of good food and great company! Bring your favourite dish to share and enjoy a delicious homemade meal surrounded by friendly faces!

Everyone is welcome around the table! Live musical performances by Lance and Erica Strong - come for the food, stay for the music and fun!

## Morning Coffee Social

Stop in between 8 - 9:30 am and ease into your day with a cup of coffee and friendly conversation. The community centre offers a comfortable space to relax, visit and connect with familiar faces and new friends alike.

## Cards & Games - Thursday Afternoons

Take a break from the week and join us on Thursdays from 1-3 pm for casual games, cards, and plenty of laughs. It's the perfect way to spend a cozy winter afternoon.

## Noble Construction Skating Rink

Season passes can be purchased at the Rec Office and Town Office. Day passes can be paid for in the drop box at the rink. All skaters must pay public skate/shinny fees to skate, regardless of whether they are in minor hockey or not.

The public skate / shinny schedule is subject to change. Please visit [www.rocانville.ca](http://www.rocانville.ca) for the most up-to-date schedule.

### Public skate / Shinny / Lessons

January 19th: Shinny 3:30-5 pm  
January 21st: Preschool / Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm  
Shinny 3:30-5 pm  
January 22nd: Parent and Tot Lessons 5-5:30 pm  
Youth Skating Lessons 5:30-6:15 pm  
January 23rd: Preschool / Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm  
January 25th: Public Skate 1-4 pm

### Hockey Games

January 23: Sr Tigers VS Esterhazy 7-10 pm  
January 24: U7 VS White-wood 9-10:30 am  
January 30: Sr Tigers VS Canora 8:30-11:30 pm  
January 31: U13 VS Indian Head 5-7 pm

## Monique's Fitness Class

Want to boost your energy and strengthen your core? Join us each week to move, stretch, and feel stronger and more confident! Benefits of core strength:

- Provides balance and stability, reducing the risk of injury
- Improves posture
- Prevents overuse injuries
- Reduces lower back pain

This will take place on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:15 pm at the elementary gym!

All fitness levels welcome  
Bring your water bottle and a smile!  
\$10 Drop-in

## Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375  
Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484  
Faith Buchanan  
Jean Howie

Barbara Wilkins  
Jane Fahlman

## Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store, please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553.

Stop in during open hours to browse a wide selection of items—from everyday essentials to one-of-a-kind finds. Your purchases at the Thrift Store support local initiatives and contribute to the well-being of our community.

## Rocanville Library

Your local library has more to offer than you might expect! Explore a variety of materials, including books, digital content, and interactive programs designed for all ages.

We're also inviting community members to get involved - new board members are welcome. If you're interested in helping support your library, please reach out to the library directly

### Programming Highlights:

- Lego Makerspace Kit - Month of January
- Hide and seek with Zelda - come and find Zelda! She will be moved weekly, and you can earn prizes weekly, monthly and throughout the year!
- Kids Crafts: January 21 @ 2-3:30 pm - come on out with your kiddo to make a craft!
- Stich 'n' Chat: January 22 @ 2-5 pm - come out with a creative project you are working on, and enjoy an afternoon of stitching and great company!
- Bandits of Croaker's Cave TTRPG Gaming Night: January 29 at 6-9 pm - if you like D&D-style gaming, this game night is for you! Registration is not mandatory but is requested. Please email @ semisinistegm@gmail.com to register. Walk-ins welcome on a first come first served basis.

Did you know? You can take home more than just books! We also have puzzles, games, and technology kits available for borrowing.

Have a program idea or something you'd love to see at the library? Let us know - we're always happy to explore new possibilities.

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF HAZELWOOD NO. 94

# LAND LEASE BY TENDER SE-28-10-05-W2

The R.M. of Hazelwood No. 94 is accepting tender bids for the leasing of 113 acres at SE 28-10-5 W2 (see map below) with the following terms and conditions:

- 4-year, 9-month lease from April 6, 2026, through December 31, 2030
- No subletting of land is permitted
- Before any land improvements, they need to be approved by the Council
- Land use needs to be stated in the tender
- The land is being leased as is
- Tender must state price/acre/year due before December 31 of each year

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**Mail:** Box 270, Kipling, SK, S0G 2S0

**Email:** [rm94@sasktel.net](mailto:rm94@sasktel.net)

by 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026

**For more information, contact Tracy at 306-736-8121**







This aerial photo shows the new 90-spot daycare under construction south of MacLeod Elementary School in Moosomin. The new build is a second daycare for Moosomin, in addition to the existing Playfair Daycare building on Birtle Street.

