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## Moosomin mourns passing of former mayor Larry Tomlinson

BY KARA KINNA

The town of Moosomin was in mourning last week after the passing of former long-time mayor Larry Tomlinson. Tomlinson passed away on Monday morning at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin due to health care complications. He was 78.

Tomlinson served for 11 years as mayor until 2024, and spent six years on Moosomin town council before that. During his years as mayor, he was known for his extensive work as a member of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation.

He also served for over 45 years on the Moosomin Regional Park Board, was a member of the Moosomin Elks Lodge for 45 years, and was still serving as the town's EMÖ co-ordinator when he passed away.

"My relationship with Larry started when I was a kid because I was the same age as his oldest son. So I actually spent a lot of time in his house around him as a kid, and got to know him probably at the age of five," says Moosomin Mayor Murray Gray.

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## APAS, Agriculture Union decry federal cuts to research sites

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

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The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) said last week they were concerned about Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) decision to close seven research sites in Canada as part of federal cutbacks, including the Indian Head Research Farm, which has been in operation since 1887, as well as the facility located at Scott, Saskatchewan.

The government is eliminating 665 positions across Canada.

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For Moosomin and Rocanville area:

# Jeff Cole new economic development officer

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Jeff Cole previously worked as Moosomin's Economic Development Officer (EDO) in the early 2000s and has decided to return to his passion of economic development in the region. Cole started January 26 as Moosomin's EDO, and he says he is excited to jump back into plans and creating strategies going forward for the region.

Moosomin Economic Development has grown to include a larger area and was relaunched in June as Gateway Economic Development, which encompasses the Town of Moosomin, RM of Moosomin, Town of Rocanville, and the RM of Rocanville. Cole will be implementing the board's vision for the future goals of the Moosomin-Rocanville region.

Following is an interview with Cole as he prepared to start his new role.

**Tell me a little bit about yourself and your new role as Economic Development Officer (EDO).**

I have resided in Moosomin since about 1995. My background is economic development. In fact, we actually had the Government of Saskatchewan funded economic development and I was a Development Officer and Director for Moosomin. The name then was called Gateway Regional Economic Authority. I looked after that from 1996 to 2009. So roughly about 13 years and then in 2009 the province decided to shut down the Regional Economic Development Authority funding.

Through the REDA, I worked with hundreds of entrepreneurs from Spy Hill, Rocanville, Wapella, and Moosomin, and a lot of newer business expansions and startups. It is good to see our community leaders believe in the process, benefits, and opportunities of economic development and I am excited to work with them all and grow our region.

**How excited are you to get back to doing economic development work?**

I am very excited. I have always had interest, it is what I am trained in, and I have history of being involved in business development.

The nice thing about economic development is there is never a dull moment. You're always preparing, planning, and working hard to execute ideas and sometimes you may wait on funding or announcements.

I believe I have some key partners in the region that I have worked with and could make things happen. It is great to see that our new economic development group is a partnership between the Town of Moosomin, RM of Moosomin, Town of Rocanville, and RM of Rocanville. They have a 10-year plan that they rolled out at the end of November.

Gateway Economic Development worked with Derek Murray Consulting Associates firm to build the plan and it will be some of my road map on things we are working on. There has been good forward thinking from our leaders that had been involved with the process and I will be early kicking off this new economic development strategy this week.

Its goal is to kickstart our region's efforts to increase the strength and diversity for our local economy. They have done a really good job with it. It is broken down into sectors for what we want to work on and report. Things in it might change depending on budgets and funding, but it is really nice to have that foundation. It is



Jeff Cole is Moosomin's new Economic Development Officer.

going to be more federal funding when the budgets are announced in the spring. We have lots to look at and plan.

**Why do you think your job is important?**

Economic development is a process right from your tax base to labour pool of employment, so every dollar circulated in the community could circulate 10 times before it ever leaves the town or RM and that will be something we are measuring.

In the 10-year plan we've got doesn't just look at projects, it looks at taxes, labour, and growth. We are hoping we can maintain what we have and build on some capacity we have here.

Years ago, Kevin Weedmark, now our MLA, was chair of the Gateway REDA, and I used to do a lot of strategic planning with our board and at that time we didn't have any of the hotels along the highway—Canalta, Best Western, and Motel 6.

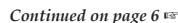
I drove to Drumheller and did my study on hotels, and Canalta that was headquartered in Drumheller were the only hotel that would invest an extra million-dollars

plus in a swimming pool and I wanted a swimming pool in the hotel for the region, so when families would come the kids would have something to do.

So, my buddy, Dan Davidson who owns the Red Barn, and I drove out there, met with the hotel group and within that year we had the Canalta Hotel being built in Moosomin, which was a huge project for the community and we were the only small centre at that time that had a water-slide, and sure enough they were also tied with A&W and built it beside the hotel.

Then, not long after, the other hotels were being built along the highway with the Best Western and Motel 6. So, it is cool to look back and see how far we've come where that area wasn't developed at one time.

Today we've got three hotels and if we want to advance on our terms, we probably need to look at other options because sometimes the rooms are sold out and if we want to get into regional tourism for Moosomin-Rocanville, then people need places to stay.

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"When I worked with him on council, I learned so much from him in the eight years that I was a counselor. He was a great mentor. It was really an honor to work underneath him for that time."

"When you're on council, you work together with the mayor on everything, so any project that we were taking on we would talk about. But I also learned the expectations of being mayor from him, as far as how the public would view a mayor, which helped me to transition into the role."

"Larry was a laid-back guy, fun, soft spoken, and an all around really good guy. He was the kind of guy that you want to spend time with. I really admired his passion. He did whatever it took in order to make sure that our community was moving forward and our area was moving forward. His passion was second to none."

Gray says one thing that stood out about Larry was his commitment to health care in Moosomin.

"He championed health care in our region. He went above and beyond in order to make it better for the area. He always wanted to see the community move forward. He always was thinking of the betterment of the town and of the area in every decision that he made."

"It's a huge loss for the community. There will be a huge hole left in everything that he did for the community, and it's too bad that he never had the chance to step away and have a long retirement, being proud of all of his accomplishments. It's unfair that he was taken so soon."

"He definitely left the world a better place than it was when he started in local politics, and for that his family should be very proud. He was a he was a friend to all of the staff, he worked well with people. I think everybody's mourning in their own way around our office, and around the public works staff, and the members of council who served with him."

"He was an easy guy to get to know and to respect. He'll be dearly missed."

## Bill MacPherson

Bill MacPherson is the Reeve of the RM of Silverwood and the chair of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation.

"We went to lots of meetings together," says MacPherson. "We really started to get to know each other when he became mayor of Moosomin, and myself being reeve of Silverwood, and then we were on the Health Foundation together. I was the Chair and he was the Vice Chair. So we both attended every meeting that was concerning the hospital and the clinic for many years."

MacPherson says Larry is the reason the Moosomin Family Practice Centre is where it is today, after forming a corporation to buy the building from Bor-



Larry Tomlinson on Main Street Moosomin.

derland Co-op so the doctors could continue to operate out of that location.

"Larry was the one that really saved the day," he says. "He was determined that the doctors weren't going to go anywhere, we were going to do something. We formed the corporation from 15 urban and rural municipalities. We bought the clinic and did some work on it, and kept the doctors there, and he was the big push behind that."

"We thought so much alike, that's why we got along. I agreed with everything he did. He agreed with everything I did." MacPherson has also says Larry has been championing the need for a CT scanner in Moosomin from day one.

"We've been working on that since 2018. He was the main push, and I was right beside him, trying to do everything we could to get it in there."

What kind of person was Larry?

"Larry was just a pure gentleman," says Bill. "If I had to describe him in one word, that's the word. He never ran anybody down. He was always so level headed and spoke to people with respect, he didn't talk down to anybody. He was a quiet person. When the discussion was going around the table, he didn't lead the conversation. I guess that was my job as the chairman. But he would think about what everybody said, and then when he spoke, everybody listened because you knew he had really thought about what he was going to say. And that's what I liked about Larry, he didn't BS anybody, it was the plain truth."

"Most people don't know how much Larry did for the town of Moosomin, and for the foundation, and the corporation. He was just an awesome guy. I call him a good friend. I talked to him before Christmas, and I never got a hint that he was sick. He went on and said everything was good, he was feeling good,

he wasn't the kind of guy that would complain. He was always positive."

"I really respected Larry and he made big shoes to fill. Larry did a awesome job for Moosomin, and people should be proud of him."

## David Moffatt

"My relationship with Larry likely started right back into when I was a kid, and he was actually a hardball coach for us," says David Moffatt, the reeve of the RM of Moosomin. "Then much later when we got into the mayor and the RM reeve positions, my first real meeting with Larry would have been at a Health Care Foundation meeting, and from there our relationship really took off. We've got a little closer, and we developed. I

wouldn't say there wasn't a relationship before, but I feel the town and the RM relationship grew quite substantially."

"Larry was a straight shooter. If there was something bothering him, or bothering me, we could lean on each other somewhat and talk about it, and he didn't hold back if there's something bothering him. Him and I could talk about it. He was a very fair person. You see a lot in the political side that there's agendas that get brought to the table, and if Larry had an agenda, it was for the people and for health care in this community."

"He's a huge loss, because even though he wasn't mayor anymore, he was still passionate about the community. He still kept up on things when that position has been filled. Larry was still pretty devoted, and still looked for knowledge and wanted to know how things were going, so he still had a deep passion for the community. He'll be greatly missed because when he was in term, we had monthly meetings where we could bounce

"One thing that I really learned from Larry was the ability to be open and be able to address it if there's questions being asked and to make sure that gets done. Just watching him on that foundation board, how passionate he was, he did a lot of work for this community and for the town."

