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Record 4,500 burgers sold during Burger Week

Fleming Windsor wins Best Burger for second year in a row

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Burger Week has once again smashed a record, with 4,500 burgers sold at 11 local restaurants from Monday, March 2 to Sunday, March 8.

Last year over 4,200 burgers were sold at 10 local restaurants, with Burger Week spanning a longer, two-week period in February. In 2024, there were 2,776 burgers sold over the course of one week.

This year restaurants from Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, Wapella, and Maryfield participated in Burger Week.

The Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill was the winner of Best Burger for the second year in a row, with their Dill Burger.

Moosomin Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Weedmark says he's not surprised that once again a record was broken.

"Burger Week was a phenomenal success this year, bigger and better than ever. Eleven restaurants involved, 4,500 burgers sold—that's amazing. Moosomin never does anything half-way and we proved once again what we can do. Thanks to the restaurants for taking part and thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting burger week!"

Before Burger Week got underway, a number of the local restaurants said that people started asking them about their burgers right after Christmas.

"Burger Week appeared to be very successful this year. Moving the event to March likely helped increase engagement, as it takes place during a quieter period for restaurants and gives people something fun to do," says Morgan Kerr with Dairy Queen.

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\$50,000 donation

Darcy Rambold made a \$50,000 donation to the Moosomin airport expansion project last week. Accepting the donation is Olga McCarthy with the Moosomin Airport Authority. See page 7 for the full story.

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The Elite Suites apartment building on Broadway Avenue in Moosomin beside the grocery store. A similar six-plex will be built at 313 Broadway Avenue on the west side of Moosomin.

Another six-plex going up in Moosomin

Second Elite Suites will go up on Broadway Avenue on west side of Moosomin

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Moosomin will see another Elite Suites six-plex apartment building soon. The new building will go up on the west side of Moosomin at 313 Broadway Avenue and will be similar to the six-plex located on Broadway Avenue by the Borderland Co-op grocery store.

The building permit application for the new apartment was approved at the town council meeting on Tuesday.

The 4,290-square-foot building has been designed by South Prairie Design, and will consist of six units.

"The building will be similar to our first development in many ways, including the exterior aesthetic, exterior entrances, and full off street parking," says Jay Hamilton with South Prairie Design.

"The new development will be composed of four two-bedroom units and two one-bedroom units. The suites will be a little larger and will be more geared to long-term

tenants. The three main floor units will be very senior friendly with accessible ground level entrances, large doorways, large bathrooms, covered patios, and even raised garden beds.

"The decision to move forward with a second Elite Suites development is largely weighted on the success of the first development. Our first six Elite Suites units have been 100 per cent occupied since the time construction was complete. We are still receiving strong interest in that type of housing, so it gives us the confidence we need to bring the next six units online.

"We plan to break ground on the foundation this spring with continued site prep and landscaping carrying into mid summer. At the same time, we are prepping the site. The suites will be built off site in a factory and are planned to arrive on site for assembly in August. Once assembled, we will complete the roofing, siding, decks, and landscaping on site. If all goes to plan we should be ready

for occupancy October 1."

"It's great to see and it gives us some different options," says Moosomin Economic Development Officer Jeff Cole about the new building. "We've had calls, even last week, from the mine looking for some housing. Every meeting I'm going to right now, housing is a topic, and the other is affordability."

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Left: Burgers from all of the participating restaurants on the table for everyone to try at a local workplace.



Right: Digging into burgers at the World-Spectator.

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 “The event has also built a strong reputation over the years, and many people now look forward to it annually. This growing excitement is reflected in the increasing number of restaurants choosing to participate, which suggests that businesses are seeing the value in being part of the event.”

“Overall, the timing change and continued community interest seem to have contributed to a very positive outcome.”

“We had a busy week,” said Melinda Griffin with the Red Barn, which sold 722 burgers over the week. “Overall we had good feedback and it brought in a lot of people.”

Griffin says they had lots of good feedback on their Barn Burner burger. “We had quite a few people come in multiple times, actually,” she says.

Griffin says she noticed on the Burger Week stamp cards that people were really trying to get to as many restaurants as possible.

“People were all over the place. It was great to see. So many people were getting really into it and trying all the burgers. Fifty of our burger sales went up to the mine one day. So it creates a buzz kind of everywhere, in all the industries, it leads to things like team bonding, and people having a burger meal together.”

Blueberry Kitchen in Rocanville sold 531 burgers and went through 450 pounds of potatoes for fries, at one point selling 190 burgers in one day.

“It was fantastic. It was one of the better burger weeks, and it was probably our best,” says Myrna

Dingman with the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill, which sold 600 burgers that week. “I think people were just out more and maybe a little bit more recovered from Christmas. I think that made a difference, it was really good.”

“It was another great year. This has definitely become an annual event because people really look forward to it,” says Jarrod

Slugoski with the Cork & Bone Bistro.

Wendy’s Place in Wapella was new to Burger Week this year. Owner Wendy Holloway says they were somewhat caught off guard at first by how many burgers people wanted. “We didn’t know what to prepare for, but will be better prepared next year now that we know,” she says. “We definitely saw some

new customers come in that week to try our burgers.”

“What a great week! Changing the week to the first week in March made a

big difference,” says Brendan Paliuk, the owner of the Arlington in Maryfield.

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Above and below: The Carlyle swimming pool is ready for a full season after upgrades were completed on the pool. **Right:** The Carlyle Memorial Hall with a mural painted on its side. There have been some upgrades to the hall, with more work planned for 2027.



Carlyle Town Council

Mayor excited about hall upgrades, pool rehabilitation, upcoming events, and other town projects

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Carlyle town council met on March 4, and Mayor Jennifer Sedor says it was a busy meeting with a large focus on projects and upcoming events in the community.

"We've been doing our budget deliberations the last few meetings and we did come to some decisions at our March 4 meeting. A lot of our projects are maintenance based. This is a very big maintenance year for us, but I'm always excited about taking care of what we have," she said.

Sewer relining

"We are in year four of our sewer relining project. It's not that romantic of a project, but we have done 2,127 meters so far, and this year, we've approved another 507 meters of sewer relining," Sedor said.

"So essentially, this means that our residents won't have to deal with collapsed sewer lines and their sewer backing up into their homes. If that's not something to get excited about, I don't know what is, because it's something that we don't often give enough credit to!"

Work on the Memorial Hall

"Another great project that we are in the process of finishing is our accessible entrance way to the Memorial Hall," said Sedor. "We're going to be painting the main floor of the hall. We're putting new flooring in the entry. We're going to have a nice new light over the door. And then we are replacing the eaves troughs."

"And this is just the completion of one phase of this project. Of course, there's many phases to the accessibility of our community hall, and so this will complete this phase for this year, and then we'll start planning for the next one, which will be accessibility to that main floor and accessible washrooms. So we're really excited to get that part done."

Sedor says Phase 2 of hall upgrades will be in 2027 with planning for that phase starting this year.

"We are going to start doing some goal setting and planning for that building in 2026."

"We're starting to collect quotes and planning and exploring grants for that separate phase, which will include main floor improvements. I can't give a whole list of what will be improved yet, because we have to really comprehensively look at how that main floor is functioning, what accessibility improvements need to be put in, where we can put them, and have the proper quotes done."

"But Phase 2, we're going to start looking at that right away."

"When we did the ramp, we noticed



there was significant foundational degradation due to water damage. And so the eaves troughs are a big part of keeping that foundation in good condition. So we did a big repair ahead of the ramp going in. The foundation is repaired, and we wanted to keep it solid by putting the eaves troughs in."

"What we want to do now is to go through that building. We have an upper level assessment that we did a couple years ago with an engineering company to know where to look in terms of the building needing upgrades and improvements in repair work. We'll bring that document with us, but we also want to plan for general functionality. We'll probably be working with the boards that utilize that building most, and take stock of where things would go and how we can improve things like the washroom accessibility, and we have some staircase issues and things like that, that need to be addressed."

"So we are going to actually take a bit of a microscope to that building and look at how it can function better. That is the process that will start in 2026 so that we can communicate to the public what upgrades we want to start doing to that main floor part of the building."

"It's very preliminary planning work, but it's such an integral building for Carlyle. We have looked at what it would be like to have a new building constructed, and there's just something so iconic about the Memorial Hall. It was built as a war-time community project after World War II. It's a really fundamental building, and it's really something to be proud of on our main street."

"We really want to make sure that building is well utilized and accessible for the

public into the future."

Pool rehabilitation complete

"We have finished our pool rehabilitation. We did a big pool rehabilitation in 2025 and the last few years we did two short seasons," said Sedor. "It took a couple years to complete the whole project. We had the pool relined, we had the deep end refurbished, we had a new pump and filtration system put in."

"By last year we had most of the things up and running, but now that work has been completed as of October. So this year, we are looking forward to a full pool season with everything fully functioning and working as it should, which we are very excited about."

"We are in the process of hiring lifeguards right now for our pool season. That is something to be excited about."

