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## Large turnout already

**Today is election day, 250,000 ballots already cast**

Today—Monday, October 28—is Election Day in Saskatchewan, but more than 250,000 people had already voted in the 2024 provincial election by the end of Friday, more than 30 per cent of eligible voters.

There are 811,779 eligible voters across the province, casting ballots in 61 constituencies.

More people than ever are voting before Election Day. About 60,000 people a day voted last week. On the first day of voting, Tuesday, there were 60,739 votes cast. That compares to 41,458 on the first day of voting in 2020, 24,615 on the first day of voting in 2016, and 16,096 on the first day of voting in 2011.

**Election day voting** takes place from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28.

**Candidates in Moosomin-Montmartre** are Kevin Weedmark of the Saskatchewan Party, Chris Ball of the NDP, Remi Rheault of the Green Party, Adam Erickson of the Sask United Party, and Otis Ayre of the Buffalo Party.

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### Football action

The Moosomin Generals U18 girls played their final regular season game against the Melville Vipers on Saturday, October 19. The Generals finished second in the Prairie Girls Football League and now move on to playoffs to take on Swan Valley. Above is Maddy Judd being tackled at bottom right, with Avery Donald, bottom left, pushing the pile. Turn to page 29 for more photos.

Kara Kinna photo

## Town may be eligible for more housing incentive funding

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The town of Moosomin could be eligible for more money through the Housing Accelerator Fund—that was the news at Moosomin's Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday when Moosomin EDO Casey McCormac gave a report on the town's progress in reaching its housing goals

under the fund.

Moosomin made headlines in early August after announcing it was offering a \$30,000 up-front cash incentive for every new housing unit built in town, plus \$8,000 for each additional door on multi-unit properties. McCormac found herself fielding calls from all over Canada, and even a few international calls.

The project was made possible due to a federal grant through the Housing Accelerator Fund totalling \$1 million. In collaboration with the Moosomin Community Builders Alliance, a plan was created for how to use the million-dollar grant. To simplify the process, those funding dollars are put up front when someone builds a home.

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# New pharmacy to open in November

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

Kari Meyers shared an update on the new pharmacy that is soon to open in Moosomin At the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Tuesday, October 22.

Kari Meyers, who grew up in Moosomin and graduated from McNaughton High School, said she is thrilled to announce the opening of her new Pharmacy in town.

After pursuing her pharmacy studies at the University of Saskatchewan, Meyers gained diverse experience working in various locations, including Medicine Hat and Golden, B.C., where she played a crucial role in launching a pharmacy from the ground up.

She later moved back to Moosomin with her family and began working at Rexall, which was later sold to RX Pharmacies.

With RX Pharmacies having expanded significantly over the last few years, to over 200 locations across Canada, Meyers says that her new business will allow her to focus on community needs and support, which is her primary goal.

Meyers says she has always had the idea of starting her own pharmacy in the back of her mind and her husband gave her the encour-

agement she needed to make it happen.

"I have always had the inclination to own a pharmacy, but never really had the means to do it. My husband has given me a huge push."

Meyers hopes that a new pharmacy will create a positive impact locally.

"I want to be part of the community, I want to be able to donate to something in the community, and the large chain pharmacies just didn't have that philosophy anymore, so I thought this is something I could do on my own."

"I love to shop and support local businesses, and as a business owner, I'll be able to support local even more."

The planned opening date is set for November 13th, pending inspections and approval from the College of Pharmacy.

Kari is eager to get back to doing what she loves, "I am super excited to be open and be a pharmacist again."

Meyers is working hard to ensure everything looks perfect for the grand opening.

She aims to create a welcoming space that meets all regulatory requirements, and is community oriented.



Kari Meyers speaks about her new business, Kari's Pharmacy, at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday.



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# Town may be eligible for more housing incentive funding

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Once approved and the residents move in, the town gives the cash to the developer.

McCormac told those gathered at last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting that she's confident in the town's the target of 43 building permits by the end of 2025.

"We're sitting at 31 building permits—27 multi unit/other, three multi unit/missing middle, and one single family home," McCormac said. "So that leaves 12 spaces."

While the town has until 2027 to spend the money, McCormac anticipates not only hitting the goal ahead of time, but possibly the prospect of more funding.

"I had a training session for the yearly reporting, which we have to do in February, and they said that if we're ahead of our initiatives, we will probably be eligible for more funding, and we are definitely ahead," McCormac told those gathered for the Chamber meeting on Oct. 22. "So we

may be able to get some more funding and put in some more spots in our incentive program."

Funding through the HAF program is split into four installments, as McCormac pointed out.

"We got the first and then at the next year mark, in 2025, we'll get the next one," she said. "It just comes every year, our payment was split into four years."

At the same time, the town of Moosomin learned it would be receiving funding through the HAF, announcements were also made for the Buffalo River Dene Nation, City of Humboldt, and Town of Outlook for a total of more than 140 housing units over three years, projected to spur over 560 homes in the next 10 years.

Comparatively, Humboldt and Outlook are not enjoying the same success as Moosomin. During another meeting, McCormac learned that Humboldt's program has netted 36 permits of a 120 goal, while Outlook is sitting at four of 26.

**Right:** Moosomin EDO Casey McCormac speaking at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. McCormac gave an update on Moosomin's progress in using the Housing Accelerator Fund to reach at last 43 new housing units by the end of 2025.



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## Thanks to contribution from Darlene Strong: Stained glass studio open at MVAC

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

The Moosomin Visual Arts centre has recently made an addition with the opening of a new stained glass studio, thanks to a donation from Darlene Strong. The new glass studio is aimed to provide an opportunity to learn the art of stained glass.

Darlene Strong, who has a strong passion for the hobby, donated over \$5,000 towards this studio, which doesn't include the hours of work she dedicated to painting, setting up and organizing the new studio.

As a member of the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre board, Darlene noticed the high demand for stained glass classes in the area.

She said "I thought, that's something I can take on! I am a project person, so it was really fun for me to put this together."

Darlene fell in love with stained glass during her grade 12 year of high school while she was cut-



Nicole Taylor photo

### \$5,000 contribution to Moosomin Visual Arts Centre

Artist Darlene Strong, right, has presented \$5,000 worth of stained glass supplies and equipment to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre. At left is Visual Arts Centre chair Krista Crellin.



Nicole Taylor photo

### Sentimental piece

Artist Darlene Strong displays a stained glass work she made in honor of her mother, featuring her mother's silverware. She has donated \$5,000 worth of stained glass supplies and equipment to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre, where she will teach stained glass classes.

ting a mirror for a class project.

Strong says that the most challenging part for beginners is getting over their fear of cutting the glass. "Glass is not forgiving, it doesn't stretch or bend. It's got an attitude."

Strong says that one of her favourite aspects of teaching is the excitement from students who say "I didn't think I could do this!" after they successfully create their own pieces for the first time.

Darlene was proud to show her most sentimental piece that she has created from stained glass, a remembrance of her mother.

"I knew I wasn't going to use my mother's silver, so this was a nice way to create a remembrance for

her," she explained.

Strong explained how many people come to her with old valuables and items that hold sentimental value because they want to preserve their loved ones' belongings.

Darlene's favourite part of cutting glass is the soldering process. "I like the challenge and edging the pattern," she says.

Darlene will teach classes every month, and she has the capacity to take 4 people per lesson in the stained glass studio.

Strong says The next class will be held November 22 where they will

creating Christmas decorations.

Krista Crellin, the chair of MVAC, says that so far the program has received around \$40,000- \$50,000 in donations from the community.

The centre opened earlier this year, after the idea became a solid plan last year.

Crellin says they are very grateful for all of the donations and volunteers, and every time she walks into the centre she is so proud of how far the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre has come in such a short amount of time.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>

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- Committed to sustainable growth while preserving our history.
- Dedicated to building a safe, inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

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On November 13<sup>th</sup>  
vote  
**GREG NOSTERUD**

for Moosomin Town Council

*"I am looking for your continued support and vote to bring my experience with council and passion for Moosomin and its residents to another term on council."*

- Years of council and volunteer experience
- Strong advocate for community projects such as the airport expansion, treatment centre, & Highway 8 bypass
- Strong interest in volunteer work and preserving the town's history
- Interest in seeing the town continue to grow & thrive
- Approachable, honest, driven, and passionate individual

*"Moosomin has always been my home, and my family's home. As a family, we have loved seeing the growth and change happening in our community. I hope with your support, I can continue to advocate and be involved in change while seeing the projects I've taken part in continue!"*



A voter casting their ballot in Moosomin during Voting Week.

## Large turnout already

*Continued from front*

**Voting locations in Moosomin-Montmartre** are Moosomin Legion, Whitewood Legion, Rocanville Community Centre, Wapella School, Fleming Community Hall, McLean Community Centre, Vibank Seniors Centre, Francis Town Hall, Odessa Community Hall, Indian Head Memorial Hall, Sinteluta Silver Horizons Centre, Carry the Kettle Community Hall, Montmartre Seniors Golden Age Club, Glenavon Centennial Hall, Wolesey Town Hall/Opera House, Grenfell Community Hall, Zagime Anishinabek Community Complex, Cowessess Band Hall, Chief Joseph Crowe Governance Centre at Kahkewistahaw First Nation, Broadview Community Centre, and Windthorst Community Recreation Centre.

**Candidates in Cannington** are Daryl Harrison of the Saskatchewan Party, Dianne Twietmeyer of the NDP, Natalie Lynd-Clydesdale of the Green Party, Barbara Helfrick of the Sask United Party, and Michelle Krieger of the Buffalo Party.

**Locations in Cannington** are Wawota Drop In Centre, Fairlight Drop In Centre, Maryfield Harmony Senior Centre, Kipling Community Centre & Town Hall, Kennedy Friendship Centre, Redvers Golden Age Centre, Manor Community Hall, Village of Fillmore Office, Corning

Community Hall, Kenosee Lake Four Seasons Drop-In, White Bear First Nation Community Hall, Antler Community Hall, Carlyle Happy Gang Club, The Optimist Legion Hall in Arcola, Kisbey Rec Centre, Pheasant Rump Community Centre, Stoughton Legion Hall, Ocean Man Band Hall, Griffin Community Recreation Centre, Lampman Prairie Lily Club, Frobisher Union Church, Alameda Merrymakers, Oxbow Friendship Club, Glen Ewen Communiplex, Alida Golden Gate Centre, St. Andrew's United Church in Carnduff, Storthoaks Sunshine Club, Carievale Community Hall, Gainsborough Community Hall.

**Candidates in Melville-Saltcoats** are Warren Kaeding of the Saskatchewan Party, Karen Hovind of the NDP, Micah Mang of the Green Party, Curtis Brooks of the Sask United Party, and Frank Serfas of the Buffalo Party.

**Locations in Melville-Saltcoats** are S.N. Boreen Community Centre in Esterhazy, Spy Hill Community Hall, Spy Hill, Saltcoats and District Community Hall, Calder Community Hall, MacNutt Recreational Centre, Langenburg Community Centre, Churchbridge Community Centre, Bredenburg Busy Bees, Melville Community Works Gym, Lemberg Friendship Centre, Neudorf Community Hall, Grayson Senior Citizen's Centre, Bangor Hall, and Senior's Ethnic Centre in Stockholm.



### Casting his ballot

Voting in the Saskatchewan provincial election started on Tuesday, October 22, with Voting Week taking place October 22-26, and Election Day today, October 28. Kevin Weedmark, the Saskatchewan Party candidate for the Moosomin-Montmartre riding, cast his ballot at the Moosomin Legion Hall on Tuesday morning last week.

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### Town of Moosomin

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Voting will take place on **Thursday, November 7th, 2024** between the hours of 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm at Conexus Convention Centre (Located at Bradley Park) 113 Wright Road East, Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

Paul Listrom  
Returning Officer

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## NOTICE OF POLL

### Town of Moosomin

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## Moosomin Town Council

# Councillors thanked for their service

Chris Davidson served for 21 consecutive years on council, Ron Fisk for eight years

BY KARA KINNA

With Wednesday's meeting being the last meeting of Moosomin Town Council before municipal elections on November 13, councillor Garry Towler thanked councillors Chris Davidson and Ron Fisk for their service on council. Davidson and Fisk will not be running in the upcoming election.

