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Frosty days

The entire area was covered in a blanket of frost last week. These photos show a few of the frost covered trees in and around Moosomin area, and the frost covered wreaths on the town sign.

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OBITUARIES



Roy J. Johnston
November 5, 1925 –
January 15, 2023

Roy Johnston passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Moose Mountain Lodge, Carlyle, Sask. at the age of 97 years.

Roy was born on the farm at SE 14-7-6 W2 on November 5, 1925, the sixth of seven children.

He went to school at

Kitchener and Kisbey Schools.

He was much more interested in the animals at the farm. He would go to bed with his shoes on so that he could hit the floor running in the morning to see which horses the men had taken to the field.

His love of horses lasted his lifetime. His first favorite was Bit O Gold, a Thoroughbred stallion that he had for many years. Roy-layz, an Arabian stallion followed that.

Later when involved in Pregnant Mare Urine, PMU, he branched into Belgian and Percheron horses. His love of the Thoroughbred came out again, and he crossed the heavy mares with the Thoroughbred stallion, selling these cross-breeds to the United States for fox hunting and sport horses.

His grandson's family continued this venture for him.

He was one of the first farmers in Saskatchewan to be in PMU in 1965. He sold many horses for PMU prior to that, with those horses being shipped by rail to Eastern Canada.

He was in PMU for about 40 years with up to 200 bred mares in the barn each season.

His other huge passion was custom combining, especially in the United States. There were many, many local young men who went south combining with him and still tell stories of the adventure.

He could talk to anyone about horses or combining right to the end.

Another pastime in the last year was having family visitors read from the history book. His memory

was amazing with those events.

Hector McAlaster was high on his list of people to check out. Hector had worked for Roy's parents for many years. Others to read about were the Johnston family, along with the names of neighbours that he had grown up with.

Roy married Grace Worden in December 1950. From that union there were two children, Glenda and Terry. After more than 25 years they parted ways.

He later married LaVerne Iverson from Fessenden, North Dakota in 1987. They were married till she passed in 2012, which was another 25 years of marriage.

Roy and LaVerne lived at Carlyle for many years, then moved to Golden West in Arcola, then to Co-teau Place.

After LaVerne's passing, Roy went to New Hope Lodge at Stoughton for nine and a half years and had just recently got moved to Moose Mountain Lodge in Carlyle to be closer to family.

That was the best Christmas present any of us could have gotten. He had a huge number of visitors in his short time there.

Roy is predeceased by his mother Ethel and father Sandy; Grace, the mother of his children; his wife LaVerne; all his siblings and their spouses, Vera and Joe Moat, Kenneth and Ethel Johnston, David Johnston, Margaret and Walter Olsen, Marjorie and Lorne McElroy, Norman (Kelly) and Mildred Johnston.

Roy is survived by his daughter Glenda, her son Greg, and great-grandchildren, Lane (Mariah),

Jordan (Justin), Cody (Callie), Shae-Lynne (Eric) and Hannah (Walker); his son Terry (Terry) and their children, Jeremy (Carrie), Jill (Mark Satre), Chase (Micky) and great-grandchildren, Chelsea, Miranda, Mason, Jaron, Elsie, Owen, Ella; and great-great-granddaughters, Meadow and Miller.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Roy at a later date in the spring.

Donations in memory of Roy can be made to the Arcola Perpetual Cemetery Fund. Mail them to Town of Arcola, Box 359, Arcola, SK S0C 0G0; e-transfer to arcadmin@sasktel.net with note 'in memory of Roy Johnston'; or drop off at the office.

Hall Funeral Services in Estevan is caring for Roy's family - Yvonne Clark, Funeral Director.



From Left: New members being sworn in, Chris Lambkin, Suzan Gieni, Curtis Toder and Abdul Siddiqi, as well as former National Elks Leader, Ron Potter of Moosomin and Dean Sherrit, Manitoba Provincial Elks leader.



Back row, from left: Dean Sherrit, Wanda Rhodes, Ron Potter and Mel Durant. Front row, from left: New Elkhorn Elks members, Chris Lambkin, Suzan Gieni, Curtis Toder and Abdul Siddiqi.

Elkhorn Elks continue to grow

BY ED JAMES

The Elkhorn Elks Lodge #381, that now includes many former members of the Royal Purple Lodge, has been active in the Elkhorn community and area for over 40 years, helping to develop improvements in education, social, medical and recreational projects. Like many other community service clubs, their success is based on a strong and active membership.

Recently at its regular monthly meeting they were joined by former National Elks Leader, Ron Potter of Moosomin, and longtime member Mel Durant, also of Moosomin.

Another special guest that night was Dean Sherrit, from Souris, Manitoba, who is the Manitoba Provincial Elks

leader.

The evening ceremony was opened by Wanda Rhodes, Elkhorn Elks Lodge leader, who welcomed and introduced the special guests for the evening.

The next point of the service were the unique ceremonies of the group led by the club officers.

