



Moosomin Community Theatre part of Toronto International Film Festival circuit

The Little Film Fest on the Prairies is showcasing Toronto International Film Festival films once a month

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

J'aimé Payne moved to Moosomin about two years ago from Toronto, along with her husband, and was eager to bring new and exciting films that are part of the Toronto Film Festival to the community.

Payne says she missed watching films that were offered in theatres in the big city and wanted to bring the opportunity to Moosomin and created The Little Film Fest on the Prairies.

"We were exploring some ways to diversify some of the offerings at the theatre. The theatre does a fantastic job of bringing in family-friendly films and big-ticket films you would typically want to see, and I was curious if there was an appetite for a different kind of film in Moosomin," she explains.

"I lived in Toronto for almost a decade and attended a lot of film festivals while I was living there, and I really enjoyed being able to go and see some films that I really couldn't find or get anywhere else like the big movie theatres—maybe they were independent films and didn't have the budget for the big theatres—and I miss that and there are lots of things I do miss about living in a city and so instead of wishing I was there to see them I decided 'Let's see how hard it is to get on the Toronto Film Festival (TIFF) circuit."

"I didn't know much about it other than it is across Canada. The TIFF people have been fantastic. I reached out to them through email and asked what the process was for getting involved in their film circuit. They walked me through it, and they have made it very easy to get involved."

"I was in communication with the board who runs the movie theatre in town as well, and discussed with them whether or not they would be open to giving us a night at the theatre that wasn't Friday or Saturday, when they run their regular movies, and they have been extremely supportive."

TIFF circuit expands

"Moosomin is one of five locations in all of Saskatchewan who is part of the film circuit," Payne explains.

"It is a big deal, but it also takes educating the public because maybe they aren't aware of TIFF and maybe they don't realize that it is quite special to have access to the catalogue of films that they probably wouldn't have access to otherwise."

"There is a map of all the locations across Ontario that the TIFF circuit is part of and they are really eager to open up more spots in the western provinces, but it really takes the initiative of someone local and the agreement of the participating parties to make it happen because not many people out here know about it and it is something new and exciting and different."

When and where

Payne says the first few films have been well attended and the group is looking at feedback from the community for upcoming films.

"We sent out a survey in November to see if there was any interest in this and we had enough positive feedback to move forward. We asked in the survey what evening throughout the week worked best, and what type of films they were wanting to see."

"Some people want crowd pleasers, some like documentaries, some don't like subtitles, there are so many options because the TIFF catalogue is quite large. Then



The first two TIFF films shown in Moosomin as part of the Little Film Fest on the Prairies were *The Baltimore* in December and *Eleanor the Great* in January. Below is the crowd at *The Baltimore*.



we used the info from the survey to start. It is so easy to get slowed down on a new idea by being uncertain or being scared of making the wrong choice, but I am very much the type of entrepreneur that throws it out there to see what happens. I recruited Kyla Fingas's help, and

we watched a bunch of trailers and decided on the first three films without really consulting people other than the survey results. So we're showing one film a month. It typically is a Monday night right now."

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"We showed the *Baltimorons*, a holiday romcom. The last show, which was January 19, was *Eleanor the Great* which was really excellent and well-received.



"Our next film is on February 16 which is *Family Day* and that evening we are going to be showing a film called *The Choral* that is 113 minutes long.

"The last Monday, January 19 after the film we did something extra special and showed the crowd five trailers and we asked them to tell us our favourite. It was awesome. It was a close contest between two films, but ultimately the group selected their March film which will be a shorter film of about 60 minutes called *We Lend a Hand—The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes*."

Payne is motivated to continue showcasing TIFF films in Moosomin for the next year.

"I would like to do it as long as there's interest," she said. "Right now, I am very committed to do this once a month for a year. The TIFF team has been really supportive in terms of understanding we are just launching and helping by reducing their administrative fee. We pay licensing fees to the actual production companies for licensing the films and so right now we are keeping a close eye on the budget. We are raising funds through \$5 raffles each show so far and all of the funds are just going to make sure we cover our costs. Some of the raffles so far have been a handmade blanket and dainties tray by Kyla Fingas, Botox Gift Certificates from Dr. Woodside, a beautiful handmade pottery bowl donated by Terry Grant from Clayman Studios, baked goods from Devona Putland and a 'Muskoka in Moosomin' gift basket that I put together. We welcome donations to our raffle.

"We are not trying to make a profit off this we just want to continue to provide this opportunity to Moosomin folks to watch great films. If and when we get a surplus of money, then we will probably reduce the ticket price."

What to expect

Payne explains the films range in genres and run time. "The films definitely range. The previous film was a light one that started at 8:15 and was over around 10pm. I am going to be getting better at promoting the run time so that people know exactly how late the film is going to go. The March film is only a 60-minute documentary, so it can range greatly, and we will do a better job at communicating the run time so people can get home at a reasonable hour, especially on work nights.

"We took TIFF's recommendation for ticket pricing to start which is \$12 a ticket. Once we have got a little bit more money, we will look at reducing the price to make it more accessible."

The Little Film Fest on the Prairies Facebook page lists the details of each film as well as posters around town.

"With the survey we collected emails," said Payne. "We started up a Facebook page people can follow at Little Film Fest on the Prairies. We create a Facebook event, we put posters up—we are trying to put posters up almost three weeks before the film so people can have a chance to see them. We also promote it on the website I created for 'Things to do in Moosomin.ca'."

Vibrant arts community

Payne says she has enjoyed becoming more involved in Moosomin's art community and the variety of opportunities it offers.

"I love living in Moosomin. My husband is one of the doctors in town and we have lived here since July 2024, so we are still pretty new and there is such a vibrant arts community here already. It is incredible. I am on the board for the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre, I just started helping out with the Moosomin and District Arts Council with performances going on, I just love how vibrant the community is. There are a lot of little things I miss about

living in larger city centres, but I am someone who thinks 'Why can't it be here or create the things you miss' instead of wishing it was here.

"I also think I am never alone. There are probably other people who would like the films as well and there is. It is really just an effort to see if there is a desire for this sort of programming and creating this opportunity for our community to get a little taste of the city, but in Moosomin."

Films encourage critical thinking

Payne describes the TIFF films as exciting, and unlike big-ticket films.

"They are very thought-provoking films. The subjects are not always subjects you are going to get in Disney Pixar or Marvel movies. It is not that kind of film. The stories are really thought-provoking. I think for many people who enjoy watching film, there are films that stick with them their whole lives. I want to see if there is still film being created now that is like that. By how many re-makes they make of superhero movies, it seems that all the good ideas are gone, but these topics and films are amazing and important and they open discussion about things that maybe you don't typically discuss. It creates an opportunity for deeper discussion and thought. It is just an opportunity to connect, I think."

Community support

Payne says the group was excited to see the crowds grow from the first film in December to the latest one last week.

"It all happened very quickly just through the support of the TIFF team and Kyla helping me out and the support of MADAC of course who runs the theatre. The first film was actually a little bit touch-and-go because we were so close to the delivery cut off time with the holidays coming up so it was a little bit exciting and nail-biting wondering if we were even going to get the film in time because they actually mail it to you. They mail you the film on a USB device. Turnout for the first film was great. I think we had around 35 people and we were quite happy with that with the chaos of the holidays, and we only had two weeks to promote it—that is how quick we decided to just launch.

"Then, the last film we were really happy with the turnout, we had about 48 attendees and that was obviously the largest turnout so far. It was such an amazing night because I felt the film really left you feeling a certain way, and it just felt that the space was buzzing after, and giving people an opportunity to have a say on what they would like to see next I think was a no-brainer and we will probably do that every time now.

