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Kendall Shipp and Kaleb Kelly dancing in the final scene of Footloose on Saturday, November 23. There were four performances of Footloose put on by Creative Vision Productions that weekend. Turn to pages 28-29 for more photos.

**Moonlight Madness Dec 5 • CP Holiday Train Dec 6 • Santa Day Dec 7**  
**Twinkle Tour Dec 1-12 • Christmas Supper & Carol Festival Dec 8 • Santa Claus Parade Dec 19**

## Christmas events in Moosomin

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
 LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
 This week will see a flurry of activity for the Christmas season begin in Moosomin, kicking off with Moonlight Madness on Thursday, December 5 from 5 to 9 pm.  
 Friday, Dec. 6 at noon sees the CP Holiday Train roll into town, and Saturday, Dec. 7 is Santa Day with kids able to get their picture taken with Santa and check

out a movie.  
 Sunday, Dec. 8 features a special supper for seniors put on by Age-Friendly Moosomin, aligned with the Community Carol Festival that day.  
 Rolna Pranke will be hosting her Twinkle Tour again this year from Dec. 1-12.  
 A little further into the month, the Santa Claus Parade lights up the night on Dec. 19.

More details on Christmas events across the area are in the Christmas Gift Guide inside this week's newspaper.

### Thursday, December 5 Moonlight Madness

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce's Moonlight Madness is this Thursday with stores open late, holiday deals, and three draws for Moosomin Bucks. From 5-9 pm

on Thursday, Dec. 5, stores will be open until 9 pm with shoppers able to enter a draw for \$100, \$250, or \$500 in Moosomin Bucks. To enter the draw, shoppers must show their Chamber Cash Card and get it stamped at five different businesses. Once it's stamped they can leave it at the last visit they enter.

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The Jeannot family getting their photos taken with Santa



The Holiday Train coming to Moosomin in 2022.

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# Christmas events in Moosomin

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### Friday, December 6 CP Holiday Train

What a great way to kick off the weekend—the CP Holiday Train is scheduled to roll into town at noon on the north side of the tracks at 1001 Front Street.

Every year, the Holiday Train winds its way across the country, raising money and collecting non-perishable food items for local food banks. And that's all you need to check out the event—a donation to the cause.

Conexus Credit Union is bringing the hot chocolate, and Borderland Co-op is donating hot dogs, plus the Moosomin Shriners will be on-hand to help with collecting the food donations. There will also be monetary donations collected for the Moosomin food share.

This year, Tyler Shaw and Shawnee Kish will be featured performers, revving up the crowd with holiday cheer. The train itself is decorated in thousands of Christmas lights.

Since 1999, the Holiday Train has raised over \$24.3 million and collected more than 5.3 million pounds of food for communities in Canada and the United States.

### Saturday, December 7 Santa Day

This is your chance to talk with the jolly old elf himself. The CEO of the North Pole, Santa Claus, will be coming to MacLeod Elementary School. This is the 11th annual Santa Day, and photos with Santa at the school will take place from 9 am to noon,

sponsored by the Moosomin Kinettes.

Then it's time to hit the Moosomin Community Theatre as the Chamber is hosting a free matinee at 2 pm. Not only do kids get a free ticket to the show, but they can also claim a small popcorn at no charge as well!

### December 1-12 Twinkle Tour

Rolna Pranke with RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty will once again be hosting her Twinkle Tour. People can take a tour around Moosomin between December 1-12 and then vote on their favorite Christmas light display.

Votes can be phoned or texted to 306-435-7343, emailed to rpranke@remax-yorkton.ca, or posted on Rolna's Facebook page at Rolna Pranke RE/MAX Blue Chip Realty.

The first prize winner will receive \$200 in Moosomin Bucks, second place will receive \$150 in Moosomin Bucks, and third place will receive \$100 in Moosomin Bucks. Everyone who sends in their votes will also be entered for a chance to win two tickets to a WHL game of their choice.

### Sunday, December 8 Carol Festival and Age-Friendly Supper

Turkey and all the trimmings, and all to help a wonderful cause. Age-Friendly Moosomin is holding a fundraiser for the new daycare at the Bethel United Church Hall, targeted to those ages 60-plus. There are two settings at 4 pm and 5:30 pm, and the supper also coincides with the Com-

munity Carol Festival, with the evening portion of the festival taking place after the supper.