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RM commits \$75,000 to Mike Schwean arena upgrades

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
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At the Moosomin town council meeting on Tuesday, councillor Kyla Fingas reported that the RM of Moosomin has committed to \$25,000 a year over three years—a total of \$75,000—for upgrades at the Mike Schwean Arena.

She said that Rec Director Mike Schwean was hoping the town would also put in a contribution of \$50,000 a year over three years—for a total of \$150,000—toward upgrades to the arena which he hopes will be completed over the summer of 2028.

Schwean said at a previous council meeting that the goal is to have the Mike Schwean Arena in top shape by the 2028-29 rink season. A committee of community members has 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 additional ice time.

He said the plan would be to replace any fir damaged in the rink boards at the Mike Schwean Arena, 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 estimates the upgrades will cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000 and has started approaching groups for fundraising for the project.

He says that groups like Community Acres, the Kinsmen, and the Moose are all interested in helping with the upgrades, and that the town has also applied for the RCMP Musical Ride and is looking at hosting a Sportsman's supper as fundraisers.

Schwean said last week that if fundraising falls into place, the plan would be to do the upgrades to the Mike Schwean Arena over the summer of 2028.

RM of Moosomin Administrator Kendra Lawrence said that the RM always puts \$25,000 a year toward a capital rec project in Moosomin, and felt that the rink upgrades were an important project that needed a three-year commitment.

"We contribute \$25,000 annually towards a capital project and the rec department gives us options on what we would like to support," she says. "Mike requested that—seeing as how this was a more substantial project—we contribute three years worth of commitment to it, so council was in favor of making that three year commitment for 2026, 2027, and 2028 totaling the \$75,000."

Lawrence says in the past the RM has contributed to things like renovations to the rink bathrooms, the media room in the Convention Centre, a heated pool cover, to the curling rink, to dressing room alterations, to an equipment shed at Bradley Park, and to the score clocks at the ball diamonds.

"We try to pick something where you can visually see that we've done something to help support the rec department, because we do know that our rate payers in the RM do use the services of the town for recreation."



The Mike Schwean Arena, which could see upgrades in 2028 if fundraising goes as planned.

Jacobs is town's new emergency measures co-ordinator

Council passed a motion to appoint Lyndon Jacobs as the town's Emergency Measures Co-ordinator as of April 1. Previously, the position was held by the late Larry Tomlinson.

First reading of bylaw to rezone former SE College land for plumbing shop

Council gave first reading to a bylaw to rezone 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.

Motion passed for dedicated construction crew

Council passed a motion to appoint Quinn Glasser, Payton Margetts, Mike Matichuk, and Ryan Piper to a public works construction crew effective May 1.

The town made the decision to form a dedicated construction crew made up of existing public works employees so that the other employees could continue to tend to public works duties while the construction crew tends to issues that pop up like water breaks.

Redvers thankful for sale of part for water treatment plant

Council received a thank you from the town of Redvers for selling the town of Redvers a control board from Moosomin's former water treatment plant.

Moosomin couldn't use the control board, and when the Redvers water treatment plant went down, the town sold it to Redvers for \$2,000—half the price of what Moosomin paid for it new. The control board was fairly new and still under warranty.

"We are especially grateful that council was willing to provide the equipment at a price lower than originally discussed. When communities face challenges, it is reassuring to know that our neighbouring municipalities are willing to step forward and offer assistance," wrote Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard. "We are thankful to be part of a region where that partnership exists."

"Please accept our many thanks for your generosity and support."

Letter of thanks after funeral

Council also received a letter of thanks at their meeting on Tuesday from Marg Tomlinson, the wife of former mayor Larry Tomlinson, who passed away in January. She thanked the town for the flowers and lunch provided to the family the day of the funeral.

"Larry really enjoyed his years of working for the town and all the challenges that came with it," she wrote.

RM of Moosomin giving \$30,000 to Rocanville Aquatic Centre, \$10,000 to Welwyn for new zamboni

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At their last council meeting, in addition to committing \$75,000 over three years to the town of Moosomin for upgrades at the Mike Schwean Arena, the RM of Moosomin also passed a motion to give \$30,000 over three years to the Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre in Rocanville and to give \$10,000 to the Community Recreation Organization of Welwyn (CROW) for the purchase of a new zamboni for the Welwyn Rink.

"Welwyn indicated that it cost them to replace their

Zamboni. So we're contributing back to them to cover the cost of that purchase because we do know that there are lots of ratepayers from the northern end of the RM that utilize that rink and curling surface," says RM of Moosomin Administrator Kendra Lawrence.

In the case of the pool in Rocanville, it recently underwent a major refurbishment, and opened its doors just before Christmas.

"We recognize the need for those recreational facilities, and we do know that our rate payers utilize them. We don't have them ourselves in the RM, so we help assist the urban centres that do," says Lawrence.

Cory Smith to enter plea on May 12

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Cory Smith, the man charged with stealing \$46,000 from the Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association, will appear in Esterhazy Provincial Court on Tuesday, May 12 to enter a plea.

Smith was in court last Tuesday, March 10 where it was determined that he will enter a plea in Esterhazy on May 12.

Smith has been charged with one count of theft over \$5,000 after he was accused of stealing \$43,000 through

e-transfer and \$3,000 in cash from Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association in 2025.

EMHA president Glen Simon said the board began investigating the theft in July of 2025 before handing the investigation over to the RCMP. Smith was the treasurer for the Esterhazy Minor Hockey Association.

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

(Section 66 of the Act) FORM H

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Dated this March 2, 2026.

Katelyn Ethier
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New street lights

"We are adding new street lights on 8th Street west," says Sedor. "We do have a lot of pedestrian traffic on 8th Street West that's going to and from the dog park, and so we are very excited to be adding four new street lights down there."

Curling rink upgrades

"The curling rink is in the process of being re-roofed as part of a wind damage claim. We have a crew that has started on the roof of the curling rink, so that is something to also be very excited about," added Sedor.

Skating rink upgrades

"We're in the process of finishing our first season with our upgraded ice plant and condenser, which was another big upgrade that we took on at the end of 2025, and that has all gone really, really well," says Sedor.

"We're in the process of looking at a few minor repairs to some items in the lobby, and just doing some refurbish-

ing to some of the heaters in the rink for 2026, but other than that, things are running smoothly."

Upcoming events

Sedor says council also did some planning around spring and summer events that are in the works.

"We talked about upcoming events—the start of the ball season and the soccer season, and the official spring opening of our walking paths in town, and everything's going smoothly," she says.

"Our Lions auction and supper is happening on April 18, and they are hosting Doc Walker. The town's really excited about that. That will be at our sports arena once the ice is out.

"And then we did some preliminary chatting about Fun Dayz. The fair has been approved to be hosted. That is going to be June 26-28. We've approved the midway, and we've approved two nights of concert entertainment, so it's going to be a really good time."

Economic development and SUMA

Sedor also said the town is starting the process of setting goals for tourism and economic development.

"We do have a meeting set up with an economic development professional who's coming in, and we're going to start talking about our goal setting for 2027 and starting to get that workable plan in process for some of the economic development goals and tourism goals and functionality goals for our town. I am actually really excited about that process starting," she said.

"We are also sending four council delegates to SUMA this year, from April 12 to 15."

In conclusion

"It was a big meeting," says Sedor. "We got a lot done, and we had a lot of really good conversations. I'm really excited to have these items on the docket for this year.

"We're enjoying taking care of all the wonderful facilities that we have. Carlyle really has a lot of great things going on, and we want to make sure that those are well taken care of."

Sask issuing exemptions to owners of prohibited guns

The province of Saskatchewan will issue exemptions to owners of prohibited guns to stop the federal government from seizing them. The changes were announced on Tuesday, and Premier Scott Moe spoke about them at the SARM convention on Wednesday.

The government has introduced additional amendments to The Saskatchewan Firearms Act so that provincial firearms owners and businesses receive fair compensation for their property that has been targeted by federal legislation.

Once this legislation is passed, Saskatchewan firearms owners and businesses can apply for a certificate of exemption, allowing them to retain the right to continue to possess and store their lawfully-owned, but now prohibited firearms on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan. These certificates will remain in place until firearms owners are fairly compensated by the federal government.

Certificates of exemption will be issued under section 117.08 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Section 117.08 exempts individuals from facing criminal charges under special circumstances "if the individual does so on behalf of, and under the authority of, a police force or a department of the Government of Canada or of a province."

All applications will be closely reviewed by the Saskatchewan Firearms Office (SFO) for eligibility. Certificates of exemption will only be available to individuals with a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or Restricted Possession and Acquisition Licence (RPAL), who are in good standing, pursuing compensation from the federal government, and following all firearms storage laws that pertain to their reclassified firearms. Failure to follow any of these requirements will result in the certificates of exemption being inoperative.

Certificates of exemption do not exempt individuals from facing criminal charges if they commit an offence, use a prohibited firearm, or carelessly store prohibited firearms, and they will only be valid within Saskatchewan's borders. These amendments will help ensure all Saskatchewan firearms

owners and businesses are compensated for their lost property; not just those chosen by the federal government.

