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Wayne Grose with his horses giving sleigh rides at the Winter Wonderland event at Moosomin Lake on February 16th, 2026

Burger Weeks starts Monday, March 2

Eleven local restaurants offering unique burgers from March 2-8

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Next week is Burger Week in the Moosomin area, with 11 local restaurants offering unique burgers for people to try and vote on for a chance to win Moosomin Bucks.

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 Mercantile, and the Nutrien Sportsplex in Moosomin, 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 restaurant.

The local restaurants involved say they look forward to Burger Week each year.

"We participate in Burger Week because it brings our community together and gives people a fun reason to get out and support local businesses," says Melinda Griffin with the Red Barn Restaurant. "It highlights the creativity in our small towns and encourages customers to try places they may not visit regularly. It's also a great opportunity for us to showcase what we do and be part of something bigger than just our own restaurant."

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Rocanville's new aquatic centre seeing high usage

Family swims, rentals attracting people from surrounding communities

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre in Rocanville opened its doors in November and since then the facility has been popular around the region.

Pool Manager Kelsey Selby says she is happy with the support they have received from communities in the area and is eager to hear feedback from visitors on swim programming.

"It has been going very well. Our most popular times right now are the family swims. There is anywhere between 10 to 60 people that come to those, so that is really good," says Selby.

Selby says rentals have been very popular and are filling the pool schedule.

"We recently had Yorkton's Synchro Team that is going to the Winter Games rent the pool a couple of weeks ago and they were really shocked at how busy our lane swim was, because when they came they warmed up with the lane swim before their rental. The synchro coach told me how surprised she was by how many people were there during that.

"I think they couldn't get the rental time in Yorkton, and they shared on their own Facebook that they appreciated that our rental booking was so easy to do, and they were very impressed with how professional our guards were. We have a junior Olympic sized pool, so we have the shallow end and the deep water."

Rentals have been popular

Selby says they have hosted lots of different rentals since opening.

"Our rentals have been crazy. We have birthday party rentals and then private rentals. Our birthday parties are probably our most popular. It is an hour in the pool and a half an hour in the mezzanine. We provide cake and juice, which is all selected in their rental agreements. Some of the ladies in town make the cakes and they are super delicious. We also do private rentals, and they were really popular around Christmas time. We had a couple of families do private rentals so that they could come for a swim. That was really nice. We've also had a couple of businesses do it for a retreat type of thing.

"We also have a rental this coming Friday evening. It is an invite-only event and there is going to be yoga as well as a meditation float. If it goes well, I will hopefully be doing more of those. I would like to try it first with just closer friends and see how it goes.

"The private rentals don't include the use of the mezzanine unless you talk to us prior. We can make that happen we just need to know what is going on ahead of time. Anyone can email rocanvillepool@gmail.com for rentals or you can give us a call here at the pool. We are working on getting a permanent number which we should have in the next coming weeks. People can message us on Facebook as well."

The Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre hosted many rentals during the holiday season. Selby explains even during cold winter days people, still enjoy coming to swim.

"It was very, very busy in December and the end of January sped up as well, but it has also been so cold and there have been days we thought nobody was going to come out, and then it's crazy. The water is 30 degrees Celsius and it is nice and warm in the facility. It has been really good. There are lots of winter sports to do in the area, but it is relatively inexpensive to come swimming compared to skiing. You only need a bathing suit. Our passes, and even the single day passes are decently priced."

Visitors from across the area

Selby explains there have been many visitors from the surrounding area come swim at the Aquatic Centre.

"One night a couple from Redvers came who just really enjoyed swimming. We have seen lots from St. Lazare and other parts of Manitoba. I've got some people who come to my aquafit classes from Esterhazy, Spy Hill, Langenburg, we've had a couple from Moosomin.

"We had a public swim one afternoon and it was all Moosomin grandparents that brought their grandkids from Rocanville, so it was all Moosomin people except for the kids.

"With the mine, the one day a guy from Germany came to swim, but he is in the area for work.

"They come from all over the place. The farthest so far is Yorkton."



Top photo: The pool during a public swim.

Right: Laurel Richter with her daughter-in-law Kayley Blaine and granddaughter Blake Lamb enjoying the pool.

Above: Lifeguards Helaina Anderson and Gabriel Fingas.



of our policies just because the facility is entirely different. It has been a lot of work, but it has been a huge learning curve.

"We are still figuring things out as we go and learning what works best for people and our staff. Most of our lifeguards are students so we need to get more courses going. Hopefully we can get some adults interested in guarding and make the hours work for them.

"It is nice to get the pat on the back for the hard work that has gone into this project."

Open to programming suggestions

The Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre team is open to suggestions on different types of swim classes the public would like to see.

"I would like to add that the most accurate representation of what our schedule looks like for the day is on the Town of Rocanville website because it does change time to time as rentals come in, but we are opening up some rental spots that are specifically going to stay open for rentals as they get booked and our schedule is constantly changing," says Selby.

"We are opening to feedback as well. If people want to see different types of classes—I just recently added Aqua Zumba and an evening lane swim because we had a lot of requests for that—we are open to it. Just reach out, and as long as people are attending, we will keep those things going, and if those enrollments drop off, then we will change and see what else may work. We are open to seeing what works best for the community and area and their schedules and what they want to see here. We are open to feedback.

"We also have our Swimathon going on and people can find out more information about that just by giving us a quick message on Facebook at Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre if they are interested."

Positive comments

Selby says she has received lots of positive remarks from community members and visitors since opening the new facility.

"We've had lots say how it doesn't even feel like you're in Rocanville and how relaxing the space is. We've also had lots of comments on how our water temperature has been steady and the water is nice and clear. We've heard comments on how beautiful the facility is. Our slide was donated to us from the RM of Rocanville and it is not huge, but the kids love it and it's great because the three- and four-year-olds aren't afraid to go on it, and so the parents don't have to keep getting out with them, and we've heard lots of good comments about that.

"People were really happy about keeping our old diving boards. They are always a huge hit. The high diving board sees a lot of people in a day. We've kept a lot of similar programming and have heard lots of good feedback about that."

Looking for adult lifeguards

Selby says the pool committee looking for adult lifeguards as well to offer more hours of swim time to the public.

"A lot of work went into it. Our refurbishment committee put in a lot of work over the years, the pool fundraising committee, myself, and the Rec Director as well. When things started back up again we had to recreate all

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Arlington's BBQ Blazer Burger - 8oz patty smothered in bbq sauce. Stuffed with pickles, cheese, and onion, topped with an onion ring, lettuce, tomato, Swiss and cheddar cheese ketchup and mayo



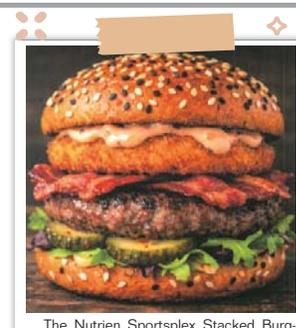
The Dodge City Burger by Wendy's Place in Wapella. Made with a 6 oz homemade beef patty served with sweet green relish, sauted fresh mushrooms and onions, bacon slices and aged cheddar cheese topped with iceberg lettuce and fresh tomato slice with a dash of coleslaw dressing, on a classic bun topped with a pickle spear.