There is no cost to attend the supper, but Age Friendly Moosomin is asking that people who attend make a donation to the daycare. To reserve a ticket, call Alice at (306) 435-2425.

### Thursday, December 19 Santa Claus Parade

The annual Kinettes Santa Claus Parade is back, starting at 7 pm that night. Marshaling will begin at Bradley Park at 6:30 pm. The parade will head west on Wright Road, south on Main Street, east on Broadway Avenue, and then back on west on Wright Road and loop through the hospital parking lot.



Entries in last year's Santa Claus Parade.

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Photos from Esterhazy's Moonlight Magic and Winter Festival

**Moonlight Magic on Friday, Winter Festival on Sunday**

**Celebrate Christmas in Esterhazy this weekend**

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

This is the weekend folks in Esterhazy look forward to as their kick-off to the holiday season. Moonlight Magic happens on Friday, Dec. 6 from noon until 9 pm, then the fun continues on Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm with a day full of activities for Winterfest.

"It's always a lot of fun, as long as the weather is nice," said Crystal Sabo, Planning & Economic Development Director with the Town of Esterhazy. "Last year, the weather was beautiful; the year before, it was freezing. It was like -30°C—it was so cold! But, we had a really good turnout last year, so that was awesome."

No matter if the temperature is mild or wild, Sabo noted that community spirit trumps whatever the thermometer is trying to do outside.

"Every year, I feel like everybody kind of waits for this to support local," she said, adding that the current Canada Post labour dispute might also have an effect on purchasing habits this year. "I'm really hoping that more people will stay in town to do some Christmas shopping."

**Moonlight Magic**

There will be plenty of opportunity to shop local as local participating businesses will be open until 9 pm. on Dec. 6, featuring special sales for the event. Sabo explained that some stores have even had hourly sales in the past as a way to entice shoppers.

Shoppers will also have a chance to enter at participating stores for a chance to win Esterhazy Bucks.

"The first prize is \$200, in Esterhazy Bucks," explained Sabo. "Second prize is \$150 and third prize is \$100 so everybody who spends any money on that Friday in town at the participating stores gets to enter in, so that's always a good way to it keep local as well."

The Esterhazy Bucks program has been popular in town, something Sabo is enthused by.

"There's lots of people who are on the Esterhazy Bucks program, which is really nice," she said. "Lots of different businesses."

At Anytime Fitness, an indoor vendor market will be running from 4 to 9 pm, offering up some unique gift ideas. Running roughly the same time—from 4 to 7 pm—there's beef on a bun

plus two sides for \$15 in the Legion Basement.

From 6 to 8 pm, Crossfit K20 will have an indoor kid's obstacle course to help run off all that after-supper energy!

At 7 pm, the annual Light the Night takes place over at the Historical Park with Mayor Randy Bot lighting the Christmas tree.

"The town will serve hot chocolate and popcorn for free, we give out glow sticks and we have local carollers," Sabo said.

Plus, to keep attendees warm and set a festive mood, members of the Esterhazy Fire Department will once again be on hand to light a couple of bonfires.

**Winter Festival**

Sunday starts with a U9 hockey tournament at the Dana Antal Arena with the first game at 9 am. Other facilities in town will be busy as well, as Sabo explained.

"At the hall, we have indoor bouncers," she said. "We're going to do some cookie decorating, we're going to do some crafts, and some games."

The indoor kids activities run from 11 am to 3 pm at the S.N. Boreen Centre, plus pictures with Santa runs from noon until 2 pm.

At the Esterhazy Curling Club, a turkey/ham throw happens from 11 am to 3 pm, something of a local tradition and a great way to raise money for a cause.

"It's been a great fundraiser for the club, so they love

doing it," Sabo said.

Rounding out the afternoon is a movie over at the Maple Leaf Theatre, a free showing of Home Alone which is sponsored by the Town of Esterhazy.

"We've done Elf for the last three years, so we thought we'd switch it up a bit," said Sabo.

Both the Moonlight Magic and the Winter Festival are the result of a collaboration between the Town of Esterhazy, the Esterhazy Business Association, and the Esterhazy Economic Development Committee.

