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## Fall scene

An aerial photo of Moosomin as the leaves turned to gold for fall last week. This photo was taken Thursday by the World-Spectator's Nicole Taylor.

## Lots of elections for local councils

There will be lots of elections in the local area on November 13.

There will be elections for mayor in Moosomin, Esterhazy, Wawota, Whitewood, Broadview, and Grenfell, elections for reeve in the RMs of Moosomin, Walpole, and Willowdale, and multiple council elections.

### Mayoral elections

In Moosomin there are three candidates for mayor. Councillor Murray Gray and John Turnbull are both challenging Mayor Larry Tomlinson.

In Esterhazy, Councillor Randy Bot is challenging Mayor Grant Forster.

In Wawota, Shawn Murray is challenging Mayor Kevin

Kay.

In Grenfell, Brad Bjorndahl and Mark Steinger are both running for mayor.

In Whitewood, Wayne Shepherd and Chris Ashfield are running for mayor.

In Broadview, Carol Mills is challenging Mayor Colleen Umpherville.

### Reeve elections

In the RM of Moosomin, Mark McCorriston has resigned as Division 4 Councillor to challenge Reeve David Moffatt.

In the RM of Walpole, Will Hollingshead is challenging Reeve Blair Wilson.

In the RM of Willowdale there are three candidates for Reeve. Lane Chesney and Elizabeth Domoslai are both challenging Reeve Larry Sippola.

### Council elections

There will be elections for council in many communities across the region. In Moosomin there are 11 candidates for six spots on town council. In Esterhazy there are nine candidates for six spots.

Meanwhile, in some communities there were not enough nominations to fill available positions, so calls for further nominations have been issued for councils in Rocanville and Maryfield.

See full results from nomination day on page 34.

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**Lucky Lottery Grand Prize winner**

Judi Johnston of Welwyn was the grand prize winner of the Rocanville Lucky Lottery on September 28.

At right is Kirby Fowler with the Rocanville Lucky Lottery Committee presenting Judi with her \$100,000 cheque.



**Correction**

In a story on where to vote in the provincial election in last week's paper, it said that the voting week location in Moosomin was the Conexus Convention Centre. That is incorrect. All voting during voting week and on election day will be at the Moosomin Legion.

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The northern lights have been extremely active lately. These photos are from a particularly bright light show over Moosomin on Thursday night last week.



# John Turnbull running for Moosomin mayor

A third person is running for Moosomin mayor. John Turnbull is running, along with current mayor Larry Tomlinson and Councillor Murray Gray.

Turnbull said he has three issues that made him decide to run for council—an off-leash dog park, a sidewalk, and a tax cut.

"I've been pushing for an off-leash dog park for awhile and it wasn't a success but hopefully we'll be successful at the next meeting to get it approved," Turnbull said.

"The main reason that I'm running is wanting to have an off-leash dog park for dogs in the town.

"I'd also like to see a reduction in taxes because I think the taxes are too high and I think we have a surplus of money with the town right now because they're spending lots. Those are the main issues that I see and I'm open to hearing whatever else anyone tells me.

"My thing is that I can't walk my dog anymore out at the old highway because there is too much vehicle traffic because it's just not safe, so I have found a spot where I can walk, but it would just be nice to have a designated spot for an off-leash dog park. That's something that I think a lot of people in town would like to see. I think there was even a petition at one time or there was a group that was trying to put it together."

Turnbull said he has been working on the dog park idea for a long time.

"It's been six months to a year—about a year," he said.

"I asked about it two years ago but there was nothing really there.

"Another thing that I'd be really interested in seeing is a sidewalk from our downtown shopping area that goes across in front of Dano's so that everyone who stays in our hotels can walk on a safe sidewalk to get downtown. Right now you can walk but you can't walk safely and you have to be a young guy who can skip across traffic whenever there's an opening. So I thought a nice safe sidewalk all the way from downtown, across the tracks and to our hotel area—our three big hotels. Those are my three biggest things.

"I think that will be a big plus and I know having that off-leash dog park—we can basically advertise it as a tourist attraction for anyone travelling up and down Highway 1 to come into our town. I think that as much as it won't be a money-maker in itself, it'll generate funds into the community. I think it will help a lot of people because whenever anyone's in town they're going to want to eat or they'll do a little shopping too in our downtown area, if they know where it is. I think with the sidewalk and the off-leash dog park it will be a great tourist attraction and it will be a great service for our community.

"For the dog park, we need parking and we need a place where the dogs can run around that's fenced, of course, and hopefully people will pick up their own poop, but if they don't, then it's just a part of having a dog park."

He said he doesn't see a lot of other major issues in the community.

"I don't see major issues in our town—I think our town is well-run and I think that council is a good council," he said.

"We're chugging along pretty good—the town is developing in different places, but for dog owners and people, there is no safe space to go with their dogs. That's my main issue. The other one is that I'd like to see as much as



John Turnbull plans to run for mayor of Moosomin this fall.

25 per cent reduction in taxes because taxes are way too high. I mean, taxes are very, very high in our town and it would be nice to see that go down so that there's more money in people's pockets.

"Then there's the sidewalk—I don't think a sidewalk would be too expensive. I think we could do it for a reasonable price and I think it would have a big impact on downtown because you see lots of people who walk from their hotels to Dano's walking on the street.

"So let's have a sidewalk, either on one side or the other, but something from all the hotels, including Motel 6, right across and then straight downtown for pedestrians. Hopefully it helps to increase tourism. So basically I'm pushing for more tourism."

Turnbull has lived in Moosomin for 14 years, and was first attracted by having contracting opportunities in the

## Chamber meeting coming up Oct. 22

The next meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is set for Tuesday, October 22.

The new business policy announcements that the Sask Party made last week will be discussed at the October 22 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Also at the meeting will be discussion of Spookarama, the introduction of a new business, and discussion of the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign.

The meeting is Tuesday October 22 at 11:45 am at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin. Lunch is served and everyone is welcome.

local potash mines.

"I moved for work and it proved to be here," he said.

He said he does not currently serve on any boards or committees.

"I'm just a citizen. I keep a pretty low profile," he said.

"I do believe that taxes are high at this time and pedestrian safety is an issue that I've brought up to council multiple times—to Larry and other folks on council and it just falls through the cracks. It's not a very safe walk and not a pleasant walk, from the hotels, that's for sure. You're ducking vehicles and coming in and out of other properties and a sidewalk for pedestrians would be a big plus for our town.

"If I get in then I'll push very hard for those three things. You know I will—I'll push very hard. If we have a surplus of money and the town can afford a tax reduction then that would be great and I think that there's room there. I know there is."

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**\$4,000 donation for High School Breakfast Program**

The Moosomin Thrift Store made a donation of \$4,000 toward the McNaughton High School Breakfast Program. Sam Campbell of the Thrift Store presented the cheque to teacher Laura Teale last week.

**Thrift store donates to breakfast program**

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

The Moosomin Thrift Store has donated \$4,000 to the McNaughton High School breakfast program, ensuring that students can enjoy a nutritious breakfast every day.

The Thrift Store makes money on its sales and donates the profits back to the community.

This contribution, which amounts to \$400 per month, will fully fund the breakfast program for the entire school year.

Laura Teale, the home economics teacher at McNaughton High School, says that McNaughton has been offering breakfast for the last 4-5 years, but before Covid-19, the school had a limited breakfast program.

The school only put out a toaster and bread for students every morning. "Now we put a little bit more love into it and do muffins on Monday, cereal day, toast and bagels, yogurt cup days, that sort of thing."

This is the third year the Thrift Store has donated to the program.

When asked why it's important for the Thrift Store to support the McNaughton breakfast program, Thrift Store manager Sam Campbell says "it's for the children. The board thinks this is a fantastic program to support and we would like to see nobody go hungry, but especially children, so it fits right into our guidelines. This

is exactly the kind of program we want to support."

Teale says that on average the school provides 20 breakfasts each day. "We have certainly seen a bit of an increase over the last year or two—with rising grocery costs and families being really busy lately. It seems like the kids definitely need that option at school."

Teale says she believes this breakfast program has helped teachers do their job more effectively. "We don't want our kids to be hungry in the classroom, we want our kids well-fed so that they are ready to learn in the morning, allowing us to do our jobs better."

**PBO confirms carbon tax costs more than rebates**

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the federal government to scrap its carbon tax following last week's Parliamentary Budget Officer report confirming the carbon tax costs average households more than they get back in rebates.

