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The Moosomin Rangers won Game 2 of the first round of the Provincial A playoffs against the Round Lake Bears 6-2 on February 8, tying the best-of-three series 1-1. The Rangers headed to Round Lake on Friday, February 13 for the third and final game.

Kara Kinna photo

## Moosomin preparing now for 2026 census

### Mayor Murray Gray says it's crucial the count is accurate and everyone is included

BY KARA KINNA

Statistics Canada will be conducting the next census in May of this year, but the town of Moosomin is preparing now in order to ensure the count for Moosomin is more accurate than it was during the last census in 2021.

After the 2021 census, the town of Moosomin asked Statistics Canada to review its census numbers for Moosomin, and Statistics Canada responded by adjusting Moosomin's census numbers. Statistics Canada initially reported that Moosomin had a population of 2,675 in the 2021 census. The World-Spectator investigated and found

that the number of households reported in the census were lower than the number of utility bills going out to households. The town asked Statistics Canada to review those numbers and Statistics Canada responded with a revised census number that is 4.3 per cent higher for Moosomin than the initial 2021 number.

"Statistics Canada has undertaken a detailed investigation and has confirmed that the population and private dwelling counts were incorrect," Lise Rivais of Statistics Canada wrote at the time.

The count of total private dwellings was increased from

1,207 to 1,281 and the official census population was increased from 2,657 to 2,774. The new numbers resulted in approximately \$100,000 in revenue sharing for Moosomin before the 2026 census.

Moosomin Mayor Murray Gray says this time, the town wants to ensure that Statistics Canada get it right, and that the town and its residents do whatever is required in order to make that happen.

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Images shared by police after drug trafficking charges were laid against four people, including Glenda Neddow of Moosomin and Bernadette Gunn of Stockholm.

## Moosomin, Stockholm women among four facing drug trafficking charges

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Four people—including Glenda Neddow of Moosomin and Bernadette Gunn of Stockholm—are facing charges following a five-month drug trafficking investigation led by the Regina Police Service Drug Unit and Regina Crime Reduction Team.

On February 7, 2026, under the authority of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA), four search warrants were executed—two in Regina, one in Davidson, and one in Brandon. As a result of the searches, significant quantities of illicit drugs and cash were located and seized, including:

- 5276 grams of cocaine;
- 1089 grams of fentanyl;
- 183 grams of methamphetamine; and
- \$25,705 in cash.

The estimated street value of this seizure is believed to be in excess of \$650,000.

Four people were arrested in relation to this investigation. Arrests were made in Regina, Moosomin, Brandon, and Davidson.

Fifty-four-year-old Glenda Dale Neddow of Moosomin is charged with:

- Commission of an Offence for a Criminal Organization
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking fentanyl)
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- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking methamphetamine); and
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking proceeds of crime).

Fifty-six-year-old Bernadette Gunn of Stockholm is charged with:

- Instructing Commission of an Offence

for a Criminal Organization;

- Commission of an Offence for a Criminal Organization;
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking fentanyl);
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking cocaine);
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking methamphetamine);
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking proceeds of crime);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (fentanyl);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (cocaine);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (methamphetamine); and
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime Over \$5,000.

Fifty-year-old Sean Timothy Hogan of Regina is charged with:

- Commission of an Offence for a Criminal Organization;
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking fentanyl);
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- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking proceeds of crime);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (cocaine); and
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime Under \$5,000.

Forty-three-year-old Timothy York of Edmonton is charged with:

- Instructing Commission of an Offence for a Criminal Organization;
- Commission of an Offence for a Criminal Organization;

- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking fentanyl);
- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking cocaine);
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- Conspiracy to Commit an Indictable Offence (trafficking proceeds of crime);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking (fentanyl);
- Possession of a Controlled Substance

for the Purpose of Trafficking (methamphetamine);

- Possession of Proceeds of Crime under \$5,000.

All four accused made their first appearance on these charges in Regina Provincial Court on February 9.

The Brandon Police Service Organized Crime Unit and the Saskatoon Police Service assisted.

## Next Moosomin Chamber meeting February 24

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The next Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 24 at 11:45 am at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin.

Moosomin's new economic development officer, Jeff Cole, will be giving a presentation on economic development in Moosomin, and on the town's vision and goals moving forward.

Mayor Murray Gray will talk about the

town of Moosomin's 10-year economic development plan and about what the town has accomplished and wants to focus on in the years ahead.

Kyle Jeannot will be talking about plans for the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks weekend on the August long weekend at Moosomin Regional Park.

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark will be giving a report on the things he has been doing over the last few months before the spring session starts.

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# Moosomin preparing now for 2026 census

Mayor Murray Gray says it's crucial the count is accurate and everyone is included

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"The value of getting a proper count, not only does it affect our funding on several different levels, but it also shows the growth that we've been talking about, which then affects our ability for grants and gives us more recognition with both levels of government," says Gray.

"So we want to make sure that we have an accurate count that shows the growth that we know we've had over the past 10 years.

"We appealed the last census because we found it to be very, very inaccurate, and we want to get ahead of things and not have to do that. After this census, we're hoping that we get the right number to start with, just because we know there were places that weren't counted last time. We know the town was under counted by a large amount, and in the appeal process, they didn't recount, they just did a nominal correction. So we want to have the number right to start with this time."

Gray says he's not sure why that happened in 2021.

"I don't think that the gravity of it was fully felt, whether it was the people who were in charge of making sure everybody was counted, or even our local people making sure that they stand up and say, 'I need to be counted.' So I think we need to make sure that message is out there to everybody, and everybody knows the importance of it."

He says census numbers are used not only by governments to determine funding, by they are crucial for things like economic development as well.

"It's important for so many things. It affects our funding from the municipal revenue sharing. It also comes into play when you're talking to businesses about coming here. When you're in economic development, if you can show the growth that we've had in census numbers, I think it makes it more attractive to do business, no matter what business you talk to."

"So I think it's far greater reaching than just how it effects grants with the provincial and federal government. Whether you're attracting doctors or whether you're attracting a new business to come to town, you want to show the growth that we know we've had."

He says the improper count last time had a negative effect on the town.

"It probably cost us a couple hundred thousand in funding that we could have used to put into our infrastructure to continue to grow. Ironically, if you think about being shorted on the census, and then you have all of this infrastructure pressure because of growth, and then they under count you, you're actually getting slammed from both sides. You're growing but they're not acknowledging that in the census."

The census takes place in May but the town of Moosomin is preparing now so that there is an accurate count this time.



"It certainly hurts you in some respects, because then the numbers don't back the messaging. Because the messaging has been that we're growing, that we're a progressive, growing community. We've got all these things going, and then the number comes out with a decrease in population and our hard work is discredited in some ways because of that."

So what can the town do to help the process go smoother this year?

"Once we find out who's hired, who's in charge of it for this area, we'll get some contact numbers at that point in time to make sure that we will have that ahead of time, to make sure that we know who they can reach out to," says Gray. "The residents need to contact the people who are doing the work, so we will stay on that and find out who's in charge of it, and we'll get their contact information."

He says education is also key.

"Some people will have the long census. Some will have the short census, and you're able to do it either in paper form or online. So maybe we need to do some education on that side of it, if people have some trouble with it. We'll just need to make sure that we're diligent about learning those processes in order to be able to help people as much as we can. I'm sure any member of council would help somebody who needs help with that, because it's important to all of us that we make sure everybody's counted."

"For governments to function properly, we need to know the exact number of people, and in order to be able to look after the residents, it's important in order to have the census filled out, because it's directly correlated to the funding model. There's lots of positives that come

out of you filling this census in, far greater than negatives. Truthfully, it just helps. It helps you and it helps your neighbor, and it helps your community by filling it out."