The special event of the evening was the initiation of four new members, two of them being my former students of many years ago.

The four new members were Curtis Toder, Chris Lambkin, Suzan Gieni and Abdul Siddiqi.

A special part of the initiation was the reading of the moral story used by the Elks Organizations "The Two Elks" that relates to the role that all Elks members should

aim for.

The story was retold by Mel Durant with a bit of help from Elk brother, Ron Potter.

Following the new members being installed, a general meeting was held, which was a mix of serious and fun matters! When the meeting closed, there was a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Said Elkhorn Elks leader, Wanda Rhodes, "We were so happy with the turnout this evening, especially the attendance of the former Elks National Leader and present Manitoba Provincial Elks leader. These new members are an important addition to our ranks to help our group provide help, support and services to the Elkhorn community and area."



Mel Durant, left, Senior Moosomin Elks Club member reciting the club's legend of "The Two Elks" assisted by Ron Potter, right.



A group shot of all who attended the initiation of four new members.

Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

Communities in Bloom

We are so excited to return to the Communities in Bloom contest offered through the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. Making this year even more exciting will be the fact that for the first time we will be making a regional entry comprised of the Town of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park, and Moosomin Pipestone Hills Golf Club. The three along with our Chamber of Commerce will comprise an executive planning committee, however we will have our secondary planning committee for the Town of Moosomin. I am sure both the Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Club will also welcome members to their secondary committee.

If you are interested in helping with one of the three, please contact the appropriate individual below:

Town of Moosomin Planning Committee

Mike Schwean msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Moosomin Regional Park

Karen Hebert karen@hebertgrainventures.com

Moosomin Pipestone Hills Golf Club

Jason Miller jmill@rockymtn.com

With regards to timelines, the contest opens in February. We expect to spend March/April making plans and then May/June getting our town, park and golf course looking amazing! Evaluators arrive in June/July where they score our entry and hopefully we find our way going to nationals in 2024.

Regardless it is a wonderful way to take pride in our area showing the rest of Saskatchewan we are not only a wonderful area to live but a beautiful one as well!

To date our local planning committee for the Town of Moosomin includes:

Chairperson	Larry Tomlinson
Town of Moosomin	Amber Campbell
Town of Moosomin	Mike Schwean
Chamber of Commerce	Sheilagh Garrett
Chamber of Commerce	Kevin Weedmark
Member at large	Carol Fawcett
Member at large	Casey McCormac
Member at large	Rob Austin

Communities in Bloom Contests

We have so many exciting plans with regards to Communities in Bloom. Included in those are local contests which will culminate with great prizes!

Our contests will include:

- Business in Bloom
- Front Yards in Bloom
- Community Blocks in Bloom
- Festival of Flags – Countries in Bloom (corresponding with our flag garden)

Watch for contest details in the coming month along with amazing prize packages!

Open Ice this Week

If you are looking to book some ice this week, you are in luck as due to a cancellation we have some open ice on Monday at 9:15 pm. To book or inquire call 435-3622 or email to msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

Mike Schwean Arena – This week

Boy oh boy, if you are a hockey fan then you are in your glory this week. There are 16 games in total including a Sr. Rangers game and a Provincial Playoff matchup! Get out and enjoy!

Tuesday U13 Blue Rangers vs. U13 Red Rangers 7 pm

Thursday Prairie Storm vs. U15 Rangers 7:15 pm

Provincial Playdowns

Friday Kipling Oil Kings vs. Senior Rangers 8 pm

Saturday U7 Blue Gametime 9 am

U9 Red Rangers vs. U9 Blue Rangers 11 am

Melville vs. U9 White Rangers 11 am

Yorkton vs. U13 Red Rangers 1 pm

Regina vs. U15 Female Badgers 3 pm

Balcarres vs. U13 Female Badgers 5 pm

U11 Red vs. U11 White 7:30 pm

Sunday U7 Blue Gametime 9 am

Rocanville vs. U9 Blue Rangers 11 am

Yorkton vs. U13 Blue Rangers 1 pm

Balcarres vs. U13 Female Badgers 3 pm

Balcarres vs. U15 Female Badgers 5 pm

Indian Head vs. U18 Rangers 7:30 pm

Mike Schwean Arena – Special Events

We had an absolute ton of special events planned for the arena this winter. Here is a list of what remains on our schedule:

U9 Hockey Tournament	February 4, 5
U11 Badgers Tournament	February 18, 19
U13 Female Tournament	March 4, 5
Wheatland Wild	March 18
Skating Club Carnival	March 19
2023 Iron Man Tournament	March 30 – April 1
2011 Wheatland Wild Tournament	April 2
Mix in 100+ minor hockey games and we end up with wall to wall activity all winter long!	

Moosomin Senior Rangers Big Six Home Schedule

The Rangers finally return home this week for one of only three home games left in their regular season!