"Once again the PBO confirms the carbon tax costs average families hundreds of dollars more than they get back in rebates," said Franco Terrazzano, CTF Federal Director. "This PBO report proves that politicians' favourite talking point is incorrect and it proves the carbon tax is making life harder for Canadians."

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with its carbon tax and rebates. However, the PBO report shows the carbon tax costs average households more than they get back.

"The average household in each of the backstop provinces will see a net cost, paying more in the federal fuel charge and GST, as well as receiving lower incomes (due to the fuel charge), compared to the Canada Carbon Rebate they receive," according to the PBO.

The carbon tax will cost the average household up to \$399 this year more than the rebates.

The PBO also noted that, "Canada's own emissions are not large enough to materially impact climate change."

The government also charges GST on top of the carbon tax. The PBO report shows this carbon tax-on-tax will cost taxpayers \$400 million this year. That money isn't rebated back to Canadians.

"It's simply not credible to believe the government can impose a carbon tax, skim some money off the top, charge its sales tax on top of the carbon tax and then make families better off," Terrazzano said. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should take this PBO report as a wake-up call and scrap the carbon tax to make life more affordable."

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# Who is running in the provincial election

## Moosomin-Montmartre

In the last election, the Saskatchewan Party received 78 per cent of the vote in Moosomin-Montmartre, the NDP 16 per cent, the PCs 3.5 per cent and the Greens 2.5 per cent.

Moosomin business owner Kevin Weedmark won a competitive nomination race against two other candidates—former NHLer and finance executive Nevin Markwart and Wawota Mayor Kevin Kay, to become the Saskatchewan Party nominee in Moosomin-Montmartre.

Weedmark earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Regina and owns a printing and publishing business. He has been involved in his community as a volunteer with his church, his Chamber of Commerce, his Economic Development Committee and the Community Builders Alliance.

Chris Ball of Indian Head was named the NDP candidate in Moosomin-Montmartre. Ball grew up in Wolseley and lives with his family in Indian Head. Ball works operating a mobile service truck for commercial tractor trailers and farm implements. He volunteers with his local fire department.

Rémi Rheault of Langenburg is the Green Party candidate in Moosomin-Montmartre. According to a biography provided by the Green Party, "As a long-time social activist (e.g., Black Lives Matter) he targets the loss of self-esteem that comes with joblessness and alienation from cultural traditions."

Otis Ayre of Wolseley is the Buffalo Party candidate in Moosomin-Montmartre. Ayre is working as a cook in a health care facility. According to his Buffalo Party biography "my career has taken me across a variety of fields—from the railroad to construction delivery, and most notably, in cooking."

Adam Erickson of Wolseley has been named as the Saskatchewan United Party candidate in Moosomin-Montmartre. He is a project manager in the agricultural and energy industries. According to his



SUP biography, he was involved in efforts to revive a church camp near Wolseley:

## Melville-Saltcoats

In the last election, the Saskatchewan Party received 76 per cent of the vote in Melville-Saltcoats, the NDP 17.5 per cent, the PCs 4.5 per cent and the Greens 2 per cent.

Warren Kaeding of the Saskatchewan Party is running for re-election in Melville-Saltcoats.

Kaeding received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan in 1985 and worked in the agriculture industry including as the Executive Director for the Sask Farm Stewardship Association, Advisor to the Agriculture Development Fund, Crop Inspector with Maxcor Ventures, and Business Development Rep for Input Capital.

He was involved in his community as Chair of the local economic development board, elder in his church, is a member of the Lions Club, and an official with local

minor hockey and baseball.

Karen Hovind is running for the NDP in Melville-Saltcoats.

She earned her Master of Education degree in 2021.

She is a teacher, currently working at Melville Comprehensive School. She was raised in Saltcoats and lives in the area. She was previously a town councillor in Saltcoats and has served on several community boards and committees. She is currently a councillor representing her region to the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation.

Micah Mang is running for the Green Party in Melville-Saltcoats

Curtis Brooks is running for the Saskatchewan United Party in Melville-Saltcoats.

Brooks was raised in Melville and made a career out of repairing vehicles. After high school, he joined the City of Melville Volunteer Fire Department, where he spent 18 years responding to emergencies

in Melville's large fire district.

He spent three years on Melville City Council, from 2006-2009.

He has taught fire training classes, an automotive repair class, a small engine repair class, and a mining pre-employment class.

## Cannington

In the last election, the Saskatchewan Party received 74 per cent of the vote in Cannington, the Buffalo Party 16 per cent, the NDP 9 per cent and the Greens 2 per cent.

Daryl Harrison of the Saskatchewan Party is running for re-election in Cannington. Harrison was elected as the MLA for Cannington in the 2020 provincial election.

Harrison has been working in the oil industry for over 30 years in various roles including as an Account Manager with Baker Hughes General Electric. In addition, he has served as a councillor for the local rural municipality, the Director for Zone 1 of the Saskatchewan Stock Grower's association, a member of the Lions Club, a volunteer fire fighter and a cattle rancher. He has also served as a school division trustee for the Souris-Moose Mountain and South East Cornerstone School Divisions.

Michelle Krieger is the Buffalo Party candidate in Cannington. Krieger owns and operates a business coaching, consulting and bookkeeping firm in her hometown of Alameda.

She is a town councillor in Alameda and sits on the Southeast Healthcare Recruitment and Retention and the local Saskatchewan Health Authority liaison committees.

Dianne Twietmeyer is the NDP candidate in Cannington. She is a retired teacher. She is a founding member of the Cornerstone Theatre, which maintains a community hall and theatre in Carlyle, and volunteers on the Library Board and as a member of the Legion.

Natalie Clysdale is the Green Party candidate in Cannington

# VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concert will help support STARS

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the great job you always do advertising upcoming events—especially the Rory Allen concert that I am responsible for on October 20—a Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. There will be 50/50 tickets sold and STARS will be there with a table accepting donations, selling hats, toques and calendars as well as a few other items.

STARS has been here twice already this month and it is only October 9 as I write this. STARS are like an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) inside. They can do pretty well everything a city hospital can do, and therefore the patient gets immediate care!

Get your tickets and come out and support this very worthwhile cause. STARS needs the money! STARS operates on donations. They called me in the spring to see

if I would help with a radio-a-thon, but I know nothing about a radio-a-thon. After I thought about it for awhile, I decided to see if Rory Allen would come out to do a show and see what we could do to raise money for them.

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## Moosomin Town Council

# Moosomin close to reaching housing incentive goal

BY KARA KINNA

In her report to council on October 9, EDO Casey McCormac told council that Moosomin is close to reaching its goal of building at least 43 units under its \$30,000 incentive program.

Under the program, every new housing unit is paid \$30,000 with multi unit dwellings being paid \$30,000 plus \$8,000 per additional door. The town set a goal of building at least 43 units under the program.

"We are currently sitting at 31 units—27 multi unit other, three multi unit missing middle, and one house—so we have 12 units left in order to reach that goal," McCormac told council.

"I went to Saskatoon for a panel on the housing incentives with Outlook and Humboldt and we are actually in a better position than Outlook and Humboldt right now. Humboldt needs to hit 120 and they are at 36 and Outlook needs to hit around 30 and they are at around four. So we are doing very well compared to other communities."

### Busy winter at rink, talk of bringing Junior B team to town

Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schween reported that it was going to be another busy winter at the rink, with 17 minor hockey teams signed up to skate this winter, as well as a full figure skating program, four rec hockey teams, and the Senior Rangers.

He said there has also been talk about bringing a Junior B franchise to Moosomin as part of the Prairie Junior Hockey League. Blake Martyniuk with the PJHL will be coming to Moosomin to attend a few Senior Rangers games and tour the town. Currently the PJHL consists of teams from Carrot River, Delisle, Fort Knox, Pilot Butte, Prince Albert, Regina, Saskatoon, and Assiniboia.

### Increasing demand for camping

Rec Director Mike Schween also informed council that they continue to see an increase in campers at Bradley Park. To the end of September they took in \$8,132 in camping fees, after budgeting for \$4,500 in camping fees for the season.

"Camping is almost double what we budgeted this year," he told council. "With Fieldstone Campground closed there is an opportunity there for us."

### Recovery Centre proposal submitted

EDO Casey McCormac gave a brief update on where things are at with bringing an addictions recovery centre to Moosomin. She said she had submitted a proposal for the recovery centre to the provincial government on October 4.

"We are asking for 10 transitional support spots in Moosomin, so that's an outpatient counsellor to be at Broadway Commons to help people," she said. "We've also been talking with the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. They are hoping to come into the high school to talk about mental health and addictions, and they want us to go with them."