"I am always surprised about the turnout. In a small town where there are competing events—especially with sports, kids' sports and family stuff—it is hard to know who is going to come out even when you ask for RSVPs. They don't mean much, because you can all of a sudden get hit with the flu and you aren't coming out, but I feel like Moosomin has done such a great job of showing up, which is good because if people weren't showing up then we would probably think this isn't something sustainable."

She said she would welcome any help anyone can provide.

"If you'd like to get involved with putting this event on (putting posters up, helping promote, helping host, helping clean up, etc.) we would welcome you with open arms! Right now, our committee is Jaime Payne and Kyla Fingas.

"We have room for you!"



At left, *The Choral* on February 16 and *We Lend a Hand* in March are two of the upcoming movies in the Little Film Fest on the Prairies.

Senior Hockey regular season wrapping up in the Southeast

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

Big Six Hockey League

The Senior hockey regular seasons for both the Big Six Hockey League and the Sask East Hockey League are nearing their end, and playoffs are right around the corner. Here's how the standings are shaking up going into February.

Starting in the Big Six Hockey League, the Moosomin Rangers are tied for the league lead with a record of 13 wins and 2 losses. The Rangers' final game of the season is at home, when the Carlyle Cougars come to Mike Schwan Arena on January 31st. Bud Holloway leads both the team and the league in points, with 61 points in 15 games, followed by Carter Sawchuk with 52, and Josh Elmes with 34.

The Redvers Rockets are the other team in the tie for first in the league with a record of 13-2. Redvers' final game is at home when they take on the Oxbow Huskies at 8 pm on January 30th. The top three scorers for the Rockets going into the playoffs have been Kenton Miller with 44 points in 14 games, Jordon Miller with 30 in only 11 games, and Preston Kopeck with 26.

Third place in the league are the Carlyle Cougars, who have a record of 10-4-1. They go to Moosomin on the 31st for their last game of the year hoping for a win to end off the regular season. The Cougars points leaders are Riley Niven with 30 points, Tanner Froese with 26, and captain Ben Johnstone with 24.

Next in the standings at fourth are the Oxbow Huskies with a 9-5 record. The Huskies have two games remaining, playing back-to-back nights on January 30th in Redvers, and then going to Midale to take on the Mustangs the following night. Leading the Huskies in points are Jayden Davis with 23, Cody Davis with 15, and Brycen Odgers with 13.

In Fifth are the Wawota Flyers, who sit at 6-9-1, and are on a three game losing streak. They hope to end that streak when playoffs begin and take momentum back. Wawota's leaders in scoring have been Riley Riddell with 24 points, Brent Struble with 20, and Chase Robertson with 11.

Sixth place in the league is where the KW Oil Kings sit at 4-11-1. The Oil Kings go into the playoffs after giving the Midale Mustangs their only win so far this season. Kipling is lead by Austin Fleck with 21 points, Taylor Hoedel with 19, and Jordan Andres with 13.

In seventh are the Carnduff Red Devils, who have a record of 4-11. The Devils final game of the season is on January 30th when they host the Midale Mustangs at 8 pm. Carnduff is led in points by Casey Thompson with 14, and Mark Moriarty and Matthew Plews both with 12 points.

Finally, at the bottom of the Big Six are the Midale Mustangs, with a record of 1-13. The Mustangs are led by Dallas Kickley with 18 points, Jordan Marcotte with 16, and Reagan Martin with 10.

Sask East Hockey League

The Big Six playoffs being in February, and it's sure to be an entertaining end to a great season.

In the Sask East Hockey League, the season is coming to a close very shortly, and the playoffs are soon to be set.

Starting in the North Division, the Canora Cobras have taken over the top spot recently with their 11-3-1 record. They have one remaining game where they take on the Rocanville Tigers on the road on the 30th at 8:30 pm. The Cobras have been led by Damian Bentz, with 41 points, Carter Dereniwsky with 39, and Logan Foster with 38.

Second spot in the North are the Swan Valley Axemen, who hold a record of 9-3-2. The Cobras' lead on the division is not safe, as the Axemen have two games remaining, one against the Preeceville Pats on January 30th at 8:30 pm, and another the next night against the Rocanville Tigers at 7:30. Leading the team in points are Carter Cockburn with 44 points, Trey Sauder with 34 points, and Josh Tripp with 29 points.

The Cote Selects sit in third place in the division, with a record of 9-6-1. The Selects' regular season is over, as they finished off with a 7-6 win over the Wapella Blackhawks. Dakota Macintosh leads the team with 44 points, with Kailum Gervais and Brandon Pelletier each putting up 28 points apiece.

The fourth place team is the Theodore Buffaloes, who hold an 8-6-1 record. The Buffs play against the Pats on January 31st at 7:30, but even if they manage a win, they will likely stay in fourth place. Cote holds the tie-breaker of a better goal differential, with plus 20 to Theodore's plus 4. Theodore's leading scorers have been Brett Peppler with 26 points, Konrad McKay with 23, and Dylan Johnson with 22.

In the last spot of the North Division are the Preeceville Pats, holding an 0-14 record on the year. Their final two games of the regular season see them go on the road against Swan Valley, and host the Theodore Buffaloes.

Leading the team in scoring are Cody Hort with 10 points, Kyle Yaremchuk with 7, and Dylan Wiwcharuk with 6.

Moving onto the South, the Langenburg Warriors lead the division with a 12-2 record. They have two remaining games, with contests against the Esterhazy Flyers and Russell Rams. Leading scorers for the team are Taylor Thompson with 40 points, Rylee Zimmer with 38 points, and Jaymes Knee with 37.

Second place in the South are the Rocanville Tigers, with a record of 10-3-1. Rocanville's final games of the regular season are against two tough opponents, the Canora Cobras and Swan Valley Axemen. The teams points leaders are Dawson Springer and Ashley Howie each with 22, and Jacob Tibbatts with 21.

The division's third place team is the Esterhazy Flyers, with a 9-5-1 record. The Flyers go into Langenburg to

face the Warriors for their final game of the year on the 30th at 8 pm. Leading Esterhazy in scoring are Spencer Trapp with 29 points, Taylor Sanheim with 28, and Derrick Budz with 27.

Next in fourth place in the South are the Wapella Blackhawks with a record of 4-10. The Hawks face off against the Russell Rams and Churchbridge Imperials both at home on back-to-back nights, on the 30th and 31st both at 8 pm. Leading the Hawks in points have been Keigan Callander with 18 points, Burke Lewis with 15 points, and Marshall Wilton with 15 as well.

Fifth spot in the division belongs to the Russell Rams, also at 4-10. Russell's final two games are both away from home, as they travel to Wapella and Langenburg. Joben Smith leads the Rams with 27 points, supported by Josh Thompson with 19 and Mackenzie Belinski with 18.