"People look forward to it every year, and businesses look forward to it every year," Sabo said. "They're always asking, 'when is it going to be,' so it is something that I think brings the community together."

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# The Hide Out opens its doors Friday

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's an idea that Shellie Silverthorn has had on her mind for the past four years: creating a safe gathering place for youth. Something that encompasses fun, promoting positive mental health and safety, plus fostering a sense of community. A space where people feel comfortable and safe being themselves, expressing themselves, and most importantly enjoying each other's company.

That place—and that dream—are coming to fruition as The Hide Out officially opens its doors on Friday, Dec. 6 at 11 am. Coincidentally, that's also just in time for the annual CP Holiday Train's arrival, which is slated for noon, right outside The Hide Out's space at 1011 Front Street in the old McNaughton Building in Moosomin.

"It worked out absolutely perfect that it happened to be on that day," Silverthorn said, explaining that not only is her husband employed by the railroad company, but it was the reason their family moved to Moosomin. "To me, it was meant to be!"

Not only will she have a perfect view of the festivities from The Hide Out's window, but Silverthorn added that hot chocolate will be on for those who'd like to stop in and say 'hello' surrounding the train's arrival.

Currently, Silverthorn has secured a one-year lease for The Hide Out,



Shellie Silverthorn outside of her new business, the Hide Out, which will be opening in the old McNaughton Building on Friday.

Nicole Taylor photo

which will be open Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday 11 am to 9 pm, then again on Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 10 pm, closed Wednesday and Thursday. Monday hours also include holiday Mondays—a time when youth are often out of school. And school breaks? You bet they'll be open! That's exactly the

time when The Hide Out will be busiest.

In terms of staffing, Silverthorn will be joined by her two daughters part-time for now, but may add more staff in the future.

"In the summertime, depending on how busy we are, then we'll look into another adult," Silverthorn said, adding that a require-

ment for all staff is to possess valid certification associated with working in centres involving youth, including First Aid/CPR and a vulnerable sector clearance.

### Arcade games and other cool stuff


One big draw to The Hide Out will be the to-

ken-run games Silverthorn will have set up. Over the past four years, she's been working with Fun and Games HQ in Brandon on the idea of a teen hangout. With that business upgrading their machines and needing to find a new home for their old machines, Silverthorn had first pick of which games she'd like to

bring to Moosomin.

"One of the rooms will have five, possibly six to-ken-run games, depending on how many we can fit in there," she said, adding that as with many other arcades, players are rewarded with tickets that can be traded for prizes.

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Massive thank you to the community for the success with the Fundraiser which really helped The Hide Out start off strong! I am truly blessed to have been a part of this incredible town for the past 5 years and looking forward to the future!!

To all the small businesses: The Canalta, IDA, Pharmasave, The Crate House, Glasser's, Sports Excellence, Summers Summix, Studio Twenty Five, GI Apparell, The World-Spectator, Jeanott Electric, The Barking Lot, Nutrien, Borderland Co-op, Witches Brew, Bradley's GM, The Red Barn, Rolna Pranke and The Fun and Games Headquarters in Brandon.

Individual donations: Sandy and Dennis Youngblut, Donna Lafleur, Jennilee Szafron, Chris and Kristina Robbins, Ashleigh and Mark Lundrigan, for your incredible gifts! Your kindness does not go unnoticed and will be forever remembered.

Another massive Thank You needs to go out to Mike Harlos for the generous donation giving back \$960 from the 50/50 pot!

To Ashley Johnston for all the incredible help, setting up, tickets, running 50/50 you were my back bone! To Lawrence Hein and his incredible family from Lawrence Hein Renovations and Handywork for donating their time to set up and sound proof the Rage Room and last to Victor our youngest Councillor for donating his time to get the customer counter ready!

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# SCC Gift Card fundraiser sells \$138,000 in gift cards

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The annual MacLeod Elementary School Community Council's Shop Local Gift Card Fundraiser continues to see local success. This year, \$138,000 worth of gift cards were sold, an increase of \$8,000 from 2023, with around \$8,500 coming back to the SCC. This is the fourth year for the fundraiser.

"More people are aware of it now, and with the added extra businesses, it helps," said Shannon Beckett, SCC

chair when asked what she attributes to the continued success of the fundraising initiative.