Blueberry Kitchen's pulled pork burger. This hearty burger layers a perfectly grilled beef patty with provolone cheese, tender BBQ pulled pork, and golden crispy onion rings. Topped with fresh, crunchy coleslaw, pickles and their rich house sauce, all hugged by a fluffy homemade potato bun and topped with a mac and cheese wedge.



Fleming Windsor's Dill Burger is 2 - 3 ounce patties in house ground beef smashed to perfection, served on their freshly baked buns, covered in delicious creamy pickle sauce, pickles and onions and topped with their special Windsor made Dill Stix!



The Nutrien Sportsplex Stacked Burger—stacked with flavour. Served on a garlic butter toasted sesame bun, the house-made beef patty is topped with double crisp bacon, a golden onion ring, spicy dill pickles, fresh mixed greens, and finished with a smoky signature sauce. A perfect balance of richness, crunch, and gentle heat.



Skout's Beer BBQ Burger with lettuce, dill pickles, cheddar cheese, bacon and beer barbecue sauce.



Trends Mercantile's Big Mac Mac & Cheese made with their house-made cheese sauce over tender noodles, then topped with all the Big Mac favorites: pickles, onions, burger, and crisp lettuce. Finished with a drizzle of their signature sauce.



Moosomin DQ's Sweet Heat Rancher. From Canadian farms to Moosomin Burger Week. Featuring quality Canadian Beef, the Sweet Heat Rancher comes stacked as a single, double or triple with crispy onion rings, smokey bacon, melty cheese, cool ranch, and a sweet heat BBQ sauce. A perfect blend of prairie ingredients and small town flavour made to celebrate our Community and Canadian Agriculture



Red Barn's The Barn Burner burger is a grilled beef patty piled high with their signature Red Barn Chili, double cheddar, golden crispy onions, tangy pickles, sweet relish, and finished with smoky Chipotle BBQ sauce — all stacked on a toasted bun.

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 "Burger Week has a noticeable impact. It increases foot traffic, brings in new customers, and creates a lot of energy in the restaurant. People come specifically to try the feature burger, but many also return later after discovering us during the week. It's both a short-term sales boost and a long-term relationship builder with new and regular guests.
 "There's always a lot of excitement leading up to Burger Week. Customers ask about our entry weeks in advance and follow along on social media when burgers are announced. During the week, we hear constant feedback — people comparing burgers, sharing photos, and encouraging friends to try them all. It becomes a real conversation topic across the community. Our burg-

er week creations have made it onto our menu due to the raves we received."
 How much work do they put into their burger each year?
 "We put a significant amount of time into planning our burger," says Griffin. "It usually involves testing different flavour combinations, sourcing the right ingredients, and making sure it can be executed consistently during busy service. We get our whole team involved in the sampling phase, and our staff have made suggestions too, so it brings us all together. We want it to be unique and memorable, but still something guests will love and come back for."
 "The best part of Burger Week is the community spirit—seeing local businesses participate together and watching customers

get excited about trying each burger is incredibly rewarding. It creates a sense of pride in our towns and reminds us how important it is to support one another."
 "It's fun, collaborative, and something people genuinely look forward to every year."
 Racquel Cozens with Blueberry Kitchen says they have a lot of fun with Burger Week every year.
 "It's a fun event. We do very well at it. It's a challenge every year to try to make the best burger," she says.
 "When we are working on it, we usually change our mind several times. We make the patties ourselves, the buns ourselves, and it takes a lot of time, but we enjoy doing it. We enjoy the challenge."
 Cozens says people start asking about Burger Week

about a month in advance.
 "They've been asking for a good month really. Since Christmas, they've been asking and wanting to know when it is and asking what are we doing?"
 "It has gotten really popular. People are itching for it, I think."
 Cozens says she has people come from as far as an hour away to try the burgers at Blueberry Kitchen each year.
 "We do very, very well that week," she says. "We probably do triple our sales that week."
 What does she enjoy the most about it?
 "Just seeing all the people, the different people, come through the door. With Burger Week, once they've been here, they know we're here, they know we exist, and then they come back."

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Two above-grade treated water reservoirs, and two above-grade potable water reservoirs are located east of the building. H2Flow Tanks and Systems contributed to this component of the project.



The electrical room. The electrical room houses the motor control cabinets, programmable logic controls (PLC) and equipment rack. This is the heart of the water treatment plant distributing power and allowing for controls of all major components. Delco Water, Synergy Electric and Stockdales Electric Motor Corporation contributed to this component of the project.

Esterhazy water treatment plant in final stages

New plant six to nine months out from providing town water

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Esterhazy's new region water treatment plant is set to be operational within six to nine months according to Brandi Neibrandt, the project manager with Allied Infrastructure Ltd.

Neibrandt says they have begun the seeding of the plant's biological treatment system, and if all goes well, water from the new plant could be flowing through town pipes by no later than this fall.

Work on the \$30 million plant started in 2018. Once completed the plant will have the ability to serve over 5,000 households, and has been built with the capacity to serve surrounding communities and industry if the demand is there.

"There's are three major components of the water treat-

ment plant," explains Neibrandt. "You have your pre-treatment, which is the biological filters, followed by a secondary treatment, which is membrane treatment, or reverse osmosis. And then it's followed by your typical disinfection that you require to meet regulation, like chlorine dosage.

"We have started the seeding of the biological treatment system. That seeding is getting the microorganisms that are consuming the minerals that we want to remove from that water, that allows them to adapt to the town's raw water quality. So they're brought from a different site. They're placed in these filters, and then you slowly feed them.

"So it's kind of like bringing a new dog home for the first couple of days. It takes them a little bit of time to adapt to their new home. They might be a little bit anxious, but then you escalate that over a kind of a couple months period.

"So we have began that process, but that process does take some time, so we're on our way to bringing the water plant online.

"Progression is definitely based on the water quality that's being produced and the ability for those microorganisms to adapt, which is quite complex to kind of predict, but we're looking at probably summer to fall, having the whole system up—so pre-treatment, secondary treatment and disinfection—all brought online, out to the dis-

tribution system.

"I'd say we are looking at six to nine months, which is kind of what we've always expected. Fall of 2026 was the goal."

The plant has been a long time in the making. Neibrandt says Allied Infrastructure got involved in the project in 2018.

"In 2018, that's when the town engaged ourselves to assist them in the conceptual design, or master planning for the project. And then that master plan supported a funding application that the town submitted, and they were approved of that funding in 2020."

Once up and running people in Esterhazy will see reverse osmosis water flowing out of their taps.

"That biofiltration will be followed by reverse osmosis, or a style of reverse osmosis. So it will be reverse osmosis quality water," says Neibrandt. "So that's what a person can expect. The pre-treatment really just promotes the longevity of those membranes, or the RO system itself, so it's making it easier on that system to try and extend the service life of the valuable membranes. So it's really just providing a way of making the secondary treatment's life a little bit easier."

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The pump room consists of all major pumping equipment including the distribution pumps, emergency pumps, backwash supply pumps, and membrane supply pumps.



The generator room. A 500 kW standby generator is housed within the water treatment plant to provide standby power to the facility during power outages. This equipment ensures minimal disruptions to user's access to drinking water during power outages.