PRAIRIE JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 29, 2026

BILL JOHNSTON DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Regina Capitals	35	28	5	2	58
Fort Knox	34	22	12	0	44
Southern Rebels	36	19	15	2	40
Pilot Butte Storm	35	12	21	2	26
Moosomin Steelhawks	36	5	26	5	15
Regina Silver Foxes	37	3	34	0	6

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Dylan Schoenroth	Regina Capitals	35	33	38	71
Kian Knoll	Regina Capitals	33	23	35	58
Jack Bechard	Regina Capitals	19	27	25	52
Lukas Borne	Regina Capitals	35	21	27	48
Jaxon Skiftun	Pilot Butte Storm	27	13	28	41
Kayden Reeder	Pilot Butte Storm	29	10	29	39
Deagan Reister	Moosomin Steelhawks	31	31	7	38
Zach Svenson	Southern Rebels	36	16	22	38
Riley Kronberger	Regina Capitals	34	14	23	37
Evhian Allan	Southern Rebels	36	15	20	35

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OTL	GAA
Anton Merzlikov (RO)	Regina Capitals	15-2-1	2.30
Drew Pereyma	Fort Knox	13-5-0	2.58
Keane Reid (RO)	Southern Rebels	12-8-2	2.76
Kale Gorski (RO)	Fort Knox	8-4-0	3.00
Luca Stadnyk	Regina Capitals	13-3-2	3.03

BOB DYBVIG DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Saskatoon Quakers	36	25	7	4	54
Saskatoon Westleys	34	24	8	2	50
Saskatoon Royals	35	23	9	3	49
Martensville Chiefs	34	22	10	2	46
Carrot River Outback Thunder	35	14	19	2	30
Prince Albert Timberjacks	33	13	18	2	28

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Beckett Holzman (RO)	Saskatoon Quakers	36	25	36	61
Jesse Borschneck	Martensville Chiefs	34	36	20	56
Ethan Thompson (RO)	Saskatoon Quakers	34	29	27	56
Connor Gabriel	Saskatoon Westleys	33	24	31	55
Dylan Prince	Martensville Chiefs	33	22	30	52
Spencer Chistolowski	Saskatoon Royals	32	14	37	51
Carter Foster	Saskatoon Westleys	34	29	21	50
Tayden Cousins	Saskatoon Westleys	33	18	31	49
Cole German	Saskatoon Royals	33	17	30	47
Luc Fortier	Martensville Chiefs	34	21	23	44

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	W-L-OTL	GAA
Luke Hampton	Saskatoon Westleys	11-4-1	2.56
Nicholas Grunerud (RO)	Martensville Chiefs	7-2-1	2.57
Luke Brunen	Saskatoon Westleys	13-4-1	2.68
Rhett Harkot	Martensville Chiefs	13-8-0	2.81
Riley Deck	Saskatoon Quakers	17-5-1	3.08



HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JANUARY 29, 2026

BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Redvers Rockets	15	13	2	0	26
Moosomin Rangers	15	13	2	0	26
Carlyle Cougars	15	10	4	0	20
Oxbow Huskies	14	9	5	0	18
Wawota Flyers	16	6	9	1	13
KW Oil Kings	16	4	11	1	9
Carnduff Red Devils	15	4	11	0	8
Midale Mustangs	14	1	13	0	2

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	15	25	36	61
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	14	24	28	52
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	14	28	16	44
Josh Elmes (IM)	Moosomin Rangers	14	11	23	34
Riley Niven	Carlyle Cougars	15	10	20	30
Jordan Miller	Redvers Rockets	11	9	21	30
Rykr Cole	Moosomin Rangers	12	18	8	26
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	14	10	16	26
Tanner Froese (IM)	Carlyle Cougars	15	6	20	26
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle Cougars	15	11	13	24

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	7-7-0-0	1.14
Cody Matthewson	Redvers Rockets	3-2-1-0	2.00
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	8-6-2-0	2.25
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	6-5-1-0	2.44
Thomas Bauche	Redvers Rockets	8-7-1-0	3.00

SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Canora Cobras	15	11	3	1	23
Swan Valley Axemen	14	9	3	2	20
Cote Selects	16	9	6	1	19
Theodore Buffaloes	15	8	6	1	17
Preeceville Pats	14	0	14	0	0

SOUTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Langenburg Warriors	14	12	2	0	24
Rocanville Tigers	14	10	3	1	21
Esterhazy Flyers	15	9	5	1	19
Wapella Blackhawks	14	4	10	0	8
Russell Rams	14	4	10	0	8

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS					
TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Dakota Macintosh	Cote Selects	12	28	15	44
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	13	19	25	44
Damian Bentz	Canora Cobras	15	17	24	41
Taylor Thompson	Langenburg Warriors	13	18	22	40
Carter Dereniwsky	Canora Cobras	15	16	23	39
Logan Foster	Canora Cobras	15	25	13	38
Rylee Zimmer	Langenburg Warriors	14	11	27	38
Jaymes Knee	Langenburg Warriors	14	12	25	37
Trey Sauder	SV Axemen	11	12	22	34
Josh Tripp	SV Axemen	8	15	14	29
GOALIE	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA		
Cole Denesowych	Canora Cobras	2 - 1 - 0 - 0	0.94		
Warren Shymko	Langenburg Warriors	3 - 2 - 1 - 0	2.03		
Ross Hawryluk	Canora Cobras	12 - 10 - 2 - 0	2.67		
Carter Olson	Rocanville Tigers	7 - 5 - 1 - 1	3.38		
Brenden Birch Hayden	Langenburg Warriors	7 - 5 - 2 - 0	3.96		



Batwoman Teana Danielson and her mini batman.

Kelsey Selby photos



Leah Miskiman dressed in her princess best with her prize.



Elsa entertaining the little princesses

Rocanville Dance Club Princess Ball Fundraiser

Rocanville Dance Club hosted a Princess Ball Fundraiser on January 25. Princesses and superheroes came together for dancing, food and drink at the Nutrien Hall that afternoon.



The little princesses showing off their dance moves and dresses to Belle.



A young group of princesses posing for their photo op.



Oaklyn Thompson was the winner of the princess door prize.



Elsa (Lizzie Kurbis) and Belle (Gracie Laidlaw) giving away an adult door prize.



Seraphina Halliday dressed as Rapunzel dancing the afternoon away.



Westman RCMP Report

BY AMANDA ALLARD

59 calls of service

From January 18 to 24, the Westman RCMP received a total of 59 calls for service. Some of these calls for service include 19 traffic offences, one wellbeing check, one mental health related call, one false alarm, two 911 Acts, one assistance to Canadian Agencies/General Public, one assault, one Coroner's Act – sudden death, three failure to comply with order, three traffic collisions, two discharge firearm with intent, one breach of peace and five mischief files.

Failing to stop at stop sign

On January 19, during routine traffic patrols in RM Wallace-Woodworth. A 37-year-old male was pulled over for disobeying a traffic control device, namely a stop sign. A Traffic Offence Notice was issued, which carries a fine of \$203. He was also issued an additional Traffic Offence Notice for Disobey rules of Laned Highway, namely failure to signal, which carries a fine of \$143.

Speeding in the RM of Sifton

On January 22, during routine traffic patrols in RM Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the 30-year-old male driver was driving at a speed of 133 km/hr in a 110km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Speeding, which carries a fine of \$351. RCMP also

observed a vehicle that was driving at a higher rate of speed when approaching or passing an emergency or designated vehicle while it was stopped or engaged in prescribed activity and using emergency lamps or other required equipment. As the 81-year-old driver failed to comply with speed requirements, a traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for failing to comply with speed requirements, which carries a fine of \$298.

Impaired driver positive for cocaine

On January 22, RCMP were responding to an impaired driver call in RM Wallace Woodworth. While en route a vehicle matching the description was located and a traffic stop was conducted; while it was not the initial vehicle that had been called in about, the 34-year-old male driver was prohibited from driving Canada-wide. An oral fluid demand was read, and results were positive for cocaine. The vehicle was towed and impounded for a minimum of 30 days. The driver was fingerprinted and released on an Appearance Notice for an April court date. He was charged with Operation while Prohibited, he was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$626 as radar confirmed he was travelling 154 km/hr in a 110km/hr zone, and a Tiered suspension for Cocaine.

