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## Turmoil in Puerto Vallarta Locals say it won't stop them from going back every winter

BY KARA KINNA

When cartels burned busses, cars and buildings in Puerto Vallarta on Sunday, Feb. 22 after the killing of cartel leader El Mencho by Mexican authorities, a number of local people were staying in the city and witnessed the destruction.

Both Murray Bruce and Randy and Cheryl Schiller from Moosomin were in central part of Puerto Vallarta.

They say, despite the destruction by the cartels that day, they never felt unsafe, and it seemed clear that the cartels were out to destroy property rather than hurt people.

They both say things started to get back to normal the very next day and they will continue to go to Puerto Vallarta every year for the people, food, weather, and social life it provides, despite the cartel activity that flared up on Feb. 22.

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A photo taken by Randy Schiller of the smoke from the fire in the Costco parking lot in Puerto Vallarta. "We walked down there the next day and counted 38 cars and three semis burnt," says Schiller.

## It's Burger Week this week: Eleven local restaurants from Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, Wapella and Maryfield offering unique burgers for people to try and vote on

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

There will be a lot of burgers sold in the Moosomin area this week, with 11 local restaurants in Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, Wapella and Maryfield each offering a unique burger for Burger Week which runs this Monday to Sunday, March 2-8.

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 are available at each of the participating restaurants. People can get their card stamped at each restaurant they dine at. When they get their card stamped five times they can leave the card at one of the restaurants 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, and a certificate will be given out to the winning restaurant. Last year the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill earned the bragging rights for the best burger of

2025.

Last year over 4,200 burgers were sold at the local restaurants, with Burger Week spanning a two-week period in 2025. In 2024, there were 2,776 burgers sold over the course of one week.

Burger Week is sponsored by the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, and has grown in popularity every year, with local restaurants being asked about what they are offering for Burger Week months in advance.

*See pages 9-11 for detailed descriptions on each of the burgers being offered this week for Burger Week 2026.*

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Danielle Rhodes talking about the International Women's Day Event planned for March 12.



Rene Whelpton talking about the Moosomin Alzheimer's Walk planned for May 30.



Kyle Jeannot talking about the Living Skies fireworks competition planned for August 1-2.

# Upcoming events discussed at Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting International Women's Day event, Alzheimer Walk, Living Skies weekend, Burger Week

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, there was discussion about four local events that are coming up in Moosomin, including an International Women's Day event being hosted by Women's Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan (WESK) on March 12, the 2026 Alzheimer's Walk in Moosomin on May 30, the Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks Weekend on the August long weekend at Moosomin Regional Park, and Burger Week, which is this week at a number of restaurants in Moosomin, Fleming, Rocanville, and Wapella.

## International Women's Day event

Danielle Rhodes with Broadhead Electric spoke about an International Women's Day event that she is helping to host along with WESK on March 12 in Moosomin. The event features three local female entrepreneurs—Kari Kosior of Kari's Closet, Kari Meyers of Kari's Pharmacy, and Alyssa Jeannot of Jeannot Electric, as well as Nicole Campbell with Yorkton Concrete.

"The International Women's Day panel is from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on March 12 at the MCC Centre. It's going to open up with networking, appetizers and beverages from our wonderful Witches Brew as well. It will be a moderated panel discussion. There will be some questions that have been pre selected for our panelists and geared to certain panelists, depending on the nature of their business. But afterwards, there will be a session where you are more than welcome to ask the panelists questions that you may have."

Rhodes says while people don't need to register for the event, she would appreciate it so that they know how much food to provide. A registration link can be found on their Facebook page or at wesk.ca/events.

## Alzheimer's Walk

Rene Whelpton spoke about plans for the 2026 Moosomin Alzheimer's Walk, which is planned for Saturday, May 30.

"I think we all know someone who has been affected by dementia. We need to come alongside each other in all of life's challenges and dementia is just one of them. I have been a part of the Moosomin and Area Caregivers Support group for a few years now and that has been a lifesaver for me. Support and research are important in this journey," she told Chamber member.

"Moosomin is joining the annual National Walk for Alzheimer's on May 30 for the third time. This year's theme is "Memories Matter." Our group has impressed and inspired the Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan with our passion, commitment and fundraising in the past two years. We are the little town showing the cities that we can do it.

"Our local focus is to bring awareness to our community of the types of dementia and the supports that are available to families whose lives are affected. "This year's walk will again be held at the Legion. Registration is at 10 am, there will be an easy two-mile walk at 11 am, and a barbecue lunch at noon.

"We will be hosting a wellness fair that day inside the Legion with tables from various agencies who can help us age well and provide support for us as we age—our own Age Friendly group, home care etc. We want to bring more education and supports to the Moosomin area to help us live well in our community.

"The official Walk website launch will be March 2 and you can register online as an individual or team. Our local group has our own Facebook page (Moosomin & Area Walk for Alzheimers) where we will be posting information on the walk.

We encourage everyone to register either as an individual or as a team and collect donations to aid in research and to fund programs to support those living with dementia. All donations are tax receiptable. "We have an exciting opportunity to raise more funds than in previous years as we have an anonymous donor who will be matching donations up to \$50,000.

"This year we are challenging businesses to register a team with their employees and families as team members, raise money by collecting corporate and individual donations but be creative as well—guess how many jelly beans are in the jar at your front counter (each guess costs \$1)—and to join us on the walk."

"We have an exciting opportunity to raise more funds than in previous years as we have an anonymous donor who will be matching donations up to \$50,000.

## Living Skie fireworks weekend

Kyle Jeannot spoke about plans for the August long Living Skies Come Alive

Fireworks Weekend at Moosomin Regional Park.

"We're excited to do it again this year. It

will be a Canadian version—East versus West," he said.

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# Economic development focus of Chamber meeting

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Economic Development was the focus of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, with new Moosomin Economic Development Officer Jeff Cole and Mayor Murray Gray speaking to Chamber members about everything from long-term planning to health care to housing in Moosomin.

"We're working on some new economic development in our region—and when I say region, our brand right now is a partnership between the town of Moosomin, the Town of Rocanville, the RM of Rocanville, the RM of Moosomin, the CBA and our other partners," Cole told Chamber members.

"So we're not a big region, but this new long-term plan that we have developed looked at a lot of our strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats in our region. And obviously, we're stronger when we are united.

"We've got a lot of labor force that is employed out in the Rocanville area, plus the Moosomin area with ag and some of our other services that we have here at the local level."

Cole says a lot of input went into creating a long-term plan for the region.

"There were some focus groups at the local level, from Rocanville to Moosomin. We also had leadership meetings. So it wasn't just a plan that was thrown together by a consultant—this has got some merit. We will have to update it and change it annually. We'll also be doing annual reports on it.

"Some of our strategic areas of focus are to support and grow the economy, and create vibrant, livable communities. I've heard from some of our entrepreneurs here why you are in Moosomin or Rocanville or the RM, and those are some of the reasons—we're vibrant. It's a good place to do business. We're not too far away.

"I believe the number one highway is a real strategic advantage for us. When we look at long-term projects, they told us we couldn't do the airport. Well, we pulled off the airport. There are other things with infrastructure we've got to improve on, but you know what? When you're having to improve on infrastructure, that means your community is growing because there's a lot of places not too far away where they're struggling."

Cole also talked about the attraction and retention of people, and how things like the new daycare being built will help with that.

"With the daycare in town here, there's over 300 moms and dads combined set to hit the labor force," he said. "It's a big impact to our community doing well.

"And we don't want to just survive here. We want to thrive. Our partners are really crucial to this plan. How we get to the next phase of the plan will be some of our building blocks that we're working with our committee on.

"We've got about nine pillar projects that we're working on right now, and there's going to be some pretty neat things happening here. We've got 17 other projects on the go right now as well, and some are related to the housing initiative, some are related to business. In my position, I can't disclose too much of the details right now, but there's a lot of good things happening as far as the towns and RMs and their partnerships.

"What we've heard loud and clear is affordable housing right now is a challenge. So we're trying to tackle some of that. It won't be easy, we need partnerships to do this business and make it grow.