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things off of each other. It will definitely be a loss for the community."

## Paul Listrom

"Having worked with Larry since 2006, I can truly say that he was deeply committed to this town and took his role as an elected official very seriously," says Moosomin CAO Paul Listrom.

"Whether he was serving as a councillor from the fall of 2006 to the fall of 2012, or as the mayor from 2012 to 2024, Larry consistently put the community first. He believed in public service, he valued the role of staff and council, and worked hard to ensure the town remained strong and well-governed."

"His years of service reflect a true leader and dedication to the people he represented, and his loss will be felt by many, far and wide."

## Chris Davidson

Chris Davidson served on town council with Larry, as well as the Moosomin Regional Park Board, and both men were also long-time members of the Moosomin Elks Club. Davidson says Larry is the reason many things gone done both at the park and in the town of Moosomin.

"Larry and Margaret bought their cottage at the lake in 1975, and he got appointed to the park board the same year and retired in 2025, so he was actually on the board for 50 years. This was a big part of his life for a long time, and he was quite instrumental in the development of the north and south cottage subdivisions. That happened in the late '70s and early '80s," says Davidson.

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"Back in the '70s, there was really nothing for serviced campsites out here. From that point in about the late '70s, they started developing. They put power in and started building serviced sites. So from in that period of time that he was on the board, we went from basically no service campsites up to today, and I think we got about 140 campsites out here."

"He was always involved in all that stuff. From the beginning, he was kind of the liaison, the go between guy between the federal government, which, at that point, owned the dam. It was the PFRA, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Agency. He was the man with the federal government for decades, and they built the dam and owned it all this time up until 2021. Larry operated the dam—he was the guy. If they needed the gate opened or closed, he would run the gate before they computerized it all. He did all the water measurements out there and oversaw it. He did that for years and years."

"We got a lot of stuff done over the years on council. We opened the hospital in 2008. We raised money and saw all the fundraising happen. We built the Convention Center, he was part of that. We did that major lagoon expansion. We built the Sportsplex in his time and my time. We built the new water treatment plant—so we got a lot accomplished together over the years."

"He was also a member of the Moosomin Elks Lodge for 45 years. The Elks are known for helping children with speech and hearing issues, and over that period of time, I'm sure he helped many kids that have had trouble with speech and hearing. That's a big part of the Elks. He's helped with donations to all kinds of events or projects and things around the community. Over that period of time, he's done a lot of work."

"He was a great man. He cared deeply about the town, and he could work with anybody, he was a good negotiator. He didn't lose his temper or anything, he was calm and cool and got things done."

"It's a huge loss for sure. He put a lot of



Larry with the Communities in Bloom Committee after Moosomin won the provincial competition in 2024.

time and effort into working for the whole community, the whole area. He'll be really missed."

#### Kevin Weedmark

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark knew Larry for many years in a number of capacities.

"I've known Larry for many years, because as reporter, for many years, I covered Moosomin town council when he was a councillor, and then mayor," he says. "I also knew him because of my role with the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, and those groups worked with him. We worked with Larry on all sorts of different issues over the years, and always found that Larry always had the best interests of Moosomin at heart."

"He had a special interest in making sure that health care in Moosomin was

the best that it could possibly be, and he worked like no other elected person I've ever seen. He worked dusk to dawn to try to make sure that the town's voice was heard at higher levels of government, working to make sure that everything ran smoothly in the town."

"On the health care file, he was a vocal advocate for the community and for the Southeast Integrated Care Centre. He also sat on the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation and the Southeast Municipal Health Care Corporation. He was instrumental in the role of those groups in promoting health care in the region, and was instrumental in setting up the Health Care Corporation, which actually purchased a building that is used by the Moosomin Family Practice Centre."

"He went above and beyond. He not only did his job as mayor because he was elected to do it, but he did it with a tre-

mendous amount of heart, because he truly believed in this community, in the unlimited potential of this region, and did everything he could to make sure that people's lives here were the best that they could be."

"Larry was an incredibly committed person. When he believed in something, he worked so hard to make sure that what he believed in would happen. He never stopped, never slowed down, just kept working to make sure that what he saw as the most important priorities for the town got addressed and got taken care of."

Weedmark says Larry oversaw some large changes in his time, and was never afraid of them.

"It's a huge loss. There will never be another Larry. There will never be anyone like him again," he says.

"He was instrumental in so many ways in making this community what it is today. And sometimes he was willing to get go out on a limb. Sometimes the Economic Development Committee came up with things like the \$30,000 incentive that took a leap of faith by the council, that took a little bit of work, and Larry always trusted in us, and he was willing to work with the different groups that came to council."

"Some different stuff has happened in Moosomin when Larry was mayor—funding for the arts centre, for instance, things like that, that never happened before, some things that were a big change, and Larry was never one who was afraid of change or afraid of trying something different. He would back those who, if he believed that they had they understood a file very well, and they had an idea they wanted to run with, he was he was 100 per cent behind them."

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# APAS, Agriculture Union decry federal cuts to research sites

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"These closures eliminate critical public research infrastructure that has been foundational for Canadian farmers' competitiveness for decades and contradict AAFC's stated mission to 'drive innovation' and 'create conditions for long-term profitability,' said APAS in a statement. "This critical public research infrastructure embodies a public good that delivers widespread benefits to the public."

"To claim these cuts are aligned with a 'core mandate' of innovation misleads the agricultural sector," said APAS President Bill Prybylski. "Closing these sites is the opposite of progress. You cannot claim global leadership in sustainable agriculture while bulldozing the very farms and labs required for discovery and adaptation. It's like eating the goose that lays the golden eggs—sacrificing a steady, long-term benefit for a single, short-term gain."

APAS said the facilities at Indian Head and Scott provide producers with essential agronomic data tailored to local growing conditions. Additionally, the Lacombe Research and Development Centre in Alberta, a leading hub for forage and meat science, and the facility at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, are also affected.

"The federal government is trading long-term benefits for a short-term rounding error in budget savings," said Prybylski. "You cannot be a world leader in sustainable agriculture while eliminating the research needed for sustainability and adaptation. This will create an innovation vacuum that

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—APAS President Bill Prybylski

the private sector isn't stepping in to fill. By the time producers feel the full impact of these decisions, it will be too late to reverse the damage."

APAS says it is troubled by the timing of the cuts.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (SCAP) places significant emphasis on adaptation and resiliency as core objectives, yet these closures directly undermine those goals. Farmers are being asked to adopt climate-smart practices that require targeted research support—research that will no longer exist if these facilities are shut down.

In response, APAS is urging the federal government and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to release an immediate impact assessment outlining how it plans to achieve its innovation and adaptation goals considering these widespread closures. Producers deserve transparency about how these research reductions will affect them—and answers."

The World-Spectator reached out to AAFC and received the following state-

ment.

"Like other federal departments, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has identified savings over three years while remaining focused on its core mandate. At this point, we can confirm that AAFC's workforce will be reduced by approximately 665 positions and that notices to the 1,043 affected employees were issued on January 22.

"As part of this process, AAFC will close three research and development centres—Guelph, Ontario, Quebec City, and Lacombe, Alberta—and four satellite research farms—Napan, Nova Scotia, Scott, Saskatchewan, Indian Head, Saskatchewan, and Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

"AAFC will remain Canada's largest agricultural research organization, with 17 research centres nationwide and research farmland in every province. There are no imminent site closures, and any wind-down of scientific operations would follow a careful decision process that could take up to 12 months. As such, it is too early to determine and share details on final workforce impacts."

The Agriculture Union also released a statement last week denouncing the cuts.

"The Agriculture Union unequivocally denounces the recent job cuts at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, impacting roughly 1,043 people across the country," they said in a statement. "Our union represents 2,500 employees at AAFC, all of whom are essential to the health and resilience of our agricultural sector. 494 of our members are affected by this round of cuts. Our AAFC members are the backbone of Canadian agriculture research. They assist farmers by mitigating the impacts of climate change and drought, performing groundbreaking research, and keeping our food production

industries competitive on a global scale."

"These cuts will sabotage important gains we've made in agricultural research and set research on Canadian food products back by decades," says Milton Dyck, National President of the Agriculture Union. "We have been warning the federal government for months about cutting an already-decimated department. There is simply no more room to cut."

The Agriculture Union says that while overall the federal service has grown by 30 per cent in recent years, the same has not been true for AAFC. They say staffing numbers at AAFC have decreased by 14 per cent between 2012 and 2025.

"The cuts to AAFC include the shutting down of seven research farms and centres: the Napan Research Farm in Nova Scotia, the Quebec Research and Development Centre in Quebec City, the Guelph Research and Development Centre in Ontario, the Portage la Prairie Research Farm in Manitoba, the Scott Research Farm and Indian Head Research Farm in Saskatchewan, and the Lacombe Research and Development Centre in Alberta. Indian Head and Napan were two of the five original research farms established by the Canadian government in 1887," said the Agriculture Union in a statement. "Shutting down these centres represents the loss of over a century of knowledge and expertise. The research centres slated for closure were responsible for breakthrough discoveries in sustainable beef production, crop sustainability, food safety and nutrition, and no-till farming."

"The way the employer communicated these cuts to our members and to the union was shocking and abrupt. Our members are reeling," says Dyck. "The union learned about the cuts of research centres at the same time as our members, and we had no advance notice about the details of the cuts. AAFC has an obligation to consult with the union throughout this whole process. These cuts at AAFC damage research into the fast-changing needs of the agriculture sector, whether it be changing environmental conditions, development of new varieties of agriculture products safe from disease, or food safety. While our partner nation to the south is slashing research, we should not be."

## VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Skating club strongly supports second ice surface project

I am writing on behalf of the Moosomin Skating Club in support of the proposed plans for a second ice surface in our community.