Family dispute in Sioux Valley

On January 24, Westman RCMP received a call for a family dispute occurring

in the Settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Members attended the residence and arrested a 26-year-old male that had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was additionally charged with two counts of Failing to Comply with an Undertaking condition and released on a new Undertaking to appear in court in March.

Assault and failure to comply with undertaking

On January 24, Westman RCMP received a report of an assault that occurred in the Settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Members attended the complainant's residence and obtained a statement of the incident. The suspect, a 40-year-old male, was later located and arrested. He was charged with Assault and Fail to Comply with Undertaking condition, he

was released on an Appearance Notice with a court date in March.

Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquiries or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency, please call 911.

Crime Stoppers is anonymous

If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable and they do not subscribe to caller ID or call display.

Wawota News

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Happy 50th birthday to Trevor Latham. He celebrated with a celebration at the Drop In Centre.

On Thursday, January 15 the Wawota Town Hall was filled to capacity with approximately 300 livestock producers meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's traceability regulations.

Sympathy to Phil and Carol Reddekop on the passing of Phil's sister Jean Noose

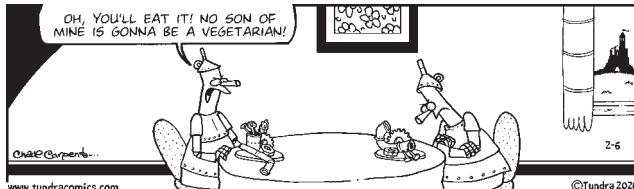
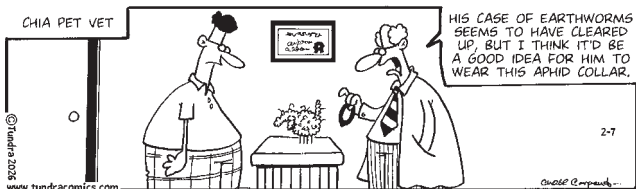
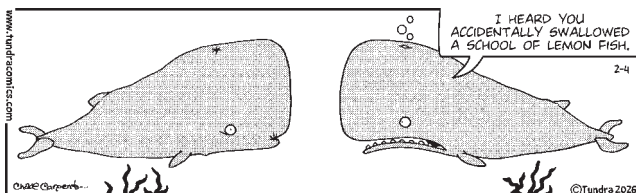
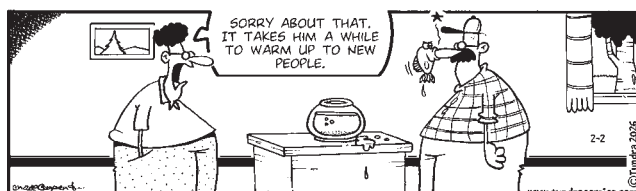
of Victoria, B.C. She passed away on January 10 at the age of 81 years. A celebration of her life will be held on January 24 in Victoria.

A funeral celebration for the late Carrol Beauchesne was held at the Wawota Town Hall on Wednesday, January 21.

Jason and Ransel Barnachea, Sandy, Sanjo and Sanneyah enjoyed an extended holiday tour of Japan.

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Town of Redvers sets council committees

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At their last council meeting, the town of Redvers set their council committee appointments. Following are the list of committees and the council members who sit on each committee.

Bylaws: All Council

EMO Plan & Co-ordinator: All council

Fire Department: Jeremy Kamp

Human Resources & Employee Relations:
Donna Gilbertson
Ken Thomas
Dawn Eilers

Infrastructure Roads & Streets:
Ken Thomas

Brad Bulbuck
Owen Gavelin
Jeremy Kamp

Redvers & District Health Foundation: Ken Thomas
and Garry Dangstorp

Redvers & District Health Foundation
Fundraising Committee: no one

S.E. Medical Group: Brad Bulbuck
Ken Thomas

Library Board: Donna Gilbertson

Recreation Board: Owen Gavelin
Jeremy Kamp
Raylene Gordon (Accounting)

Redcoat Mutual Aid: Jeremy Kamp

Tourism: Donna Gilbertson
Ken Thomas

Infrastructure Water & Sewer: All Council

Promotions & Economic Development & Collaboration
Meetings: Brad Bulbuck
Dawn Eilers
Ken Thomas
Jeremy Kamp
Garry Dangstorp
Donna Gilbertson
Owen Gavelin
Tricia Pickard
Raylene Gordon
Dayna Germain

Redvers Housing: Vacant

Spy Hill News

Cameron Duncan
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There is plenty happening in our community over the next few weeks—be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

The new initiative launched by the Spy Hill & District Community Club, designed to bring women together for a night of fun, connection and creativity is proving to be a tremendous success. The first 'Her Evenings' event sold out quickly and an additional 14 women were placed on a waiting list, as space was limited to 20 participants. Each month features a different activity offering a chance for participants to relax and connect. Upcoming events will continue to be posted on the Her Evenings Facebook page on the first of each month at 7 pm.

Despite the frigid cold weather, the Spy Hill Hall Lunch Bunch is still drawing in fair crowds at their Monday Lunchees. Lunch is held every Monday from 11 am to 12:45 pm at the Spy Hill Hall. Take out orders are available. Call 306-745-8354.

The Spy Hill and District Community Club met on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Highlights included:

Approval to purchase a central vac for the Spy Hill Curling Rink;

Carmelle Moore has agreed to act as rink caretaker
A motion passed to donate \$250 to the Seeing Eye Dogs of Canada.

The Club is also inviting the public to submit naming suggestions for the former Spy Hill Curling Rink to President Jeff Odgers.

The Rink is now open for public skating. Hours are: Sundays open 1-4 pm and Tuesday and Thursdays open 5-8 pm.

Spy Hill Family Day will be held at the rink on Sunday, Feb. 15, from 2-4 pm, with free coffee, hot chocolate and hotdogs as well as crafts for the children and ice skating and tobogganing for all.

Residents are invited to stay social this winter by joining cards and games on Thursdays in February at 1:30 pm. All ages are welcome, and admission is free.

Sharon Neufeld is looking for someone interested in leading an evening line dance class in Spy Hill. She is also seeking an evening beginner yoga instructor. Anyone interested may contact her at 306-579-9008 or message her on Facebook.

The Spy Hill & District Community Club is also looking for participants for Chair Yoga classes on Tuesdays in February. Classes begin at 10 am, run 45 minutes, and cost \$15 each. Pre-registration is required by Jan. 30 with Sharon Neufeld at 306-579-9008. A minimum of six participants is needed for the program to begin.

The Spy Hill Library is hosting a Valentine Cookie Decorating event on Feb. 5 at 4:15 pm. Children may make their edible craft at the library or take it home. To ensure supplies are available, please notify Sheila Fafard by Feb. 1 if your child plans to attend.

A reminder of the My Bloody Valentine event on Feb. 14 at 8 pm at the Spy Hill Hall, hosted by Natural Beauty Photography. Live entertainment will begin at 9 pm with the cover band Daisy Chain. The dress code is Dark and

Elegant. Tickets are \$30 and available through owner Sara Nerbas at Spa Noir in Langenburg, and at Bree's Beauty Lounge in Esterhazy. A late lunch will be provided.

Condolences to the family of Sandra Fay Gough, who passed away Jan. 20, 2026. A funeral service was held on Jan. 27 at Bethel United Church in Moosomin. She is lovingly remembered by her husband Lorne, and her children Wendy and Greg. Memorial donations may be made to the Moosomin & District Healthcare Foundation for SEICC, PO Box 1470, Moosomin, SK, S0G 3N0, in her memory.