This year four more businesses signed up to be part of the program for a total of 24 participating businesses. Students from MacLeod were tasked with selling the gift cards from Sept. 26 to Oct. 25, with incentives to participate.

"There was some gift cards to the top sellers, and every kid that sold even one card would get a prize," Beckett explained.

This year, the SCC will put funds toward playground

equipment, but next year's proceeds will be more widespread.

"I think next year we're just going to do them for the SCC initiatives, which in turn will donate some to the playground, but then we can use some to buy books for the kids or help pay for swimming costs," Beckett said.

Given the timely nature of the campaign, some businesses around Moosomin have used their purchased gift cards as part of Christmas bonuses for employees, further bolstering the local economy.

## Esterhazy Town Council

# Esterhazy moves council meetings to Thursday nights

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The first meeting of a the newly-formed town of Esterhazy council on Nov. 27 saw many items tabled, and some learning curves for new faces at the table. One motion presented by Mayor Randy Bot was to change the day that council meets.

After many years of meeting every second and fourth Wednesday, (with only one meeting in July, August, and December), Mayor Bot proposed breaking with tradition in favour of a new meeting date of Thursdays.

Bot said that Thursdays work better for his schedule. Council approved the change, but will stick to the 6:30 pm start time.

### Council committee appointments

The following committee appointments were made during last week's meeting. Mayor Bot is an ex-officio member of all committees.

**Community Improvement Committee:** Bryant Campbell.

**Economic Development:** Mayor Bot

**Esterhazy & District Hospital:** Maggie Rowland  
**General Government:** Maggie Rowland and Dana Paidel

**Langenburg Activity Centre:** William Gale  
**Public Works & Landfill:** Bryant Campbell, William Gale, and Martin Pfeifer.

**Recreation:** Nichol Kripki, Maggie Rowland  
**Regional Fire Board:** Marty Pfeifer

**Water Treatment Plant:** Dana Paidel and Marty Pfeifer.

# The Hide Out opens its doors Friday

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The teen space will have a couple popular gaming systems, a pool table, foosball table, air hockey, and a ping pong table—all available for a \$5 per hour fee to access the space.

"It's going to give teens somewhere to go, and something to do that is reasonably priced and affordable for them," Silverthorn said. A December promotion will allow patrons to purchase four hours and receive the fifth hour free.

### Rage Room will help kids de-stress

Dealing with stress, processing anxiety, and navigating negative emotions are not easy for anyone. Having a number of tools to assist with the mental health component in life is key, and Silverthorn feels having a Rage Room is one such answer.

"It's like carrying pebbles in a backpack—you load everything in, you don't think it's very big or very heavy, but all of a sudden, when all these tiny pebbles all add up, it just crushes you and just drags you down," she explained. "It's by emptying out one tiny thing at a time, it releases, and it can make you think so much clearer and positively. And I think that's what we need to start doing is allowing ourselves to let go of some of the things that are bothering us."

The Rage Room is designed as a safe place to let go of

stress through smashing items placed in the room. Personal protective equipment such as safety goggles, gloves and safety suits are utilized to ensure participants are not injured by flying debris.

"The Rage Room for myself was a must," Silverthorn said, adding she's had multiple people in their 20's reach out to inquire when it will be open. "Having that release to go somewhere where no one's going to get hurt, no one's going to get judged, just to release that built up stress—especially around the Christmas time. There's a lot of harshness going on right now in the world. It's very important that we have that because when we as adults can focus on our own mental health and deal with it in a positive way, then it encourages our teens to do it as well, and our teens need to feel included."

One method in particular that Silverthorn has experience facilitating involves writing messages on plates. As a way to deal with the particular issue, all anxieties and negative feelings associated with the situation are written on the plate, which is then smashed. Through the action of breaking the object, all the negative words on the object are also destroyed, providing a powerful cathartic release.

Incidentally, Silverthorn is in search of donations of items such as old TVs, computers, and coffee machines that could be utilized in the Rage Room. They don't need to be in working order, just able to crumble under pressure!

### A gathering place for all

Another aspect of The Hide Out will target young children and their caregivers through a program called Coffee and Kids. Silverthorn intends this to be a drop-in style of gathering that offers a chance for fellowship in both age groups.