"A little update on the housing accelerator fund—it's going pretty well. We've got a couple projects on the go right now that look really good. If you have a project that you're looking at, I'd say, be active with it. I think we're going to capitalize on hitting all those targets."

Cole also spoke about some of the area's major tourism advantages and how they have had an economic impact.

"I ran some numbers a while back on the Living Skies Fireworks weekend before Covid, and I looked at what was the best economic impact for Moosomin, and believe it or not, those firework weekends were the best economic boost for us. So I'm thankful that committee's back ramping it up, because at one time, we didn't know if they were going to kick start this and keep it going.

"One area that I want to close on is in our plan to support and grow the local economy. Our goals make it easier to do business here. And that's one thing



EDO Jeff Cole, left, and Mayor Murray Gray, right, speaking at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday about economic development in the region.

that I'm hearing from people that have come to our town, whether or not they worked with the RM or the town, or the town staff and team.

"We want to keep small business open and thriving. We want to support succession planning—we don't want to see a business just close the doors. If we can use our network here, if somebody's got a business for sale, let's work with the local entrepreneurs or our local group or our office to make it work, because we can't afford to lose anything.

"We want to attract business and employment opportunities in the region. We're doing a pretty good job of that, but that's something that, strategically, we have got to keep moving forward, capture more traffic and dollars in our smaller communities. If you visualize maybe a new rink, some tourism along the highway here, I think we can really put Moosomin on the map. We've got the downtown, we've got a little bit of a destination, and I think we can establish Moosomin and Rocanville region as an integrated regional employment cluster and service centre.

"If you've got any ideas, always stop by the office. I'm willing to sit down with you."

## Gray says Moosomin is full speed ahead

After Danielle Rhodes introduced herself at the Chamber meeting and told Chamber members why Broadhead Electric had decided to move from Alberta to do business in Moosomin because of its strong business and community supports, Mayor Murray Gray said he was inspired by that, and it spoke to the reasons that make Moosomin a great place to live and invest.

"Danielle, I love your story about why you moved here. We need to tell our story. We need to tell our story loud and proud about why Moosomin is what it is," he said as he addressed Chamber members about economic development following Jeff Cole's presentation.

"It's the people that make things happen, and how we have a get'er done attitude, and we want to make this a business environment. We want to be able to have it so people don't have to leave town. We want to be able to provide every service in the community, so people don't have to go to the city, and so people from the surrounding area can come here and do business in Moosomin. I love that point that you made on it, and it's really what economic development is about.

"There are so many things that we deal with, but at the end of the day, we want people to want to move here and live here. So that's fantastic."

Gray gave an update on a few things the town has been working on.

## Housing

"I wanted to do a little bit of an update on the housing incentive. We are getting very close to the 43 doors we wanted to add—we don't have enough permits but I suspect within a couple of weeks we will.

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## Moosomin Town Council

# Rec department planning for upgrade to Mike Schwean Arena

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
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At the Moosomin town council meeting on Wednesday, Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwean told council that he is starting to work on plans for an upgrade to the Mike Schwean Arena, which he hopes could be completed by 2028.

Schwean said the plan would be to replace any fr damaged in the rink boards, replace the puck board, the signage, doors, locks, and install six-foot plexiglass (currently there is four-foot plexiglass in the rink), as well as look at putting in new netting, new seating, new rubber, and new paint in parts of the arena.

He says he estimates the upgrades would cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and would like to start fundraising for the project now, with a targeted completion date of 2028.

"As far as fundrasing, Community Acres is interested, we did request that the RM put money toward the project as well, the Kinsmen are interested in helping with the project, the Moose were looking at a Sportsman Supper in the fall, and we already have Brit Dore lined up to do the MCing, and then we'll just fall in line with some speakers. "We have also applied for the RCMP Musical Ride next year.

"So if plans come together for this, then there would be a chance that the new arena being worked on, and our existing arena, would all be in tip top shape at the same time."

A committee of community members has also been

formed to look at the potential for building a second, more basic arena in Moosomin, without using town money, and Schwean says it would be his hope that the second arena could be opened around the same time as the Mike Schwean Arena improvements are completed so that Moosomin has two nice rinks and can host more events and accommodate more ice time.

## Former SE College building to be used as plumbing and heating shop

Council passed a motion to rezone the land where the former Southeast College building is located on Park Avenue from Community Service to Regional Commercial. The building has been purchased by Skulmoski Plumbing and Heating and will be used as a plumbing and heating shop.

## Nine summer students hired

Council passed a motion to hire nine summer students. Six students will work for the public works department, two will work in recreation, and one will work for the Communities in Bloom Committee and in the office.

## Town donates to Health Care Foundation in memory of former mayor Larry Tomlinson

Council passed a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation for a CT Scanner on behalf of the late former mayor Larry Tomlinson.

Tomlinson passed away on January 26 and was passionate about his work on the Health Care Foundation during his time as mayor.

## Council increases remuneration

After a discussion at the last meeting, council passed a motion to increase remuneration for councillors and the mayor effective July 1, 2026.

The last time remuneration was increased was July 1, 2022.

Councillor Kyla Fingas brought up an increase in remuneration at the previous meeting, saying she thought it would be better to do a smaller increase now, rather than leave it for a long period of time and do a larger increase later.

As of July 1, councillor remuneration will go from \$880 a month to \$1,000 a month, and the mayor's remuneration will go from \$1,430 a month to \$1,750 a month. Per diems will stay the same at \$300 a day.

## Lot sold for RTM home

Council passed a motion to sell a lot at 1111 Gordon Street to Eric and Gaylene Jensen in the amount of \$48,200 for the purpose of placing an RTM home.

## AV equipment purchased

Council passed a motion to spend \$3,450 with Glassers TV for AV equipment for the council chambers that would allow council to do offsite teams meetings more effectively.

# Economic development focus of Chamber meeting

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There are a couple of projects that are going, and once we've completed that 43 doors, then we need to find out how we will be able to secure the last payment from the housing accelerator fund. To date, we have checked off enough boxes that we get the first three years of payments, which is roughly \$745,000 and, so that has gone well.

"I'd like to say that adding the additional doors has helped with housing affordability. I don't know that it has, but the pressure on our housing market is why it's so expensive, and I know that's something that we need to address. And so if we continue to work on the housing and continue to have a better inventory of rentals and of homes to own, then I think eventually we can lower that pressure."

"The other thing that we need is more housing in order to add the things that Jeff's talking about—new businesses. Where are the employees going to live if you hire them? So housing is huge. It's probably the top of list for the town of Moosomin of what we as a council need to work on, and having the housing accelerator fund kind of helps with that and keeps us focused on it. Even though we've added 43 doors, I think we need to keep working on it in some way, shape or form."

## CT Scanner and health care

Gray said the town would also keep pushing for a CT scanner in Moosomin, especially with such a large and stable group of doctors in the community.

"Because of that, the CT scanner and some of the other things we're doing, we need to keep beating our hand on the table. Because that group of doctors that we have is fantastic, and they're not going anywhere. That's another part of economic development—making it so they want to live here, making sure that they want to move to Moosomin and take the residency program here."

"So that is very important for our residents and for the area. A CT scanner will be a lifesaver, between that and the airport working hand in hand in order to diagnose people with strokes."

## Second ice surface

Gray also spoke briefly about plans for a second ice surface in Moosomin. He said while the second ice surface is not a town of Moosomin initiative, and would not be funded by the town of Moosomin, if it comes to fruition, it would be operated by the town.

"There's a group of individuals working on a project that would add a second ice surface, without any public or municipal money being put into it. So they have come to us and said, 'we see a need.' They're working on a plan for getting it built, and at that point in time, then the town of Moosomin would just operate it."

"There's maybe some concern out there for taxpayers, but believe me, the town of Moosomin has a lot of infrastructure and important projects that we need to do, and building a rink, we couldn't put that ahead of all the other things we need for sewer and water and all those other things. And this group of individuals sees that and is taking the bull by the horns and bringing forth a plan that I hope will happen fairly quickly."

