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Former Maryfield resident Val Sweeting, second from right, has won her fifth Scotties Tournament of Hearts title curling with Team Einarson. See page 21 for the full story. From left are Krysten Karwacki, Shannon Birchard, Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting and Karlee Burgess.

Burger Week planned for March 2-8

Ten restaurants participating from Moosomin, Rocanville, Wapella, Fleming, & Maryfield

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Eleven restaurants will be participating in Burger Week this year, which will run from March 2-8, giving people seven days to try the tasty burger creations on offer from local restaurants.

Restaurants from five different communities—Moosomin, Rocanville, Wapella, Fleming and Maryfield—are all involved in Burger Week this year.

The participating restaurants include the Red Barn, Cork & Bone, Witch's Brew, Dairy Queen, Skout Brewing, Trends Marcantile, and the Nutrien Sportsplex in Moosomin.

min, Blueberry Kitchen in Rocanville, the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill in Fleming, Wendy's Place in Wapella, and the Arlington Hotel in Maryfield.

Burger stamp cards will be handed out at each of the participating restaurants. People can get their card stamped at each restaurant they dine at. When they get their card stamped at five different restaurants they can leave the card at that restaurant and start a new card or bring their completed card to the World-Spectator office in Moosomin for a chance to win \$500 in Moosomin Bucks.

People will also get a chance to vote on their favorite burger. A certificate will be given out to the winning res-

taurant.

"Everyone loves burger week and we can't wait to see what our local restaurants come up with for their burgers this year," says Kevin Weedmark with the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce. "Not only do the businesses have fun doing it, customers look forward to it every year, and it's great for the local economy, with the participating restaurants selling hundreds of burgers each year."

This marks the sixth year for Burger Week. Last year's winning burger was the Fleming Windsor's "Windsor Classic Burger."

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Coming up next Monday, February 16

Winter Wonderland coming up on Family Day Monday



Some moments from last year's Winter Wonderland. Each year the park board hosts different events at the lake so that people can enjoy the park in the winter.



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Winter Wonderland at Moosomin Regional Park is coming up next Monday, February 16 on the Family Day Monday. People will get a chance to experience Moosomin Regional Park in the winter.

"There will be sleigh rides, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a ski-doo derby," says Kyle Jeannot with the Moosomin Regional Park board.

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

Events will take place by the marina, in the same place they were held last year.

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

He says there are still a lot of people who don't know how nice Moosomin Regional Park is, and that's why they host a winter event, to get people out

to the park, and then potentially have them come back in the summer months.

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

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

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

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Burger Week planned for March 2-8

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"I think it's just a really good thing. It gets people out and gets everybody a little bit excited about something different at a time of the year when everybody typically stays inside and kind of avoids going out," says Myrna Dingman with the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill.

"It's a quiet time of year. So I think it's perfect for everybody. It's perfect for the businesses too, because it's a really slow time of the year for most of us."

Dingman says Burger Week really makes a difference.

"We sell three times what we normally would at least. It's a pretty huge difference to us," she says.

She says the Fleming Windsor puts a lot of thought into what their burger will be each year, and starts working on ideas about two months in advance.

"Around Christmas, we kind of start tampering with things and looking at different ideas," she says. "We watch cooking videos, and we'll try different things and tweak them a little bit."

Dingman said last week her burger was still a secret, but she's looking forward to how people react to it.

"I'm excited about this year's burger," she says. "I think it's a different flavor. It will have our fresh ground beef, and this year, we are making our buns in house every day. So that's something new for us. We just started that a few months ago, making all our buns fresh every day."

She says customers always look forward to Burger Week.

"I think they get excited about it—and not just about our burger. I think they're just excited about the whole thing in general, about going to the different businesses and getting one from each business and trying them all out, and getting to see different people doing the same thing. It's a big social thing for everybody."

"Burger Week is a great way for us to celebrate what we love most—good food made with quality Canadian ingredients—while being part of something that brings the whole community together," says Morgan Kerr with Moosomin Dairy Queen. "Supporting Canadian agriculture is important to us, and Burger Week gives us a fun, approachable way to highlight that commitment."

"Burger Week has a very positive impact. It brings in new customers who might not have tried us otherwise, and it gives our regulars something exciting to look forward to. The increased traffic and visibility during the week—and even after—make it well worth the effort."

Kerr says she gets a lot of comments on Burger Week each year.

"The reaction is huge. Customers start asking about our Burger Week entry well before the week begins, and during the event there's a lot of excitement, sharing on social media, and word-of-mouth buzz. It definitely creates a sense of anticipation and energy in the restaurant."

"A lot of thought and testing goes into our burger. From brainstorming the concept to sourcing ingredients and perfecting the flavours, it's a collaborative process that takes time. We want the burger to be creative, memorable, and something we're truly proud to put our name on."

What does Kerr enjoy most about Burger Week?

"Honestly, it's the excitement," she says. "Seeing customers enjoy the burger, hearing their feedback, and being part of a larger celebration of local food is incredibly rewarding. It's fast-paced and intense, but it's also one of the most fun weeks of the year for our team."

"It has become an annual event, and it's something that the town and the whole area look forward to, and I like being a part of something that people get excited about," says Jarrod Slugoski at Cork and Bone.

"It gives us time to play and come up with a really nice burger for people to enjoy."

Slugoski says last year's burger was so popular that he put it on the menu.

"When you sell 500 burgers, you put it on the menu!" he says.

What kind of impact does burger week have on his business each year?

"It definitely brings in a lot of people that maybe have never been here before. I've learned that it gets people in the door to check out what's going on in here."

"People get very excited about it. They come in and they order take out for their staff as well. It's a well established event that we do in Moosomin and people look forward to it, and they get to take part in the event itself. So I think that's pretty cool. When we do this, it's not just something off the menu. So I think that's what gets people excited, that there's a lot of new things to try that week."

"I like the excitement that people have about it. People get really excited about it. I mean, it's fun. The World-



Some of last year's burgers, including the Windsor Classic Burger, above, the Red Barn's 9 Yards Burger, above right, Blueberry Kitchen's Kind Of A Big "Dill" Pickle Burger, right, and Skout Brewing's mini sliders, below.



Spectator and Chamber makes it fun by doing the stamp cards and making it so that there's a reward at the end of the tunnel for trying all these burgers in town. And I think that game aspect of it really intrigues people, too."

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Moosomin hosting Regional Invitational Figure Skating Competition this weekend

Skating club expects 150 skaters and 500 people in town

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

Moosomin will be busy this weekend with the Moosomin Skating Club hosting a Regional Invitational Figure Skating Competition this Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15.

"We are hosting the Region 1 and Region 6 competition," says Chelsea Doane of the Moosomin Skating Club. "Region 1 is kind of the southeast corner of the province and Region 6 is Parkland, so it's like Melville-Yorkton area. We do have skaters coming from as far as Saskatoon and even Virden, so there will be about 150 skaters from over 20 different communities competing, with roughly 25 coaches. Our home club has 17 girls competing."

