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## Moosomin wins Communities in Bloom

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Once again, Moosomin has a reason to be proud as results from the annual Communities in Bloom competition were released. Moosomin was named a provincial winner in the 2,001-3,000 population category, awarded five blooms with a special mention for Commitment to Cultural Heritage Preservation.

"We tried to do a few things a little bit different, and took some of the suggestions of the judges, and I think everything worked out pretty well," said Mike Schwean, Director of Parks and Recreation with the Town of Moosomin. "Jasmine (Davidson, Moosomin Communities in Bloom Project Manager) and her team did a great job."

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New Moosomin-Montmartre MLA with first-time voter Victor Santos Cardoza on Election Day. Weedmark spent the day visiting with voters across the riding from Indian Head to Rocanville, ending with a watch party in Moosomin.

## Kevin Weedmark new MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Kevin Weedmark was elected the new MLA for the Moosomin-Montmartre constituency in Saskatchewan's provincial election Monday.

Weedmark won with 67 per cent of the vote in Moosomin-Montmartre.

The Saskatchewan Party won the provincial election with 53 per cent of the votes in the province, compared to 40 per cent for the NDP.

The Saskatchewan Party government was returned for a fifth term as a majority government, and was re-elected with a reduced seat count, but with a higher percentage of the vote than when the party

was first elected to government 17 years ago.

Weedmark says he had a lot of fun on election day, touring towns in the riding and meeting with supporters all over the constituency before ending the night in Moosomin with a crowd of supporters at the Nutrien Sportsplex to watch the results come in.

Scrutineers for Weedmark's campaign were calling in results from each poll, while provincial results rolled in on the screens.

"Election Day was a great day," he said. "Murray Gray, my Campaign Manager, got a bit of a taste of what I have been doing for the last few weeks now, as I've built out a network of supporters and contacts

across the riding, building that structure brick by brick, starting by going into towns where I knew almost no one and building out a network one person at a time," said Weedmark.

"I've talked to more than 3,000 people between the nomination race and the election, and now I have contacts and supporters in every community, and I am still building that out."

"We started Election Day in Indian Head, we got a group together there for morning coffee. We had a meeting with quite a large group in Indian Head at the start of the day and I met with a reporter who wanted to meet with me there. Then I went over to the returning office and

talked to John Kort, he is the returning officer for the riding. I thanked him and his team for all of their hard work, and then we worked our way back across the riding from Indian Head back toward the Moosomin area. We stopped in Wolsley and met with a few supporters. We were in Grenfell after that and met with the mayor and a few other supporters. We met with a few people at Broadview, then Whitewood, then Wapella, Moosomin, and Rocanville before heading to the watch party."

Weedmark says election day was very exciting and he appreciates the support and volunteers who helped him along the way.

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# Kevin Weedmark new MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

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"It was very exciting," Weedmark said. "There were so many people that came out to vote at the advance polls in Moosomin that we were informed the day before the election that there was a second team to help count the ballots at the advance poll, and when those were counted I had the support of 78 per cent of people who voted in that advance poll. It was great to see so many people enthusiastic and it was great to see that level of support. It was exciting."

"We had lots of people at the Sportsplex on Election Night from all over the riding, from Indian Head, from the Kipling area, from Wolseley, and Moosomin who were excited to see the vote count come in. We also had so many volunteers, I tried to thank all the volunteers. We had people door-knocking, putting up signs, scrutineering in every poll across the riding, watching those votes come in and texting the vote totals for every poll. It was an amazing feeling to see that support, to see people excited, and to know I have so many people behind me."

He said he was happy with the voter turnout.

"We had strong voter turnout in Moosomin-Montmartre, much higher than the provincial average, and I'm thankful for everyone who came out to vote—in each town we stopped in on Election Day, we spent a bit of time at the polls, thanking people for coming out to vote. Whoever people voted for, I'm thankful to them for participating in the democratic process and voting."

### Fifth term

The Saskatchewan Party was re-elected for its fifth term in government in the 2024 Election.

"This government has been re-elected to

a fifth term—that is unprecedented in Saskatchewan in modern day times. It's never happened before in my lifetime," says Weedmark.

"Even though the seat count is down a bit, when the Saskatchewan Party was first elected and Brad Wall became the premier 17 years ago, he won with 50.9 per cent of the vote, last night the Saskatchewan Party got 53 per cent of the vote and the NDP got 40 per cent. So, after 17 years, the Saskatchewan Party has more support than it did 17 years ago when it was first elected, so that is phenomenal—not only to be re-elected for a fifth term, but on top of that to be more popular than when you started, that is absolutely phenomenal."

"Premier Moe said in his speech on Election Night that he heard a message from voters, and vowed to reflect on those results, and to work for all the people of Saskatchewan. Similarly, my goal is to represent all of the people of the Moosomin-Montmartre riding."

Weedmark said he is grateful for the support in communities throughout the riding. "In every single town, we had those folks behind us and that is great to have that network, and part of my focus for the next four years is to continue connecting with people in all of our communities, to be aware of their needs and concerns, and to work on their behalf."

"It feels wonderful to have that support and to know that about two-thirds of people across the riding supported the Saskatchewan Party. We had five candidates running in Moosomin-Montmartre, and I am humbled and honored—truly honored—to have won with about two-thirds of the support across the riding. I'm so grateful to have people working hard for me in places like Wolseley and Indian Head who I hadn't even met until just a

few weeks ago. I just met these folks, and am just getting to know them, and they're willing to work hard for myself and for the Saskatchewan Party, so that makes me very proud to have all those folks on our team."

Weedmark said he is busy getting organized as MLA.

"My job now is to get everything set up in the constituency here and get a constituency assistant in place, and an office set up."

My goal is to represent the people of this riding to the best of my ability, and that means getting to know as many people as possible across the riding. That is the exciting part for me. To develop all those new connections. Part of my role is to be a communicator and connector, to make sure I understand the concerns of people in our communities, so I can do my best to represent them."



Heather Truman recording the results called in by scrutineers at each poll on election night. At left is campaign manager Murray Gray.



New Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark going to vote in Indian Head on Election Day. Weedmark spent the day visiting with voters across the riding from Indian Head to Rocanville, ending with a watch party in Moosomin.

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# Harrison, Kaeding re-elected

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Saskatchewan Party will continue to hold power after a majority vote won the party 34 seats (53 per cent of votes) with the NDP claiming 27 seats (40 per cent of the vote). Those numbers are current to the second preliminary count held on Oct. 30, with the final count slated for Nov. 9.

In Moosomin-Montmartre, the Saskatchewan Party's Kevin Weedmark won with 5,253 votes, followed by the NDP's Chris Ball (1,888 votes), Saskatchewan United Party's Adam Erickson (608 votes), the Green Party's Remi Rheault (120 votes), and the Buffalo Party's Otis Ayre (72 votes).

Melville-Saltcoats will see incumbent Warren Kaeding retain his position with 5,124 votes, followed by the NDP's Karen Hovind with 1,904, the Saskatchewan United Party with 610, the Green Party's Micah Mang with 86, and the Buffalo Party's Frank Serfas with 72.

In Cannington, incumbent MLA Daryl Harrison ably held onto his seat with 6,121 votes, followed by the NDP's Dianne Twietmeyer with 1,103, the Buffalo Party's Michelle Krieger with 545, the Saskatchewan United Party's Barbara Helfrick with 423, and the Green Party's Natalie Lund-Clysdale with 139.

"I was very happy and excited about those result," Harrison said asked how he felt about returning to Regina. On the last day of voting, Harrison travelled his constituency, touching base in every community.

Overall, Harrison is looking forward to what the combination of new MLAs and those returning will bring to the provincial government.

"Certainly it's exciting times, some fresh faces and new ideas come to the table," he said. "Renewal's always good, necessary to maintain a fresh government. I'm quite excited about the team that is heading to the Legislature."

Melville-Saltcoats will continue to see incumbent Warren Kaeding retain his position with 5,124 votes, followed by the NDP's Karen Hovind with 1,904, the Saskatchewan United Party with 610, the Green Party's Micah Mang with 86, and the Buffalo Party's Frank Serfas with 72.