Did you know?

When you come to a curve in the highway, and you jog either east or west approximately one mile, this is likely due to a correction line. Correction lines are specialized east-west survey lines, typically placed every 24 miles, designed to counteract the Earth's curvature. The Dominion Land Survey (DLS) system was created in 1871 and is still used by surveyors today and produced one of the most

efficient land title systems in the world. The amount of paperwork needed to record the DLS would fill over 200 railcars.

In order to create the survey grid, an initial meridian was required. The initial or prime meridian was established in 1869 at 97° near Winnipeg, followed by five more meridians across Western Canada. The second at 102°, which is half a mile west of K3 mine. The third is at 106° runs through MacDowell, Saskatchewan which is near where I was raised. The fourth meridian at 110° is the west boundary of the Saskatchewan/Alberta border. Fifth at 114° and a sixth 118°, with two more additional meridians in British Columbia. Locally, a correction line is located about half a mile south of Spy Hill, visible at the jog in the highway.

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TO DEPART FROM THE MID-WEST PLANNING DISTRICT

The Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie, under the authority of The Planning Act, Section 27(2), will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the below listed location, date, and time during which the Council will receive written or verbal representation from any persons who wish to make them in respect to the following application matters:

APPLICATION TO DEPART FROM THE MID-WEST PLANNING DISTRICT

HEARING LOCATION: Club Fort Ellice, 319 Main Street, St. Lazare, MB.

DATE: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

TIME: 7:00 pm

PROPOSAL: At this time the Council will present their proposal for the RM of Ellice - Archie to depart from the Mid-West Planning District for the purpose of allowing any interested person to make representation, ask questions or register an objection in accordance with subsection 27(2) of The Planning Act.

Copies of the presentation in full will be available upon request from the Municipal Office at 318 Railway Ave, McAuley, MB or 331 Main St, St. Lazare, MB by February 23rd, 2026 during regular business hours.

Questions or comments may be submitted in writing to the CAO prior to the Public Hearing in lieu of attending in person and can be directed to our Chief Administrative Officer or by email to mcauley@rmofellicearchie.ca.

If you have any questions, please call at 204-722-2053, or email mcauley@rmofellicearchie.ca

Trisha Huberdeau
Chief Administrative Officer
RM of Ellice - Archie

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Stephanie Zoer photo

The Town of Arcola is in the top ten Kindest Community contest across Canada.

The Kindest Community is a title that Arcola hopes to win

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

2025 was the inaugural year of the Coca Cola program that recognizes and rewards communities that stand out for their brightness and kindness. Last year Jarvis, Ontario, won the \$50,000 prize. This contest is Canada wide from coast to coast.

A few months ago, Scott Tessier, the Mayor of Arcola was drinking a Coca Cola and noticed the contest on the side of the can. He looked up the information and thought to himself, "I think Arcola can have a chance to win this, if these other small communities have a chance."

Tessier said that the communities coming up in the contest were all small towns, either the same size or smaller than Arcola. All Tessier had to do was write a 100-word essay on a person from the town that has done a kind act. He said that this was an easy task for him as one person stood out.

He had one volunteer in mind who has taken the time with his extraordinary dedication to the Disc Golf Course. This person is Eugene Brown. Tessier said that Brown spends endless hours at the course watering hundreds of young, planted trees, making sure they have not tipped over and are protected. "His kindness shows in every sapling he saves after a windstorm and every hour he spends helping our club build something lasting for this community," Tessier said.

"He goes out several times a week and sometimes daily, walking the fairways with a water tank, hand tools, and a calm determination," said Tessier.

The Disc Golf Course is a major gathering place for families, kids and players of all ages, and Brown's efforts are shaping its future.

"Many of these trees will not reach full size for decades, and he knows that he may never see them to maturity, but he keeps going," said Tessier.

"Brown wants the next generation to have a beautiful, shaded, welcoming place to play," said Tessier. "Eugene's work is more than maintenance; it is a gift. His selfless care is the definition of quiet, lasting kindness."

Tessier created a page on Facebook titled "Life In Arcola" with the help of his wife and sister. It was here that he posted about the contest, so other people could write their own essays about the town and get Arcola on the list.

Going about his daily business, Tessier forgot about the contest until he was contacted by the Evan Bray Show. He was asked if he knew who the winner was, as Arcola had reached the top ten.

Tessier was surprised to hear that his town had reached the top ten. Although they have been told that it was to be announced on January 18 which town had won, when Tessier checked a decision had not been made or it was not posted.

In the final ten, there are three towns from British Columbia, one from Quebec, two from Alberta, one from

Newfoundland and Labrador, two from Ontario and one from Saskatchewan. The wait is on to see whether Arc-

ola will be picked as number one and the winner of the \$100,000 prize.

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Wapella Blackhawks in action

The Cote Selects were in Wapella on Saturday, January 24 to take on the Blackhawks in senior hockey regular season action. It was a back and forth game with Cote scoring their way to a 4-0 lead in the first period, then Wapella scoring five goals to lead 5-4 in the second period. Wapella made it 6-4 early in the third period, then Cote came back with three goals to pull ahead and win 7-6.

With senior hockey wrapping up on the weekend, Wapella was sitting fourth in the SEHL south division last week with a 4-10 record.

Above: Cole Hayhurst in action along the boards.

Left: Ryland Maier in the faceoff.

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Looking Back

Five years ago, 2021:

Saskatchewan Health showed that based on health cards, growth continues in Southeast Saskatchewan. Moosomin led the way with 14.6 per cent over the last 10 years and 32 per cent over the last 15 years, one of the highest growth rates in rural Saskatchewan; The RM of Moosomin commissioned 41,000 tonnes of gravel for the Moosomin airport expansion project. Local contractors donated 3,113 tonnes of gravel and labour.

Ten years ago, 2016:

18 year-old Dakota Boutin secured his future by accepting a scholarship to the NCAA Division 1 program in Northern Michigan; PotashCorp was hoping to attract 60 laid off miners from Sussex, New Brunswick to Rocanville for the new expansion of PotashCorp Rocanville.

Fifteen years ago, 2011:

The Rocanville Legion made a \$1,500 dollar donation to the Southeast Integrated Health Care Facility. This donation marked Rocanville Legion's fifth donation to the facility; Local communities around the province were given more provincial funding. Brad Wall promised one per cent of the five percent PST to municipalities.

Twenty years ago, 2006:

A massive fire broke out in the Mosaic K2 potash mine near Esterhazy. 72 workers were trapped underground for 36 hours. The fire was eventually extinguished and all 72 miners emerged unharmed; Support for Moosomin's new integrated health care facility kept coming, with two more substantial donations. The first donation was from the Moosomin Senior Rangers and the other from the Moosomin and District Music Festival Association.

One hundred years ago, 1926:

Prince Christian of Hesse was the first individual of German origin to be entertained at the Buckingham Palace since the war; The department of agriculture and colo-



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nization of the Canadian National Railways reported the livestock in the west were in better condition, due to the absence of snow, enabling farmers to keep their cattle and horses outside, and reserving feed for the future.



Angela Ulrich photos



Lachlan Neville, Blake Berglund perform in Redvers

Rocanville's Lachlan Neville and Kennedy's Blake Berglund performed together in Redvers on Thursday at the Redvers Legion Hall. The show was presented by the Redvers Arts Council. The Redvers Arts Council said they were pleased with the crowd in attendance. Neville and Berglund entertained the crowd with their storytelling, songs, and in-depth song writing talent.