Davidson is one of the town's longest serving councillors. First elected in October 2003, he has served 21 consecutive years on council. He received a 20-year service award at last year's SUMA convention.

Fisk was first elected in 2016 and has served for two terms on council.

Mayor Larry Tomlinson also thanked everyone on council for their service over the last four years.

"I really want to thank this whole council for standing behind me and for what we've done over the last four years," he said. "I think we've accomplished a pile of stuff and we've kept the taxes at a half decent level and we're in good financial shape."

"I want to thank everyone for all of their help. It's been great working with everybody. I'm going to miss Ron and Chris seeing as they are not running. I just want to thank everybody. It's been great working with everybody."

### CP Holiday train returning

CP Rail sent a letter to the town informing them that the CP Holiday Train is returning to Moosomin. The train will be in Moosomin on Friday, December 6 at 11:55 am on the north side of the tracks at 1001 Front Street.

"CP will encourage community members to make donations to the local food bank of your choice in the lead

up to and at the event," said the letter from CP. "In the past, your chosen organization was the Moosomin and District Food Bank."

### Rider Express expanding its bus routes

Council received a letter from Rider Express, an inter-city bus company, informing them of their plans to expand their routes to include service from Calgary to Winnipeg starting in April 2025. "We recognize the strong demand for this connection among residents in your communities," read the letter.

The letter said that in the second week of March, they would be actively promoting the new route in all communities along the way. They asked to arrange a meeting with the town council and residents to provide more information about their routes, which will extend from Vancouver to Winnipeg.

### O'Rourke joins EDC

Council received an email from Tyler Thorn with the Community Builders Alliance informing them that Mark O'Rourke with MNP would be replacing Kevin Weedmark as the CBA's representative on the Economic Development Committee.

Weedmark has stepped down to run in the provincial election as the Sask Party Candidate for the Moosomin-Montmartre riding. The EDC is made up of members of the CBA, town council and RM of Moosomin council.

### Business license bylaw approved

Council approved a new business license bylaw. The

town's current bylaw was created in 1992, and the new bylaw is more thorough, would cover more types of businesses, and has updated terminology and pricing based on different types of businesses and projects.

The new bylaw also gives people 30 days to pay for their business license after being billed, and includes a four month seasonal license for seasonal businesses.

### Thank you for paving

Council received an email from Wayne McGonigal thanking the town for repairing the street in front of his house and at Zaylie's Furniture. McGonigal had requested some pavement repairs in those areas and said the repairs were much appreciated.

### Town to receive \$84,607 from CCBF

Council received a letter informing them that the first installment of \$84,607 in funding under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF—formerly the Gas Tax Fund) for 2024-25 will be transferred to the town.

### Projects at Bradley Park moving along

Councillor Murray Gray gave the rec report to council. He noted that the rec department has been working hard on getting Golf World completed at Bradley Park, and that the project is around 90 per cent complete. He also said the outdoor pickleball court project at Bradley Park is progressing, and is about 70 per cent complete. Work completing the outdoor basketball court near the pool has been pushed back to next year.

# Boda says Voting Week went well

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Today, Oct. 28, is the last day of voting in Saskatchewan's 30th general election, and Voting Week numbers showed a healthy turnout going into the weekend.

After the first two days, 119,406 ballots were cast by voters—numbers that Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Michael Boda is encouraged by.

There were around 810,000 registered voters this year, who had the task of choosing 61 MLAs from a pool of 243 candidates (up from 236 in 2020).

"On the last day of voting, Monday, Oct. 28, voting locations will be open from 9 am to 8 pm and our first preliminary count will take place as soon as the polls close on the last day of voting," explained Boda last Friday morning. "We've made every effort to ensure that voting locations are accessible and convenient for any voter who chooses to access

them as well."

In speaking with reporters last week, Boda noted more than 32,400 applicants were approved by mail, which decreased from 56,000 in 2020.

"We debuted vote by mail during the last election, during the Covid pandemic," Boda said, adding the application deadline for vote by mail was Oct. 19. "However, the goal was really not to introduce vote by mail until 2028. Covid really expedited that, and we have been receiving paper and online applications for vote by mail since June of this year. Our portal opened up in June, we were working in advance of that to promote vote by mail."

Mobile polls during Voting Week were also held in 369 nursing homes across Saskatchewan, and Boda also touched on other unique voting situations, such as hospital and even remand voting.

This prompted a question regarding homeless and unhoused voters, as

typically the first question at a polling station is for a voter to present identification containing an address.

"There is an opportunity for people who are homeless to vote," Dr. Boda said. "They would work through a shelter, and we have connected with shelters across the province in that regard. This is a challenge...because of the identification issue, but if they're working with the shelter, the shelter can provide identification to them in the way that we do that for nursing homes, for example, we have a process that we can go through, and we have been reaching out to shelters."

### First-ever Voting Week

"We're feeling very comfortable with the first ever voting week," Boda said.

"We understand that this has been a transition over a couple of cycles, so we have been preparing for this, however, what we are seeing is that voters are leaning into this."

Turnout numbers over the first few days of Voting Week showed a significant increase from early voting in previous years, something Boda believes draws back to convenience.

"It's about convenience for the voters. There's 56 hours of voting and they can come early," he said.

Reporting of election results will begin on the evening of Oct. 28 with a second preliminary count two days later, which is also when the vote by mail ballots will be counted.

Smaller locations will likely have results posted first on the last day of vot-

ing, with larger centres coming in later because there are more ballots to count.

"Much of the reporting of results early in the night will come from those smaller last day voting locations in rural constituencies," Boda said Friday. "So when the rural constituencies report first, and you're not seeing results from urban constituencies until

later in the evening, that is not evidence that there is trouble with our results reporting. We want you to know in advance, that given the system we have, this is what we fully expect."

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**Councillor Bernard McKinnon**

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# Bot seeks mayor's seat in Esterhazy

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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After eight years as a town councillor, Randy Bot has his sights set on the mayor's seat in Esterhazy, challenging longtime mayor Grant Foster in the election on Nov. 13.

"There's a lot of positive opportunity for change in the community, and instead of being 'a vote,' I kind of wanted to get more serious on going out there, making connections and trying to find opportunities for the community," he said when asked what made him decide to run for mayor. "I feel like I can do that better as the mayor than I could as a councillor."

Bot sees the mayor position as a way to affect even greater change on a municipal government level.

"I enjoyed being a councillor, but I think it's time to move forward," he said. "If you're not trying to bring it to the next step, then I'm just going to be standing still doing the same thing forever, right? I'm just more interested in building those relationships and connections outside of the community, to try to bring new things and positivity into the community."

Along with two people vying for mayor, there are nine candidates for the six councillor positions in this election.

"It's going to be good having different people in those positions and some different opinions, bringing new ideas to the table," Bot said. "I hope that they're happy with what we've been doing so far, and we can build off the strengths of the other councillors that will be back. That's my biggest thing is excitement, some new faces in there, as it's been the same council for a long time now. Change is good, I think, and hope-



Randy Bot

fully it will go on to a positive direction."

A main priority for Bot is drumming up ways to bring revenue into town, through attracting more residents and businesses—therefore increasing the taxation base and ultimately lowering the overall burden for large-scale projects—and looking at ideas such as selling water once the new water treatment plant is finished.

"I feel like for so long, we get these big projects, and we're putting all that pressure onto the taxpayers because we don't have enough revenue sources aside from taxation," Bot said. "I just want to help try to drive down the cost of living, to make Esterhazy even more of an appealing place to be."

Maintaining roads and sidewalks is also top of mind for Bot, but equal-

ly important is fixing what he sees as a disconnect between council and taxpayers.

"You can't forget about the other things that are going on, like our aging infrastructure and our facilities and stuff like that that still needs upkeep," he said. "One of my biggest things is to get our paving program going again, to start getting our roads repaired. We have a lot of sidewalks in town that really need some attention, so I want to make sure that we have a plan going forward to keep putting money into that infrastructure and not be blinded by just that one project."

As for the disconnect issue, Bot feels it all boils down to increased transparency.

"I just find that there's needs in the community that aren't being met," he said. "Usually, from watching social media or hearing people on the streets, they just feel like they could get a little bit more transparency from council and the mayor."

If elected, Bot vows to keep those communication lines open, committing office time in order to have that availability with the public.

"If the taxpayers do have any issues or concerns, they can come meet with me and know that their concerns will be brought to council and they'll be getting a response back from me," he said. "I just want to have a relationship where they're happy with the transparency coming from their council, because at the end of the day, we work for them, right?"

A paramedic for the past 17 years, Bot has also been part of the Rockin' the Park event, serving on the Recreation Committee, and has volunteered with events such as the big toy drive with the Bargain Shop and Santa Claus Day events.



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## In our opinion:

# Political games taking priority over Canadians' rising food costs

**Bloc Quebecois push to protect the dairy industry will raise food prices, limit trade opportunities, and harm businesses**

More than half of Canadians are feeling the pressure of the rising cost of living. It is even affecting eating habits. Not only have many given up little luxuries like occasional restaurant meals, but they are now much more frugal in their grocery shopping, and some have even had to cut back on what they eat.

Having enough money to buy food is a basic necessity, and you'd expect the Canadian government to take this issue seriously. Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to be the case. For many politicians, playing political games seems to take priority. A clear example of this is the Bloc Quebecois, whose support in Parliament is now crucial to prevent a no-confidence vote and avoid triggering an election. This shows how politics can overshadow the well-being of the people.

The Bloc has offered to support the Trudeau government subject to certain conditions. One of these conditions is that a law be passed by Oct. 29 ensuring that supply management regulations for dairy and other products are not changed, nor used as bargaining tools in trade agreements or for securing similar benefits for Canada.

Restricting milk and related production has long been a "sacred cow" for the Canadian government (pun intended). This system benefits the small number of producers who hold quotas but comes at a cost to everyone else. Not only do we have to pay higher prices for basic food items, but we're also limited in terms of choice. A more open industry could provide more options and variety, but the current system keeps those opportunities out of reach.

If that weren't bad enough, the proposed legislation takes things a step further. By demanding that supply management never be part of trade negotiations, Canada's ability to negotiate with other countries is severely limited. With fewer options on the table, Canada will likely receive less from other nations in return, reducing our access to international markets and customers.

This means that not only Canadian consumers are being harmed, but so are businesses, employers, and workers. Canadian firms that currently export or have the potential to export in the future will face limited access to international markets, restricting their growth and opportunities.

Canada relies heavily on exports due to its relatively small domestic market. Limiting our ability to reach international customers will lead to fewer and smaller producers within the country. This will result in fewer jobs, lower tax revenue, and a generally weaker economy.

As consumers, we will not only face higher prices and fewer options in the dairy aisle but every product or service that could have benefited from freer and more open trade negotiations will now be less available.

Right now, many Canadians are concerned about the upcoming American presidential election, and rightly so. Some of the proposed policies could hurt Canada. One such policy mentioned by Donald Trump is particularly worrying. In addition to the 60 percent tariff he wants to impose on all imports from China, he is now discussing a 10 percent or even 20 percent tariff on all imports from other countries, including Canada.

Let's set aside the fact that such tariffs would devastate the American economy and its consumers and focus on what it means for us. More than a third of Canada's economy depends on foreign trade, with the U.S. being our biggest trading partner. Imposing tariffs would close off, rather than expand, markets and trade opportunities. We know this would have serious negative effects on Canada.

We don't want others damaging our economy like this, yet the legislation proposed by the Bloc would do exactly that, even if on a smaller scale. The bill has already passed through the House of Commons and is now before the Senate. It's amazing that it has gone this far.

It's time for the Canadian government to demonstrate that it is governing for the benefit of all, or at least the majority, of Canadians. The interests of small pressure groups, like dairy farmers, must not be allowed to continue to squeeze our already strained budgets. Our international negotiators must be free to secure the best possible deals for us—whether as consumers seeking variety and affordable prices or as producers who need markets to grow their businesses, create jobs, and contribute to the economy.