"I'd say the first reaction and the second reaction was



MLA Daryl Harrison, left, and MLA Warren Kaeding, right.

relief," Kaeding replied when asked with his reaction was when he realized he'd return. "Relief that we're able to continue the good work that we started here going into the election. And it's not really the campaign promises, it's the budget that we released in early spring, and there was a lot of really good initiatives in there that we were really hoping we'd be able to get to fruition, because we think there's going to be some really positive results out of those."

One thing Kaeding is curious about is why voter turnout was so much lower than anticipated.

"Coming through the Covid election in 2020, you kind of wrote off the low turnout to Covid," he said. "But this one, there was no reason for anybody not to vote. There's the extended voting window that literally gave people eight days to vote. We need to find out, why did 40-some

per cent of the people just feel compelled that they weren't going to vote or weren't interested in voting."

Like Harrison, Kaeding is excited to see the new team assembled at the Legislature and hearing different viewpoints.

"I'm really looking forward to it, because there are new faces, there's a new demographic there, there's a lot of younger people there that are going to be coming with new and current ideas," he said. "There are going to be a lot of new people at that cabinet table, and these are people with minimal to no cabinet experience. So we're going to have to ask our constituents to be patient, because these are folks that are not going to know everything about making final decisions. We're just asking for everyone's patience and just allowing these folks the opportunity to succeed in their cabinet posts."

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# Moosomin wins Communities in Bloom

## Earning five blooms, Moosomin qualifies for national competition

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"To get five blooms, it moves our project ahead. It's like anything else, when you see improvement, it's a lot easier to move ahead on things, so we're excited for next year."

Moosomin returned to the nation-wide beautification campaign in 2023 after a few years' hiatus. That year, the town was feted with four blooms, sparking the desire to continue with the project.

"It's awesome that we finally could get to five, we were so close last year," Jasmine Davidson said. "By doing it last year, we had a better understanding of the concept of Communities in Bloom, and then with having our new gateway sign, I think that helped a lot, too."

One of the things the CIB judges noted was the community-wide clean-up that Moosomin holds, earning the town the Environmental Action Award. While something that many communities participate in, Schwean noted that the annual clean-up is "something I think we do very well."

The community-wide clean-up has many volunteers each year, with businesses also pitching in, such as Nutrien donating gloves, Moosomin Dairy Queen providing garbage bags and ice cream treats, Borderland Co-op supplying water, and Tim Horton's keeping everyone warm with coffee. The town also encouraged participation by awarding Moosomin Bucks to participants that submitted a picture documenting their involvement.

Moosomin also picked up an honour for Trees and Urban Forestry, relating to work on the town's urban forest and highlighting The Labyrinth in particular, which was a project spearheaded by Carol Adair. The original vision of the labyrinth was to establish a tranquil environment, but it has become quite meaningful to residents.

"The labyrinth is something really unique and different that our town has to offer," Davidson explained. "They were really impressed that we had something like that."

"In addition to the labyrinth, she's really taken an initiative to have memorial trees put in there," Schwean said of Adair. "She's got quite a few memorials with signage and different kinds of trees and notes and stuff like that. It looks just amazing; it looks better every year. That's full credit to Carol and her crew."

The judges evaluate communities on a number of factors, including community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape and plant and floral displays. This year, Moosomin scored 827 out of 1,000 points, for an 83 per cent bloom rating. A detailed report from the judges not only applauded efforts from the local CIB committee, but offered valuable recommendations the group can take into account in planning future years' participation.

"They give us a really thorough report of what we could do more and better, which is really nice to see it from a different perspective," Davidson said. "So it helps a lot."

One huge key to success is the continued partnership between the Town, Moosomin Regional Park, and the Pipestone Hills Golf Course. The three entities began their partnership in 2023, and it worked so well that the groups



Above and right are photos of the judges visiting Moosomin.



decided to continue into this year's competition. "The park just looks amazing, and the golf course is probably the nicest it's ever been," Schwean said. "There were the three of us working together on the project, but we all have our own committees outside of each other. This is almost like three entries in one."

On the note of collaboration, Schwean added that the CIB committee would like to include rural municipalities to the list of partners.

"There's a lot of absolutely beautiful farmhouses and yards in the area," he said. "So that's something we'd like to do, and we'll work towards doing next year for our application."

The idea to draw in participation from surrounding RMs was something the team wanted to do this year, but there is a bit of a process to include farms.

"We have other things—not public right now—that we want to do as well for the project going forward," Schwean said. "Next year, we'll probably start a little bit earlier be-

cause once May and June hit, there's not really a lot of time for some great ideas."

The Moosomin CIB committee has 15 members, but both Davidson and Schwean said more are always welcome.

As for advancing from the Provincial level to Nationals, there are no firm plans as of yet.

"You have the option to compete at the national level, or you can just do the regular level," Davidson said. "I'm sure they would, you got this far, you might as well try!"

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# Moosomin Candidate Forum tonight

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is hosting a candidate forum tonight— Monday, November 4—at the Moosomin Sportsplex, for the municipal election candidates.

There are three people running for mayor in Moosomin and 11 running for council.

Doors open at 6 pm, with the forum running 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The event will also be livestreamed on the World-Spectator Facebook page.

The candidates for mayor are incumbent Larry Tomlinson, former councillor Murray Gray, and John Turnbull.

The candidates for council are incumbents Kyla Fingas, Garry Towler, and Greg Nosterud, as well as Andie Hodgson, Victor Santos Cardoza, Steven Gillis, Heather Truman, Devin Nosterud, Eddie Blondeau, Todd Norgran, and Hugh Auchstetter.

## Moosomin councillor reflects on two decades of service

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Chris Davidson has been a fixture around the Moosomin Town Council table for 21 years, but after some reflection, he's decided not to throw his hat into the ring for the upcoming municipal election. There are three candidates vying for the mayor's seat, and 11 others looking to fill six spaces on council this year.

"I think the last election, we were all in by acclamation," Davidson said in comparing the interest this year to that of the 2020 election. "We only had six people put their name in for six seats. So yeah, it's funny how it goes. Maybe it's like the provincial and federal, maybe people are looking for change everywhere."

Looking back over his time on council, Davidson has many fond memories of projects he's witnessed come to fruition, expanding the town to the bustling centre it is today.

"I remember back when I first ran, I said that Moosomin has always been a good place to live, raise a family, and run a business," he said. "I kept that as a model through the whole number of years, and I believe that Moosomin is still a great place to raise a family and run a business and to live in."

Just a few highlights over his tenure include fundraising and working to open the integrated care facility in 2008, the MCC Convention Centre, and the lagoon expansion of 2012.

"This new water treatment plant that we're building right now, I was quite involved with it," Davidson explained. "I've been the on the Public Works Committee ever since I've been on council and been the utility chair, so I was always quite involved with water works and sewage. This has been a long time coming, this new water plant. The old one's five years over its life expectancy, so it's time to get something done there."

Davidson is pleased with how the new water treatment plant project is progressing, anticipated it to be online in February.

"It's cutting edge technology," he said. "We're doing away with the old carbon filters, and using a bacteriological pre filter, and then we're putting reverse osmosis membranes in, so it's going to be a great improvement to the quality of the water."



Chris Davidson

A partnership between the Town and RM of Moosomin, plus the Community Builders Alliance has been a large contributor to the success of more recent projects.

"I think that's been very helpful in getting the economic development happening in the community," Davidson said. "Over the last three years, we've seen a lot of big projects happen, and I don't think that would have happened if we didn't have that collaboration between those three entities. The airport is a big one that I don't think could have ever happened without the co-operation of others to make it a regional project rather than just a town project."

Davidson says collaboration seems to be the key ingredient to seeing a region thrive, as evidenced with the part-

nerships the Town of Moosomin enjoys.

"Some big things can happen when you get people working together," Davidson said. "I think over the years, councils have worked well together, and we've tried to build relationships with the RM of Moosomin and the RM of Martin and to try to have more of a regional vision, as opposed to just looking after yourself and letting everybody else look out for themselves."

The collaboration model is also something other forms of government look towards as a way to gauge the health of a region.

"When it comes to provincial and federal funding, both the province and feds are quite happy when they see that people are trying to work as a region, as opposed to working just for themselves," Davidson explained. "It helps in sourcing funding when you can work together, and I think we've done a pretty good job of doing that over the last few years."

When asked for advice to new councillors, Davidson again stressed the importance of teamwork.