**Because of you, several families had warm meals this month,
and didn't have to worry about what to put on the table! ♥**

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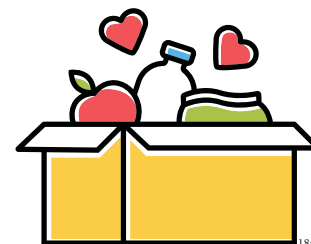
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On behalf of the **Kipling Food Bank, Kipling & District Lions Club** and the **Kipling Volunteer Fire Department**, we are extremely grateful for your participation in our second annual Kipling Food Drive. We are overwhelmed by the continued generosity of our communities! We collected over **3,100 pounds of food** and the **monetary donations** exceeded our expectations by far.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS:

- ♥ To the Minor Hockey parents and players that brought joy and smiles to the homes as they made their way up and down the streets.
- ♥ To the sign makers, route mappers, truck drivers and many volunteers – the day couldn't happen without you.
- ♥ To the surrounding community organizations, Kipling school and local businesses that initiated their own mini drives and graciously donated their proceeds to our Food Drive.
- ♥ To Charla and Kipling Library for hosting Santa and being our drop off station prior to and week following our Food Drive.
- ♥ To the many hands that made light work off-loading the trailers and weighing and sorting the food donations collected.
- ♥ To Carolyn and Rob Poirier for their creative art work, printing and assistance.
- ♥ To our local media for graciously putting our story out there.

Thank you for helping us continue our service in the community.





From left CAO Paul Listrom, and councillors Garry Towler, Heather Truman, Devin Nosterud, Victor Santos, and Andie Hodgson at the town hall meeting on Thursday.

Moosomin Town Council

Council reports on everything they did in 2025, what they are working on in 2026 at town hall meeting

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Moosomin Town Council held a town hall meeting on Thursday, giving residents a chance to hear about what the town had been doing and ask questions.

Reports were given on different departments and committees, with the general public getting a chance to ask questions after each report.

The meeting started with a tribute to former mayor Larry Tomlinson, who passed away last Monday, and with a moment of silence in his memory.

"Larry had a passion for the community that was second to none," says Mayor Murray Gray. "He worked tirelessly to make it the best it could be."

"Rest assured, if there's a project that happened in the last 20 years in our area, there's a pretty good chance Larry had a hand in having it come to fruition. His legacy will live on for years to come, as the residents of this area will benefit from his passion and his hard work."

"He was a great mayor and an even better human being, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work alongside him and then learn from him in order to take this role on as mayor. He truly left this community in a better place than he found it, and that is the epitome of a great leader. Rest easy, Larry, and know an entire community is missing you."

Financial report

Councillor Andie Hodgson gave the financial report for 2025. She said that despite there being a 12 per cent decrease in municipal tax revenue in 2025 due to 2025 being a reassessment year, and rising costs and inflation averaging 2.1 per cent, the town held the mill rate at 13.5 mills.

"Despite these pressures, Council and municipal staff work closely together to maintain a fiscally responsible approach," said Hodgson. "Year end results came in just \$500 over our approved budget plan. This minimal variance demonstrates our commitment to continued fiscal responsibility through ongoing public works and infrastructure projects, some expense and cost savings that we manage throughout the year."

"We focused on reducing expenses through a variety of methods, including balancing equipment and fleet purchases with both new and used items to lower costs and diversify our aging fleet. Majority of cost savings were achieved by purchasing equipment previously rented, eliminating ongoing rental fees and reducing operating costs overall, providing better value for taxpayers."

"This year we had significant investments that were made in our aging infrastructure. We're quite proud of our water treatment plant, completed at a total cost of \$13.7 million funded 73 per cent through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure fund with ICIP with \$5.492 million in federal funding, \$4.576 million in provincial funding, and \$3.66 million from the town via a \$3.5 million loan with a 15 year amortization and an annual payment of \$371,278."

"The change to our water and sewer rates resulted in a \$389,793 differential year over year. This aligns billing with our operational costs and covers our annual loan payments, which we are now only ear two of the loan. The last rate adjustment we had to our water and sewer rates was November of 2019."

Hodgson also spoke about the airport runway project with the town committing to five year five annual payments in 2023 of \$135,999.

"This investment enables critical medical air ambulance landings and improves health services," she said.

She says the town has also come in under budget on a number of public works projects over the year, and has moved from a landfill to a transfer station and bi-weekly garbage pickup to alleviate costs.

"Despite a year marked by significant challenges, de-



Mayor Murray Gray speaking at the town hall meeting on Thursday.

clining revenues and increased operating pressures and major infrastructure needs, the town continued to demonstrate strong financial stewardship and commitment to community growth through prudent decision making, transparent communication and collaborative partnerships. We have upheld our responsibility to both current and future residents. We recognize that every dollar spent is an investment in our community, our community's future, and every decision is made with care for both immediate needs and long term sustainability."

"Our financial position remains stable, with \$1.2 million in our general cash account on hand as of December 31, 2025."

Public Works report

Councillor Garry Towler gave a report on water and sewer. He thanked the town staff for their work on the new water treatment plant and said that for the most part the plant is running well. He added that about 95 per cent of water meters in Moosomin have also been changed to smart meters in 2025.

He said the town has saved lots of money by relining its sewer lines rather than replacing them, using a company called Acme.

"They've relined just about 3,000 meters of our sewer lines at a cost of \$1.5 million to the town. But if we had to rip their streets up and put in new pipes it would be far, far more than that."

"When they're relining, they're realigning with fibre-

glass and it's getting wrapped inside. And in some areas, there's a 30, year guarantee, and in other areas, there's a 40 year guarantee."

He also said the public works department wants to create a five-man construction crew to handle certain projects.

He said tentative projects for 2026 include the Moose Street storm sewer, water line replacement on Henry Street from Chestnut to Windover, dealing with lagoon seepage, road building prep, work on a north industrial loop, and a Gordon Street loop from the water treatment plant to Cook Road.

Recreation report

Victor Santos gave the recreation report. He said the rec department projected a \$453,000 deficit in 2025, but was able to cut that deficit nearly in half to \$245,000.

He said the recreation generated about \$25 million for the town's local economy in 2025.

Santos said the town saw significant improvements and record usage at the pool this year, and also pressure on the town's ice time at the rink with record minor hockey numbers, the addition of the Junior B Steelhawks, and the skating club using 169.25 hours of ice time in 2025. He said the ice is in high demand from 7 am to 11 pm on multiple days, and a citizens committee has been formed to explore expanding ice capacity in Moosomin.

Upcoming events include the grand opening of Golf World on July 1 and the U19 provincial girls baseball finals in July.

He also pointed out that new pickleball courts had been completed at Bradley Park, and scoreboards had been added at four ball diamonds, and talked about robust usage at the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre, which delivered programming to 300 unique participants, drawing individuals from around the region to Moosomin.

Library report

Moosomin Librarian Maegan Nielsen gave a report on the Moosomin Library, talking about some of the things the library offers, its programming, and some of their goals moving forward into 2026.

She said in 2025 patrons saved \$226,000 by borrowing 9,816 items, and that 96 new library cards were issued. She said the library hosted 249 free programs with 20,428 people attending, primarily children.

Nielsen said one of the library's strategic goals this year is community outreach and bringing library services to people outside the library's, promoting the library's importance in the community and to local and provincial governments. She said they wanted to offer some programming in other locations, such as the school, and not just the library.

She also noted that renovations at the library have made it a more welcoming space.

Tourism and Communities in Bloom

Victor Santos gave a report on tourism in Moosomin and the Communities in Bloom program, pointing out Moosomin's achievement of receiving five blooms in the national competition in 2025. Moosomin will once again be competing at the nation level in 2026.