"They have some great ideas, and we're listening, because sports and the economic development spin off with hotels and restaurants, the people that come to our facilities and the ball diamonds and the rink, is huge as well. Literally thousands of people come into the community for sports every month. So that's a great idea that they're working on. But I do want to assure you that that's where

it sits in our priorities. We love the idea, but if we can't get the sewer out to the lagoon, and we can't get water to every home, then that a second rink is of no value."

Alyssa Jeannot with Jeannot Electric was at the meeting and told Chamber members that Moosomin is actually turning down hosting sporting events due to the lack of a second ice surface.

"The rink we have now is kind of kneecapping us in some ways for putting bids in for bigger events," she said. "Because if you look at the playoff tournaments for female hockey and some of these other male hockey tournaments, you need two rinks within earshot of each other to even bid on them. So a lot of our teams, like our female teams, are traveling to Swift Current or Estevan for these tournaments that we'd love to host, but we can't."

## Regional co-operation

Gray also spoke about the formation of Gateway Economic Development.

"The regional aspect, or Gateway as we are now called, is very exciting. We know from the provincial government and the federal government that if we're working together, we have a greater chance of having involvement from both levels of government. And I think we all have to realize that—you know, hockey rivalries from 30 years ago need to be put to bed. We need to work together in order to succeed. And we are, and as community leaders, when we do that, only good things can come from it. So that is really exciting."

## Questions on highway bypass, census

There were some questions from the floor about the Ministry of Highways exploring different plans for a Trans-Canada Highway bypass around Moosomin, and also about the town's push to ensure everyone is counted in the 2026 census after Stats Canada adjusted Moosomin's census numbers after the last census due to them not being accurate.

One person said they were concerned any bypass around Moosomin would be harmful to the local economy, and both Gray and Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark, who was at the meeting, said they agreed.

"Those proposals had come out from people within the Ministry of Highways, and they were floated, and none were well accepted by the local municipalities or anyone else," said Weedmark. I spoke with the highways minister and let him know what local opinion was, and his comment was that if Moosomin doesn't want it, it's not happening. End of the story."

Weedmark said that uncertainty around highway development has had a negative effect on business in Moosomin in the past, and could have the same effect now, which is why he had raised the concern with the minister.

Gray said the town had also spoken to Ministry officials and listed all their concerns with any bypass plans that would see Highway 1 entrances to Moosomin close. He said the conversation had simply started with wanting plans for a truck bypass around the town, and when a highway bypass was floated, the town was extremely concerned.

"The last place they left it is they would still maybe like to secure some land for the future for a truck bypass to go around Moosomin, but not closing any of our accesses and keeping everything this the way that it is right now to get into town. That was our biggest concern with a bypass, is if they closed entrances into town at Highway 1 and they closed entrances into town off Highway 8, that was really

going to hurt us in the future, especially if the plans were for 20 years down the road, and nobody wanted to invest due to the uncertainty."

"And so they listened to us. We were loud and clear about it. We won't stand for that. The safety concern of semis down Main Street was how the conversation started, and the safety concern at our intersections on Highway 1. But safety was the only aspect of it that we wanted to address."

There was also a question about filling out the census, with one person pointing out that it's mandatory to fill out your census, and wondering what happened last time.

Gray said, since stories on the census have come out in the paper, he has been contacted by people around Saskatchewan who worked on the last census informing him of a number of issues with the last census, including an online component creating a lot of confusion and some issues, and doing the census coming out of Covid with safety concerns around Covid causing some issues.

He said they expect a smoother process this time and more effort on ensuring everyone is counted, with the town ensuring everyone gets the help they need to make sure they are included.

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Dated this March 2, 2026.

Katelyn Ethier  
Returning Officer



# Spotlight on Gushue at his final Brier

In what will undoubtedly be a week-long celebration of the curling career of Brad Gushue, the 2026 Montana's Brier will almost certainly crown a rink skipped by somebody else.

This year's event is being staged this week in St. John's, NL, where Gushue carries a saint-like aura after an outstanding career as our country's best-ever curler. But his best days are behind him and if he happened to find some magic and lead his team to victory, it would be one of the biggest upsets in Brier history.

The overwhelming favourite to win the Brier is Brad Jacobs, representing Team Canada. Defending Brier champs and recently returned from the Milan-Cortina Olympics where he won the second gold medal of his career, Jacobs is the favourite in Pool A, the weaker of the two. He has Gushue in his pool, along with rinks from Ontario, Saskatchewan's Kelly Knapp and Quebec. That competition will feel like your local curling club's Thursday night men's league schedule for Jacobs after the world-class field he faced in Italy.

It's Pool B from where the most likely Jacobs' rival for the title will come. Pool B features the two best rinks from Manitoba (Matt Dunstone and first-year Brier competitor Braden Calvert), along with Saskatchewan's Mike McEwen, a regular Brier hopeful, and four-time champion Kevin Koe from Alberta.

The excitement in St. John's surrounding Gushue's final Brier appearance is unprecedented. The ticket allocation has been nearly sold out and there's even a waiting list for people who want to volunteer.

"I don't think we've seen a Brier like this before, in terms of (someone) retiring at home," said Eugene Trickett, vice-chair of the organizing committee.

Gushue, meanwhile, hopes to duplicate the feat he and his rink accomplished in 2017, the last time the Brier was held at the Mary Brown Centre in St. John's. That year, he skipped his rink to his first Brier title, defeating Team



Bruce Penton

Canada, represented by Koe, 7-6 in the final.

Gushue has won an unprecedented six Brier titles, three while representing Team Canada. A rarity among top-level rinks, the Gushue rink has undergone only one lineup change since that first Brier title. Gushue, Mark Nicholls at third and Geoff Walker at lead have been the constants. Second Brett Gallant left the team after the fourth Brier title, replaced by E.J. Harnden in 2023. That second position is now handled by former Brier championship skip Brendan Bottcher. Gallant, meanwhile, joined Bottcher's team in 2023 and is now a stalwart on the Jabobs' squad.

Gushue's schedule is evidence that he is winding down his career. He has played in about half of the Grand Slam events, and his team's won-loss record is a mediocre 3-3. There have been no Grand Slam wins this year for Gushue, who has 15 in his illustrious career.

A Gushue Brier victory is unlikely, but what a great Cinderella story it would be if he and his rink studded the curling world in front of thousands of adoring fans in St. John's.

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Anthony Santander, who will miss most of the 2026 season after undergoing shoulder surgery, may not be the worst frequent signing in Jays' history, but he's on the short list."

• Another one from Simmons: "A conversation you never have with a friend: 'Who do you like in mixed team luge?'"

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail: "Sweden accused

Canada of cheating in the stupidest possible way, gently tapping a just released curling rock while it's still more than a hundred feet from its destination. A rock weighs about 40 pounds. It's like blowing on a curveball as it heads to the plate."

• Eamon Lynch of Golfweek.com, on golfer Gary Player complaining about Augusta National rules requiring non-members to play the course only with a member: "He grumbled that finding a host was 'not easy,' suggesting there isn't a long line of green jackets eager to endure four hours of uninterrupted bragging about everything from majors won to miles flown to pristine bowel movements had."

• Matthew Tkachuk of Florida Panthers and the U.S. Olympic team, to Leon Draisaitl of the Edmonton Oilers and Germany's national team, during their game in Milan: "Always the bridesmaid, eh, Leon? Always the bridesmaid, never the bride."

• Rick Ruohonen, the fifth on the U.S. men's curling team, on what it would mean to get into a game at the Olympics: "It would be the greatest moment in my life. My kids know it, and my wife knows it, so they're not going to be mad at me for saying it wasn't my wedding day."

• Columnist Norman Chad: "A woman stopped me in Rio hallway and told me I reminded her of Seth Rogen. I sent Rogen an apology and gave her name of good ophthalmologist."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver: "Stay away from the Olympic medals selling on eBay. They're apparently falling apart quicker than Lindsey Vonn."

• Rolfesen again: "After the Olympics, do the short-track speedsters turn pro in roller derby?"