"Lawful firearms owners in Canada are already heavily vetted and regulated during the PAL and RPAL licencing and renewal process," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "Under federal legislation and the national buyback program, farmers, hunters, and sport-shooting enthusiasts are being forced to either accept little or no compensation, or they must deactivate or destroy their legally-purchased property at a loss to avoid facing criminal charges."

In the coming weeks, the Government of Saskatchewan will open an online portal to provide appraisals for all firearms, ammunition and accessories impacted by federal legislation. Through the portal, Saskatchewan firearms owners and businesses will also be able to request certificates of exemption for their prohibited firearms.

"You do not have to use this online portal to participate in the federal buyback program or comply with federal legislation," SFO Commissioner Robert Freberg said. "Firearms are federal jurisdiction but we remain committed to protecting the property rights of law-abiding firearms owners in Saskatchewan. Our goal is to help ensure Saskatchewan residents are protected and properly compensated before their property is surrendered by expropriation to the federal government."

These amendments are in addition to those announced earlier this year, proposing that anyone who seizes a firearm under federal firearms laws must pay the owner fair market value as determined by the Saskatchewan Firearms Commissioner. Firearms will be considered "seized" in the province if they are impacted by federal firearm legislation or bans and the owner does not receive fair compensation within 12 months of the ban or legislation coming into effect.

For citizen inquiries, visit Saskatchewan.ca/firearms or contact the Saskatchewan Firearms Office at 1-833-792-2706 or email sfpinfo@gov.sk.ca.

TOWN OF MOOSSOMIN

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007, that the Town of Moosomin intends to pass a bylaw to amend the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw as hereinafter provided.

Purpose:
The intent of the bylaw is to rezone the following land from Community Service (CS) to Regional Commercial (C2), in order to allow for authorized usage of the property, for uses as listed in the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and its amendments:

- Lot 11, Blk/Par 33, Plan 1568, Extension 5
As described on Certificate of Title 74R12099, description 5
- Lot 12, Blk/Par 33, Plan 1568, Extension 0
As described on Certificate of Title 74R12099



Explanation:
The specific reason for the amendment is to change the authorized usage of this land of this property, in order to allow for a Plumbing and Heating Sales/Service establishment, per regulations within the Town of Moosomin Zoning Bylaw and its amendments.

Bylaw Inspection:
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Darcy Rambold donates \$50,000 to Moosomin airport

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
 A \$50,000 donation has been made to the Moosomin Airport Expansion Project by Darcy Rambold.

Rambold, former owner of Moosomin Pharmasave, recently completed the commitment of \$100,000 with a final \$50,000 donation after previously contributing \$50,000 two years ago. Rambold said the decision to support the airport expansion project came after a presentation to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce several years ago outlining the potential benefits of having an airport capable of accommodating air ambulance service.

"It was probably when Dr. Van and Jeff St. Onge presented to the Chamber of Commerce," he said. "They showed the statistics about how valuable it would be to have an air ambulance land here and what that could mean for saving lives. That was really the turning point for me."

Rambold said health care access was a major factor behind the donation.

"This airport is great for business in the area and for recreation for people who like to fly," he said. "But my biggest reason was health care, making sure people can get where they need to go quickly and potentially save lives. I think it's amazing," Rambold said. "It's the third longest airstrip in Saskatchewan. Some people have complained about the cost, but once you reach a certain size, going a little bigger does not cost that much more."

The Moosomin Airport runway length, 5,000 feet, allows larger aircraft to land at the airport. "It allows for so much expansion and increased use," Rambold said. "There are businesses with jet planes that can now fly in here when they could not before."

Rambold also reflected on how the town has changed since he grew up there.

"I've been working here since 1992 and grew up here," he said. "In the '90s there wasn't a lot going on. It was kind of just holding its own. But things are really taking off now. You hear about small towns in Saskatchewan declining, but we're going the other way."

"It's good to see," he said. "I think it's only going to help us develop even more.



Committee members and then-Highways Minister Lori Carr on the runway during the grand opening in 2024.

Having an airport puts Moosomin on the map. It's not just about planes; it's about people, businesses, and opportunities coming here because of better connections.

Rambold also reflected on the sense of pride the project brings to Moosomin.

"Seeing this project finally completed gives you a sense of accomplishment for the whole town," he said. "It shows that when people come together for something meaningful, good things can happen. Moosomin has always been resilient, and

this is another example of that spirit."

Rambold said the airport represents both opportunity and pride for Moosomin.

"More than anything, it shows that our town is moving forward," he said. "It's not just a strip of pavement—it's a statement about what Moosomin can accomplish when people come together for the common good."

Olga McCarthy, a member of the Moosomin Airport Committee, said the donation will help support ongoing airport im-

provements.

"None of this would have happened without the donations," she said.

Some of the projects currently being considered include bringing fuel services to the airport, installing an Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS), and beginning the subdivision process for aircraft hangars.

McCarthy said the airport committee is now focusing on long-term operations and maintenance.

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In our opinion:

Canadian sovereignty is at risk if we don't act decisively on the economy

Energy abundance is economic and geopolitical leverage

We must "take on the world as it is, not wait around for a world we wish to be." Prime Minister Mark Carney's words alerted global financial and political leaders to how we all need to act in these turbulent times.

The world is witnessing significant change in global trading assumptions and actions. The Trump administration's pursuit of an unabashedly "America First" economic policy is challenging decades of consensus in international trade and geopolitics.

Military interventions and conflicts, as we have witnessed in Venezuela and Iran, are creating further volatility and uncertainty while other nations, like Russia and China, have shown they will use whatever strengths they have to dominate or control valuable resources.

The lesson Canadians are learning is that economic strength isn't just about jobs and affordability. Economic strength is geopolitical leverage and we need it to protect our nation's sovereignty in an increasingly unstable world.

To not just survive this moment in history but to thrive, we need to take the Prime Minister's words to heart. The "rupture" in global cooperation means we need to act and adapt to a new global dynamic.

Canada enters this moment with important advantages. A resource rich and talent heavy country, Canada benefits from a natural resource industry that attracts private investment, supports high quality jobs, and generates significant long-term economic value.

But we also have challenges. Productivity has lagged, investment has been uneven, and our competitiveness has weakened over time. In a volatile global economy, countries that struggle to attract capital and build major projects are not just hurting their economies; they are putting their very sovereignty at risk.

World events over the past year have substantially altered Canada's economic and geopolitical circumstances. While Canada will remain a major oil and natural gas supplier for the United States, the largest consumer of oil on the planet, we also need to continue to diversify our global customer base. To be successful, we need to be much more competitive for investment.

There are signs Canada is beginning to adapt to these realities. Public opinion has shifted in support of new infrastructure and resource projects, reflecting a recognition that growth matters. Recent polls show a growing appreciation that oil and natural gas remain an important part of that equation, particularly as many other sectors are facing structural challenges.

In addition, majority support for growing our oil and natural gas exports, along with production, shows Canadians understand the value the industry delivers to the economy and the need to diversify customers to strengthen our energy security and economic independence.

Policy tone has evolved as well. More constructive engagement between governments and industry, and a renewed focus on competitiveness, are positive developments. These shifts suggest a growing awareness that Canada must act decisively if it hopes to keep pace with global competitors. But recognition is only a first step. Around the world, investment capital is moving quickly to jurisdictions that offer clarity, certainty, and the ability to execute. Canada must ensure it remains one of them.

After years of uncertainty, investors need durable signals that Canada is serious about growth and competitiveness.

We cannot fall back into the patterns of the past decade with an ever-changing regulatory regime and distrust across jurisdictions. For example, the new federal methane rules and the proposal to significantly alter industrial carbon taxes are initiatives that do not "take on the world as it is." Instead, they impose billions of dollars in costs on the oil and gas and other resource-based industries. Adding new costs, particularly when no other country is doing the same, will make us uncompetitive at precisely the moment we need to be doing the opposite.

Making Canada less competitive does not align with today's global realities, nor with the federal government's stated goal of becoming an energy superpower.

Our natural resources, in particular our world-class oil and natural gas industry, are our best cards to play to diversify our global customer base and rapidly strengthen our economy. If played right, our energy exports can put us into an advantaged position within a context of ongoing trade and geopolitical competition.

Around the world, governments are taking deliberate steps to secure energy supplies, attract capital, and strengthen economic sovereignty. Countries are also looking for new sources of trade and investment, and Canada has a global reputation as a secure and stable partner. Energy infrastructure takes years to build, but investment choices are being made today. Canada's advantages are real—but they are not guaranteed.

Canada has what it needs to succeed: world-class resources, skilled workers, democratic stability, and an openness to private investment. Translating those strengths into lasting prosperity will depend on our ability to align interests, move decisively, and create the conditions that allow major projects to move forward.

In a changing world, economic strength and diversity are not just measures of success—they are foundations of national resilience.

This editorial is written by Lisa Baiton, the President & CEO of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.