The event will have nine judges in attendance throughout the weekend to watch and critique skaters, as well as three data specialists from Skate Saskatchewan to calculate the results of events. These specialists conducted the draws and schedules for the weekend. The competition committee has members from the Moosomin Skating Club Board, as well as parent volunteers.

"Without the help of volunteers, there is no way we would be able to put on a competition like this," Doane said.

"In the region, everybody like takes turns hosting if they want to. So if you want to host, you put in a bid to host at the start of the year, and then they choose which community it's going to host. I believe the last time we hosted was seven years ago in 2019. This year it was kind of back around to where maybe it was our turn, so we threw our name in and we got it. We just wanted to take our turn."

"It's a lot of work to put something like this on. I don't know how many volunteer hours it took just to put this together, but it's definitely a lot of work, if you were to do it every year. I think it's important for each community to take their turn, just so nobody gets burnt out."

The weekend will see many different events for all ages and levels of skaters.

"We are doing a number of different events. There are Artistic events, there are Creative Improv events, there are Elements, Free Skate, and Dance. We also have a Showcase event, and there will be Team Element events as well. We did offer Special Olympics events, however we didn't have anyone sign up for those. Some of it only goes up to Starskate Level 4, and then some of it goes up all the way to the Gold level. Anyone from the new Starskate level all the way up can come and do an event, or more than one event."



Some of the Moosomin Skating Club skaters during the club's holiday showcase before Christmas. The club expects 150 skaters in town for the Regional Invitational Competition this weekend.

We will be posting our schedule soon on our social media on Facebook and Instagram."

There will also be a vendor market set up in the Convention Centre next door to the rink where fans can go during the weekend.

"There are 22 vendors. I know there's a lot of makers coming with homemade goods. We have someone bringing honey in, some people bringing food items to sell. So there should be a lot of different things to check out," said Doane.

Doane noted that most of the skaters and families will probably be staying overnight in town, and that it should bring a significant boost to the local economy for the weekend.

"With 150 skaters, and everyone bringing at least one parent, I would say there will be probably close to 500 extra people in town."

She said that the weekend was all about exposure and giving young skaters experience.

"I think it's a great way to get the young skaters into it more. They're just starting out into Starskate, which is

the more competitive part of figure skating, and coming to something like this is really exciting, and they kind of get to see what it's all about. They get to see what they're able to do when they go to these kinds of events, and hopefully it will get them inspired to do more competitions in the future."

The competition committee is doing everything it can to get the word out about the event, and hopes lots of people come watch the skaters.

"We've been posting on our Facebook and our Instagram pages, and the Moosomin Bulletin Board, and running full page ads in the World-Spectator. We're going to put posters up around town, that kind of thing. It would be awesome if we could get people to come down and check out all the talent from our corner of the province and beyond, and there will be lots to do there. The rink kitchen is going to have some specials for us, and with the vendors in MCC, it will be a little bit of something for everyone."

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Esterhazy Town Council

Town reduces price of lots in Sylvite subdivision

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At their meeting on January 29, Esterhazy Town Council amended a bylaw to reduce the price of lots in the Sylvite subdivision by 50 per cent.

"We just want to stimulate growth and start to recapture some of the cost that went into those lots," says Mayor Randy Bot.

Under the bylaw previously, every time an offer was made that was below fair market value on a Sylvite subdivision lot, the town had to hold a public hearing. The bylaw amendment on January 29 lets the lots be sold at a reduced rate without having a hearing.

Bot says the cheapest lot is now \$10,300 and most expensive is now \$17,500 "and these will be the lowest prices we will take."

Currently nine lots have sold in the Sylvite subdivision, and all of them have homes on them, with 27 lots left to be sold.

The bylaw passed in three readings on Jan. 29.

Town approves committee to develop driving range

The town approved the mayor's request to put together a driving range committee.

"I am putting together a driving range committee and we are starting to work on the possibility of bringing a driving range to Esterhazy," said Bot.

He said there is potential for a driving range to be located in a field north of Suncrest College.

He said the plan would be to fundraiser for the driving range, and then hand it over to the town.

"We want to get the nets and do it professionally," says Bot. "The plan would be to fundraise and find sponsorship and then hand it over to the town. A lot of people in town are requesting it."

"We used to have a junior golf program that was running out of that area as well and hopefully we can bring it back."

12 years added to Brylee Developments agreement

Council approved a request by Brylee Developments to add another 12 years to an agreement that would have seen the town annex the residential development which is located on the south side of Esterhazy in the RM of Fertile Belt.

Under the original agreement, the town was to annex Brylee Developments after 20 years, which would mean it would become part of the town in 2034.

However the developer requested 12 years be added to the agreement to give him more time to sell lots in the subdivision. Council granted the request, meaning the subdivision would not be annexed until 2046.

Arena closure date approved

Council passed a motion to close the Dana Antal Arena for the season on April 2, 2026 this year, marking the last day of ice in the arena until next winter.

Request for disabled parking

The town has received a few requests for disabled parking near Erin's IDA on Main Street as well as near the dental office. The lines on Main Street will be repainted this year, so the town will look at adding additional disable parking spots at that time.

Question about veterans banners

The town received a request to hang veterans banners on some of the power poles on the highway through, and replied that the request would have to go to SaskPower as the poles belong to them.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support the Indian Head Research Farm

Dear Editor:

The recently announced closure of the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Research Farm at Indian Head is devastating news! It is upsetting to me personally because I worked there for 25 years. But more important are the impacts on affected staff and their families, on our local community, on prairie agriculture as a whole and on the broad Canadian public who rely on a productive, sustainable and prosperous agriculture.

The Indian Head Research Farm has long been a key source of improved genetics for Canadian agriculture. The AAFC Seed Increase Unit (SIU) located on the Farm is the largest single source of Breeder Seed for the Canadian pedigree seed system. Its national mandate is to produce and distribute Breeder Seed of crop varieties developed by AAFC scientists. Currently the SIU produces and distributes over 300 varieties of more than 30 cereal, oilseed, pulse, forage and special crops. These varieties represent a significant portion of crop production in Canada, a multi-billion-dollar industry. The specialized land, staff, equipment and facilities on the Indian Head Research Farm are ideal for this operation and would be difficult to replace or relocate.

The rich Class 1 soils at Indian Head provide an excellent site for testing new crop varieties. This was recognized as early as 1906 with development of the renowned spring wheat variety Marquis. Variety testing and plant breeding activities remain a significant activity on the Research Farm with technical staff of the Arid Prairie Wheat Breeding Program planting and harvesting tens of thousands of small plots of spring wheat and other cereals each year. The spring wheat varieties developed by this program are planted on more than half of all spring wheat acres in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. How's that for success?

Crop management and agronomy have been studied at Indian Head since the Farm's inception in 1887. The success of these efforts is evidenced by the productivity of diverse crops grown in this region using practices developed and perfected by agronomists at Indian Head. These specialists are highly sought after at workshops and field days which are always well attended. The themes of agronomic research here at Indian Head reflect issues of current and anticipated concern to producers. The Long-Term Rotation study managed by agronomy program staff has been running for nearly 70 years and is a one-of-a-kind benchmark study detailing the impacts of crop rotations and fertilizer use on crop outputs and soil quality. Its termination would be a loss to the science which guides policy.