• Headline at theonion.com: "Finnish Ski Jumping Team Caught Tampering With Earth's Gravitational Field"

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## Upcoming events discussed at Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting

# International Women's Day event, Alzheimer Walk, Living Skies weekend, Burger Week

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Jeannot said there will be food trucks, 10-15 vendors on site, and kids activities both days, as well as live bands both nights. He said tickets would go on sale some time in June.

"Things are coming together. We're starting to look for volunteers for beer garden shifts and stuff like that. We have our bands book, our DJ booked, so everything's kind of coming together."

Jeannot said there were 3,200 people through the gates on the Saturday last year, and 2,400 on the Sunday, and he's hoping they get 3,000 per day through the gates this year.

### Burger Week

Kara Kinna spoke about Burger Week, which is taking place from March 2-8 and has 11 restaurants participating from Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, Wapella and Maryfield.

"There are 11 restaurants in this year, and I think that's more than we've ever had before," she said. "We've got two new additions this year—Wendy's Place in Wapella came on board this year, and then Trends Mercantile wanted to join into it this year as well."

"The restaurants say this really does make a difference for them. I've been talking to them since this promotion started. We've been doing stories on in the paper. They actually see a huge increase in sales that week. They actu-

ally say people start asking about Burger Week usually right after Christmas, so that's how much people look forward to it, and how big it's become.

"The restaurants look forward to it. The customers look forward to it. Last year, Fleming Windsor was our winner. They've got the bragging rights, so we'll see who gets bragging rights for best burger this year."

"Get out and support the local restaurants and have fun eating burgers next week."

She added that stamp cards will be handed out at all the local participating restaurants. Once people have tried five burgers, they can leave the card at the last restaurant they ate at for a chance to win Moosomin Bucks. People will also get a chance to vote on their favorite burger.

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# MLA Weedmark gives update to Chamber members before heading into spring session

By NICOLE TAYLOR  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark gave an update to Chamber members on some of the things he has been doing before heading into spring session, which starts this week.

## Budget and committee work

"I'm on quite a few committees, so there has been a lot of committee work lately," he said. "I'm on something called the Board of Internal Economy that runs the budgets for all of the independent officers for Elections Saskatchewan, for instance, the ombudsman's office, the Legislative Assembly service, and we've actually gone through our whole budget process, and you'll be happy to know we kept all of our agencies to a six per cent reduction in costs this year compared to last year.

"So it was a tough budget this year, but we've been able to save quite a bit just with those agencies themselves. And I think we'll see something similar across government. We'll see a little bit of a reduction try to make things a little bit easier on taxpayers. That's going to keep me very busy."

## Provincial economic development, resources and trade

"Sort of the theme of this Chamber meeting today, we're going to be talking a little bit about economic development. (EDO) Jeff (Cole) is going to make a presentation here, and Mayor Murray Gray will speak a little bit about it. And you know, across the province, I've been very fortunate to be involved in a lot of discussions on some of the mines coming in. Let's just put it this way—there's a lot of exciting stuff coming for Saskatchewan," he said.

"We've seen a lot of announcements in the last few weeks regarding the alumina find in northeastern Saskatchewan, we have one new uranium mine just approved, and there's a couple others in the works. We have three companies with very sustainable uranium operations coming up.

"Myself and a couple of colleagues just spent a little bit of time over in the UK. We spent some time in London and Edinburgh, and one of the days of that trip was focused on the economic development side of things. Canola is one of our biggest exports to the UK, uranium has been growing, and after this trip our uranium exports to the UK are probably going to double in this next year. There's an awful lot of growth in the nuclear industry in Europe and in the UK specifically. And we had some discussions there, and there's been a couple of contracts on these.

"We'll see a lot more Saskatchewan exports to the UK. Our exports to the UK in the last two years have increased quite substantially, and we're probably going to see quite a bit more of that."

## Lots of commitments

Weedmark says one of the toughest parts of his job as MLA is trying to be in a lot of places all the time.

"The toughest part of my job is always trying to figure out where I'm going to be when on a typical weekend you've got an event you're being asked to be at one day in Saskatoon, one in Rocanville, one in Moosomin, one in Indian Head, one in Montmartre, but every day is fun and every day is interesting."

## Health care

He also talked a bit about health care. "Right now, on the on the health care front, there's a lot of investment going into trying to bulk up some of the major centres that have quite a bit of health care, trying to provide some extra support so that the areas that have a stable group of doctors have extra support.

"So tomorrow, myself and the premier and Jeremy Cockrill will be at the Nest Health Centre in Regina where our government is providing funding. You've got a group of doctors there. They've taken over YWCA in downtown Regina, and we're providing about \$400,000 a year so they can hire some extra staff, physiotherapists, a few people who are just sort of aligned professions.

"And there's going to be an announcement coming soon for Moosomin—they're going to be working with the Family Practice Centre here, and there will be little bit north of \$700,000 a year here for them to hire some additional staff, some additional folks to round up their practice a little bit."

## Moosomin on the map

"Moosomin is very fortunate to have the services it does," added Weedmark. "I've got a meeting with a health care professional next week in Regina who has expressed interest and approaching me about coming to work in this area. And it's great to see that where we're going in the province, people have heard about Moosomin because of some of the big successful things we've done, they've heard about some of the economic development stuff. They heard about the fireworks.

"So Moosomin really punches above its weight, and that really helps with attracting health care professionals and businesses."



Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark giving an update to Chamber members at the meeting on Tuesday.

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## In our opinion:

# Why Canada's economy is outgrowing its big cities

## The road to national renewal now runs through the countryside

What began as crisis has become opportunity. A Rural Renaissance is reshaping where Canadians live, how they work and how Canada rebuilds the industrial and human foundations of national resilience.

Canada did not choose this moment of transformation, but it cannot afford to ignore what it has revealed. The pandemic, the housing collapse and AI disruption exposed just how fragile Canada's urban-centric, import-dependent, service-based economies have become. They forced a reckoning with where and how this country can remain productive, secure and sovereign.

The Wuhan outbreak was more than a public health emergency. It was a geopolitical awakening. When the virus escaped Wuhan under a shroud of censorship, and when the Chinese government suppressed early intelligence on SARS-CoV-2 while hoarding global PPE supplies, North Americans discovered how deeply decades of offshoring had hollowed out its industrial base.

Supply chains buckled. Pharmaceuticals, semiconductors and basic manufacturing inputs became chokepoints. The illusion that globalization guaranteed stability evaporated almost overnight.

For Canada, the lesson was stark. A nation that cannot produce essential goods is a nation that cannot protect its people. Economic sovereignty is national security.

The pandemic also triggered something few policymakers expected. It set off one of the largest internal migration shifts in modern Canadian history. Between 2019 and 2023, Canada's major metropolitan areas (Toronto, Vancouver, Montréal, Calgary and Edmonton) lost nearly 274,000 residents to smaller cities, towns and rural regions, according to Statistics Canada migration estimates.

This was not a trickle. It was a 350-fold increase over the negligible outflows of the previous decade.

Lockdowns pushed millions into remote work. Housing affordability, already strained, collapsed into crisis. In Toronto and Vancouver, detached homes soared to more than seven times median household income.

Young Canadians, priced out and exhausted, looked elsewhere. And "elsewhere" meant rural Canada.

But this migration is not simply about lifestyle. It reflects a deeper structural rebalancing of the nation, one accelerated by the rise of generative AI.

For 40 years, Canada steered its youth toward white-collar careers, promising stability in offices, tech firms and professional services. Meanwhile, blue-collar trades, once the backbone of national productivity, were treated as relics of a bygone era.

AI has flipped that script.

The jobs that replaced trades are now among the most vulnerable to automation. Coding, legal drafting and financial analysis are tasks AI already performs at scale, faster, cheaper and with increasing sophistication.

By contrast, the trades are becoming the new frontier of economic resilience. Welding, pipefitting, heavy equipment operation, power engineering, construction

and electrical work all demand dexterity, spatial judgment and real-world problem solving that AI cannot replicate.

These are also the skills Canada needs to rebuild domestic manufacturing, expand energy production and construct housing.

The future of Canadian sovereignty will not be written in boardrooms. It will be built by tradespeople.

That is why the Rural Renaissance matters.