### Filming being done in Moosomin

EDO Casey McCormac reported that Access Communications will be featuring Moosomin in some film episodes it is creating about Southeast Saskatchewan.

"Explore Southeast Sask is the tourism board that I'm on for the southeast Sask Region. Access Communications partnered with us and they are going to do eight one-hour episodes of Southeast Sask," she told council. "So we are deciding on what each episode is going to look like and then they are going to come film some stuff in Moosomin for that."

### Happy with paving

In his report to council, Town Foreman Mike Stein

said that the pavers had wrapped up all the paving and patching in Moosomin for the season, and he was happy with their work. He said the pavers noted that the town crew was well prepared for them to arrive, doing much of the base work ahead of time—also saving the town about a million dollars in base work, which is often done by the paving company.

### Motion for 2025 flowers

Council passed a motion to buy their 2025 flowers for the town flower pots and hanging baskets from Cornucopia Gardens again next year. Cornucopia Gardens did the pots in 2024 and is also providing the town with all of its Christmas greenery this year.

### Tender comes in high, town crew considering doing water line job

MPE Engineering sent a letter to the town notifying the town that there had been one tender received for the repair of a water line under the tracks at the Moose Street CPR crossing. The bid came in at \$1,150,000.

"This tender represents a greater cost to complete the work than was anticipated. MPE recommends not proceeding with this work at this time."

Council agreed and noted that the town crew felt they could potentially handle the project on their own. They decided not to proceed with the tender.

The water line in that area is leoded, but a portion of the line has deteriorated and needs to be repaired.

### Cat shelter locations approved

Council was asked by Animals in Need for approval on three proposed locations for feral cat shelters in Moosomin. Animals in Need had come to a meeting previously and outlined their reasons for the need for feral cat shelters in Moosomin and keeping the feral cat population under control.

Council approved the three suggested locations—one south of Moose Mountain Road on the west side of town, one at the former Co-op Feed Mill site, and one on North Front Street.

### Card of thanks for paving alley

The town received a card of thanks from the board of directors and staff at the Moosomin Thrift Store and Food Share for paving the back alley beside the thrift store parking lot, which was also paved this year. "The improvements have made a noticeable difference in our community, enhancing both safety and accessibility for our clients and community members. Your commitment to local infrastructure is commendable. Thank you one again, we greatly appreciate your investment in our neighborhood's future," read the card.

### Library holding grand reopening

The Moosomin Library Board thanked the town for helping them during their renovations and invited the town to join them on Friday, October 18 to celebrate their new library space with a grand reopening that day. The day will consist of refreshments from 1-5 pm, a cake cutting at 2 pm, and an author reading with Karen Berglund at 4 pm from her newest children's book.

### Zoning bylaw amendment approved

Council gave third and second reading to a zoning bylaw amendment that will see land located on the west side of Moosomin rezoned from Urban Holding to Residential. The land, which belongs to Dan and Olga McCarthy, has been subdivided and the McCarthy's plan to build a house there. The subdivision has resulted in the creation of a private road off of Bjornson Drive, with the property being located just west of the lots along Bjornson Drive.

### Town reviews draft business license bylaw

Council continued to review a draft business license bylaw. The town's current bylaw was created in 1992, and the new draft bylaw is more thorough, would cover more types of businesses, and has updated terminology and pricing based on different types of businesses and projects. At the meeting on Wednesday, councillors suggested adding in a seasonal business license. They will continue to review the draft bylaw, with plans to approve it at the next council meeting.



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# New C-store and gas bar opens in Kipling

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The new Borderland Co-op convenience store and gas bar in Kipling opened its doors to the public last week, giving locals and travellers their first taste of the new store.

"We didn't do a grand opening, we did a little 'friends and family' test run on Sunday (October 6), just to make sure systems were working and that we felt confident enough that we could open," explained Borderland Co-op CEO, Jason Schenn. "All went well on Sunday afternoon for a few hours, and then we opened up the doors on Monday."

The intention of the soft opening was not to overwhelm the 16 new staff members, giving them a chance to ease into busier times ahead.

"We didn't want them to be overwhelmed straight out of the gate, so we gave them a little bit of time to let people hear about it through the grapevine, rather than going out and make a huge splash," Schenn said. "As the word's gotten out, we certainly got busier and busier over there, and we're pretty happy with way things are going so far."

Kipling Mayor Pat Jackson was one of the locals who got a first preview of the new store and was hopeful for what the new business will mean for Kipling.

"Anything that is going to enhance the experience of our local people, but also anyone going through is a positive," she said.

The store will be open seven days a week from 6 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday, then 10 am to 8 pm on Sunday.

"That's a lot of hours to fill, and hopefully that demand is there for us to keep going with that," Schenn said. "But that's where we're coming out of the gate at right now."

A 24-hour card lock is also available with a unique feature that isn't quite common everywhere just yet.

"The unique thing about this card lock is it's part of a new generation of equipment that's starting to roll out in our sys-



The new Borderland Co-op convenience store and gas bar in Kipling.

tem which actually allows for people to use their credit card on it rather than our own customer card lock," Schenn said. "So people are traveling up and down the highway and don't have a co-op card lock, they can still utilize our card lock with their Visa or Mastercard. This is a new generation of reader that's coming out that has the card payment option, and it's very new."

Schenn said that the Whitewood location was the pilot site for the new card lock system, which is anticipated to become more common at Co-op locations through 2025.

"We were able to get Kipling on this one right away, too, rather than having installed equipment and get rid of it right away," he said. "It's in its infancy, and we expect it to keep growing as the network grows, and people are aware that that's available to them."

### Hot food available

Another feature at the Kipling store are the hot food options, including Co-op's own brand of fried chicken. Brought in fresh daily and prepared in the on-site kitchen, Schenn says, "it's as close to a

homemade meal as you're going to be able to get in a grab-and-go situation."

He's admittedly also a big fan of the tasty treats.

"I can't go by them without stopping and getting some tenders or some wedges! It's great stuff," said Schenn. "It's pretty popular, and it's reasonably priced, too. You can feed a family for \$30—it's hard to do that these days."

The focus on serving fresh, hot food fills a gap in the local market as Schenn pointed out.

"In Kipling, there are not a lot of options after six o'clock for food," he said. "I think that's kind of a niche for us, that we're going to be able to fill a void that doesn't exist right now for the community."

Aside from the chicken, hot tables will feature a variety of warm foods.

"That's kind of unique to this one—we have a lot of programs in some of our other sites as well, but this one probably has the most programs within it—and a bigger kitchen," Schenn said. "Just some things that we've learned over our last few proj-

ects that we've done where we've added chicken or other hot and fresh kind of programming."

### New site was on time and may come in under budget

During the planning stages of the Kipling project, the two pump, four-lane gas bar plus 3,000-square-foot convenience store was expected to cost around \$4.5 million. This included all petroleum assets, computer equipment, and associated costs that go along with a new build. Schenn believes the Kipling store will come in under the expected price tag.

"I think we're actually going to end up coming in a little under budget," he confirmed. "I'm hoping to know more on that next week. There's still a couple of things that we got to fix up—some contracts and that—but for the most part, we know what the numbers are going to be, and it's just a matter of crunching the last little bits here and seeing where we actually sit compared to the budget. I think we're on track to be under the budget, which is tremendous. You don't hear that very often these days. That's a testament to our crew that we've got internally, that kind of quarterbacked this whole project."

This is the sixth C-Store in the region that Borderland Co-op serves. Actual construction went fairly smoothly, aside from some early-summer rain delays that temporarily shut down several projects in general throughout the province.

"Ideally, it would have been nicer to be into September when we opened, but there were a few rain weeks that you can't do anything about when you're doing groundwork," Schenn said. "That put us behind a little bit, but overall, we're happy with where we are. We're in business, and there's still some nice weather ahead of us, and we can get some kinks worked out before the snow flies and the weather turns cold."

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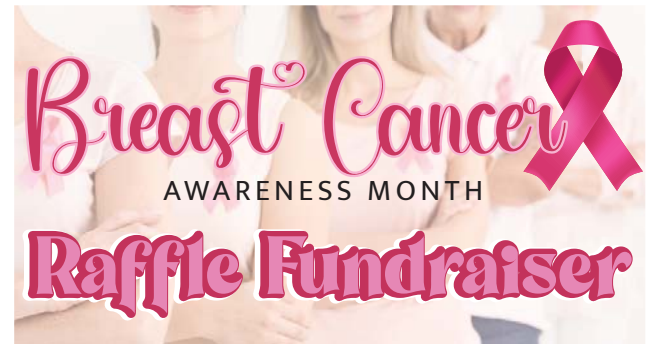
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## In our opinion:

# Bill C-293 is a threat to Canada's agri-food sector

Bill C-293, a bill aiming to enhance Canada's pandemic preparedness, raises concerns about governmental overreach

It is almost inconceivable that Bill C-293 remains largely unknown among Canadians, given its potential to significantly expand governmental powers in response to future pandemics. A detailed examination of the bill does more than sow confusion about its intentions; it reveals a troubling spirit at its core.