We smashed a record—and I shouldn't be surprised

As the final numbers came in for Burger Week last week, and I tallied them up, I was shocked when the total number of burgers sold ended up being higher than in 2025. I shouldn't have been, but I was. That's because in 2025, we made the decision to run burger week over two weeks with 10 restaurants. This year the decision was made to hold burger week for one week with 11 restaurants. Surely, I thought, we can't break the record from last year when people had two full weeks to try all the burgers with only one less restaurant involved in the event.

But I was wrong. As I quickly added up the total number on Wednesday last week, I suddenly realized that we were going to smash last year's record. And that's totally amazing.

Burger Week has become so popular that in a single week 4,500 burgers were sold, showing an outstanding amount of support for our local restaurants and outstanding amount of participation from people around the area who were obviously very, VERY excited about Burger Week this year.

I saw that excitement first hand with one of our staff actually creating a spreadsheet as a way to sort out how she was going to try all the burgers over the course of the week. Another staff member made it her mission to squeeze a burger into every meal or every trip out of town to the restaurants where burgers were being served in Fleming, Maryfield, Wapella and Rocanville so that she could try all 11 burgers in the five participating communities. It was the first time that I had ever seen such intense dedication from our staff to trying every single one of the burgers. And it speaks to how Burger Week has been growing in popularity over the years with people actually making it their mission or treating it like a homework assignment to try all the burgers.

Thanks once again to all the restaurants that did such an amazing job of creating and helping to promote their amazing burgers and all the staff at those restaurants who worked so hard to cook 4,500 burgers that week. And of course, a big thank you needs to go out to all the customers who bought loads of burgers and had so much fun trying them over the course of the week and helped support the local restaurants. I can't wait to



Kara Kinna

see what burger week 2026 has in store!

Another news heavy week!

I know I keep saying this, but once again we have a paper that is nearly full of more news than have pages for. As of Tuesday last week, I was trying to figure out what I was going to run on the front page, not because we didn't have any big stories, but because I had about five stories that would work as front page stories. When you run a newspaper, I guess that's a pretty good problem to have!

It's also a testament to how busy our corner of the province is. There's a lot happening here and that hasn't gone unnoticed by people around the province. So in some ways, last week was just a typical week in the Moosomin region.

Aside from reporting that we had sold a record number of burgers during Burger Week this year, I also have a story in this week's paper about another new apartment building going up in Mooseman, and on the RM of Moosomin committing \$75,000 to upgrades at the Mike Schwean Arena. Darcy Rambold also donated \$50,000 to the Moosomin airport, and we have an in-depth interview with health minister Jeremy Cockrill about the Patients First Healthcare Plan—which includes a reduction from 20 per cent to 10 per cent in community capital investment for new healthcare projects—another big story in itself considering that Grenfell is in the process of building a new healthcare facility and Esterhazy is in the process of planning for a new healthcare facility.

And that's just a handful of what's in this week's paper! That doesn't include our feature stories and all the sports coverage and photos that you can find throughout the pages. Happy reading!

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Patients First Health Care Plan

Cockrill says plan will have impact on health care in rural Saskatchewan

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Monday, the provincial government announced the Patients First Health Care Plan—a sweeping plan that includes expanding access to virtual care, continuing to recruit, train and increase the number of doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners, expansion of diagnostic services like MRI, CT and PET-CT scans, increasing the number and expanding the scope of practice for all health care professionals, and reducing the community portion of capital costs for new facilities from 20 per cent to 10 per cent.

The World-Spectator interviewed Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill last week about what in the plan will have the most impact on health care in rural areas.

Following is the interview:

Why did the provincial government feel that this plan was necessary?

I've been in this role now since November 2024, and when we're not sitting in our legislative session, I try and spend as much of my time out there visiting facilities and speaking with folks who work in the health care system, patients and their families.

And it comes from a conviction that I've felt, and I know the premier has felt, and I know Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr has as well, and I would say our whole government caucus that the health care system—while there has been some positive steps forward in recent years after the pandemic—the conviction, I think, is really that the system needs to be very focused on patients. That needs to be the sole focus of the health care system.

It's a large, complex system, there's lots of moving parts, but at the end of the day, if decisions aren't rooted in what's best for patients, then what are we doing as a healthcare system?

I know there has been some criticism recently that we have talked about patients first before. Yeah, we have. And I think this opportunity, this plan, is really a renewal of that commitment, and I think a reminder to everybody in the sector about what matters most.

There's quite a lot in the plan. What initiatives in this plan will have the biggest impact on health care in rural Saskatchewan?

I think the nurse practitioner piece. And I say piece singularly, but it's really multiple initiatives to enhance the role and nurse practitioner capacity we have around the province.

I've seen it in other arenas. This is really an all-in approach on nurse practitioners. And I think nurse practitioners have been incredibly successful where they've been in the system already. We introduced the independent contract model last year. We have started awarding the first few contracts. But as I meet nurse practitioners around the province and meet people who see a nurse practitioner in a primary care context, people really enjoy the quality of care they get from nurse practitioners, and I think they can play a bigger role.

And so I think there's a massive opportunity for them to really take on the leadership role in terms of being the most responsible provider in long-term care settings. I think there are excellent opportunities for nurse practitioners to take larger roles in emergency rooms and urgent care centres, which is already happening. I think they're a nice complement to the physicians that we have in those facilities. And so we're looking for more ways to train up nurse practitioners in acute care and make sure that they're ready to deliver care in those contexts.

"But the biggest impact, I think, on rural Saskatchewan, is really around taking the cap off of independent nurse practitioner contracts and allowing those nurse practitioners to hire other professionals—so other members of the nursing team or dietitians or it could be social workers or other health care professionals—so they can build out full primary care teams in communities right across the province. This is already happening in several physician clinics around the province, but we think that nurse practitioners should be able to lead these teams as well.

"And I think one of the most significant pieces is that new financial incentive to encourage RNs to become nurse practitioners. Because when I am around the province talking to registered nurses, saying, 'Hey, why don't you become a nurse practitioner? What's holding you back?' The reality is that the training becomes an inconvenience and a cost to them personally. They have to take time off work, and they have to take time off to do clinical placements. So if you're a young parent and you've got kids, it's hard to take two years off work to upgrade. That comes with financial sacrifice. And not everybody can do that.

"I think that's really going to be the opportunity for rural communities, is finding an RN in their community that's committed to their community and to their



Saskatchewan Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill at the announcement of the Patients First Health Care Plan in Saskatoon on Monday.

region, and encouraging that RN and saying, 'hey, why don't you look at becoming a nurse practitioner, there's a \$78,000 benefit for you over a two-year period. It does come with a return of service contract. But think about the expanded care that you could offer in our rural community and to our larger region. I think that opportunity is probably the biggest for rural Saskatchewan out of this whole document."

So with these changes, could you actually see nurse practitioner-led clinics, like a doctor's clinic, but just with nurse practitioners instead?

Yes, absolutely. That's already happening. We already have 23 nurse practitioners in the province under these independent contracts, but we want to see more of that, and then we want to see them build out their teams. On the physician side, we're already doing this through our patient medical homes and through the Innovation Fund that we have through our agreement with the Saskatchewan Medical Association, where doctors are able to hire other professionals, build out teams, and really, I think that's a more efficient way to see more patients.

"But when you go to a clinic as a patient, you may not necessarily need to see a doctor or nurse practitioner. An LPN, for example, could help you out with, say potentially, discussions around a chronic disease or other issues that you may have, and I think that's where there's massive opportunity as we build out these teams.

So basically, under this model, you're not funneling everybody to a physician all the time, you can spread them out to different health care providers?

Yes, and it's important to note there's also enhancements for physician training as part of this document as well—a nearly 20 per cent increase in our College of Medicine undergraduate seats, from 108 to 128. And I think sometimes in healthcare, we get so locked into these discussions, either or discussions about nurse practitioners or physicians. Well why don't we expand both? Why don't we create options for both to be available in communities right across the province? There is sometimes some competition between different professions, but as a patient, you really don't care about that. You just want to make sure that there's a practitioner available to you when you need it.

One thing that is a particular challenge for rural health care delivery is staffing. What in this plan will help with staffing challenges in rural Saskatchewan?

We made significant enhancements to training seats across the province, and this plan talks about that in terms of some of the work that's been done in terms of adding training seats, and I think the real priority here is—whether it's physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, LPNs, all the whole spectrum of health care workers—we're trying to make sure that training is as distributed as possible right across the province.

The challenge is that when you start new training seats, you don't necessarily see the benefits of that for a couple of years. And so we're going to start seeing the benefits of that distributed education over the next couple years. So that's coming down the pipe for us.

But in terms of what's new in this plan, we've expanded the rural physician incentive program to regional centres, whereas right now it has just been available in smaller rural communities. So the Yorktons, Moose Jaws, North Battlefords, Swift Currents—now physicians going there will be eligible for that significant incentive, which is \$200,000 over five years.