"Working together is a big thing," he said simply.

Over the years, Davidson has also been involved in a number of organizations. Some of the clubs Davidson has been part of include chair of the Moosomin and District Regional Park Authority since 1992, a member of the local Elks Lodge, and Masonic Lodge for several years—and he intends to continue his involvement with service organizations.

"I'll have a little more time now that I'm not on council, so maybe I can do some more things in those areas," he said. "It seems like it's tough to get younger people involved in some of that stuff."

The positive momentum currently enjoyed by Moosomin shows no signs of slowing down as Davidson listed some exciting projects that are either ongoing or slated for development in the near future.

"We need to get this daycare built, and hopefully the new council will keep working that way," he said. "The CT scanner's another one. I know we started talking three or four years ago about a new arena, like a skating rink and multiplex kind of facility. And there is a long-term plan that's in the works to get a new facility of that magnitude built, and hopefully that can happen in the next number of years."

## NOTICE OF POLL

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. A poll has been granted for the election of:  
**Mayor Town of Moosomin**  
**Councillor Town of Moosomin**
2. Voting will take place on **Wednesday, the 13th day of November, 2024**, from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the polling places listed below.
3. I will declare the result of the election at the Town Office at 701 Main Street, Moosomin, SK on the 14th day of November, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 am.

Polling Area No.	Polling Place	Address
No.1 West of Ellice Street	Conexus Convention Centre (Located at Bradley Park)	113 Wright Road East
No.2 Ellice Street to Mountain Street	Conexus Convention Centre (Located at Bradley Park)	113 Wright Road East
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Dated at Moosomin, SK this 10th day of October, 2024.

Paul Listrom  
Returning Officer

## NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL

### Town of Moosomin

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for an advance poll for electors who:

1. Are physically disabled;
2. Have been appointed as election officials; or
3. Anticipate being unable to vote on the day of election.
4. For convenience of voter

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

# Sask. Party takes fifth-straight majority in provincial election

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Saskatchewan Party first came to power in 2007, and with last week's election, that status will remain for another four years. The first preliminary count for the 2024 general election began as polls closed at 8 pm on Oct. 28 with the Saskatchewan Party claiming 53 per cent of the votes followed by the NDP with 39.5 per cent.

The Sask United Party followed with just over four per cent of the vote, Saskatchewan Green with 1.8 per cent, the Saskatchewan PCs with one per cent, Buffalo Party with 0.8 per cent, the Saskatchewan Progress Party with 0.2 per cent, and Independent with 0.1 per cent of the vote.

Official numbers were recorded on Oct. 30 after the vote by mail ballots were counted in Regina.

"There are nine constituencies where there is a mathematical possibility for us to see a change in the leading candidate," said Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Michael Boda as dozens of workers counted ballots by hand, letter-opening machines whirring in the background as Dr. Boda met with reporters. After the second preliminary count was complete, the constituency of Saskatoon-Westview switched to NDP with 3,501 votes for April ChiefCalf as compared to 3,464 votes for the Saskatchewan Party's Da-

vid Buckingham. The shift meant the Saskatchewan Party would claim 34 seats with 52.5 per cent of the vote and the NDP would hold 27 seats with 40.2 per cent of the vote.

"This general election, Saskatchewan has received a total of 32,476 vote by mail applications," Dr. Boda said. "During today's secondary preliminary count, the 20,417 vote by mail ballots returned by Oct. 26, two days before the last day of voting on Monday will be counted. This means that there's still an additional maximum of 12,059 vote by mail ballots that could potentially be returned by Nov. 7, which is two days before the final count on Nov. 9. In 2020, we saw about 94 per cent of those were returned."

With 459,537 total votes, only 55.37 per cent of eligible voters actually cast a ballot.

"Well, it is certainly higher than it has been in the past, and testimonials are that people are really engaged and they really like the way we're broadening access to the ballot," Dr. Boda told the World-Spectator. "But again, we have to re-engage others. We have youth who need to be engaged in this process. We have new Canadians who need to be engaged in the process. Seniors—we to broaden access there. We need our Indigenous communities across the province engaging as well. We've made progress in that regard, but



Dr. Michael Boda, the province's Chief Electoral Officer, meets with reporters as election workers count vote by mail ballots on Oct. 30 in Regina.

there's a lot more work to do."

## Leading up to the last day

Before the last day of voting, there were five full days open to eligible voters anywhere in their individual constituencies.

"It has been a busy week for our election workers, serving the 273,010 voters who cast a ballot during the first five days of voting, and collecting and

processing the 20,417 vote by mail completed ballots that were returned to my office by October 26," Dr. Boda said.

There were 303 early voting locations open from Oct. 22 to 26, with a further 413 locations in rural areas added for the last day of voting. This ensures that no voter has to drive more than 30 minutes to their voting location.

In addition to the 716 voting locations, there were also 68 hospitals and

remand centres open for voting, plus 369 personal care facilities, which were active during Voting Week.

Urban voters may have noticed a small change when heading to the polls this year. In what Elections Saskatchewan referred to as "tech locations" across the province, electronic poll books were used to record voters.

"I need to be clear that electronic poll books are not vote counting machines or tabulators," ex-

plained Dr. Boda, stressing that all ballots were counted by hand. "Electronic poll books are laptops with specialized software on them that allow us to replace the pencils and rulers that were used to strike voters off what was a very thick list of voters which you've seen before."

The electronic poll books allowed election workers to handle a greater volume of voters, which is why they were used in the cities.

"Since there is a higher population density in these urban constituencies, we can concentrate more voters in each poll," Dr. Boda said. "So for this election, electronic poll books are being used in the major population areas in the of the province—so Regina, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Swift Current, Yorkton, the Battlefords, and Martensville-Blairmore."

Official final numbers will be known on Nov. 9, which will also be the day all 61 constituencies will have reported. Currently, 99.9 per cent of the voting stations in the province have reported with only one remaining—the personal care facility voting station in Black Lake in the Athabasca constituency will not report until the final count.

## Book reading at Moosomin Library Nov. 12 for '(un)remarkable' memoir

There will be a book reading on November 12 at the Moosomin Library at 7 pm with authors Tenille and Lydia Corbett.

Tenille, who grew up in Moosomin, and daughter Lydia, recently launched their book *(un)remarkable: How Cancer and Depression Intertwined Our Stories of Grief and Hope*.

The book chronicles Tenille's battle with cancer and Lydia's battle with anxiety and depression.

Tenille first noticed symptoms of something not being right in late 2022, and by the spring of 2023, she would receive a diagnosis of Stage 4 Endometrial cancer that required surgery quickly. During the same year, daughter Lydia was on her own journey navigating anxiety and depression.

The authors will be on hand to sign copies of their book on November 12, plus there will be the opportunity to have a question and answer session during the evening.

"It's always fun to come home to Moosomin," Tenille said.

The pair will also be meeting with the McNaughton High School Creative Writing class at the library at 1:30 pm that day.



Left: The cover of their book *(un)remarkable*.

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## Andie Hodgson running for Moosomin council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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Andie Hodgson says the time was right to submit her nomination and seek a councillor position around the Town of Moosomin table.

"The community is really important to me, and I really want to help out the people in our community and make an impact, make a difference to everyone who lives here," she said. "It was a little bit of a timing issue that conflicted previously, so this year, it lined up to me being able to participate in running for council. I really want to listen to the people's concerns and help impact and make Moosomin an even better community than it already is."

Hodgson has committed a large amount of time to the East Side Playground project, something that was quite invigorating for her to see come to fruition.

"I've done a lot of volunteering in the community in the past, and my most recent project was



Andie Hodgson

the East Side Playground," Hodgson said. "When we did that, I went off all my other boards because of the time commitment of that project. We had a small, four-person board, and we wanted to fund it quickly, because the cost kept going up."

The playground was finished last year with maintenance touches done this year including signage.

"Now that it's wrapped

up, I just had a lot of free time. I was thinking, 'how am I going to give back now?' And what can I do to better the community?"

An avid volunteer in the community, Hodgson admits, "I don't have a personal agenda," and was quick to point out the positive things about Moosomin that make the town so special.

"We're very, very fortunate in our community because we do have a lot of fantastic things that are taking place," she said. "We have a lot of fantastic residents, and I just believe I'm a good voice to be able to listen to the people and help contribute to the ongoing success of our community."