The Bloc's proposed legislation should not be passed.

*Dr. Roslyn Kunin is a respected Canadian economist known for her extensive work in economic forecasting, public policy, and labour market analysis. She has held various prominent roles, including serving as the regional director for the federal government's Department of Employment and Immigration in British Columbia and Yukon and as an adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Kunin is also recognized for her contributions to economic development, particularly in Western Canada.*



## It's all about staying connected

Last Tuesday marked one of many, many, many Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meetings that I have attended over the years, right from the days when the meetings were hosted in the banquet room of the Country Squire Inn with Val Hodgson as the president back in 2002 after I first moved to Moosomin, to today where they are now hosted at the Canalta Hotel with Kevin running them as Chamber president for the last number of years.

It was your typical Chamber meeting, but by typical I actually mean exceptional, because Moosomin's Chamber meetings are known for being fruitful, with lots of people getting together from different parts of the community—town, economic development, business, school, RCMP, etc.—to talk about what's going on and keep the community connected.

This connection has been one of the keys to the area's success over the years, and I was reminded again Tuesday just how great a typical Chamber meeting is in helping all of us get things done and keep abreast of what's important to our community.

Probably the biggest news of the meeting came from Moosomin EDO Casey McCormac who announced to Chamber members that for communities like Moosomin, who are ahead of their housing goals under the Housing Accelerator Fund, there was an indication that more funding could be forthcoming. This is huge news for Moosomin which is in desperate need of more housing, as we can't build units quick enough.

From there Chamber members heard about the new pharmacy opening up on Main Street, owned by Kari Meyers, got an update on the Spookarama dance being planned and the need for volunteers and donations, heard from MacLeod Elementary School Principal Tammy Cole about the Holiday Smile Cookie fundraiser with funds this year going toward a new playground at the school, and heard about the local SCC Gift Card fundraiser. There was also an update on the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre and an update on Christmas events happening in Moosomin.

All of these things are important, all of them make a difference in our community, and by knowing about them, Chamber members can choose to support them or help out, or in the case of the new pharmacy and the HAC funding, be assured of the economic health of our community.

The meeting also had a presentation from Tyler Thorn on a municipal candidates meeting coming up in Moosomin—something that many people will likely be interested in attending as there are three people running for mayor of Moosomin, and 11 running for coun-



**Kara Kinna**

cil this year—a fantastic amount of interest for municipal council this time around in a town that is moving and shaking and needs a lot of big decisions made in the coming years!

In a great example of how these meetings bear fruit, after hearing the update on the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre at the meeting, Tyler Thorn of Celebration Ford got in touch with the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre to make a donation to the centre, and become a gold sponsor. He also signed his family up for MVAC Club memberships so that they can use the centre all year round at a reduced rate.

That is just one example of how a bunch of people getting together in a room to update each other can be tremendously beneficial. And I have no doubt that the benefits of that meeting will continue—that the Gift Card fundraiser will be supported, that people will be buying Holiday Smile Cookies like crazy, that Spookarama will get more donations and volunteers, that people will support the new pharmacy in Moosomin, that people will come out to the candidate meeting.

When people get together to connect, things happen. And Moosomin's Chamber meetings are proof of that. Over the years, Moosomin has been asked more than once by other communities on how to get similar groups running in their communities, and it's not hard to see why!

## No surprise that Creative Vision show is sold out

Creative Vision Productions' performance of Footloose scheduled for November 22-24 sold out last week.

This is no surprise. Made up of talented local artists and a massive group of hard-working local volunteers, the cast, crew and directors who put these performances on do an amazing job. I've been to musicals by professional theatre companies, and I can tell you that our little part of the world does an incredible job with these shows.

We have tickets to the performance of Footloose and I can't wait to see it, and to see what kind of magic Creative Vision's whipped up this time around! Kudos to everyone who is working on this show! I can already tell you that they deserve a lot of credit for the massive amount of hard work and imagination that went into it!



## Garry Towler running for Moosomin town council again

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Incumbent Garry Towler is seeking to be re-elected on Moosomin town council. Towler credited the environment of teamwork present with the current group of councillors as one of his main reasons for running again.

"You look at how Moosomin is growing, it's partly because of that," he said. "We haven't had conflict on the council, and that's the secret."

Infrastructure plus lowering the cost of housing are a couple of the priorities Towler has heading into this election. Careful planning is also important, as evidenced by Moosomin's \$30,000 housing incentive that received attention from places around the country.



Garry Towler

"You look at that housing accelerator fund, we could have probably had it in place last year, but as a council, we want to make sure it was done right," he explained. "That's the biggest thing, is making sure things are done right so we're not redoing things."

One project Towler is quite involved with is establishing a centre for mental health and addictions, something he's been involved with for the past three-and-a-half years in conversation with the government.

"It's caring for people, and, that's what I want to do is be there for the people of the community, to serve the people of the community, and to listen to the people," Towler said.

## Kyla Fingas running for Moosomin town council again

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Seeking another term on Moosomin town council, Kyla Fingas feels there so much more to learn.

"There's so much more that I would like to learn about town council and town operations, and there's also a couple of projects that I would like to see through to their completion," she said. "In addition, I think I've really grown a love for economic development and how the community is developing. So it was a no-brainer to run again."

In terms of future priorities, Fingas does have three key areas that she would like to see gain more attention in the next four years.



Kyla Fingas

"There's items such as public works and infrastructure and keeping taxes affordable that I think are always important, but

three areas of focus for me when it comes to contributing to the community would definitely be investigating avenues for affordable housing, preserving and creating green space in our community, and supporting healthcare professionals and services that we have in town, and potentially seeing that expand," she said.

Fingas is involved in the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre, on the Library Board, Moosomin Community Theatre board, and Creative Vision Productions. She's also been a part of Moosomin Minor Ball, Moosomin Minor Hockey, the Moosomin and District Music Festival, and MacLeod Elementary School Community Council.

## Ed Blondeau running for Moosomin town council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

One thing Ed Blondeau would like to bring forward with his bid to run for Moosomin Town Council is new ideas.

"The previous council has done really well and whatnot, but there's some health issues that got my concern," he said, pointing to the seemingly long process of getting a CT scanner into the Moosomin hospital as an example.

"Also mental health is a big deal with me because it affects everybody," noted Blondeau, who sits as chair of the Mental Health and Southeast Recovery Centre board in Moosomin. "We're trying to get a facil-



Ed Blondeau

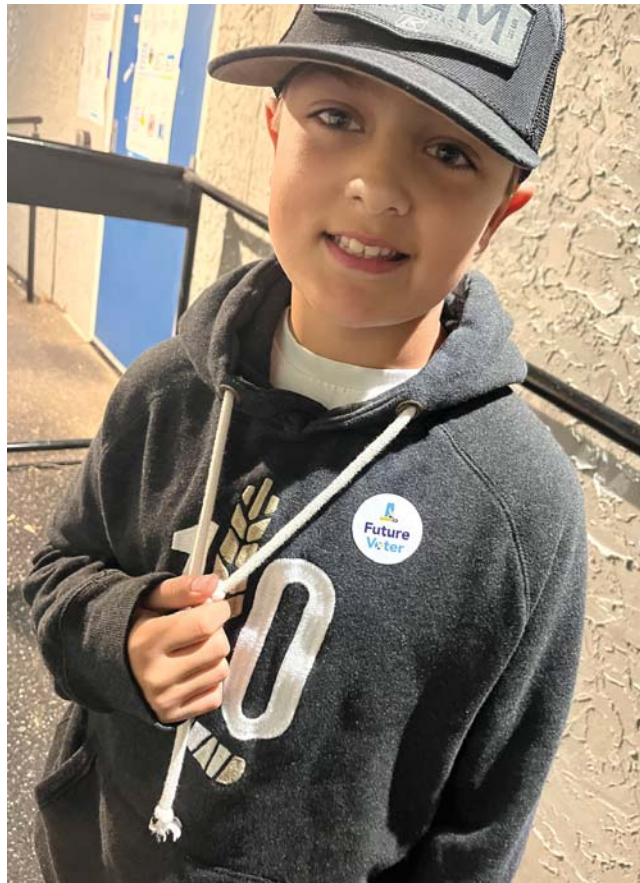
ity going here—it's just a matter of time, I think—but if we can get that going, that makes things just that

much better."

Some top priorities Blondeau would like to see addressed include economic development and infrastructure in Moosomin.

"We have no new infrastructure in order to turn around and say that we can expand the town and make things grow," he said. "Whether it be new businesses or old businesses, it's one of those deals where I think if we add a little bit more infrastructure, that might bring in new businesses."

Blondeau has been with the Moosomin Fire Department for more than 27 years, and is president of the Métis Local #44.



### Future voter

Drake McGonigal of Moosomin isn't old enough to vote yet, but he nabbed himself a "Future Voter" sticker when his parents went to vote in the provincial election last week.

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I'm looking forward to hitting my goal of an eXp Icon Award this month and MC-ing at the SRA Agent Safety Course this November in Regina, SK. I'm passionate about my career and the connections I make, as I'm raising my 2 sons Jap & Kip. My goal in this life is not only to leave a legacy to my sons but to SE Sask. It's an honour every time I get to be the first personality that can show people this is SE SK.

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## Courtney Mish Kipling Pharmasave

Growing up Courtney Mish knew early on that she wanted to be a pharmacist in rural Saskatchewan. In 2015 she completed a Bachelor of Science in Biology and in 2019 added a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. As pharmacy manager of Kipling Pharmasave Courtney is responsible for ensuring the appropriate policies and procedures are in place to deliver a high level of patient care. She ensures compliance with provincial guidelines regarding privacy, medication error reporting, and compounding. This is in addition to her daily responsibilities as a pharmacist, which includes assessing the appropriateness of new prescriptions, checking dosing, monitoring for interactions, prescribing for minor ailments, completing medication assessments, and administering vaccinations. When she is not at work, Courtney can be found at the rink coaching hockey with the U18AAA Regina Rebels and U18 Team Saskatchewan.



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## Lynnette Bock Bock & Company Law Office

Lynnette Bock grew up in Rocanville. After graduating from Rocanville School, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Brandon University. Lynnette then attended the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan, receiving her Juris Doctor. She completed her articling term in Regina, serving as a Law Clerk to the Justices of the Court of Queen's Bench.



Lynnette practiced with a local law firm for 8 years before establishing her sole practice in January 2011.

Lynnette, her husband Steven and daughters Ella, and Emmy, reside on a ranch southwest of Rocanville.

Lynnette practices in the areas of Real Estate, Estates, Estate Planning and Small Business Law from her main office in Esterhazy and her branch office in Rocanville.

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## Alyssa Jeannot Jeannot Electric

Jeannot Electric was established in 2014 by Kyle and Alyssa Jeannot! While she may not be wiring circuits herself, Alyssa keeps the lights on in the office literally, and figuratively! As the business administrator, Alyssa wears many hats, juggling everything from the books, to marketing, to unloading trucks. Alyssa is the team "amp-lifier" making sure everything runs smoothly in the office with a little bit of fun if she can sneak it in with holiday parties, and golf afternoons with the staff.



With a degree in primary care paramedicine, Alyssa's knowledge of electrical is limited, but she definitely knows how to keep the "voltage" high in the office, and ensures everyone (mostly Kyle) is amped up for success. Alyssa's favorite part of running a business is including the kids in the business wherever possible, the flexibility for her and her family, meeting new people, and watching the industry grow and evolve.

Fun Fact- Alyssa has often considered taking the electrical trade herself so she can help Kyle out more, and to better understand the trade. But every time she brings it up, Kyle quickly cuts the power to that dream! Alyssa says he either can't handle the competition in the office, or he wants her to stick to keeping the lights on in the office rather than rewiring them!

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Hi I'm Nicole MacPherson, sole proprietor of Envy's Dog House Boarding And Grooming.

I got my groomers certification in 2005, and graduated the Siast Veterinary Technology Diploma program in 2010. I worked locally as a registered Veterinary Technician until I opened Envy's Dog House in 2019.