The crucial role of trees in the settlement of the prairies was demonstrated soon after the founding of the Indian Head Experimental (Research) Farm. This resulted in the development of the Tree Farm (Shelterbelt Centre) on a nearby site where the soil and water supply were better suited to growing trees. Although tree propagation and distribution were stopped with the closure of the Shelterbelt Centre, agro-environmental research continued with the transfer of scientists and technical staff to the Research Farm. This research includes studying the importance of perennial species in creating diverse environmental benefits and economic returns on land considered

marginal for crop or livestock production. Research by the agro-environmental group shows the benefit of maintaining naturalized "pollinator strips" around farmland to support insect populations, thereby improving pollination and increasing yield of crops such as canola. The economic impact of these results merits consideration by producers and policymakers alike.

Aside from their meaningful work at the Indian Head Research Farm, most of the staff and their families live in or near Indian Head. They contribute to the community's vibrancy in so many ways: spouses are employed in the community, children attend local schools, family members participate in all manner of cultural, sports and volunteer activities. Their departure would create a void in public life.

There is a line from a song says that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone. The Indian Head Research Farm is not gone yet. It is still here and is an invaluable asset to our community, our province and our country. It deserves your support. Please add your voice to those resisting the closure.

David Gehl

Retired Officer-in-Charge and Head of the Seed Increase Unit at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Indian Head Research Farm

Worried about federal firearms buyback program

Dear Editor:

I am a senior living in the Westman area and most of my adult life I have been a recreational firearms user. I'm not a hunter, but a competitive target shooter, and not very good! I do some historical re-enactment events and other presentations, such as Royal Canadian Legion events, as I am a Legion member.

As required by the laws of Canada, all my firearms were legally bought, registered, stored and transported per the laws of the land. I am also a holder of a valid PAL card.

Recently I received an email from Public Safety Canada regarding a federal government plan to buy back certain types of once legal firearms to ideally make Canada a safer place after the very tragic school shooting in Montreal several years ago.

As a former educator, I found the shooting to be a horrific event as all classrooms should be safe learning places.

In this government email I received, there were certain phrases that caught my attention. The first being that there is a deadline to take part in the buyback program and that financial compensation will be based on a first come first served basis. So to be part of this buy back program, I must also fill out an online application and my efforts will be considered. However, the email also says if I wait past the deadline date of March 31, 2026, I am out of luck for the program, and do I even have the skill set to fill out a government online application? I'm in my 80th year and my computer skills are not that of a younger person.

The email went on with what I would consider a veiled threat when it says "if you remain in possession of an impacted firearm following the cut off date, you will be non-compliant with the legislation."

A follow up to that in the Brandon Sun newspaper, dated January 30, 2026, on page A7, about the firearms buyback program, quoted federal government Safety Minister Gary Anandasagaree saying "The government says anyone in possession of a banned firearm or device after the amnesty period will be breaking the law and could face criminal prosecution."

So in my 80th year on this planet, can I look forward to wearing an orange jumpsuit and going off to jail? If I do not comply or am not on time, can I expect an RCMP or other enforcement agency to be at my door in a surprise late night visit? I'm beginning to have fears of a USA style ICE agents visit to my home! If that is the case, I am concerned for the safety of my wife and myself in an otherwise safe, rural Manitoba community with friends and neighbors.

Over the years, as a recreational firearms user, I have done everything legally asked of me to ensure the proper use and safe ownership of firearms, but now, how did I end up in this dilemma?

At the writing of this missive, I am concerned and nearing afraid of what the future might hold for me!

Ed James

Elkhorn, Manitoba

Moosomin Minor Hockey Association supports a new ice surface in Moosomin

Dear Editor:

Moosomin Minor Hockey Association is in support of a new ice surface in Moosomin. We are currently practicing at Rocanville, Whitewood, Wawota, and Elkhorn on a full-time basis. As well as Wapella, Kipling and Ochap on occasion as practices get moved for playoff, provincial, and make up games during the week.

We could use more ice time if it was available to us as we currently have the U7's, U9's, U11's, and U13's all practicing as one large group in their respective age groups.

While I appreciate all the other community's support, this all adds up to a large stress on our board at the beginning of each year as we try to secure enough ice for our teams as we need to wait for other communities to find out what their own minor hockey numbers will be. It roughly adds up to 25 per cent of our minor hockey costs going to out-of-town costs for practices.

We also have a significant cost that comes from scheduling games out of town as it costs us more money in ref fees due to mileage costs and often lower attendance to cover those costs.

In each of my eight seasons on the Moosomin Minor Hockey Board, our numbers have increased, and I don't see that changing in the future. We are currently at 239 registrations and 17 teams for this season, not including provincial teams, and would expect to see that number to increase again.

So that is why we are in support of a new ice surface to fix our current problems but also alleviate future concerns.

Jamie McMullen
Moosomin Minor Hockey President



Tracey Hotomani



Sheldon Quewezance



Shauna Fay



Terry Jack

The victims in the Carry the Kettle quadruple murder on February 4, 2025.

Fourth person charged in Carry the Kettle murders

67-year-old Lauren Elvis Hotomani charged with accessory after the fact to murder

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

RCMP have laid charges against a fourth person one year after the quadruple murder on Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation that took the lives of Tracey Hotomani, Sheldon Quewezance, Shauna Fay and Terry Jack. 67-year-old Lauren Elvis Hotomani from Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation is charged with one count of accessory after the fact to murder.

On February 4, police officers with Saskatchewan RCMP's Homicide Investigation Unit, part of the Major Crimes Branch, and officers from File Hills First Nations Police Service arrested Hotomani. Hotomani is scheduled to appear in Fort Qu'Appelle Provincial Court on February 5, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

"Over the past 12 months, investigators ensured every lead was chased down and all avenues were explored, as they do with every file they take on," says Insp. Ashley St. Germaine, Senior Investigative Officer

with the Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crimes Branch.

"The persistence and skill of our investigators drove this case forward. Ultimately, their commitment to meticulous investigative work allowed us to piece together the circumstances surrounding this case and give the victims' families some answers."

On February 4, 2025, at 11:15 a.m., File Hills First Nations Police Service received a report of sudden deaths at a residence on Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation.

Officers immediately responded. They located four deceased persons in the residence. Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes took carriage of the investigation and investigated the deaths as homicides.

Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes located and arrested 18-year-old Darrius Racette in Yorkton, SK on February 18, 2025. A 15-year-old male youth was arrested by Saskatchewan RCMP on February 18, 2025, on Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation, SK. Darrius Racette and the

male youth were each charged with four counts of first-degree murder in relation to the deaths of Tracey Hotomani, Sheldon Quewezance, Shauna Fay and Terry Jack.