Rural and mid-sized communities offer what major cities increasingly cannot. They provide affordable land, attainable housing, cleaner air and the space required for energy-intensive industries. They are where new factories, refineries and critical mineral processing facilities can be built without the cost and constraints of major cities.

They are also places where skilled trades can afford to raise families.

The benefits extend beyond economics. Lower-density living is increasingly recognized as a mental health asset. Research shows that chronic exposure to noise, congestion and crowding is linked to elevated cortisol levels and eroded cognitive function. Rural environments, by contrast, reduce stress, improve mood and strengthen attention.

Perhaps the most overlooked dividend is social capital. Rural communities cultivate interdependence. Families rediscover traditional skills, including gardening, animal husbandry, carpentry and mechanics, that reconnect them to land and community. Newcomers integrate more deeply, not as anonymous transplants, but as contributors to shared local life.

Canada's future prosperity still depends on productivity. And productivity depends on skilled, mobile, grounded people who can build, repair and operate the physical systems that keep a country functioning.

AI may transform the digital economy, but it cannot pour concrete, weld pipe or maintain a power grid. It cannot mine nickel, harvest wheat or construct a home.

Only highly skilled people can do that. Increasingly, those people are choosing to live outside the major cities.

The Rural Renaissance is not a retreat from modernity. It is a response to reality.

It positions Canada to reindustrialize, diversify supply chains and strengthen food and energy security. It aligns with the pressures of geopolitics, the realities of AI and the aspirations of families seeking stability and purpose.

The pandemic exposed vulnerabilities. The affordability crisis forced a reckoning. AI is rewriting the labour market.

Together, these forces have opened a path toward renewal, one rooted in soil, space and sovereignty.

Canada now faces a choice. It can cling to an urban-centric model that no longer serves it, or it can embrace the dispersed, resilient and productive future already taking shape across its rural heartlands.

The opportunity is immense. And the road to national renewal runs through the countryside.

*This editorial is written by Joseph Fournier, a senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy.*



## Our paper is as stuffed full as some of the Burger Week burgers this week

Some weeks I feel like there is more news than I can possible cram into one paper, and this week is one of those weeks!

For starters, this week is Burger Week, with 11 restaurants in Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, Wapella and Maryfield all participating this year, each offering their own amazing, unique and super delicious burgers to try over the course of the week.

Burger Week has become so anticipated every year that the local restaurants say that people start asking about their burgers right after Christmas. It's great for our local economy as all the participating restaurants see a big bump in business that week due to the all the burgers being sold!

People will also be able to vote on their favourite burger for a chance to win Moosomin Bucks.

See pages 9-11 for all the fun "burger bragging" ads that each of the local restaurants has put in to pump up their burgers. Our staff always love making these ads, and all of us usually end up hungry for a burger and super revved up for burger week as we work on them and look at all the delicious burgers again and again.

We also have a story on some of the local people who were in Puerto Vallarta when the cartels began to burn things there on February 22.

Also in this week's paper we have a full report of everything that happened at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last week, and boy was it a lot. As usual, after one of those meetings, I am always struck by how much is going on in our little area of the world!

There will be an International Women's Day event in Moosomin on March 12, Rene Whelpton gave a presentation on planning for the Alzheimer's Walk in Moosomin on May 30, and Kyle Jeannot spoke about plans for the upcoming Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks Competition on the Au-



**Kara Kinna**

gust long weekend.

There were also full reports on economic development by new Moosomin EDO Jeff Cole and Mayor Murray Gray, which included some talk about a new rink in Moosomin, the CT Scanner, regional cooperation, the census and more.

MLA Kevin Weedmark also talked about what he'd been up in the months before spring session gets underway this week.

It was a busy meeting!

And then there's sports. And sports, and sports and sports! Our paper is absolutely crammed with hockey news this week as senior teams battle it out in playoffs and provincials, as Moosomin's first Junior B team, the Steelhawks, wound up their season, as minor hockey teams go through playoffs, and as the town of Redvers makes a bid to win Kraft Hockeyville.

We also have a feature story in this week's paper on the Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club, which has been around for decades and is one of those unique features in our region that just make it a better place to live.

And that's just SOME of what's in this week's paper, not to mention coverage on four town council meetings, and a bevy of other community events and happenings around the region, from curling to barrel racing, to music festival news and library meetings.

On weeks like this I feel like our paper is just like the big, stuffed, over the top burgers being offered for Burger Week—crammed full and oozing with news all the way through.

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**Left** is the Steelhawks' Jakob Domres in a faceoff during the game on Monday in Moosomin.



## Steelhawks' first season comes to an end

The Moosomin Steelhawks' inaugural season came to an end on Monday, Feb. 23, after the Steelhawks fell to the Pilot Butte Storm in a best-of-three survivor series in the Prairie Junior Hockey League Playoffs.

The Steelhawks fell 9-4 in Game 1, then lost in overtime 4-3 on Monday night in Moosomin in Game 2 in what was their first home playoff game.

**Above** is the Steelhawks' Jakob Domres in a faceoff during the game on Monday in Moosomin.

**Above** The Steelhawks in a battle for the puck.

**Right:** Jakob Domres with the puck, and Andres Vladimir Couch Martinez.



Kara Kinna photos

# Senior hockey playoffs heading into final stretch

BY KARA KINNA

Things are down to the wire in senior hockey playoffs, with a number of semifinal series wrapping up on the weekend in the Big Six and SEHL.

In the Big Six semifinals, the Moosomin Rangers were leading 2-0 over the Oxbow Huskies after a 4-0 win in Game 1 on February 19, and a 3-1 win in Game 2 on Wednesday last week.

Game 3 in the best-of-five series will be in Moosomin with the date still to be announced as of last week. In the final, the winner of that series will take on the winner of the Redvers Rockets and Carlyle Cougars semifinal, which was tied 1-1 last week after a 8-4 win by the Rockets in Game 1 and a 4-3 double overtime win by the

Cougars in Game 2. Game 3 was set for Sunday, March 1 in Redvers.

In the SEHL, the Canora Cobras drew first blood against the Esterhazy Flyers in Game 1 of their semifinal series, winning 10-3 over the Flyers.

Game 2 was played on Thursday in Esterhazy with the Flyers coming back to take a 6-3 win over the Cobras and tie up the series.

Game 3 was on Sunday, March 1 in Canora.

The Langenburg Warriors were up 1-0 in the other SEHL semifinal series, taking Game 1 against the Theodore Buffalos 5-3. Game 2 went on Friday, and Game 3 was on Saturday.

## Provincials

In Senior A Provincials, the Redvers Rockets and Round Lake Bears battled it out to three games in Round 3 of Senior A after close wins for Redvers in Game 1 (2-1) and Round Lake in Game 2 (2-1).

Game 3 was played in Ochapowice on Saturday, with the winner moving on to the provincial semifinal.

In Senior D provincials, the Kipling Oil Kings were down 1-0 against the Milestone Flyers after battling their way to Round 3. Kipling lost the first game 7-1 against the Flyers. Game 2 of the best-of-three was played on Friday in Kipling with Game 3, if needed, played in Milestone on Sunday, March 1.

# Round Lake Bears force third game against Redvers Rockets in provincial A semifinal

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

There has been a lot of excitement in hockey rinks in southeast Saskatchewan. It started with the first game in the South Provincial Senior A semifinals. The Round Lake Bears came to Redvers to go head-to-head against the Redvers Rockets on February 21. All tickets for the game were pre-sold, and it was sold out in no time.

Fans stood shoulder to shoulder in anticipation of which team might lead the series in the best out of three games. Round Lake defeated Moosomin to get to this game and the Rockets overtook Langenberg. The two teams were now going to go head-to-head.

Once the puck dropped, both teams gave it their all, and within the first three minutes of the game, Declyn Henderson from the Rockets found the back of the Bears' net. At 12:38 remaining in the first period, the Bears would get a tripping penalty sending the Rockets into a power play, but goaltender Dan Bakala held them off with many great saves.