This past August marked the 5th anniversary of Envy's Dog House. I now employ 5 part time staff members who share the same passion for animals as I do and all bring their own unique skills to the business. I love getting to know the guests that come to stay with us, and feel so blessed to be able to do this job I love every day!

We offer boarding and grooming services, and have hosted indoor obedience classes through the facility as well. My motto here is to treat every guest like I would one of my own pets.

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## Amanda Rokochy

### Carscadden Funeral Chapels Ltd.

Amanda was born and raised in Wawota, Saskatchewan, graduating from Wawota Parkland School in 1997. Amanda had previously spent 19 years working in the Gaming Industry, until joining the team at Carscadden Funeral Chapel on November 1, 2021. She is currently enrolled in the Canadian College of Funeral Service, working towards becoming a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer.



While Amanda still calls Wawota home, she is hoping to one day move to Moosomin and looks forward to providing care to the families of Moosomin and surrounding area in the years to come.

In her spare time, Amanda has many interests and hobbies that keep her busy! She has a love of sports, especially hockey, softball and golf, and enjoys both watching and participating. Over the years she has volunteered her time in a secretary/treasurer role for the Big Six Hockey League and the Triangle Hockey League. Amanda enjoys the outdoors and can be found kayaking, walking her dogs or going for a rip in her purple Dodge Challenger! She is also a proud Aunt to Jack and Penny and has enjoyed being involved in their many activities.

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## Ellisha Park

### Carscadden Funeral Chapels Ltd.

Ellisha grew up in Virden with her family and graduated from high school in 2011. She joined the staff of Carscadden Funeral Chapel in 2016 and graduated from the Canadian College of Funeral Service in 2018. Ellisha excelled in her studies, receiving the Jurisprudence, Embalming Excellence and Academic Achievement awards.



She is a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, receiving her licenses in 2018.

Ellisha and her partner, Eric Barkley, reside in Virden. In 2019 they welcomed their first child, Hadleigh, and in the fall of 2023 they welcomed their second child, Maverick.

In her spare time Ellisha enjoys camping and golfing. In the summer she can be found at the pool, a splash park, or a lake with the kids, as well as canning a variety of fruits and vegetables. In the winter she keeps busy with Hadleigh's sports of hockey and dance. Ellisha and Eric are also grain farmers, and keep busy with other farming responsibilities.

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### Owner

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## Gayleen Gurr

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I started selling Pampered Chef products in April of 1998. At that time, the company was only two years old with an awesome product. I wanted to work for myself and this was a good way to do that! I also felt there was a gap in the area for this kitchen product and I wanted to fill that gap. Since 1998 the product line has expanded to include everything from basic cooking to pantry items, to entertaining and to include small appliances.



I've built a team of 10 independent consultants that I've helped to start their own business. I have consultants from B.C. to Manitoba.

I really love being able to see my consultants succeed. It's really neat when they have a financial goal they want to reach, like buying a new car or paying for their kids' sports, and they make enough money through Pampered Chef to be able to do that! It's so nice to see them succeed, and you also make some awesome friendships along the way.

Bert and I live in Langbank with our very pampered pet cat Blackie. I enjoy gardening, spending time with family, cooking, and volunteering with my church in Kipling and with the Moosomin Armoury. I am here to help you with all your kitchen needs, if you need anything don't hesitate to call.

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## Karla Bell

### Kari's Pharmacy

My name is Karla Bell. I grew up on a farm south of Moosomin where my family farmed grain and cattle. After graduation from high school, I decided to pursue a career in pharmacy.



This decision was made after hearing my dad say for years that I should become a pharmacist. It turns out he was right! It has become a career that is perfect for me and that I love.

I graduated from the University of Saskatchewan Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy program in 2011. I then returned home to begin work as a pharmacist for Dale Szafron at 608 Birtle St.

Moosomin has always been my home and I was very happy to return. My husband Chris and I now reside just 10 minutes outside of Moosomin with our 2 children Emma (8) and Lee (3).

This year an opportunity for change presented itself. After hearing her plans, I knew Kari's Pharmacy was something I wanted to be a part of. I requested to partner with Kari in the opening of a new, independent pharmacy in Moosomin.

I am excited and honoured to be able to represent and serve my community through Kari's Pharmacy.

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## Sandra Garrett

### The Witch's Brew

Hi all, I'm Sandra Garrett.

I grew up in Maryfield Sask, but I have lived in Moosomin for over 30 years. Moosomin is my home town. To tell the truth, this is not where I thought I would be all those years ago, but I can't imagine living anywhere else now! Moosomin is the town where my husband Trevor and I have raised our son, and built a life.



In 1997 I was given the opportunity to complete the Apprenticeship program through SIAST and receive My Red Seal Journeyman in the Cooking Trade (Red Seal Chef). When Trevor and I decided 15 years ago to take a chance and open The Witch's Brew, it was a very big asset to have the knowledge from my training to bring my dream to reality!

Initially I was thinking it would be only a small coffee shop with some desserts. Boy was I wrong! Over the past 14 years we have evolved from drink, desserts and one daily lunch feature into a full service daytime restaurant with catering and private functions available for evenings. Witch's Brew has surpassed all expectations I initially had.

We know for certain that we wouldn't be where we are today without our family and our customers! The support we get from our town, surrounding towns and rural area is nothing short of amazing! Supporting our local business helps us support your local fundraisers, local sports teams, and local events! Thank you everyone for your support.

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## Arvelle McGonigal

### Zaylie Furniture Ltd.

Arvelle grew up in Moosomin, and lives in town with her Husband Wayne and 2 children Zayn and Charlie.

Zaylie Furniture opened its doors in April 2017. Zaylie Furniture has grown a lot over the past 7 1/2 years. With 10,000 sq feet of showroom floor they have a lot to offer!

Zaylie Furniture offers a wide variety of Appliance Brands such as Frigidaire, Electrolux, Samsung and GE.



Zaylie is carrying Lotus Mattresses, designed in Saskatchewan and made in Canada. Beautiful Furniture sold at Zaylie includes Ashley Furniture, Magnuson Furniture, as well as Decor-Rest Furniture that is Canadian made and custom.

And new to Zaylie is Cabinetry. Arvelle is working with Superior Cabinets and is ready to help make the Kitchen of your dreams!!

As well Zaylie has home decor from area rugs and lighting to wall decor and much more!

Arvelle offers in-home consultations for Interior Design and will make your space beautiful.

Zaylie is open 10am - 5pm Monday- Friday and 10am- 3 pm Saturdays and offers delivery, set-up and take away services!

Like us on Facebook, and Instagram.



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## Kara Kinna

### The World-Spectator

I grew up in the Estevan area and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism and Communications from the University of Regina in the spring of 2002 and started working at the World-Spectator in the fall of that year. After only a few months of covering Moosomin and the surrounding area as a reporter, I grew to love this area and knew it would be my new home!



After a few years of full-time reporting and getting to know this area of Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba inside and out, I moved more into the business end of the company, doing sales work and book work. In 2024 I became the editor of the paper but I continue to do sales, books, and some reporting (my true love) when I can!

I'm a busy person, but in the free time I have, I love to be outside. I enjoy gardening and yard work, as well as travelling, reading, swimming, and visiting

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## Delphine Gehl

### Living Skies Realty Ltd.

Delphine Gehl was born and raised in Esterhazy and has lived in the area her whole life.

Delphine has been a realtor in Esterhazy since 2006. With the retirement of her former broker in 2016, Delphine decided to become a real estate broker herself. In June of 2016, Delphine opened her own real estate brokerage, Living Skies Realty Ltd. in Esterhazy. Real estate has been a very rewarding career for Delphine, there is no better feeling than finding the perfect property for your client and seeing the joy on their face on possession day.

Terri Hayes has joined the Living Skies Realty Ltd. team as Office Manager in May, 2021 and has proved to be a valuable asset to our brokerage.

Living Skies Realty Ltd. serves all of Saskatchewan and is licensed to provide real estate services in: Residential, Commercial, Farm and Property Management.



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## Angela Hutchinson

### Rocanville Remedial Massage Therapies



Angela Hutchinson and Jill Bood branded Rocanville Remedial Massage in 2015. We have since grown to be a completely women run organization with 3 Registered Massage Therapists, a Reflexologist and Nail Tech and an Athletic Therapist. Angela offers services such as massage and lymphatic drainage. Jill offers massage and Rattan massage using warm bamboo sticks. We also have recently welcomed Ivy Decorbey, an Athletic Therapist with Valley Edge Therapy. Kelsey Selby is our business manager certified in Reflexology as well as spa services such as pedicures and dermaplaning. Kendra Fafard has been with us for a few years as an RMT and is now also a certified Osteopath. Grandma Mildred keeps our laundry pushing through and our students, Braelyn Spencer and Stella Kantymir do detoxes and keep us running!

Rocanville, SK | 306-645-0077  
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## Rolna Pranke

### RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty

I began my real estate career with RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty 17 years ago. I'm thrilled to have been part of hundreds of successful transactions. So many clients have become like family to me.



The brokerage has offices in Yorkton and Estevan, but my office has always been in my home in Moosomin. My husband Bernie and I have lived in the area our entire lives and I'm proud to say "I was born here". My clients appreciate having someone who has deep roots and a love for the community.

I'd like to give a huge thank you to my clients, family and friends for their continued support in making my business a success.

Buying or selling doesn't have to be stressful or confusing. I'm with you every step of the way!



Moosomin, SK | 306.435.7343

## Billie Johnson

### Paperclip Cottage Café

I was born and raised in Cypress Hills, and went to work in the oil patch for over a decade before I moved back to Kipling, where my mother was raised. This is where I wanted to raise my family, in small town Saskatchewan.

My mom, Ellen Johnson, is a Red Seal Chef. When the empty paperclip house on Main Street came up for tender, they wanted to put something in it because it is famous, and she decided that this town needed a little something, and that is how we ended up with the restaurant!

My mom and I started out running the restaurant as partners, and she has since retired, but everything in the Paperclip is based on her vision. Everything is homemade. The business is built on my mom's recipe for fresh bread every day, homemade cakes, pies, desserts, salads, soups and custom baking. On that fresh bread we make our famous cottage sandwiches. I also do catering, from weddings to grads, to barbecues to special occasions, plus I am a custom baker, so I can do pies, cheesecakes, cakes, etc.

We opened our doors in April 15, 2010 - 13 years ago. The house was built in 1912 and the house itself is famous, so us being here gives people a reason to come in and take a look! Plus we have become known for our great food!

I still love the cooking, the baking and the people. I love the fact that there were a lot of young staff who got their first start here. We are now back to a mother-daughter run business as my daughter Boyce has joined the team along with Claudia and myself. Once in a while when she can, Grandma still comes down and peels potatoes for me when I am catering.

We are open from 9 am to 3 pm on weekdays for breakfast and lunch each day. We are closed Saturday and Sundays as well as closed January 1st - until the end of February for winter.

I love this community and all the work I get to do in it!

Kipling, SK | 306-736-2182

## Suzanne Rotteau & Dee Mudkins

### Parkland CPAP Services Inc.

Suzanne started at Parkland CPAP Services in the summer of 2023. She brings her interests in sleep and health along with experience in education and customer service to the Parkland team. She is dedicated to contributing to the improvement of rural health care, despite the challenges it can pose. Those new to therapy, seasoned, or inquiring about their health are always welcome for a discussion! She looks forward to assisting the community through education, care, and client support. Suzanne is excited to provide a helping, supportive hand throughout your CPAP journey!



Born and raised in Moosomin, Dee knows firsthand that the biggest hearts are found in smaller communities and is proud to be part of rural Saskatchewan.

Dee enjoys providing education, help and support to all clients and staff at Parkland CPAP Services. She has been with the Moosomin clinic since it's opening in 2021. She loves seeing the people of Moosomin and surrounding area get the good quality sleep that is so important to overall health and wellbeing.

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## Shelley Pritchard-Szaroz

### Shelley's Kneedles and Knots

I am a Registered Massage Therapist with a diploma in Advanced Acupuncture. I have been in business in Moosomin for 19 years and own Shelley's Kneedles and Knots.