On December 10, 2025, police officers with Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crimes Unit and Indian Head RCMP Detachment executed a search warrant at a residence on Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation with the assistance of officers from File Hills First Nations Police Service. RCMP officers arrested a 17-year-old male youth at the residence. The youth was charged with four counts of first-degree murder in relation to the deaths of Tracey Hotomani,

Sheldon Quewezance, Shauna Fay and Terry Jack. The youth is also charged with one count, attempted murder. Investigation determined an altercation occurred between the youth and a fifth individual at the residence.

File Hills First Nations Police Service, Regina Police Services and Saskatchewan RCMP's Serious Crimes Unit (formerly known as the General Investigation Section), Forensic Identification Services, Historical Case Unit, Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Teams, Indigenous Policing Services, and local RCMP detachments all assisted with the investigation.

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Rangers, Oil Kings in Big Six playoffs

Round 1 of Big Six Playoffs got underway last week, with the Moosomin Rangers taking a 2-0 lead over the Kipling-Windhorst Oil Kings after games on Tuesday in Moosomin and Thursday in Kipling.

The Rangers dominated Game 1 with a final score of 9-0, then skated to a win over the Oil Kings on Thursday night.

Above: Jordan Dasko with the Oil Kings and Bud Holloway with the Rangers.

Left: The Oil Kings' Taylor Hoedel and Rangers' Carter Sawchuk in a faceoff.

Below left: Luck Englot with the puck.

Below right: Drayson Skulmoski gets crunched by two of the Oil Kings in a battle for the puck.

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In our opinion:

Moe shows real leadership with his 'Team Canada' approach

Moe has shown that a conservative premier can defend provincial jurisdiction without undermining Canada's ability to act as a nation

There are times when Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe shows how a conservative can stand up for provincial interests without sabotaging Canada's national interest.

That balance—assertive with Ottawa when necessary, co-operative when it counts—has been on display in how Moe has approached trade, diplomacy and the idea of Team Canada. It also highlights what Alberta Premier Danielle Smith continues to ignore.

Take the landmark agreement that Prime Minister Mark Carney reached in Beijing. Overcoming a decade of tense relations and ugly trade tit-for-tat with China was no small feat. It's fair to say that China has treated Canada as a marionette of the U.S. administration, what with falling into lockstep on 100 per cent EV tariffs and arresting Huawei's Meng Wanzhou seven years ago at the behest of the United States.

Never mind that both of those actions were arguably justifiable. Both poked the Giant Panda.

When China trade tensions eased, Scott Moe and Danielle Smith responded very differently. The contrast says a lot about leadership and national interest.

Certainly, Canadians have plenty of reason not to trust China, a totalitarian regime known for its human rights violations and capacity to spy on us. And then there was the ordeal of the Two Michaels—Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor—who were arrested and imprisoned on charges widely viewed as without merit, in clear retaliation for Meng's arrest.

Being able to orchestrate a truce with China, begin to rebuild trust and get punishing tariffs on Canadian canola dramatically reduced was a deft act of diplomacy by Carney, even if Ontario Premier Doug Ford doesn't like the quid pro quo of allowing a few made-in-China EVs to be sold here. Saskatchewan produces roughly half of Canada's canola, and China has historically been one of its most important export markets.

Moe, a conservative, was gracious in his comments about Carney's work and thoughtful in how best to address U.S. President Donald Trump's economic threats. He called the China deal "very good news for Canada and Saskatchewan."

More important were his thoughts issued before Carney headed to China. Speaking of working with the Liberal prime minister as part of Team Canada, Moe said: "We need to work together, and we need to work towards that common goal, which is, one, to have existing tariffs removed, and two, I would say, to advance additional opportunities to trade, not only with China, but many other countries around the world."

In other words, he seemed to be saying that even though he may disagree with Carney on politics, he recognizes that the province and the feds have to work together to improve international trade.

Compare that to Alberta Premier Smith. Her statement after Carney reached his deal with China smacked of a backhanded compliment: Thanks for getting some tariffs reduced; now do some more. She said she welcomes the reduction of Chinese tariffs on canola and peas and hopes to see a similar cut to Chinese tariffs on Canadian pork and other products "in the near future."

No, "We should work together." No real recognition that much of anything was done.

Of course, her go-it-alone mentality has been on display for the past year. In January 2025, she was the only premier absent when then-prime minister Justin Trudeau and all the other premiers announced their commitment to "stand together on a united path forward" in the face of Trump's tariff threats. She also refused to sign the final joint statement from the earlier First Ministers' Meeting.

In the ensuing 12 months, Albertans have witnessed the rise of free-range separatists, who have travelled repeatedly to Washington, D.C., to raise money, without formal censure or meaningful consequences. Smith's refusal to condemn their actions reveals where she stands on the issue.

Maybe it's too late for Smith to join Team Canada. The radicals she courted to build her political power base have grown into Frankenstein's monster. She probably couldn't get them to back down now, even if she tried. Which she hasn't.

But leadership isn't measured by who you placate. It's measured by whether you put the country's economic and strategic interests ahead of provincial grievance politics. Moe has shown that a conservative premier can defend provincial jurisdiction without undermining Canada's ability to act as a nation. Smith has shown the opposite.

At a time when Canada faces hostile trade pressures, fragile alliances and a volatile global economy, premiers who choose not to work as part of Team Canada aren't just posturing. They're weakening the country they claim to stand up for.

This editorial was written by Doug Firby, an award-winning editorial writer with over four decades of experience working for newspapers, magazines and online publications in Ontario and western Canada. Previously, he served as Editorial Page Editor at the Calgary Herald.



Waiting for spring? Here are a few things to brighten your February and March



Kara Kinna

February and March can be a quieter time of year, stuck between the big, bright explosion of Christmas, and the lift in spirits that naturally seems to come with the first days of spring.

There's a reason so many people head south at this time of year. It's still dark. It can be pretty cold, and can throw some really random weather at us (blizzards, ice rain, you name it). And everyone is just kind of waiting for things to get geared up in the ag industry, for spring sports, and for just generally getting outside again.

So for that reason it's a great time to plan a few events, and there are a few events happening in the next few months that will make February and March feel a little brighter.

Regional Skating Competition

Coming up this weekend, Moosomin is holding a Regional Invitational Figure Skating Competition. You can expect a lot of people around as the figure skating club predicts around 150 skaters will be in town, and most of them will have their families along with them.

This event is free to attend and there will also be a vendor market next door at the MCC hall for people to enjoy.

So if you are looking for something to do, head over to the Mike Schuean Arena, and take in some figure skating talent. I'm sure all the young skaters who are attending would appreciate seeing people in the stands watching the performances that they put so much work into practicing.

Hockey playoffs

One great thing about this time of year is that it's when local teams are in hockey playoffs.

Senior hockey teams are in Round 1 of playoffs around the region, as are minor hockey teams. Provincial playoffs are also underway, so you don't have to look far to find an exciting hockey game. You can head to a rink pretty

much any night and find a playoff game taking place somewhere around the southeast.

This is the time of year that hockey players look forward to the most. Get out to a game and cheer them on!