Bill C-293, a private member's bill that recently advanced through the House of Commons with little resistance, purports to bolster Canada's pandemic preparedness. Yet, a deeper analysis exposes provisions that could disastrously impact the agriculture and agri-food sectors, which are vital to our national economy and food security.

Under Bill C-293, public health officials will have the authority to close facilities they consider "high-risk," such as meatpacking plants, during pandemics and even "mandate" the consumption of vegetable proteins by Canadians — measures that border on the absurd. It's hardly surprising that the private member who introduced Bill C-293 is Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, known for his vegan lifestyle.

The ease with which this legislation passed highlights a disconcerting disconnection and dysfunction within our Parliament, where normally, proposals of such magnitude would undergo extensive debate and scrutiny.

Bill C-293, an agriculture bill purported to be about Canada pandemic preparedness, raises concerns about governmental authoritarian overreach

Currently, the Senate, which is now reviewing Bill C-293, is inundated with over 120 letters daily from concerned groups and citizens, all apprehensive about the bill's broad regulatory reach and its implications.

One of the most alarming aspects of Bill C-293 is the discretionary power it would grant officials to shut down agricultural facilities without clear, objective criteria. Such arbitrary actions could disrupt not only meat supply chains but also the wider agricultural operations linked to them, including feed production. This threatens to destabilize related sectors and could trigger cascading effects throughout the entire food system.

Moreover, legislating the consumption of vegetable proteins represents an unprecedented governmental intrusion into personal dietary choices and market dynamics. This could severely disrupt the economic balance of the agri-food sector, adversely affecting everyone from livestock producers to participants in traditional protein markets.

The proposed changes also seek to regulate and possibly phase out certain farming practices considered high-risk for pandemic propagation. They could abruptly alter farming operations, affect livelihoods, and hinder the economic stability of numerous producers, making a transition to purportedly safer practices impractical.

Farming is woven into the fabric of our national identity, with modern livestock agriculture playing an indispensable role.

Bill C-293, however, goes so far as to pick winners and losers within the agricultural sector, sidelining segments that have made substantial contributions to our economy.

While promoting alternative proteins may align with global moves toward more sustainable food systems, the directive approach of Bill C-293 risks stifling innovation.

Predetermining market winners and imposing dietary changes in the name of overly cautious risk management could impair the ability of Canada's agri-food industries to adapt to market demands and consumer preferences.

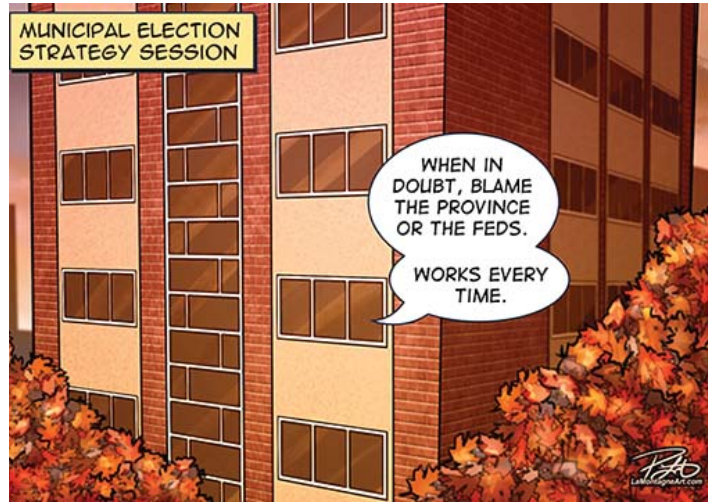
As it currently stands, Bill C-293 presents considerable risks to the stability and sustainability of Canada's crucial agricultural and agri-food sector. The Senate must decisively reject this bill.

Beyond its implications for food policy, Bill C-293 also reflects broader concerns about the state of our democracy and the level of public awareness in Canada.

The fact that this bill has remained under the radar until now speaks volumes about the current state of public engagement and information.

If more Canadians were aware, there's little doubt this bill would face overwhelming opposition.

*This editorial was written by Dr. Sylvain Charlebois, a Canadian professor and researcher specializing in food distribution and policy, is a senior director of the Agri-Food Analytics Lab at Dalhousie University and co-host of The Food Professor Podcast. He is frequently cited in the media for his insights on food prices, agricultural trends, and the global food supply chain.*



## Running for municipal council? The next four years will be important ones

It's a municipal election year in Saskatchewan, with elections for town, village and RM councils and school divisions being held on November 13. In RMs, voters will go to the polls to elect Reeves and councillors in Divisions 1, 3 and 5 this year. All positions are for a four-year term.

I have reported on municipal councils for 22 years now, and one thing I tell every new reporter who starts at the World-Spectator is just how valuable a learning experience understanding municipal council is.

The number of items that municipal councils deal with is vast. In towns and villages items can range from everything from decisions on development projects to dealing with infrastructure upgrades to dealing with animal complaints to sitting down with new business owners to updating bylaws to dealing with public works and citizen suggestions, complaints and requests. For RM councils it's much the same. Everything from drainage to livestock to culverts, bridges and roads comes across the council table. And always, always, always there is the challenge on how to fund much-needed projects in the municipality.

I cannot overestimate the importance of the people who sit around our municipal council tables. If you have decided to let your name stand as a candidate this fall, I can tell you that rural Saskatchewan—and our region in particular—is undergoing some major changes right now, and it's extremely important to have smart people from a wide range of backgrounds helping to make decisions about the future of our communities and our region.

Gone are the sleepy days in rural Sask when the biggest issue was how to move houses and lots that wouldn't sell, and how to attract people to our communities. Now, we tend to have the opposite problem, where people want to be here, communities are pushing to grow, and we can't build housing, add enough services, or keep up with infrastructure projects fast enough.

Just look at some of the major projects that the Moosomin region alone has had to deal with. In the past five years we've seen construction on a new water treatment plant, a new \$10.6 million airport upgrade, new apartments under construction, multiple new businesses under construction, a new daycare ready for construction, and a new seniors residence and care home—Cobblestone House—built. On top of that Moosomin just launched a new \$30,000 housing incentive to



Kara Kinna

deal with the housing shortage in our area.

Just look at what Esterhazy has done in the last five years. The town is currently constructing a regional water treatment plant—a massive project that looks to serve not only Esterhazy but surrounding communities and possibly even the Mosaic potash mine—and the town is working on a new hospital to replace the existing hospital and long-term care home in town.

These are just a few examples of the things that councils need to make decisions on—about how to fund them, how to move these projects forward, and most importantly, about how to work effectively with other municipalities and other groups in order to make these projects happen.

I made a comment to Kevin the other day that I feel like a new rural Saskatchewan is pushing up and growing under the old rural Saskatchewan. Just like a forest, the old trees provide shelter and stability, while the new trees are pushing to grow and add to the forest with new vigor and life.

Now is the time for people who have the best interests of their communities to consider helping that new Saskatchewan grow—people who know it's important to hang on to the wisdom of previous generations and experienced council members, but who also are ready for new challenges, to present new ideas, and to help rural Saskatchewan transition to its next stage.

Big decisions will need to be made over the next four years—decisions that will see our communities embrace change and growth while continuing to remember what made rural Saskatchewan so great in the first place.

It's crucial that we have leaders who can not only help solve the issues that councils need to deal with here and now, but make decisions that will pay dividends for years to come, and help maintain the quality of life in our communities into the future.

If you have put your name forward to run for a municipal council, kudos to you, as you will be one of the very important people helping your region reach its full potential over the next four years!



# Former Junior Councillor Victor Santos Cardoza running for council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Victor Santos Cardoza has many reasons why he'd like to rejoin the town of Moosomin council table, but the prime motivator is simply to give back to his community.

"Many years ago, my family was in dire need, and the community rallied together and fought our deportation order. They got us to stay," he said. "Part of what me running for town council does, it's a way of giving back to that very community that helped my family all those years ago."

Santos Cardoza is no stranger to town council, having served two terms already as a junior councillor during his high school years.