Moosomin Rangers Home games include:

Kipling Oil Kings at Rangers Friday, Jan. 27

Redvers Rockets at Rangers Friday, Feb. 3

Bienfait Coalers at Rangers Sunday, Feb. 5 (reschedule)

Provincial Playdowns

Provincial Draws are now out. Moosomin has four entries this year including: Senior, U18, U15 and U13.

Here is a look at those draws:

Senior B Playdowns

Eight teams entered in the Provincial B draw...that means the Senior Rangers kick things off in the Provincial South Semi Final. For the Rangers, round one matches them up against the Grenfell Spitfires. Should the Rangers get by the Spitfires they will get a familiar foe in the South Final as they would meet up with the winner of Carlyle/Oxbow—both Big Six rivals.

U18 B Playdowns

There are 21 teams in the U18 B draw including 11 in the North and 10 in the South. For the U18 Rangers they kick off the playdowns with a match up against the Kipling Royals. Should the Rangers win that series they will meet the winner of Indian Head/Prairie Storm in the Provincial South Semi Final.

U15 B Playdowns

Twenty teams highlight the U15 draw with an even split of 10 in both the South and North divisions. For the U15 Rangers, round one kicks off against the Prairie Storm. Should the Rangers advance past that round they will meet the winner of Indian Head/Carlyle.

U13 B Playdowns

Nineteen teams entered in the U13 B playdowns including 11 in the North and 8 in the South.

Round one for Moosomin will see them matched up against the Indian Head Chiefs. A win vs. the Chiefs would see them match up again the winner of the Esterhazy/Fort Qu'Appelle series.

Provincial Playdown Home Dates

I will update you on dates when they come available. I do have a couple to pass along:

Thursday, January 26 Provincial U15 B Playdowns

Prairie Storm vs. Moosomin 7:15 pm

Thursday, March 2 Provincial U13 B Playdowns

Indian Head vs. Moosomin 7:15 pm.

2023 Iron Man Hockey Tournament

Our 2023 Iron Man Tournament goes March 30 to April 1 and should be another great event!

Events Planned for 2023:

Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball, Bowling, Billiards, Darts,

Broomball (pending ODR condition)

We are sure 2023 will be another sellout as we can only squeeze 8 teams into this major weekend.

Already registered: Moosomin Leafs, Virden Wagons, Moosomin Ding Dongs and Moosomin Mustangs.

If you are interested in entering a team please email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone 435-3622.

2023 NHL Playoff Draft

The 2023 NHL Playoff draft is quickly approaching. This year's event will run Saturday, March 25 at the Convention Centre and will be held in conjunction with the Senior Rangers 2022/23 Windup. Watch for details on the fantastic event in the coming few weeks!

Thursday Night Indoor Golf League

We are in full swing with our Thursday night indoor golf season at the Sportsplex. League is for both guys and gals and it runs Thursday night with a 4 pm and 6 pm tee time.

We send out emails on a bi-weekly basis. If you would like to be included on the list please email me at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net and I will get you on the list. It is non-committal in that you can play a week and miss a week(s)...or play every week...whatever suits your schedule.

Friday Night Fantasy Golf League

We are also well into our Friday Night Fantasy Golf League. This league is a little more casual. It is always a noncompetitive scramble where players bet with play money. You can register as a team, a couple or an individual.

If you would like to be included on the list please email me at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net and I will get you on the list.

Snow-birders Indoor Golf

Those of you with some time on your hands who enjoy golf, this is for you! Wednesday and Fridays at 1 pm we have a group get together at the Sportsplex and enjoy a round of indoor golf on one of our many world-wide courses. Open to both men and ladies! For info email us at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

Chase the Ace continues for the winter!

Kinnetes Chase the Ace returns to the Sportsplex Saturdays for the winter. Make sure to check out their Facebook page and get a ticket. Proceeds always go to wonderful community projects!

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Walking Track

The Walking Track at the Nutrien Sportsplex is available for use. The track is a 360-foot indoor rubber walking track. For information please contact Casey at 435-3622.

Pickle Ball

Pickle Ball continues at the Conexus Convention Centre. The club has dedicated times which includes:

Monday	1 pm
Wednesday	7 pm
Thursday	1 pm

Bradley Park Winter Activities

We are prepared for a busy winter of winter activities at Bradley Park including the Outdoor Arena, Skateway and Cross-Country Ski Trails. A ton of volunteer time goes into these programs so we would like to extend a thank you!

Moosomin Outdoor Rink - Peter Nabholz

Bradley Park Skateway - Rob Hanson

Bradley Park Cross Country Ski Trails - Adrian Gaudet

Moosomin Outdoor Arena

Peter Nabholz has the ice surface in great shape and ready to go. For those new to town, keep in mind the outdoor arena comes complete with lighting, Zamboni and heated changeroom, all free of charge!

Bradley Park Skateway

Rob Hanson has the skateway ready to go as well! Enjoy a leisurely skate around Bradley Park on this beautiful skating path.

Cross Country Ski Paths

Adrian Gaudet has the cross country ski paths ready to go! This has been a fantastic addition to our winter programming as Adrian runs paths throughout the park, and a special thank you to Ken and Cory Turpie who allow us to run the paths south of Bradley Park winding around the Turpie family trees.