Santos said town and community initiatives such as the annual community cleanup, outdoor basketball courts, additions at Bradley Park and ongoing improvement to rec facilities in town continue to contribute to Moosomin being a nice place to visit.

He said accessibility remains a top priority for the town, with \$75,000 allocated in 2025 for the improvement of sidewalks, and the installation of benches throughout the town.

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A card game between corn hole matches.



The family fun game of crokinole between corn hole matches.

Photos by Ed James

Elkhorn Elks Club warm up a winters day

BY ED JAMES

The Elkhorn Elks Lodge No. 381 has a long history of community involvement and has always been a giving, helping organization with fun activities throughout the years.

So it was no surprise when they recently held their first Corn Hole Tournament last xxx that was a great success and a perfect event for a very cold Manitoba winter day! The organizers even went as far as finding some decorations, with corn cob blow ups and a photo background of a field of standing corn plants. What is an Elkhorn Elks event without its in house made fresh hot popcorn!

The event brought contestants from all over the Westman and Southeast Saskatchewan, including both club and non-club members with a mixture of all ages. The final count was 24 teams with the finals being filled with excitement.

However from my own point of view, there is no special skill in playing a winning game. For the most part it is just good luck, pure and simple except maybe the scoring is a bit like horseshoes!

All the time during the event there was the constant sound of a solid bang when the bean bags hit the hollow corn hole platforms.

After every match, scores would be posted and teams would move along to the final match events.

Throughout the events, refreshments and snacks were available and bar service was available as well.

In between matches there was lots of visiting while there were card games and crokinole games also being played. The corn hole games started on Friday night and ended late Saturday afternoon followed by a great hot supper with lots of variety served by Kliever Katering of Elkhorn and the family crew.

Throughout the afternoon while I was there the hall

was filled with lots of laughter, cheering on of the teams and it was a great way to enjoy a cold Manitoba winter day.

Elks member, Kevin Tutthill who organized the event said, "What to do on a miserable cold weekend? Throw some bean bags! We hosted a cornhole tournament in our hall that had great community support and great support from the wider area. We had 24 teams from as far away as Altona and Virden, Manitoba, several Saskatchewan teams, and many local Elkhorn teams.

"The winning team ended up being Bruce and Ceanna Kyle, second was Cyndi and Natasha, third place was Sodie and Tutt. Game play started Friday night and we were done just in time for supper Saturday, with a great meal catered by Kliever Katering of Elkhorn. It was a great weekend, and as always the Elkhorn Elks No. 381 truly appreciated the community support."



Left: Keeping score at the games.

Right: Throwing the bean bags.

Far right: Cheering on a teammate in the corn hole match.

Lower left: A friendly game of Hearts.

Below centre: The Soder family playing a game of Hearts.

Below right: Corn hole game throws at the Elkhorn Elks Lodge that had a good turnout.



Ladies competition of bean bag throwing.



Corn hole event organizer, Keven Tutthill updating the match score boards.



Corn hole game throws and corn cob decorations at the Elks Hall in Elkhorn.

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LARRY ROBERT TOMLINSON
NOVEMBER 29, 1947 -
JANUARY 26, 2026

It is with deep sadness, the family of Larry Robert Tomlinson announces his peaceful passing at Moosomin Hospital on January 26, 2026, surrounded by the same love and devo-

tion he so generously gave throughout his life.

Larry was a man of quiet strength, gentleness, steadiness, and profound dependability. He did not need grand gestures or

many words to show he cared. Instead, he demonstrated his love through hard work, fairness, and an unwavering commitment to doing what was right. His actions spoke for him, and through them, he shaped the lives of everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Larry shared a lifetime of love with his wife, Margaret Joyce Tomlinson, with whom he built a home grounded in loyalty, partnership, and family. He was a devoted father to his sons Robert Tomlinson (Shannon) and Tyler Tomlinson (Veronica), and a proud, joyful grandfather to Abbey, Kyla, Austin, Harmony, and Brooklyn. His family was the center of his world, and his love for them was constant, quiet, and deeply felt. He is also lovingly remembered by his sister Heather Williams, her sons

Kristian, Jason (Nikki) and a wide circle of extended family and friends whose lives he touched over his many years.

Those who knew Larry will remember his calm presence, his reliability, and his genuine kindness. He never sought recognition, yet his influence ran deep as seen in the relationships he built, the community he supported, and the example he set. His legacy endures in the values he lived by and passed on, and in the many memories held close by those who loved him. Larry will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to STARS Ambulance or the Moosomin Hospital Foundation.

Carscadden Funeral Chapels - Moosomin in care of arrangements.



CYNTHIA MARIE GRIFFIN
JULY 27, 1938 -
JANUARY 23, 2026

Cynthia Marie Griffin passed away peacefully on January 23, 2026, at the age of 87. She was a truly special woman, deeply loved and cherished by her family. Her kindness and presence will be profoundly

missed.

She is lovingly remembered by her children: Jayne Kangas, Lois (Scott) Wilson, and Danny (Melinda) Griffin. Cynthia will also be fondly remembered by her grandchildren: Trevor Cowley, Scott Cowley, Elizabeth (Brandon) Fast, Kyle Kellar, Nicole Wilson, Brayden Wilson, Jack Wilson, Claudia Griffin, and Brooklyn Griffin; as well as her great-grandchildren: Ryan, Maddison Rae, Gracelyn, Hailey, Leon, Vyla, Hugo, Charlie, Elijah, Azayah, and Alinah.

Service information is pending and will be announced at a later date.

To share memories, express condolences, or find additional details, please visit outlookfuneralchapel.com. The family is being cared for by Outlook Funeral Chapel (306-867-8255).

Energy and Resources Minister promotes Sask mining and energy in Western Canada

Energy and Resources Minister Chris Beaudry promoted Saskatchewan as a leading destination for mining and energy investment during a multi-day visit to British Columbia and Alberta focused on strengthening export access, infrastructure and interprovincial cooperation.

"Saskatchewan is a global leader in resource development, and our focus is on supporting growth, investment and good-paying jobs," Beaudry said. "That means working with partners to move our resources to market more efficiently."

On January 25, Beaudry met with western provincial and northern territorial counterparts at the Western Mining Ministers Summit in Vancouver. Saskatchewan helped lead discussions on economic corridors and shared infrastructure, including con-

nections to ports on the northwest coast, Hudson Bay and Grays Bay. Ministers signed a memorandum of understanding committing to avoid unnecessary delays to major natural resource projects as they work toward a Western Canadian Critical Minerals Strategy.

"As Canada's largest primary producer of critical minerals, Saskatchewan has an important role to play in building reliable supply chains," Beaudry said.

On January 26, Beaudry attended AME Roundup, a leading mineral exploration conference, where he met with resource companies and toured a lithium processing facility operated by Saltworks Technologies Inc. Saltworks and EMP Metals Corp. are developing Project Aurora, a lithium refining demonstration plant

in southeastern Saskatchewan supported through the province's Critical Minerals Innovation Incentive.

The minister also visited the Port of Vancouver, a key gateway for Saskatchewan exports. As production grows across sectors including potash, energy products and critical minerals, reliable port capacity remains essential to reaching global markets.

Beaudry concluded the trip in Calgary on January 28 with meetings focused on Saskatchewan's oil and gas sector and the province's goal of increasing production to 600,000 barrels per day by 2030.

"Saskatchewan producers continue to invest and innovate responsibly," Beaudry said. "Our government will keep working with industry to ensure the sector remains competitive for the long term."