"I have some prior experience, being Moosomin's very first Junior Councillor. That was a really eye opening experience," he said, cred-

iting Councillor Murray Gray and McNaughton High School staff for the opportunity. "They piqued my interest, introducing me to what goes on in municipal politics, and the 'behind the scenes' of running a town, what it takes. It really got me immersed into what was going on in Moosomin and that motivated me to get more involved in town and make more of an impact."

As for priorities, Santos Cardoza would like to see more involvement from all community members.

"I want to be well rounded," he said. "Being an immigrant, the goal would be to represent a lot of the visible minority community in town, and getting the youth involved a lot more. My main priority is getting everybody involved, getting everybody together, serving everybody and anybody, seeing where Moosomin as a whole can improve."

"I want to get the youth involved,

too, in town. How can we keep the youth of Moosomin in Moosomin? Later down the line, when they do grow up and settle down in life, how can we keep them in Moosomin? How can we grow Moosomin even further? Can I be that middle point between the youth and town?"

In addition to retaining the younger generation, Santos Cardoza is also interested in discovering how to link the generational gap.

"Our youth—my generation—is the future of Moosomin," he said. "How can we keep them around? And then, how can that generation now help the older generation that's already in Moosomin?"

Santos Cardoza is an active Knights of Columbus member, and has volunteer coaching experience—particularly through Moosomin United Soccer. He has also served two terms as Junior Councillor with the Town of Moosomin.



Victor Santos Cardoza

# Heather Truman running for Moosomin council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Heather Truman is back seeking a seat on council, after an eight-year hiatus.

"I enjoyed it," she said of her experience. "I think I need to get back in there because we've got so much happening."

A gentle nudge from a current member of council ultimately tipped the scale of Truman's decision to submit a nomination paper.

"Larry (Tomlinson) came to me and he said, 'Heather, we need someone with business experience again'," she said. "I think our town is in that situation at the moment. You've got to budget for your income, and do the priorities."

Business and ensuring town infrastructure meets the needs of future residents are top priorities for Truman.

"Our town is growing. We really need to look at



Heather Truman

the economics of it," she said. "We've got housing going on, we just have to look at our businesses and also the economics and the infrastructure in the town. We can't keep building unless we do the infrastructure, which comes first."

Using the \$30,000 home incentive program as an example, Truman feels that infrastructure ought to be a priority to be prepared for more housing.

"You've got to get the infrastructure in place before you have these houses," she said. "You've got to designate and get the finances together and budget for it and get it done."

Another area Truman is very excited about is the Moosomin Airport and all the potential it holds.

"Let's promote that, and see if we can get some commercial flights going between here and Brandon, Saskatoon, and Regina," she said.

In terms of her involvement with local organizations, Truman remains a longtime member of the Library Board—something that her previous time on council led to. She's also active with the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, and with Saskatchewan Party candidate Kevin Weedmark's campaign in the Moosomin-Montmartre riding.

"Politics has always been an interest of mine," said Truman.

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Moosomin's new water treatment plant, which is set to come online in January.

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## New water treatment plant to come online in January

### Wait for essential piece pushes date into 2025

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Work at the new water treatment plant in Moosomin is nearing completion, but the wait for an important component means it won't officially go online until January.

"We're on schedule, but there's one major piece of equipment that is delayed just due to supply chain issues which is the motor control cabinet," explained project manager David Germin. P.Eng. at KGS Group. "We've had it on order since day one."

The motor control cabinet is essentially the electrical component that everything connects to in the plant. While an integral part of the facility, Germin says there is other work ongoing at the site to ensure the project is not at a standstill.

"It's not really a huge delay, because all the work around the thing can still continue, so all the wiring can be run to where it's going to go, and all the piping can be installed to all the equipment, so they're still working on all that stuff, and that's all on schedule," he said, adding that once the MCC does arrive, there will be a quick connect period, then everything can go online.

"We won't be able to start pumping water until we get that piece," said Mayor Larry Tomlinson. "Everything else has gone pretty smooth, and it's pretty well underway and completed."

It also gives time for the biological side of things to advance, another crucial part of the new plant.

"The biological filters that we have in this plant need time to seed," Germin said. "The microorganisms that actually treat the water through them need time to grow in order to be effective at treating it. So that's what we're doing right now, too. That seeding process started about a month ago now, and it can take anywhere from two to three months."

Overall, Germin is not worried about the delay caused by the wait for the MCC.

"Given that the piece of equipment was delayed, it really didn't set us back all that much just because we were able to carry on with a lot of the rest of the work, which has been nice," he said. "So overall, I think we're maybe a little bit behind where we had initially intended, but not a whole lot. We're still targeting kind of the end of January for going completely online with the new plant."

Originally, the target was to have the new water treatment plant up and running in December.

"We were hoping before Christmas, but on a project this size, a month or two is relatively insignificant, especially since they have until 2027 to use the grant money," Germin said.

#### Current plant aged out

Two main factors necessitated the construction of a new water treatment plant, being age and production volume.

"It was time for a new one, and plus with the growth of the town, we need more water," Tomlinson said, adding that the typical lifespan of the current plant was 35 years. "We were having trouble with backwash through the sand, and we were losing sand, so it was time to do something."

The \$13.7 million project was cost shared with the federal government funding \$5,492,190 (through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) plus a further \$4,576,367 coming from the provincial government, leaving the Town of Moosomin responsible for \$3,661,918.

"We waited about a year or so because we were paying on the hospital for 15 years," explained Tomlinson. "The

loan ran out on the hospital this past year, now where that left off, the payment for the water treatment plant will take over. One loan will offset the other without affecting the whole town."

The new plant will be capable of handling not only the needs of current residents, but allows for future growth.

"The way it is right now, it can accommodate growth of up to 4,600 people, but we can raise it up higher by putting extra storage in," Tomlinson said. "We could go to 5,000 people fairly easy with extra storage, but we've got a ways to go to get to that, too."

The road to a new water treatment plant stretches back nearly 10 years, with the town initiating plans back in 2016 and applying for ICIP funding in 2020. Moosomin is not alone in updating their water treatment plant. A number of communities are also currently in the midst of the same process, hence the queue for the MCC unit.

"There are lots of small towns that have been limping

along on an existing plant for a long time, and with regulations changing, the Water Security Agency's probably been on many of them for some time to do an upgrade," Germin said. "For a small community, it's sometimes tough to do. You only got couple hundred people in some of these small towns, and then you're faced with sometimes a million-dollar bill. It can be very difficult to handle unless you get some assistance from the grant money, which only goes so far."

In Moosomin's case, the financial side of the project is not an issue, and the delay is not anticipated to change the budget in place.

"It's pretty much on budget, which is nice because a lot of projects usually go quite a bit over," Germin confirmed. "I think there is enough flexibility built into this grant that there hasn't really been any cost overruns yet. All in all this project is in pretty good shape, budget wise."

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**'Every Brilliant Thing' performed for McNaughton High School students**

McNaughton High School students attended a performance of "Every Brilliant Thing" on Wednesday at the Moosomin Community Theatre. The play was brought in by the Moosomin & District Arts Council and with the help of a number of local sponsors, including Borderland Co-op and Third Avenue on Main.

Performed by Burnt Thicket Theatre, the play stars Sarah Robertson and revolves around a seven-year old-dealing with his mother's depression by listing everything wonderful about life. Two decades later the list takes on a life of its own. The comedy explores depression and the lengths we go for loved ones, blending humor with emotional depth. The performance involves the audience in naming items on the list, creating a profound and unscripted connection.

"Mental health is important and something that is starting to and really needing to be talked about more and we thought the school show was a way to start the conversations," says Kate Chegwin with MADAC.



**RCMP investigating armed robbery in Whitewood area**

RCMP are investigating an armed robbery that took place in the Whitewood area on Wednesday.

At 8:40 pm Wednesday, RCMP responded to a report of a robbery with a firearm in the Whitewood area. No injuries were reported in relation to the robbery.

Police officers advise that there are two suspects. As a result of continued investigation, officers located and seized a firearm in a vehicle that the suspects abandoned on old Highway 1 east of Whitewood.

Saskatchewan RCMP continue to investigate. Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services, Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS), and Forensic Identification Section were assisting in this investigation.

Investigators continue to ask the public to report suspicious activity or people in the Whitewood area to police. Call 9-1-1 in emergencies or 310-RCMP in non-emergencies.

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World-class entertainer Rory Allen is a much loved and respected professional entertainer who draws capacity crowds with his phenomenal vocal talent, charisma and audience rapport. He has recorded and performed on several occasions with the legendary Jordanaires quartet from Nashville, TN, as well as Elvis Presley's Imperials quartet.