Gray says it's not just an accurate count of how many people reside in Moosomin that's important, but also numbers that show the town's demographics.

"Those demographics are used in economic development lots when we are doing things like talking to a housing developer or talking to minor hockey in order to plan for the future, when we talk about things like a second rink.

Age statistics, especially, are important to do things like plan for maybe a second Cobblestone House. It is important not only know how many people live here, but what age of people are living here, to plan for things like schools.

"Just about anything and anybody who's going to come and invest in our community wants to know the age of the people that are here. So it's not just about population counts. They want to know what age of people there are. And that's part of the planning process for a lot of different aspects."

Gray says people need to insist on being counted this

year.

"If you haven't been contacted, or you haven't got the forms in order to do the census, please let us all know so we can help, because it's important to lots of people in the community. So speak up, we'll help you get counted."

"I think they're starting to look at hiring staff now for the census. If there's somebody in town who realizes the importance of this that would like to apply for that job, that would be awesome if we had somebody local that could take on that role. That would be fantastic, because that would also help ensure it goes smoothly."

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**Left:** Emma, Louise, Bodyn, Rhett, Hadley and Principal Tammy Cole in front of the new milk fridge at MacLeod Elementary School. MacLeod Elementary got a new fridge for their milk program, a new microwave and an air fryer.

## Moosomin Food Share receives grant for schools

The Moosomin Food Share applied for the School Infrastructure Grant on behalf of MacLeod Elementary and McNaughton High School and as approved for \$20,716.56.

MacLeod Elementary received a new fridge for their milk program, a new microwave and an air fryer. McNaughton High School received cookware, a freezer, microwaves, mixers, and other items for their home ec room and the confectionary.



**Above right:** McNaughton Home Economics teacher Laura Teale, with students Leah Hoang, Maya McMullen, Alysa Geiger, Julia McConnell and Georgia Boardman stand in front of the new freezer donated by the Moosomin Food Share.

## Cory Smith court appearance adjourned to March 10

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The next court appearance for Cory Smith, the man accused of stealing \$46,000 from the Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association, has been adjourned to Tuesday, March 10 in Esterhazy Provincial Court at 10 am.

Smith was due to appear in court last Tuesday, Feb. 10 for the matter to be addressed that day.

Smith has been charged with one count of theft over \$5,000 after he was accused of stealing \$43,000 through e-transfer and \$3,000 in cash from Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association.

EMHA president Glen Simon said the board began investigating the theft in July before handing the investigation over to the RCMP. Smith was the treasurer for the Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association.

The EMHA also suspended the ability for any individual to do electronic funds transfers, and said they will be returning to the practice of using cheques with dual signatures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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## Moosomin Town Council

# Council sits down with new EDO

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At their meeting on Wednesday, new Economic Development Officer Jeff Cole gave his first report to council as the new EDO. Cole wanted to go over the 10-year economic development plan with council and talk about some of the main objectives of the plan, as well as what Gateway Economic Development has been working on.

He went over some of the pillar projects in the plan and talked about some potential businesses and projects that are being looked at for the Moosomin area.

He also said he was working on learning the ins and outs of the Housing Access-

erator program, and had faith that there could be more funding available under that program, especially since Moosomin was so successful in meeting its targets quickly under the program.

### New backhoe purchase

Council passed a motion to trade in a 2011 John Deere JD backhoe and 2018 John Deere dozer and purchase a new CAT 420XE backhoe for \$72,500 plus taxes and fees for the public works department.

### Street light suggestions will be reviewed for budget

Council will be reviewing the sugges-

tions of Russell Slugoski as part of their budget for additional street lights at five locations in town. They include: The intersection of Wright Road and Mark Avenue East; The intersection of Broadway Avenue and Henry Street; The intersection of Broadway Avenue and Arthur Street; The intersection of Cook Road and Heritage Place (South); The mid-section of Cook Road north of the railway tracks near the entrance to the Veterinary Clinic.

### Five-person construction crew to be formed

Council passed a motion to create a new five-person construction crew as part of the Public Works department made up of the assistant foreman and four existing public works employees. The crew would be dedicated to jobs such as working on water main breaks when they occur, while the other public works employees continue to tend to daily duties in the apartment.

### Accessible door openers to be installed at town, library

Council passed a motion to purchase and install three electric door openers for accessibility—two at the town office and one at the library—after reviewing quotes

from Creative Door. The openers will cost \$11,576 plus taxes.

### Discretionary use application for all 10 Black Box condo lots approved

Council approved the application for a discretionary use permit for all 10 commercial condo garage lots in Eastgate Business Park for the Black Box Condos.

Eleven commercial condo bays are planned for Moosomin in Eastgate Business Park for shop and light industrial use. The condos would be located on Saunders Road, just south of the Saskatchewan Power building.

Council also approved a home-based building permit for a small indoor cycling studio in Moosomin.

### Person hired for deep cleaning arena bathrooms

Council made a motion to approve hiring a person to do a deep cleaning every Friday on the bathrooms at the Mike Schwan arena, both upstairs and downstairs in the dressing rooms, so that they are fully cleaned ahead of every weekend at the arena. The bathrooms by the Convention Centre will also be deep cleaned on an as-needed basis.

## Kipling Town Council

# Tara Carter hired as new rec and culture manager

Carter steps down from council, by-election set for May 13

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Kipling Town Council has passed a motion to hire Tara Carter as the town's new Recreation and Culture Manager.

Carter was town councillor, and resigned from her council seat as soon as she accepted the position.

That means a by-election will need to be held for Carter's vacant council seat. The by-election date has been set for May 13, with April 8 as the deadline for nominations.

Carter was elected in the last municipal election, and is involved in a number of groups in Kipling.



Tara Carter has stepped down from Kipling Council to become the town's new Recreation and Culture Manager.

### No CAP funding for Kipling in 2026

At their meeting on Monday, Kipling Town Council found out that the town will not be receiving any funding under the Community Airport Program this year.

The town had applied for \$275,000 to repave a portion of the runway at the Kipling Airport.

CAP is a provincial program that provides funding for regional, community-owned airports in Saskatchewan each year.

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# Reputations stained, but greatness memories linger

The two most dominating athletes of my lifetime celebrated significant birthdays in the last couple of weeks, which sent me down Sentimental Drive on the way to Nostalgia Avenue.

Wayne Gretzky turned 65 on Jan. 26; Tiger Woods got to the half-century mark, the big 5-0, on Dec. 30. Both accomplished greatness, but suffered reputational stains.

It was circa 1968-69 when the CBC National News ran a broadcast feature on a skinny little kid with blond hair from Brantford, Ont., who was setting the hockey world aflame. The kid, Wayne Gretzky, was eight or nine years old and he was playing in a league among 13-year-old boys, far bigger, stronger, quicker. But this Gretzky kid was scoring eight, 10, 12 goals a game against the older opponents, and the CBC reporter chuckled through his report as grainy video showed the youngster dippy-doodling through the opponent's defence and putting a move on the goalie that resulted in another tally.

How did he get so proficient at such a young age? His dad, Walter, said he flooded the back yard every winter and Wayne would spend hours on the ice, almost having to be dragged inside for bed. Would he grow up to be just as good? Would the bigger kids catch up when he was a teen? Would the greatness last forever?

It did. He dominated junior hockey at age 16. He turned pro at 17, with Indianapolis Racers of the outlaw World Hockey Association. He was sold as an 18-year-old to Peter Pocklington, owner of the Edmonton Oilers, and the rest is history. Gretzky went on to set professional scoring records that will never be matched. His 2,857 total points are 936 more than his closest rival, Jaromir Jagr.