The process area. The pre-treatment system consists of four biological filtration skids with room for future expansion of two additional skids (left side of photo). This is followed by four membrane treatment skid, better known as reverse osmosis (RO) with room for future expansion of two additional skids (right side of photo). Delco Water and Suer plu Pollon Mechanical contributed to this component of the project.

Chamber meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 24

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

New EDO presentation

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 talking about economic development

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.

Living Skies weekend

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

MLA update

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.

2026 Walk For Alzheimer's

Rene Whelpton will be talking about plans for the 2026 Walk For Alzheimer's in Moosomin.

Burger Week

There will be information on Burger Week which is March 2-8 and has 11 restaurants participating.

Esterhazy water treatment plant in final stages

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Neibrandt says people will notice a significant difference in water quality once the new plant is providing water.

"I think it will be pretty significant for the town of Esterhazy, given that the water is quite hard. They will notice a significant improvement, to a point where some residents might select to remove their water softeners. That's all based on preference, but the water quality will be drastically improved."

What are the final steps in getting the new plant ready to go?

"It really comes down to that pre treatment and how those microorganisms

adapt," says Neibrandt. "Once we have the bio filtration system operating properly, then we continue down the line, so we'll bring on our membrane treatment units, our reverse osmosis. And then once you have that, then you have to do all of your water quality testing, make sure that it's safe to release to the public, and then the distribution pumps will pump it out into the town's distribution system."

While some communities upgrade their existing water treatment facilities, in Esterhazy's case, this water treatment plant is a new build. If the town plans to serve a larger area with the plant at some point, Neibrandt says they will need to consider

upgrading other parts of their water system in order to do so.

"It's a greenfield plant, so it's brand new," says Neibrandt.

"The components that feed that equipment and then distribute that water aren't all new, obviously. At this time there hasn't been any kind of expansion to the town's raw water system. So that's the ground-water wells. And then there's a limited amount of replacement work that was done in order for the distribution system. That's where the new plant ties in at Maple and Summer Street to the town's existing system."

"The town will continue to kind of look

at further improvements if more work needs to be done in order to make it regional, such as pipelines and those sorts of features, and would they need to add more wells as well, in order to do something like that. That would definitely have to be considered as it relates to further expanding the capacity."

Neibrandt says she has enjoyed working on the project.

"I think it's fun. It's obviously challenging. There are different things come up during the process, from construction to design to budget, all aspects you have to manage. But I wouldn't do anything else, that's for sure."

Mental health support professionals deployed by Cornerstone School Division

BY NORM PARK

The numbers may not be huge considering a student population base of over 8,100, but the services rendered are vital for those who require them.

Raylene Forseth, the mental health consultant for the South East Cornerstone Public School Division, joined board members on January 21 to deliver information regarding this portfolio during their regular open business session that afternoon. She joined Gillian Costelo, student services co-ordinator for the two-part presentation. The student services article is also posted on the SECPSD website.

Forseth began by noting there are 17 professionals currently filling the 15 full time equivalent positions offered by SECPSD with one position in the Wawota-Maryfield area recently being filled while another temporary and half-time position is still needing to be filled in the Moosomin-Wapella area.

"It's a solution focused model," Forseth noted in her remarks and that involves intervention plans with each active caseload and mental health literacy plans that help them work with families as well as school-based teams.

Individual sessions take up 62 per cent of their time, she noted while student team meetings absorb another 15 per cent along with classroom presentations at 10 per cent. The rest of the time is used to connect with outside agencies and for critical response activities.

"I talk a lot about Tier 1 and 2 activities because that support for learning and assessment is one of the things I'm really excited about as we continue to expand the

ways we can support more student and curricular pieces around health, mental health and well being," she said.

Counsellor data gives the team a heads up on self-harm, either ideations or actual attempts. The data summary gives up the numbers of these ideations and attempts plus outside agency involvement.

Ideations are down significantly, Forseth said with slightly more than 40 ideations and fewer than 15-16 attempts while an outside agency was called upon for 20 incidents while there were more than 120 ideations noted in the previous academic year with more than 40 referred to outside agencies.

Coming out of the pandemic years where extremely elevated risks were being recorded, there are now only a few risks noted on the extreme scale.

Surveys are conducted within the schools on a regular basis and Forseth noted that the process involves attempts to understand if and when a young person is moving on a path toward serious violence and to meet the challenge before that occurs.

It's a trauma informed process that considers the whole person and is designed to be helpful but not harmful for either victim or the individual of concern, she reported.

Forseth further noted that anxiety levels are noted and comparisons are made with the provincial norms past and present.

Chairwoman Audrey Trombley thanked Forseth for the presentation and ongoing work. Director of Education, Keith Keating, also provided additional comments in support of the program.

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Finally, some smiles from Sabres' fans

With the world's best hockey players returning home from the Milan Olympics this week, the bizarre National Hockey League regular season can continue. Why bizarre? Let us count the ways, via two sections — pleasant surprises and disappointments.

Pleasant surprises:

1. Buffalo Sabres — Fans in New York state haven't seen the Sabres win a playoff series since 2007. Led this year by Tage Thompson and Rasmus Dahlin, the Sabres are making loud playoff noises. There's still no guarantee they'll make the post season, but when the Olympic break began, coach Lindy Ruff's team was securely in a wildcard position.

2. Morgan Geekie — Blessed with one of the hardest, most accurate shots in the NHL, the native of Strathclair, Man., never scored more than 35 goals in a Western Hockey League season with Tri-City Americans. Now, after a 33-goal campaign with Boston last year, Geekie will almost certainly surpass the 40-goal mark with the Bruins this year. He might even hit 50.

3. Eastern Conference playoff teams: Unless they avoid colossal collapses, four teams that missed the playoffs last season are en route to making post-season appearances this year. Pittsburgh, led by the ageless wonder Sidney Crosby; Detroit, with Dylan Larkin leading the way; Boston, thanks to David Pastrnak, Geekie and new coach Marco Sturm; and the aforementioned Sabres all appear destined for late-April/early May hockey.

Disappointments

1. No disappointment list would be legitimate without mentioning the Toronto Maple Leafs and their 59-year Stanley Cup drought. Things looked promising last year when Toronto finished first in the Atlantic Division with 108 points. Mitch Marner's departure (via free agency to Vegas) has had a bigger impact than expected, and the Leafs went into the Olympic break six points out of a wildcard position



Bruce Penton

in the East. Leadership (we're looking at you, Auston Matthews) seems to be lagging.

2. Florida Panthers, reigning Stanley Cup champs, appear to be headed for an early end to their season. Beset by injuries to their two best players, Sasha Barkov (entire season) and Matthew Tkachuk (the season's first half), the Panthers have languished in the lower half of the Eastern Conference standings all season. Coach Paul Maurice will need a miracle March to get back into the playoff picture.

3. Calgary Flames offence: While the team has seven players with double-figure goal totals, their most productive sniper is Matt Coronato, with 14. That goal ranks him a dismal 120th in the league and is tied with Jake Neighbours of St. Louis Blues for the lowest team-leading goal total in the league. Which leads to speculation that offence will be top of mind when the Flames go to the NHL draft this summer with one of the higher picks. Could Gavin McKenna (unless he's in a Pennsylvania pen) return to Alberta and spark the Flames to greater heights?