# Small Business Tax Rate to stay at 1%, \$285,000 for Young Entrepreneur Bursary, Small Business Investment Tax Credit Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce welcomes Sask Party business policy announcements

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is welcoming three announcements geared toward Saskatchewan businesses made by the Saskatchewan Party last week.

- The party announced three measures:
- A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will make the reduced one per cent small business tax rate permanent,
- A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will invest \$285,000 annually to youth entrepreneurship, with grants distributed through local Chambers of Commerce, and
- A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will work with Chambers of Commerce to develop a new tax credit to encourage investment in small businesses.

The proposal that went forward from the Chambers of Commerce was for a Small and Medium Size Enterprise Investment Tax Credit that would provide a 50 per cent tax credit for people who invest in a Saskatchewan SME with 50 employees or fewer.

"We know that small businesses create many jobs in Saskatchewan. That's why today, I am announcing that the small business tax rate that our government reduced as we emerged from the pandemic will remain at the reduced rate of one per cent," Premier Scott Moe said Friday.

The small business tax rate was scheduled to return to two per cent on July 1, 2025. A re-elected Saskatchewan Party government will keep the rate at one per cent.

Moe said if re-elected, the Saskatchewan Party government will work with the Saskatchewan Chambers of Commerce to develop a new small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) tax credit to encourage small business development and create jobs.

"A Saskatchewan Party government will also create a new Saskatchewan Young Entrepreneur Bursary," Moe said. "We

will provide an annual grant of \$285,000 to the Saskatchewan Chamber for local Chambers throughout the province to use to provide \$5,000 bursaries to local young entrepreneurs for business development."

Prabha Ramaswamy, the CEO of Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, has commented on the policies and is excited for the future of entrepreneurship in Saskatchewan.

"We very much welcome the proposal from both parties to keep the small business tax at 1%," Ramaswamy said.

She said the young entrepreneur bursary would be welcome.

"A young entrepreneur bursary would

support young entrepreneurs in starting a business and accessing mentorship, which is critical to business sustainability and growth," said Ramaswamy. "Such incentives will also promote retention of professional and entrepreneurs in our province."

She said the investment tax credit for small businesses would make a difference in communities across the province.

"Small business is big business in our province, with 99% of businesses being classified as small business," she said.

"The proposed SME tax incentives for businesses under 50 employees will not only boost investments but will fuel growth in our economy. It will provide an

opportunity for businesses to access capital that is vital to grow and scale," said Ramaswamy.

## Moosomin Chamber meeting October 22

The new incentives will be discussed at the October 22 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting. Also at the meeting will be discussion of Spookarama, introduction of a new business, and discussion of the Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign. The meeting is Tuesday October 22 at 11:45 am at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin.



Nicole Taylor photo

### Paving at Co-op food store

Work continues on Borderland Co-op's new 30,000 square foot food store in Moosomin. Pavers were working on site Thursday.



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Redvers Town Council

# Town purchasing new transit bus

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

During last week's regular meeting of Redvers Town Council, the official decision was made to purchase a new transit bus. The 2025 Diamond Coach VIP 2200 boasts eight ambulatory seats with three-point seat belts, three wheelchair positions, and three double foldaways. The total cost for the new transit bus is \$174,485, with the majority of the cost covered by federal government dollars through the Rural Transit Solutions Fund. The Town is required to put up a portion of the funds—\$50,000—but was granted \$200,000 through the RTSF at the end of September.

Council learned of the funding during their council meeting on Sept. 25, but had not settled on a specific vehicle at the time.

"We got several quotes, and that was ultimately the one that council decided on, so we will be purchasing and putting in that order," said Redvers CAO Tricia Pickard.

The town received three quotes—two from Crestline Coach on a F350 and F450 chassis, and one from Warner Industries on a F350 chassis. Ultimately, the Warner package was chosen, and another surprise was revealed in the timeline quoted to manufacture the transit bus.

"This one's going to take about six to seven months," Pickard said. "We were kind of thinking a year, to be honest, so this timeline is actually pretty decent."

The new bus will be used to provide on-demand transit service both within Redvers, and for medical transportation to centres further afield such as Brandon and Regina. The transit bus allows residents to maintain their independence, whether the destination be a medical appointment, or just to meet their friends to play cards.

Next on Pickard's 'to-do' list as it relates to the transit bus will be fielding interviews for the Transit Driver position that closed Oct. 7.

### Agreements on curb, drainage

Council approved a pair of agreements brought to the Oct. 9 meeting between the Town of Redvers and named residents.

The first agreement was with Colby Magotiaux in light of his request to cut a portion of the front curbing on his property.

The second agreement was with Natasha and Brian Poirier regarding drainage issues behind Luxe Beauty and the Town Office.

### Still looking for a few councillors

There will be another call for nominations in the Town of Redvers as two seats at the council table have not been

filled.

"I'm kind of surprised that we have two councillor positions, that we do have to do further nominations," said Pickard. "I thought that we would actually have a vote this year, but, we have to do a further call for nominations, which I was a little bit surprised about."

So far, Mayor Brad Bulbuck has let his name stand with current Councillors Donna Gilbertson, Ken Thomas, and Owen Gavelin all intending to run again. New to Council is Jeremy Kamp, eager to seek his first term.

### Fire department continues updated truck discussions

While no solid decisions have been made yet on an additional fire truck in Redvers, council did discuss the item during last week's meeting.

"As far as the fire department and the fire truck, there hasn't been any solid decisions," Pickard said. "Basically, we were just discussing our options last night and seeing a couple steps that need to get done, a couple phone calls that need to get made, and just finalizing quotes."

### Pilot water project still underway for new water treatment system

Technically, the town's pilot project and contract with Delco Water as part of their water treatment plant upgrade is complete, but there's still something that remains—manganese. Through the 16-week project, iron and ammonia have been removed successfully but the manganese levels have not moved much. The question of whether or not to continue with the pilot project in order to see if more time will affect those manganese levels is what council is currently deciding.

"We probably will be continuing to pilot for another little bit here," said Pickard, who was in the midst of visits to similar facilities in Rouleau and Carlyle. "That's part of why we're going to tour a couple spots today, just to kind of help finalize our decision of, 'are we done?' Because technically, we're done our 16 weeks, but we didn't have the manganese removal that we were hoping with the biofiltration."

The engineer on the project and Delco Water both encouraged continuing with the pilot, using just the RO membrane with no biofiltration. The cost would be about \$3,000 per month, and it could take several months to see any change in the levels.

More information gathering will take place before any firm decision is made.

"Rouleau had some of the same challenges as us in the pilot process and different avenues," Pickard said. "It was

our water security operator that said, 'hey, why don't you guys go to Rouleau?' So they're meeting him today as well."

### New daycare to open

There's a new daycare coming to Redvers, anticipated to open mid-November after all the associated start-up logistics are completed. Some of that work included a few requests to council, including a discretionary use request, development and renovation permits and a fence permit.

"She's putting a daycare in her home, so the discretionary use was approved last night, as was her development permit, because it's a renovation," Pickard explained. "So that was approved. She also had a fence permit, and that was approved as well. So she's going to be still residential, with a small part being commercial."

Known as Kiddo's Kingdom, the daycare will be the third such option for people with small children requiring care.

"We do have a licensed childcare centre, the Redvers Early Learning and Childcare Centre," Pickard said. "It's been around for quite a few years, and we do have another daycare, it's called Buzzy Beez, and it's located in a residential area, and it was also a discretionary use approved by council."

Pickard is happy to see another daycare come to Redvers "because we always need childcare in the community."

"All three of these are licensed, the childcare centre is operational on its own," Pickard said. "But these other ones are in residential properties, and they are licensed through the Childcare Branch, through the Ministry."

### Rec Centre getting fibre


The Redvers Recreation Centre will be getting fibre internet, but it's taking a different path to get there.

"It was to get RFNOW to the Rec Centre, and it had been previously approved, but with our water treatment upgrade, it was actually our foreman that caught that," Pickard said, adding that the new path will not pose a possible conflict with future water treatment plant expansion.

"We just changed directions," she said. "It's still going to the Rec Center, it's just going in front of the water treatment plant and then down to the Rec Centre, rather than diagonal, kind of where our reservoir is going to go for the new water treatment plant. We wanted to make sure, no matter what our expansion ends up to be, this line will not be compromised."

The proposed path will tap into existing fibre running south on the west side of Methunen Street from Highway 13. Once the line reaches to almost Dr. Arthur Avenue, it will veer towards the Recreation Centre.