The second period started without a hitch. At 15:17 the Bears once again would find themselves in the penalty box for hooking to give the Rockets another power play, but no goal was to be had by Redvers. It was now the Rockets' turn to sit in the penalty box with two back-to-back penalties, one for slashing at 9:19 and the other for cross-checking giving the Bears almost four minutes of power play. Zane Winter did his job and kept the Bears at bay without allowing any goals. By the end of the second period, things started to get a little heated up, and the period came to an end.

Four minutes into the third period, Justin Bernhardt from the Bears blasted one past Winter to make the game 1-1. This sent the crowd into an uproar, and it got loud. The teams began to play harder and faster looking for the win, and with 5:42 remaining in the game, Braeden Mago-



It was a sold-out crowd for the first game of the semifinals when the Round Lake Bears went head-to-head with the Redvers Rockets in Redvers.

Stephanie Zoer photo

tiaux hurled one into the Bears' net, giving Redvers a one-goal lead. Round Lake pulled their goalie with one minute remaining, keeping the puck in the Rockets' zone, but it was not enough to get the win. The Redvers Rockets took game one 2-1.

Game two was played in Ochapowace at the Chief Denton George Memorial Centre on February 22. It was do or die for the Round Lake Bears and they had no intention of going home yet. They came out strong and scored two goals in the first

period.

Once again, the crowd became loud, cheering on their teams and encouraging them to go for it. The second period was strong with plays going back and forth, but neither team could find a hole in the opponent's nets. One penalty was issued to the Bears for cross checking, but the score remained 2-0 for the Bears at the end of the second.

Both teams came out strong and shots on net were in favour of the Bears. This did not slow down the Rockets, and at 15:51, Preston Kopeck found the hole that the team was looking for, giving the Rock-

ets fans hope for a win. Redvers received two penalties in the final period giving the Bears two chances in power plays, but no goal was scored. With 4:40 remaining, Round Lake would see themselves in the penalty box, and again no goal was scored.

With only a minute remaining in the third period, Redvers pulled their goalie and kept the puck in the Bears' zone. It was not enough to get a goal. The Round Lake Bears won game two with a score of 2-1, sending the series to the third and final game of the semifinals.

This game was played on Saturday, February 28 in Ochapowace.



Period two had both teams come out with the attitude to win.

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Dan Bakala, the goaltender from the Round Lake Bears, had his work cut out for him at the first game in the South Provincial Senior A semifinals.

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# Redvers a contender for Kraft Hockeyville 2026

BY ANGELA ULRICH

For a second year in a row, Redvers is rallying for Kraft Hockeyville. The contest runs Canada-wide with a grand prize of \$250,000, a runner up prize of \$100,000, and 11 provincial winners of \$50,000 for arena upgrades.

The Redvers and District Recreation Centre provides the community and surrounding area with facilities for sports, leisure and recreation. However, maintenance costs continue to mount and support from Kraft Hockeyville would be both significant and very appreciated.

The Rec Centre is in need of a new roof. Rubber matting and a proper dehumidifier are also on the list of items needed for the facility to function properly.

The Redvers Rockets have 112 players registered for the 2025-2026 hockey season that play with three U7 teams, 2 U9 teams, and one of each U11, U13, U15 and U18. Redvers is also home to the Senior Redvers Rockets, an active women's hockey team, The Rockette's, recreation hockey and 38 members of the Redvers Skating Club.

Judging takes place March 2-14 and is based on story submissions and rally points with provincial winners announced March 14. The grand prize winner will be announced on April 4, 2026.



There are 112 hockey players ranging from U7 to U18 that fill the rink and skate all season at the Redvers Rec Centre.

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# Moosomin Rec Report

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## Team Canada

Once in a while I wander from the local scene to another place ... this is one of those times as we reflect on the Team Canada Men's and Team Canada Women's Hockey Teams.

I was in the States at the time of the games and I listened to an American Sports show preview the two-gold medal game. They said Team USA women's hockey team were the best female hockey team ever assembled and Canada would have no chance. He then said the men's American hockey team were the best USA team ever assembled and would beat Canada going away.

Well, the USA women's team needed a late goal to force overtime where they would squeak out a win. The USA men's team got beat from pillar to post. In the end Team Canada lost in overtime due to a hot goalie and bad puck luck.

So, I take my hat. I tip it to USA hockey and offer my congratulations. Then I turn and put my hat back on, and as I walk away I do so a proud, proud Canadian hockey fan of both the men's and women's teams. I can't wait for the 2030 Olympics!

## Burger Week March 2-8

Always an awesome week in Moosomin and area with so many awesome options. I hope you try out the Sportsplex burger ... we think is our best ever!

Served on a garlic butter toasted sesame bun, the in-house made beef patty is topped with double crisp bacon, a golden fried onion ring, spicy dill pickle, fresh mixed greens and then finished with a smoky signature sauce served with a smile!

It is the perfect balance of richness, crunch, and a nice gentle heat, so enjoy!

## Sportsplex

### Regular Hours of Operation

Here are our regular hours at the Nutri-ten Sportsplex. Listing includes:

Monday	Closed	(available for private bookings)
Tuesday	Closed	(available for private bookings)
Wednesday	3 pm to 9 pm	
Thursday	3 pm to 9 pm	
Friday	10 am to 9 pm	
Saturday	10 am to 9 pm	
Sunday	12 nn to 8pm	

## Junior Golf League

All new for the season. Junior Golf League! Runs Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm

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

## Sportsplex Men's/Ladies

### Golf Night on Thursdays

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

We have 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 on 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 for more information

## Sportsplex Senior Fitness Classes

We are 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 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 March coming up.

## Mike Schwean Arena Public Skating this week

Times include:

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

## Skating Club Weekly Activities

Monday	5 to 8 pm
Wednesday	5 to 8 pm
Friday	5 to 7 pm
Sunday	7:45 to 9:45 am

## Provincial Hockey this week

For fans of Provincial Playdown Hockey, we have a couple doozies this coming weekend. First on Saturday night a U18 tilt and then Sunday a U15 battle.

**Provincial U18 – South Final**  
Lumsden @ Moosomin Rangers  
Saturday, March 7 at 8 pm

**Provincial U15 – South Semi Final**  
Assiniboia @ Moosomin Rangers  
Sunday, March 8 at 5 pm

## Minor Hockey Games this week

As playoff rounds end and begin on short notice it is always hard to highlight upcoming games a week early. We do have a few we can highlight!

Games include:

Tuesday 4:45 pm	Kahk @ U9 RME Rangers
Saturday 2 pm	Moose Jaw @ U13 Female Badgers
5 pm	Weyburn @ U11 Ice Badgers
8 pm	Lumsden @ U18 Rangers
Sunday 12 nn	U11 GL Apparel Reseeded
Playoff Hockey Game	
5 pm	Assiniboia @ U15 Rangers

## Senior Rangers

The Rangers are in the midst of their Big Six Semifinal against a scrappy Oxbow Huskie team. Rangers lead the Best of 5 series 2 games to 0. The Big Six Schedule includes:

- Game #1 Moosomin wins 4-0
- Game #2 Moosomin wins 3-1
- Game #3 Oxbow Huskies @ Moosomin Rangers Tuesday 8 pm
- Game #4 Moosomin Rangers @ Oxbow Huskies TBA If required
- Game #5 Oxbow Huskies @ Moosomin Rangers Friday 8 pm if required

## Rec Hockey this week

Couple tilts in the world of rec hockey this week.

Wednesday	Mustangs	9:30 pm
Thursday	Leafs	9:30 pm

## Mike Schwean Arena Special Events for 2026

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

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 include bucket golf, two-on-two pickleball and, depending on weather one of either outdoor broomball or snow pitch.

Entries are already filling up. 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.

## Mike Schwean Arena Season

Our arena season is winding down as spring approaches. Our last day for ice will be Sunday, March 29.

## Moosomin Senior Club Programs

Moosomin Senior Club meet at the Sportsplex multiple times weekly for a wide range of activities from cards to bowling to shuffleboard and more!

If you would like more information on all their programs and services, please contact Orey at 435-6788.