Burger Week

Burger Week is planned for March 2-8 this year, and I know people are already looking forward to Burger Week because in my conversations with local restaurants last week, they said people had already been asking about it.

Burger Week was started by Sharpe's Crop Services as a fun way to celebrate Canadian Ag Day, and it has grown ever since and is now in its sixth year. Last year Sharpe's decided to hand Burger Week over to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, which happily took it on moving forward.

Not only does Burger Week give people a fun thing to do in March trying all the unique creations from local restaurants, it's a great way for our local restaurants to see a little extra support in what is otherwise a quieter time of year.

Burger week is always a lot of fun. The restaurants come up with some pretty interesting ideas for their burgers. Last year one burger had a chicken wing on top of it, another was made with a fluffy waffle bun, another was stuffed full of battered jalapenos, and the winning burger was like an ultimate Big Mac.

The local restaurants are already working on their creations and most of them are excited to unveil them and see how people like them. Watch for upcoming issues of the paper for the burger creations on offer that week!



When the game began for the Carlyle Cougars versus the Wawota Flyers, a moment of silence was held for Hector Lamontagne. He was the father of Dylan Lamontagne who plays for Wawota.



Things got a little heated up in the second period near the Wawota net during the first quarter final playoff game.

Stephanie Zoer photos

Big win for Carlyle Cougars in first quarterfinal game

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

The Carlyle Cougars made a statement when it mattered most, capturing their first quarterfinal playoff victory with a hard-fought win over the Wawota Flyers and sending a jolt of excitement through the home crowd.

The game took place at Carlyle's home barn on February 2 in front of a full house. The game started with a moment of silence for Hector Lamontagne who passed away suddenly. He was the father of hockey player Dylan Lamontagne who plays for the Wawota Flyers. Dylan did not play in this game.

From the opening puck drop in the first period, the Cougars played with urgency and confidence, setting the tone against the Flyers with their first goal by Taysen Holt in the first 10 minutes of the first period.

The first period continued with forcing turnovers and creating scoring chances that kept Wawota on their heels. One penalty was handed out for slashing to Wawota, but they managed to keep Carlyle at a single goal.

The Cougars were rewarded for their efforts with a

quick goal into the second period by Connor Hewitt giving them a 2-0 lead. It also pulled a penalty by Carlyle for roughing, giving Wawota a power play. The Cougars held Wawota off, but not for long when Brent Struble found the back of Carlyle's net.

In the last five minutes of the second period, the Flyers were caught slashing, creating a penalty, but Carlyle got a slew-footing penalty. They played with a man short into the third period. At this time, the score remained 2-1. It was a tight game at this point.

The Cougars came out in the third period limiting quality chances for Wawota and battling hard along the boards. The commitment to team defense was evident, with forwards tracking back and defensemen clearing rebound to protect the lead.

Another penalty was taken by Wawota, and Ben Johnstone took advantage of this with a goal giving Carlyle a 3-1 lead, but soon after Wawota's Taylor Ernst got one past goaltender Zane Winter. It was now a close game with Carlyle only having a one-goal lead.

This is when Carlyle turned on the heat, not giving Wawota an inch to score. With 10:08 remaining in the third period, Adriën Riddel blasted one past Kenneth Marquart, and at 6:14 Taysen Holt got his second goal of the night, bringing the score to 5-2.

Things got a little hot in the final minutes of the game, and the atmosphere in the rink grew electric. This did not stop Cade Bendtsen sending a powerful goal into Wawota's net. With only a few minutes remaining in the third period, Carlyle received a slashing penalty sending Wawota on a power play until the end of the final period. Taylor Ernst would find a hole in Carlyle's net giving him the second goal of the night.

The final score of the game was 6-3 for the Cougars, giving them the first win of the best three out of five quarterfinal playoff game. Shots on net were 44 for Carlyle and 32 for the Flyers. The victory gives Carlyle confidence heading deeper into the series. The second game was played in Wawota on February 5, bringing the third game back to Carlyle's barn on February 10.

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**Rangers,
Cougars wrap
up the regular
season**

Big Six regular season play finished up last week. The Moosomin Rangers and Carlyle Cougars met on Saturday, January 31 in Moosomin for a game, with the Rangers skating to a 11-3 win that night.

Above: Cougars Goalie Zane Winter gets ready to scoop up the puck.

Right: From left, Justin Lamontagne, Brett Turgeon, and Bud Holloway in action.

Below: Levi Horn blocks a shot from Phil Fath.



9 DIY gift ideas for Valentine's Day

Surprising your significant other with a Valentine's Day gift is sweet, but making something yourself adds a special, personal touch! Whether you're good with your hands or not, a homemade gift can truly make your partner's eyes light up. Let these ideas inspire you.

- Painted stone.** Find a pretty stone and paint it. You could paint a classic heart, your initials or even a meaningful symbol or word. This charming little creation can serve as a decoration or paperweight.
- Candy jar.** Fill a beautiful glass jar with your partner's favourite sweets. Add a pretty ribbon and label for the finishing touch.
- Love poem or letter.** What could be more romantic than receiving a love poem or letter? Use elegant paper and a fountain pen to really make an impact. Not confident in your writing skills? Worried about finding the right words? Ask someone who has a way with words for help.
- Greeting card.** Draw, paint or glue pictures onto a sturdy piece of cardstock and fold it in half. Then, write a personalized message inside. Let your creativity flow!
- Dessert.** Prepare a themed treat that incorporates your partner's favourite flavours. Heart-shaped cookies or cupcakes, chocolate-dipped strawberries and chocolate-raspberry mousse are winning ideas.
- Bookmark.** If the love of your life is a bookworm, make them a bookmark. Embellish it with a quote, a thought or a word that represents your unique bond.
- Photo collage.** Gather photos of your happiest moments together. Create a stunning display by framing them, designing a poster or pinning them on a corkboard. Add captions and motifs to further personalize your masterpiece.
- Memory box.** Curate a pretty box of objects, like show tickets, photos and notes, that celebrate your most unforgettable moments with your special someone. Your partner's eyes will sparkle with joy!
- Playlist.** Prepare a playlist of songs that remind you of your soulmate. Listen to them together in your living room or on a romantic road trip.

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HAPPY
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DAY

Menu suggestions for a family Valentine's Day brunch

Valentine's Day can be celebrated in countless ways. In 2026, why not celebrate the February 14 with a delicious, themed family brunch? Here are a few inspiring ideas that'll make your tastebuds go wild.

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

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 strawberries, 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.



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Senior hockey playoffs underway in SE Sask

The regular season has wrapped up and playoffs have started for senior hockey teams in Southeast Saskatchewan.

Big Six Hockey League

In the Big Six league, the Moosomin Rangers and Redvers Rockets finished the season at the top of the standings, tied in points with a 14-2 record and 28 points each. The Oxbow Huskies and Carlyle Cougars each ended the season with 20 points, trailed by the Wawota Flyers (13), Carnduff Red Devils (10), KW Oil Kings (9), and Midale Mustangs (2).

In Round 1 of playoffs, Redvers was up 2-0 in their series against Midale last week, with Game 3 planned for this Monday in Redvers.