The regular season ends April 16 and while some players (Olympians) may be on the verge of exhaustion, many others who enjoyed warm-weather vacations for a couple of weeks will be fresh for the playoff grind.

- Headline at the onion.com: "Rest Of Lakers Trying To Act Casual While LeBron James Spanks Bronny."
- Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on Sidney Crosby's humble Canadianism: "If Canada called Crosby up to do

a tour on an Arctic trawler, he'd ask what time he should show up and what to pack."

- Kelly again, on travel woes getting to the Olympics: "There are two places in the world you can experience truly exquisite, saintlike levels of frustration — the hospital and the airport — and we only volunteer to go to one of them."

- Dr. Bucky Isotope, on Bluesky, on the morning after the Super Bowl: "Only 364 more days until the Dallas Cowboys aren't in the Super Bowl again."

- Michael Rosenberg of SI.com, on the U.S. women's hockey team thrashing Canada 5-0 in their round-robin game: "Do you know how unsettling it is when Canadians look feeble at hockey? It's like watching a surgeon spill beer in a patient."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "If we didn't have the Olympics how many of us would ever hear, and nod along, with the phrase 'a slight glitch coming out of his twizzle?'"

- Another one from Janice Hough: "Curling has an ever increasing fan base. Makes sense. Not that it's an easy sport but have to think armchair athletes have to think they have a better chance of placing that shot rock than of landing a quadruple lutz."

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "So far his week I opened an umbrella indoors, broke a mirror and followed a black cat under a ladder. Still think I had more luck than the Patriots did against the Seahawks on Super Bowl Sunday."

- Another one from Kelly, on Auston Matthews showing a relaxed happiness with the U.S. team in Milan: "He hasn't looked like he's had this much fun since the 10 minutes between being drafted first overall and being handed a map."

- Headline at theonion.com: "Keys, Spare Change Fly Out Of Luge Athlete's Pocket On First Turn."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

February oil and gas public offering raises \$7 million in revenue to close out fiscal year

The Government of Saskatchewan's latest Crown oil and natural gas public offering, held on February 3, 2026, generated \$7,009,225.76 in revenue, with most of that coming from bids in the Estevan and Swift Current areas.

This offering is the last of the 2025-26 fiscal year, and it saw 90 successful bids covering a total area of 16,911.832 hectares.

The Estevan area brought in \$3,456,833.90 for one exploration licence and 24 leases totalling 4,189,700 hectares. The Swift Current area generated \$2,101,648.51 for 24 leases totalling 5,446,066 hectares.

Cougar Creek Land Ltd. made the highest bid for an exploration licence, offering \$1,667,888.88 for an average of \$853.43 per hectare. This licence is for a 1,954.336 hectare lease north of Gainsborough in the Estevan area.

Saturn Oil & Gas Inc. had the highest bid for a lease, offering \$1,223,391.40, or an average of \$1,711.08 per

hectare, for a 714,982 hectare area east of Redvers in the Estevan area.

Bidding in the Lloydminster area generated \$885,394.68, while the Kindersley area raised \$565,348.67 in revenue.

This month's Crown oil and natural gas public offering closes out the fiscal year. Through six public offerings, the Government of Saskatchewan raised \$67,256,180.34 in revenue. This represents a 29 per cent increase from the \$51,814,614.76 generated in fiscal 2024-25.

The August 2025 public offering accounts for much of this increase, due to that

month's revenue total of \$24,312,738.26, the most such revenue generated in a public offering since 2014.

The first public offering for the 2026-27 fiscal year is scheduled for April 7, 2026.

Leases are offered with five-year terms and are issued to drill for and produce oil or natural gas. Exploration licences

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Flatland Fiddling Studio has members from across southeast Saskatchewan. From left to right, Spencer Turk (Forget), Cora Meerholz (Regina), Emily Dubois (Kennedy), Sarah Kimball (Corning), Emily Goudy (Stoughton), Simon Tigert (Regina), Gus Meerholz (Regina), and Isaac Mollison (Regina).

Inn Echo and Flatland Fiddling Studio filled the Carlyle Memorial Hall with live music

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

If a person enjoys fiddles, Chellos, guitars, and pianos, then the Carlyle Memorial Hall was the place to be. Inn Echo and Flatland Fiddlers Studio performed live to a responsive crowd.

Michelle Amy from the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party welcomed the nearly full hall of people. She said with the winter being so unpredictable it was hard to determine whether they would have a lot of people. The weather turned in favour of the event, and many people came out to enjoy the music.

Michelle went on to say that this is a great event to brighten the dark months of winter. Carlyle is a vibrant community that has lots of volunteers that are always willing to give a helping hand.

The lights went dim and it began with Flatland Fiddlers Studio. The group has been together for three years with the exception of few new members that joined in the past year. As the group of

8 players began to play the crowd fell silent to listen to the relaxed music that was offered.

The members of this group came from the southeast corner of the province, and they included Spencer Turk on piano from Forget, Cora Meerholz from Regina on guitar. Emily Dubois from Kennedy on Fiddle, Sarah Kimball also on the fiddle from Corning. Emily Goudy from Stoughton and Simon Tigert from Regina were also playing the fiddle. Gus Meerholz and Isaac Mollison are both from Regina and they played the chello.

There tempo started off slowly and throughout the performance the beat picked up with songs such as Sloppy Joes and the Three Musketeers. They received a standing ovation when their set was completed.

It was time for the main performance from Inn Echo. The group is from Prince Edward Island (PEI). They met while at college in Holland PEI at the Performing Arts School. Karson McKeavn is from Ottawa, Ontario, Tuli Porcher is from Victoria, British Columbia and Tom Gammons from Butt, Montana. They all live in PEI now

and began their group in 2018.

They have traveled the world performing and are proud to say they have performed in every province in Canada. Karson said that Canada has a lot to offer with its beauty and it is a great place to travel.

While Karson played the fiddle and Tom played the guitar, Tuli played three instruments: the fiddle, chello and stomp box. Each song had a meaning and came from experiences they have had along the way. Their first set was from their first album and the second half of an album that will be released in the fall. Some of the songs had no titles and they asked the crowd to come up with good names and send them in.

Often the crowd clapped with the music, but there was one young lady that was near the front of the hall, which danced throughout the entire performance. The music echoed through the hall and seemed to be enjoyed by all that attended.

Photos by Stephanie Zoer



From left to right, Karson McKeavn, Tuli Porcher and Tom Gammons met in Prince Edward Island while attending the Performing Arts College.



Michelle Amy has been part of the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party for many years, and she welcomed everyone to the live event in Carlyle.

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The U.S. has a national security strategy. Where's Canada's?

On Dec. 5, 2025, the president of the United States announced a new U.S. National Security Strategy. Each successive U.S. administration issues such a document at the beginning of its term, forcing a reassessment of national security at least every four years. It is a foundational exercise for government and for the public.

The release has gone largely unnoticed by Canadian media, save for a few comments from the Canadian Minister of National Defence. The minister said he was "taking note" of the new U.S. strategy but that Canada would follow its own National Security Strategy. Many Canadians are left wondering what that strategy actually looks like.