"The kids can play while their parents can sit and chat," Silverthorn said. "The kids can socialize and so can the parents. It can get very lonely as well, so having that time to be able to meet new people or talk, just talk to people, helps with those sometimes very long days."

Coffee and Kids will run every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 11 am to 3 pm.

There are also future plans to have a volunteer option for teens with a two-fold benefit. Not only will their efforts help the community, but the time could also be credited for benefits at The Hide Out.

"That way, it helps people in town, but also they will be given free play or some tokens, depending on what they decide," Silverthorn said. "Just to teach them that when you're volunteering, there are good things that come out of it—not only for the people that need the help, but it helps our community, which in turn, turns around tenfold and they get rewarded for that."

Still in the very early planning stages, the volunteer program would foster community-building and perhaps plant a seed for future aspirations in service work.

## Moosomin Town Council

# Council discusses economic development agreement with RM, CBA

BY KARA KINNA

Moosomin town council met on Wednesday for the first time after the election, with new councillors Heather Truman, Victor Santos Cardoza, Devin Nosterud, and Andie Hodgson sitting down with returning councillors Garry Towler and Kyla Fingas, and former councillor and newly-elected Mayor Murray Gray.

One of the items on the agenda was the agreement between the town, RM of Moosomin and Community Builders Alliance to share the cost of an economic development officer and a lobbyist for the town. The three-year agreement is up at the end of 2024, with the town's portion of the costs coming to around \$45,000 a year.

While most of the new council agreed with supporting the agreement in principal, it was decided to table any motion on a new agreement until the next meeting with Mayor Murray Gray saying he first wanted to talk with the RM and CBA about some details of the agreement.

### Citizens on Patrol group discussed

The town discussed an email from Napoleon Mactal about starting a citizens on patrol group in Moosomin. Mactal said he was writing to the town to ask for their recognition and support.

"It is a voluntary association that will be composed of citizens in our area that are interested in being another pair of eyes and ears to assist in reporting unusual or suspicious activities," wrote Mactal. "The main activity of the group is to do patrols using our own vehicles or on

foot and to report to the police."

Mactal said he had contacted the local RCMP detachment but was still waiting for their support. He said he was also trying to get a hold of the Whitewood Citizens on Patrol to help the Moosomin group get started.

Mayor Murray Gray said he wanted to get the Moosomin RCMP's take on the group before any decisions were made and the item was tabled.

### Board of Revision appointed

Council passed a motion to appoint Western Municipal Consulting to manage the Board of Revision process in 2025.

### Committee appointments made

A resolution was passed for council committee appointments. The following councillors are on the following committee:

**Finance:** Murray Gray, Kyla Fingas, Andie Hodgson  
**Human Resources:** Murray Gray, Garry Towler, Kyla Fingas

**Public Works and Utilities:** Murray Gray, Garry Towler, Devin Nosterud

**Recreation:** Kyla Fingas, Victor Santos Cardoza  
**Environment, Recycling, Landfill, Pest and Weed Control, Land Zoning, Buildings and Cemetery:** Heather Truman, Devin Nosterud

**Town Beautifications and Image:** Andie Hodgson  
**Fire Department:** Murray Gray, Garry Towler

**RCMP Advisory Committee:** Murray Gray

**Library:** Heather Truman

**Occupational Health and Safety:** Garry Towler, Victor Santos Cardoza

**Economic Development:** Murray Gray, Heather Truman

**Tourism:** Victor Santos Cardoza

**Joint Local Government Committee:** Murray Gray, Devin Nosterud, Andie Hodgson

**MOTOH Organization:** Andie Hodgson

**Moosomin Foundation (and former Moosomin Trust Fund):** Murray Gray

**Southeast Municipal Healthcare Corp.:** Murray Gray

**Heritage Advisory:** Heather Truman, Devin Nosterud

**Moosomin Airport Committee:** Vacant

**Emergency Measures Organization (EMO):** Larry Tomlinson

**Moosomin and District Regional Park:** Garry Towler, Larry Tomlinson, Chris Davidson

**Southeast Transp. Planning Committee:** Greg Nosterud

**Weed Inspector and Dutch Elm Disease Inspector:** Town Foreman

**Development Appeals Board:** Members are Jason Bender, Daryl McKay, Devina Puland; Secretary is Verna Cherry.

**Moosomin Visual Arts Centre:** Kyla Fingas

# VIEWPOINT

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kids these days

Dear Editor:

Last week was a busy one for students in Moosomin and area. Monday started off with a Student Leadership Workshop that was attended by six McNaughton High School SRC students who went to gain insights to make their school a more engaging place.