Moosomin was up 2-0 over Kipling in their series with Game 3 set for Moosomin this Thursday.

The Carlyle Cougars were leading 2-0 over the Wawota Flyers in Round 1. Game 3 is planned for this Tuesday in Carlyle.

And Oxbow was leading over Carnduff 1-0 in their series heading into the weekend.

Sask East Hockey League

In the Sask East Hockey League, the Langenburg Warriors ended the season in top spot with a 13-3 record and 26 points. Hot on their heels in the standings were the Canora Cobras with a 12-3-1 record and 25 points and the Swan Valley Axemen with a 11-3-2 record and 24 points.



The Esterhazy Flyers and Rocanville Tigers both ended the season with a 10-5-1 record and 21 points, followed by Theodore and Cote (19), Wapella (12), Russell and Churchbridge (8), and Preeceville which was 0-16 at the end of the season.

In playoffs, Esterhazy was up 1-0 over Rocanville in the quarterfinal with Game 2 set for Rocanville on Monday.

Theodore and Swan Valley were squaring off for Round 1 with games on the weekend.

In their quarterfinals, Langenburg and Canora will play the winner of two survivor series between Wapella and Russell and Churchbridge and Cote. Games in those two survivor series started late last week.

SENIOR HOCKEY FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

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TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Redvers Rockets	16	14	2	0	28
Moosomin Rangers	16	14	2	0	28
Oxbow Huskies	16	10	6	0	20
Carlyle Cougars	16	10	5	0	20
Wawota Flyers	16	6	9	1	13
Carnduff Red Devils	16	5	11	0	10
KW Oil Kings	16	4	11	1	9
Midale Mustangs	16	1	15	0	2

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
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Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	15	25	32	57
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	15	28	18	46
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Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	15	10	18	28
Jayden Davis	Oxbow Huskies	15	12	15	27
Rykr Cole	Moosomin Rangers	12	18	8	26
Tanner Froese (IM)	Carlyle Cougars	15	6	20	26

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	8 - 1 - 0 - 0	1.38
Cody Mathewson	Redvers Rockets	3 - 2 - 1 - 0	2.00
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	8 - 6 - 2 - 0	2.25
Thomas Bauche	Redvers Rockets	9 - 8 - 1 - 0	3.11
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	7 - 5 - 1 - 0	3.11

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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 13,14 and 15! This will be an amazing boost to the community with hundreds of skaters and double-digit vendors converging on town February 13!

Information includes:

Moosomin Regional Invitational Figure Skating Competition
Location: Mike Schwean Arena
Date: Saturday, Feb. 14 | 9 am - 8 pm and Sunday, Feb. 15 | 9 am - 3:30 pm

FREE ENTRY!

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

Event Highlights:

- Silver Collection
- Raffle Table
- Lunch Specials available
- PLUS!
- Vendor Market in the MCC Hall
- 20+ local vendors — shop while you enjoy the competition!

Don't miss this fantastic community event

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

Junior Golf League

All new for 2025/2026 Junior Golf League!

Runs Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm

To enter or for information please contact Angela at a.thorntown@moosomin@sasktel.net.

Sportsplex Men's/Ladies Golf Night - Thursdays

Our 2025/2026 Thursday Night Golf League continues for the season on Thursday nights. These are Skin Nights however you are not required to go into skins.

We have 2 T Times are 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.

More information will be coming but, if you can't wait, feel free to contact Kim at 434-8733.

Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

Also, super super excited to have Devona Putland back at the Sportsplex running Sr Fitness Classes. Devona 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 Devona direct at 435-9046.

Mike Schwean Arena - 2026

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

Open Ice - 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 seven weeks of the season as of last week:

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

Saturday, February 28, 10 am to 12 nn

Saturday, March 7 9:15 am to 4:45 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 9 Parents and Tots 10 am to 12nn
Noon Hour Shinny 12 nn to 12:50 pm
Tuesday, February 10 Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 nn
Noon Hour Shinny 12 nn to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 pm to 3 pm
Thursday, February 11 Noon Hour Shinny 12 nn to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 pm to 3 pm
Thursday, February 12 Noon Hour Shinny 12 nn to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 pm to 3 pm
Please note schedule is subject to change on short notice. Please call ahead to confirm times.

Skating Club Weekly Activities

Monday 5 to 8 pm
Wednesday 5 to 8 pm
Friday Regional Competition
Saturday Regional Competition
Sunday Regional Competition

Minor Hockey Games this week

A quieter week on the Minor Hockey front as the MS Arena is booked up for the weekend for the massive Regional Skating Competition.

There is one game and it should be a dandy as it is a U15 Provincial Playdown game!

Tuesday at 7:30 pm Kamsack Flyers

@ U15 Provincial Rangers

Steelhawks Upcoming Home Games

Steelhawks home schedule regular season has come to an end however they are in a survivor series playoff series which will see one game at the MS Arena. Game date was not yet announced as of last week.

Sr Rangers - 2025 / 2026

Rangers kicked off their Playoff season with a convincing 9-0 home win over the KW Oil Kings in the Best of 5 Quarter Finals. Game 2 was scheduled for last Thursday night in Kipling.

The remaining schedule includes:

Game #3 KW @ Moosomin
Thursday February 12 8 pm
Game #4 TBD (If required)
Game #5 KW @ Moosomin
Sunday February 15 at 8 pm
(If required)

Rec Hockey this week

Couple tilts in the world of rec hockey this week: Tuesday Untouchables at 9:30 pm

Mike Schwean Arena Spe- cial Events for 2025 / 2026

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

February 13,14 & 15 Moosomin Skating Club Regional Competition
March 15 Skating Club Carnival

March 27 & 28 Iron Man Tournament 2026.

Iron Man 2026

Iron Man 2026 goes March 26, 27 and 28. Lots of plans for 2026 including the regulars like Hockey , Golf , Whiffle Ball , Billiards ,

Bowling , Shuffleboard and darts. New for 2026 include Bucket Golf, 2 on 2 Pickleball and, depending on weather ...one of either outdoor broomball or Snow Pitch.