## Moosomin Library Annual General Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, March 9. For information please phone 435-2107 or email moosomin@southeastlibrary.ca

## Moosomin Library

Here is a list of events happening at our wonderful library this week

Tuesday: Kids Kollege at 9:15 am  
Wednesday: Kids Kollege at 9:15 am  
Friday: Grade 3 at 1:15 pm

## Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

Lots to do at the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre. Such a busy busy place with so much to do! If you would like further information on all the programs and services you can email moosominvac@gmail.com or phone 434-9000.

## 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 more and more as the weeks pass and plans get rolling.

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.

## Parks and Rec Tourist Information Centre

Parks and Rec are so excited to proceed with a Parks and Rec Tourist Information Centre and would like to pass along a special thank you to the Government of Saskatchewan for working along with us on this project to see it to fruition.

The centre will go kitty-corner to the Red Barn. A lot of thought has gone into the centre, and with that we have two goals in mind. First to acknowledge and honor our past and secondly to highlight our present. With that the centre will feature an open concept grainery acknowledging our farming community along with signage highlighting our rich community history.

Our hope is the un-manned centre will become a common rest stop for people off Highway 1 and then once there ... BAMM!! We hit them with all the information and amazing services our community has to offer.

Like any project, it comes with some

costs. We are currently looking for sponsors interest in advertising at the centre. Lots of yearly options including:

1. 1 ft by 1 ft Business Name with QR Code in building \$200
2. 4 ft by 4 ft business develops signage in building \$600
3. Sponsorship of items (i.e. Picnic table) Cost recovery
4. Fence line ads – 4 ft by 8 ft (West Border) \$1,000
5. ¼ Exterior bottom ring \$2,000
6. ½ Exterior bottom ring \$3,000
7. Full Exterior bottom ring \$5,000
8. Tourist Booth Naming Rights (10 years) \$25,000
9. Specialty items - Cost recovery

Honestly the returns can be exponential with previous by-passers now seeing and using all the services in our amazing community!

If you are interested in one of the above options (space is limited), please contact Angela by phone at 435-3622 or by email at a.thorntownmoosomin@sasktel.net or better yet pop into the Town Office!

## Mike Schwean Arena dry ice surface practice time bookings

With March now here and the winter season just weeks away from ending, we have opened up bookings for our arena dry ice surface. If you are interested in booking time for any activity—baseball practice, softball practice, soccer practice, lacrosse etc.—just give Mike a call at 435-7578 or stop in at the Parks and Recreation Office.

## Borderland Co-op Aquaplex

Registrations are now open for the 2026 pool season. We have already received over 100 so please act early to avoid disappointment on lesson sets. As well, early bird pricing comes to an end on April 30.

- 2026 Sets Include:
- #1. June 1 to June 12: 2 week public
  - #2. June 15 to June 19: Private Lessons
  - #2. June 22 to June 26: 1 week public
  - #4. July 6 to July 10: 1 week public
  - #5. July 13 to July 17: Private Lessons
  - #6. July 20 to July 24: 1 week public
  - #7. July 27 to July 31: Private Lessons
  - #8. August 3 to August 7: 1 week public
  - #9. August 10 to August 21: 2 week public

You can find the registration forms on our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook site or feel free to pop into the Parks and Recreation Office where we can assist you with your form!!

## Pickleball – This Week

Lots of pickleballers out during our regular programs. If you are interested in playing, here are the booked times this week at the Conexus Convention Centre. Walk-on players are charged \$10 while regulars are charged \$5. To become a regular you buy a membership, contact Angela at 435-3622.

Monday	1 to 3 pm
Tuesday	1 to 3 pm

## Convention Centre this week

**Monday**  
Pickleball 1 to 3 pm  
Cadets 6 to 10 pm

**Tuesday**  
Skills Academy 8:30 to 10 am  
Pickleball 1 to 3 pm  
Gymnastics 3:30 to 8:30 pm

**Wednesday**  
Gymnastics 3:30 to 8:30 pm

**Thursday**  
Conference All Day

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**  
Open for bookings

To book please call Mike or Angela at 435-3622.

# Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

## 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"

### March 2

Lane Swim 7:30-8:30 pm  
AquaFit 9:30-10:30 am  
Senior Swim 11 am -12 pm  
Family Swim 1-3 pm

### March 3

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am  
Family Swim 9-10:30 am  
AquaFlex Senior 11 am-12 pm  
Family Swim 3:30-6:30 pm  
AquaFit 7-8 pm

### March 4

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

### March 5

Lane Swim 6:30-8:30 am  
Family Swim 9-10:30 am  
AquaFlex Senior 11 am-12 pm  
Family Swim 1-3 pm  
Public Swim 4-7 pm  
AquaFit 7-8 pm

### March 6

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

### March 7

Public Swim 9-11 am  
Lane Swim 1-2 pm  
Evening Swim 6-8 pm  
March 8th: Lane Swim 9-10 am  
Family Swim 10 am-12 pm  
Public Swim 1-3 pm

## 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

March 2: Shinny 3:30-5:00 pm  
March 4: Preschool/ Adult Skate 1-3:30 pm  
Shinny 3:30-5:00 pm

### Hockey Games

March 3: U9 VS Churchbridge 6:15-7:15 pm  
March 7: U7 Home Tournament 9 am -6 pm

## Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club

Get outside and enjoy our groomed trails all year long!  
Winter: Cross-Country Skiing  
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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 [rocانvillecrosscountry-trails.ca](http://rocانvillecrosscountry-trails.ca). Registration deadline is June 30, 2026

## Rocanville Rec Centre

### Play group

Bring your little ones out for a morning filled with fun and discovery! Our playgroup provides a welcoming, laid-back environment where children can learn and explore through play while parents connect and chat. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am-12 pm for creativity, laughter, and community time.

### Group Walking

Stay active and leave the chilly weather behind! Our indoor walking group offers a warm, comfortable space to get your steps in, stretch your legs, and enjoy friendly conversation. Meet us on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am-3 pm and keep moving all season long.

### Puzzle Swap

Completed your latest puzzle and you're looking for something new? Bring in your finished puzzles and exchange them with others in the community! Drop by anytime to trade, connect, and pick up a great find!

### Pickle Ball

Wanna get active and have some fun? Join us for pickleball on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm at the Rec Centre. New to the game or you're a fan - everyone's welcome! Equipment is supplied, so just come ready to play and have fun!

### Sew What!

From beginners to seasoned stitchers, all skill levels are invited to this creative get together! Sew What is a welcoming group where you can work on your own projects, swap ideas with a friend, and enjoy great company. This group meets Wednesday mornings. For details, contact the Rec Office at [rocانville.rec@sasktel.net](mailto:rocانville.rec@sasktel.net) or call (306) 645-2164.

## Rocanville Community Centre

### Senior Supper - Community Potluck

Join us on the last Monday of each month for an evening of delicious food and great company. Bring a favourite dish to share and enjoy a relaxed, home cooked meal surrounded by welcoming neighbours and friends! There's always a seat for you at the table!

### Morning Coffee Social

Start your day with us between 8-9:30 am for coffee and conversation. It's the perfect way to ease into the morning, catch up with familiar faces, and enjoy a warm, inviting atmosphere right here at the community centre!

### Cards & Games - Thursday Afternoons

Spend your Thursday afternoons from 1-3 pm enjoying friendly competition and classic games. Whether you love cards or playing board games, it's a fun and easy way to stay social and share a few laughs with the friends around you!

## 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

- Please check out our Facebook at "Rocanville Public Library Branch" or the Rocanville Community Calendar for upcoming March events.
- 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.

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 run in the Community Calendar.

Rec and culture groups 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.