To understand why this matters, Canadians must first recognize that national security is one of six National Interests that define a nation. Those interests are Unity, National Security, Good Governance, Rights and Freedoms, Economic Prosperity and Growth and Societal Wellbeing. National security is deeply linked to all six. The new U.S. National Security Strategy makes this integration unmistakably clear.

National security itself is not confined to the military. It encompasses intelligence services, border and immigration services, critical infrastructure protection, police services, emergency management organizations, the judiciary, alliances and partnerships, and military forces. From the U.S. perspective, the strategy lays out these elements plainly and connects them directly to national interests.

This linkage is not new. Following Sept. 11, 2001, the United States repeatedly told Canada and the world that security trumped trade. When former U.S. President Barack Obama addressed Canada's Parliament in 2016 and said "the world needs more Canada," he did so after speaking across all six national interests and warning, diplomatically, that Canada needed to take its national defence more seriously.

Canada, however, has taken its relationship with the U.S. for granted and often appears to revel in a sense of moral or strategic superiority. The Liberal Party's recent "elbows up" re-election strategy reflects a belief that Canada can assert independence without cost. Over the past decade, all six of Canada's National Interests have eroded significantly. The new U.S. National Security Strategy recognizes this erosion with unmistakable clarity.

A review of the strategy shows that the current U.S. administration demands explicit links between all six National Interests and every element of national security. This is laid out in Part II of the document. The opening section defines what the United States "wants": unity; protection of democratic institutions and way of life; border security and immigration control; critical infrastructure protection; strong emergency management and intelligence capabilities; a vibrant economy; a dominant military and military-industrial base; nuclear dominance; and the "restoration and reinvigoration of American spiritual and cultural health."

The remainder of the document explains how these objectives will be achieved, in direct and explicit terms.

The administration does not accept the status quo. It sees the U.S. using its dominant military and economic power to reinvigorate the Monroe Doctrine and expects the Western Hemisphere to reassert its place in the world, either through its own actions or under strong U.S. pressure. This approach includes stability in the Middle East and U.S. dominance in the Americas. The strategy states plainly that these are "the United States' core, vital national interests." The intent is unambiguous.

The document then outlines its principles and priorities in plain language. The principles—Focused Definition of the National Interest, Peace Through Strength, Predisposition to Non-Interventionism, Flexible Realism, Primacy of Nations, Sovereignty and Respect, Balance of Power, Pro-American Worker, Fairness, and Competence and Merit—leave no doubt about the administration's break from globalism, the UN, DEI, and the World Economic Forum agenda.

The priorities are equally explicit: the end of mass migration, protection of core rights and liberties, burden-sharing and burden-shifting, realignment through peace, and economic security. Together, they make clear that this administration intends to implement its national security vision within three years.

The strategy then applies these principles region by region, including the Western Hemisphere through the Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine; Asia through economic competition and deterrence; Europe through burden-sharing and renewal; the Middle East through shifted responsibilities and peace-building; and Africa. The document reflects long-standing strategic thinking and presents a clear view of U.S. policy direction over the next three years.

The world should read this document closely. No nation, however, has more reason to do so than Canada. In its introduction, the strategy emphasizes the "essential connection between ends and means." This is not rhetorical positioning. It is a statement of intended action. The administration is uninterested in platitudes, promises, symbolic meetings, or altruism. It is focused on U.S. National Interests and on concrete outcomes.

Against this backdrop, for a single Canadian minister—heading a ministry the U.S. knows has failed to deliver credible national defence—to say in a brief press conference that he merely "noted" a strategy personally signed by the president reveals a Canada that is deaf, dumb, and blind to U.S. intent.

Canadians must demand an immediate and serious discussion of the six National Interests that define the country. They must insist that their government produce a coherent, non-rhetoric-based strategy grounded in ends and means, with a clear vision for Canada's future.

We know U.S. intent for the next three years. The question is whether Canada will still exist as a serious, sovereign actor when those three years are over.

This editorial is written by David Redman, who had a distinguished military career before becoming head of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency in 2004. He led the development of the 2005 Provincial Pandemic Influenza Plan and retired in 2013.



Burger Week has grown and is about more than the burgers

Burger Week is one week away, kicking off on March 2 in Moosomin, Wapella, Fleming, Rocanville and Maryfield, and if the reactions of some of my staff are any indication, some people are pretty excited about trying all of the different burgers again this year.

There are 11 restaurants participating this year—eight in Moosomin, one in Fleming, one in Wapella, and one in Rocanville. And as usual they have all gone to great lengths to come up with some super creative burgers.

With all the work the local restaurants do for this week, you would maybe think there was money on the line for this contest, but there isn't—the winner of the best burger just gets bragging rights and a certificate to hang on their wall saying they were the 2026 winner.

Actually, no, that's incorrect. There's a whole lot more to Burger Week than just seeing who likes whose burger best and who gets the bragging rights.

For one, Burger Week has become so popular and grown so much since it started six years ago, that the local restaurants make a ton of sales that week—so many sales that they know they need to stock up on their burger ingredients in a big way and prep for that week in a big way. Burger Week is a fantastic way to support local businesses—not just financially but by helping to promote them as well. Everyone talks about burger week and what each restaurant is offering leading up and during the week, and the local restaurants spend time pumping up and bragging about their burgers, plus the World-Spectator and the Chamber do their utmost to promote all the participating restaurants and their burgers leading up to and during the week.

The result is an explosion of promotion for our fantastic local restaurants and a ton of sales. It's a nice economic shot in the arm during a quiet time of year, and also sheds light on just how awesome our local restaurants are. In some cases, it gets people into those lo-



Kara Kinna

cal restaurants who have never been in them before, and so the local businesses hope that another spinoff of the week is gaining new, returning customers who have maybe never given their place a try before.

The other spinoff of burger week, aside from the economic benefit to our local businesses, is fun. Just plain, old fun.

March can be a quiet time of year for a lot of people in terms of activities and events. It's the in-between of winter and spring. Farmers are calving or waiting for the weather to warm up for seeding. Most spring events haven't launched yet, and the weather can range anywhere from 'meh' to nice-ish to terrible. And so Burger Week has become something that people can look forward to at a time of year where there isn't a lot happening other than waiting for spring. It gives people a chance to have the same kind of fun they do during Christmas or summer events, at a time when there's not a lot on.

The best part about Burger Week for me is how into it people get. I'm always shocked at how many people make a real, honest effort to try all those burgers, and how much work the restaurants put into coming up with their creations each year—in some cases they start working on recipes months in advance!