Construction on the line was anticipated to begin last week.



## NOTICE OF POLL

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* that a vote will be held for the election of:

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COUNCILLOR (6): Town of Esterhazy

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<p><b>Advanced Poll</b></p> <p><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2024</b> 3:00p.m. - 8:00pm Town of Esterhazy Town Office 600 Sumner Street, Esterhazy, SK</p>	<p><b>Regular Poll</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2024</b> 9:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. S.N. Boreen Centre 800 Fourth Ave, Esterhazy, SK</p>
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Results of this election will be declared at the Town Office, 600 Sumner Street, on 14th day of November, 2024 at the hour of 9:00a.m.

Additional information on candidates and voting can be found online at [townofesterhazy.ca](http://townofesterhazy.ca) or by calling the Town Office.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2024.

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# Westman RCMP Report

### 96 calls for service

During the week of September 29 to October 5, Westman RCMP received a total of 96 calls for service. Of the 96 calls, 33 were traffic related including 12 moving traffic/speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were eight suspicious person/vehicle/property files, six assault files, three wellbeing checks, five false alarms, five fire prevention act files, seven mischief files, and two uttering threats against a person files.

### Using cell phone while driving

On September 29, during a routine traffic patrol in the Town of Virden, RCMP observed a male driver using his cellular telephone while driving. A traffic stop was conducted and this driver was issued a traffic offence notice for using a cellular phone or other hand-operated electronic device while driving a vehicle which carries a three-day license suspension penalty, as well as a \$672 fine.

### Charged for driving impaired

On September 30, during a routine traffic patrol in the Town of Melita, a traffic stop was conducted. A 46-year old male was arrested and charged with operation while impaired (alcohol) of a motor vehicle, and operation while over 80mg% (alcohol) of a motor vehicle. A breath test was conducted with results of 110mg% and 90mg%. The male was released on an appearance notice and will appear in court in November. His vehicle was impounded for 30 days and license suspended for three months.

### Two people charged with assault

On October 1, RCMP received a report of an abandoned 911 call/hang up where an unknown female was calling from an unknown location for an assault in progress. RCMP investigated and determined the whereabouts of the assault, and that both parties involved had assaulted one another. As a result, a 19-year-old male was charged with assault. He will be appearing in court in December. An 18-year-old female was charged with assault. She will appear in court in December.

### \$508 speeding ticket

On October 1, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 257 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 135 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$508.

### Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquiries or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency please call 911.

### Crimestoppers is anonymous

If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable and they do not subscribe to caller ID or call display.



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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TITLE NUMBER	TOTAL ARREARS	COSTS	TOTAL ARREARS AND COSTS
LOT 27-BLK/PAR 8-PLAN AB885 EXT 0	155703113	\$1,151.81	\$591.00	\$1,742.81
LOT 28-BLK/PAR 8-PLAN AB885 EXT 0	155703135			

\*On January 1, 2025 the 2024 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024

Susan Gawryluk, Administrator

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1. Start saving early for retirement to benefit from compound interest. Regularly save around 10-15% of income to build a significant retirement fund.
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4. Diversify investments with stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and ETFs can manage risk and boost returns. Seek advice from a financial advisor to align your strategy with risk tolerance and retirement objectives.
5. Take advantage of employer-sponsored plans like pension plans or group RRSPs in Canada, which may include employer contributions. Ensure you contribute enough to receive the maximum match to boost your retirement savings effectively with free money.
6. Familiarize yourself with Canadian government retirement programs like CPP and OAS for retirement income planning. CPP benefits depend on your work contributions, while OAS offers monthly payments to seniors aged 65+. Plan retirement income considering these benefits alongside personal savings.
7. Regularly monitor and adjust your retirement plan to stay on track with your goals. Life changes can impact your savings strategy, so adapt contributions, investments, and timeline accordingly. Use online calculators to estimate future needs and savings sufficiency.
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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwan, Recreation Director

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## Forever in Motion Training Session

Thanks to the hard work of Devona Putland and Barb Swallow, Moosomin will have the opportunity to host a "Forever in Motion" training session in a few weeks. In addition, our Southeast District and SPRA are funding the event to keep costs down. I will say we have an amazing Southeast District for sport, culture and recreation!

### Training sessions will go:

Friday, October 18 from 4 to 8 pm  
Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to 5 pm  
Sunday, October 20 from 9 am to 5 pm

For information on the program please visit Moosomin's Age Friendly Facebook Page.

## Outdoor Pickle Ball Court Donor Night!

Moosomin Parks and Recreation along with our local Pickleball Club will be hosting a post-harvest donor night at the Nutrien Sportsplex. This will be an opportunity to get an update on the new outdoor pickleball court project as well as to try the sport out if you have not had an opportunity. The event will be held Friday, October 18 at the Nutrien Sportsplex from 5 to 7 pm. There will be cocktails, supper and an information session for prospective donors from 7 to 9 pm. There will also be an opportunity to try out pickleball at no cost. If you would like information on the project prior to the donor night, by all means feel free to contact Mike at 435-7578.

## Learn to Play Pickleball

During the evening of Friday, October 18, we will be all set up at the Conexus Convention Centre with our three pickleball courts/nets. People looking to take up the sport we will be welcomed free of charge to come down and get a fantastic introduction to the sport. There will be no cost to try it out. Instruction will be given by our local pickleball club members including long time players Tim Hamilton and Bill Thorn. There is limited space available, with registration accepted on a first-paid first-served basis. To register, contact Mike at 435-7578 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Free Golf Lessons for Sportsplex Members

Moosomin Parks and Recreation are so excited to announce a two-day golf lesson opportunity coming up October 18-19. The lessons will be indoors at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Our head instructor will be Austin Derbescu. Austin is a former Canadian PGA Tour Player who instructs at EVO Golf in Brandon. You can check his resume out online.

There is limited space available so registration is accepted on a first-paid first-served basis. To register, contact Mike at 435-7578 or by email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. The regular price for lessons is \$125/hr but we have a deal that will knock your socks off.

### Adults

2024/2025 Sportsplex Members: Lessons free with purchase of regular priced membership  
2024 Pipestone Hills Members: Lessons \$75/hr  
Non-Members: Lessons \$125/hr

### Junior

2024/2025 Sportsplex Members: Lessons free with purchase of regular priced membership  
2024 Pipestone Hills Members: Lessons \$50/hr  
Non-Members: Lessons \$75/hr  
Available times include:

#### Friday, October 18

5 pm	Full
6 pm	Full
7 pm	Full
8 pm	Full

#### Saturday, October 19

9 am - 1 spot left	10 am - full
11 am - 1 spot left	1 pm - 1 spot left
2 pm - 1 spot left	3 pm - 2 spots left
4 pm - 2 spots left	5 pm - 2 spots left

## Nutrien Sportsplex RECFEST 2024

We have Scheduled RECFEST 2024 for Thursday, October 24. For those new to town RECFEST is an opportunity to get amazing deals on winter rates at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Those include:

### 6 Month Walking Track Memberships

Regular price \$150  
RECFEST price \$120

### Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Adult

Regular Price \$300  
RECFEST price \$250

### Seasonal Sportsplex Membership - Youth

Regular Price \$150  
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### Christmas Parties

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

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

## Nutrien Sportsplex Season

We have now set the dates for our opening/closing dates at the Nutrien Sportsplex. The 2024 opening date is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 and the 2025 spring final date is scheduled for Sunday, April 13.

## 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.

## 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 Rangers Senior Hockey Team

The 2023/2024 Big Six Champion Moosomin Rangers are excited about the 2024/2025 season. That said we have lost several players from last years roster and are looking to restock our shelves. If you are interested in skating with the Rangers please shoot any of these three guys a text!

Paul Stapleton, General Manager 434-7479

Jeff Cole, Player Development 435-7141

Ferrel Horn, Head Coach 435-7778

## Big Six Senior Hockey League News

Big Six league had their meeting a few weeks back. There will be eight teams in the league in 2024/25 with Bienfait taking a leave of absence. That leaves an offset 16 game schedule for each league team.

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

## Moosomin Senior Rangers Meet and Greet

Coming up on Friday, October 25, the Moosomin Senior Rangers will be holding a meet and greet at the Nutrien Sportsplex. This is a chance for sponsors, fans and volunteers to come out and meet our 2024/2025 Senior Rangers Hockey Team. We will be also holding a

little golf tournament, so if you like indoor golfing, you can golf along with Rangers team players. There is no charge to golf! This event is open to the public so no pre-registration is required!