Today, Gretzky is 65, living in the U.S., and not as adored in Canada as he once was. He still has legions of fans, but many lament his close association with fellow celebrity Donald Trump. Gretzky was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2009 but has yet



Bruce Penton

to attend a ceremony to acknowledge the honour, one of the highest a Canadian can receive. His light has dimmed north of the 49th parallel.

Woods, meanwhile, was another child wonder who did, in fact, blossom into an ultra superstar. His 82 victories and 15 major championships in a career dulled by injuries and scandal are unlikely to be threatened. As a 50-year-old, his star is shining brighter than it was when he was enmeshed in tabloid extramarital scandal 15 years ago. These days, he is playing a complementary role in steering the PGA Tour to a brighter future. He's caddy for his talented golfer son Charlie in junior tournaments and standing pitch-side at daughter Sam's soccer games. Reportedly, he is in a committed relationship with his latest girlfriend, the ex-wife of Donald Trump, Jr.

Two superstars. Two humans growing old. We witnessed all the accomplishments and all the flaws. We should perhaps remember the athletic greatness and ignore the rest.

• Columnist Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Question for Gavin McKenna: You're 18 years old. The legal drinking age in the U.S. is 21. Never mind what happened in the bar — shouldn't you know better than to even be in the bar?"

• A groaner from RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "QB Teddy Bridgewater once turned down a possible starting gig in Miami to stay with the Saints to back up Drew

Brees. It was the same old song: a Brees over troubled Bridgewater."

• John K. on X, on LIV defections: "Brooks (Koepka) and (Patrick) Reed have sent a very clear message: 'You couldn't pay me enough to play exhibition golf around the globe.'"

• Super 70s Sports: "James Harden is a first ballot franchise killer Hall of Famer. Good for the local strip club economy, bad for your franchise."

• Cathal Kelly the Globe and Mail, on Olympic 'moments' vs. medals: "I am guessing when I try to remember which medal Jon Montgomery won in Vancouver, but my recollection of watching him chug a pitcher of beer on the street is in Technicolour."

• Another one from Kelly: "These are the stick-it-to-Trump Games. Each Canadian medal is a thumb in the eye to every dullard who, upon hearing you are Canadian, leads with a 51st state joke."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on comments overheard from the four-legged competitors at the Westminster Dog Show: "My Uncle Scruffy loves to tell the story about the time his dog-obedience class took a field trip to Washington, D.C., and he did his business on the White House lawn."

• Headline at onion.com: "Rifle-Wielding Chair Umpire Asks Crowd If Making Noise During Australian Open Truly Worth Dying For"

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "The curling venue in Cortina was built in 1957 for the 1956 Olympics."

• Rolfson again: "Anthony Davis was traded from the Mavs to Washington Wizards in an eight-player NBA deal. He'll fit right in in D.C. with all the people who don't show up for work."

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### Rangers vs Round Lake

The Moosomin Rangers won Game 2 of the first round of the Provincial A playoffs against the Round Lake Bears 6-2 on February 8, tying the best-of-three series 1-1. The Rangers headed to Round Lake on Friday, February 13 for the third and final game. Shown here are some moments from Game 2 in Moosomin, which packed the stands, including the Rangers celebrating at the end of Game 2, above.

Kara Kinna photos



**Above:** Kyler Beckett gets ready for a shot on goal. **Right:** Shaquille Houle and Phil Fath battle for the puck. **Below:** Taya Hockley was cheering for the Rangers, and especially Bud Holloway.



**Above:** Rangers fans flying a flag in the stands. **Below:** The teams get snarled up along the boards.



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## In our opinion:

# Canada does not lack the tools to grow faster than the U.S. It lacks the will to use them

Economic growth and a rising standard of living used to be a given. Canadian parents could assume, with good reason, that their children and grandchildren would be richer than they were. That assumption is now wrong.

Canada's economic growth has been weak for more than a decade, and it shows up in everyday life. From 2014 to 2024, the economy grew at an average annual rate of 1.94 per cent in real terms, according to Statistics Canada data. Over the same period, population growth averaged 1.37 per cent. Once population growth is taken into account, economic growth per person was just 0.57 per cent a year. At that pace, it would take more than 120 years for Canadians' standard of living to double.

The comparison with the United States makes the problem clearer. Over the same period, the U.S. economy grew by 2.46 per cent a year in real terms, according to St. Louis Federal Reserve figures. Population growth averaged 0.71 per cent, leaving per capita growth of 1.75 per cent a year, more than three times the Canadian rate. Canada is falling behind the neighbour it relies on most for export markets.

The main reason is productivity. Productivity growth is what allows an economy to produce more value from each hour worked, and it is the foundation of rising wages and living standards. In Canada, productivity growth has been weak for years. The C.D. Howe Institute, the Fraser Institute and the Royal Bank of Canada have all pointed to the same underlying causes.

One of them is where investment is going. The Royal Bank has highlighted the heavy flow of capital into real estate and construction, sectors that have shown negative productivity growth in recent years. Rapid population growth in major cities, artificial land scarcity and high development charges have helped push investment toward housing rather than toward businesses that expand output and productivity.

Those development charges remain a major cost even as migration pressure eases. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation estimates charges of about \$180,000 for a detached home in Toronto and \$109,000 in Burnaby, next to Vancouver. Charges per apartment unit are close to \$100,000. These fees are set by municipalities under provincial legislation. Lower charges would reduce costs and allow more housing to be built.

Weak productivity is also tied to falling business investment. Net foreign investment in Canada has turned negative, meaning capital is leaving the country. Domestic firms have not filled the gap. Capital per worker, adjusted for inflation, has been flat for decades and now sits at roughly three-quarters of the U.S. level, according to a C.D. Howe Institute study.

Policy choices are part of what makes Canada a less attractive place to invest. Regulations and costs tied to housing, energy development, pipelines, carbon pricing and taxes all weigh on investment decisions. Canada's industrial carbon pricing system raises costs for large emitters, making the energy sector less competitive and reducing returns on new projects. Pipeline barriers add further costs and delays, as shown by the Trans Mountain expansion, which saw costs rise to about \$34 billion and pushed back export opportunities that could have boosted growth.

Taxes matter as well. While KPMG shows Canada with slightly lower combined corporate tax rates than the United States, Washington now allows full and immediate expensing of capital investments. That change sharply reduces effective tax rates on new investment south of the border.

Other countries show how different choices can produce very different results. Ireland taxes corporate income at 12.5 per cent. From 2014 to 2024, its economy grew at an average annual rate of 7.7 per cent in real terms, and GDP per capita rose by 9.2 per cent, using World Bank data. On that measure, Irish citizens are now wealthier than Americans.

Canada lacks neither resources nor capability. It has abundant natural wealth, globally competitive firms in energy, mining, engineering and technology, and deep capital markets. Becoming a lower-tax, more investor-friendly country would not make Canada richer overnight, but it would move the country back toward the kind of growth Canadians once took for granted.

*This editorial is written by Ian Madsen, a senior policy analyst at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.*



## Why the census matters to you and your community

2026 is a census year, but I'm going to guess that about five people in our region, if that, have the census on their mind in any way.

That's okay, that's to be expected, and I didn't pay a ton of attention to the census myself until the 2021 census when one day the World-Spectator received a phone call informing us that an entire apartment building in Moosomin had tried to be counted but couldn't receive the information they needed to fill out the census and be included in the town's population count.

That set alarm bells off, and Kevin, the World-Spectator editor the time, began to dig, and what he found made no sense.

He found that the census numbers were vastly out of whack for Moosomin when compared to the number of utility bills going out to households in Moosomin, and that the census numbers were lower. There were other things in the census that didn't make sense—like saying zero households spoke a second language in Moosomin, or that no one was over the age of 100 in Moosomin (when we personally knew people who were over 100 when the census was taken).