As the head coach, I see first-hand how limited ice availability affects not only skating, but all user groups in our rink. Each season, scheduling becomes more difficult as demand increases and the number of available hours remains the same. This year, our club required additional ice time, and the only option available was Sunday mornings at 7:45 am for our young CanStar skaters. While families make it work, this is far from ideal for small children who are just beginning their skating journey.

Hosting events has also become increasingly challenging. Many times, our club has been asked to cancel the final hour of our ice to accommodate a game. We fully understand that this is not minor hockey nor the recreation office's fault—this is simply the reality of too many users and not enough ice.

There are only so many hours in a day where ice is usable for youth programs. Ice time must be after school and not too late in the evening, which further limits scheduling options. A second ice surface would ease these pressures for all groups and allow each organization to grow

without constantly competing for limited time slots.

Limited ice also impacts public skating and recreational programming. Currently, public skating often must be scheduled during daytime hours because there is no additional ice available in the evenings or on weekends. With a second ice surface, the community would benefit from more accessible public skating times, improved scheduling for recreational hockey, and the opportunity to expand programs such as adult learn-to-skate and other recreational offerings that support lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.

Beyond the benefits to local sport organizations, a second ice surface would bring significant economic advantages to Moosomin. Additional tournaments and skating competitions would attract visitors from outside the community, filling hotels, restaurants, and stores. These events generate valuable tourism dollars and support local businesses while showcasing Moosomin as a welcoming and active community.

A second ice surface is not just an investment in sports—it is an investment in our youth, our families, and our local economy. On behalf of the Moosomin Skating Club, I strongly support moving forward with this project and encourage the community to do the same.

Casey McCormac  
Head Coach, Moosomin Skating Club

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## THE WORLD-SPECTATOR

# Koepka alone in return to PGA Tour

What could have been a mad dash by some of the greatest golfers in the world from the upstart LIV tour back to the PGA Tour turned out to be hardly a trickle. Does one even count as a trickle?

Brooks Koepka, a five-time major champion who is one of a handful of big names who took the Saudi Arabian money and fled the PGA Tour a couple of years ago, had buyer's remorse in December and announced to the world he was leaving LIV.

Paul Simon wrote in the 1970s that there are 50 ways to leave your lover, but would there be a few more ways for the LIVers to leave the LIV? The PGA Tour brass wanted to find out, so they hastily established what they called the "Returning Member Program" which specifically targeted the cream of the LIV crop — Koepka, Bryson DeChambeau, Jon Rahm and Cam Smith. Criteria set out by the PGA said the program was open only to major champions or Players' champs who won their titles between the years of 2022 and 2025. Those four aforementioned players all fit the criteria while everyone else — Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Sergio Garcia and others — didn't fit the qualifying terms, nor did they have the star power sought by the PGA Tour. They therefore didn't qualify for return to the bright lights of what is indisputably the best pro tour in the world.

Given a deadline of Feb. 2 to accept the PGA Tour's offer, DeChambeau, Rahm and Smith all immediately pledged their fealty to LIV and left Koepka as the lone returnee. SI.com said Smith was committed to his all-Australian team on LIV while Rahm's contract with the breakaway tour runs through 2027. DeChambeau is a superstar in the YouTube golf world and has earning power from that source potentially greater than what he could accumulate playing on regular tours.

New PGA Tour commissioner Brian Rolapp said there



Bruce Penton

was no guarantee the Tour would leave the return window open forever. "Once the door closes, there is no promise that this path will be available again," said Rolapp.

Koepka's return to the PGA Tour didn't come without some financial pain. He will have to make a \$5 million charitable donation; he won't be eligible for a \$206 FedEx Cup \$100 million bonus program; he will not be able to play in the Tour's big-money signature events in 2026; and he will not be able to earn any money from the Player Equity Program for five years. That last condition could reportedly be worth up to \$80 million.

"The penalty is significant, but I understand why they've done it. It hurts but it's supposed to," Koepka told Golfweek. "I've got a lot of work to do with the players and I want to do that one-on-one. I want to have those conversations, but behind closed doors."

Initial reports said the majority of PGA Tour players are glad to have Koepka back, but while LIV will survive, it's more irrelevant than ever without Koepka.

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on Brooks Koepka's return to the PGA Tour: "You almost feel sorry for the Saudis. They made Koepka monstrously rich, and in return he shamed them. But when you pay mercenary money, you get mercenaries."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Senators' captain Brady Tkachuk says he's giving up fighting after

undergoing thumb surgery. Oh well, he'll always have his stick."

• Snipped from Jack Finarelli's sportscrumudgeon.com: "Jake Gaither, longtime head coach at Florida A and M, on his ideal defensive player: 'He should be agile, mobile and hostile.'"

• David Aldridge of The Athletic, on AI challenges facing sports journalism: "You don't get rich as a reporter, but you can make a decent buck. In contrast, ChatGPT can write a decent paragraph or two, for free, and never complains about having to fly Southwest to get to Cleveland."

• Columnist Norman Chad: "Enough with Joey Chestnut. Now he's going for the world bagel eating championship. He's just stuffing wiener and bagels down his throat while the world burns."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, about Flames' Jonathan Huberdeau, who had 21 points in 45 games with the Flames through Jan. 24: "Hard to believe, but just four years ago, Huberdeau had 115 points in a season. Honest."

• Steve Simmons again: "Without Bo Bichette, the Blue Jays still need one solid bat, one starting pitcher, one high-leverage relief pitcher and more affordable tickets."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Groundskeeper Unsure What To Do With Unconscious Player Left In Medical Tent"

• From Fox 29 in Philadelphia: "Flyers' mascot Gritty paid \$250,000 per year, only \$3,000 less than the Pennsylvania governor."

• Another one from Torben Rolfsen: "TV networks are courting former Steelers coach Mike Tomlin. Fox would like him for their NFL studio show while NBC is considering him for a reboot of *Different Strokes*."

*Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca*

## For Moosomin and Rocanville area:

# Jeff Cole new economic development officer

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### What are you most looking forward to in this role?

Right now, we will be working with my committee and the region's leaders. We've got a good relationship and connection so I think we can start right away.

In Saskatchewan you got your seasonal times where you can get projects rolling and then cold snaps where if you are doing development projects, then they need to be planned out.

I am looking forward to working with our committee, building relationships, and I am excited to hit the road running with this 10-year plan.

It hasn't been circulated too much other than to the committee and some of the partners, so it will be some of my job to

get the people brought up to speed and ease some of their concerns. The committee has some pretty broad stuff planned out and then it is always about dollars and partners to tie it together, and that is something I am looking forward to as well.

We do have some strategic areas of focus and one area is to support and grow the local economy, help create a vibrant and liveable community, attract and retain talent, and collaborate to get things done.

I found these were nice to hear from the 10-year plan—make it easy to do business here, keep small businesses open and thriving, attract business and employment opportunities in the region, and capture more traffic and dollars in our communities, which is tied with the tourism part I had mentioned, and establish the Moosomin-Rocanville integrated regional em-

ployment and service centre.

Those are a few things that have been talked about broadly. It is not going to be easy, but with economic development it does take a process, a team, funding, and

time, but if we can get things prepared, and market-ready, it is all about how can we make it work for us and then make it happen.

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# SaskPower begins formal process to evaluate large nuclear technologies

The Government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower today announced plans to formally evaluate large nuclear reactor technologies for use in Saskatchewan. The technology selection process will take place in parallel with SaskPower's existing nuclear small modular reactor (SMR) project.

"Our Energy Security Strategy sets out a pathway to nuclear power generation from both SMRs and large nuclear reactors, using Saskatchewan uranium," Minister Responsible for SaskPower Jeremy Harrison said. "Together with expanded intertie capacity, nuclear power will make Saskatchewan an export powerhouse and safeguard Saskatchewan's energy security far into the future."

Nuclear power generation has provided safe and reliable, non-emitting electricity in Canada for more than 60 years. It

offers a solution to reliably and securely meet Saskatchewan's growing electricity demand in the coming decades.

"SaskPower will leverage partnerships with experienced nuclear operators, and will continue to engage with Indigenous Rightsholders, Saskatchewan's communities and businesses as we consider the potential deployment of large nuclear reactors," SaskPower President and CEO Rupen Pandya said. "Potentially bringing a large reactor online will take at least 15 to 20 years, which is why we need to start this process now."

Significant additional regulatory, siting and engagement work are needed before any construction can begin on a new nuclear project. SaskPower's current SMR project continues to progress and a site for the province's first SMR build near Estevan is anticipated later this year.

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# Elks donate \$5,175 to student for hearing aids

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

The Moosomin Elks Club have recently donated over \$5,000 to the family of Dawson Pena to help cover the cost of hearing aids.

"Paityn Ireland and Deena Offet contacted us and discussed it with us. Speech and hearing is something that the Elks pursue quite hard because it's something that no one else really does, so it's kind of our area that we look after. A lot of these kids, their parents can't afford that kind of money for hearing aids, and after talking to Deena and Paityn, it was extremely important that this child got them. He was going to be way, way behind if he didn't get them, and these are going to improve his life big time," said Moosomin Elks Lodge member Ron Potter.

"Once we had heard about this, the decision was pretty easy that we would put money forward for the cause. It's something that we look forward to, and we love to be able to help in the community. We're really appreciate that we're able to raise money to give back in the community, so when you buy a \$10 or \$20 ticket from us, this is the kind of stuff that it goes toward. If we can get \$10 from 500 people or \$20 from 250 people, here we are giving \$5,000 to support someone in the community."

Potter says much of the money that was donated was from their raffles and scrap project.