I have taken many continued education courses over the years, including but not limited to: cranial sacral therapy, shoulder rehab following mastectomy, living with chronic pain, exercise and movement prescription in modern clinical practice, as well as optimizing hip, knee, and shoulder function pre-and post surgery.

I am looking forward to taking Thai reflexology in November 2024. I have been a part of some of the largest Pain Summits in the world, based in San Francisco and I have learned from many knowledgeable people over my 22 year career. I have been honored to be a part of many people's health journeys and take pride in continuing my education regularly so that I can continue to give the best care and treatment options that I can.

Moosomin has been an incredibly supportive community for my business and I am proud to call Moosomin home. If you'd like to book an appointment with me or one of my other practitioners, please go to www.shelleyskneedlesandknots.com

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## Pat Siemens

### Pat's Pictures

Hello, I am Pat Siemens and I operate a small Photography business known as Pat's Pictures out of our home. I was born and raised in Brandon, Manitoba but now married for over 20 years and residing near Kola, Manitoba on a farm with my husband and 2 boys.



My passion for photography started in high school. So here I am, 32 plus years later, I still have the same passion and it continues to grow. As a photographer, I have participated in courses and seminars to keep current and that will always be an ongoing process.

I have seen many changes in photography over the years with the advent of digital photography. It has become as much art as simply photographing portraits. I'm still a firm believer in quality portraits that belong on the walls, over mantels, and also in our wallets.

Pat's Pictures has evolved from wedding and family photography to now including school portraits, sports teams and individuals, graduations, passport pictures, and event photography.

A huge thank you goes out to my devoted clientele and many wonderful people that I've met and continuing to meet. They keep me passionate about my photography which makes me continue to strive to deliver quality.

"Portraits are Memories and Memories are Forever"

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## Terra Talbot

### Prairie Strong

### Chartered Professional Accountants

Terra Talbot grew up in Esterhazy. After graduating from Esterhazy High School, she attended SIAST for a Diploma in Accounting, and returned to the Dubuc area in 1998 to work in Melville for Prairie Strong Chartered Professional Accountants (then Skilnick & Partners). While living in Dubuc and working in Melville over the next 10 years she started a family, had two children, and continued her education by correspondence. She sat the CA exams in the fall of 2009, and received her Chartered Accountant designation in early 2010, when she moved work location to the Esterhazy office of Prairie Strong.

Terra practiced as an associate of the firm from 2010 until August 2022, when she became the partner and manager of the firm's Esterhazy location. Terra has returned to Esterhazy to live and work in her hometown.

Terra enjoys working with the diverse client groups and industries that public practice allows, and also enjoys helping new businesses to get started on the right path.



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## Keysha Horn

### Studio Twenty Five

Keysha, born in Moosomin and raised in Wapella, embarked on her journey in the beauty industry after graduating high school. She moved to Moose Jaw, SK, where she began her education in hair styling and esthetics. With five years of experience now as co-owner of Saffyre Salon and Spa in Regina, SK alongside her close friend Karlee Ducek, Keysha is thrilled to bring her expertise back home by establishing Studio Twenty Five.



Since her first day at Elite Hairstyling & Esthetics in August 2016, Keysha has pursued her passion with dedication, earning her Journeyman Certification in May 2019, along with her full Esthetician Certification. She believes that continuous learning is essential for growth, which is why she has participated in numerous international classes, connecting with some of the most renowned hair stylists in the industry.

Opened in August 2024, Studio Twenty Five is already creating a buzz in the community, thanks to the incredible support from her clients. The salon offers a serene oasis filled with natural light, lush plants, and a fun shopping experience. Keysha is committed to maintaining a tranquil environment where clients can unwind and enjoy their pampering sessions.

When she's not at the salon, Keysha loves spending time with family and friends, watching her brother's hockey games, traveling, or honing her skills in another hair class.

Keysha extends her heartfelt gratitude to the community for the warm welcome and support that has made her first two months in business so successful. She also wishes to thank her family for their encouragement and support to getting her to where she is now. With ambitious plans on the horizon, Keysha can't wait to share the exciting future of Studio Twenty Five with all of you!

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## Rita Herperger

### Holistic Therapist of Orenda Healing

Rita Herperger, Owner and Holistic Therapist of Orenda Healing in Stockholm, Sask. is described as an empathetic, compassionate, non-judgmental, and caring woman, who has taken these qualities and expanded her knowledge to address the needs of all. To this end, she has developed a holistic approach in her practice, which helps her to help others build from a foundation of self love; growing and experiencing life from a more positive perspective.



Classically trained as a Social Worker, Rita noticed that talk therapy/counseling by itself was not always effective in helping clients reach the root of their issues, where true healing must begin. Having started her own healing journey utilizing holistic concepts and strategies, Rita's work is wholly heart-centered. Identifying as a Holistic Therapist, Rita integrates traditional psychological tools and strategies with spiritual energetic healing practices to create a personalized, holistic approach to healing for her clients. Rita's unwavering belief in the interconnectedness of the mind, body, and spirit as the foundation to overall wellness, supercharges her passion to help all people to be the highest version of themselves. Recently Rita has begun addressing women's mental health issues by bringing women together to help each other heal. With her ongoing education, and holistic personal growth, she created and developed the Goddess Connection. It is through this concept that women can heal, grow and connect with other women through monthly women's circles "A Gathering" and through amazing programs such as "Healing the Sister Wound" and "Healing the Mother Wound". Rita explains, "Women need women to heal. I truly believe that by bringing women together and helping each other heal from patriarchal ideology and limiting beliefs, we will eventually reach our ideal of a world united. Learning how to integrate the feminine and masculine energies into a healthy state within each of us, and collectively, will heal women, globally...when women heal, families heal!"

With over 20 years of experience as a registered social worker and counsellor, she is honored to include clients from across Canada, South Africa, Barbados, UK, Brazil, and the US among her list of clientele and looks forward to including you in this list of healing!

Stockholm, Sask. | (306) 740-6242

## Chelsea Stewart

### House of Hearing

House of Hearing is locally owned and operated by Chelsea Stewart, a professional and licensed audiologist, since January 2022. Chelsea graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Masters of Clinical Science in Audiology in 2014.



House of Hearing is located in Esterhazy, SK, and provides hearing services to individuals 4 years and older. Chelsea started House of Hearing when her husband was relocated to Esterhazy for work. Audiology positions in rural Saskatchewan are limited, and Chelsea wanted to be in control of the care she provided to her patients. Chelsea believed entrepreneurship was the best way to provide honest and caring service and help close the gap for individuals needing hearing services in rural Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Opening House of Hearing allowed Chelsea to continue to do what she loves and be an involved wife and mom to their 3 children. Chelsea is proud to offer services in Rocanville and Broadview and provides house calls to help eliminate the barriers patients face with travel. Chelsea is passionate about taking time for her patients, providing thorough and accurate audiology services, educating, and providing honest recommendations.

House of Hearing offers a wide variety of hearing services and solutions including hearing evaluations, hearing aid fitting, adjustments, and repairs, earwax removal, custom hearing protection, loaner hearing aids, and more. House of Hearing can directly bill Workers' Compensation Board (SK and MB), Non-Insured Health Benefits for First Nation and Inuit, and Supplementary Health. Chelsea strives to provide affordable services to her patients and offers payment plans.

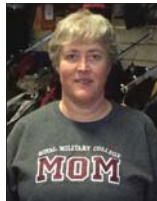
At House of Hearing, patients receive professional, honest, and informative care. This year, House of Hearing received the Women's Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan (WESK) Innovation Award. When Chelsea started House of Hearing, she created a business model that was focused on a care-based model with a focus on people over profit. This business model addressed the challenges Chelsea identified while working in the hearing industry over the past 10 years. Chelsea took the principles of working in a healthcare setting into private practice. Simplifying the hearing care experience and creating a patient and family-centered approach continues to be our top priority.

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## Andrea Wasmuth

### Whitewood Outdoor and Pet Supplies

My husband and I opened our business in 2007 and have expanded to our third and current building.



We started out carrying camping, hunting, fishing and pet supplies and have expanded into workwear and footwear and often surprise people with our variety of products.

We carry Horizon, a Saskatchewan made pet food and Canadian naturals made in BC as well as a large selection of other pet food and products. We draw customers from a fairly large area and appreciate all the support.

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## Tara Kardash

### Able Eavestrouthing

Tara Kardash, originally from Wapella is the Residential Construction Manager and National Construction Safety Officer at Able Eavestrouthing. Her father Terry Szafron opened the business in Wapella 43 years ago. The business now serves southeastern Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Western Ontario.



The company offers metal roofing, siding, eavestrouthing, soffit, fascia and custom manufactured flashing. There are currently offices in Brandon and Wapella with 20 full time employees.

Tara enjoys working in the construction industry and the people with whom she works.

She feels strongly about giving back to the community. Tara can be seen at events around the region. She resides in Brandon.

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## Kimberly Setrum

### Royal LePage Martin Liberty Sask Realty

Kim has been a real estate agent with Royal LePage Premier Realty since 2015, and is now partner with Royal LePage Martin Liberty Sask Realty. You'll find Kim at her in the Broadway Commons Building at 640 Main Street: where she is associate broker for the Royal LePage office in town!



Kim grew up in Moosomin, where she currently lives with her family and has strong admiration for all surrounding communities as her business grows and develops. In the spring of 2019 Kim donated all of the material and labour to build a mini golf course at the Outdoor Eventplex at Bradley Park as a way to give back to her community and the surrounding area.

Over the years, Kim has won numerous awards with Royal LePage. This year she was #8 in Canada for sales out of over 20,000 agents. She won the Chairman's Award this year for the 2nd year in a row as well as the Executive Circle Award again.

In 2020/2021, she won the Diamond Award along with The Top 10 in Saskatchewan Award and Top 35 under 35 across Canada award. In 2019, the Diamond award and for two years in a row (2017/2018) the Platinum Award. In addition, the first two years of her career she won President's Gold Award for Sales (2015/2016).

In 2017 Kim challenged the Interprovincial Salesperson Exam and passed, allowing her to be registered to sell real estate in Manitoba and to also serve Southwest Manitoba for Royal LePage Martin-Liberty Realty.

Kim considers real estate as much a passion as it is a business, and prides herself on offering high quality real estate services through Royal LePage, a company that goes the extra mile to help clients, and whose motto is "Helping you is what we do."

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## Andrea Balon

### Best Cellars



I consider myself very fortunate to have my career with Best Cellars - House of Spirits in Kipling. I have been working at the store since it opened in 2017, and was promoted to Store Manager 5 years ago. I get to spend my days doing what I love. I have such a passion for the business - creating the displays, promotion of the store through events and mostly the interaction with customers, suppliers and staff. Many times, there are customers who comment on the quaintness and uniqueness of the store, this is what makes me thrive. When new customers come in, I am happy to offer a store tour and perhaps a product sample.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, I grew up in Alda, went to school in Oxbow and moved to Kipling in my early twenties. I had many jobs along the way - nanny, waitress, lifeguard, store clerk, and painter just to name a few. I am the proud parent of 2 wonderful kids who are now venturing out on the start of their own adult lives.

In my personal time I surround myself with family and friends. I enjoy going to the gym, golfing, paddle boarding, shopping, and taking care of myself with beauty pampering.

Kipling is a fantastic place to live and work. It is a tight-knit community where people go out of their way to lend a helping hand. It is great to see all of the familiar smiling faces and know that I have played a role in that smile.

306-736-1230 | Kipling, SK

## Kari Kosior

### Kari's Kloset

Kari comes from Virden, Manitoba where she graduated from high school. After receiving a diploma in Business Administration, Kari began her career in fashion and retail as a sales associate with Ricki's in the Brandon Shoppers' Mall. She aspired to own a clothing store of her own someday and dreamt of moving back to a small town to make this dream come true. After gaining several years managing in the field she met Jeannie Waterman, which later connected her to buying the building where JayLyn's Boutique was located in downtown Moosomin.