This led us to start calling other communities in the southeast, and the pattern was similar—it appeared that this corner of the province had been undercounted in many communities. The mayor of Esterhazy told us that, according to the census, there would be 200 empty houses in Esterhazy—a mining town that has a constant demand for housing.

The end result of all this was that Moosomin, and some other communities around the southeast, asked Statistics Canada to review their numbers.

In Moosomin's case, Statistics Canada responded with a revised census number that was 4.3 per cent higher for Moosomin than the initial 2021 number. The count of total private dwellings was increased by Statistics Canada from 1,207 to 1,281 and the official census population was increased from 2,657 to 2,774.



**Kara Kinna**

The new census numbers for Moosomin meant at least \$25,000 more for Moosomin each year in provincial Revenue Sharing, or \$100,000 before the next census in 2026.

And here we are now in 2026.

This time Moosomin wants to make sure that Statistics Canada gets it right. And for that reason, Mayor Murray Gray has decided to start beating the drum early about the importance of everyone filling out their census, or demanding that they be included if they feel that Stats Canada has missed them in some way.

If you think that statistics numbers don't make a difference, think again. Those numbers are used to help governments determine where grant money goes, and how much of it we get. From provincial revenue sharing to other grant applications that communities or organizations fill out, statistics numbers are considered. And not just population counts, but how communities are made up (eg: How many people there are in a community of a certain age, how many people there are with special needs, and so on).

All of this data will be used to make important decisions for the next five years.

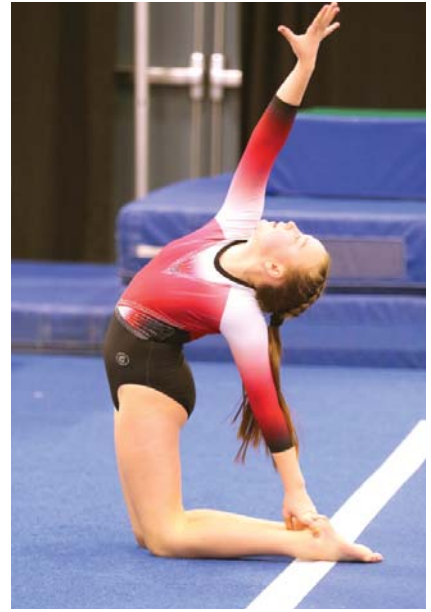
So while it may seem like a silly or unimportant thing, or just some more paperwork we need to deal with, it really is important that people in our communities not only ensure they fill out their census, but hold Statistics Canada to account, and ensure they are doing their utmost to get accurate statistics numbers this year.



Charlee Palik and coach Tenille Ford.



A gymnast on the balance beam and doing a routine as part of the competition.



Gymnasts during the fun meet.

## Gymnastics meet

Moosomin hosted a gymnastics fun meet in the morning and a competition in the afternoon of February 7. There were 82 kids in all over the course of the day at the meet, including gymnasts with Ross Gym and Fit, Esterhazy, Carnduff and Carlyle.

Kara Kinna photos



**Above:**  
Aries Biberdorf from Carnduff.

**Right:** Gymnasts waiting and watching during the competition.

**Left and above right:**  
Working on the balance beam.





Carson Baily received the Most Impressive Fish award.



Scott Prybylski received the Men's Typical Mule Deer award.



Jett Gray received the award for Jr. Boys Northern Pike.

## Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation's 37th annual awards banquet

The Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation held its 37th annual awards banquet at the Moosomin Armory Hall on Saturday, Feb. 7. The evening included a supper, silent auction and live auction in support of local wildlife and conservation initiatives in the area. Each year the federation awards local hunters and fishers for their achievements over the past season. President of Wapella Wildlife Federation Dallas Campbell presented the awards during the banquet.



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Jaridan Cherry received the Men's Typical Whitetail award.



Layne Knutson received the Jr. Boys Typical Whitetail award.



Kruz Kryger received the Jr. Boys Typical Whitetail award.



Braya Prybylski received the Jr. Girls Typical Whitetail award.



Presley Kryger received the Most Impressive Big Game award.



Jen Prybylski received the Ladies Typical Whitetail award.



The winners of the A division in the Carlyle Oilmen's Bonspiel. From left are Zack Brown, Ethan Newell, Robin Brown, and Lane Newell from Secure Specialty Chemicals.



The B division winners of the Carlyle Oilmen's bonspiel were from Baker Hughes. From left are Cheryl Newell, Chaelyn Boutin, Brandy East, and Kirk Himmelsbach. Missing is Conrad Beach.



From left to right, Brooklyn Smith, Logan Mellom, Brayden Rowley, and Jessica Lees from Whitecap Resources Inc won the C division at the Carlyle Oilmen's bonspiel. Spares were Scott Kingdon and Hugh Hislop.

Brandy East photos

## Twenty years of Carlyle's Oilmen Bonspiel

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

For 20 years, oilmen, along with their family and friends, have participated in the Carlyle Oilmen's Bonspiel. The 20th anniversary took place from February 6-7 with 10 teams entering.

Brandy East and Brooklynn Smith organized the event. Brandy has headed up the bonspiel for the past 10 years, and she said it has always been a great event to take part in, and everyone always seems to have a great time.

Oilmen bonspiel became a thing in many curling rinks, and it was a great way to raise money for the club.

When the bonspiel first started, the organizers wanted an event that was fun and different. The rules are simple: each team must have two people who have a background in the oil business. These can be workers, or family members and the rest can be friends. Each team has four play-

ers, and all games are eight ends, unless a team quits because of the score. If they are losing, they can call the game, which will give the winning team an extra point for ends not played.

Many of the games were close. Teams were determined by win, losses, and if there was a tie, points were calculated for placings. There were three divisions—A, B, and C games—that were played on Saturday at 6 pm.

A raffle table was set up with a wide range of goods, and there was even some merchandise donated with the 20th anniversary logo up for grabs. They also had two pies donated by Dennis Feduk. He is known for his pies and they auctioned them off, raising \$650. Friday night supper was catered by Rylan Weir, and Saturday evening they had pizza and wings. Throughout the bonspiel, the beer gardens were open.

At the end of the day there can only be three winners, and they are, for the A division, Secure Specialty Chemicals with Zack Brown, Ethan Newell, Robin Brown, and Lane Newell as the teams' players. The B division went to Cheryl Newell, Chaelyn Boutin, Brandy East, Conrad Beach, and Kirk Himmelsbach from Baker Hughes. Whitecap Resources Inc had Brooklyn Smith, Logan Mellom, Brayden Rowley, and Jessica Lees winning the C division with spares Scott Kingdon and Hugh Hislop.

Brandy would like to give a shout out to Robin Brown, Dave East, Lane Newell, Devin Brown, Zack Brown, and Carter Altwasser on the hours that they spent on making the ice surface perfect for all the curlers throughout the season. They have been a dedicated part of the Carlyle Curling Club for many years.

## Junior Curlers from Carlyle take home gold at District playdown

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

It was an exciting time for a group of junior curlers from the Carlyle Gordon F. Kells (GFK) High School when they went to Radville for a School District Playdown bonspiel. The event took place on February 6. Eight teams entered the bonspiel, and each hoped to come home with the gold, but Carlyle had other plans.

Aliya Faber, Jett Johnson, Luke Tremblay, Ryan Cooper, and Lincoln Tremblay made up the team from GFK with their coach Robin Brown, and assistant coach Devin Brown. Their first game was against Gladmar. They were not going to give the other team an inch and stayed on top of them with a winning score of 7-1.

The team has curled together for three years, with Robin and Devin coaching them for the past two years. The second game was against Lyndale School. GFK had no intentions of giving this team any room to score, and they almost held to their word by giving them one point and defeating Lyndale 16-1. Carlyle was headed to the final and gold medal round.