And we'll be continuing to expand the list of eligible communities under the Rural and Remote recruitment incentive. That's been an incredibly successful incentive in terms of filling full-time positions and reducing our reliance on travel nursing and overtime as well. We've already hired over 500 healthcare professionals through that incentive, and by adding more communities and looking at adding more professions to that incentive, that will help fill some of the gaps that we have in rural Saskatchewan and make sure that people are taking full-time positions.

Tell me a little bit about the virtual access to health care in this plan. How do you see some of those changes having an impact on rural Saskatchewan?

The virtual care announcements as part of this plan are probably the second most impactful for rural Saskatchewan, but it could be argued that they're as impactful as the expansion of the role of nurse practitioners. Let's face it, all of us just do more virtually on our phones. We pay bills on our phone, we submit meter reads to SaskPower on our phone so we don't need to have someone coming through our back yard and checking our meter. And it's not just young people. I hear it from older patients as well who want that access and are willing to receive health care virtually, when appropriate.

So I think there's huge opportunity here in terms of making that more episodic primary care available to patients on demand. That's what our commitment is, that we're going to be rolling that out to unattached patients across the province. So if you don't have a nurse practitioner or a relationship with a family doctor in your community, we're going to give you access to a virtual care platform where, if you need a prescription renewed, or you need to ask a question of a health care provider, you're going to have access to that on your phone, in the comfort of your home, or sitting in the car and parked on the side of the highway, wherever you may be.

That's really part of the big theme of this whole plan is people receiving the right care at the right time in the right place, and more and more, that health care doesn't necessarily need to be at a health care facility. We want to go to where patients are, and the virtual care is a big part of that.

There's a lot of work to be done if all of this is carried out. What's the timeline on some of these initiatives. Are some of these happening right now, and will others take longer to implement?

There's really a variation across the whole plan. The plan talks about some things that are already in process, like the nurse practitioner contracts, for example, that's already in process. And this plan just adds a few more dynamics and accelerates the pace of change there.

The virtual care will take some time to roll out. We're going to roll it out in a phased approach, and some communities will start seeing that hopefully by this fall, and hopefully even in the summer. We're just working through our process on that, in terms of making sure that whatever that virtual care platform is, that it talks to our existing systems, like My Sask Health Record, for example.

For the training seats, at the College of Medicine, and the new nurse practitioner training seats, those will come online this September. Some of that immediate nurse practitioner stuff is happening now, but then some of those other things are going to start rolling out in the summer, fall, and towards the end of this calendar year.

Are there any challenges that you foresee in carrying out some of the things in this plan?

There's no shortage of challenges in health care. Staffing, at the end of the day, is always a challenge. We want to have a patient focused system, but at the end of the day we need the health care human resources to provide that care, that quality care to patients. For recruitment, it is a competitive environment across Canada, because every province is dealing with the same challenge in that space. And so that will continue to be a challenge.

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Patients First Health Care Plan

Cockrill says plan will have impact on health care in rural Saskatchewan

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The other challenge—I think sometimes there's a little bit too much turf protection in spaces like health care. I guess my ask or my encouragement to health care professionals around the province is that we need to look at doing things differently and being more flexible with allowing our whole health care team to figure out who is the right person to deliver the right care at the right time for patients.

There's lots of interest in virtual care. There's lots of interest in nurse practitioners. But I think as patients, too, we should not be afraid of change, and change is hard, but I think there's going to be some as we roll out more options for patients, whether it's for primary care or surgery, surgical options or diagnostics. I guess I would just encourage patients to be open to those new options and use them. That's why we're making these investments, and that's why we're putting them in place in communities right across the province, so that people can live healthier lives and have better outcomes.

The government has talked about how they've been listening to patients and health care providers when coming up with this plan. What are some of the things that you've heard from both patients and health care providers in rural Saskatchewan that have informed this plan?

I was at SARM yesterday, at the dialog sessions, and I introduced some parts of the plan to folks who maybe hadn't read it all yet. And I think the nurse practitioner expanded role is really an answer to what we've been hearing from rural Saskatchewan for the last couple of years at least. Rural folks in rural Saskatchewan recognize the important role that nurse practitioners play, and that's really what I think has driven us down the road here in this plan of making sure that we can expand that as much as possible.

And the virtual care piece as well. I think there's also an answer to what rural Saskatchewan is looking for and asking for.

And I would just say, too, there are things that are not necessarily talked about in this plan, but things that have been already underway. Everywhere I go in rural Saskatchewan, obviously, everybody wants as good as services as possible, but they also want those services to be delivered efficiently, and they want to know that resources are being focused on the front line of care and not in administrative circles. We've made some changes working with the Saskatchewan Health Authority in the last year in terms of cutting administrative positions, refocusing those positions back on the front line, back in facilities right across the province, not focused in a head office.

What I heard yesterday at SARM, what I hear every week from rural Saskatchewan, is they want us to continue that work and continue looking for ways to be more efficient on the administration of the health care system, so that we can put resources right back in the front line and be hiring doctors and nurses and other health care professionals, the folks that actually see the eyeballs of patients every day.

Is there going to be a significant price tag attached to this plan? Or do we need to wait until budget time to find out a little bit more about that?

With budget day next week, more of the costing information will be available. The Premier said it publicly several times now, there's likely not going to be a balanced budget across any province, across the country in any province or territory this year, and so that means



Projects like the Grenfell long-term care facility under construction will see a reduction in the community portion of capital costs from 20 per cent to 10 per cent under the new plan.

that provincial governments have to make challenging decisions about how to use resources well, and how to invest in the services that folks want without creating too much of an affordability burden.

What you're going to see next week in the budget is a significant, continued investment in health care. Because what we've heard from Saskatchewan people is that they want to see that investment. They want to see those services protected. They don't want to see those services reduced. And so some of these items here are a significant investment. More training seats—that is a significant investment. More specialists, more positions being filled will cost more money, but I do think as long as we can make sure that money is well spent, that's exactly the kind of thing that we need to be investing in, in this province.

The plan does mention the Esterhazy Hospital, and it does mention expanding CT scanner capacity. Could there be an announcement in the budget for both the Esterhazy Hospital and additional CT capacity in the southeast?

I won't hint at announcements, but I would say discussions with both communities are still ongoing, and I would say there's still some work to do in both Esterhazy and Moosomin on both of those projects before we can get to any sort of announcement.

With Esterhazy, we recognize that a significant capital investment needs to be made there. We having ongoing discussions with the community and the affiliate partner that runs one of the facilities in Esterhazy about what's going to be the best long-term for Esterhazy and region.

"When it comes to Moosomin and the potential of CT services down the road in Moosomin, we still have some ongoing work with the Saskatchewan Health Authority to figure out the viability of that. But I think this plan is pretty clear that we want to make sure that people have access to services as close to home as possible. We need to be smart about how we use dollars, because these are Saskatchewan taxpayer dollars. But I think this plan leads us to ensuring that services can be available as close to home for people.

The other thing that was mentioned is the reduction of the community share, and that's especially relevant for the Grenfell project that's underway right now, as well as the Weyburn project that's getting close to finishing—really reducing the burden on municipalities

to participate in capital projects.

With Esterhazy down the road with that project, that means our local municipalities can focus on other infrastructure priorities and pressures that they have.

What else do you think is important for people to know about this plan?

It's a very comprehensive document. I'm very excited about this work. The premier used the words 'starting a con-

versation' this week, and I think that's really the case. I think what Saskatchewan people are going to see is that this document will continue to evolve over time. We're not done listening to patients. That's not stopping just because we put a plan out. So as we receive more feedback from patients, as we get some of these investments across the finish line for communities, there's going to be more work in terms of figuring out what's next for Patients First.

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Moosomin Rec Report

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Mike Schwean Arena Open Ice this week

With playoff and provincial series ending almost every day, we have open ice getting booked every day as well.

As of last Wednesday, our open ice for this week includes (take note this ice may well have been booked over the last weekend):

Saturday 9 to 5:30 pm
Sunday Open

Mike Schwean Arena Public Skating this week

Times include:

Monday Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 nn
Shinny 12 nn to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 to 3 pm
Tuesday Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 nn
Shinny 12 to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 to 3 pm
Thursday Parents and Tots 10 am - 12nn
Shinny 12 to 1 pm
Public Skating 1 to 3 pm

Skating Club

Monday 5 to 7 pm
Wednesday 5 to 7 pm
Friday 5 to 7 pm

Minor Hockey Playoffs

With just two weeks left in the season we have a ton of great hockey going on at the MS Arena. If you're a hockey fan, boy are you in for a few treats over the coming final weeks of March.

U18 Celebration Ford Rangers

The Celebration Ford Rangers have booked their ticket to the Major Hockey League A Side Championship series. The Rangers swept the #2 seed Langenburg Warriors and will now move on to meet the #1 seed Yorkton Remax Terriers. For the record, the Rangers entered the second season as the #3 seed, so these teams are close.

U15 Core Industries Rangers

Like their U18 counterparts, the U15 Core Rangers have booked their ticket to the Major Hockey League A Side Final. Also like the U18, the U15 Core Rangers swept Langenburg in the semis to advance to the final where they will meet the Indian Head Chiefs. The Core Rangers will enter the Championship Series as the #2 seed while the Indian Head Chiefs are the #5 seed.