And so for those reasons, a week based on eating a bunch of burgers has become about a lot more than just eating and trying burgers. It's great for local businesses, it's a ton of fun, and everyone—from the businesses to the customers—seems to really enjoy it each year.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Stein
Manager of Public Works & Utilities
306-435-7062 (cell)

RECREATION OFFICE

E-mail: msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net
Phone: 306.435.3622

Mike Schween - Rec Director
306-435-7578 (cell)

Angela Thorn - Assistant Rec Director

GARBAGE/RECYCLING CALENDAR

ROUTE A: Homes West of Main Street: FEB 24 - GARBAGE MAR 3 - RECYCLE	ROUTE B: Homes East of Main Street: MAR 2 - RECYCLE MAR 9 - GARBAGE
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LANDFILL HOURS

JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.	MAY 1 - MAY 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31 TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.
SUN. & MON. CLOSED	SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	SUN. & MON. CLOSED	SUN. 12 Noon - 5 p.m. MON. CLOSED	SUN. & MON. CLOSED

MOOSOMIN LIBRARY OPEN HOURS:

MONDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM TUESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM	WEDNESDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM THURSDAY: 12 PM - 4 PM, 5 PM - 8 PM	FRIDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM - 5 PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY: CLOSED
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701 MAIN ST. | BOX 730 | MOOSOMIN, SK | SOG 3N0 | E-MAIL: TWN.MOOSOMIN@SASKTEL.NET | WWW.MOOSOMIN.COM | PHONE: 306-435-2988 | FAX: 306-435-3343

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Moosomin is now accepting applications/resumes for the position of Summer Student, with duties to include various labour and/or other work as assigned. Applicants that are hired, are required to work full time for the entire summer season at 5 days/40 hrs. per week (with minimal overtime required) for the entire term of employment, with holiday pay included on each pay cheque.

Applications/resumes will be received until **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3rd, 2026**, however, the **deadline may be extended depending on applications/resumes received.**

Please indicate on your application/resume that you are applying for the "Summer Student Employment Opportunity"

The Town wishes to thank all persons who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applications may be mailed, delivered, faxed or e-mailed to the Town of Moosomin at the following address:

701 Main Street, Box 730 | Moosomin, SK | SOG 3N0
Phone: 306-435-2988 | Fax: 306-435-3343
E-mail: twn.moosomin@sasktel.net



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Moosomin for the year of 2026 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor during regular office hours of 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon) and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on the following days: Monday to Friday inclusive, February 27th, 2026 to March 30th, 2026, excluding any statutory holidays.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the Town of Moosomin, Box 730, Moosomin, SK, SOG 3N0. A notice of appeal must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca (Western Municipal Consulting, Box 149, Meota, SK, S0M 1X0), or to Town of Moosomin, Box 730, Moosomin, SK, SOG 3N0, and appeal will be forwarded by the Town to the Secretary of the Board of Revision. Said appeal must be received not later than March 30, 2026, with the \$500.00 appeal fee to be remitted to the Town of Moosomin, Box 730, Moosomin, SK, SOG 3N0, and also received **not later than March, 30, 2026** and appeal fee will be returned if the appeal fee is successful.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2026.

Paul Listrom, Assessor

2026 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Registrations



Name: _____

Level: _____

Set: _____

Parent: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

LEVELS	EARLY BIRD <i>until April 30, 2026</i>		REG. PRICE	
	W Season	W/O Season	W Season	W/O Season
Parent & Tot 1	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Parent & Tot 2	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Parent & Tot 3	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Preschool 1	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Preschool 2	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Preschool 3	\$90	\$100	\$95	\$105
Swimmer 1	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 2	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 3	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 4	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 5	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Swimmer 6	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Rookie Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Ranger Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120
Star Patrol	\$100	\$115	\$105	\$120

2026 Sets

- June 1-12
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 20-24
- August 3-7
- August 10-21

Aquasize
\$7/drop in | \$50/month

Lane Swim
\$7 drop in | \$85/season

Pool Parties
1-15 people \$100
16-30 people \$125
31+ people \$175

Private Sets (first come-first served)

- June 15-19
- July 13-17
- July 27-31

**\$40/lesson
\$200/week**



Rates	Daily	Season	10 Pack
Child (2-6)	\$8	\$80	\$60
Youth (7-17)	\$10	\$110	\$75
Adult (18+)	\$12	\$130	\$90
Family (max 7)	\$25	\$280	\$187.50

BEFORE APRIL 30TH, REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE:

- **Mailed** to Moosomin Parks and Recreation, Box 430, Moosomin, SK, SOG 3N0
- Or **emailed** to a.thorntownof-moosomin@sasktel.net
- Or **hand delivered** to the Town Office

AFTER MAY 1, 2026 CONTACT MOOSOMINPOOL@GMAIL.COM 306-435-2346

Payments accepted in cash, cheque or pre-authorized credit card

Moosomin Communities In Bloom begins planning for 2026 national competition

By NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Moosomin's Communities in Bloom (CIB) committee is preparing for the 2026 season with plans to compete at the national level and advance several local initiatives.

Assistant Recreation Director Angela Thorn said the committee is looking forward to returning to national competition this year.

Moosomin competed at the national level last year and earned five blooms.

One of the main projects on the agenda this year is the proposed Tourist Rest Stop, which is intended to encourage travelers to stop in Moosomin and visit the downtown core.

After speaking with other communities, the committee is considering adding a designated "selfie station" at the site. Thorn said the goal is to create a feature that draws attention to local amenities, including the dog park and downtown businesses.

Looking ahead, the committee is also developing a "What Used to Be Here?" historical walking tour. The initiative would see QR codes placed on buildings throughout town, allowing residents and visitors to access historical photos and information about specific sites.

Other projects being explored include initiatives to encourage rainwater collection and composting, as well as expanding the annual Town Wide Clean Up. Thorn said the committee would like to see the cleanup grow in size and participation, with more residents and businesses involved.

2026 theme is Therapeutic Gardening

"We are pleased to announce that the 2026 CIB theme will be Therapeutic Gardening," Thorn said. "More than ever, we recognize the restorative power of green spaces, like gardens that nurture the mind, body, and spirit."

As part of the theme, the committee will introduce the Always Together Rose, a new variety that symbolizes community, compassion and hope. Proceeds from the sale of the rose will support the Never Alone Foundation and the Communities in Bloom Foundation.

"With the Always Together Rose, we are planting more than flowers, we are cultivating hope, fostering connection, and nurturing well-being for everyone in our communities," Thorn said.

Projects and participation

Residents can expect the continuation of local contests in 2026, some sponsored by local businesses and others sponsored by Scott's Miracle Gro. Contest criteria will be announced at a later date.

Beautification projects are also being considered for Bradley Park.

Thorn said funding remains a challenge for the committee.

"I have a lot of ideas and plans but need the funding," she said, adding that increased community understanding and participation are also important. "It's not just planting some flowers. It's about community spirit and pride, working together to make our town a place people want to visit."

Residents and local businesses can support the initiative by participating in contests, joining the committee, volunteering, or leading projects.



Communities in Bloom Moosomin committee with their awards last year.



Communities in Bloom judges in front of the McNoughton Building while visiting Moosomin in 2025.

Daryl Harrison

Member of the Legislative Assembly for Cannington Constituency

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Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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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

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 - 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. Feel free to contact Kim at 434-8733.

Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

We are 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

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.