The excitement began to build as this

game was going to determine who was taking the gold medal home. Lampman was the team that they were going to play against, and they too wanted the honour of a win. Both teams played well, and at first it was a close game but, in the end, Carlyle took the lead and won 6-2. They were the Junior District Champions.

According to Robin, the team curls in a league on Mondays in Carlyle. They practice twice a week with Robin and Devin. They entered the Junior bonspiel in Carlyle this year as well. They have had a productive year, and the coaches are pleased with how far they have come through the year.

"This group absolutely loves the sport, and they put in the work during practice and absorb any input I can give them," said Robin. "If they stay on the track, they are on, there is big things in the future for them."

They are hoping to get into a fun spiel toward the end of the season, but those plans are unsure at the moment. In the meantime, they will continue to curl and improve their skills with the leadership that they have.

**Right:** The Junior Curling team from the Gordon F. Kells High School are all smiles after their big win. From left to right, Aliya Faber (skip), Jett Johnson (lead), Luke Tremblay (third), Ryan Cooper (second), Lincoln Tremblay (fifth) and Robin Brown (coach). Missing is Devin Brown (assistant coach).

Robin Brown photo



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## U18 Rangers head to Round 2 of provincials

The Moosomin U18 Rangers headed to Round 2 of provincial playoffs after defeating the Wawota Flyers in Round 1.

The Rangers met the Flyers in Moosomin on January 29 for Game 1, with that game ending in a tie. Game 2 was played in Wawota, and the Rangers defeated the Flyers 6-2 to move on to Round 2 against Maple Creek.

**Above:** The 18 Rangers and Flyers in action during Game 2 in Wawota.

**Left:** The Rangers celebrate their Game 2 victory.

Peyton Glass photos



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# Senior Hockey Roundup

## Senior Hockey provincials and playoffs heating up

BY DONNIE MATICHUK

### Big Six Hockey League

Teams in the Big Six have been battling in both the Provincial Playoffs and League Playoffs.

In Big Six league playoffs, the eighth seed Midale Mustangs and first seed Redvers Rockets took each other on in the quarterfinal. Game 1 of the best-of-five series took place in Redvers on February 2, with the Rockets taking an 8-4 win on home ice. Game 2 was on the 4th, and saw the Rockets win a decisive game 15-4 and take a 2-0 series lead. Redvers closed out the series with a 3-0 sweep after taking Game 3 at home on February 9.

The seventh seed KW Oil Kings took on the second seed Moosomin Rangers in the quarterfinal. Game 1 of this match-up was at Mike Schween Arena February 3 in Moosomin, and the Rangers defeated Kipling 9-0. Game 2 shifted back to Kipling on the 5th, and Moosomin once again won the contest 9-1 and took a series lead of two games to one. Game 3 was back in Moosomin on Thursday night, and the Rangers earned a series sweep with an 8-2 win over Kipling. Bud Holloway added 4 points to bring his playoff total to 13 in three games.

The sixth seed Carnduff Red Devils took on the third seed Oxbow Huskies. The first game of the series was in Oxbow on the 3rd, and had 96 minutes in penalties. When the dust cleared, Oxbow came away with a 5-1 win. Game 2 went back to the Carnduff Centennial Arena on February 7, where Oxbow managed a 5-2 win and earned a 2-0 series lead as the series goes back home. The Huskies moved on to the league semi-finals after winning Game 3 with a score of 9-1.

The fifth seeded Wawota Flyers were up against the fourth seeded Carlyle Cougars. Game 1 was on February 2 in Carlyle, and the home team won the game 6-3. Game 2 was on the 5th in Wawota, where Carlyle cashed in on the power play three times to win the game 4-0 and take a 2-0 lead in the series. Game 3 on the 10th was the last for Wawota in the Big Six Playoffs, as Carlyle eliminated them with an 8-5 win at home.

The two semi-finals series will be the 4th seed Carlyle Cougars facing the 1st seed Redvers Rockets, and the 3rd seed Oxbow Huskies against the 2nd seed Moosomin Rangers. Redvers and Moosomin hold home ice. Will we see a Rangers vs Rockets final for the fourth season in a row, or will Oxbow and Carlyle complete the upsets and move on?

### Provincials

A few teams are playing in Provincials as well, with Moosomin and Redvers in Senior A, Oxbow in Senior B, and Midale, Kipling, Wawota, and Carnduff in Senior D.

Moosomin was in a dogfight with the Round Lake Bears, with the teams splitting the first two games of the best-of-three. Round Lake took game one in Ochapowace, but Moosomin bounced back with a decisive 6-2 win back home. Game 3 was winner-take-all, and took place at the Chief Denton George Memorial Multiplex in Ochapowace on Friday, February 13.

Redvers played against the SEHL's Langenburg Warriors in a battle of two top teams in the province. Game 1 was in Langenburg February 6, and Redvers managed a tough 4-2 win on the road. The Rockets would also take Game 2 by a 5-3 score, and eliminated the Warriors from the playoff. They will take on the winner of the Moosomin vs Round

Lake series next.

The Midale Mustangs took on the Lafleche Flyers in Round 1 of Senior D, and lost back-to-back games 6-4 on January 23rd and 25th, and were eliminated.

The Kipling Oil Kings faced off against the Rouleau Ramblers in Round 1. On January 20 they traveled to Rouleau and came home with a 3-2 win. Five days later back at home, the Oil Kings eliminated the Ramblers and moved on with a 6-1 victory. In Round 2, Kipling was up against Lafleche, and lost the first game on the road 9-6. Needing the win back in Kipling, the Oil Kings clawed out a 6-5 win to extend the series. Game 3 was back in Lafleche on Saturday with the winner moving on.

Wawota's Round 1 match-up had them playing the Indian Head Chiefs. The Flyers went on the road on January 24 and scored a 9-2 victory. Then on the 30th in Wawota, they ended the series with an 8-2 win. In Round 2 Wawota Flyers are taking on the Milestone Flyers. Game 1 was in Milestone on the 7th, and saw Wawota start off the series with a 3-2 win. Game 2 was planned for last Friday in Wawota.

Carnduff takes on the Ochapowace Thunder in Round 1, and defeated them 12-6 in Game 1 of the series on February 6. The winner of this series will face off with the Cupar Canucks in Round 2 of the Saskatchewan Senior Provincial Playoffs.

### Sask East Hockey League

The Sask East Hockey League is heating up for both playoffs and provincials, as the hunt for provincial titles and the Emile Balogh Trophy continues.

The first round of the SEHL Playoffs is known as the Survivor Series, where the bottom four teams battle out for the final two spots in the playoffs.

The 10th seeded Churchbridge Imperials faced off against the seventh seed Cote Selects, and the 9th seeded Russell Rams took on the 8th seed Wapella Blackhawks.

Cote would win back-to-back games 8-5 and 9-3 to move on and eliminate the Churchbridge Imperials in the best-of-three series.

Wapella managed to take a dramatic OT win in Game 1 on the road in Russell, coming back from down 4-0 late in the second period. The winning goal was scored by Ryland Maier at 10:36 of the overtime period. Game 2 was more of the same, with Russell jumping out to a 4-0 lead early in the second, and going into the final frame it was 6-3 Rams. The Hawks rallied in front of the hometown crowd and came back, with Dawson Garvey scoring the winner with 21 seconds remaining in the game.

The first two series of the quarter-finals have already been completed, with the winners getting some time off before their next match-ups.

The sixth seed Theodore Buffaloes were up against the third seed Swan Valley Axemen in what looked to be a tough series for both teams. Theodore eked out a 6-5 win in a back-and-forth game, with the winning goal requiring a conversation between the refs. Game 2 was back in Theodore as the underdogs looked to advance to the semi-finals. By the end of the second frame, the Buffs were in possession of a big 6-1 lead, and played defensively for the rest of the game, defeating the Axemen 6-3 and eliminating them from the playoffs.