Some other local groups Hodgson has been a part of include the Daycare Board for about five years, the Moosomin Cadets, and around five years with the Kinettes as well. She has also been involved with the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce and has multiple years of coaching soccer under her belt.

## Devin Nosterud running for Moosomin council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

"Politics has always been something I've been interested in," said Devin Nosterud when asked about what inspired him to run in the Moosomin town council race. "I ran a business in Moosomin for 12 years, and it was one of those things where you don't really get into politics when you're in business because that could affect it."

With Nosterud being the third generation of his family to live in Moosomin, his goal is to ensure that the community he loves is still around when his children want to establish roots.

"My grandparents moved to Moosomin in the '60s," he said. "My dad left, came back, and raised me in Moosomin. Then I left, and came back with my wife and raised my family in Moosomin."

Ensuring strong infrastructure is an important priority for Nosterud.

"What I would like to focus on is infrastructure, because I'm a journeyman plumber, I've worked with the town guys before when I had the business,



Devin Nosterud

and I want to continue on that," he said. "I think that I could really bring a lot of knowledge to the table and help out. The infrastructure is at that age where it needs to be upgraded, and so far, from what I understand, the town council is doing a great job. I just think that I can really help with that being my trade, and the fact that I have a rapport with a lot of the town crew. I used to work with them when I had my business, so there's already that, too."

Nosterud has also done service work through Kinsman and Kinettes—groups that he said he watched his parents and grandparents take part in.

"Now me and my wife are both part of the clubs also, so Kinsman and Kinettes has always been a very big part of our lives," he said. Nosterud has also been involved with the Mooseberry Acting Company and Creative Visions Productions. "We're constantly helping out."

The Nosteruds have also learned firsthand how supportive the community can be, with the community rallying around them when their son, Lenox, was diagnosed with Leukemia.

"Moosomin really came to bat for us, they had a GoFundMe, and we had huge support from the town," Nosterud said. "And again, that's one of the things that we really try and do is now give back that same support that we received from Moosomin, which was just amazing. When there's people that have problems, the town comes together in ways that you don't see in any other place."

## Steven Gillis running for Moosomin council

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Since coming to Moosomin a decade ago, Steven Gillis continues to be impressed with how welcoming the community truly is.

"We've been well received. It's been a warm environment for the for us to join in, my wife is a teacher, and this is my effort to give back to the community that's been a great place to live," he said.

When asked about his priorities should he be elected to Moosomin town council, Gillis was quick to note the enthusiasm for many key projects in the region.

"I really like some of the things that we've done recently as a community," he said. "We've got the runway that was recently completed, the hospital was done shortly before we moved here, we've got a daycare expanding, we've got housing expansion—there's a lot of growth and a lot of opportunity coming up in Moosomin. I want to keep that going, I want to help facilitate that, but I don't have any one or two personal projects that I feel we need to get pushed to get done."

Maintaining that forward momentum is important to Gillis, something he sees as uniquely forward-



Steven Gillis

thinking for a community.

"I want to keep the progress that I've seen going," he said. "I want to keep that growth, I want to keep that optimism and that forward thinking. It's really fascinating to move to a small town, and they're not just trying to solve yesterday's problems today, but they're actively looking at solving problems that are coming up. The water treatment plant is a perfect example—it's built with the intention of supporting the growth that we're targeting in the community."

Gillis also sees his perspective as a relatively recent addition to the community as an asset.

"I don't have years or

generations of history here, I have a very different viewpoint from a lot of the other councillors that are running, because I don't have the same ties and I don't have the same involvement."

A variety of backgrounds make up a more well-rounded council in Gillis' view.

"I think it's also important that we have the six positions, let's get six different views. We don't need six carbon copies of the same thing, we want to get as many views as possible, to represent as many people as possible in the area," he said. "Being somebody that moved here gives me a little bit of a different perspective. That might be to an advantage if we're trying to grow the community and get more people to move here as well."

"Our local government has done a really good job at making sure that we've got stuff for everybody," he said. "They're not just solely focused on one group or one avenue, where it's only the healthcare side of things, or it's only new parents. They've done a good job of supporting programs across the spectrum so that we're able to support a larger demographic versus just one small portion of it."

## Greg Nosterud running for Moosomin council again

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Incumbent Greg Nosterud sees serving on Moosomin town council as a way to give back to the community that has supported him for many years.

"The biggest reason I got decided to join council was I had a good run here with my business, so I decided now it's time to pay it back and devote some time to the community in terms of my abilities," he said.

"I enjoy the people, I feel that anybody can approach me at any time."

Nosterud has been safety officer with the town, served on the Moosomin Fire Department, served as chair of the Society for the Preservation of the Moosomin Armoury, served on the R.D. McNaughton Hardware Restoration Committee, is past president of the local Kinsman Club, and president of the Pipestone Archeological Group.

"These volunteer hours give me a sense of pride and dedication toward Moosomin which, I feel, reflects in my passion to advocate for the town and our people. Additionally, being a part of these committees has provided me with many opportunities to work as a team member, experience with communication and conflict management—essential experience that has benefited my role as town councillor."

When asked about his priorities if he's elected once more, Nosterud spoke



Greg Nosterud

of the community pride that is so abundant in Moosomin.

"I love my town, and it's easy to see that our town is moving in the right direction—just looking at the large group of candidates running for council, I think that says something in itself," he said. "I'm a father of five kids, and four of

them have chosen to stay in Moosomin and work in Moosomin and my grandchildren are here.

"As a family, we have loved seeing the growth and change happening in our community."

"I have become involved with, and advocated for, community projects that have quickly become my own passion projects. These projects are things such as the airport expansion, proposing an additions treatment centre for community, and advocating for the construction of a Highway #8 bypass. These projects are important to me as they benefit the community's growth, health promotion and safety."

"It is not enough for a community to simply grow, but thrive. I believe these projects are catered to the needs of our growing population and benefit our community as a whole to allow our town to thrive."

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In our opinion:

## Canadians moving to smaller communities for affordable housing

Canadians may be solving the housing crisis on their own by moving away from more expensive areas to areas where housing is much more affordable. This trend is highlighted in the latest internal migration data from Statistics Canada.

The data covers 167 areas comprising the entire nation, including Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs), which have populations from 100,000 to seven million. It also includes the smaller Census Agglomerations (CAs), which have a core population of at least 10,000, as well as areas outside CMAs and CAs in each province and territory, which are referred to as "largely rural areas."

Long-standing migration trends have been virtually reversed. Larger cities (CMAs) now see the highest loss of net internal migrants, while smaller cities (CAs) are experiencing solid gains. Between 2019 and 2023, Canada's CMAs lost 273,800 net internal migrants to smaller areas, including CAs and largely rural areas. This contrasts sharply with the previous five-year period (2014 to 2018) when CMAs saw only a 1,000-person loss.

So, where did these people go? A significant portion—108,100—moved to CAs, which captured 39 per cent of the CMA losses. This is triple that of the previous five years (2014 through 2018).

However, the most notable shift occurred in largely rural areas, which gained 165,700 net internal migrants, representing 61 per cent of CMA losses. This is a dramatic increase compared to the 33,700 net loss in the previous five years. Among the 167 areas, the migration data is stunning.

The areas experiencing the greatest net internal migration are outside CMAs and CAs. The largely rural area of Ontario saw the biggest gain, with a net increase of 78,300 people—nearly 40 times the number from the previous five years. Meanwhile, rural Quebec placed second, with a net gain of 76,200 people, more than 10 times the increase in the prior five years. The Calgary CMA ranked third (and first among CMAs) at 42,600, followed by the Ottawa-Gatineau CMA (Ontario and Quebec) at 36,700 and the Oshawa CMA at 34,900.

The largest CMA, Toronto, had by far the most significant net internal migration loss at 402,600, Montreal lost 162,700, and Vancouver lost 49,700. Outside these CMAs, nearly all areas posted net gains.

People have also started moving to the Maritimes. The Halifax CMA tripled its previous gain (21,300). In New Brunswick, Moncton nearly quadrupled its gain (7,000). Modest gains were also made in Fredericton and Saint John as well as in Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island.