Entries are already filling up. The entered teams include:

- Moosomin Leaf's
- Moosomin Untouchables
- Moosomin Mustangs
- Moosomin SP
- Moosomin U18
- Wapella Dirty Danglers

We have limited space so if you would like to enter a team please email the Rec Office at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

Moosomin Senior Club - 2025 Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex Multi 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	Pickleball
	6 to 10 pm	Cadets
Tuesday	8:30 to 9:30 am	Tara Billings
	1 to 3 pm	Pickleball
	3:30 to 8:30 pm	Gymnastics
Wednesday	3:30 to 8:30 pm	Gymnastics
Thursday	1 to 3 pm	Pickleball
	7 to 9 pm	Pickleball
Friday	Private Event	Pickleball
Saturday	Gymnastics Competition	Pickleball
Sunday	Open	Pickleball

Moosomin Library

It has been a busy, busy New Year! Here are the activities at the library:

Monday, February 2: Kids Creative Writing at 3:30 pm

Monday, February 9: K'nex Build at 3:30 pm

Wednesday, February 11: Books and Brews Book Club Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, February 12: Board Game Time 6 pm

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

Here are the ones for the coming week:

Monday, February 9 at 1 - 3:30 pm Slab-Pressured Hand-built Clay Paper Towel Holder with Jacqui Beckett (Class 1 of 2) (Full)

6 - 8:30 pm Slab-Pressured Hand-built Clay Paper Towel Holder with Jacqui Beckett (Class 1 of 2)

Tuesday, February 10 at 3:15 - 5:00 pm Block 3 - After School Kids Art Program (Tuesdays)

7:30 - 9:30 pm MADAC presents Oilee Owens at Moosomin Community Theatre
Thursday, February 12 at 7 - 9 pm MVAC Board Meeting

Friday, February 13 at 7 - 9 pm Paper Craft Club
8 - 9:32 pm Charlie the Wonderdog at Moosomin Community Theater

Saturday, February 14 at 2 - 3:32 pm Charlie the Wonderdog at Moosomin Community Theatre

8 - 9:32 pm Charlie the Wonderdog at Moosomin Community Theater

Sunday, February 15 at 1 - 4 pm Youth Dungeons and Dragons

Monday, February 16 at 8 - 9:53 pm Little Film Fest on the Prairies: The Choral at the Moosomin Community Theatre

Wednesday, February 18 at 7 - 9 pm Ceramic Paint Night #8

Thursday, February 19 at 7 - 9 pm Private Ceramic Paint Night

Friday, February 20 at 7 - 9 pm Beginner's Quilting with Norma Botterill

8 - 9:40 pm Mercy at Moosomin Community Theatre

Saturday, February 21 at 9 am - 4 pm Beginner's Quilting with Norma Botterill

8 - 9:40 pm Mercy at Moosomin Community Theatre

Sunday, February 22 at 1 - 5 pm Open Studio

Monday, February 23 at 1 - 3:30 pm Slab-Pressured Hand-built Clay Paper Towel Holder with Jacqui Beckett (Class 2 of 2) (Full)

6 - 8:30 pm Slab-Pressured Hand-built Clay Paper Towel Holder with Jacqui Beckett (Class 2 of 2)

Wednesday, February 25 at 6 - 8 pm Garden Prep with Allan Daku

Thursday, February 26 at 6:30 - 9 pm Tree of Life Suncatchers with Lyla Smart and Lynn Hafner

Friday, February 27 at 8 - 9:47 pm Shelter at Moosomin Community Theatre

Saturday, February 28 at 2 - 4 pm Private Birthday Party

8 - 9:47 pm Shelter at Moosomin Community Theatre

Sunday, March 1 at 1 - 4 pm Private Birthday Party

Monday, March 2 at 7 - 9 pm Open Studio

Bradley Park Outdoor Winter Activities

FREE of Charge

For those looking for winter activities without breaking the bank we have multiple options for you at Bradley Park (all free of charge) including:

Outdoor Arena

Disc Golf

¼ Mile Dog Walk Track

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

Lending Sports Library

Parks and Recreation - 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

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.

Summer Dry Ice Bookings at the Mike Schwean Arena

We are now taking bookings for the 2026 Spring / Summer season on the ice surface. If you would like to book please contact the Rec Office at 435-3622.

Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

February Break Camp

Keep the kids active and having fun all winter long! A fun, safe way for kids to enjoy their February break—spots will fill up fast!

Ages: 5-12
When: February 17-19
Time: 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Takes place at the Rocanville Recreation Centre
Only \$20/day
To register, contact the Rec Office at Rocanville.rec@sasktel.net

Rocanville Community Centre

Senior Supper – Community Potluck

When: February 23 at 6 pm. Come hang out with us for a relaxed night filled with homemade food, warm vibes and even better people. Whether you come with friends or show up solo, there's a seat waiting for you. Plus, enjoy live music from Myron and Ryan Wiebe.

Good food, good music, good company – you won't want to miss it!

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 Cross Country Ski Club

Get outside and enjoy our groomed trails all year long!
Winter: Cross-Country Skiing

Summer: Nordic Walking

Well-maintained trails with over 900 planted spruce trees. Rental equipment available.

Children aged 7-15 are invited to join us Saturday mornings at 10 am, with a volunteer there to ski alongside them right on the trails!

Membership & Day fees:

Register online through Zone 4

Memberships allow winter skiing and summer Nordic walking. Day fees available

Learn more and register at rocanvillecrosscountrytrails.ca.

Registration deadline is June 30, 2026

Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Please visit 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 9

Lane Swim 7:30-8:30 AM
AquaFit 9:30-10:30 AM
OPEN Fitness 12-1 PM
Family Swim 1:30-3:00 PM
Lane Swim 6:30-8 PM

February 10

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 AM
Family Swim 9-10:30 AM
AquaFlex Senior 11-12 PM
Parent & Tot Swim 1:30-2:30 PM
Family Swim 5:30-7 PM
AquaFit 7-8 PM

February 11

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 6:30-8:00 PM

February 12

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

February 13

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30-7:15 AM
Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 AM
AquaZumba 9:30-10:15 AM
OPEN Fitness 12-1 PM
Family Swim 1:30-3 PM

February 14

Public Swim 9-12 PM
Lane Swim 1-2 PM
Family Swim 2-4 PM
February 15: Lane Swim 9-10 AM
Public Swim 1-3 PM

Darsart Studio & Gallery

Starting in March until June
Originals/Lessons/Workshops
Darsart Studio is excited to offer monthly stained-glass workshops!

Whether you're a beginner or looking to build your

skills, come create something beautiful in a welcoming studio space! Find us on Facebook: [Darsart@rocanville](https://www.facebook.com/Darsart@rocanville)

Questions? Text 306-434-8861.
Located 1 mile south of Rocanville

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 10:00-12:00 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 9:00-3:00 PM for a refreshing group walk and a chance to visit with others in the community.

Friday walking is now available from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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 7:00-9:00 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

Tri Valley Trails

Snowmobile Poker Derby

Saturday February 15, 2026

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:

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

Silent hands / Rider Hands: \$10

Hot dog and a canned drink \$5.00 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 2:00 PM

Draws made at the end of derby

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

Rocanville Library

Your local library has more to offer than you might expect! Explore a variety of materials, including books, digital content, and interactive programs designed for all ages. We're also inviting community members to get involved—new board members are welcome. If you're interested in helping support your library, please reach out to the library directly!

Open Hours:

• Wednesday: 9 am – 12 pm & 1:30 – 5:30 pm

• Thursday & Friday: 1:30 – 5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:

• Sewing Machines Makerspace Kits: Four machines

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WHITEWOOD - 3.6 ACRES: Older vacant 1L Storey home, 220' well, on Hwy. #1

WHITEWOOD - 11.25 ACRES: Vacant parcel 2 miles South and 2 miles East of Whitewood, great development potential!

WHITEWOOD - 320 ACRES: 189 SAMA arable, 80 acres pasture, 2 Dugouts, Well, Shop, Barn, Workshop, Cattle Shelter, between Whitewood & Wapella.