16 years later, Kari's Kloset is well known for its great service, its great displays and for its large selection in ladies clothing, footwear and accessories. Her social media and online business is flourishing. Kari's "Friday Live" on Facebook has become well known over the last couple years. Every Friday at 9:30 am Kari goes on "Live" video to present new arrivals, the latest trends or shows off whatever great sale is currently happening to her followers. Every live runs about 30 minutes and can be viewed again any time after on her Facebook business page.

Kari has over 21 years experience in the clothing retail industry. Her staff, Helen has worked there for 16 years, Jolene for 11.5 years, Robin for 11 years, Jenn for 10 years, and Janelle in Bookkeeping for 8 years. They are a "work" family, who together have the reputation of being honest, helpful, reliable and fun!

Kari loves working with her clients, working on visual merchandising and doing the buying and ordering for the store. She has made so many amazing relationships along the way with her customers, sales reps, and fellow business colleagues.

She never dreamt part of her job would entail taking "selfies" and writing as many captions as she does for her online posts, but she has grown to appreciate any opportunity she has been given to connect with her customers near and far.

Kari and her husband, Ben Kosior farm near Fleming. They have two daughter's, Billee (9) and Rayna (7) and their two dogs, Lady & Aery and their two cats Bo & George.

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## Jennifer Gray

### Jennifer Gray Designs

Jennifer is the owner and operator of Jennifer Gray Designs. She is an entrepreneur, mentor and public speaker that speaks passionately about interior decorating. She has helped many clients across Canada from B.C. to Ontario create peace and beauty within their biggest life investment. Jennifer's mission is to inspire people to create a space they LOVE and that is a perfect reflection of her clients' personal style.



#### Other services offered by Jennifer Gray Designs include:

- **E-Design:** This virtual design process is done from the comfort of your own home regardless of where you are located via Zoom. Jennifer has helped clients all over the country including Nanaimo, BC, Abbotsford, BC, Calgary, AB, Red Deer, AB, Regina, SK, Yorkton, SK, Ottawa, ON and many around the Moosomin area.
- **Colour Consulting:** This service combines the use of color psychology, color theory and current trends to fulfill the client's design goals.
- **Decluttering:** Decluttering offers a collaborative service to remove unnecessary items from your space to help you live in a more relaxed and healthy environment.
- **Aging In Place:** A Design process that enables seniors or those with health and/or mobility issues to remain in their homes safely for as long as possible.
- **Interior Styling:** This design process enhances a space for a more aesthetically pleasing environment.
- **Commercial Design:** Commercial Interior Design is a specialized process tailored to commercial spaces including offices, retail space and other areas where business is conducted.
- **Home Staging:** Home Staging is the preparation of a home for sale. The goal is to make a home more appealing with hope of selling for more money in less time.
- **Organizing:** With this service, Jennifer works with home-owners to help organize and manage their possessions. She removes the stress of decluttering and gives you the tools to keep and maintain a tidy home.

**Home Transitions:** I am here to help take the stress out of moving! Together we will create a plan to determine your needs. I have the necessary items to pack and label your belongings and organize a mover for you (if needed.)

"I will be with you every step of the way to make sure you are settled into your new home as quickly and easily as possible!"

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## Jaime Light

### McPhail Travel & Boutique

I took over McPhail Travel back in May 2008 when it was already a well-established business. We have continued to offer the travel services our clients have come to rely on. As the travel industry evolved, we saw an opportunity to make better use of our space by expanding into retail. Our plan was to seamlessly blend retail with travel, offering products that our travelers were already searching for. Over the years, we've grown beyond that initial vision. Today, we like to describe our Boutique as a curated collection where there's something for everyone, whether you're planning to see Paris or hanging out in Moosomin.



Owning a business feels like a natural fit for me. I come from a family of entrepreneurs, so I grew up surrounded by people who owned businesses. I've had some fantastic role models in my family, and I've learned so much just by watching them succeed. Their experiences have really shaped my approach to running my own business!

At McPhail Travel, we offer a little bit of everything! As a fully appointed IATA-approved agency, we're deeply engaged in the travel world. Whether you're looking to fly, cruise, or explore on land, we've got you covered for all your travel needs. If planning travel with an agent is something you are interested in, book an appointment for a consult.

On the boutique side, we have a fantastic selection of ladies' clothing, accessories, and footwear—perfect for travelers who want to look stylish on their adventures. We also carry three amazing luggage brands that we absolutely love. And for the guys, we've got a small but great selection of menswear too, a few brands that are so great we had to offer them.

Plus, if you're searching for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for person in your life, we have some wonderful options, including gourmet goodies. So whether you're planning a trip or just treating yourself or someone special, we've got something for everyone!

I'm really proud of the amazing team we have here. It's such a great mix of talents and personalities that make our workplace special. I also have some travel clients who feel more like family after working with them for so many years. It's truly a privilege to be part of their travel plans, and honestly, the joy I get from hearing about their adventures is one of the best perks of the job!

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## Jolene de Vries

### Anytime Fitness

My name is Jolene de Vries. I am the Owner of Anytime Fitness Esterhazy and Yorkton with my husband Eddy. I was born and raised in the Regina area and moved out to Esterhazy permanently in late 2012/early 2013. I have an engineering degree from the University of Regina and am also a Six Sigma Master Black Belt (Statistics). Four years ago my husband and I took a leap of faith and opened our first gym in Esterhazy. Three years ago we opened our second one in Yorkton. I have always been into working out and fitness as long as I can remember. Six years ago I took the leap into the fitness world as a sideline to my job at the mine when I obtained my Sport and Exercise Nutrition Coaching Certification from Precision Nutrition, and 4 years ago I left the mine to work full-time in our gyms. Since then I have also obtained my National Academy of Sports Medicine Personal Training and Group Personal Training Certifications and Youth Exercise Specialist Certifications, Fitness Yoga Instructor Certification, FMS-Level, TRX STC and the Pain Free Performance Specialist Certification amongst other smaller courses and certifications. I am also now the lead for the Fitness Industry Council of Canada - Saskatchewan Coalition. In my spare time I continue my love for biomechanics of movement training my horses and taking lessons in dressage and am also the 4-H General Leader for the Twin Valley 4-H Multi Club.



At our facilities we offer gym memberships, Personal Training, Small Group Training, Team Training, Yoga and more and enjoy all the friendships made with our members. When we opened our gyms I had no idea that we would create such amazing communities and safe places for people to become healthier versions of themselves mentally, physically and emotionally. I found my calling moving permanently into the industry and bringing on an amazing team of staff to help us make the communities we service healthier. We are a place that helps people with their mental health, chronic health conditions, pain and so much more. I love that we are able to be a part of making our communities healthier and that we can change someone's life for the better when they walk through our doors.

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## Erin Gurney

Erin's I.D.A. Pharmacy | Hometown Liquor

Esterhazy's only locally owned and operated pharmacy, Erin's I.D.A. Pharmacy, has had a presence on Main Street for just over 4 years. Erin and her husband, Aaron, embarked on the entrepreneurial journey back in 2020, as it had been a dream for them both. Each year has brought about positive changes, continuous growth and the support of so many individuals and families. "Providing the absolute best care for our patients and going that extra mile is what matters most. The trust our patients have put into us and the relationships that have been built, makes everyday rewarding." To keep up with being busy, the two opted to go down the road of new beginnings again in 2023, purchasing the old SLGA building as well as the liquor permit.



On September 29th of last year, Hometown Liquor and Wine opened its doors to the public. Patrons were pleasantly welcomed by the previous staff that operated the liquor store in that same location. The liquor store has been a good learning experience and the Gurneys are grateful for the warm welcome the business has received over the past year. Aaron and Erin are proud to give back from both businesses, when it comes to events in the community. "We will always give back whenever and wherever we can. It's important to show our support for our local community and the organizations in our area."

We want to continue to be involved and offer support where it matters most! The Pharmacy has sponsored two local youths involved in competitive curling for the past few years and Hometown Liquor and Wine is proud to be sponsoring the Senior Flyers hockey team this upcoming season! Aaron and Erin reside just outside the village of Tantalton, where they raise their three children: Layne, Laityn and Maveryk. They run a successful grain and cattle farm that has been carried on from a Century Family Farm. The Gurneys are proud supporters of the community and where Aaron grew up, and you will definitely find them at the rink in Tantalton during the winter months!

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# Kids weigh in on the provincial election

With the provincial election taking place today, the World-Spectator asked kids their thoughts and advice on the election and for their leaders. Playfair Daycare and Grade 4F at MacLeod Elementary School in Moosomin decided to weigh in. Following are their answers to a number of questions that were put to them.

## Playfair Daycare

### 1. What is the most important job of a leader?

- To line things up. (Caylee - age 5)

### 2. How can politicians make Saskatchewan a better place for kids to live?

- Be happy. (Emma - age 4)

### 3. If you could ask the premier of Saskatchewan one

question, what would it be?

- Do you have a safe house? (Acelyn - age 4)

### 4. If you could give one piece of advice to a candidate, what would it be?

- Don't throw snowballs. (Charles - age 4)

### 5. If you were elected as Premier, what is the first

thing you would do?

- I would be kind. (Teagan - age 4)

### 6. How do you think we can encourage more people in Saskatchewan to get out and vote?

- Play follow the leader. (Acelyn - age 4)

- Have coffee. (Marshall - age 3)

## Grade 4F MacLeod Elementary

### What is the most important job of a leader?

- Making other people happy.
- Being respectful of others and what their suggestions are.
- To be responsible for the citizens of the province and keep them safe.

• Making choices for everyone, not just what they want.

• Listen to other people's opinions, stories, and questions.

• Follow the golden rule: "Treat others how you want to be treated."

• See what everyone wants, before deciding about important things.

• Make good decisions.

### How can politicians make Saskatchewan a better place for kids to live?

• Make sure that houses are not too overpriced so everyone can have a place to live in.

• Making sure that the province isn't too dangerous, removing older buildings or replacing buildings and structures.

• More things for kids to be able to do like pools, art classes and food.

• Making sure food isn't overpriced and that all kids have access to food and help out the food banks to make sure everyone gets what they need.

• That kids have a safe place to play, have a playground in every town or city.

• Making rules to keep kids safe, having laws for bike helmets.

• Making sure towns and cities have proper signs to keep everyone safe (stop signs, crosswalks, school zones, speed limits) and enforcing those rules.

• Helping families with proper winter clothes if they cannot afford it.

• Having a safe place to stay, for families and kids who might be homeless.

• Making sure that all schools are safe, there are enough teachers and EAs to help all of the students who need it, that all doors can be locked.

• Making sure kids get what they need no matter who they are or where they are from.

• Everyone has clean water and working power.

### If you were elected premier, what is the first thing you would do?

• Create indoor playgrounds all across Saskatchewan so kids don't have to put on all their winter gear to go play during the colder months. (Taylor)

• Make houses a little bit cheaper so more people can afford them. (Zoe)

• Put a place in every city or town where anyone can go get food if they cannot afford it. (Oliver R)

• Add a skate park to most towns so people can stay active and skateboard in a safe place. (River)

• Have houses or apartments that are free for people who are trying to find a house, so they have somewhere to live. (Baylor)

• Build more sidewalks on streets in smaller towns so everyone has a safe place to walk. (Jodi)

• Open up more gyms for kids to stay active. (Vani)

• Add more arcades to towns and cities so kids can have different places to play and have fun. (Ashlyn)

• Create sidewalks for people on bikes so they can safely get around and don't have to bike on the road. (Jessa)

• Create lanes on the side of the highway for people who are pedal biking. (Blakely)

• Make sure all playgrounds are more stable and the equipment is safe so kids don't fall off. (Joey)

• Make more things handicap accessible, add more wheelchair ramps, communication boards, and more handicapped parking spaces. (Natalie)

• Put more crosswalks with buttons on main streets, school zones, and other busy places. (Layla)

• Add more mental health services for people including yoga centers, spas, counseling and therapy services for all ages, kids and adults. (Oliver S)

• Add more art centers around the province. (Brielle)

### How do you think we can encourage more people in Saskatchewan to vote?

• Put out more posters to tell people to go and vote, make sure everyone knows when and where they can go vote.