ROBERT PHILIP JULIUS
LIEPERT
JULY 3, 1946 -
JANUARY 16, 2026

Robert Liepert passed away peacefully at his home at Snowberry Downs in Innisfail, Alberta, on January 16, 2026.

Robert and his family lived in Moosomin from 1983 to 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Carrie-Lyn Hamilton (Norman), Cheri-Lee Cox (Ernie), and Robert John Liepert (Corina); cherished grandson, Colton Cox; and his brother, Ed Liepert (Alice).

A private interment will take place at St. Martin Cemetery at a later date.

HARVEY WILBERT PARSONS
JANUARY 18, 2026

Harvey Wilbert Parson passed away at his home in Medicine Hat on January 18, 2025. Harvey was raised on his parents' farms in the

Old Welwyn and Beaver Rapids Districts and graduated from Welwyn High School in 1961. He will be dearly missed by brother Albert, sister Betty, and his immediate family. No service is planned.

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Moosomin Town Council

Council reports on everything they did in 2025, what they are working on in 2026 at town hall meeting

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He also pointed out that there will be a tourism rest stop and information centre created on the north side of town near Highway 1 at the middle entrance to town to encourage travellers on the highway to come into town.

The town has also made efforts to promote its heritage buildings, and will also be continuing to replace trees that have been affected by Dutch Elm Disease.

"As we look to 2026, our focus will be on sustaining and enhancing our green spaces, preserving our heritage, and continued collaboration between council, our committees, local organizations and businesses, and most notably our residents. Moosomin is not only well positioned to maintain its achievements, but to set an even higher benchmark for the community pride and sustainability in the years to come."

Waste Management & Recycling

Councillor Devon Nosterud gave an update on waste management and recycling.

"In 2025 our landfill reached full capacity, and in accordance with Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment requirements, it had to be closed," he said. "The site is now being converted into a transfer station, and instead of disposing of waste locally, trash will be collected in bins and transported to the Whitewood landfill."

"Building, the transfer station will be a significant cost for the town, but it is a necessary and unavoidable project. Without it, Moosomin will have no local option for waste disposal hub. We are working closely with engineering firms and the Ministry of Environment to properly decommission the old landfill and construct a fully compliant transfer station."

"However, with the closure of the landfill, the cost of transferring waste off site has increased substantially, and to avoid passing these additional costs on to residents. Council made the decision to move curbside garbage pickup from weekly to bi weekly."

Nosterud also talked about the SK Recycles program that will cover the cost of recycling for all municipalities in the future.

"As a result, residents can expect recycling charges to be removed from the utility bills starting in June of 2026," he said.

"In closing, while there have been necessary changes

to how we manage waste and movement, council has worked to ensure services remain reliable, compliant and affordable. Through careful planning and collaboration, we are positioning the town to for a more sustainable and cost effective future."

Economic Development Report

Economic Development Report

Mayor Murray Gray gave the economic development report, talking about how the town has joined forces with the town of Rocanville and RM of Rocanville to form Gateway Economic Development.

"Working together to grow our region is beneficial so both businesses and levels of government see the collaboration and know we are working together," he said. "That makes us more attractive to businesses. It makes us more attractive to try to get grants. So basically, a business looking to come to the area takes a look at the fact that we all work together, and that makes them want to come here, because they're not going to have issues with fighting between RMs and towns."

"We've already seen that with some of the grants we've been able to tap into. The provincial government certainly recognizes our ability to work together in our region, and that shows through and through as we continue to work together. It's very important."

"We've also been working on our housing accelerator program. Originally we looked at 43 doors for our community, and when we announced that grant, probably the biggest value to us was the free media coverage that we got throughout the country because Moosomin got on the map because of the \$30,000 incentive."

"People still talk about that. When you go out of town, they know that Moosomin has an initiative that's unique and certainly helping to add doors. To date, 30 doors have been added and paid out. We paid out for 30 doors added since that initiative was announced, and seven more permits are approved and in varying states of completion. So that accounts for 37 of the 43 doors, which leaves six more doors that will qualify for the incentive."

Gray also talked about how the town hired a company to help them complete a 10-year economic development plan.

"Rather than just sit and talk about it from a committee standpoint, we felt like we needed a professional in order

to give us a little bit of direction, and so in the engagement with the community, I think they did an awesome job of the plan, and the committee definitely has a roadmap going forward for (EDO) Jeff (Cole) to work on."

Gray also shed light on developments on Moosomin's goal to have a CT scanner in town.

"It has taking a long, long time in order to get the plan back on where it would go in the hospital and what the cost would be in order to do that. There basically wasn't a simple spot where we could just put it without a large renovation."

"The Sask Health Authority, MLA Kevin Weedmark tells me, within weeks, not months, they'll have that cost analysis done."

"I think there's been several examples over the last few years where that CT scanner in combination with our airport, in combination with fixed wing ambulance and STARS can save lives, and there's no cost that we can put on that. That's very important to the residents of Moosomin."

Youth Councillor report

Now in his second year as the town's youth councillor, Rudy Martens gave a written report on his time on council.

"Being a youth town councillor isn't just a title to me. It's an opportunity to make sure the voices of young people in Moosomin are heard, respected and considered," he wrote. "Whether it's recreation, education, community spaces or future planning, youth have a stake in where this town is headed."

"Over the past year, I've learned a lot about how local government works and how much effort goes into keeping Moosomin a great place to live. Council has shown me the inner workings and behind the scenes work that goes into our recreation facilities, public infrastructure and economic development. I've also seen how important communication is between Council and the community as our residents' feedback is heavily considered when making decisions in meetings."

"Thank you to the Council, to the community and to everyone who supports youth involvement in our town. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I'm excited to continue working towards a positive future for Moosomin."

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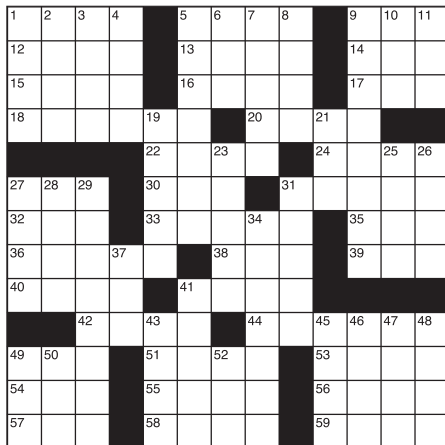
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12. Metal tube
13. Motored
14. Young fellow
15. Aardvark's lunch
16. Revered person
17. Auxiliary verb
18. Methodology
20. Babies' napkins
22. Former
24. Certain vipers
27. Andress film
30. Frozen block
31. Dostoevsky novel, with "The"
32. Baking vessel
33. Campers' covers
35. Winter virus
36. Avoid

DOWN

38. Hooter
39. Longing
40. Sample tape
41. Ash or aspen, e.g.
42. Canyon sound
44. Country manor
49. Crony
51. Make text corrections
53. Farm animals
54. Seeing organ
55. Uncommon
56. Ownership paper
57. Get married
58. Changed hair color
59. Gambling numbers
1. Health farms
2. Wee
3. Selects
4. Cowboy country
5. Frown
6. Baton
7. Brick house
8. Sandwich shop
9. Categorize
10. Rowboat necessity
11. Emotional poem
19. Type style
21. Not good
23. Choir voice
25. Skier's aid
26. Shock
27. Raced
28. Possess
29. Glazed
31. Small landmasses
34. Chirped
37. Medic

41. Presently
43. Cow crowd
45. Hubbub: hyph.
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