Mike Schwean Arena Public Skating this week

Monday	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm
Shiny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3pm
Tuesday	
Parents and Tots	10am to 12 pm
Shiny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm
Wednesday	
Parents and Tots	10am to 12 pm
Shiny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm
Thursday	
Parents and Tots	10am to 12 pm
Shiny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm
Friday	
Parents and Tots	10 am to 12 pm
Shiny	12 to 1 pm
Public Skating	1 to 3 pm

Skating Club Weekly Activities

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

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 Dancers

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

Parks and Recreation Advertising Opportunities

In preparation of the winter of 2024, we have a ton of various advertising opportunities for any local business interested. Options include:

- Mike Schwean Arena
 - Ice Level Signage
 - In ice Signage
 - Wall Signage
 - Lobby Signage
 - Home Team Live Game Feeds

- Nutrien Sportsplex
 - Wall Signage

- Parking Lot
 - Two Electronic Message Boards

- No 8 Highway
 - Corridor Signage

- Projects
 - Various options

If you would like more information, please give Mike a call at 435-3622 or email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net.

2025 Wedding Venues

As we head into the spring season it can become a busy time for wedding bookings.

Moosomin Parks and Recreation have multiple venues, both indoor and outdoor, all sized and priced to fit your plans. Our options include:

- Indoors**
 - Mike Schwean Arena Dry Ice
 - Mike Schwean Arena Lobby
 - Conexus Convention Centre
 - Nutrien Sportsplex
- Outdoors**
 - Tim Hortons Eventplex
 - REMAX Court (includes Gemstone light show)

We have sound system options, projector options, bar options, size options, curtain options and on and on.

If you would like further information or would like a tour of a venue or to book a venue, please contact Angela at 435-3622 or by email to a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

Moosomin Seniors Club

The Moosomin Seniors Club meets 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.

Minor ball registration

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

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.

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

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.

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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TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Form 2 (Section 4)

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before 21st day of May 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Part of Lot	Lot	Block	Plan	Title Number	Total Arrears	Cost of Advertising	Total Arrears and Costs
	44	44	102282285	151244456	206.54	12.97	\$219.51
	45	44	102282285	151244355	206.54	12.97	\$219.51
	46	44	102282285	151244636	206.54	12.97	\$219.51
	47	44	102282285	151244467	206.54	12.97	\$219.51
	48	44	102282285	151244647	206.54	12.97	\$219.51
		M	85R63636	158296078	326.24	12.97	\$339.21
		N	85R63636	158296090	326.24	12.97	\$339.21
		P	85R63636	158296102	326.24	12.97	\$339.21
	25	27	D1465	155475164	619.23	12.97	\$632.20
	19	11	C4513	146946505	1,007.30	12.97	\$1,020.27
	5,6	28	D1465	157220669	1,556.85	12.97	\$1,569.82
	UNIT 4		102160819		1,903.68	12.97	\$1,916.65
	UNIT 3		102160819		1,968.92	12.97	\$1,981.89
	UNIT 6		102160819		1,968.92	12.97	\$1,981.89
	20	23	D1465	158548517	2,165.51	12.97	\$2,178.48
	21	1	37568	157145148	2,483.76	12.97	\$2,496.73
	UNIT 5		102160819		2,617.77	12.97	\$2,630.74
	14	33	64R36110	158646460	2,680.42	12.97	\$2,693.39
	1	33	64R36110	1426566015	2,767.38	12.97	\$2,780.35
	26	27	D1465	155475175	2,830.95	12.97	\$2,843.92
	19	33	67R23013	155449446	2,884.54	12.97	\$2,897.51
	17	37	68R32928	156773009	3,126.73	12.97	\$3,139.70
	6	2	101981213	150770707	3,191.50	12.97	\$3,204.47
	UNIT 8		102160819		3,467.67	12.97	\$3,480.64
	15	36	68R329928	153502152	4,245.70	12.97	\$4,258.67
	21	6	101914354	149727280	9,152.96	12.97	\$9,165.93
	2	48	102049512	152078991	11,429.12	12.97	\$11,442.09

Dated this 20th day of February, 2026

Natalie Miller, Treasurer

Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

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

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 23

Lane Swim 7:30-8:30 am
AquaFit 9:30-10:30 am
OPEN Fitness 12 - 1 pm
Family Swim 1:30-3 pm
Lane Swim 6:30-8 pm

February 24

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am
AquaFlex Senior 11 am -12: pm
Parent & Tot Swim 1:30-2:30 pm
Family Swim 3:30-7 pm
AquaFit 7-8 pm

February 25

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

February 26

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 AM
Family Swim 9:00-10:30 AM
AquaFlex Senior 11:00-12:00 PM
Parent & Tot Swim 1:30-2:30 PM
Public Swim 4:00-7:00 PM
AquaFit 7:00-8:00 PM

February 27

Early Bird AquaFit 6:30-7:15 am
Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 am
OPEN Fitness 12 - 1 pm
Family Swim 1:30-3 pm
Public Swim 3:30-8:30 pm

February 28

Public Swim 9 - 11 am
Lane Swim 1-2 pm
Family Swim 2-4 pm
Evening Swim 6 -9 pm

March 1

Lane Swim 9 -10 am
SWIM-A-THON 10 am -12 pm
Public Swim 1-3 pm

Summer Student Wanted

The Town of Rocanville is looking to hire a motivated individual with a valid driver's license to join our team and work a full-time position shared between Public Works and Recreation.

Duties include mowing and weed whacking soccer fields, ball diamonds, and green spaces around town, as well as painting and other miscellaneous jobs.

Start and end dates, along with wages, will be negotiated with the successful candidate. Power Mobile Equipment for small equipment certification will be provided.

Please apply to the Town office by March 17th, 2026, via mail, Dropbox, or email us @ Rocanville.town@sasktel.net

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

Rocanville Community Centre

Senior Supper - Community Potluck

February 23 at 6 pm
Join us for a relaxed evening filled with homemade dishes, warm, company, and welcoming vibes. Whether you are coming with friends or just dropping in solo, there's always a place for you at the table. Enjoy live music from Myron and Ryan Wiebe and settle in for a night you won't want to miss.

Morning Coffee Social

Drop by anytime between 8 - 9:30 am and start your morning with a fresh cup of coffee and friendly conversation. Our community centre offers a cozy, comfortable place to unwind, reconnect with familiar faces, and meet new friends.

Cards & Games - Thursday Afternoons

Take a midweek break and join us Thursdays from 1-3 pm for casual cards, games, and lots of laughs. It's an easygoing way to enjoy a warm and friendly afternoon together.

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 Rec Centre

Play group

Bring the little ones out for a morning of fun and discovery! Our play group is a relaxed space where children can explore through play while parents visit and connect. Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 12 pm for laughter, creativity and community.

Group Walking

Skip the cold and stay moving indoors! Our walking group offers a comfortable place to stretch your legs, get your steps in, and enjoy great conversation along the way. Walk with us Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am - 3 pm

Puzzle Swap

Finished a puzzle and ready for a new challenge? Swap it out! Bring in complete puzzles and trade with others in the community. Stop by anytime to exchange, chat, and discover your next favorite puzzle!

Pickle Ball

Ready to try something active and social? Pickleball runs Tuesdays from 7 - 9 pm at the Rec Centre. Whether your brand new or have played before, equipment is provided - just show up and jump in!

Sew What!

Whether you're picking up a needle for the first time or have years of experience, this creative group is for you. Sew What is a friendly gathering where participants work on projects, share tips, and enjoy good company. This group meets Wednesday mornings, contact the rec office for more information at rocanville.rec@sasktel.net or call 306-645-2164

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: 4 machines available for use for the month of February!
• 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.