U15 Easton's Autobody

U15 Easton's Autobody have advanced to the Major Hockey B Side Championship ...their only playoff series loss being a tight series with the Core Rangers. The Eastons Autobody Rangers will meet the winner of Yorkton Chalet vs Yorkton Medicine Shoppe.

U13 Jeannot Electric Rangers

U13 Jeannot Electric are matched up against the Yorkton Terriers in the Major Hockey League D Side division. The Electric Rangers enter this round as the #11 seed while the Terriers enter as the #12 seed ... should make for a dandy final!

U13 Dodge Rangers

Season came to an end for the U13 Dodge Rangers as they fell to the Rocanville Tigers in round 2. Regardless, a great year for the Dodge Rangers.

U11 GL Apparel Rangers

U11 GL Apparel are off to the Major League B Championship series where they will meet the Kamsack Flyers. GL Apparel Rangers enter this one as the #1 seed while the Kamsack Flyers enter as the #3 seed, so this championship series should be a doozy featuring two talented teams!

Minor Hockey games

As playoff rounds end and begin on short notice, it is always hard to highlight upcoming games a week early. That said we do have various games this week we can update you on. These will all be playoff games.

Wednesday at 7:15 pm Indian Head @ U15 Core Industries

Saturday at 4 pm U15 Core Industries Gametime- If needed
6 pm Yorkton @ U13 Jeannot Electric - If needed

Sunday at 4 pm U15 Core Industries Gametime- If needed

Senior Rangers

For the fourth year in a row the Moosomin Rangers and the Redvers Rockets will meet in the Big Six Championship series. 2022/2023 the Rockets ousted the Rangers in

a three-game sweep and then in 2023/2024 the Rangers flipped the script sweeping the Rockets in three games. Then in 2024/2025 the Rockets again swept the Rangers to regain the league title.

This 2025/2026, the two teams are back at it, and if Game 1 is any indication this is going to be a fantastic series. Game 1 went last Tuesday night in Redvers. The Rockets jumped out to a 2-0 lead but the Rangers dug in and fought back trying the game and sending it to OT. Carter Sawchuk would put an end to the Tuesday fun as he took a nifty pass from Bud Holloway and buried it for a 3-2 Game 1 win and a 1-0 series lead.

Game 2 in this series goes this Tuesday night (March 17) at the Mike Schwean Arena with an 8 pm Puck drop.

Game 3 is scheduled for back in Redvers on Thursday, March 19. Games 4 and 5 have not yet been set as Redvers was still involved in Provincial Playdowns last weekend and unsure of this coming weekend schedule on that front. Feel free to contact the Rec Office at 435-3622 for dates or check the Rangers Facebook site. Good luck gentlemen!

Rec Hockey this week

Couple tilts in the world of rec hockey this week:

Wednesday Mustangs at 9:30 pm
Thursday Leaf's at 8:30 pm

Iron Man 2026

One of the greatest events of the winter as seven teams have accepted the challenge to be the 2026 Iron Men.

- Moosomin Leafs
- Moosomin Untouchables
- Moosomin Mustangs
- Moosomin SP
- Moosomin U18
- Wapella Dirty Danglers
- Moosomin Ding Dongs

Preliminary schedules include Hockey, Golf, Whiffle Ball and Outdoor Broomball. Here are those schedule:

Hockey
Thursday
7:15 pm Leafs 2 vs Untouchables 3
8:45 pm U18 Rangers 1 vs Moosomin SP 4

Friday
6 pm Mustangs 1 vs Dodge City Danglers 3
7:30 pm Ding Dongs 2 vs Moosomin SP 4
9 pm Leaf's 1 vs U18 Rangers
10:30 pm Untouchables 2 vs Mustangs 4

Saturday
9 am Ding Dongs 2 vs Leaf's 3
10:30 am Dodge City Danglers 2 vs Moosomin SP 4
12 pm Ding Dongs 1 vs U18 Rangers 3
1:30 pm Mustangs 2 vs Moosomin SP 4
4 pm Dodge City Danglers 1 vs Untouchables 3

16 Man Golf Scramble
Thursday 9:30 pm Leaf's
Friday 6 pm Friday Night Golf
8 pm Untouchables
10 pm Ding Dongs
Saturday 9 am U18 Rangers
11 am Mustangs
1:30 pm Dodge City Danglers
4 pm Moosomin SP

Whiffle Ball
Friday
6 pm Leafs vs Moosomin SP
7:45 pm Dodge City Danglers vs U18 Rangers

Saturday
8:30 am Moosomin SP vs Untouchables
12:30 pm Dodge City Danglers vs Leaf's
2 pm Untouchables vs Ding Dongs
3:30 pm Mustangs vs Ding Dongs
4:30 pm Mustangs vs U18 Rangers

Broomball
Friday
8:30 pm Mustangs vs Dodge City Dnaglers
Saturday
10 am Mustangs vs Untouchables
2:30 pm Moosomin SP vs U18 Rangers
4:30 pm Leaf's vs Ding Dongs

Moosomin Library

Moosomin Library is always a busy place. You can always find something to do at our fantastic library. Here is a list for this week:
Tuesday Sphero 101 3:30 pm
Wednesday Exams 9 am
Genealogy Society 2 pm
Thursday Exams 5 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.

Monday, March 16 at 2-5 pm - Afternoon Satined Glass Chickadee with Darlene Strong
6-9 pm - Evening Satined Glass Chickadee with Darlene Strong (Full)
7-9 pm - Open Stitch Club
7-9 pm Open Studio
7:30 - 9:30 - MADAC Presentation Rum Ragged at Moosomin Community Theatre

Tuesday, March 17 at 3:15 - 5 pm - Block 4 (Spring) After School Kid's Art Program
7-9 pm - Kids Paint Night with Chylisse Marchard

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

Thursday, March 19 at 3:15 - 5 pm - Block 4 (Spring) After School Kid's Art Program

7-9 pm MVAC Board Meeting
Friday, March 20 at 7-9 pm Paper Craft Club

8-9:44 pm Crime 101 at the Moosomin Community Theatre

Saturday, March 21 at 8-9:44 pm Crime 101 at the Moosomin Community Theatre

Sunday, March 22 at 1-5 pm - Open Studio

Monday, March 23 at 8:15 - 9:15 pm Little Film Fest on the Prairies presents: We Lend a Hand: The Forgotten Story of Ontario Farmerettes at the Moosomin Community Theatre

Tuesday, March 24 at 3:15 - 5 pm - Block 4 (Spring) After School Kid's Art Program
6:30 pm Macrame Bunny Wall Hanging with Chelsea Doane

Wednesday, March 25 at 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Open Stitch Club
7-9 pm The Art of Journaling: Planning and Creativity (Domestika led course) Part 2

Thursday, March 26 at 3:15 - 5 pm - Block 4 (Spring) After School Kid's Art Program

Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28 - How to make a Killing at the Moosomin Community Theatre

Sunday, March 29 at 1-4 pm Youth D&D
2-3:43 pm and 7-8:43 pm Bethlehem Live Presents: The King of Kings at Moosomin Community Theatre

Mike Schwean Arena dry ice surface 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 like baseball, softball, 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: two week public
2. June 15 to June 19: Private Lessons
3. June 22 to June 26: one week public
4. July 6 to July 10: One week public
5. July 13 to July 17: Private Lessons
6. July 20 to July 24: one week public
7. July 27 to July 31: Private Lessons
8. August 3 to August 7: one week public
9. August 10 to August 21: two 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
Thursday 1 to 3 pm
Thursday 7 to 9 pm

Convention Centre

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
Pickleball 1 to 3 pm
Pickleball 7 to 9 pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday is open for bookings.

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

Moosomin Minor Ball Association

Registrations are now open for the 2026 Minor Ball Season. Payments are due by March 15 with a late fee applied after that date. However, registration will still be accepted post-March 15 **Baseball ages and fees include:**

JRC	2020	\$ 50
5RC	2018/2019	\$ 80
11U	2015/2016/2017	\$100
13U	2013/2014	\$150
15U	2011/2012	\$150
18U	2008/2009/2010	\$ 150

Softball ages and fees include:
U7 2019/2020 \$ 50
U9 2017/2018 \$ 80
U11 2015/2016 \$100
U13 2013/2014 \$150
U15 2011/2012 \$150
U17/19 2007-2010 \$150

Please visit Moosomin Minor Ball Facebook page for details on payment / e-transfers as well as registration information links.

Moosomin United Minor Soccer Association

Expect registration to open in the near future. You will find the registration information on the Moosomin United Minor Soccer Association Facebook page.

Moosomin Friday Night Coed Slo Pitch League

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are currently accepting entries into the 2026 Friday Night Co-ed Slo Pitch league. If you are interested in entering a team please email me at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net . Entries to date include:

- Kak Bingo Randingos
- Red Hot Oompaloompas

Moosomin Rangers Annual NHL Draft

Moosomin Rangers have scheduled their annual NHL Draft for Saturday, April 11 at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Once again the evening will be held in conjunction with the Rangers Annual Windup. For details contact Mike at 435-3622.