"The scrap project gets a lot of stuff out of the dump, and we can turn it into money that goes toward a lot of really important things for people in town. It goes towards hospitals, rinks, ball diamonds, and individuals. Being able to put money where it needs to go is always something that makes you feel good to live here," he said.

The Elks also recently took a big hit with the loss of a 45-year member.

"We lost a very active and instrumental member in a lot of our projects with Larry Tomlinson, we're all shocked. He's always been part of the reason we can donate this kind of money for things."

"Being able to give back to the community like this is why we do it, and it's really nice to know that you helped to improve someone's life. For years, when Medicaid first came in, they never covered anything with speech and hearing, so that's when we really got into helping people with speech and hearing needs."

The Elks of Canada were part of the group that made hearing tests for newborns routine.

"Nowadays, it's regular for your baby's hearing to be checked right away so it can be caught early if there's a problem, so that they never know what it's like to be deaf," said Potter.

"We're really lucky to have organizations like the



Back row: Ron Potter, Wayne Hopkins, Deena Offet, and Paityn Ireland

Front row: Peter Pena, Dawson Pena, and Jackie Pena

Elks in our community. Their generosity and support are making it possible for him to get the hearing aids he needs. We are all very grateful," said MacLeod Grade 2 teacher Paityn Ireland.

"We are beyond grateful to have this organization help us with the funding of hearing aids," said the boy's mother, Jackie Pena.

"It's a big help for our family. We found out that we'd be getting some money earlier this month. I thought it would be a bit of a longer process, but we were getting pictures taken and had received it in just a few days. I think we found out on the 20th and received the money on the 23rd," she said.

"Dawson is very excited, we've been going to specialists for a few appointments, and they explained everything to him. They told him that he would be able to hear much bet-

ter with hearing aids, and that he would be able to speak better as well. Before it has been keeping him from speaking very well because of his hearing issues.

"I asked his teacher about it, because I was worried some kids may find the hearing aids odd and be curious about them, but Deena said that there are a few students in the school with them, and that it wasn't uncommon at all."

The Penas say that they are very appreciative of everyone that has helped them with Dawson's hearing aids.

"We are grateful for Deena, Ms. Ireland, and all of the Elks organization for really helping us. I had no idea that we had organizations like this here in Moosomin, but they have helped us with everything they've needed," said Jackie.

"We give thanks to everyone that helped to make this possible for us!"

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## In our opinion:

# Canada has a policy-driven food inflation problem

A web of regulations, compliance costs, carbon pricing and interprovincial trade barriers is pushing food prices higher

Food prices in Canada are rising faster than in any other G7 country, and the reason is no longer a mystery: domestic policy failure is driving food inflation, not global shocks or corporate greed.

In December alone, food prices rose 6.2 per cent year-over-year, with grocery costs up five per cent and restaurant prices jumping 8.5 per cent.

That alone would be troubling. What makes it more alarming is that inflation came in well above expectations, pushing Canada to its highest food inflation rate since August 2023.

According to the latest internationally comparable data, Canada now sits at the top of the G7 for food inflation. The numbers speak for themselves: Canada at 6.2 per cent, Japan close behind at 6.1 per cent, followed by the U.K. at 4.2 per cent and the U.S. at just 3.1 per cent. Italy, France and Germany are all hovering below three per cent. This should stop policymakers in Canada in their tracks.

It makes little sense that food inflation in Canada is roughly double that of the United States, especially given that Washington has embraced tariffs and trade confrontation far more aggressively than Ottawa. If tariffs were the main driver, the U.S. should be leading this unfortunate ranking. It isn't.

Part of December's spike can be explained by the GST holiday, which applied for 17 days of the month. Temporary tax relief often feels good in the moment, but it comes with a cost: pricing volatility. When taxes are suspended and then reintroduced, price signals become distorted. Retailers and suppliers adjust, sometimes conservatively, sometimes opportunistically. Only now can we properly measure those effects, and the results are not encouraging.

At the grocery level, December's inflation was driven primarily by meat, fish, vegetables and pantry staples such as coffee. This occurred during the second month of the so-called "blackout period", an industry practice in which large retailers ask suppliers to refrain from raising prices late in the year, typically during peak holiday demand.

That prices rose anyway tells us something important: cost pressures are real, persistent and increasingly difficult to contain.

And the outlook is worse. January 2026 food inflation is very likely to come in even higher. That should deeply concern anyone who cares about household affordability, food security or economic competitiveness.

Yes, some of Canada's food inflation still reflects global factors, including climate volatility, energy costs and supply disruptions. But most of it is now policy-induced.

Regulatory drag, interprovincial trade barriers, poor logistics, rising compliance costs, carbon pricing embedded throughout the supply chain and a sluggish macroeconomic environment all compound one another. These are not temporary shocks. They are structural weaknesses. This is occurring even as Canada's overall inflation rate has eased from the post-pandemic highs seen in 2022 and 2023, making food an outlier among major consumer categories.

The first step in solving a problem is acknowledging that it exists.

This is not about blaming one grocer or one executive. If food inflation were driven by profiteering, we would see it clearly in financial statements, in sustained increases in gross margins. Bay Street analysts and accountants would have flagged it long ago. They haven't, because the data don't support that narrative.

That said, grocers are not entirely blameless. The fact that prices climbed during a blackout period raises legitimate questions about transparency, bargaining dynamics and how costs are passed through the system. Retailers are not "as white as snow" here, and scrutiny is warranted. But scapegoating them distracts from the real issue.

Canada has a policy-driven food inflation problem, and until we are willing to say that out loud, nothing meaningful will change. Temporary tax holidays, populist rhetoric and finger-pointing may win headlines, but they will not bring prices down.

Food inflation is no longer a passing storm. It is a warning signal, and ignoring it carries consequences for household budgets, food security and Canada's long-term economic competitiveness.

*This editorial is written by Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, a Canadian professor and researcher in food distribution and policy. He is senior director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University and co-host of The Food Professor Podcast. He is frequently cited in the media for his insights on food prices, agricultural trends, and the global food supply chain.*



## One mayor and so much to do ... Larry's passing will leave a big hole

Last week, Moosomin lost someone who is going to leave a big hole in the community with his passing.

Former mayor Larry Tomlinson passed away on Monday morning, and although I knew Larry had been battling with health issues off and on over the last few years, I was still shocked by his passing, mostly because Larry was the kind of guy who just kept on going and didn't talk about those issues much. He was in our office not long ago, and I was chatting with him at our front desk, and so it came as a shock when he passed away last week.

It's for precisely that reason that he will be missed. Larry was one of those guys that did a lot and was always doing a lot, and even though he was no longer on Moosomin town council, was no longer on the Health Care Foundation, and was no longer on the Regional Park Board, he was still a busy man. He was still the town's EMO co-ordinator, had spent the last few years involved in the Communities in Bloom contest, was a member of the Moosomin Elks club, and until recently he was hopping on a combine at harvest time, and I'm pretty sure those are just a few of the things he had on the go.

I arrived in Moosomin in 2002 when Larry was the manager of Aclands Grainger, and Larry became a councillor in 2006, and was mayor from 2012 to 2024, so we were used to Larry coming into our office on a pretty regular basis for interviews about the town—it about growth, infrastructure, or any other number of town projects, issues, or interests.

Everyone who really knew Larry comments about his passion for the town, and I can attest to that. Every time he came in and talked about all the stuff that needed to be done in Moosomin, he almost seemed pained thinking about all the projects he wanted to see get done—like a parent with a very demanding child that was taking up a lot of time and energy. You could always see that Larry was



**Kara Kinna**

shouldering a heavy burden, but his attitude was one of soldiering on ... and on and on, until he saw a project to completion.

It was like that with everything with Larry. If a section of town needed new paving or infrastructure under the ground, he wanted to see that completed. He wanted to see the lagoon expansion completed, the hospital built, the Convention Centre built, the Sportsplex built, the airport built, and most recently, the water treatment plant built. He could not rest or quit worrying until all those things were done.

And so when he would sit at the board table or one of the desks in the World-Spectator office and talk about things, he wore a look of concern on his face when he talked, and would often finish up with a sigh. There was just so... much... to... do...

Larry's time on council came to an end in 2024, but I can't help but think he was still worrying and thinking about everything that still needed to be done, even though he well and truly deserved a relaxing retirement.

But that's what made Larry such a great guy. The community was first and foremost in his mind, and he didn't just talk about it, he spent years making things happen. He was a force on the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, and a mayor who saw a lot of projects come to fruition in his time.

They don't make them like that every day, and so that's why Larry will leave such a big hole in the community—a community that he served right until the very end.



From left to right, Lewis Doane, Odin Nosterud, Ethan Doane, and Anastacia Hein from Moosomin enjoyed a day of fun curling in Arcola.



Stephanie Zoer photos

With black lights on, the only thing that can be seen are the colorful brooms and bright clothing at the Arcola Glow Bonspiel.

## Black lights create a special atmosphere for the Arcola Glow Bonspiel

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

The Arcola Glow Fun Bonspiel proved that curling does not always have to be serious to be memorable. This unique event transformed the curling rink into a glowing celebration of sport, community, and pure fun, bringing together players of all ages for an unforgettable day.

The temperatures were still frigid at -28 degrees Celsius and the wind chill made it much colder but this did not stop 10 teams to come out on January 25 and challenged themselves and others on how well they could do with the black lights on, only seeing the glow on top of the

stones the light up brooms, creative costumes and bright light accessories.

A team from Moosomin—Lewis Doane, Odin Nosterud, Ethan Doane, and Anastacia Hein—are trying their hand at curling for the first year. They are a junior team that enjoys curling through school programs. They practice weekly and had a lot of fun attending the Glow Fun Bonspiel.