Meanwhile, housing affordability in Canada's largest CMAs has become grim. Toronto's median house price to median household income has doubled in less than two decades. Vancouver's prices have tripled relative to incomes in five decades. Montreal's house prices nearly doubled relative to incomes over two decades.

These CMAs (and others) have housing policies typical of the international planning orthodoxy, which seeks to make cities denser. In effect, they have declared war against "urban sprawl," trying to stop any material expansion of urbanization.

These urban containment policies, which include greenbelts, agricultural reserves, urban growth boundaries and compact city strategies, are associated with the worst housing affordability. Land prices are skewed upward throughout the market. Demand continues to increase ahead of incomes, but the supply of low-cost suburban land, so crucial to controlling costs, is frozen.

Regrettably, some areas where people have fled are also subject to urban containment and housing affordability has deteriorated rapidly. Between 2015 and 2022, prices in Ontario CMAs London, Guelph, Brantford and St. Catharines have about doubled. BC's Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island have seen similar increases. Those moving to these areas are ahead financially, but the rapidly rising house prices are closing opportunities.

There are proposals to restore housing affordability, though none tackle the urban containment policies associated with the price increases. Indeed, we have not found a single metropolitan area where housing affordability has been restored with the market distortions of the intensity that have developed in Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal (not in our Demographia International Housing Affordability report or elsewhere). Such markets have become unsustainable for most new entrant households because they cannot afford to live there.

Housing is not a commodity. Households have varying preferences, from ground-oriented housing (detached and townhomes) to high-rise condos. Indeed, a growing body of literature associates detached housing with higher total fertility rates. According to Statistics Canada, Canadians have favoured lower densities for decades, a trend that continued through the 2021 Census, a trend that continued through the 2021 Census, according to Statistics Canada.

With governments (virtually around the world) failing to maintain stable and affordable housing markets, it's not surprising people are taking matters into their own hands. Until fundamental reforms can be implemented in the most expensive markets, those seeking a better quality of life will have no choice but to leave.

*This editorial was written by Wendell Cox, a senior fellow at the Frontier Centre for Public Policy and the author of Demographia International Housing Affordability.*



## A peek behind the campaign curtain

Since August, I have had the chance to take a front row seat and witness what it takes to run a candidacy race and then run a provincial election campaign.

In the past, I have watched others do this, but have only seen things from the outside. I had only a vague idea of what went on behind the scenes, and didn't realize the staggering amount of work it takes for those running for public office to organize and co-ordinate their campaigns. Yes I knew that campaigning took place and that some signs went up around the riding and that some fundraising took place, but that was about the extent of my knowledge.

With the provincial election now over, I can finally look back over the last few months with a new appreciation for anyone who decides to put their name forth to run for provincial or federal politics. It's a staggering amount of work, but an exhilarating experience, and totally worth it for those truly passionate about politics and working for their regions.

In our case, everything started in August with the candidacy race after former MLA Steven Bonk announced he would not be running in the provincial election. Kevin made the decision to seek the Saskatchewan Party nomination, but with a provincial election coming quickly, that meant that the Moosomin-Montmartre riding had to find a candidate quickly and hold a nomination meeting as soon as possible in order to get their candidate in place for the provincial election.

That meant a race to sell memberships to as many people as possible so that they could come out to vote in the candidacy meeting for the representative of their choice. That alone was a major feat as there was only about one month to sell memberships before the nomination meeting which was to be held at one of the busiest times of year for people—harvest. Kevin and his team made about a billion phone calls selling memberships then about a billion more trying to get people out to vote. It was an intense process, but it needed to be done in order to get a candidate in place.

Once Kevin won the nomination, it was straight into the provincial election. But what did that really mean?

It meant Kevin had to form a campaign team, put a campaign manager, a financial officer, and a volunteer co-ordinator in place, and get people in place to do everything from put up signs to scrutineer at the polls across a vast riding—a two hour drive from end to end and consisting of over 20,000 people.

On top of all that, door knocking was expected as were appearances at events and repeated visits to all of the communities in the riding in order to campaign and reach as many of those 20,000 people as possible in a bid for their support.

What Kevin really did in the nomination race and the election campaign was build a network



**Kara Kinna**

of supporters right across the riding. He went into towns where he knew very few people, started talking to people, and put together a network in every community. I went along some days and we visited people and businesses in local communities and started building from the ground up.

I quickly realized that running an election campaign is virtually impossible without a team of people to make it all happen. Now, I finally understand when politicians go out of their way to thank the volunteers who helped them, and to thank their families. These aren't just pretty words, they really mean it! Elections are time consuming and work intensive, and candidates cannot get through an election campaign successfully without support from many, many volunteers, friends and family members.

What also became apparent through the entire process was just how excited everyone was to be working on the campaign. Just like any team sport where you have great hope that your team is going to win and you all pull together to try to make it happen, the people who work on campaigns get swept up in the excitement and have a great sense of pride in what they are working on.

Now I understand the breathless speeches on election night at campaign or party headquarters as people watch all their hard work pay off. Despite all that work and all those people pulling for them, they really don't know for sure if you are going to win, or by how much. And so when it really happens, or the candidate wins by a lot, it's a fantastic feeling, not just for the candidate but for all of the people who put that work in.

Looking back over my years as a reporter, chatting with politicians at public events, or interviewing them, some of the small things they said now make sense. Like one local candidate talking about how he was starting to lose his voice after doing a lot of campaigning. Now I get it—Kevin was talked out for the first time in his life after a particularly long day in Indian Head talking to voters. Or another candidate mentioning that he found it tough to be away from his spouse and grandkids so much. Now I get it.

I have always known that being in politics has demanded a certain amount of sacrifice, and that it was a lot of work. But today I have a new appreciation for that, and a much clearer picture of what that entails. When party leaders talk about being proud of anyone who puts their name on a lawn sign, I now understand the commitment that entails and why that is a source of pride.



# On November 11 take time to remember

This Monday, November 11 is Remembrance Day, initially set to mark the end of the First World War. The armistice to end the First World War, known at the time as the Great War, had been signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918.

More than 100 years later, people still take the time to remember. At many Remembrance Day Services, a roll of honor is read out.

The name of each sailor, soldier or airman from each community is read and the individual is honored. Behind each of those names is a story. Behind each of those names is a family that lost a loved one.

All of those stories are heartbreaking. All of those stories are touching.

Some of the stories are truly amazing. Who are some of those soldiers who made that sacrifice? These are the stories of three local soldiers who will be remembered on Thursday—three men who received the Victoria Cross, the highest honor a soldier can be given in this country.

**John Robert Osborn**, who farmed near Wapella, was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously for sacrificing his life to save his comrades.



On December 19, 1941, in the British colony of Hong Kong, the company of the Winnipeg Grenadiers to which he belonged had become divided during an attack on a steep rising hill, Mount Butler.

A part of the company, led by Company Sergeant-Major Osborn, captured the hill at the point of the bayonet and held it for three hours until they were forced to withdraw under heavy fire.

Osborn and a small group covered the withdrawal, and when their turn came to fall back he single-handedly engaged the enemy while the remainder of the group successfully rejoined the company.

During the afternoon, the company was cut off from the battalion and completely surrounded by the enemy, who were able to approach to within grenade-throwing distance of the slight depression that the company was holding.

Several enemy grenades were thrown, which Osborn picked up and threw back.

The enemy threw a grenade which landed in a position where it was impossible to pick it up and return it in time.

Shouting a warning to the others, Sergeant-Major Osborn threw himself on the live grenade, which ex-

ploded, killing him instantly.

**Lieutenant Robert Grierson Combe**, who owned a store in Moosomin before the First World War, was awarded his Victoria Cross posthumously.



On May 3, 1917, Combe's battalion was ordered to occupy the German trenches near the town of Acheville, France.

The Germans had anticipated an attack, and by the time the Canadians reached a point 500 yards from the German lines, Combe was the only officer in his company still alive.

Combe and the other survivors from other units found themselves caught in an artillery crossfire between the Germans and a barrage from their own guns.

Leading six of his surviving comrades, he attacked the enemy position, capturing 250 yards of trench and 80 prisoners. Combe was fatally wounded by a sniper's bullet in the final charge.

Then there's **Sergeant Harry Mullin**, the third local Victoria Cross recipient. Mullin farmed just northeast of Moosomin.