## 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.

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The Redvers Rockets celebrate with the first win of the Big Six Semifinals win against the Carlyle Cougars.   
Stephanie Zoer photo



The celebration went to the Carlyle Cougars with an overtime win in the second game in the semifinal playoffs in the Big Six League.   
Stephanie Zoer photo

# Redvers Rockets and Carlyle Cougars each take a game in the Big Six semifinal

BY STEPHANIE ZOER  
 There were some exciting games held in the Big Six League over the past week. The Redvers Rockets and Carlyle Cougars took to the ice for the first game in the semifinal playoffs on February 19 in Redvers. The game was scheduled for February 18, but due to weather conditions the game was delayed one day. Once the puck dropped, it did not take long for the Cougars to find the back of the net by Jon Gaudet at 19:14, giving the Cougars a quick lead. Not long after, Oliver Poirier from the Rockets did the same thing, tying up the game. Two more quick goals by Kenton Miller and Preston Kopeck from Redvers gave the team an early lead with a score of 3-1. A few penalties were handed out in the first period to both teams, but no

goals were scored during the power plays. Before the end of the first period, with 2:53 remaining, Jon Gaudet scored a second time, ending the period 3-2 for Redvers. In the second period the Rockets came alive with goals by Kenton Miller, Kevin Mann, Jordan Miller, and Declyn Henderson, giving the Rockets a big lead of 7-2. Carlyle was able to find the net at 2:36 when Taysen Holt brought the score up to 7-3. The exceptional passing and speed of the game kept fans on their toes as the Cougars came out with determination in the third period. Redvers received a penalty for holding but the Cougars did not get the goal in a power play. At 10:40 Carlyle was awarded a penalty shot, but the Rockets goaltender would not have any of that and

held the Cougars at bay. The anticipation could be felt when Carlyle scored at 7:12 by Josh Romanyk bringing the score up to 7-4, but Redvers' Naton Miller blasted one past the Cougars goaltender at 3:41 giving a final score of 8-4 for the Redvers Rockets. It was now Carlyle's turn to host the second game in their barn, and this happened on February 25. Spectators of all ages came out to support their teams with Redvers hoping for a two-game lead in the series that is best out of five. In the first five minutes of the first period, the Cougars would be first on the score board with a goal by Josh Romanyk. A power play in favour of the Cougars went the other way when Declyn Henderson scored a short-handed goal, tying up the game.

Braeden Magotiaux would find the back of Carlyle's net with a goal, giving Redvers the lead and Carlyle taking a penalty for slashing. They held off the Rockets leaving the first period with a 2-1 lead for the Rockets. One minute into the second period, Taysen Holt powered one past goaltender Thomas Bauche to tie up the game once again. The excitement in the arena started to get loud as the game continued to see saw up with plays going back and forth, end after end. At 6:49 remaining in the second period, Redvers' Kenton Miller pulled his team into the lead. The second period ended with the Redvers Rockets leading 3-2. Shots on net were 29 for Carlyle and 51 for

Redvers. The game grew intense, and the crowd got louder with the many opportunities they had for both teams. The crowd went wild when Tanner Froese scored for the Cougars at 13:58 into the third period. It was a tied game. This game was going into sudden death overtime for 10 minutes. The adrenaline from both teams could be felt as the players dug deep to find each other's net, but the 10 minutes remained scoreless. There was going to be a second overtime, bringing the game into period five. No fans left the game as it was too exciting to miss. Once the ice had been cleaned, the teams returned to the ice for a 20-minute period.

Twenty-six seconds into this period, Tanner Froese from the Cougars was sent to the penalty box for high sticking. This was not what the fans wanted to see in an overtime period. One minute and 23 seconds into the period, Redvers' Jordan Miller also was sent to the penalty box with an interference call. The teams were even once again. With 18:16 remaining in this overtime game, Josh Romanyk sent one sailing into the Redvers goal. The crowd came alive with cheers, giving the Cougars the first win of the series 4-3. Each team has won one game in the best-of-five series in the Big Six semifinal. Game three was hosted in Redvers on Sunday, March 1.

Thomas Bauche from the Redvers Rockets gets ready for the second game in the semifinal series held in Carlyle.

Stephanie Zoer photo



The scoreboard shows it all with a win for the Redvers Rockets when they took the win in game one.   
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<b>JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.	<b>MAY 1 - MAY 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	<b>JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	<b>OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.	<b>NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31</b> TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.
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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.

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<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>3pm to 9pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>3pm to 9pm</b>	
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>10am to 9pm</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>10am to 9pm</b>	
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## Parks and Rec Tourist Information Centre coming in 2026

Check this week's Recreation Report on page 15 for details and advertising opportunities.



## 2026 Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Registrations

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Pool season. We have already received over 100 so please act early to avoid disappointment on lesson sets. As well, Early Bird pricing comes to an end on April 30th.

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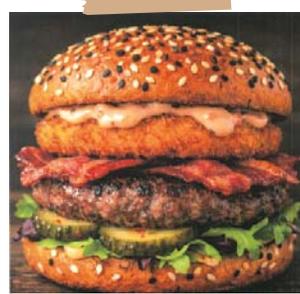
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- #2 June 15 - June 19 ..... Private Lessons
- #3 June 22 - June 26 ..... 1 week public
- #4 July 6 - July 10 ..... 1 week public
- #5 July 13 - July 17 ..... Private Lessons
- #6 July 20 - July 24 ..... 1 week public
- #7 July 27 - July 31 ..... Private Lessons
- #8 August 3 - August 7 ..... 1 week public
- #9 August 10 - August 21 ..... 2 week public

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The U13 Female Moose Jaw Mavericks gather around their goaltender, Paxtynn Pettypiece, in a cheer for a successful game.



Goaltender Tayja Pehl is surrounded by her team at the beginning of the game in hopes for a win in the provincial semifinals.

# U13 Female Estevan Bearcats play provincial game in Arcola

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

The U13 Female Estevan Bearcats played their first provincial playoffs game at the Arcola Prairie Place Arena against the Moose Jaw Mavericks on February 24. Arcola has three young players—Cali Cameron, Hannah Lees and Emma Ryan—from the area that play on the team. Arcola does not have a U13 team, and with them having extra ice time it was decided to host the game in Arcola.

Head Coach Chris Farnden said the team received a bye for the first round and this is the semifinals. If they win against Moose Jaw, they will advance onto the South Provincial finals either against Weyburn or Pilot Butte.

The complex had a great turnout of spectators ranging

from all ages ready to cheer on their respective team. Many grandparents and friends from the Arcola area were in attendance offering their support in this important game. Moose Jaw came in a charter bus loaded with fans all in support of the game.

The first goal found the back of Moose Jaw's net at 15:26 by Jorja Roberts, giving the Bearcats a 1-0 lead. The score remained at this until the second period, when things began to open up for Estevan.

At 9:21 into the second period Cami Farnden found a hole in the Mavericks' net and soon after at 4:37 Taylor Wilhelm found the same hole giving Estevan a 3-0 lead at the end of the period with shots on net 35-11 in favor of the Bearcats.

The Mavericks came out in the third period with purpose and Brett Donison blasted one past the Bearcats' goaltender at 18:19, giving the team a new hope to secure more goals.

In the last five minutes of play, Estevan scored again at 4:34 by Emma Ryans and soon after Cali Cameron found a sweet spot and made the score 5-1.

Excitement grew for the Mavericks when the Bearcats received a penalty for interference in the last two minutes of the game. Moose Jaw poured on the heat and hit the crossbar, but they could not get the puck past goaltender Tayja Pehl. The final score was 5-1 for the Estevan Bearcats. This is a best out of three series.



Singer Scarlett Nistor stands with the referees and faces the Canadian flag as she sings the National Anthem in Arcola at the Estevan Bearcats U13 Female Provincial game.



Hannah Lees from Arcola is ready for the puck drop while playing with the U13 Female Estevan Bearcats against the Moose Jaw Mavericks.

Stephanie Zoer photos

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## U18 Female Birtle Bruiskies Team

Back row from left: Brett Hunter (Coach), Trevor Frattinger (Coach), Sarah Seaton, Katie Cuthill, Paighton Burns, Madison Mryglod, Addison Luhowy, Olivia Koroscil, Hayla Matheson, Cadence Arran, Braylynn McAuley, Mya McAuley, Payton Malchuk (Coach), Aaron Ashcroft (Head Coach)

Front row from left: Kaleigh Bauer, Misha Careme, Avery Frattinger, Chloe Ashcroft, Karlee Bird, Noelle Hunter, Kenna Bryant, Brookelynn Chipelski, Nevaeh Derkach Missing; Dave Mryglod (Coach), Kelly Hunter (Manager)

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