All week long, in conjunction with Tim Hortons, more than 20 different McNaughton students participated in the Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign by decorating or delivering Smile Cookies to raise funds for improvements to the school.

When the storm rolled in on Wednesday, I saw students out shoveling driveways and helping pull out others who were caught up in the snow.

MacLeod students routinely volunteer to take turns helping in the Kindergarten and Grade 1 lunchrooms to support those younger students who may need it. Not

to mention, all the youth coaches who work with school sports teams, minor sports organizations and who do private tutoring throughout the week.

The weekend was capped off with four amazing performances of CVP's Footloose where students from many area communities, including Elkhorn, Rocanville, Wapella, Wawota and Moosomin came together to not only perform, but also videotape, run spotlights, move chairs, organize desserts and seat guests. All of this in just one week!

It is easy to berate the young people of our communities who make poor decisions or who display negative behaviors, but when the youth in our area do positive things, we need to recognize those too! And although working with teenagers every day can be challenging (believe me, I know!), our students also have the potential to do many great things!

Thank you to all the student volunteers who stepped

up, not only this week, but all year long, to help when the opportunity presented itself! Your community notices and we appreciate all that you do!

I would also like to say thank you to everyone in our area communities who are already out there volunteering and setting such an amazing example for our youth. It is important to recognize that students model what they see! Parents and adults in the community who volunteer their time demonstrate for students, not only the importance of giving back, but all the benefits of being involved in their neighborhood!

In a time when giving back to the community in financial ways may be difficult, giving of your efforts, time, skills and talents is still needed and greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Tegan Matichuk  
Moosomin

## Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

### Rocanville Noble Construction Skating Rink

Friendly reminder! For all questions or requests related to activities at the Rocanville Noble Construction Arena, please reach out to the Rec Office during our open hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

You can find the rink schedule posted on Facebook, on our town website [www.rocانville.ca](http://www.rocانville.ca), and in the November Community Calendar.

**Please note:** Our caretakers won't be available to open the rink for extra shinny or public skate, and additional sessions can't be arranged on short notice. Thank you for understanding.

Public skate and shinny can be bumped to accommodate hockey games and tournaments. Check the online schedule to avoid disappointment.

**Mondays:** Public Skate - 3:30-4:45 pm  
**Tuesdays:** Adult/preschool skate - 1:30-3:30 pm  
Shinny - 3:30-4:45 pm  
**Wednesdays:** Shinny - 3:30-4:45 pm  
**Thursdays:** Adult/preschool skate - 1:30-3:30 pm  
Public Skate - 3:30-4:45 pm  
**Fridays:** 3:30 - 4:45 pm

### Late Night Shopping will be held on December 4

*Santa Pictures - 6-7 pm - hosted by Conexus*

*Tree Lighting - 6:30 pm*

*Chill and a Bun Supper - Hosted by the RAC Fundraising Committee, located at the Rocanville Fire Hall.*

*Craft and Bake Sale fundraiser - hosted by the Graduating Class of 2025. Located at the HOPE Church.*

*In Store Specials - Stores open until 7 pm*

### Rocanville Dance Club's Annual Christmas Showcase

On December 12 at 6 pm at the Nutrien Hall. Entry by donation.

### Pickle Ball

Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00 at the Rocanville Rec Centre.

\$5/person

### Rocanville Library

Explore everything the library has to offer, from books and digital resources to hands-on programs for all ages! Open Hours:

- Wednesday: 9 am - 12 pm and 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- Thursday and Friday: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

### December Programming Highlights

• Button Maker Makerspace Kit

• Snow Globe Take 'n' makes for the month of December while supplies last.

• Town Christmas Tree Ornament Making Day - Bring your kids out to make an ornament for the town Christmas tree on December 4 from 2 to 7 pm.

• Stitch 'n' Chat Night - Come on out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any other project you would like to bring to work on. December 12 at 7 pm.

*Did you know?* We have a variety of board games available to borrow!