SOLD WHITWOOD - 322 ACRES: 240 acres pasture, 505,100 assess., SCIC soil class 'G', SE of Whitewood.

SOLD WHITWOOD - 480 ACRES: 332 SAMA arable, balance pasture, 702,000 assess., SCIC soil class G, G, and H, Quonset, Shed, 12,300 bu. Grain Storage, SE of Whitewood

For all of your buying or selling needs contact:

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available for use for the month of February!

- Valentines Day Tea: Coffee, Tea, and Goodies February 13 at 2-5 pm

- Stitch 'n' Chat: Come on out with a creative project you are working on and enjoy an afternoon of stitching and great company! February 19 from 2-5 pm

- Kids Craft: Bring your kiddos out to make a craft! February 20 from 2-3:30 pm

- 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 for the most up-to-date schedule.

Public skate / Shinny / Lessons

February 9: Shinny 3:30-5 pm

February 11: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30 - 5 pm

February 13: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30-5: pm

February 15: Public Skate 3 -5 pm

Hockey Games

February 14: U9 VS Langenburg 9-11 am

U11 White VS Esterhazy 12:30-2:30 pm

U13 VS Moosomin 5 -7 pm

SR Game 7:30-10:30 pm

February 15: U7 Game 1:30-2:30 pm

Monique's Fitness Class

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

Benefits of core strength:

- Provides balance and stability, reducing the risk of injury

- Improves posture

- Prevents overuse injuries

- Reduces lower back pain

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

All fitness levels welcome!

Bring your water bottle and a smile!



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, 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

306-645-2022 • rocanville.town@sasktel.net



Steelhawks vs Fort Knox

Fort Knox was in Moosomin on Friday, January 30 for a PJHL regular season game against the Moosomin Steelhawks. The game ended 11-4 for Fort Knox.

Above: A mid-ice battle for the puck.

Left: Andres Vladimir Couoh Martinez comes in for a shot on Fort Knox.

Below: Jayden Paul moves the puck into the Steelhawks' end.

Kara Kinna photos





Above, a few photos from my visit with students in Whitewood Monday. Below, the Foran copper mine near Creighton.



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A few photos from the Champions for Change Gala in Saskatoon



Maintaining a strong, safe, secure Saskatchewan

Three steps forward for Saskatchewan

So many announcements lately are further steps on our road to keeping Saskatchewan strong, safe and secure.

Look at three recent announcements:

- An absolutely massive alumina find near Tisdale has the potential to be developed into an industry on the scale of the potash and uranium industries in Saskatchewan.
- The company developing a copper mine near Creighton will become part of a larger Canadian company. That copper mine should start producing this year. Both the alumina and copper developments complement expansions in the potash and uranium industries.
- And on top of our work on Small Modular Reactors (350 megawatts), our government announced recently we are investigating also developing a full size nuclear reactor (one gigawatt), which makes so much sense since Saskatchewan is the Western world's main producer of Uranium and Saskatchewan-based Cameco owns Westinghouse, the main developer of nuclear reactors in the Western world, which is part of a \$80 billion plan to develop more reactors over the next few years.

Each of these is one more step in keeping Saskatchewan strong, safe and secure.

Thor project

Huge news for Saskatchewan! Canadian Energy Metals Corp. announced the results of its Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA), which outlines the scale, quality, and potential economic viability of Canada's first major domestic alumina resource. It supports CEM's Thor Project as a discovery of possible global significance.

"This PEA confirms that the Thor Project is a possible game changer for North America's aluminum supply chain," said Christopher Hopkins, President & Chief Executive Officer, CEM. "In our world, anything that moves products, transmits power or stores energy uses aluminum. We have established a world-leading, secure source of alumina right here in Saskatchewan. Our next focus is to engineer a demonstration facility while moving Thor towards commercialization."

The Thor Project has the potential to create an entirely new processing and value-added industry for Saskatchewan and North America. The construction and operations could support high-paying jobs, royalty and tax revenues, and spur regional economic growth for decades.

Premier Scott Moe said it so well: "The Thor Project discovery pairs our province's pro-mining investment policies with a substantial geological advantage. We're excited about the prospect of a new alumina industry setting up shop in our province, where people are ready for more jobs and investment from around the world."

Eldorado, Foran join forces

Foran is the company developing a massive copper mine near Creighton, Saskatchewan. Eldorado Gold Cor-

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poration and Foran Mining Corporation have entered into an agreement whereby Eldorado will acquire Foran, which is developing a major copper mine in Saskatchewan. The McIvenna Bay project in Saskatchewan is on budget and on schedule for commercial production in mid-2026. The company will remain headquartered in Canada.

Premier Scott Moe pointed out how important the announcement is. "This proposed transaction reinforces Saskatchewan's position as a leading destination for responsible resource development," the Premier said. "McIvenna Bay is a high-quality project that will deliver jobs, investment, and long-term economic benefits for the province. A combination with Eldorado would further strengthen the project's development pathway and underscore Canada's role in supplying critical minerals to both domestic and global markets."

George Burns, Chief Executive Officer of Eldorado, commented, "This combination creates a stronger gold and copper growth company. With Skouries and McIvenna Bay scheduled to come online in 2026, the combined business is positioned for a step-change in production, cash flow, and global relevance. Increasing our exposure to Canada, through an asset in Saskatchewan, consistently recognized as one of the world's most attractive mining jurisdictions, strengthens our portfolio."

SaskPower announcement

Big news for the future of our province as the Government of Saskatchewan and SaskPower announced plans to formally evaluate large nuclear reactor technologies for use in Saskatchewan. The technology selection process will take place alongside 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 Sas-

katchewan's energy security far into the future."

"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."

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.

Exploring options for nuclear power is part of building a strong, safe, secure Saskatchewan.

Champions For Change gala

It was a privilege and an honor to speak on behalf of our government to the hundreds of people gathered at the Champions For Change gala in Saskatoon Saturday night. I met so many people, learned a lot and made some new friends.

Congratulations to the award winners recognized at the event! Every time I attend an event like this, I end up being invited to a couple more events by people I meet there, so there are more and more opportunities to meet people and learn from them!

Whitewood School visit

I had such a great time speaking to the Grade 4 class at Whitewood School Monday! The kids had such great questions, and I could tell they learned a lot when we did a little trivia quiz at the end! I gave each of the students a book about the Legislature, a Saskatchewan flag pin, and a cookie made by Nav at Island Bakehaus (look them up on Instagram)!

It was great to meet with these future leaders!

Meetings, meetings, meetings . . .

Every week includes a lot of meetings for me. Last week a few important meetings were on my agenda. I took one on behalf of our government with Neighborhood Pharmacies Canada. This is the national association that represents pharmacy businesses. We discussed the scope of practice of pharmacists. Saskatchewan has one of the largest scopes of practice for pharmacists in Canada.

I sit on the Government Operations Committee and we had a very interesting meeting Tuesday and made a few important recommendations to cabinet.

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