Although the day was created for teams to have fun and be relaxing, the competition was still fierce enough to keep things exciting. Players of all skill levels took part,

proving that the Glow Fun Bonspiel is less about winning and more about enjoying the game and the people that attended. Between shots and sweeping, teams shared laughs, cheered each other on, and soaked in the one-of-a-kind experience.

Lunch was provided during the day, along with snacks for the players and spectators. By the end of the day, the Arcola Curling Rink was not just glowing with lights, it was glowing with memories. The Arcola Glow Fun Bonspiel was a shining example of how a simple twist on a classic sport can bring people together in a fun manner.

1996 - Young Entrepreneur Takes Over

As of January 1, of this year one of the local businesses changed. Today's Electronics, the electronic sales and service store which was started in 1993 by Bill McCaskell was bought by Murray Aulie the Service Manager at Today's Electronics.

Aulie is no stranger to the electronic sales or service field. After finishing high school in Maryfield, Murray went on to SIAST at Moose Jaw and received his Electronics Service Technician certificate. During that time he worked for B&E Electronics out of Oxbow and later in Estevan.

Aulie started with Today's Electronics when it opened and feels he knows the business well. "I have been doing this for years now" States Aulie, "and it has been great to see how things have grown and I am looking forward to the future".

Aulie plans to continue selling and servicing computers, satellite dishes, cellular phones and other business and consumer electronics. If you are interested in talking to this new business owner you can reach him by calling 452-6309 for Murray at Today's Electronics (excerpt take from The Optimist)

Murray Aulie pricing some products, in his new store

As of January 1 of 2026, Murray Aulie has officially owned and operated Today's Furniture & Electronics for 30 years. Aulie was only 22 years old when took over the business. I think it's safe to say that it has grown and flourished since.

When Aulie first took over he was on the main floor of the old Optimist buildings here in Redvers, with 1,000 sq ft of space, and was a simple electronics and repair dealer. He has since rebranded and expanded his business. He moved to a couple other buildings on Main Street before finding his permanent spot at 27 Railway Ave in 2014.

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## Menu suggestions for a family Valentine's Day brunch

Valentine's Day can be celebrated in countless ways. In 2024, why not celebrate the weekend after February 14 with a delicious, themed family brunch? Here are a few inspiring ideas that'll make your tastebuds go wild.

### THEMED DRINKS

Serve drinks with a pink or red hue to set the mood and stay on the theme. For example, rosé wine, sparkling apple juice with a few drops of grenadine or coffee and

hot chocolate with pink whipped cream. You can also treat your family to a strawberry smoothie or milkshake to perfectly complement the rest of the brunch.

### FRUITS GALORE

No brunch is complete without a variety of fruits. From whole to pieces and salads to juices, fruits add an essential element to the menu. To keep with the Valentine's Day theme, serve a selection of red and pink fruits, like straw-

berries, raspberries, cherries, watermelon, pink grapefruit and pomegranate.

### PROTEINS

Spice up your Valentine's Day brunch with eggs, bacon, cold cuts, pork pâté, salmon (smoked or gravlax), baked beans, cheese, yogurt and more. Don't forget to present them beautifully on red ceramic plates to add a touch of elegance.

### BREADS AND SWEETS

Offer a selection of gourmet bread and sweets such as waffles, toast, croissants, pancakes, French toast, muffins and pastries. Present them on trays decorated with rose petals or red cinnamon hearts, accompanied by tasty jams, coulis' or jellies in shades of red or pink.

Visit your local grocery stores, bakeries, fruit stores and cheese shops to find all the products you need to make your brunch a success.



## 10 romantic activities for Valentine's Day

Are you looking for ideas for an unforgettable Valentine's Day? Whether you're a new couple or have been together for years, try one or several of these 10 activities to promote intimacy and togetherness.

1. Have a winter picnic in an enchanting setting, such as in the woods, a park by the water or the mountains.

2. Look back at photos of your wedding day or your first date and reminisce about how adorable you both were.

3. Cook the perfect meal together. Why not pour yourselves a glass of wine and enjoy some jazz music while you're at it?

4. See a rom-com at the movie theatre. Take the opportunity to share a bag of popcorn so your fingers brush against each other.

5. Discover a new restaurant that interests you. Make sure to book your table in advance.

6. Dance to your favourite tunes. Be sure to add a few slow songs to your playlist.



7. Create a work of art together, like a painting, a collage or a papier-mâché sculpture.

8. Ice skate hand in hand in an enchanting place. For example, in the evening by torchlight.

9. Play a naughty board game. Laughter and fun are guaranteed!

10. Treat yourself to a professional couple's photo session. Then, choose the best ones and hang them on your walls — or post them on social media.

Happy Valentine's Day!

## Valentine's Day Specials

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Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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### BLACKENED CREOLE CHICKEN

Cajun-spiced blackened double breast topped with creole butter, served over garlic mashed potatoes with seasonal vegetables and pan jus.

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Buying delicious treats for Valentine's Day is sweet, but making your own homemade goodies is even better! This year, surprise your loved ones—children included—with homemade treats that are easy to make and sure to impress.

## HOMEMADE JUJUBES

It may seem surprising, but making jujubes at home is simpler than you might think. Pour half a cup of fruit juice or puree into a small saucepan. Whisk in about 20 grams of powdered gelatin and let it sit for a few minutes.

Heat the mixture over medium heat until it becomes liquid. Then, add two tablespoons of sugar and a few drops of lemon juice. Bring the mixture to a boil once more and then quickly pour it into moulds with fun shapes like hearts or roses. Refrigerate the moulds until the jujubes have set. Once they're ready, pop them out and enjoy!



## A YOGURT DELIGHT

In a large bowl, combine two cups of plain yogurt, three tablespoons of maple syrup and two tablespoons of lemon juice. Spread the mixture on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle berries over top and place in the freezer for a few hours. Once firm, cut into pieces. That's it. You now have a guilt-free frozen treat!



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## Ideas for your Valentine's Day celebration

Want to add a touch of originality to your Valentine's Day festivities this year? Why not organize a themed evening? Here are three ideas to inspire you and delight your significant other.

## 1. MOVIE NIGHT

Grab some cushions, dim the lights and rearrange your living room into a private movie theatre. Print out a personalized showtime schedule and set up a snack bar in

the kitchen with popcorn and sweets. Now, enjoy a cozy night in together.

## 2. TASTING FOR TWO

Are you and your partner wine lovers? Create a homemade tasting menu or book a sommelier-led workshop. You can also try this experience with cheeses, chocolates, teas or whatever suits your tastes.

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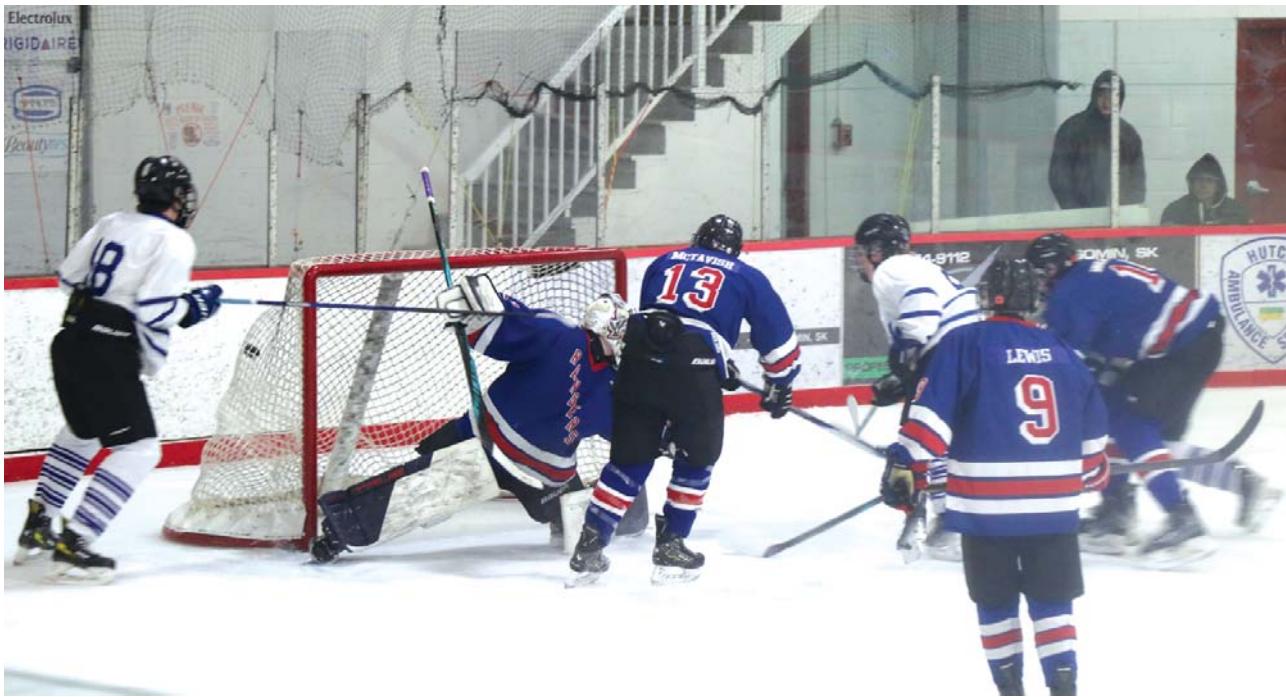
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### U18 Rangers and Flyers provincial action

The Moosomin U18 Rangers took on the Wawota Flyers for round one, game one of provincials last week. The game was in Moosomin on January 30 and resulted in a tie with Wawota scoring their third goal with just a few minutes left of the game. Game 2 will be in Wawota on February 6 at 8 pm.

## Service clubs and communities work best when working together

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

Dr. Roger Petry came to the Carlyle Happy Gang building in Carlyle on January 24 to speak to service clubs on how to encourage people to join. The event was put on by the Carlyle District Lions Club, who served refreshments before the guest speaker began.