In January 1918, Sergeant Mullin was informed that he had been awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions on October 30, 1917, in Passchendaele, Belgium.

25-year-old Sergeant Mullin single-handedly captured a German pillbox that had withstood heavy bombardment and was causing heavy casualties, holding up the attack.

Mullin rushed a sniper's post in front, destroyed the garrison with bombs, and crawling to the top of the pillbox, he shot the two machine-guns with his revolver.

Sgt. Mullin then rushed to another entrance and forced the garrison of ten to surrender.

According to the citation for his Victoria Cross, "His gallantry and fearlessness were witnessed by many, and, although rapid fire was directed upon him, and his

clothes riddled with bullets, he never faltered in his purpose and he not only helped to save the situation but also indirectly saved many lives."

After the war, he returned to Moosomin. He was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the Saskatchewan Legislature in 1934. He passed away very shortly after retiring from that position.

Those three local Victoria Cross winners, out of only 17 Victoria Cross honors awarded in all of Saskatchewan, show the kind of sacrifice that were made by many, many Prairie youth during the two World Wars. Those are only three stories.

But there is a story behind every one of the names of the fallen that are honored this Remembrance Day.

Every one of those names represent a life cut short. Every one of those names represents broken hearts and tears for those left behind.

Every one of those names represents unrealized potential.

We simply have no idea what some of those soldiers may have accomplished had they returned home and had the opportunity to live out their lives, as you and I have.

In this week's paper is a list of times and locations for Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities across our area.

Please take time to remember this Monday, November 11.

And when you do, please keep in mind that behind each of those names that is read out at the Remembrance Day Service, or is carved in stone on the Cenotaph, is a life, and a story, that deserves to be both remembered and honored.

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A Tribute to the Brave by Jake Soltys

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Remembrance Day Service

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**NOV 11TH**

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**CEREMONY** 10:00am - Doors Open  
\*\*Please be seated by 10:45 am  
10:50am - Ceremony Begins  
Followed by Wreath Laying at the Cenotaph.

**LUNCH** Join us at the Legion for a hot lunch after the ceremony.  
\*\*Soup & Sandwiches will be served

**SUPPER** 5:00pm - Doors Open  
5:30pm - Roast Beef Supper  
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**Moosomin 10:45 a.m.**

Ceremony at the Legion Hall followed by march to the cenotaph for laying of wreaths.  
Lunch at the Legion Hall.  
No charge for lunch.  
Cash donations accepted.

**Fleming 10:45 a.m.**

Service at Fleming Community Hall with a light lunch to follow

**Esterhazy 11 a.m.**

All those laying wreaths, please pick them up between 10-10:30 am.  
Service begins at cenotaph then moves to Legion Hall.  
Lunch and fellowship following in the lounge with Len Gadeca providing entertainment.

**Wawota 10:30 am**

Service at the Town Hall  
Light lunch following the service

**Rocanville 10:30 a.m.**

Laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Service at United Church to follow at 10:45 am  
Lunch following the service

**Tantallon 10:30 a.m.**

Laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Lunch at Tantallon Rink/Hall after the ceremony

**Kipling 10:30 a.m.**

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.  
Veterans will march in at 10:50 a.m.  
Tea and Lunch to follow service

# Lest We Forget Remembrance Day

N O V E M B E R 1 1

**Kennedy/Langbank  
10:45 a.m.**

November 8 service at the school

**Redvers 11:00 a.m.**

In school ceremony on November 7

**Whitewood 10:50 a.m.**

Service at the cenotaph  
Luncheon at the Legion after service  
Service at the Whitewood Nursing Home at 2 pm.  
Service at Whitewood School on November 8.

**Wapella 10:50 a.m.**

In school ceremony on November 7  
Open to the public

**Spy Hill 10:30 a.m.**

Service at the Community Hall officiated by Morley Thorpe. There will be messages and laying of wreaths, followed by a luncheon.

**Maryfield 10:45 a.m.**

In school ceremony on November 6  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Open to the public

**St. Lazare 10:50 a.m.**

November 7 at École St. Lazare in the gym  
Open to the community

**Welwyn 10:45 a.m.**

Service in Welwyn Hall followed by laying of wreaths at the cenotaph  
Lunch and fellowship in the hall after the service

**Elkhorn 10:45 a.m.**

Service in the Elkhorn Legion Hall followed by laying of wreaths at the cenotaph. Lunch to follow in the Hall

**Virde**

**10:35 a.m.** service at the Aud Theatre.

Any Legion members who want to be a part of the parade please meet at the Legion at 10:15 a.m. in Legion attire if you have them, but regular clothes are welcome. Reverend Marcel Archameault will be holding the service. There will be a guest speaker as well. There will be a parade back to the Legion where wreaths will be laid. A light lunch will follow. Service pins will be handed out at the Legion.

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## Div. 4 Councillor running for reeve of RM of Moosomin

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
Mark McCorrison would like to take a run at the job of Reeve in the RM of Moosomin. He's been a councillor in Division 4 for six years, and believes it's time for a change.

"I just thought after six years of being a councillor—and I've had multiple people approach me about stepping up—that they just felt like maybe it's time for a change again," he said. "I'm happy with the job that Dave's (Moffatt, current reeve) done over the years. I just feel sometimes in politics, it's better to have a fresh point of view and just switch things up."

When he first started on council, McCorrison only planned on serving for one term, but found he enjoyed the position.

"I'm a guy that's spent my whole life in the RM of Moosomin, basically," McCorrison said. "I have a unique perspective because I was a long haul trucker for quite a few years. So I've been in 17 different states and four different provinces, so I've seen a lot of other counties and other RMs over my travels, which gives me a kind of unique perspective on how things should be done here."

As a mixed farmer, McCorrison also has the dual perspective of what grain and cattle producers prioritize. In speaking of priorities, McCorrison noted the importance of development within the RM, and how he'd like to see more big business set up shop.

"There's definitely a few construction projects that I wouldn't mind seeing get done that have been on the list around council, that just haven't made it to the top of the list. There's a few road projects I'd like to see done. I'm big fan of the airport and I want to make sure that gets done



Mark McCorrison

and finished properly."

Filling currently empty lots in the industrial area is another priority item, building on the growth enjoyed in recent years.

"It's awesome to see that growth and how much the area's changed," McCorrison said. "Another priority, again—I'm sure that we're a little ways away—but the highway bypass has been thrown around the table. That's a neat project that maybe it's a little ways off in the future."

On top of his duties as councillor, McCorrison is also vice-chair of the Pipestone Community Pasture.

## Moffatt seeking re-election as RM of Moosomin reeve

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
Dave Moffatt has a long history with the RM of Moosomin, beginning with his first taste of council in 2007. He eventually stepped into the Deputy Reeve position before becoming Reeve in 2014, where he's been ever since.

"I'm seeking re-election because I feel that the team of council and employees have succeeded in growing the RM and making it a leader in the municipal world," he said.

Through his role as reeve, Moffatt has worked in collaboration with the town of Moosomin and the Community Builders Alliance to bolster economic development in the area. As a result, businesses and individuals have flocked to the Moosomin area for work and a place to call home.

"The airport development has been a large scale project that's involved the communication and collaboration of 18 municipalities, of which two are from Manitoba, even," Moffatt explained. "To bring that project to ensure there's a life saving transport for the ratepayers in our region, it's pretty big. I'd like to see myself and council continue to work towards infrastructure replacement and upkeep, and finalization and completion of the airport project."

With a decade of experience as reeve alone, Moffatt is confident in his abilities to lead for several years to come.

"I still have many things to offer the RM and ratepayers—continued development in the area, promotion of economic growth, which strengthens the area and brings new people to our area also," he said. "To do a good job, you have to put



Dave Moffatt

the RM and the ratepayers first."

Moffatt sees his time spend working through various boards as 'having the privilege of' serving instead of being a role he's forced to take on. He has served on the Healthcare Foundation, the Airport Development and Fundraising Committee, is an affiliate to the Community Builders Alliance, and listed the Economic Development Committee, the Gravel Committee, and the Fire Department Committee as being groups he's involved with.

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# Redvers gains 3 blooms in first Communities in Bloom year



One of the many Memory Pots in Redvers. The town recently received three blooms from Community in Bloom, and a special award for the Memory Pot project.

By RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The town of Redvers is new to the Communities in Bloom world as this year was their first, participating in the 'Friends' category. The newcomers ended up placing second in their population category (1,001 to 2,000), earning three blooms for their efforts.

"We were surprised," Redvers CAO and local Communities in Bloom committee member Tricia Pickard said when the local group learned of the honour. "You think that you're doing a good job and you've made a lot of progress, but to be recognized like this, it's heartwarming and it's a surprise. Just to get that recognition or to get that approval that we are on the right track and we're doing good is so nice, and we get that from our community members, actually, too."

There were nine other communities in the same category as Redvers, which was also the only community representing the southeast region.

"This is the first year that we've been involved, and we wanted to get involved basically to just to see where we're at, and how we would get rated through other people's eyes—especially judges that have been to other communities," explained Pickard. "We have lots of ideas, and we like to think outside the box, but we wanted to see if we were on the right track."

Based on the judge's reaction, they really like Redvers. "It was a pleasure when they came out," Pickard recalled of the August visit. "We rode around on our transit bus, and we highlighted some of the areas. They were super nice, super easy to talk to, and it was great to have somebody from the outside come in. We could showcase our community, and they could tell us, 'yes, this is great,' or 'this is another idea, to accentuate this, or to go off in another direction."

"One great thing that they said was to have recycling bins around Redvers," Pickard said. "We have garbage cans, but didn't even think about recycling bins."

Redvers also earned the Heritage Recognition Award this year for their Memory Pot project, something that's been a part of town since 2015. The project allows residents to commemorate loved ones who have passed away through the sponsorship of a planter. Initially, the Memory Pots began with 20 wooden pots during the first year, then expanding over time.

"Every year, for actually quite a few years, we've been trying to add or upgrade what we've had," Pickard said. "With the Memory Pots, we started out with some small wooden ones, and then we got different wooden ones, and now we're at big plastic pots. We also added boulevard planters, and we're talking about different flower arrangements at Tourism to help to have a visual when you come into town."

Currently, Redvers has 70 planters, proving the idea truly caught on with residents.

## Next year's plans

With one year and three blooms under their belts, Redvers could choose to compete at the provincial level, or stay at the Friends category for another year.

"We aren't 100 per cent sure which direction we might go," Pickard said. "It is nice to linger at the Friends level, because our goal isn't necessarily to compete. Our goal is to revitalize what we have, and to bring forth new ideas and just work together. So if we do decide to compete, that would just be icing on top of the cake."

The approach Redvers has to the Communities in Bloom project is to be part of the town's overall commitment to beautification, complementing other initiatives

such as the sign corridor, new street signs, adding flags to Main Street, and Remembrance Day banners.

"It seems like a lot of things are each their own individual project, but they're actually all falling under our beautification plan," Pickard said. "It's not just one thing, it's a lot of small but significant aspects that really can make a huge impact."

All that work spent sprucing up the community not only fosters local pride, but promotes togetherness in Redvers.

"It brings your community together," explained Pickard. "When you engage your residents and people that are interested in those things, then it just makes you feel good about what you're doing, and everybody's working together."

There were a few recommendations that the judges made, such as adding more trees around town.

"They did note—and we knew that most of our trees

are located on private property—that there's only a few town-owned trees," Pickard said. "We have been considering developing a forestry program, or a tree canopy, a street tree approach."

Another suggestion was to revitalize the Jean Ericksen flowerbed paying tribute to her dedication and significant contribution to breeding lily varieties. Credited with creating varieties including Butter and Sugar, Cascading Glory, Lady Limeheart, and Strawberry Forest, Ericksen was a major contributor to plant life in the province.

"She was the Lily Lady of Saskatchewan," Pickard said.

If anyone is interested in joining in the fun, Pickard said the Redvers Communities in Bloom committee is always welcoming new faces.

"We would love to have more volunteers! You know the approach, many hands make light work, It's fun and it's not a lot of work," she concluded.



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# Metercor holds pair of smart meter sessions in Esterhazy

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Esterhazy residents have begun receiving visits from Metercor representatives recently to upgrade water meters in homes and businesses around town. Currently, the company has all the equipment needed to read the meters installed, including a radio antenna on the water tower. The task at hand now is completing the switch from old cast-iron water meters to the new high-tech, light weight version Metercor carries.

Michael Martin, vice-president and Metercor, was in Esterhazy last week to host two public information sessions at the S.N. Boreen Hall, the final one just before the candidate's forum at the same venue on October 29.

"There were a lot of good questions, a lot of concerned citizens, and I was really surprised—we had a lot of homeowners here that had already had their meter installed," Martin said. "So we got compliments."

Of the most pressing concerns from the 3 pm meeting was how Metercor will be measuring in a different unit than what residents are accustomed to—cubic metres as opposed to gallons.

Much has been said about the benefits of smart water meters with most people impressed by cost savings. However, in conversation with the World-Spectator moments before the second session, Martin stressed the importance of smart meters in measuring more accurately the amount of water used.

"This is very important—so let's say you had a widowed school teacher, retired, in House A, and in House B you have a young family—husband, wife and three kids," Martin began. "Well, right now, they're paying the same amount, but they're not using the same amount of water, it's vastly different. So the social equality part of it is you pay for what you use, and it's a very accurate reporting, but now it's fair in my mind."

Metercor is the largest company in the water meter business, and has been around for 28 years. With a head office in Calgary, utility meters for municipalities is the company's focus—no matter what size. Other Saskatchewan centres Metercor has worked with include Midale, Tisdale, and Prince Albert. In Alberta, the company has some long-time relationships with places like Airdrie and Calgary, whom Metercor has been working on infrastructure with over the last 10 and 25 years respectively.

"Esterhazy is long overdue for enhancements," Martin said. "The infrastructure is quite old, and it needed this change, and the change will be good for the public."

Martin estimates all the meter changeovers will be complete by the end of this year, well before the new water treatment plant comes online.

During the public session, Martin compared the new smart meters to the analog versions, which were made of either brass or bronze.

"Compared to this one, there's no moving parts in these meters, so there's nothing to freeze up or to jam up," he said, holding a smart meter. The old mechanical meters are prone to inaccurate reporting, even if they appear to be in good working condition. The smart meters, however, provide multiple reports daily and measuring down to a teaspoon of water.

"It's quite lightweight, it's got a little antenna that hooks onto it, and about four times a day, it reports in for about three or four seconds," Martin explained of the smart meter. "It communicates, and that's it. There's nothing more."

With installations ongoing in Esterhazy, Martin advises checking the meter after 24 hours in case of leaks.

"If it's good 24 hours later, it will be good 20 years later," he said. "So we ask them to go back down to the basement just check to look for leaks of water on the floor."



Michael Martin, Metercor's vice president, answered questions from the public during two information sessions last Tuesday. He's seen here holding one of the new smart meters that are in the process of being installed in Esterhazy homes.

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Sealed, written tenders to purchase the land in the Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie and the Rural Municipality of Moosomin described below will be received by:

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- Parcel One (Title No. 1806320/2) **NW ¼ 19-14-29 WPM1**, EXC All Mines and Minerals, located in the RM of Ellice-Archie (Manitoba) consisting of approximately 154.17 acres of farmland.\*

- Parcel Two (Title Nos. 106093289 and 106093278) **SE ¼ 24-14-30 WPM1**, located in the RM of Moosomin (Saskatchewan) which consists of approximately 100 acres of Arable Land, 35 acres of Pasture Land and 25 acres of Waste Land.\* Parcel Two includes a Conservation Easement held by Ducks Unlimited Canada and registered as Interest Register Number 124999150 which limits the use of the land.\*\*

**\*all acreages have been taken from the most recent Manitoba Property Assessment Report or Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency\***