The fifth seed Rocanville Tigers and Esterhazy Flyers both finished the regular season with 10-5-1 records, but Esterhazy held the head-to-head tiebreaker. Game 1 saw the Tigers take an early 2-0 lead, but five unanswered goals from Esterhazy over the rest of the game gave the Flyers a 1-0 series lead heading on the road. Game 2 was all Flyers, with Esterhazy winning 10-3. Taylor Sanheim led the way with

six points, with Parker Johnson earning five, and four Flyers players having three-point nights.

The other two series of the quarter-finals are also ready to go. The eighth seeded Wapella Hawks are up against the first seeded Langenburg Warriors, who had over twice the amount of standings points than Wapella. The Hawks have already proven they are a come-from-behind team, and will definitely be looking to upset the league-leaders in the quarter-finals.

In the North division, the seventh seed Cote Selects battle the second seed, and defending champions, the Canora Cobras. In this series, Game 1 has already gone to the underdogs. Cote started the game up 2-1 early, but scored with 14 seconds remaining in the first period to extend the lead and give them the momentum. The second period also saw a late goal from Cote, and by the buzzer they had extended their lead to 5-1. Canora scored twice in the final period, and it looked as if a comeback may have been in the works, but a goal from the Selects with 1:16 left in the game iced it out. Cote got a much needed win on home ice to open the series, and now have a chance to move on. If Cote wins, we will see the sixth seed and seventh seed in the semi-finals.

### Provincials

As for Provincials, Theodore, and Langenburg are in Senior A, and Canora and Rocanville are in Senior B.

Theodore is taking on the Foam Lake Flyers in Round 1 of the North side of the Senior A bracket. Foam Lake plays in the Long Lake Hockey League, and is second to Wynyard with an 11-4 record. Game 1 was at home in Theodore on February 7, and ended up being a 5-2 win for the Flyers. Both Game 2 and Game 3 if necessary will be in Foam Lake.

Langenburg took on Redvers in Round 1 of the South side, and fell in back-to-back games 4-2 and 5-3.

In Senior B, Canora takes on another member of the Long Lake Hockey League. They are matched-up against the LeRoy Braves. The Braves are 3-11-1 in the Long Lake, and sit at the bottom of the league. Canora finished the year 13-2-1 in the SEHL and won the North Division.

Lastly, the Rocanville Tigers up against the Balcares Broncs in a Round 2 match-up. Balcares is 7-10 in the Qu'Appelle Valley Highway Hockey League, holding the fourth spot of seven in the league.

Play in the Saskatchewan Senior Provincial Playoffs and the SEHL Playoffs continues in February and into March, so come out to support your hometown teams!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Town of Carlyle

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Carlyle pursuant to Section 207 of the Planning and Development Act, 2007, intends to pass a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2023-06, known as the Zoning Bylaw as hereinafter provided.

**INTENT:** That the Zoning Map referred to in Exhibit B of Bylaw No. 2023-06 be amended to rezone two lots from (R2) Residential Medium to Local Commercial District (C1)

**AFFECTED LAND:** Lots 11 – 12, Block 1, Plan 37568



**REASON:** The purpose for the proposed amendment is to rezone the land from (R2) Residential Medium to Local Commercial District (C1) to accommodate a potential business operation at the location by the property owner.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION:** Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Carlyle Town Office on any day, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Council will hold a public hearing on March 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written submissions received by the undersigned by March 13, 2026. For more information, please contact (306) 453-2363 or towncarlyle@sasktel.net

Dated at Carlyle, Saskatchewan, this 10th day of February 2026.

N. Miller  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

306-435-3622 • msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Sportsplex 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.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net

## Sportsplex Men's/Ladies Golf Night

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

We have two tee times at 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like more information, please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Royal LePage King Pin Bowling

Thursday Night Royal LePage Bowling League is back and a ton of fun. We are so grateful to Kim Setrum for re-starting the league and keeping things rolling on the Thursday nights. 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 Senior Fitness Classes. Devona did an amazing job last year and the registration reflected that. For further information please contact Devona direct at 435-9046.

## Mike Schwean Arena - 2025/2026

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

## Mike Schwean Arena Public Skating this week

	<b>Monday</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm	
Shinny	12 to 1 pm	
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm	
Shinny	12 to 1 pm	
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm	
Shinny	12 to 1 pm	
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm	
	<b>Thursday</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm	
Shinny	12 to 1 pm	
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm	
	<b>Friday</b>	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm	
Shinny	12 to 1 pm	
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm	

## Skating Club Weekly Activities

Wednesday	6 to 8 pm
Friday	5 to 7 pm
Sunday	7:45 to 8:45 am

## Minor Hockey – Games this week

There are ten games scheduled for this week at the Mike Schwean Arena, all spread over the entire week.

Games include:

Monday at 6 pm Rocanville Black @ U11 GL Apparel Reseeded game  
Tuesday at 4:45 pm Kak @ U9 RME Rangers  
Saturday at 1 pm U13 Dodge Rangers @ U13 Jeannot Electric Rangers  
3 pm U15 Fort Knox @ U15 Easton's Autobody Rangers  
5 pm U15 Melville @ U15 Core Rangers  
7:30 pm U18 Maple Creek @ U18 Rangers – Provincial Playdown Game  
Sunday at 11 am U13 Parkland Fire @ U13 Female Badgers  
2:30 pm U13 Melville @ U13 Dodge Rangers  
4:30 pm U13 Ochapowace @ U13 Jeannot Electric Rangers  
7:30 pm U18 Melville @ U18 Celebration Ford Rangers

## Steelhawks – Playoffs

The Steelhawks are into the second season in their first year in the league. Well done Steelhawks!  
Round #1: Monday, February 23 at 8:15 pm

## Big Six making some Provincial noise

Fans of the Big Six have to be pretty proud of their teams thus far in the Provincial Playdowns.

New Hockey Sask Rules shoehorned the Redvers Rockets and Moosomin Rangers into the A (may as well say AAA) division. The Rockets swept the Langenburg Warriors 2 straight.

Meantime many had the Round Lake Bears winning the Provincial A, and they might, but it is gonna take them three games to get by the Moosomin Rangers.

Provincial B has Oxbow vs Southey in the South Semi Finals.

Provincial C has no Big Six teams but good luck to the Wapella Blackhawks who are in the South Semifinal matched up against the Craik Warriors. Word of advice for the Blackhawks from my younger years ... watch out for the massive wood beams along the edge of the boards in Craik.

Provincial D Wawota Flyers won their first round against Indian Head and were up 1-0 vs Milestone.

Kipling won their first round vs Rouleau and are now up against Lafleche where that series will go to game #3. Carnduff matched up again the Ochapowace Thunder and led that series 1-0. Actually the Big Six could have the only three teams left standing in the South if Wawota, Kipling and Carnduff all advance, and that seems likely!

## Senior Rangers

The Rangers are into the thick of the 2025/26 season. I remember being a Ranger many years back during this time of the season. All that was on your mind was Rangers Hockey and it was awesome with the entire community rallying around the team.

As of last Wednesday the team was deep into the Big Six Quarter-Finals and the Hockey Sask Provincial Playdowns. It is a funny time of year ... by this week the Rangers could be onto the Big Six Semifinal and Round 2 of Provincials OR they could be shining up the golf clubs. My guess is the golf clubs will have to wait!