Tim Sedor, president of the Lion's Club, welcomed the crowd of around 50 people and thanked them for taking time out of their day to join them to hear what Petry had to present. There were many service club leaders in attendance who could ask questions at the end.

Petry is a Professor of Philosophy for Luther College at the University of Regina. He said that service clubs began many years ago with the Knights Templar and the Freemasons. It has now grown into many different clubs around the world.

Petry himself began as a Boy Scout, a club that offered camping, nature, and a place to learn and something to which he was attracted. As he got older, he saw a sign outside of Regina that hosted all the service clubs, and this brought him to the Freemasons.

When people are in clubs, they need to respect other people's options, even if it is not the same. And how do people help others that have struggles? Petry said in or-

ganizations we need to learn to sit and listen.

Service clubs are a great learning tool. It teaches people how to set up and run a meeting. Petry said it teaches people to become leaders, be good listeners and to learn public speaking. It is not only about the volunteering.

Everyone joins a club for different reasons, and volunteer at their own speed. He said not everyone can come out to all the events to help, and when there is a lot of small events, it takes the same amount of volunteers, if not more.

He suggested that clubs do three large events in a year, and that all service groups pitch in to help. This cuts back the time spent on volunteers and also makes for a bigger and better event.

Cost is also a factor with organizations, and he suggested that if one group has equipment, why not allow other groups to use it as well and share the cost. This included using the same building for meetings. He went on to say that knowledge is needed to be shared amongst each other as well.

Service clubs and organizations all have the same goals in mind, and that is to help improve the community that we live in. Communities, schools, and clubs should be working together.

A few questions that came up after the speaker was finished were, how do we get kids to be interested in joining a service club? Petry said that going to the schools and speaking to the kids is a great tool to get them interested, especially when they have an idea of how it could help them in the future.

Petry said that volunteering begins at home. When kids see parents and grandparents taking time to help an event or in the community, this will be instilled into the children. He said service clubs are a need in communities, and we need to keep them alive.

He used the three sisters as an example. Beans, corn, and squash are all different, but they need each other. Beans create nitrogen in the ground. The corn gives the beans a place to climb, while the squash covers the ground and kills the weeds. This is how service clubs and communities are. They are all different but need to rely on each other for support and help to make each one successful.

Jennifer Sedor, Mayor of Carlyle, and Tim Sedor, president of the Carlyle District Lions Club, presented Dr. Petry with a gift. They thanked him for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to Carlyle.



Stephanie Zoer photos

Dr. Roger Petry, a Professor of Philosophy from the Luther College at the University of Regina, spoke to a small crowd about keeping things together in service clubs.

From left to right, Jennifer Sedor, Mayor of Carlyle, presented a gift to Dr. Roger Petry for coming out to Carlyle, along with Tim Sedor, President of the Carlyle District Lions Club.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING



## TFSA vs RRSP: Which is best for me?



The best investment for you is going to depend on your individual financial situation and goals. Remember: With a TFSA, you pay tax on money you've earned before you make a contribution, and with an RRSP you get a tax refund now on money you contribute, but will have to pay tax later, when you withdraw money from the plan. This difference, along with your income, your investment timeline, and other factors will all contribute to making the right decision for your investment dollars. You may find that you can use both vehicles simultaneously.

- Income & Tax Bracket** – A general rule is that the higher your income (and higher tax bracket you are in) the more beneficial a RRSP is as you are able to deduct RRSP contributions from your tax-

able income. If you will be in the same or a similar tax bracket when you are retired as you are in now then a TFSA, and its lifelong tax free benefits, is probably the better choice.

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- Time Horizon** – Are you investing for the short term? Or are you investing for the long term? If you are saving for the short term than a TFSA provides you with more flexibility as you are able to withdraw funds from your TFSA tax free, whereas in a RRSP any withdrawal is taxable (unless

used for a first time home purchase). If you are saving for the long term then both a TFSA and RRSP have benefits and it will come down to other factors such as your income & tax bracket on which plan is most beneficial to you.

- What are you Saving for?** – Is this money going to be used for a down payment on a home? Retirement Savings? Emergency Fund? Knowing what you are saving your money is the first step and will help determine whether a TFSA or a RRSP is the right choice for you.

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## Iron Man 2026

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

**Room for only 2 teams!**

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.

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

## Nutrien 2026 HOURS OF OPERATION

For bookings contact Angela at 306-435-3622

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	

## Interested in booking one of our facilities?

**Mike Schwean Arena** ..... Contact Mike at 306-435-7578  
**Conexus Convention Centre** ..... Contact Mike or Angela 306-435-3622  
**Nutrien Sportsplex** ..... Contact Angela at 306-435-3622  
**Lloyd Bradley Park** ..... Contact Mike at 306-435-7578



## 2026 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Registrations



### 2026 Sets

1. June 1-12	4. July 20-24
2. June 22-26	5. August 3-7
3. July 6-10	6. August 10-21

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

1. June 15-19	\$40/lesson
2. July 13-17	\$200/week
3. July 27-31	

### TO REGISTER

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Parent & Tot 2	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Parent & Tot 3	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Preschool 1	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
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
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\$7 drop in  
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1-15 people \$100  
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## Moosomin Parks and Recreation

### You can find us at:

**Land Line** ..... 306-435-3622

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We're also on the web, Facebook and Instagram.

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## ROYAL LEPAGE



## Royal LePage King Pin Bowling Thursdays



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## Nutrien SPORTSPLEX

## Sportsplex Men's / Ladies Indoor Golf Night Thursdays

We have two Tee Times at 4 pm and 6:15 pm

If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 306-435-3622



# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Moosomin Skating Club Regional Competition

Moosomin Skating club has a massive Regional Competition coming up February 14 and 15. This will be an amazing boost to the community with hundreds of skaters and double-digit vendors converging on town that weekend!

Information includes:

Location: Mike Schwean Arena  
Date: Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 am to 8 pm and Sunday, Feb. 15 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Free entry. Come watch talented skaters from all over the region take to the ice in this exciting two-day competition!

Event Highlights:

- Silver Collection
- Raffle Table
- Lunch Specials available
- Plus vendor market in the MCC Hall with over 20 local vendors. Shop while you enjoy the competition! Don't miss this fantastic community event!

## Sr Rangers vs Round Lake Provincial

It has been a few years in the making but the Rangers/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 gets Games 1 and 3 with Game 2 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

Friday, February 13 at 8 pm at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

Full local provincial roundup later in this report.

## Sportsplex Regular Hours of Operation

Here are our regular hours at the Nutrien Sportsplex:

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

## 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

Also, super super excited to have Devon Putland back at the Sportsplex running Sr Fitness Classes. Devon did an amazing job last year and the registration reflected that. With that in mind I would recommend that if you are interested register ASAP.

For further information please contact Devon direct at 435-9046.

## Mike Schwean Arena

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 January/February.

## Provincial Playoffs Senior Rangers

With the new Hockey Sask rules, the Senior Rangers' only option was 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 8 teams in the South and 8 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.

Games include:

Saturday, February 7 at 8 pm at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

Sunday, February 8 at 6 pm at Mike Schwean Arena

Friday, February 13 at 8 pm at Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex

## Provincial Playoffs U18 Rangers

U18 Rangers are entered in Provincial B. This draw has 8 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 was last Thursday, Jan. 29, Wawota at Moosomin.

## Provincial Playoffs U15 Rangers

U15 Rangers are entered in the B Playdowns. This draw has 9 teams in the North and 8 teams in the South. Rangers first round opponent will be the Kamsack Flyers with the Rangers being the designated home team.

Game 2: Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 pm—Kamsack 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 our final two months. Here is a list of what was open for the last eight weeks of the season as of last week:

Saturday, February 7 2 to 4 pm

Saturday, February 7 7:45 pm to close

Saturday, February 21 9:15 am to 12:45 pm

Sunday, February 22 9 to 11 am

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 5:15 pm to close

Friday, March 20 7:15 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

Monday, February 2 Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 nn

Noon Hour Shinny 12 to 12:45 pm

Friday, February 6 Shinny 12 to 12:45 pm

Please note schedule is subject to change on short notice. Please call ahead to confirm times.

## Moosomin Skating Club

If you would like to register a child for one of their many programs you can go to [moosominskatingclub.uplifterinc.com](http://moosominskatingclub.uplifterinc.com) or you can email the club at [moosominsc@gmail.com](mailto: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

Busy week again as we have seven Minor Hockey games on the weekend.

Here is a listing:

### Saturday

10 am: Langenburg @ U7 Hebert Grain Ventures

12 noon: Estevan 1 @ U11 Female badgers

4 pm: Estevan 1 @ U11 Female Badgers

6 pm: Elkhorn @ U7 Pharmasave Rangers

### Sunday

10 am: Estevan 2 @ U11 Female Badgers

1 pm: Estevan 2 @ U11 Female Badgers

3 pm: Balcarres @ U13 Female Badgers

1 to 3 pm

3:30 to 8:30 pm

### Wednesday

3:30 to 8:30 pm

### Thursday

1 to 3 pm

7 to 9 pm

### Friday

6 pm

### Saturday

7 pm

### Sunday

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Pickleball  
Gymnastics

Gymnastics  
Pickleball

Pickleball  
Private Event

Private Event

## Moosomin Library

It has been a busy, busy New Year!  
Mon, February 2: Kids' Creative Writing at 3:30 pm

Tue, February 3: Kids College at 9:20 am  
Wed, February 4: Kids College at 9:20 am  
Thur, February 5: Scrabble Time at 7 pm  
Fri, February 6: Story Time at 10 am  
Fri, February 6: Valentine's Day Crafts at 3:30 pm

Mon, February 9: K'Nex Build at 3:30 pm  
Wed, February 11: Books and Brews Book Club Meeting 7 pm  
Thur, February 12: Board Game Time 6 pm

Friday, February 13: Art Attack at 3:30 pm  
pm

Tuesday, February 17: K'Nex Build 9 am  
Tuesday, February 17: Family Movie Showtime 1:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 18: Genealogy Society Meeting 2 pm

Thursday, February 19: Exams 1 pm  
Thursday, February 19: Read and Create 6 pm

Saturday February 20 Story Time 10 am  
Saturday February 20 Board Game Time 2 pm

Tuesday February 24 Aboriginal Story Time 6:30 pm  
Thursday February 26 Family Financial Literacy 6 pm

Friday February 27 Prime Timer's Book Club 10:45 pm

## 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

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Outdoor Arena

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## Facility manual

Moosomin Parks and Recreation have just completed a wonderful facility manual complete with histories of our various facilities. Manuals will be located around town and be uploaded to our Parks and Recreation Web site.