Moosomin Rangers Summer Golf Tournament

Moosomin Rangers have scheduled their Annual Golf Tournament for Saturday, June 27. Mark the date and watch for details in the coming weeks!

2026 Mini British Open Charity Golf Tournament

Our 24th Annual British Open Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 17-18! It will be another amazing event as included in the festivities will be our first go at Friday Night Live entertainment as we join forces with Pipestone Golf Club to present Bobbi Goddard. Bobbi is a regular on the Mexican Beach front at Puerta Vallarta and is an amazing entertainer. **Events include:**

Friday Night: Golf 9 holes and Night Professional Golfer Auction, Friday Night Social featuring Bobbi Goddard

Saturday: Golf - 18 holes, Prizes and Supper. Cost is \$600 per teams of six. All proceeds in 2026 will go towards the completion of our Best Friends Dog Park at Bradley Park! Watch for event details in the coming weeks and enter early as this will be a guaranteed sell out!

Moosomin Dance

Sunday, March 29 at 2-5pm
Location: Moosomin Armoury Hall
Music by: Ken Thompson

Rocanville Rec Report

Hannah Soroka, Recreation Assistant

Rocanville Community Meeting

Join us for our third annual community meeting! Agenda Highlights:

- Head Table Introductions
- Representative Presentations
- Aging Infrastructure in Rocanville
- Daycare Needs
- Open Floor Discussion & Questions

When: Monday March 30, 2026

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Meeting starts at 7 pm

Location: Rocanville Nutrien Community Hall

This is your opportunity to stay informed, share your thoughts and help guide important decisions in our community. Your voice matters – we hope to see you there!

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 for the most up-to-date schedule.

Public skate / Shinny / Lessons

March 16: Shinny 3:30-5 pm

March 18: Shinny 3:30-5 pm

March 20: Shinny 3:30-5 pm

March 22: Public Skate 3-5 pm

Draft Tournament

Help support our local rink and enjoy a great weekend of hockey! Players will be drafted onto teams for a fun, competitive tournament while raising money for the rink.

Kitchen and Beer Garden will be open!

Where: Rocanville Noble Construction Skating Arena

When: April 2 & 3

Ages: 16+ (Male and Female welcome)

\$40 per player

To register, contact:

Cody Hunter (306) 434-7335

Ashley Howie (306) 434-7704

Dylan Danielson (306) 434-7894

Dave McKillop (306) 434-0465

Come out, compete, have a good time, and support our rink!

Ask Ernie

Do you have a question for the town? You might not be the only one wondering! Submit your question to Rocanville.rec@sasktel.net with the subject "Ask Ernie" and you will get a response emailed back to you!

Your question—and the answer—may be featured in next month's edition of "Ask Ernie"

Universe Satellite Aquatic Centre Schedule

Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Please visit 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 16

Lane Swim 7:30-9:30 am

AquaFit 9:30-10:30 am

Senior Swim 11 am-12 pm

Family Swim 1-3 pm

Lane Swim 6-8 pm

March 17

Lane Swim 7:30-9 am

Family Swim 9-11 am

AquaFit Senior 11 am -12 pm

Private Rental 5-7 pm

AquaFit 7-8 pm

March 18

Lane Swim 7:30-9 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 19

Lane Swim 7:30-9 am

Family Swim 9-11 am

AquaFit Senior 11 am-12 pm

Public Swim 4-7 pm

AquaFit 7-8 pm

March 20

Lane Swim 8-9 am

Private Rentals 3:30-8:30 pm

March 21

Public Swim 9-10:30 am

Private Rental 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Lane Swim 1-2 pm

Family Swim 2-4 pm

Private Rental 4-6 pm

Evening Swim 6-8 pm

March 22

Lane Swim 9-10 am

Family Swim 10 am-12 pm

Private Rental 12-2 pm

Canadian Firearms Hunter Safety Course

Thinking about getting your hunting license? Now's your chance! The Rocanville Rec Office is sponsoring a 4-day Hunter Safety Course:

May 9 & 10 and May 16 & 17

Starts at 8 am

Takes place at the Rocanville Noble Construction Arena

This course is required to obtain your firearms license and is a must for new hunters. Learn safe handling, responsible ownership, and hunting regulations in a professional, supportive environment. To register call Les at (306) 740-7887. Deadline to register is May 5

Rocanville and District Museum

Join us at the Rocanville and District Museum for our Annual Meeting!

Come on out and be apart of the conversation as we look back on the past year, share exciting plans for the future, and celebrate the stories that make our community special!

If you are a long-time supporter or simply just curious about local history, everyone is welcome! We'd love to see you there – your voice and presence matter.

March 24th at 7:00 PM at the Museum

220 Qu'Appelle Ave

Gather: A Prairie Women's Conference

A full day of connection, joy, and meaningful conversation is coming your way!

April 25, 2026

\$265 (includes catered lunch and full event access)

Featuring speaker Dr. Jody Carrington – renowned psychologist, human connection expert, and bestselling author – bringing her powerful, heartfelt insights to the prairie stage. You'll also hear from an inspiring lineup of speakers:

Kelsy Selby – The Joyful Flow: A Laughing Yoga Movement Break
Cassidy Robidoux – Holistic Approaches to Wellness: Aligning Nutrition, Fascial Maneuvers & Breath to Restore Your Nervous System

Lewellyn Molnyk – Intersections: Choosing a Path of Calm or Chaos
This is more than a conference – it's a space to gather, recharge, learn, and build meaningful connections with women from across the community.

Tickets available at Rocanville Remedial Massage or by e-transfer to hello.gatherprairiewomen@gmail.com

20 Golden Minutes

A midweek Lenten Gathering

Take a meaningful pause in your week this Lent, join us for 20 minutes of Worship followed by a warm Soup & Sandwich lunch on Wednesday at 12:10 pm at Hope Congregational Church. Each week features a different community leader and lunch hosted by local churches.

Everyone is welcome! Free Will Offering

Come for the worship, stay for the fellowship, and leave refreshed.

Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club

Get outside and enjoy our groomed trails all year long!

Winter: Cross-Country Skiing

Summer: Nordic Walking

Well-maintained trails with over 900 planted spruce trees Rental equipment available. Children aged 7-15 are invited to join us Saturday mornings at 10 am, with a volunteer there to ski alongside them right on the trails! Membership & Day fees:

Register online through Zone 4

Memberships allow winter skiing and summer Nordic walking

Day fees available

Learn more and register at rocانvillecrosscountrytrails.ca

Registration deadline is June 30, 2026

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:

• Trivia Time – Check out our Facebook page at the beginning of each month to partake in some fun trivia!

• Cubelets Makerspace Kit – Month of March

• Stitch 'n' Chat – come

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Puzzle Swap

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Pickle Ball

Looking for a fun way to stay active? Come play pickleball at the Rec Centre Tuesdays from 7-9 pm. Whether you are brand new to the game or already experienced, everyone is welcome! Equipment is provided – just bring yourself and get ready for a great time! \$5/person

Sew What!

Whether you are new to sewing or have years of experience, everyone is welcome to join this creative group! Sew What is a friendly gathering where you can bring your own projects, share ideas, learn from others, and enjoy some good conversation. This group meets Wednesday mornings. For details, contact the Rec Office at Rocanville.rec@sasktel.net or call (306) 645-2164.

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Community portion of capital costs for new health care facilities reduced from 20 per cent to 10 per cent SE Sask communities building facilities say that's welcome news

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

On Monday, when the provincial government announced it would be reducing the community portion of capital costs for new facilities from 20 per cent to 10 per cent as part of its Patients First Health Care Plan, it was welcome news for many rural communities in the process of building or planning for new health care facilities.

This includes the community of Grenfell, which has a new long-term care facility under construction.

"The announcement today by the Province of Saskatchewan reducing the local community capital share of new health care facilities from 20 per cent to 10 per cent is welcome news for small rural communities such as Grenfell and surrounding municipalities," said Larry Parrot, chair of the Grenfell health foundation.

"The local community share percentage has been a ma-

joir point of discussion on the new Grenfell long-term care home. We greatly appreciate that our concerns have been heard and responded to in such a positive way. Thank you to our local MLA Kevin Weedmark, Ministers Lori Carr and Jeremy Cockrill and Premier Scott Moe for your support and advocacy for this much needed project."

"We're grateful the province has taken this step to support communities like Weyburn," said Weyburn mayor Jeff Richards.

"Hospitals like the one being built in Weyburn and other rural communities play a critical role in serving local residents and surrounding rural communities.

"This decision to reduce the community share acknowledges that municipalities cannot take on this level of responsibility through local ratepayers alone.

"Weyburn and surrounding area now has a clearer path forward that allows local fundraising efforts to focus on

the equipment, amenities and added supports that help strengthen the patient experience."

"The announcement is very positive news for Esterhazy and the entire region," said Esterhazy Mayor Randy Bot. Esterhazy is currently in the planning stages for a new integrated health care and long-term care facility.