Free Equipment Program

For the second year in a row we will be offering free use of Cross-Country Ski Equipment. We would like to thank McNaughton High for the donation of several pairs of skis and boots and to South East District for Sport, Culture and Recreation for a grant last year that allowed us to purchase several more pairs.

Also, a big thank you to Kate Chegwin for her initiative to round up skates and equipment which will also be made available free of charge for those needing equipment. We also have some equipment on hand which we will add to the inventory.

For those looking for that equipment you will find a white shed next to the outdoor rink change room with the equipment enclosed. The door is open so help yourself. We ask you respect the equipment so others can use and return the equipment after using as you found it.

Equipment Donations

Following up on the free equipment, please take note Moosomin Parks and Rec are looking to add to our Free Equipment Program. If you have some equipment at your home and would be willing to donate the equipment we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for:

- Cross Country Skis and Boots
- Hockey Skates/Equipment
- Figure Skates
- Snow Shoes/Toboggans/Sleds

Curling Bonspiel Season

Exciting time at the Curling Rink as Bonspiel season is at our doorstep! Last weekend the club held their annual Skins Bonspiel. Couple big bonspiels coming up quickly!

Farmers Bonspiel February 8-12

Men's Bonspiel TBA

If you require further information or would like to register for one of the bonspiels please contact the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or by phone at 435-3622.

Moosomin Senior Rangers

Alumni Committee

Moosomin Rangers Senior Hockey Alumni Committee are excited for the opportunity to welcome new members to the group. If you are a former player, hockey personal, executive or supporter we would love to have you! Our group meets around four or five times over the winter and run various fundraisers for the local Senior Team to help with expenses.

If you are interested please give me a call at 435-7578.

2024 National Fireman's Bonspiel

One of the biggest events to come our way in recent history as coming in March of 2024 we will host the 2014 National Firefighters Curling Bonspiel. Event will run March 15-24!!

Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Wawota will have representatives on two different rinks at the Scotties in Estevan later this month. They are members of the Cindy (Street) Ricci rink are Kristy (Wilson) Johnson, Natalie (Greenbank) Bloomfield and Tamara (Greenbank) Kapell who are all former Wawota residents. Hanna Johnson is a member of the Kleiter rink.

Sympathy to Elgin Pryce on the passing of his sister-in-law, Betty Leusink of Regina. She passed away on January 10 at the age of 78 years. Elgin and Neena Johnson travelled to Regina to attend her funeral on January 14.

Brett and Kim Westphal of Wrentham, Alberta visited in Wawota with Brett's mother Carol last week. They travelled to Regina on January 10 for a medical appointment.

A special ceremony took place at Arcola Prairie Place on Wednesday, January 11. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals were presented that evening. Forty-one people from the southeast corner of Saskatchewan received these medals. Pastor Kevin Kay (Religion) and Velda Weatherald (Education) were two local recipients. Monroe Mondor is the 14-year-old

daughter of Dexter and Erin. She has become interested in the sport of dog sledding and loves it. She met Garrick Schmidt in 2021 and with his help is learning more about this sport. She has had two trips to Ministikwan to enjoy five days of over 160 kilometers of trails.

Happy 80th birthday to Edna Benner on January 10. Several friends and family members surprised her with a party at the Village Inn!

Sympathy to the family and friends of Bruce McCarthy who passed away at Deer View Lodge on December 31. He was 90 years old. He was formerly from Corning, Kenossee and Kipling. He and his late wife, Marjorie, were great friends of ours over the years. Keith enjoyed golfing with Bruce and we shared many meals and card games with them. A gathering in his honor was held at the Drop In at Kenossee last Saturday.

Michael and Margaret (White) Nelson proudly announce the arrival of their grandson Owen Weston Elias Nelson on January 8. Thrilled parents are Evan and Sheila Nelson and excited big sisters are Maddy, Ellie and Cora Nelson all of Prince Albert, Sask.

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay

306-645-4361

Danny and Cheryl Lemoine spent Christmas in Calgary with their family, then Kaelyn and Presley Smits came and spent a week with them.

Holiday visitors at the DeCorby farm were Peter and Mel Baxter of Winnipeg, Jason Lenders, Leeann, Ella and Lauren of Calgary, and Jolie Reavie from Rocanville. Hannah Fouillard visited with her par-

ents, Charlie and Karen Fouillard and family.

Congratulations to Janelle Tremblay and Kale Robinson who were married on December 31.

Congratulations to Martin Totte and Mickayla on the birth of their daughter, Maya Fae. Proud grandparents are Doug and Diane Totte.

Maryfield Sunrise Villa News

"The Old Reporter" Janet Mark • 306-646-4988

With the holiday season behind us, we fondly remember the big event of the winter... the Christmas concerts.