## Communities in Bloom 2026

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 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.

### Monday

1 to 3 pm

6 to 10 pm

### Tuesday

8:30 to 9:30 am

Pickleball  
Cadets

Tara Billings

# Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

## Tri Valley Trails Snowmobile Poker Derby

Saturday, February 15. Starts and ends at Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course. Registration is at 10 am. Rev up and ride the trails for a fun-filled day of prizes and winter vibes!

Poker details:

Four draws, 20% High Hand, 15% 2nd, 10% 3rd, 5% Low Hand

Silent hands/Rider Hands: \$10

Hot dog and a canned drink \$5 tickets available for purchase at the time of the registration to consume at the second check point "The Bear Creek Hilton"

Penny arcade tickets available until 2 pm

Draws made at the end of derby

For more information, contact Stan 1-306-435-8018

## Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

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

### February 2

Lane Swim 7:30 - 9 am  
AquaFit 9:30 - 10:30 am  
OPEN Fitness 12 - 1 pm  
Family Swim 1:30 - 3pm  
Public Swim 3:30-6:00 PM  
February 3: Lane Swim 6:30 - 8:30 am  
Family Swim 9 - 10:30 am  
AquaFlex Senior 11 am - 12 pm  
Parent & Tot 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
AquaFit 7 - 8 pm  
February 4: 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  
February 5: Lane Swim 6:30 - 8:30 am  
Family Swim 9 - 10:30 am  
AquaFlex 11 am - 12 pm  
Parent & Tot 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
AquaFit 7 - 8 pm  
February 6: Early Bird AquaFit 6:30 - 7:15 am  
Lane Swim 7:30 - 9:30 am  
OPEN Fitness 12 - 1 pm  
Family Swim 1:30 - 3 pm  
Public Swim 3:30 - 8:30 pm  
February 7: Public Swim 9 - 11 pm  
Lane Swim 1 - 2 pm  
Evening Swim 6 - 9 pm  
February 8: Lane Swim 9 - 10 am  
Family Swim 10 am - 12:00 PM

## Rocanville Community Centre

### Senior Supper – Community Potluck

Happening the last Monday of every month! Bring along your favourite dish to share and enjoy a cozy home-made meal with the company of friendly faces. Everyone is welcome around the table!

### 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.

### 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

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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

• Please check the community calendar or our Facebook @ Rocanville Public Library Branch for more updated information on our programming highlights.

• 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!

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.

## 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.rocanville.ca](http://www.rocanville.ca) for the most up-to-date schedule.

Public skate / Shinny / Lessons

February 2: Shinny 3:30 - 5 pm

February 4: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30 - 5 pm

February 6: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

## Hockey Games

February 4: U11 White VS Ochap 5:30 - 7:30 pm

February 5: Moosomin U13 6 - 8 pm

February 7: U7 VS Moosomin 9 - 10:30 am

U13 VS Esterhazy 5 - 7 pm

## 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.

Thrift Store Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 1 - 4 pm

Thursdays 6 - 8 pm

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 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 complete 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 @ [rocanville.rec@sasktel.net](http://rocanville.rec@sasktel.net)

## 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.

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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



## Town of Rocanville

### 2026 Gravel Supply Tender

Your proposal marked "2026 Gravel Supply" can be dropped off at 103 Ellice Street Rocanville SK, mailed to Town of Rocanville, Box 265, Rocanville, SK, S0A 3L0, or emailed to [rocanville.town@sasktel.net](mailto:rocanville.town@sasktel.net), to be received by the Town of Rocanville before 4:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

The work is comprised of:

Supply & Delivery of stated quantities below:

- Traffic/Road Gravel (A Base): 1,500 yards

- Sand: 150 yards

- Pearock: 200 yards

- Packing Gravel: 500 yards

Please state if the quantities will be available for delivery in early spring (approximately April pending spring thaw and road bans) or if they need to be split into multiple deliveries from spring to fall. Proof of road agreement with the RM of Rocanville must be provided if required. Stockpile and delivery location would be the Town of Rocanville Public Works Shop located at the corner of Francis Ave and Pitt Street.

The Town of Rocanville reserves the right to award the contract to any or no bidders, regardless of bid price. Inquiries regarding this tender can be directed to the Town Administrator.

### Town Administrator:

Tanya Strandlund

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## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

Whereas the following have been nominated for the office of:

### Councillor for Division 5 Neil Gervais

as the only candidate, I hereby give notice that no voting for the office will take place on February 25th, 2026.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2026.

Christine Kendall  
Returning Officer

18:1c

18:2c



Mac Hislop was all smiles when he received the Hardest Player in the U7 game in Arcola against Wawota.



Wawota's U9 team celebrates their victory over Arcola at Minor Hockey Day. Stephanie Zoer photos



The U9 Arcola Combines played hard against Wawota but could not get the win.



The U13 Arcola/Wawota team faced against Southeast 1, but neither team could take the win.

## Great games played at Arcola's Minor Hockey Day

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

Minor Hockey Day was celebrated in Arcola on January 24. Family and friends came out to support the young players in action packed games. Gene Hollingshead was also in attendance. He helped build the arena in 2001 and has been very supportive in the community with sports teams.

The day began with a game between Arcola U7 Combines and U7 Wawota. This year the team had all new coaches, Lucas Hislop, Justin Carrier, Colin Brownridge and Riley Marshall. They have taught these young players how to skate, handle a puck and just to have fun. They do not keep score at this level, but the puck seemed to find the back of the net on both teams several times.

Michelle Cundall has coached for four years, Curtis Johnston for seven years and Kris Burton for three years plus. They take care of the U9 team. Wawota was the team to beat in this game and Arcola tried hard to find an empty hole into Wawota's net, but in the end Wawota took care of this game with a 9-2 win.

The final game of the day was between U13 Southeast 1 and U13 Arcola/Wawota. This was an exciting game for the fans and players as the score sawed all the way to the end. The final score remained a tie at 5-5.

Throughout the day the concession stand was open to serve the hungry crowd. They also had a 50/50 draw won by Kim Lamontagne. Two prizes were available and they went home with Krystle Zoer and Brysen Day. Kyla Vanderhulst is a member of the Arcola Minor Hockey board. She said they have lots to offer at the Arcola Arena when it comes to hockey. At the end of the hockey season the club hosts a Learn to Play Hockey season.

Arcola Minor Hockey only has 14 kids in the U7 program and 10 kids in the U9. U11 is playing out of Wawota as a split team. They have not had a U11 - U18 team since the 2023/24 season. Unfortunately, they had to release their U13 players this year as they did not have a team to split with them.

According to Vanderhulst this program has no ob-

ligations to families. It is there to encourage families to come out to the arena to learn about the routine of practices in hockey. The coaches help the kids on the ice, while members of the executive help the parents navigate finding equipment and answering any of the questions they may have.

Many of the U7 players join hockey and have zero skating skills. "We want kids to join and have fun while learning and developing in a sport they love," said Vanderhulst.

"We strive to keep our fees as low as possible," she said. "A common misconception is that hockey is a very expensive sport. We pride ourselves on supporting our families where needed to keep costs low." "The coaches provide a lot of one-on-one support to the athletes and the ice time the players receive is second to none."

"We would hate to see Arcola Minor Hockey dissolve due to lack of interest," Vanderhulst said. "We have a beautiful facility and great coaches."

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With the amazing Jacqui Trippel from Carlyle at the More Joy event in Regina.



With Rider Cheerleader Lily Kary at the More Joy event in Regina. It was an amazing event.



Two photos from a Saskatchewan Highways announcement I emceed on Thursday morning in Regina. At left, myself with Highways Minister Kim Gartner, and at right, myself speaking at the event.



I was honored to bring greetings on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the government of Saskatchewan at the Tavria Malanka celebration in Regina Saturday night! It was the second Malanka celebration I spoke at in Regina in a week! Great to meet so many Ukrainian Canadians including some Ukrainian newcomers, and learn so much!

Above left, one of the dances, above right myself and Regina Mayor Chad Bachynski with the dancers.



Sean Wilson, Pauline Wagner, Darlene Rowden and myself at the Regina Chamber of Commerce Chair's Induction Gala where Pauline Wagner was inducted as the new chair Friday night.

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With Brit Dort and Christalee Froese at More Joy Regina, above, and with two of the St. John Ambulance therapy dogs, right.



Psychiatrist Dr. Omosade Ogundare speaks with Christalee.



With two of the amazing folks with Caring Hearts.

JJ Voss, left, wrote an amazing song for the event and performed it in public for the first time that night!

## Larry Tomlinson will be missed

### Larry Tomlinson will be missed

Let me express first of all my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Larry Tomlinson, who passed away Monday morning at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin.