Kevin Weedmark photo

## Big victory by the U18 Carlyle Cougars over the U18 Estevan CNRL Bruins

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

It was hockey night in Carlyle and what a night it was. The U18 Carlyle Cougars took on the U18 Estevan CNRL Bruins on January 9 at their home barn in Carlyle in front of a few hundred spectators.

The puck dropped at 8 pm and within the first 14 seconds of the game, Tucker Wyatt blasted one into Estevan's net. Wyatt is also the team's captain for Carlyle. A couple of minutes later, Ryder Benjamin from Carlyle found the back of Estevan's net with an unassisted goal.

A penalty was issued to the Bruins giving the Cougars a power play and seconds later, Ryder Benjamin scored his second goal of the night, giving Carlyle a 3-0 lead.

It was Carlyle's turn to visit the penalty box with a slashing charge, giving the Bruins the power play and this is when Callen Macdonald slid one past Myles Lequyer. As the power play came to an end, Carlyle scored two more times in the last three minutes. Goals were scored by Daruis Dixon and Mason Hunt.

At the end of the first period the score was 5-1 for the Cougars. They had an incredible first period with 16-5 shots on net.

The second period started off in the Bruins' favour as they popped one past Lequyer two minutes into the period. Penalties are never good in a game as this is what Carlyle found out when a power play went to the Bruins. Carlyle stayed strong and held the Bruins off, but shortly afterwards more penalties were handed out.

Carlyle continued to bring on the heat, and Sean Kachur scored the sixth goal of the night, giving the Cougars a four-goal lead. By the end of the second period the score was 6-2 for Carlyle with 27-14 shots on net.

Throughout the game 50/50 tickets are sold. The money raised from this is to help offset any costs of the game. Into the third period the ticket was drawn for \$178, and this went to Dave Henderson.

Tempers began to flare up as the Cougars once again scored, giving Darius Dixon his second goal of the night. The third period started off quietly but after a few more goals the penalty box became a popular place. A few major penalties were handed out for roughing, head contact and hitting from behind.

With 12 minutes remaining in the third period, Sean Kachur snagged his second goal of the night and soon after scored his hat trick goal, giving the Cougars a 9-2 lead.

At 2:54 remaining in the third period, Sean Kachur sealed the game with another goal, giving the Cougars a 10-2 victory over the Bruins. The Bruins goalie, Hayden McIntosh received 46 shots on his net and stopped 36 of them, while the Cougars received 16 shots on their net only allowing two goals.

The Cougars still have many games remaining in the season. For some exciting hockey, come out to cheer on and support your local teams.

**Right:** The U18 Carlyle Cougars celebrate their victory with a big win against the Estevan CNRL Bruins.



Goalie, Hayden McIntosh from the U18 Estevan CNRL Bruins stopped 36 shots on net during the U18 game against the Carlyle Cougars.



Stephanie Zoer photos





It's great to see the progress on the new long-term care home at Grenfell. The new 33-bed facility will ensure people can be cared for close to home! Investing in health care is one part of building a strong, safe, secure Saskatchewan!



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What an honour to receive a star blanket from Ochapowace First Nation.



Lori Carr, Okimaw Shelley Bear and myself.



Hugging Okimaw Shelley Bear after receiving my star blanket.



Chief Charlie Bear of Chachas First Nation speaks at the opening.

It was an honor to be at Ochapowace First Nation Wednesday with Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr for the opening of the Wi Ci Hi So Centre. The new stabilization Centre provides 20 beds for people between detox and placement in a treatment centre. I commend Okimaw Shelley Bear and Ochapowace First Nation for identifying a critical need and responding to it with leadership, determination and vision.



Okimaw Shelley Bear speaking.



Speaking with students at the opening.