• Put a few different voting stations in every town so people don't have to drive as far.

• Make it sound more interesting and exciting.

• Put more ads about the election on TV or on the internet.

• Put flyers in people's mailboxes.

• Have a fundraiser while people are voting.

• Help people who have never voted before and want to vote.

## Village of Stockholm

### NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

Whereas **Jared Cook and Lindsay Korolek**, nominated for **councillors** for the Village are the only candidates after the second call for nominations, I hereby give notice that they are declared elected

Dated at Stockholm, Saskatchewan this 25th day of October, 2024.

Lorie Jackson  
Returning Officer

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## NOTICE OF POLL

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

(1) A vote will be held for the election of the following:

**DIVISION 3**

**DIVISION 5**

(2) The vote will take place on: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Rural Municipality of Maryfield No. 91 Office at 115 Main Street in Maryfield, Saskatchewan.

(3) I will declare the result of the voting at Maryfield on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the hour of 9:30 a.m.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2024.

Tammy Roe  
Returning Officer

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## NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

### MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that advance voting for the benefit of qualified voters for the following position(s):

### Division 3 Division 5

Advanced voting will take place on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 between the hours of

3:00 pm and 6:00 pm at the R.M. of Maryfield Office No. 91, 115 Main Street, Maryfield, Saskatchewan.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2024.

Tammy Roe  
Returning Officer

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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Halloween – This Thursday

Don't forget that this Thursday kids will be out and about in search of the golden candy house! Make sure to drive with caution and care!

## Nutrien Sportsplex REC FEST 2024

REC FEST pricing remains in effect until 4 pm Thursday.

### 6 Month Walking Track Memberships

Regular price \$150

REC FEST price \$120

### Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Adult

Regular Price \$300

REC FEST price \$250

### Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Youth

Regular Price \$150

REC FEST price \$100

### Flex Pass Sportsplex Memberships

Receive a 10% bonus on all memberships over \$200

### Christmas Parties

Pay by REC FEST and get an additional 10% off your booking!

Patrons are also reminded if you are unable to attend REC FEST you are more than welcome to pop into the Rec Office prior to REC FEST where you will receive the same discount pricing as REC FEST.

## Outdoor Pickleball Court

### Stars of the week!!

Parks and Rec held their pickleball donors night...and it turned out fantastic raising \$12,000 for the courts! Thanks to all who attended and to the Stars of the Week listed below:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Moosomin Shrine Club | \$3,000 |
| Jay Hamilton         | \$2,500 |
| Tim Hamilton         | \$2,500 |
| IDA Pharmacy         | \$1,000 |
| Craig Roy            | \$1,000 |
| Silent Auction sales | \$2,000 |

## Nutrien Sportsplex

### Open for the 2024/2025 Season

If you are looking to book in you can call 435-2325 during work hours or call Angela at 435-3622 weekdays 8 am to 4 pm.

### Nutrien Sportsplex Hours

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Monday    | Closed         |
| Tuesday   | Closed         |
| Wednesday | 12 to 9 pm     |
| Thursday  | 12 to 9 pm     |
| Friday    | 10 am to close |
| Saturday  | 10 am to close |
| Sunday    | 10 am to 8 pm  |

To book during hours of operation, contact the staff at 435-2325 or after these hours you can try Angela at 435-3622.

## Nutrien Sportsplex Winter Programs

Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex offer a wide range of programming opportunities over the winter season. Some of those include:

### Golf Leagues

Men's Ladies Skins - Wednesday and Thursday nights  
Snowbirds Golf - Wednesday and Friday afternoons  
Fantasy Golf - Friday nights

### Bowling - Thursday nights

### Senior Programs - multiple weekly events

For information on any of our programs please feel free to contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## 2024 Parks and Recreation Awards

It's hard to believe, but 2024 will be the 12th Annual Moosomin Parks and Recreation Awards Ceremony. This year we will be holding the event on Friday, November 19 in conjunction with Creative Visions. We would like to thank all those in the community who took the time to make nominations in 2024!

## Moosomin Senior Rangers Season Kickoff

The defending Big Six Senior Hockey League Champions kick off their regular season Friday night when they host the Midale Mustangs. The Mustangs have apparently made several off-season additions so this will be a dandy!! Game time is 8 pm Friday night at the Mike Schwean Arena.

## Big Six Senior Hockey League News

Moosomin Rangers Schedule includes:

### Home

Midale Mustangs @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, November 1 8:30 pm

Midale Mustangs @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, November 8 at 8:30 pm

KW Oil Kings @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, December 6 at 8 pm

Oxbow Huskies @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, December 20 at 8 pm

Carlyle Cougars @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, January 3 at 8 pm

Redvers Rockets @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, January 10 at 8 pm

Wawota Flyers @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, January 17 at 8 pm

Carnduff Red Devils @ Moosomin Rangers

Friday, January 24 at 8 pm

### Away

Moosomin Rangers @ Carnduff Red Devils

Saturday, November 9 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Redvers Rockets

Saturday, November 23 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Carlyle Cougars

Friday, November 29 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Oxbow Huskies

Saturday, December 7 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Wawota Flyers

Saturday, December 14 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ KW Oil Kings

Sunday, December 15 at 5 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Midale Mustangs

Saturday, January 4 at 8 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ KW Oil Kings

Sunday, January 12 at 6 pm

Moosomin Rangers @ Oxbow Huskies

Saturday, January 18 at 8 pm

## This Week at the MS Arena

We are now officially into the "Game Time" of our new season. This week will see a couple rec games...a senior hockey game...a couple minor hockey games and our first tournament of the year!!

|          |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Monday   | Untouchables Rec Hockey Game 9:30 pm  |
| Tuesday  | Leafs Rec Hockey Game 9:30 pm         |
| Friday   | Midale Mustangs @ Sr. Rangers 8 pm    |
| Saturday | U13 Girls Tournament - All Day        |
| Saturday | Indian Head Chiefs @ U18 Rangers 8 pm |
| Sunday   | U13 Girls Tournament - All Day        |
| Sunday   | 4-Nations @ U15 E.A. 7:15 pm          |

## Moosomin Seniors Club 2024 Fall Programs

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

## Walking Track

The walking track at the Nutrien Sportsplex is available for use...the track is a 360-foot indoor rubber walking track. For information please contact 435-3622.

## Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Programs

We are now taking registrations for the 2024/2025 Curling season. Our leagues include:

- Monday night Super League Curling (Until Christmas) at 6:30 pm
- Tuesday night Red Barn Men's Curling at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday afternoon Borderland Co-op Farmers League at 1 pm
- Thursday night Celebration Ford League at 6:30 pm
- Friday afternoon Uptown Hotel Fun League at 1:15 pm

We are also taking names for spares for the upcoming curling season. To register or for more information please email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Mike Schwean Arena Home Team Live

For the second year, MS Arena will be offering the live stream of games with Hometeam Live. If you are looking to purchase viewership please follow the following steps:

- Go to the app at app.hometeamlive.com
- Signup
- Register for an account
- Go to Home Team Standard
- Select your league or organization
- Select: Mike Schwean Arena
- Complete the signup process to stream live

If you have any questions or issues you can contact support@hometeamlive.com.

## Mike Schwean Arena

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are busy getting ready for the 2024/2025 Winter Season...the best season of the year!! With that, we have begun taking weekend bookings. If you are interested in booking a weekend or a special event please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

Special events already booked include:

U13 Girls Tournament November 2,3

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| U15 Boys Tournament         | November 16,17 |
| U11 Tournament              | November 23,24 |
| U13 Tournament              | December 7,8   |
| U9 Female Carded Tournament | December 14,15 |
| U11 Girls Tournament        | January 11,12  |
| U7 Tournament               | January 18,19  |
| U9 Tournament               | February 1,2   |
| Skating Club Carnival       | March 16       |
| U9 Carded Tournament        | March 29,30    |
| 2025 Iron Man               | April 3,4,5    |

## Conexus Convention Centre

### Upcoming Events

Lots of great events planned for the fall/winter of 2024. Here is a sample of what is coming up!

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| October 31     | Spookarama                       |
| November 2     | Visual Arts Trade Show           |
| November 4     | SHA Flu Shots                    |
| November 7     | Municipal Election Advance Polls |
| November 13    | Municipal Election               |
| November 15-22 | Creative Visions                 |
| November 22    | 2024 Parks and Rec Awards Night  |
| November 29    | Borderland Co-op Christmas Party |
| December 7     | Cabaret - Details TBA            |
| December 20    | Sr. Rangers Christmas Cabaret    |
| December 31    | Private Social                   |

If you would like to help us fill up our fall / winter schedule we would love to hear from you. Just give us a call at 435-3622 or by email to a.thornthornofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

## Mike Schwean Arena

### 2024/25 Fee Structure

For those looking to book in for 2024/25 here is our fee schedule for the 2024/2025 season.

Minor Sports \$120 plus tax (includes Moosomin Minor Hockey and Moosomin Skating Club)

Adult \$145 plus tax

Or seasonal \$3,050

Sr. Rangers \$145 plus tax

Game agreement \$400/game

Minor Hockey Tournaments/special events are \$95 per hour to max of \$950.

## Mike Schwean Arena Winter Ice

The Mike Schwean Arena is now open for the season and we are accepting ice bookings for the 2024/2025 winter season. You can phone 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net to book.

## Conexus Convention Centre

### Fall/Winter Regulars

With Fall closing in we have our regular users at the Convention Centre. Those include:

- Cadets: Monday
- Pickleball: Monday / Tuesday / Thursday
- Gymnastics: Tuesday / Wednesday
- Philippine Community: Friday / Sundays

## Moosomin Pickleball Club

Moosomin is now in the process of forming a formal Pickleball Club registered with Pickleball Saskatchewan and Pickleball Canada. Membership will come with multiple benefits both locally and beyond.

If you are interested in becoming a founding member of the club please give the Recreation Office at call at 435-3622.

## Communities in Bloom

The provincial results are being made public this coming Wednesday...fingers crossed we will be back-to-back Provincial Champions!!

## Christmas Bookings Nutrien Sportsplex

Early Bird pricing (in effect until November 1) includes:

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 2 Simulators                   | \$250 |
| 4 Simulators                   | \$500 |
| 2 Simulators & 3 Bowling Lanes | \$300 |
| Bowling Alley Only             | \$300 |
| Entire Sportsplex              | \$600 |

If you are interested in getting in early and a great date please give Angela a call at 435-3622.

## Community Donations

As fall closes in, Moosomin Parks and Recreation would also like to extend a request to the community for donations towards the sports equipment loaner building. Maybe you have an old ball glove, an old pair of skates, an old cornhole game, an old set of disc golf discs, an old set of golf club, an old bike or whatever!!

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

Parks and Rec would be more than happy to pick up any donations both in and out of town. If you would be willing to donate to this amazing program please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net or phone at 435-7578.





Tyler Thorn speaking about a candidate forum being held for Moosomin Town Council candidates on November 4.



Teagan Matchuk speaking about the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign with funds going to McNaughton High School this year.



Kara Kinna giving an update on the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre. The centre held its grand opening in September.

## Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Candidate forum planned for Nov. 4

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Moosomin Chamber is hosting a candidates forum on Nov. 4, giving the public a chance to hear from those running for council in the town of Moosomin. "We're just finalizing the format, it's likely that every candidate will have five minutes to do their introduction and tell everybody what their platform is," Tyler Thorn explained at the Chamber meeting on Tuesday. "And then we'll have probably two or three prepared questions, and every candidate will be given a chance to respond."

With 14 names on the ballot—three for mayor and 11 for council—Thorn says there won't be time for more than a few questions.

"I don't think we'll have time for questions from the floor, so we'll try to keep it to two hours, and then certainly afterwards the candidates can talk face to face," he said.

Doors will open at the Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex at 6 pm on Nov. 4, and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

### Spook-a-Rama update

It's a Halloween tradition that relies on volunteers to continue. Spookarama will once again be happening in Moosomin on October 31, and members of the McNaughton High SRC are making their rounds with letters in search of sponsors, prizes, and chaperones for the evening. "Some of our SRC students made a vid-

eo that they posted to Facebook to try and drum up a little more support through the social media platforms," said McNaughton High teacher Tegan Matchuk. "Right now, if you are able, willing, I know Halloween is on a Thursday, not a Friday or Saturday, but we are still looking for chaperones."