### Announcements:

• The library will be closed for Christmas Break from December 25, 2024 through to January 1, 2025.

• The next Board Meeting will take place on January 10 at 12 pm. If you have interest in joining the library board, please feel free to join our meeting.

### Kids Club

Need a fun activity for your little ones? The Kids Club is perfect for both kids and parents looking to socialize

and play. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 to 10 am, at the Rec Centre for access to Plasma cars, foam blocks, bouncy toys, and plenty of space to run around. Best of all—Kids Club is free!

### Rocanville Community Centre

All events held here are open to the public (except rentals). All ages welcome!

### Cards

Join in for card games every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm. It's a great way to socialize and enjoy some friendly competition.

### Celebrate the holidays with Seattle Kraken Spirit

This holiday season, let's come together and show our support for Jessica Campbell and her incredible role with the Seattle Kraken!

Already have Christmas decorations? That's great! But why not add a little flair by incorporating a Seattle Kraken flag, banner, or even some Kraken-colored lights?

Let's get creative and festive, blending the spirit of the season with our support for Jessica and her journey with the Kraken.

### Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store, please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553.

### Thrift Store Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm  
Thursdays 6-8 pm

Visit us during our open hours to explore a diverse range of items, from clothing and household goods to unique treasures. Your purchases at the Thrift Store support local initiatives and contribute to the well-being of our community.

### Walking Club

As the weather cools down, the Walking Club is back! Join us for a warm, indoor walk at the Rec Centre, running Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 3 pm. It's a great way to stay active and socialize—with no fee to attend. Bring a friend and enjoy some exercise, no matter the weather outside.

### Puzzle Swap

Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! The Rec Centre will be open from Monday to Thursday, 8 am to 3 pm for a Puzzle Swap. Swap an old puzzle for a new one and dive into a fresh challenge. Please ensure all puzzle pieces are included in the sets you bring and remember to only leave a handful of puzzles at a time to keep our shelves organized.

### Rocanville Dial-A-Van Service

Need a ride? The Rocanville Dial-A-Van is here to help! Call 306-434-6644 between 8 am to 12 pm to book your ride. Available November 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

### Regular Hours:

- Wednesday and Friday: 9 am to 4 pm.
- Monday service available with advance notice!

**For senior residents (55+) of Rocanville and the surrounding area:**

No vehicle? Don't want to drive? We're here for you.

### Accessible service for all ages:

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- Caregivers ride for free.

### Moosomin Medical Appointments:

- Available on other days with advance notice for just \$45 (round trip). Caregiver required (no additional cost).

### Prescription Delivery Service:

- Contact the drugstore to arrange.

### Affordable Rates

In-town round trip is:

- \$3 (cash)
- \$2.50 with a pass (10-ride pass for \$25, available from the driver)

We strive to serve you but have limited services due to low ridership. Let us know in advance if you need expanded dates, and we'll do our best to accommodate!

### Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact:

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## December Events

### December 6

2 pm: Elvis

### December 11

7 pm: Ryan Bender, Lorne Frappe & Joe Theriault

### December 13

2 pm: Orey Hudym - Christmas Carols

### December 17

7 pm: Ryan Bender, Lorne Frappe & Joe Theriault

### December 23

2 pm: Russel Pelly, Trail Band



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**Gary at 306-562-0313**



McNaughton High School students decorating Holiday Smile Cookies at Tim Hortons during Holiday Smile Cookie Week.

# Moosomin second in Sask for Holiday Smile Cookie sales Smile Cookie sales in Moosomin raise over \$11,000 for McNaughton High School

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

After all the numbers were tallied late last week, the Moosomin Tim Horton's learned that they had come in second out of all locations in Saskatchewan for Holiday Smile Cookie sales, with the Moosomin location raising \$11,443.

"We had a great week and sold over \$11,000 worth of cookies," said Greg Crisanti, owner of the Moosomin Tim Horton's, who added that Moosomin was 15th across Canada in terms of sales. "Mother Nature wasn't on our side for this one, but that's just how it is," Crisanti said. "Of course, we're still very happy and proud of what our team accomplished. We had some great volunteers in there, and it was just amazing, coming together for a great cause."

The top location in the province was Humboldt, who raised \$17,637.