## Rec Hockey this week

Couple tilts in the world of rec hockey this week:

Tuesday - Untouchables at 9:30 pm  
Thursday - Leaf's at 9:30 pm

## Mike Schwean Arena Special Events

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

March 15: Skating Club Carnival  
March 26-28: Iron Man Tournament 2026

## Iron Man 2026

Iron Man 2026 goes March 26-28. Lots of plans for 2026 including the regulars like Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball, Billiards, Bowling, Shuffleboard and darts. New for 2026 is 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 Leafs
- Moosomin Untouchables
- Moosomin Mustangs
- Moosomin SP
- Moosomin U18
- Wapella Dirty Dangles

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 Seniors Club

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

## Moosomin Library

It has been a busy busy Year at the library.

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:

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-Pressed Hand-built Clay Paper Towel Holder with Jacqui Beckett (Class 2 of 2) (Full)

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

Wednesday, February 25 at 6-8 pm: Garden Prep with Alan 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

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
- Quarter Mile Dog Walk Track

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

## Minor ball registration

Minor Ball registration is open Monday, February 16 to March 2. Check Facebook for registration links.

## Communities in Bloom 2026

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

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.

## Home Team Live

Mike Schwean Arena livestreams games/events using the services of Home Team Live. If you are interested in purchasing a membership you can do so on line on the Home Team web page. You can find them at [www.hometeamlive.com](http://www.hometeamlive.com)

## Community Donations

Moosomin Parks and Recreation would also like to extend a request to the community for donations towards the Sports Library Building. Maybe you have an old pair of skates, an old hockey stick or cross country skies...whatever!

Keep in mind all this equipment is available to both in town and out of town residents. As such we would also be excited for out-of-town donations to the inventory.

Parks and Rec would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town.

If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program, please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone at 435-7578.

## Moosomin Parks and Rec

You can find us at: Land Line: 435-3622, Fax: 435-3343, Cell: 435-7578

P.O. Box 430, Moosomin, Saskatchewan, S0G-3N0

We are also on the web, Facebook and Instagram!

But we like to meet in person, you will find us waiting for you at 701 Main Street!



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# Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

## February Break Camp

Keep kids moving, laughing, and loving winter! A safe exciting way to make the most of February break—spaces are limited, so don't wait!

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

## Host Your Next Event with Us Affordable Rentals Available!

Planning a gathering or celebration? The Rocanville Community Centre is the ideal venue at a great price:

- Up to 4 hours: \$50
- Full day: \$100
- To book your rental, contact:
- Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511
- Nora Fergusson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

## 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 [rocانvillecrosscountrytrails.ca](http://rocانvillecrosscountrytrails.ca).

Registration deadline is June 30, 2026.

## Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

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

### February 16

Lane Swim 7:30-9 am  
AquaFit 9:30-10:30 am  
Public Swim 10:30-12:30 pm  
Family Swim 1:30-5 pm

### February 17

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am  
Family Swim 9-10:30 am  
AquaFlex Senior 11 am-12 pm  
Public Swim 1-4:30 pm  
Family Swim 5:30-7 pm  
AquaFit 7-8 pm

### February 18

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

### February 19

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am  
Family Swim 8:30-11 am  
AquaFlex 11 am-12 pm

### February 20

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30-7:15 am  
Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 am  
AquaZumba 9:30-10:30 am  
Public Swim 10:30 am-1 pm

### February 21

Evening Swim 6:30-9 pm

## 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 am - 3 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 @ [rocانville.rec@sasktel.net](mailto:rocانville.rec@sasktel.net)

## Noble Construction Skating Rink

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

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

Public skate / Shinny / Lessons

February 16: Shinny 3:30-5 pm

February 18: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30-5 pm

February 20: Preschool/Adult Skate 1 - 3:30 pm

Shinny 3:30-5:30 pm

February 22: Public Skate 3 - 5 pm

Hockey Games

February 21: U7 VS Birtle 9 - 10:30 am

U13 VS Ochap 5 - 7 pm

Sr. Tigers Provincial 7:30 - 10:30 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@rocانville Questions? Text 306-434-8861.

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## Monique's Fitness Class

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

Benefits of core strength:  
- Provides balance and stability, reducing the risk of injury

- Improves posture  
- Prevents overuse injuries  
- Reduces lower back pain

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

All fitness levels welcome Bring your water bottle and a smile!

\$10 Drop-in

## Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0.

An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more. If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375  
Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484  
Faith Buchanan  
Jean Howie  
Barbara Wilkins  
Jane Fahlan

## 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 available for use for the month of February!

• 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!

### Save the Date:

IMPACT Program presented by Mobile Early Learning on April 9 at 4 - 6 pm

• This is a fun program for younger children! There will be fun and educational play areas, Early Learning professionals present, and FREE take home learning kits (\$50 value) for children born in 2023!

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.

## Rocanville Community Thrift Store

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

### Thrift Store Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays

& Fridays 1 - 4 pm

Thursdays 6 - 8 pm

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

## Rocanville Community Calendar

Looking to advertise your events, businesses, or church activities in the Rocanville Community Calendar, a monthly publication that keeps residents informed about local happenings. Here are the details for placing ads:

Add sizes and rates:

1/4 page—\$20

1/2 page—\$40

Full Page—\$80

Ad Charges:

Businesses and Churches will be charged for ads that intend to make money.

No charge for thank you ads, sizing will be at the discretion of the Rec Office.

Publication Frequency: A new edition of the Rocanville Community Calendar is printed each month.

How to advertise:

To advertise in the Community Calendar, contact the Rec office at 645-2164 or email your ad to.

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It is customary that each game begins with the playing of the National Anthem, with all helmets and hats removed showing respect.



The two players wait anxiously for the puck to be dropped in a faceoff in the Wawota zone.

## Senior Carlyle Cougars sweep the Wawota Flyers in quarterfinal playoffs

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

The Carlyle Sports Arena slowly filled with fans from Wawota, Carlyle and surrounding areas for the third game of the quarterfinal playoffs in the Big Six League. On February 5, Carlyle went to Wawota's barn to take game two with a 4-0 score giving Carlyle two wins in the best-of-five series.

On February 10, the Wawota Flyers came to Carlyle to see if they could take the win and bring the series to another game. With the arena a little over half full, it sure seemed that it was a packed house with the noise level from the cheers.

At 7:30 p.m. the first puck dropped and both teams were eager to get the show on the road. For Wawota, a loss would send them home and finish their Big Six League season, but for the Cougars, they would move on to the next round of playoffs.

Both teams came out powerful and strong. Landon Audet was in net for Carlyle and Kenneth Marquart was in net for the Flyers, but Carlyle got the lead by scoring a goal only minutes into the first period. Jonny Gaudet sent one flying past Marquart and moments later Josh Romanyk scored, giving the Cougars a 2-0 lead.

Into the last half of the first period, Wawota found a hole in Carlyle's net, with Brady Dinwoodie, captain of the Flyers scoring. Soon after Adrien Riddell scored, giving the

Cougars a 3-1 lead after the first period. The first period did not see any penalties and both teams continued to work hard.

Twenty-three seconds into the second period, Josh Romanyk scored Connor Hewitt for hooking, giving Wawota the power play. Ashton Wilson blasted one past Audet, bringing the score to 4-2. It was Wawota's turn to sit in the penalty box with Riley Riddell receiving a high sticking penalty. The Flyers fought off this power play and managed to find another hole in Carlyle's net. Brady Dinwoodie scored his second goal of the night. Wawota was slowly creeping up on Carlyle and there was only a one goal difference.

It was now headed into the final 10 minutes of the second period, and Brett Turgeon came up with a goal for Carlyle, but Wawota was not going to allow there to be a two-goal difference and in the last five minutes Braden Messer sent one flying past Audet, bringing the score to 5-4. Carlyle received a penalty for holding the stick and started into the third period shorthanded.