A doctor from Yorkton always sent us clothes, as well as gifts, as her boy was the age of us kids. Mom agreed to open that Yorkton parcel. Alas, it was all round and pleted plaid skirts size 10 and 12. The big one fit my little sister and the little one went to my cousin and I wore my old grey skirt to play the piano for the singing.

Everyone here at the Villa remembers taking part in the event of the holiday season, either at school or church or both.

The town hall furnaces were heated up so we could practice on the hall stage before hand. We drove two and a half miles at night seated on the back cushion from the 1916 Ford, with a buffalo rug over our feet.

We sang all the way, until Mother (in front with Dad and baby) was sure we would lose our voices.

The high school put on a one act play but I was always stuck on the piano, playing for the two junior rooms. The finale was always the hymns of the nativity with shepherds seated around a fire. I could play those hymns in the dark.

Then Santa appeared... "HO HO HO" with a treat bag for each child, a Christmas orange and a little candy.

On the farm in the 1920s, Saturday night was bath night at our home. Tubs of snow melted on the back of the kitchen range all winter. In later years, our house had a soft water cistern as well as a pump underground for hard water. Starting with

the baby and the two little boys we took our turns in the wash tub. Dad would say, "catch him and I'll cut his hair." Then we two girls took our turn and it was agony to stand motionless while Dad snipped. In summer the boys got "brush cuts" with the clippers.

No wonder that we relish the Villa hot tub with weekly shampoos and water neck deep!

Welcome to 2023! We hope you consider bringing new friends to fill our empty rooms. It is no fun moving in January but the comforts, good beds, and three meals to tempt your appetite! You will meet new and old friends.

Added by Angela:

We had lots of visitors and music in December and we always enjoy all the company, good times and lots of treats.

In the New Year, we have started a shuffleboard tournament which has been lots of fun!

We will soon add the floor curling and always enjoy our regular weekly card bingo, exercises, movie and popcorn and the groups that come in for singing and church services.

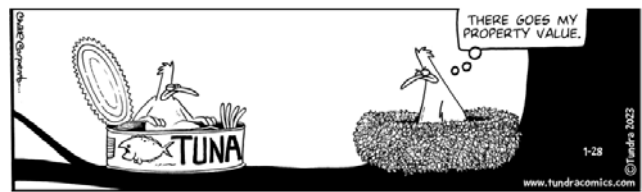
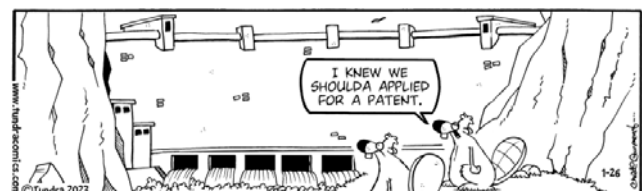
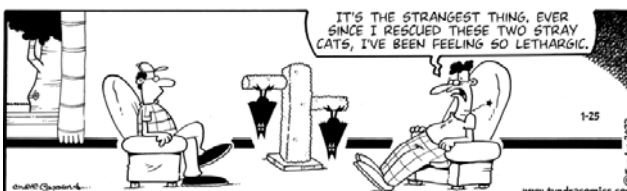
Thank you all for coming to make the Villa a fun home to live in.

The Villa residents got some nice gifts dropped off at Christmas time as well. Thank you for the gifts from "Santa for Seniors."

The courtyard was all lit up with decorations. It is full of snow but you can still see Rudolph! Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year!

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Maryfield hosts ManSask Sliding Stars



Rachel Erickson conducting a curling clinic in Maryfield on January 15.



Cory Barkley helping coach a junior curler.



Rachel Erickson helping a curler prepare to deliver her rock.



Paul Bickerton helping a curler get ready to deliver her rock.

Right: A view of the clinic with Rachel Erickson from above.

Below: A young Maryfield curler happy to get her picture taken with Rachel Erickson.





Barb Swallow checking on a proper curling delivery.



Cory Barkley and Rachel Erickson in a discussion with a young curler.



Cory Barkley helping coach young curlers.

Maryfield hosts ManSask Sliding Stars

Sunday, January 15, was the day that the ManSask Sliding Stars Junior Curling made a stop in Maryfield. This league is made up of young curlers

from Brandon, Hamiota, Minnedosa, Miniota, Virden and Maryfield. Last year Cory Barkley of Virden approached a number of communities to

see if there was interest in forming a traveling league for junior curlers.

After a number of towns expressed a desire to become part of the league, the ManSask Sliding Stars Junior Curling program was launched.

On the day that the tour stopped in Maryfield, eight teams participated in four end games.

Partway through the day, Maryfield's own Rachel Erickson led a clinic for the young curlers.

Rachel, who presently curls with Chelsea Carey, has a distinguished Junior Curling resume and it was a privilege to have her take time out of her busy schedule to provide instruction and guidance to the ManSask Junior Curlers.

Cory Barkley deserves a great deal of credit for organizing this league.

Also to be thanked are the communi-

ties who are welcoming the curlers and the many volunteers who are ensuring the kids have quality instruction and a successful experience.