## Moosomin Senior Rangers Part of the Community

Our local Rangers are made up of over 90 per cent local athletes. As such, they are extremely invested in the community. Coming up in October, the team is looking to host an exhibition game as a fundraiser for the CT Scanner. Watch for details in the coming week as this should come with a ton of different events tied in!

## 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.

## 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 Schwan 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 Girls Tournament	November 9,10
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 late summer / fall / Winter of 2024. Here is a sample of what is coming up!!

October 12,13	Minor Hockey Dry Land
October 17	SHA Flu Shots
October 19,20	Minor Hockey Dry Land
October 25	Shriners Fall Fundraiser Live Event
October 26	Nixon Electric 30th Anniversary
October 31	Spookarama
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.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net.

## Community Donations

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 clubs, an old bike...whatever!

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

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



# Spy Hill's Tannis Schermann recognized for volunteerism

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Tannis Schermann is known in and around Spy Hill as the go-to lady to get things done. Her list of volunteer work is quite lengthy, and has recently earned her recognition through the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, a group that held their awards gala on Sept. 29 in Regina.

Schermann was nominated and received the Community Leadership - Rural Category award, a title many would agree she's more than worthy of receiving. However, Schermann was humble about the honour.

"Well, actually, I'm kind of uncomfortable with it," she admitted when asked how it felt to be recognized for all her community efforts. "I would never have got this if it wasn't for the crazy ladies that follow me when I say, 'let's do something.' I've got a very good group of volunteers that if I suggest something, they jump at it."

While employed full-time at the Nutrien Mine at Rocanville, Schermann served on the Village of Spy Hill council for several years. During this time, she was also actively involved in the local Spy Hill Curling Club where she participated in helping to organize curling bonspiels. She also organized workers in the curling rink kitchen and co-ordinated food and prize donations.

Schermann was also a board member for the Carlton Trail Regional Park during this time where she helped to organize July 1st celebrations and was actively involved in employee recruitment and helped with the overall operations.

Her volunteerism kicked into high gear after retiring in 2020, inadvertently setting off a chain of events that would have a large effect on Spy Hill and area. That project was renovating the community hall.

"When I retired at the mine, I kind of had it in my head," she told the World-Spectator. "I ran the curling rink kitchen for years and years before Covid happened, and had it in my head that I like doing that, because it's a lot more fun when you don't get paid—it's not a job."

The project began small, starting with a weekly lunch at the Spy Hill Curling Club building to fill a gap in the community with a band of like-minded folks called the Lunch Bunch.

"When I retired, there was myself and one other retired lady, and we thought we would have lunches on Mondays, because the cafe is closed on Monday," explained Schermann of how the group was formed. "And then it got to where we couldn't handle it with getting to have too many people. There was another lady that was retired, so we asked her, and then another retired lady, and now, actually, when they retire, they come to us and offer."



Tannis Schermann

The idea was for the community to get out and visit while still abiding by the safe gathering protocols in place at that time. Lunches were to be served every Monday during the winter months, and all money raised would be donated back to the Spy Hill Community Club.

After two years of lunches being served, the Monday crowd of regular patrons had grown to over 35 individuals. The Lunch Bunch realized that they had outgrown their current facility, and a decision was made to start prepping and serving the Monday lunches at the Spy Hill Community Hall as there was much more room in this building. The hall had been vacant for about four years, so lots of work was needed to clean it up and prepare it for use.

Schermann and the Lunch Bunch began raising the money needed to purchase paint and to start the refurbishment of the Spy Hill Community Hall. Now two years later, thanks to Schermann and her group of volunteers—along with generous donations and grants—the Spy Hill Community Hall has newly painted walls, a new ceiling, new light fixtures and a fully operational kitchen.

This renovation work has benefited the entire community, allowing space for gatherings to be hosted in the spruced-up venue.

"Now there are weddings in there," Schermann said

of the hall. "We had two weddings in there this year, there's going to be a funeral on Saturday; we have funerals in there because it's the right size. We have gatherings, there's reunions. It needed to be done."

Due to the countless hours that Schermann spent organizing lunches, food donations, driving to pick up groceries, paint and all other necessary supplies, the Monday lunches continue to be served and have become the place to be on Monday. Due to some forward thinking on her part, Schermann and the Lunch Bunch now deliver homemade lunches to the RM of Spy Hill office for their monthly meetings.

There's also the small town mainstay of coffee row, which commonly provides entertaining news of the day and wisdom from the bottom of a coffee cup.

"On Sundays and Monday mornings, we have coffee, too," Schermann said. "We open at eight in the morning, and they come out for coffee, and they'll sit until 10 and tell tales!"

Putting on these lunches and coffee sessions is also highly entertaining for the Lunch Bunch, as Schermann attests, "we have a riot—I love doing this. This is the best job ever!"

Why is volunteerism so important to her?

It was a question Schermann didn't hesitate to answer, pointing toward the greater good.

"Because I always felt it's how you connect to the community," she replied. "If you don't volunteer, no one else is going to volunteer either. It's how you connect."

When she's not busy volunteering or spending time watching her granddaughter, Paisley, Schermann can be found at the Spy Hill Museum where she is curator. Along with opening the museum to the public during the summer months, she is also involved with fundraising for the museum. She organizes events at the museum in an effort to get more people to get out and see what the museum has to offer.

One can never truly tell the countless impacts volunteerism has in a community. Schermann says something like a community hall renovation project could be the thing that entices former residents back home, or at the very least gives them a new space to enjoy when they come back to visit.

"Exactly, and even if they don't move back, I can understand, but if they come back for visits, perfect," Schermann said on the subject.

For now, Schermann and her crew are gearing up for the coming lunch season.

"Come for lunches on Mondays, we start beginning of November," Schermann said. "People always bond over food."

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## What is Co-op Week and Credit Union Day?

Co-op Week is a time to reflect on the contributions the co-operative sector has made to the lives of Canadians and celebrate the impact that co-operatives have in our communities.

Co-op Week activities are held all across the country. Saskatchewan and Manitoba co-ops and credit unions are strong supporters of Co-op Week and don't hesitate to show their co-op pride. They use the week to celebrate their unique business model, as well as the contributions of co-op members—and to proudly promote themselves.

Co-op Week has been proclaimed across Canada every October since 1982. Co-op Week is always held from the Sunday to the Saturday of the week in which International Credit Union Day falls. (ICU Day is always the third Thursday of October.)

The 76th anniversary of International Credit Union Day (ICU Day) is set for Thursday, October 17, 2024.

International Credit Union Day celebrates the spirit of the global credit union movement. The day is recognized to reflect upon the credit union movement's history, promote its achievements, recognize hard work and share member experiences.

International Credit Union Day has been celebrated on the third Thursday of October since 1948.

### How co-operatives can support our growing economy

Compared to other businesses, co-ops are less likely to fail, to relocate, or to downsize when the economy is in trouble. Being rooted in places and devoted to members' needs, co-ops reflect the long-term goals of communities and regions.

They provide jobs that are stable and relatively well paid, with good working conditions and opportunities for learning and advancement. Co-ops are repeatedly recognized as being among the best workplaces in Canada.

Thanks to co-ops, our towns, villages, and cities are more welcoming, viable, and sustainable. Co-operatives are one of the "secret ingredients" that help make Canada a success as a nation and Saskatchewan and Manitoba a success as provinces.

Many of the same forces that drove earlier generations to form co-operatives are still at work. They include:

- **Providing affordable, quality housing.** As more people move to Saskatchewan for work, pressure on housing infrastructure increases. Many communities are investigating seniors housing co-operatives as a way to allow seniors to remain in their communities while freeing up existing housing stock for new residents. Other communities are looking at co-operative housing as a way to provide safe, quality, affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

- **Aging in place.** As our population ages, more services will be needed for seniors, such as home care and personal services. Tisdale Home Care Co-op is an example of a co-op which is assisting seniors to age-in-place by taking on home and yard maintenance chores and personal services.

- **Mobilizing and empowering the First Nations workforce.** The co-operative model has many points of agreement with First Nations culture and tradition. The co-operative business model has been used to start new on-reserve businesses in recent years.

- **Business succession planning.** Collective entrepreneurship can ensure that businesses that might otherwise close when the owner retires continue to provide services and employment as a co-operative.

- **Efficient and affordable services.** Co-operatives can make it more affordable to access goods and services, such as car sharing.

### Services to rural communities

Co-ops serve rural areas that corporations will not. Co-operatives can provide services such as grocery stores, gas stations and credit unions to rural communities. For example:

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