Many people will be mourning his loss.

Larry contributed greatly to the community of Moosomin, including 11 years as Mayor until 2024, and six years on council before that.

He loved his community and had a special interest in making healthcare in Moosomin the best it could be.

He worked tirelessly in his role on the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation.

Moosomin, and indeed the entire region, will be feeling his loss.

### The week that was

Because I work for you I feel you deserve to know how I have been spending my time on your behalf.

A brief rundown of my week:

Friday night I attended the inauguration of Pauline Wagner as chair of the Regina Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday night I spoke on behalf of Premier Scott Moe and the Government of Saskatchewan at the Tavria Malanka celebration in Regina, the second Ukrainian New Year's event I spoke at in the city in a week.

Monday I spent all day in a meeting of the Board of Internal Economy.

Tuesday I called together economic development officers and economic development committee chairs from across the constituency for a lunch meeting.

Wednesday I dealt with some constituent concerns, and then spoke Wednesday evening at the More Joy Regina event.

Thursday I emceed a Saskatchewan Highways media event in Regina on winter bridge construction, then headed back to Moosomin for a meeting with the Southeast Cornerstone School Division.

Friday I dealt with constituency business and did media interviews.

Saturday I was in Saskatoon, where I spoke at the Champions for Change awards gala in Saskatoon.

### Regina chamber gala

I was pleased to be there for the inauguration of Pauline Wagner as the new chair of the Regina Chamber of Commerce Friday night with my colleagues Darlene Rowden and Sean Wilson.

The new chair of the Regina Chamber has a Moosomin connection! Pauline is a tax accountant who used to some work at the MNP office in Moosomin!

It was a great evening, great to talk to Pauline, and great to chat with so many people!

### Tavria Malanka celebration

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It was the second Malanka celebration I spoke at in Regina in a week!

It was great to meet so many Ukrainian Canadians including some Ukrainian newcomers, and learn so much!

Saskatchewan simply would not be the province it is today without the incredible contributions of the Ukrainian community!

### Board of Internal Economy

One of my many roles in government is sitting on the Board of Internal Economy.

The Board of Internal Economy has responsibility for the financial and administrative policies affecting the Legislative Assembly, its members and the Legislative As-

### Report from the Legislature



KEVIN WEEDMARK

MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

sembly Service. The Board oversees the finances of the Assembly and all the independent officers of the province, who report to our board rather than the government. That includes Elections Saskatchewan, the Provincial Ombudsman, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the Children's Advocate.

Monday was our budget meeting, so we went over the budget requests of the Legislative Assembly and the independent officers.

The Clerk of the Legislature presented her proposed budget Wednesday, and each of the independent officers presented their budgets. I had questions for all of them as we went through their budget submissions, and at the end of the day I and the other board members voted on how much to provide each agency for the 2026-2027 budget year. Each agency had been given a target for budget reduction and most met or exceeded that target.

Our committee then decided on how much would be allocated to each agency for the next budget year.

All in all it was a very long, very busy, very productive day, and the discussions that day and the budget allocations we decided on and voted on saved a significant amount for Saskatchewan taxpayers.

### Meeting with EDOs from the riding

On Tuesday I hosted a lunch meeting with Economic Development Officers and Economic Development committee chairs from across the constituency.

I thought it would be a good idea for people working on economic development in communities across Moosomin-Montmartre to meet one another, and to share what they feel are the greatest challenges and the greatest opportunities for economic development in their communities.

We met in Grenfell, which was the halfway point for the people coming to the meeting. It was a very good meeting, and I learned a lot about the state of economic development across the constituency.

Some of those there have worked in Economic Development for years, and Jeff Cole of Moosomin had just re-entered the world of economic development the day before, with Gateway Economic Development, which covers the Moosomin-Rocanville area.

I am going to try to have these get-togethers at least a couple of times a year around the riding to keep the conversation going.

### More Joy in Regina

It was so much fun to be at More Joy Regina Wednesday night with the one and only Christalee Froese, TSN's incredible Brit Dort of Redvers, talented singer-songwriter JJ Voss who wrote a song for the event, Amazing Rider Cheerleader Lily Kary, and so many more!!

I had a lot of fun and reconnected with a lot of friends at this event, and touched base with many people I've worked with on the health file. Christalee is an amazing person and it was great to see her pull this event together!

### Ministry of Highways announcement

I was honored to emcee a Highways announcement Thursday morning where Highways Minister Kim Gartner highlighted more than \$78 million of bridge projects between late fall, through winter and into early spring to keep Saskatchewan's transportation system moving to support the province's export-based economy.

With the most recent budget, the Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$13 billion in transportation infrastructure since 2008 to improve more than 20,700 kilometres of highways across the province, part of building a strong, safe, secure Saskatchewan.

### Meeting with teachers

Thursday afternoon I met with Whitney Paul-Joseph and Tegan Matichuk of the Southeast Cornerstone Teachers Association at my office in Moosomin.

It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss issues in education and hear from their frontline viewpoint what the challenges and opportunities are in education in Saskatchewan.

I value the contributions of teachers, who play the vital role of educating the next generation of Saskatchewan's leaders.

### SaskPower grid remains strong

As extreme weather strained power grids and caused outages throughout much of North America on the weekend, SaskPower's grid remained strong, and Saskatchewan exported power to support neighbouring jurisdictions.

An exceptionally strong and lengthy winter storm brought extreme temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain across a massive region stretching from west Texas to eastern Canada. On the morning of Sunday, January 25, more than 500,000 U.S. customers were without electricity.

From Friday evening through Monday morning SaskPower continuously sold the maximum of 150 MW into the Southwest Power Pool, the grid and wholesale market for 14 states in the United States Midwest. SaskPower also sold up to 350 MW into the Midcontinent Independent System Operator market during the weekend.

"Powered by coal and natural gas, Saskatchewan's grid is built to keep the lights on and homes warm even during the most extreme temperatures, when power is needed the most," said Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for SaskPower. "In the years to come, we will continue to make decisions to ensure our communities and businesses can continue to grow, and that Saskatchewan can continue to grow as a net exporter."

As temperatures plunged below -30 C on Saturday, 61 per cent of SaskPower's generation came from natural gas and 29 per cent came from coal, together accounting for 90 per cent of total generation. Average system demand remained consistently above 3,500 MW during the weekend.

Our government laid out a realistic and deeply considered Energy Security Strategy Plan last fall to ensure the future for reliable and affordable power in Saskatchewan. The strategy also lays out a new path going forward on grid reliability and transmission investments.

Our government remains committed to ensuring Saskatchewan is strong, safe and secure.

### 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 me call 306-435-4005, email office@kevinweedmark.ca, or drop into the office where you will find my Constituency Assistant Charlene Easton's smiling face, at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.



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## FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:00 am to 10:00 am - Lane Swim  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm - Family Swim  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Public Swim  
3:00 pm to 4:30 pm - Open Rental Spots

### Monday

7:30 am to 8:30 am - Lane Swim  
9:30 am to 10:30 am - Aquafit  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Open Fitness Swim  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Family Swim  
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Open Rental Spots  
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm - Lane Swim

### Tuesday

6:30 am to 8:30 am - Lane Swim  
9:00 am to 10:30 am - Family Swim  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm - Aquaflex  
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm - Parent & Tot Swim  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm - Open Rental Spot  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Family Swim  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Aquafit

### Wednesday

6:30 am to 7:15 am - Early Bird Aquafit  
7:30 am to 9:30 am - Lane Swim  
9:30 am to 10:30 am - Aquafit  
11:00 am to 12:00 pm - Senior Swim  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Family Swim  
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Public Swim  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Lane Swim

### Thursday

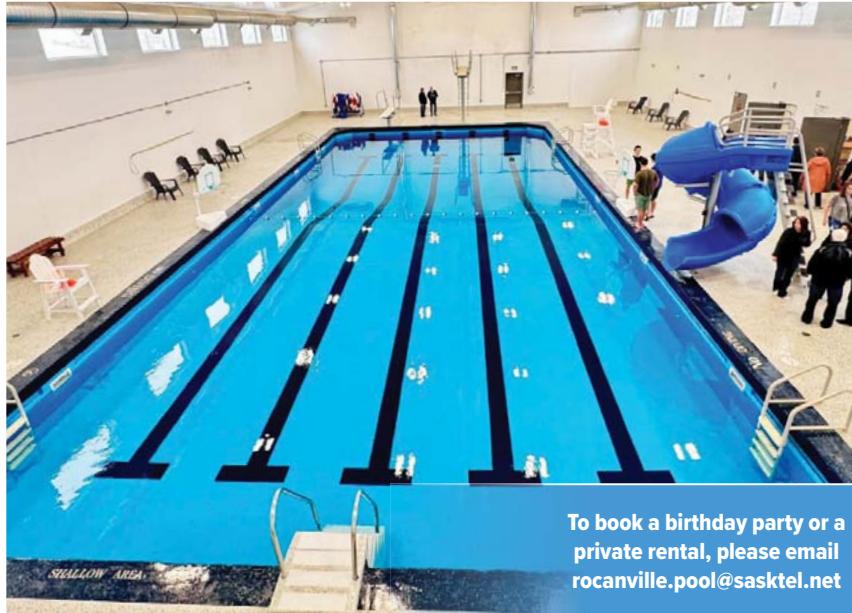
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4:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Public Swim  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Aquafit

### Friday

6:30 am to 7:15 am - Early Bird Aquafit  
7:30 am to 9:30 am - Lane Swim  
9:30 am to 10:30 am - Aqua Zumba  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Open Fitness Swim  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Family Swim  
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Public Swim  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm - Open Rental Spots

### Saturday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Public Swim  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Lane Swim  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Open for Rentals  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Open for Rentals  
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Public Swim



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