Both teams came out in the third period with purpose and Wawota held the puck in the Cougars' end but could not find the hole in the net. A minute later Josh Romanyk pounded one past Marquart, giving the player a hat trick. The score now was 6-4, and Wawota was bringing on the heat. This heat also created penal-

ties for the team, sending Riley Riddell into the box for tripping. On the power play Cade Bendtsen scored, giving Carlyle a three-goal lead.

The power play for Carlyle was short lived as they ended up in the penalty box. Kolten Schulhauser received a charging penalty and Riley Niven received an unsportsmanlike conduct. This gave the Flyers a two-man advantage and they took control of the puck with a goal by Wyatt Fisk. The game continued to bring excitement to the crowd as the score see-sawed up. At the same time, they pulled a penalty by Ty Currie for interference, giving Carlyle another power play, but Wawota held them off.

With four minutes and 30 seconds remaining in the third period, Taysen Holt was awarded a penalty shot. Marquart was not going to allow him to score. It was now into the last two minutes of the game and Wawota desperately needed this win to stay alive in the series. They were only two goals behind, so they pulled Marquart out of the net.

Wawota brought on the heat having six players in the Cougars' end. Riley Niven would get his stick on the puck and shot it into the empty net of the Flyers. Marquart returned to his goal, but it was not enough for them to get the win. The final score was 8-5 giving Carlyle the win to move onto the second round of playoffs.



The senior Carlyle Cougars celebrate their win after taking the Wawota Flyers in three games straight in the quarter finals.



The Wawota Flyers congratulate the Carlyle Cougars after they were defeated in the third game of the first round of playoffs.

Stephanie Zoer photos



Great to meet with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in London Tuesday! We had some great discussions!



We had two amazing days in Edinburgh Thursday and Friday. We had some great meetings at the Scottish Parliament, and we were in Parliament for General Questions and First Minister's Questions.



A street scene in Edinburgh, Scotland.



**Above:** Inside the Scottish Parliament.

**Left:** Myself and Speaker Todd Goudy in Westminster Abbey.



Inside Westminster Abbey.



London at night overlooking the Thames.



Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Iris Lang, Speaker Todd Goudy, acting Canadian High Commissioner to the UK Robert Fry, myself, and Saskatchewan Agent General in London Rannisah Samah on the roof of Canada House overlooking Trafalgar Square.



Great day of meetings at the UK Parliament Wednesday. From left Todd Goudy, David Torrance, Sally Housser, myself, and Iris Lang.

**Right:** Gertie Dorgan of Grenfell turned 101 on February 13.



From Left, Iris Lang, Todd Goudy, Sally Housser, and myself in the UK Parliament building.



With Tegan Matichuk and Whitney Paul-Joseph of the Southeast Cornerstone Teachers Association in my constituency office.

## An amazing week in London and Edinburgh

Last week I spent the entire week in the UK, spending the first three days in London, England and the three days in Edinburgh, Scotland for meetings at Canada House, for meetings with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, for meetings at the UK Parliament, and meetings at the Scottish Parliament.

It was an absolutely incredible trip.

It started with meetings at Canada House in London Monday. Saskatchewan exports to the UK amount to \$600 million a year, with Saskatchewan exports of uranium and agricultural products leading the way. It was great to meet with Saskatchewan Agent-General Rannisah Samah, who I have met before—she does a great job representing Saskatchewan in the UK and Europe—and acting High Commissioner Robert Fry, who has taken over the position from Ralph Goodale.

On Tuesday I met with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in London. We had some great discussions about governance, about the benchmarks that every parliament and legislature strives to meet, and about how our legislature compares to other legislative bodies around the Commonwealth.

Wednesday consisted of a long day of meetings at the UK Parliament. We met with Dr. David Torrance on Devolution (the transfer of powers from Westminster to the Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Irish parliaments), we were in the House of Commons for Prime Minister's Questions (it was great to hear Prime Minister Keir Starmer express his sympathy for the victims of the British Columbia school shooting on the floor of the House of Commons), met for lunch with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association CEO Sarah Dickson, sat in on the Welsh Affairs Committee, and met with The Rt. Hon. Alistair Carmichael and MP Bambos Charalambous on the work of Select Committees. It was an incredibly busy day in London!

Thursday and Friday, I was at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. I had two amazing days in Edinburgh. We had some great meetings at the Scottish Parliament, we were in Parliament for General Questions and First Minister's Questions, and it was great to have our delegation recognized in the Scottish Parliament. After a long day of meetings, the Presiding Officer hosted an amazing din-



ner for our delegation. It was interesting to hear about the devolution of powers from the Scottish perspective after hearing about it from the Westminster perspective earlier this week!

I, and our entire delegation, learned a lot from this trip to the UK and have a lot of follow up work to do!

### Meeting with Southeast Cornerstone Teachers Association

Before heading overseas, I met with Tegan Matichuk and Whitney Paul-Joseph of the Southeast Cornerstone Teachers Association in my constituency office. It's great to hear that the added classroom complexity teachers are making a difference. Teachers don't just grade students, they help shape confidence, curiosity, and character. Every day, they show up with patience, skill, and a real commitment to our kids' futures. Our communities and our province are stronger because of the work teachers do!

### 101 years old!

I was pleased to wish a happy birthday to Gertie Dorgan of Grenfell, who turned 101 years old on February 13! What a fascinating lady and what an interesting life! Happy birthday, Gertie!

### Labour market

The labour market in Saskatchewan remains strong with

the second lowest unemployment rate amongst provinces at 5.3 per cent, well below the national average of 6.5 per cent. 15,000 jobs were added year-over-year in January, an increase of 2.5 per cent, the second highest amongst provinces.

Year-over-year, full-time employment in Saskatchewan increased by 19,600, an increase of 4 per cent.

Saskatchewan continues to show economic strength in other areas. In 2025 Saskatchewan ranked first amongst provinces for growth in urban housing starts, second for year-to-date new motor vehicle sales and third for the value of building permits.

Adding jobs and building the economy is part of building a Strong, Safe, Secure Saskatchewan

### Strong jobs numbers

Saskatchewan's labour market remains strong with the second lowest unemployment rate amongst provinces at 5.3 per cent. Our government is working with industry and employers to ensure that they have access to the workforce they need to fill the jobs they are creating.

### Building a strong, safe, secure Saskatchewan

The announcement that Canadian Energy Metals has discovered a massive alumina deposit in east central Saskatchewan. The announcement that SaskPower will look at options for a large nuclear reactor alongside work on a small modular reactor. The news that Foran, the company developing a new copper mine near Creighton will become part of a stronger company, joining forces with Eldorado. Saskatchewan once again leading in job creation with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country. All these recent announcements show progress on our government's mission: Building a Strong, Safe, Secure Saskatchewan. The leadership of Premier Scott Moe is getting us there!

### Reach out

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

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excluding appliances & electronics

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> - MONDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2026**

Due to the nature of this sale, we feel a brief explanation is essential. At closing on Monday, March 2, 2026 we will tally the 10 days of sales on all furniture, accessories and mattresses, excluding appliances and electronics, and divide by 10 to get the average daily sales. The day which is the closest to this daily average, without going over it, will be the day for which all purchasers will receive their purchase amount back, taxes excluded. In the case of credit card purchases, we will issue a credit immediately. We are tremendously overstocked right now. We must reduce our inventory. To ensure we do, we will even give it away for one day!

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1. All sales must be paid in full or approved financing.
2. Credit cards accepted.
3. Sale starts Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and ends Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.
4. All qualifying purchasers of furniture, accessories, and mattresses, on free day will be notified and receive their full refund excluding taxes
5. Commercial sales, appliances and electronics excluded in tallies and free day.
6. All taxes excluded in tallies and refunds.
7. No returns or substitutions for these 10 sale days.
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