The annual event is a safe environment for local youth to enjoy Halloween from 8 pm to midnight. Also, according to Cst. Trina Brace of the Moosomin RCMP, the dance is also an important part of growing up in Moosomin.

"The kids really look forward to it," she said. "It's kind of a rite of passage for moving from the elementary school to the high school that you get to go to Spookarama, and the younger grades especially really look forward to it. So we'd like to encourage the community to support it."

There are a few expenses involved with the event, such as prizes for the students and the DJ for the night.

"If anybody has donations and they want us to pick it up, they can just call the RCMP. We can make arrangements for someone to go and pick it up," Cst. Brace said. "We need the community support for the prizes, because that makes it fun for the kids."

### Two local RCMP recognized by MADD

Quentin and Michelle Wilson of MADD Kipling presented two Moosomin RCMP members with a special coin to recognize their work in keeping the area safe from

impaired drivers. The Wilsons lost their daughter, Isabel, on October 7, 2023 when she was involved in a collision with an impaired driver near Davin.

"MADD is a wonderful project, as you all know, unfortunately, we're more involved in it because we lost her daughter as well," Michelle explained. "On Oct. 7 last year, she was coming home for Thanksgiving, and a driver who allegedly was high on meth, ran into her head on."

Isabel was killed instantly in the collision.

"We're very grateful for the RCMP and city police for helping take these selfish people off the road," Michelle said. "There's no other way to describe them, they're very selfish."

The Wilsons presented Cst. Trina Brace and Cst. Bella Pomeroy each with the MADD Canada Van de Vorst Family Award, created in memory of Jordan and Chanda Van de Vorst and their children Kamryn and Miguire, who were tragically killed by an impaired driver in 2016 north of Saskatoon.

### Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign

The Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign is back, running Nov. 18 to 24, and this year's recipient is McNaughton High School.

"We are very excited and appreciative of the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign having us as their recipient this year,"

high school teacher Teagan Matchuk said. "As many of you know, last spring, we did a minor capital project grant application in order to help with our Home Ec renovations and some of the other upgrades that we're looking to get done at McNaughton."

Of the funds raised through the Smile Cookie campaign, 50 per cent will go towards McNaughton High. Chamber members were also reminded that pre-ordering cookies is encouraged.

"It's good to get the pre-orders in for the cookies, so that they've got an idea what to expect that week," said Moosomin Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Weedmark. "There's a reason that we've sold more holiday cookies here than anywhere else in Saskatchewan for three years in a row."

Along with pre-ordering, he explained how offers to match cookie sales has bolstered fundraising efforts, noting how past campaigns have seen businesses engaged in friendly competition for the largest order.

"We've got big plans for our industrial arts shop space, for some of our fine arts programs like drama, visual arts, some of our other elected programs," Matchuk said. "If anyone is available to help us decorate the cookies, we've got a pretty strong task force of students and SRC members that can help us, but all help is appreciated."

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Quentin and Michelle Wilson of MADD Kipling present Cst. Trina Brace with the MADD Canada Van de Vorst Family Award.



Cst. Bella Pomeroy receives a MADD Canada Van de Vorst Family Award from Quentin and Michelle Wilson of MADD Kipling.





Jeff and Carolin St. Onge installing the lights.



A homemade cable plow to pull the wire.



Dr. Schalk Van der Merwe and Henriette Van der Merwe installing the lights.



Carolin and Jeff St. Onge with Carly and Avi Smith taking a selfie when the lights were first turned on.



The lights lining the runway at the Moosomin airport.

# Lights installed at Moosomin airport

Runway can now be used 24 hours a day

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

"We're now a 24-hour airport for Sask Air Ambulance," confirmed Jeff St. Onge of the Airport Expansion Committee, recalling the moment when he watched the temporary lighting system illuminate the Moosomin Airport runway. "When the lights lit up, I had a tear in my eye!"

It's a huge advancement for the Moosomin Airport to be accessible at night as the newly-paved runway could only be utilized during daylight hours previously, but a little ingenuity helped advance the ability for the local runway to be used at night.

"It is temporary winter lighting to get us through the winter," St. Onge said. "An electrical tender is out, but for a variety of different reasons, it's been extended so that by the time it closes, there's no time to conduct the actual installation before winter."

The committee researched several options before landing on an idea.

"What ended up happening was my daughter Carly—who is seven months pregnant—her husband Avi, my wife, myself, Dr. Van and his wife ended up installing them," St. Onge said of the temporary lights. Using light gauge wire buried a few inches underground, the crew installed LED lights on posts spaced along the edges of the runway.

For now, the lights are powered by a generator, which requires someone to go to the airport and turn the lights on each time an aircraft wishes to land.

"SaskPower is bringing power in probably within the next month, and at that point we'll be able to leave the lights on permanently, or on a dusk-to-dawn timer type of deal," St. Onge said.

For the time being, a nighttime arrival will mean going to the airport, firing up the generator, and turning the lights on, but St. Onge doesn't see that as an inconvenience in the least.

"In reality, if I get a phone call at two in the morning and it is minus whatever—the wind blowing—that is not much of a pain for me compared to whoever is getting onto that airplane," he said. "They're having a worse day than I am, so I'm happy to do it."

The temporary setup was estimated to cost around \$10,000, according to St. Onge, who also noted that the temporary system could be sold once a permanent lighting system is in place.

"If you save even one life, it's not even a significant cost to put this through the next six months," St. Onge said. "This is how we do stuff on the prairies. That's how we build the place. People roll up their sleeves and come up with creative, cost-effective solutions that help us do what we want."

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## Stops in Virden and Broadview planned on same date

# Holiday Train coming to Moosomin Dec. 6

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The CP Holiday Train will be returning to Moosomin this Christmas season, with a stop planned for December 6.

Now in its 26th year, the holiday tradition continues to bring festive entertainment and raise money and food awareness for people struggling with food insecurity from Nov. 21 to Dec. 20.

This year, the train rolls through the area on Dec. 6, beginning with a 10:30 am stop in Virden (on the north side of the tracks on 5th Avenue South), then Moosomin at noon (on the north side of the tracks at 1001 Front Street), and Broadview at 2 pm (at the CP Train Station, Front Street).

"Over the course of about five hours, you can watch three different shows, if the weather permits for some safe driving," said Terry Cunha, media relations manager with CPKC. "It'd be a great way to spend the afternoon!"

Between the Holiday Train and its American counterpart, the Holiday Express, 12 artists will make 160 stops during the campaign. While admission is free to take in the shows, a donation to the local food bank is encouraged.

"It's very similar to previous shows where each time that the Holiday Train stops, we will be having a 30 minute live performance with a very talented group of musicians, as has been done each year," Cunha explained. "It's just a great way to help raise funds and donations for local food banks, and we've been very fortunate for the outpouring of support that we get from everyone who comes out and watches these shows."

The support is overwhelming as Cunha explained how people across the country so freely give to the cause.

"Over the course of our history, we've been able to raise over \$24 million in funds to local food banks and over five million pounds of food, and we're looking forward to continuing to build on that this year," he said. "So we just ask everyone who's coming out to bring a non-perishable food item that can be donated to your local food bank."

The highly visual campaign often brings food banks a much-needed replenishment to their shelves.

"From some discussions we've had, for many of the food banks across the way that we meet with in each of our stops they reach, many of them have acknowledged that the amount they raised during that one stop is very



The Holiday Train pulling into Moosomin during a previous visit.

much equivalent to some of the food they raise all year," said Cunha. "So it does have a positive impact."

All three stops will feature free concerts by a number of artists.

"The shows across Virden, Moosomin, and Broadview are all going to be with Tyler Shaw and Shawnee Kish. Those two very talented artists will be performing at each of those three shows during the stops on December 6," Cunha confirmed. "Speaking to a lot of individuals, that's kind of how they kick off the holidays is when this holiday train comes in and stops in the community. It's kind of the official kickoff to the Christmas season. So it's great. There's so much enthusiasm from members of the community and the public."

When asked about his favorite part of the Holiday Train experience, Cunha was quick to answer 'the stops.'

"I'm fortunate enough that in addition to emceeing and introducing our musical acts, I'm introducing the local elected officials who are there as well," he said. "It's just an opportunity to walk around to talk to people, from meeting with members of the food bank who are dedicated members of the community, supporting those in need, to just talking to groups of individuals."

"I'm born and raised Canadian, and I get to see many of the communities across the prairies now through the Holiday Train. It's just a great way to get out and see and what's going on in some of the other areas across Canada and what they do during the holiday season."

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**RECYCLING CALENDAR**

**ROUTE A:**  
Homes on Broadway  
Avenue and North:  
NOV 4 &  
NOV 18

**ROUTE B:**  
Homes south of  
Broadway Avenue:  
NOV 11 &  
NOV 25

**LANDFILL HOURS**

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

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## Nutrien Sportsplex - Employment Opportunities

**WE ARE  
HIRING!**

Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex is now accepting applications for the winter of 2024/2025.

Remaining Positions include: Full Time - Kitchen Supervisor/Cook

For further information or to apply please contact Angela at (306)435-3622 or (306)434-7579 or by email at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net



## Nutrien Sportsplex - RECFEST 2024

RECFEST PRICING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 4PM THURSDAY.



### THOSE INCLUDE:

- 6 Month Walking Track Memberships ..... Regular price \$150.00 **RECFEST price \$120.00**
- Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Adult ..... Regular Price \$300.00 **RECFEST price \$250.00**
- Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Youth ..... Regular Price \$150.00 **RECFEST price \$100.00**
- Flex Pass Sportsplex Memberships ..... Receive a **10% bonus** on all memberships over \$200
- Christmas Parties ..... Pay by RECFEST and get an **additional 10% OFF** your booking!!

**Nutrien Sportsplex - 2024/2025 Season**

We have now set the dates for our opening/closing at the Nutrien Sportsplex.

2024 Opening Date Scheduled for **Thursday, October 24th**

2025 Spring Final Date Scheduled for **Sunday, April 13th.**

### Nutrien Sportsplex - Hours of Operation

We are open for the winter season!!

Monday ..... Closed  
Tuesday ..... Closed  
Wednesday ..... 12 pm - 9 pm  
Thursday ..... 12 pm - 9 pm

Friday ..... 10 am - Close  
Saturday ..... 10 am - Close  
Sunday ..... 10 am - 8 pm

To book during hours of operation contact the staff at 435-2325 or after these hours you can try Angela at 435-3622.



### Mike Schwan Arena - Winter Ice

Mike Schwan Arena is now open for the season and we are now accepting ice bookings for the 2024 / 2025 winter season.

You can phone 435-7578 or email msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net to book.



### Moosomin Senior Rangers Season Kickoff



**Friday Night 8pm vs Midale Mustangs**

### Moosomin Pickleball Club

Interested in joining the Moosomin Pickleball Club?

Give the Recreation Office a call at 435-3622.



## HALLOWEEN

**Kids will be out and about Thursday Night ...please drive with caution!!**

**Christmas Bookings - Sportsplex**

Early Bird pricing (in effect until November 1) includes:

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 2 Simulators .....                   | \$250.00 |
| 4 Simulators .....                   | \$500.00 |
| 2 Simulators & 3 Bowling Lanes ..... | \$300.00 |
| Bowling Alley Side Only .....        | \$300.00 |
| Entire Building .....                | \$600.00 |

If you are interested in getting in early and a great date please give Angela a call at 435-3622.

### Moosomin Curling Club - 2024/2025 Programs

We are now taking registrations for the 2024/2025 Curling season.

#### Our leagues include:

Monday Night Super League Curling (Until Christmas) ..... 6:30 pm  
Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's Curling ..... 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Afternoon Borderland CO-OP Farmers League ..... 1 pm  
Thursday Night Celebration Ford League ..... 6:30 pm  
Friday Afternoon Uptown Hotel Fun League ..... 1:15 pm

To register or for more information please email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