"The value of this league is that young curlers get the opportunity to play against other curlers," says Janet Lemon.

"In Maryfield we spend a great deal of time teaching the mechanics of curling and this is very important. We are proud of our many junior curlers who have attained success.

"However we are finding it hard to find other young curlers to play against. In order to learn strategy, the kids need to play against other teams. Playing against teams from other communities increases their knowledge of the game and competitive spirit and this league, organized by Cory, provides that opportunity."

ManSask Sliding Stars aims to provide a space for youth curling

BY SIERRA D'SOUZA BUTTS
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With the goal of providing the opportunity for youth in the area to practice and gain more experience in curling, ManSask Sliding Stars Junior Curling started a program this fall for young curlers.

"We just started this fall, we felt there was a need in the area to help and get kids that are curling in their town's junior program, to try to get them to curl more, other than what they were getting just at home," said Cory Barkley of Virden, organizer of program.

"I reached out to these other communities and there was a lot of them who felt the same way. We decided to try this inter-club league to see how it would go.

"The response has been pretty strong. We have between eight and 12 teams every week. We've done four weeks so far, and will be going to three more clubs. Then we have some ideas for next year as well."

The travelling league includes junior curlers from Brandon, Hamiota, Minnedosa, Miniota, Virden and Maryfield.

Barkley spoke about why he felt it was important to offer more opportunities for curling to youth in the area.

"Speaking on behalf of myself, I got started with it when I was a young kid and became more involved with it when I was 13," he said.

"Personally, I love the sport. I think of all the people I've met through curling over the years, and the amount of fun that I've had on a social aspect and on the ice competitively.

"Ideally, if all of these clubs have great junior programs, and if that gets kids more interested, then I want to see other kids have that. I think that's the main thing for me.

"Curling is such a great social sport, and whether you do it down the road competitively or recreationally, I would love to see more kids playing the sport, as well getting the chance to enjoy what I've enjoyed in my 30 years plus of curling.

"I think it's a really great social sport. For my own kids, I hope they experience a part of what I have experienced over the years."

Being the first trial run for the program,

Barkley said he hopes ManSask Sliding Stars Junior Curling will continue down the road.

"We're really hopeful. The response has been strong, it's what I hoped for it to be," he said.

"We hope we can grow it and keep it going. Right now it's sort of 9-15 year old age group, and when my kids have moved on past it, I hope it's still going strong and that someone else will take it on and run with it.

"I have to give full kudos to the all of the clubs that are participating and their volunteers as well, there are strong junior co-ordinators in each club that have really been helping and pushing for it. We couldn't do it without them."

Barkley was asked what he thinks can be done to attract more youth towards curling.

"It's a competitive area right now with getting kids into it," he said.

"You've got hockey, figure skating which sort of rule the roost in the winter. I think it just boils down to each club really doing a great job of promoting youth curling and getting kids on the ice. It's been said that way for probably forever, but we're really in a stage where if they try it and they like it, then we have to get them back out again.

"Curling is one of those things where you can, legit, do it for your whole life and I don't know if all sports can claim that. To keep our clubs going we're going to need the kids, that's for sure."

For the next few weeks, ManSask Sliding Stars Junior Curling will be wrapping up their program with a few more stops left on their travel list.

"We'll be going to Miniota curling club on Jan. 29, and we'll be going to Riverview Curling Club in Brandon on Feb. 5," he said.

"Then it'll wind up in Virden on Feb. 26. If we can sustain this program and grow it, I'd be very happy with that. I think we have some things we would like to tweak for next fall, but ultimately if the league kept going I would be thrilled. I just hope it continues and we get more kids out on the ice.

"We've been lucky to have some world champions come out to the clinics with them. I think the kids have enjoyed that."

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Moosomin Skating Club hosted a Canskate Funfest on Sunday, January 15 with skaters from around the region. The Funfest included skaters from Moosomin, Carlyle, Kennedy, Wawota, Whitewood, Arcola, Wapella, and Virden.

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ELEMENTS STAGE 1

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Coach Katy Soroka with Khaleesi Henry-Ippolito from Carlyle and Sawyer Lincoln from Kennedy.



Ava Hayhurst with Whitewood Club



Asten Hayhurst with Whitewood Club

FAST TRACK EVENTS



Jonathan Restau with Wapella Skating



Aliyah Coffey with Wawota Skating



David Soroka with Kennedy Skating Club



Lyla Restau with Wapella Skating



Ellexah Humphries with Carlyle skating



Libby Soroka with Kennedy Skating Club



Billee Kosier with Moosomin skating club



The Moosomin Marquis in a game against the Langenburg Screamin' Eagles

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Rara Avis win Lyle Severson Classic

The Moosomin Marquis Senior Girls Basketball Team hosted the annual Lyle Severson Classic in Moosomin from January 13-14 with teams from Rocanville, Esterhazy, Langenburg, Oxbow, Creighton, Canora and Kamsack competing. The winners of the tournament were the Rocanville Rara Avis who defeated the Moosomin Marquis 48-29 in the final game. Creighton won the third place game over Esterhazy with a score of 61-23.