"Reducing the community contribution from 20 per cent to 10 per cent will make a significant difference for our residents, local businesses, and partner municipalities who are committed to supporting this new integrated healthcare facility.

"To be honest, we were very pleased to hear the announcement. Any time the province recognizes the realities that smaller communities face when it comes to fundraising for major healthcare infrastructure, it's encouraging. It shows they understand that projects like this are truly regional and require strong partnerships."

Darcy Rambold donates \$50,000 to Moosomin airport

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"We're entering the point where we have the runway and it's operational," she said. "Now we're making sure we have the operational budget to sustain it year after year."

Maintenance costs will include snow removal during winter and future pavement maintenance.

"Eventually the pavement will need maintenance like crack filling and resurfacing," she said. "We're planning for the future to ensure that this asset stays operational. The goal is to have a well-run airport that people can rely on no matter the season."

The airport project originally had a fundraising goal of about \$10 million, and some previously pledged funds are still being collected.

Plans for additional infrastructure have also shifted as the committee reviews priorities.

"Originally there were plans for a permanent lighting system," McCarthy said. "But since the temporary lights are working well, we decided to keep them for now and use that capital for other projects."

McCarthy said the goal moving forward is to operate the airport without relying on ongoing donations.

"We don't really want to keep asking the community for money," she said. "People have done their part and supported the project. Now we want to find ways to keep it operational and sustainable."

Future donations, she said, would likely be directed toward larger capital projects such as a terminal building or infrastructure upgrades.

McCarthy said the airport has created new opportunities for people interested in aviation careers.

"There's a flight school about 40 minutes away that can provide all the ratings needed," she said. "For students graduating high school who might not know what they want to do yet, aviation could be another option."

"You can fly air ambulance, crop spraying, northern operations, or private charter," she said. "There are also careers in aircraft maintenance and airport operations. Someone might start as a mechanic and eventually become chief of maintenance. Airports like this open doors that didn't exist before."

McCarthy said the development gives local residents more options as well.

"I actually started flying after this project began," she said. "I got my private pilot licence last year, then my multi-engine rating this year, and now I'm working toward my IFR rating. There are more people like that who may never have thought flying was an option before. It really inspires you to think about what's possible when you have access to these kinds of resources close to home. It's like a portal to the sky. From here, you can go anywhere," she said.

"Healthcare was the number one reason people supported this, because having the ability to get proper care in a critical situation can make all the difference. But airports also support business and recreation. They're part of a community's growth story."

The Moosomin Regional Airport is now fully operational, offering a range of aviation services and laying the groundwork for continued growth and opportunities in the region.



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Premier Scott Moe making an announcement in his address to SARM Wednesday morning. The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced additional amendments to The Saskatchewan Firearms Act to help provincial firearms owners and businesses receive fair compensation for their property that has been targeted by federal legislation.



I learned a lot at the Innovation Saskatchewan reception at the Legislature Tuesday evening. In this photo, I'm with Leslie-Ann Schlosser of the University of Saskatchewan, who started her career as an intern at the Moosomin World-Spectator. If there is one thing that surprises me about being an MLA it is the fact that every single event I go to around the province there is someone with a connection to Moosomin-Montmartre!



It was great to hear from women entrepreneurs at the WESK reception at the Legislature Monday evening! I enjoyed my discussion with Destinee Peter, (with me in this photo) who comes from Carry the Kettle Nakoda Nation in Moosomin-Montmartre, and is owner of Tangles Hair Salon in Regina! I also spoke at a WESK event in Moosomin Thursday evening.



With Kara at An Evening in Greece.



Two of the youngest women entrepreneurs in Moosomin, Kara and Gwen Grant, who moved from Alberta to start Trends Merchantile in Moosomin last year at ages 19 and 17.



I was happy to speak at a Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan event in Moosomin Thursday evening. Four local women entrepreneurs were part of a panel that took questions from the large crowd, and everyone learned a lot!



11-year-old Penny Jeannot asked the panelist about the hardest part of starting a business.



Speaking at the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Awards Sunday, March 7th.



Left: The crowd at the Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan event in Moosomin Thursday evening.



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Left: With Councilor George Tsiklis and Mayor Chad Bachynski



Left: With presenters Kari Myers, owner of Kari's Pharmacy in Moosomin, Kari Kosior, owner of Kari's Kloset in Moosomin, Alyssa Jeannot, co-owner of Jeannot Electric in Moosomin and Nicole Campbell, owner of Yorkton Concrete.



With the Lieutenant Governor and Moose Jaw-Wakamow MLA Megan Patterson on Monday during Commonwealth Day.



Minister Terry Jensen, Minister Ken Cheveldayoff, Minister Lori Carr, Premier Scott Moe, Minister Jeremy Cockrill, and myself at the announcement of the Patients First Health Care Plan at the Urgent Care Centre in Saskatoon.

One of the immediate benefits for our area is the change to the community contribution to health care capital costs, which means the community of Grenfell will be paying 10 per cent, not 20 per cent, of the cost of the new Grenfell long-term care centre.



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Left: Students with their awards at the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy awards.

Right: With elder Roland Duquette at the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy Awards



Major announcement on health care: Great news for Grenfell and our constituency

What a crazy busy week. I work for you, so I always feel I should let me know what I have been doing on your behalf. Saturday afternoon I was at the final concert of the Saskatchewan Youth Choir on behalf of the Minister of Culture. Saturday Night I attended the Greek Night Fundraiser for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation and the Autism Resource Centre. Sunday I spoke on behalf of our government at the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Awards. Monday morning I and a few colleagues were in Saskatoon for a major health announcement. Monday I gave a member statement in the Legislature on the Think Indigenous Conference, then attended a Commonwealth Day event and a WESK reception.

Tuesday I had a Government Operations Committee meeting, gave a member statement in the house on the Patients First Health Care Plan, and attended and Innovation Saskatchewan reception.

Wednesday I was at SARM for the Premier's address and the Bearpit session and attended the Wounded Warriors Reception in the evening.

Thursday I made a motion in the Legislature on the Patients First Health Care Plan, gave a 15 minute speech outlining the plan and took questions from the opposition as part of the 75-minute debate. Thursday evening I spoke at a WESK event in Moosomin.

Choral event

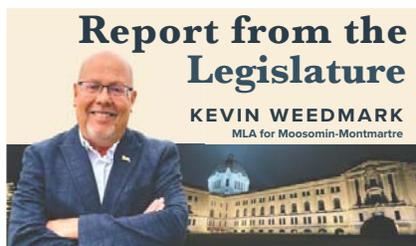
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Greek night

I and several of my colleagues attended An Evening In Greece Saturday night in support of the Hospitals of Regina Foundation and the Autism Resource Centre. The gala has raised \$3.16 million for local charities since it started, of which \$1.65 million has gone to the Hospitals of Regina Foundation. It was an amazing evening and it was great to celebrate and raise funds with my colleagues and my friends in the Greek community.

U of S College of Pharmacy Awards

I was proud to represent our government and speak at the University of Saskatchewan College of Pharmacy and Nutrition Awards Sunday. Congratulations to all the



award winners—these awards recognize countless hours of study, research, practice, and striving to be better—not just for personal achievement, but to serve others. I enjoys meeting and speaking with students and faculty, and especially enjoyed speaking with Elder Roland Duquette!

Patients First Health Care Plan

I was in Saskatoon on March 9 along with the premier, minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill and Minister of Rural and Remote Health Lori Carr for an announcement of wide ranging improvements to health care in Saskatchewan. These changes are all aimed at making health care more accessible to Saskatchewan residents, from making virtual care on your cell phone an option, to taking a whole new approach to health care recruitment, to modernizing the funding structure for new facilities to put them in reach of more rural communities.

We are reducing the community portion of capital costs for new facilities from 20 per cent to 10 per cent. This includes facilities in planning and under construction, so the cost to the community of Grenfell for the new long-term care facility under construction will now be significantly less. This government listened, this government heard, this government acted.

Since I was elected, construction has resumed on the Grenfell long-term care project which will provide care for people at the most vulnerable time in their lives closer to the people and the communities that they love.

But the 20 per cent cost was a large hurdle for the community. I met with the community multiple times, I brought Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr to meet with them and I brought Premier Scott Moe to meet with them. We listened, we heard, we acted. And now health care facilities of all types will be more affordable,

not only for the community of Grenfell, but for all communities moving forward.

Commonwealth Day

On Monday Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Bernadette McIntyre spoke at an event for Commonwealth Day at the Saskatchewan Legislature and a letter from King Charles was read in the Legislative Assembly. The event was put on by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. I was part of a recent trip to London and Edinburgh representing Saskatchewan on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

WESK reception

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Innovation Saskatchewan reception

I learned a lot at the Innovation Saskatchewan reception at the Legislature Tuesday evening. I had the chance to speak with some of the province's top researchers, and learned a lot about the cutting edge research being done in Saskatchewan on so many fronts.

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WESK event in Moosomin

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