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**CONDITIONS OF TENDER**

- Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the vendor.
- Interested parties may submit a tender for the purchase of both parcels together or one parcel individually. If tendering on both parcels, the tenders shall set out the price tendered for each parcel separately.
- The seller shall, in their sole discretion, decide whether the parcels will be sold together to one purchaser or individually to separate parties.
- Tenders must be received at or before **3:00 pm on November 15, 2024, at the offices of Meighen Haddad LLP, 110 – 11th Street, Brandon, Manitoba, attention: Stephen K. Branigan.**
- Bidders shall rely on their own inspection of both parcels, which shall be sold in "as is, where is" condition.
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	TITLE NUMBER	TOTAL ARREARS	COSTS	TOTAL ARREARS AND COSTS
LOT 4-BLK/PAR 8-PLAN H2239 EXT 0	156561352	1,339.46	441.00	1,780.46
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 8-PLAN H2239 EXT 0	156561374			
LOT 9-BLK/PAR 22-PLAN BJ474 EXT 0	146128305	3,946.11	441.00	4,387.11
LOT A-BLK/PAR 22-PLAN BK725 EXT 0	128590094	2,155.24	441.00	2,596.24
LOT 2-BLK/PAR 23-PLAN BJ474 EXT 0	157411122	1,148.76	441.00	1,589.76
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 27-PLAN BL3382 EXT 0	145743699	3,659.90	441.00	4,100.90
LOT 17-BLK/PAR 27-PLAN BL3382 EXT 0	149533218	2,973.26	441.00	3,414.26
LOT 1-BLK/PAR 32-PLAN 65R36786 EXT 0	152657376	3,719.86	441.00	4,160.86
LOT 26-BLK/PAR 33-PLAN 65R36786 EXT 0	155742475	3,251.04	441.00	3,692.04
LOT 12-BLK/PAR 35-PLAN 65R36786 EXT 0	106861451	1,574.63	441.00	2,015.63
LOT 14-BLK/PAR 35-PLAN 65R36786 EXT 0	150247953	3,756.37	441.00	4,197.37
LOT 49-BLK/PAR D-PLAN 66R15168 EXT 0	139624689	2,295.48	441.00	2,736.48
BLK/PAR E-PLAN 101255611 EXT 5	130195863	3,655.46	441.00	4,096.46
LOT 11-BLK/PAR 94-PLAN 86R67740(1) EXT 0	147109686	3,056.24	441.00	3,497.24
LOT 12-BLK/PAR 1-PLAN 65R34788 EXT 0	154441122	3,013.52	441.00	3,454.52
LOT 25-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN 62R18875 EXT 0	132063296	3,134.56	441.00	3,575.56
BLK/PAR D-PLAN 77R04149 EXT 0	141589873	31,752.09	441.00	32,193.09
LOT 6-BLK/PAR 13-PLAN 62R18875 EXT 0	129176680	3,482.84	441.00	3,923.84
LOT 26-BLK/PAR 13-PLAN 101955124 EXT 0	155695966	1,610.63	441.00	2,051.63
LOT 18-BLK/PAR 16-PLAN 64R04867 EXT 0	129093576	4,032.06	441.00	4,473.06
LOT 5-BLK/PAR 29-PLAN 65R42812 EXT 0	149754437	7,603.48	441.00	8,044.48

\* 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 31st day of October, 2024

Tammy MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer



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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Communities in Bloom

### Congratulations and Thank-you!!

Congratulations to the town of Moosomin, Moosomin Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Course!! The three have combined to not only become back-to-back Provincial Communities in Bloom Champions but were the highest rated community in Moosomin being the only entry to receive 5 Blooms!! Scoring included:

Community Appearance	126.50 out of 150
Environmental Action	117 out of 150
Heritage Conservation	128.50 out of 150
Tree Management	141.50 out of 175
Landscape Plant/Floral Displays	165.50 out of 200
<b>Total</b>	<b>827 out of 1,000</b>

## Communities in Bloom - 2025!!

Excited about 2025...next year will see a different direction by CIB, as rather than choosing a themed color, the theme for 2025 will be **edible gardens**. The possibilities become endless!!

## Parks and Recreation

### Star of the Week

This week's Star of the Week is Mr. John Turnbull for his donation of two sets of jerseys and socks to Moosomin Minor Hockey!!

## 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!

## Big Six Senior Hockey League

Moosomin Rangers Schedule includes:

### Home

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  
Camduff Red Devils @ Moosomin Rangers  
Friday, January 24 at 8 pm

### Away

Moosomin Rangers @ Camduff 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 Seniors Club 2024 Fall Programs

Moosomin Seniors 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 Season!

Curling season starts Monday night...the facility has had an inside refresh and looks fantastic!!

## Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Programs

We are now continuing to take 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

## Moosomin Senior Rangers looking for Equipment Manager

Moosomin Rangers Sr. Hockey Team are currently looking for an Equipment Manager for the 2024/2025 season...this is a volunteer position. If you would be interested please contact Mike at 435-7578.

## 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...couple minor hockey games and our first tournament of the year!!

**Monday:** Untouchables Rec Hockey Game 9:30 pm  
**Tuesday:** Langenburg Warriors @ U13 Tridaron 7:15 pm  
Leafs Rec Hockey Game 9:30 pm  
**Friday:** Midale Mustangs @ Sr. Rangers 8:30 pm  
**Saturday:** Estevan Bruins @ U15 Canalta Girls 1:15 pm  
Langenburg Warriors @ U15 Eastons Auto 5 pm  
**Sunday:** Parkland @ U15 Canalta Girls 1:15 pm  
Cote @ U15 Eastons Auto 5 pm  
Canora Renegades @ U18 RAHD Rangers 7:30 pm

## 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:**  
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  
U11 Carded Tournament February 15,16  
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!

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.

## 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

## Conexus Convention Centre Rental Opportunities

When we built the Conexus Convention Centre around 15 years ago our vision was always to have a facility that could service multiple activities including recreation and leisure. With that in mind we have multiple equipment on hand available for rentals. Those include:

basketballs and basketball nets  
volleyballs and volleyball nets  
pickleball nets, paddles and balls  
floor hockey equipment  
dodge ball equipment  
various other balls and equipment

If you would like to book or inquire about a party please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## 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.

## 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.



The Moosomin Shrine Club making a \$5,000 donation to Shriners Hospitals Canada that night. At bottom left is Mike Scarfe, the Potentate of Wawa Shrine, and Easton Weitzel. At right is Moosomin Shrine Club president Leo Ilustrisimo.



Lead singer Brooke Nickel with Rock Candy.



Carmelle Boutin and Wyatt McAuley got a chance to show off their dance moves on stage with Rock Candy.

**Fundraiser raises money for Shrine Hospitals**

The Moosomin Shrine Club held their annual concert fundraiser on Friday, October 25. The night featured music by party band Rock Candy, as well as special guest, eight-year-old Easton Weitzel from Regina, and his father. Weitzel has Brittle Bone Disease and travels to the Shrine Hospital in Montreal for treatment on a regular basis. The event on October 25 was a fundraiser for Shrine Hospitals, and the Shriners were able to make a donation of \$5,000 that night to Shriners Hospital Canada.



Easton Weitzel and his dad talking about how Shrine Hospitals were able to help Easton.



Rock Candy performing.



### Spookarama dance

McNaughton High School held its Spookarama dance on Thursday night. The dance gave students a chance to party, play games, win prizes, and show off their Halloween costumes.

Joey Light photos



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**RECYCLING CALENDAR**

**ROUTE A:**  
Homes on Broadway Avenue and North:  
NOV 18 & DEC 2

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

**LANDFILL HOURS**

**JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30**  
TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 3:45 p.m.

**MAY 1 - MAY 30**  
TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.

**JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 30**  
TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.

**OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 31**  
TUES. - SAT. 12 Noon - 6:45 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 31**  
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## Communities in Bloom - Congratulations!

**Back to Back Provincial Champions with SASKATCHEWAN'S ONLY 5 Bloom Rating!!**









## Nutrien Sportsplex - Employment Opportunities

**WE ARE HIRING!**

Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex is now accepting applications for the winter of 2024/2025. Sportsplex has been opened Thursday, October 24th, 2024 and close on April 13th, 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](mailto:a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net)



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### Nutrien Sportsplex - Hours of Operation

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4 Simulators .....	\$500	Entire Building .....	\$600
2 Simulators & 3 Bowling Lanes ....	\$300		

Our most popular days are Friday & Saturday.

**HERE ARE THE REMAINING OPEN OPTIONS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:**

Friday, November 8th .....	Open	Saturday, December 14th .....	Open
Saturday, November 9th .....	Open	Friday, December 27th .....	Open
Saturday, November 16th .....	Open	Saturday, December 28th .....	Open

If you are interested in getting in early and booking a great date for event, please give Angela a call at (306) 435-3622





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