The Rocanville Rara Avis with their championship plaque. Back row from left: Coach Monique Campbell, Kiara Scott, Macy Rushton, Sophia Fafard, Olivia Smigelski, Faith Gerspacher, Lyza Bernasol, Coach and Colton Williamson. Front row: Emilia Davila Paz, Zheryl Perante, and Kaylee Hutchinson.



Above: The Moosomin Marquis and the Rocanville Rara Avis during the final game. **Right:** The Esterhazy Warriors in a game against the Creighton Kodiaks.





Wapella Blackhawks vs Canora Cobras

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In Sask East Hockey League action, the Wapella Blackhawks took on the Canora Cobras in Wapella on Saturday, January 14. The Cobras came away with a 6-1 win over the Blackhawks that night. Above are the Blackhawks defending their net. Below left are the Blackhawks celebrating after a goal scored by Justin Waskewitch. Below right is a photo of the Blackhawks on the players' bench and of Justin Waskewitch during a faceoff.



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Senior Hockey Roundup

Sask East Hockey League

The Swan Valley Axemen scored three goals six minutes apart in the early portion of the second period to complete a comeback from 2-0 down to defeat the Rocanville Tigers 4-3 on Friday, January 13.

Both teams were 11-and-2 in the standings after the result with the Axemen leading the 10-and-2 Theodore Buffalos by two points. The Buffs downed Cote 11-6 that Friday.

Josh Tripp scored twice for Swan Valley with Jackson Betcher and Jeff Riddell also scoring. Defenseмен Brett Hope (with two) and Stephane Robidoux accounted for the Tigers goals.

Meanwhile, in Kamsack that Friday, the Buffs got five unanswered in the third to break up a back and forth affair that was knotted at 6 after two. Derrick Schwartz got a hat trick and five points. Mackenzie Flett, Zac McIntyre, and Keanan Sperling all finished with two goals each. Kailum Gervais had a standout game for the Selects, tallying four and factoring in on the team's other two, both scored by Zach McGriskin.

Durban Hleboff got a shutout for Canora as they blanket Ituna 7-0. The Cobras were firmly entrenched in third in the North, while the Avalanche fell to 5-and-8 and sit three points up on the Wapella Blackhawks for third in the South.

Three teams are taking part in Saskatchewan Hockey Association provincials with Rocanville facing Wadena on February 20 in Senior B. Langenburg and Bethune play on February 13 in Senior C. Theodore meets Lucky Lake on February 20 in Senior D.

The Grandview Comets further solidified their playoff positioning by doubling up the Ituna Avalanche 6-3 on Saturday, January 14. The Comets were 5-and-8, the Avs were 5-and-9 and both teams had 10 points, three more than the Wapella Blackhawks and four ahead of the Cote Selects.

Dylan Ushkowski led the offense with two goals and he also assisted on goals by Steegan Stoski and Mitch Drysdale. Warren Jubenville and Brett Ewanysyn rounded out the scoring for the Comets who have a crucial Sunday afternoon game against Cote. Delon Smysniuk, Jayden Ritchie, and Drew Hoehn scored for Ituna.

Meanwhile, the Swan Valley Axemen built a 3-0 lead, watched it evaporate, then got a goal from Jackson Betcher to stop the Buffs' 3-goal run, and held on for a 4-3 decision over Theodore on January 14. Darcy Riddell scored twice and Ryan Braun once for the Stamps. Derrick Schwartz had two for the Buffs and



Blackhawks player Dawson Garvey in a faceoff during the Canora Cobras game in Wapella on January 14.

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Jordan Evans picked up one as Theodore sat 10-and-3, while the Stamps led the North at 12-and-2, four points up on Theodore.

at ninth place in the league with a 4-9 record. After falling to Redves on January 13, the Flyers were downed 10-2 by the Bienfait Coalers on January 14.

Big Six Hockey League

The Redvers Rockets continued to sit atop the Big Six standings last week, adding two more wins to their record with a 10-2 win over the Wawota Flyers on January 13 and a 9-1 win over the Yellow Grass Wheat Kings on January 14. The wins gave the Rockets a 13-1 record and 26 points. They were followed closely by the Oxbow Huskies and Carnduff Red Devils with 24 points.

The Moosomin Rangers have managed to stay good and competitive this season, sitting at fourth in the standings last week with a 11-3 record and 22 points. The Rangers downed Carlyle on January 13 with a score of 7-3, and the AK Combines on January 14 with a score of 16-0.

The Wawota Flyers continue to sit

Tiger Hills Hockey League

The Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks added another one to their win column on Friday, January 13 in a road game over Wawanesa that ended 6-1 for the C-Hawks.

The win gave the C-Hawks a 13-0 record, and helped to solidify their place in top spot in the Western Division. Trailing the C-Hawks in that division are Virden and Killarney each with a 10-2 record.