The ribbon cutting ceremony



## Canola deal another win for Saskatchewan

It was a busy week, as every week is! I love getting around the riding and getting around the province working for you! Because I work for you, I always feel that you deserve to know what I'm doing on your behalf.

Monday and Tuesday I was in Regina for committee meetings and stakeholder meetings. Wednesday I was on Ochapowace First Nation to speak on behalf of our government as Ochapowace opened a new stabilization centre for people between detox and placement in a treatment facility.

Thursday I was in Wawota at a meeting where a couple of hundred cattle producers came together to discuss the proposed CFIA cattle traceability changes.

Friday I engaged with constituents on several issues and answered media questions about the Canola deal.

### Canola tariff drop a win for Saskatchewan

Canola is vital to Saskatchewan's agriculture industry. Everywhere you go in our area of the province, the yellow canola blooms define the summer landscape.

Thanks to Premier Scott Moe's leadership on trade, Canada and China have a new trade deal that lowers Chinese tariffs on Canadian Canola.

This is great news for Saskatchewan farmers.

As Premier Moe said, "Today demonstrates the importance of foreign trade missions and shows what can be achieved when the federal and provincial governments and our export industries work together to strengthen our trade relationships."

Great to see Saskatchewan once again leading the way on trade.

Saskatchewan's economy is based on trade, and our exports per capita are the second highest in the nation. From agriculture to mining to manufacturing to energy, our industries depend on trade.

Premier Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan have consistently promoted international trade, and we have set up a network of trade offices around the world.

Laying the groundwork and doing the hard work on



international trade leads to wins like we saw Friday with the Chinese canola tariff issue.

### Livestock producer meeting on proposed CFIA traceability changes

I was happy to be in Wawota Thursday where about 200 livestock producers gathered to discuss proposed changes to cattle traceability regulations.

After hearing from producers about this issue I spoke with Agriculture Minister Dave Marit and he spoke to his federal counterpart.

It's good to see that CFIA has paused publication of the proposed regulation, which is an opportunity for producers and their representatives to have some input before the regulations are finalized.

If you have concerns about these proposed changes, talk to your MLA, talk to your Member of Parliament, talk to your industry organizations, talk to your APAS representative.

We will advocate for you, and the best step forward at this point is for the livestock industry groups and APAS to come up with an agreed set of proposals on how CFIA could improve its proposed regulations, so the livestock industry, your provincial representatives, and your federal representatives can all speak with a common voice, based on what livestock producers want so CFIA can come up with a solution that works for producers.

### Opening of stabilization centre

On Wednesday I, along with Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr, visited Ochapowace First Nation for the opening of a new stabilization centre that will be home for 18 people who are between detox and placement in an addiction treatment centre.

It's heartbreaking to see there is a need for a facility like this, but it is heartwarming to see the way the community has come together to build the stabilization centre. I love how the facility feels just like a home and not at all like an institution—as a matter of fact, when it was filled with people in every corner for the opening Wednesday morning it reminded me of my house at Christmas!

The Wi Ci Hi So Centre represents a place of healing, compassion, support, and hope. It stands as a powerful symbol of care for individuals and families who are facing some of life's most difficult challenges.

Addiction challenges affect far too many individuals and families here in Saskatchewan and across Canada. They affect people in my community of Moosomin and they affect the people of Ochapowace Nation. These challenges do not discriminate—they touch every community, every culture, and every generation.

Our government is currently engaged in a procurement process to add new treatment spaces across the entire alcohol and drug treatment continuum, including outpatient services, detox, and inpatient addiction treatment.

Saskatchewan's commitment to add 500 new addictions treatment spaces over the next five years will more than double the total number of publicly funded addictions treatment spaces available in our province.

I commend Okimaw Shelley Bear and Ochapowace First Nation for pursuing this venture. There is no doubt that it will make a real difference in the lives of many people.

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making the opening of this important new facility possible.

### Reach out

I'm here for you, and my constituency office is your first point of contact if you have an issue. If you need to contact us call 306-435-4005, email [office@kevinweedmark.ca](mailto:office@kevinweedmark.ca), or drop into the office at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.

## PROUD TO BE PART *of your community!*



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**Stephanie** will be covering news and events in the region. She can be reached at 306-471-4162.

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