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 23: Shinny 3:30-5 pm
February 25: Preschool/Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm
Shinny 3:30-5 pm
February 27: Preschool/Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm
Shinny 3:30-5:30 pm

Hockey Games

February 23: U11 Black VS Esterhazy Red 5:30-7:30 pm
February 28: U7 Game 10:30-11:45 am
U11 VS Yorkton Soak Zone 5 - 7 pm

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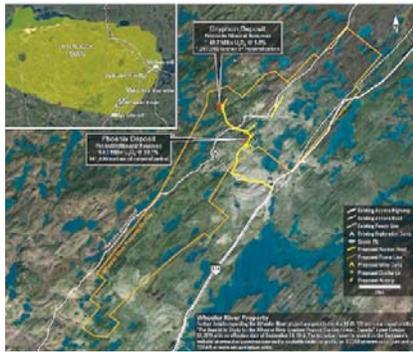
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An aerial view of the research farm at Indian Head.



Preparation work at the Denison mine site in Northern Saskatchewan, which has now been approved for mine development.

Saskatchewan's economy going from strength to strength

Saskatchewan continues to have the strongest economy in Canada.

Wholesale trade is growing faster here in Saskatchewan than anywhere else. When businesses buy and sell more, it builds confidence, supports jobs, and strengthens our communities.

Building construction investment is climbing more quickly in Saskatchewan than anywhere. That means more good-paying construction jobs, higher wages, and homes for growing families.

We've got Canada's most affordable cities. Saskatoon just ranked #1 for raising a family. And our economy is the strongest in the nation.

We've achieved this with record investments in health care, education, safe communities, and services you rely on — all while continuing to lower taxes.

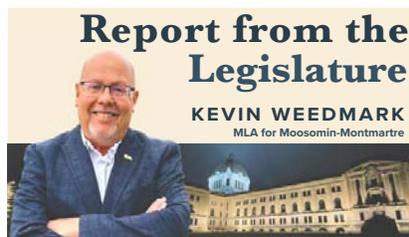
New uranium mine approved

New investments in potash, in copper, in uranium and other resources are helping build Saskatchewan for the long term.

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David Cates, President and CEO of Denison commented, "The Commission decision to approve the EA and issue the Licence represents a landmark achievement for Denison, as well as our staff, shareholders, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders in the Project. We thank the Commission and CNSC staff for promptly delivering the positive results of the recently completed public hearing and extensive federal regulatory review process. Denison has successfully demonstrated to the Commission's satisfaction that Phoenix can be built in a manner that meets Canada's stringent standards.

"Phoenix is the first uranium mine in Canada to be approved for ISR mining and is the first large-scale Canadian uranium mine approved for construction in more than 20 years. It is a nation building project that reflects the best of Canadian ingenuity and determination. Owing to the use of the ISR mining method, Phoenix has the potential to generate strong economics while also achieving a superior standard of sustainability when compared to conventional mining methods. With an approximately 2-year construc-



tion timeline, the timing of this approval means that the Project remains on track for first production by mid-2028.

"Given Phoenix's construction ready state, our recent award of the construction management contract, and Denison's strong financial position, we are eager to conclude the Company's final investment decision for the Project and announce the timeline for the commencement of construction."

New mining development like this will keep building Saskatchewan's economy for the long term.

Indian Head Research Farm

There was a meeting last week involving several stakeholders on the federal decision to close the Indian Head Research Farm. The is a real danger that Research Station Closures will cause Major disruptions in crop sectors. Short-term preservation and long-term strategic planning are urgent needs.

Producer Investment is at Risk in these closures. A \$19.9 million investment in wheat breeding could be threatened. The estimated Return on Investment in this research is 33:1.

The timing of the federal closures could not come at a worse time for Canadian agriculture in light of declining Canadian Export Competitiveness. Canada dropped from 5th to 7th in exports; regaining rank could increase GDP by \$30 billion over ten years.

Several groups are working on trying to reverse this decision A defined federal government plan for future agricultural research is essential for effective long-term planning and support.

Leading the nation

New figures from Statistics Canada show Saskatchewan led the nation in year-over-year job growth in January,

with 15,000 new jobs added. That represents an increase of 2.5 per cent, the second highest among all provinces. Our province also recorded the second lowest unemployment rate at 5.3 per cent, well below the national average of 6.5 per cent. This growth reflects the strength of our economy and the confidence that industry and employers have in our province. More people working means more opportunity for families, stronger communities and continued economic momentum.

That strength is also reflected in Saskatchewan's wholesale trade sector. Saskatchewan once again ranked first among the provinces for year-over-year growth, with wholesale trade increasing 14.7 per cent from December 2024 to December 2025. Strong wholesale growth signals a healthy flow of goods through our economy and creates opportunities for Saskatchewan businesses. Our government remains committed to helping companies expand, reach new markets and stay competitive so they can continue creating jobs across the province.

Investing in Health Care

A strong economy allows our government to invest in important services, including innovative health care that delivers better outcomes. Robot-assisted surgeries are strengthening surgical services in our province, with the newly added system located at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. It is now the fourth robotic system operating in Saskatchewan, one of the highest per capita rates of any Canadian province. Two other systems operate at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, and another was introduced at Pasqua Hospital last fall. With this expansion, more patients will have access to minimally invasive procedures that allow quicker recoveries close to home. Our government extends sincere thanks to our surgeons and health care teams for their ongoing collaboration in expanding surgical access.

Strong. Safe. Secure.

Through continued economic development, health care innovation and community investment, your Saskatchewan Party government remains focused building a stronger, safer, more secure future for everyone in the province.

Reach out to me any time at office@kevinweedmark.ca, call 306-435-4005, or drop in to my office at 622 Main Street in Moosomin!

Kevin Weedmark
MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

Regional Invitational Figure Skating Competition



On February 14th & 15th, 2026, Moosomin welcomed over 150 figure skaters for the Regional Invitational figure skating competition at Mike Schwean Arena.

All the skaters were competing in the categories of free skate, creative improvisation, artistic star, elements and team event.

Participants and their families had a chance to visit a vendor's market, held in Conexus Convention Centre and try delicious specials, provided by Moosomin Lions Club and Top Shelf Canteen.



Olha Volokh photos

Natalie Penner



Harper Swallow



Pheobe Holman



Blair Chevrier



Francheska Ramos



Janlyn Tolentino



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10 DAY SALE



For one day everyone will get their **FURNITURE, ACCESSORIES, AND MATTRESS SETS** **FREE!** excluding appliances & electronics

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH - MONDAY, MARCH 2ND, 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!

10 DAY SALE
Save big time for 9 days, **SHOP FREE** for one day!

SALE RULES:

1. All sales must be paid in full or approved financing.
2. Credit cards accepted.
3. Sale starts Thursday, February 19th and ends Monday, March 2nd, 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.
8. All sales are final for these 10 sale days.

10 DAY SALE QUALIFYING PURCHASES: FURNITURE, ACCESSORIES, AND MATTRESSES

IN STOCK ITEMS ONLY APPLY

SEALY POSTUREPEDIC QUEEN MATTRESS
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