In the Eastern Division, Minnedosa continues to hold top spot with a 9-6 record.

Scoring for the C-Hawks on January 13 were Parker Johnson with two, Stacey Lowes, Jason Bowles, Dillin Stonehouse (unassisted), and Josh Martin.

HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JAN. 18, 2023

BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Redvers Rockets	14	13	1	0	26
Oxbow Huskies	13	12	1	0	24
Carnduff Red Devils	16	12	4	0	24
Moosomin Rangers	14	11	3	0	22
Bienfait Coalers	14	8	6	0	16
Carlyle PureChem Cougars	13	6	6	1	13
Yellow Grass Wheat Kings	14	5	8	1	11
Midale Mustangs	14	5	8	1	11
Wawota Flyers	14	4	9	1	9
KW Oil Kings	15	2	13	0	4
Arcola/Kisbey Combines	15	0	15	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	14	26	26	52
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	13	12	29	41
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle PureChem Cougars	13	17	17	34
Carter Sawchuck	Moosomin Rangers	13	17	16	33
Jon Gaudet	Carlyle Purechem Cougars	13	12	21	33
Steven Lindenbach	Midale Mustangs	12	17	13	30
Jesse Gabrielle	Wawota Flyers	8	14	15	29
Braeden Magotiaux	Redvers Rockets	14	14	15	29
Devin Stewart	Wawota Flyers	12	12	16	28
Colton Schell	Oxbow Huskies	13	12	15	27

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OTL	GAA
Mason Plews	Carnduff Red Devils	4-0-0	1.75
Cody Matthewson	Redvers Rockets	7-0-0	2.00
Landon Audet	Carlyle PureChem Cougars	3-1-1	2.60
Drew Fenwick	Oxbow Huskies	3-0-0	2.67
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	9-1-0	2.80

SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Swan Valley Axemen	14	12	2	0	24
Theodore Buffalos	13	10	3	0	20
Canora Cobras	13	7	4	2	16
Grandview Comets	14	6	8	0	12
Cote Selects	15	3	12	0	6

SOUTH STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Langenburg Warriors	12	10	1	1	21
Rocanville Tigers	14	12	2	0	24
Ituna Avalanche	14	5	9	0	10
Wapella Blackhawks	12	3	8	1	7
Whitewood Orioles	2	0	2	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	11	20	24	44
Rylee Zimmer	Langenburg Warriors	11	15	26	41
Josh Tripp	SV Axemen	10	14	22	36
Jeremy Johnson	Langenburg Warriors	11	21	14	35
Brock Trotter	Langenburg Warriors	9	8	21	29
Derrick Schwartz	Theodore Buffalos	9	13	15	28
Kailum Gervais	Cote Selects	14	10	17	27
Ashley Howie	Rocanville Tigers	13	11	15	26
Derek Falloon	Langenburg Warriors	9	11	14	25
Tristan Keshane	Cote Selects	14	12	12	24

GOALIE	TEAM	GP	W	L	GAA
Drew Denischuk	SV Axemen	4	3	0	1.88
Dakota Berezowski	Rocanville Tigers	9	7	1	2.11
Ben Fouillard	Rocanville Tigers	4	3	1	2.75
Brett Evans	Grandview Comets	5	4	1	2.80
Warren Shymko	Theodore Buffalos	8	4	3	2.88

TIGER HILLS HOCKEY LEAGUE

As Of January 18th, 2023

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
EAST DIVISION					
Minnedosa	15	9	6	0	18
Gladstone	12	9	3	0	18
Wawanesa	14	6	7	1	13
Neepawa	15	6	9	0	12
Cartwright	13	5	8	0	10
MacGregor	14	4	9	1	9
Pilot Mound	15	2	9	3	8
Carberry	14	2	12	0	4
WEST DIVISION					
Miniota/Elkhorn	13	13	0	0	26
Virden	13	10	2	1	21
Killarney	12	10	2	0	20
Rivers	14	9	5	0	18
Hartney	13	8	5	0	16
Deloraine	13	6	4	1	15
Souris	15	5	10	0	10
Melita	11	4	6	1	9

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bryce Enns	Cartwright	13	23	25	48
Drew Haight	Cartwright	12	16	24	40
Shawn Bowles	Miniota/Elkhorn	13	20	19	39
Jesse Linner	Hartney	13	11	25	36
Brad Bowles	Miniota/Elkhorn	12	14	21	35
Kyle McDonald	Neepawa	15	17	17	34
Jesse Toth	Gladstone	11	21	12	33
Sean Kubas	Gladstone	11	13	19	32
Jory Geddes	Gladstone	9	9	23	32
Devon LeBlanc	Virden	10	18	13	31
GOALIE	TEAM	W-L-OT	MINS	GA	GAA
Aaron Mason	Killarney	3-0-0	180	5	1.67
Dez Ramsey	Melita	1-0-0	60	2	2.00
Cory Gardham	Miniota/Elkhorn	8-0-0	475	18	2.27
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COMING EVENTS

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