All money raised from the week-long Holiday Smile

Cookie campaign is split between the Tim Horton's Foundation Camps and a local group—this time McNaughton High School, who will receive \$5,721.50 for upgrades at the school.

"The energy is palpable, that's for sure," described Tegan Matichuk, chair of the Student Representative Council, of the vibe during the event. "You can feel it!"

With a blizzard paralyzing the area for two days during Smile Cookie Week, Matichuk says pre-orders were especially important this year.

"The pre-orders were very important," Matichuk confirmed. "We were very thankful that lots of people stepped up to do the pre-orders and get school sponsored. A lot of the pre-orders were businesses buying for businesses."

Crisanti also credited the people of Moosomin for once again supporting a wonderful local cause.

"Our ovens get a total workout that week, and they're on

constantly throughout the night," he said with a laugh. "A huge thank you to our team at the store, because without them, this wouldn't be possible. Our team loves doing it, and coming together during these campaigns and coming out even stronger."

However, once the week is over, Crisanti said it's not uncommon to notice team members' hands matching the same colours used in the icing on the Holiday Smile Cookies!

### McNaughton students busy

Matichuk explained that the students from McNaughton High School were involved in many facets of the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign. Some were in charge of pick-up and delivery of orders, mostly in town, but some cookies travelled as far as Wapella.

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In our opinion:

## GST holiday a recipe for inflation

The Trudeau government has announced a temporary GST/HST holiday on select food purchases, effective from Dec. 14 to Feb. 15. Framed as a measure to help Canadians during the holidays and challenging winter months, the policy appears generous on the surface. However, a closer look reveals that its economic impact may be far less transformative than the political narrative suggests.

While the government touts the policy as meaningful relief, the actual savings for most Canadians are modest. Over two months, the average household could save just \$4.51 on grocery taxes and \$19.51 on dining out. For a few, particularly those splurging on luxury dining or alcohol, the savings might add up. For the majority, however, this "GST vacation" feels more like a token gesture than significant economic support.

One group stands to gain significantly from this policy: restaurants. Canadians already spend a record \$187 per month dining out, and the tax break could encourage even more dining out during the holiday season. For instance, a \$29 burger meal through Uber Eats might yield more savings than cooking a homemade holiday dinner. Meanwhile, the cost of grocery staples like ground beef remains unchanged.

This unintended prioritization raises questions about the policy's alignment with its intended purpose. Holidays are traditionally a time for home cooking and sharing meaningful meals with loved ones. By making dining out more financially attractive, the measure risks undermining the cultural and economic value of preparing meals at home.

Taxing food, particularly necessities like groceries, has long been controversial. Many argue it's regressive and even immoral, as food is a basic necessity. While the temporary removal of GST on select grocery items is welcome, its short-term nature introduces confusion and risks unintended inflationary effects.

Retail food pricing operates on razor-thin margins, and grocers may adjust prices upward to offset the perceived tax exemption. A permanent GST exemption, by contrast, would avoid this uncertainty, providing clarity and stability for both consumers and retailers. Instead, the two-month tax holiday risks creating temporary distortions in food pricing that could exacerbate inflation in an already strained food economy.

Adding to the mix is the government's decision to issue \$250 cash transfers to millions of Canadians. While these payments may offer short-term relief, they also inject additional demand into an already overheated economy. Without addressing structural issues in food supply chains, these payments risk driving up prices further, worsening affordability for all Canadians.

The combination of these measures—a temporary tax holiday and direct cash transfers—reflects a pattern of short-term solutions that fail to address the root causes of food inflation.

Another challenge is the lack of clarity surrounding the tax holiday. In most provinces, there is little transparency about which grocery items are taxed. Quebec is the exception, requiring signage to indicate taxed items. Without clear guidelines, Canadians may struggle to understand which items qualify for the exemption and how much they're actually saving. The temporary nature of the policy only adds to the confusion.

Prime Minister Trudeau's GST holiday casts him as Canada's Santa Claus, delivering a modest gift to Canadians just in time for the holidays. While the measure may be appreciated by some, its poorly targeted and short-term nature raises serious concerns. By incentivizing dining out over home cooking, the policy risks undermining family traditions and worsening long-term affordability challenges.

Though well-intentioned, the gesture falls short of addressing Canada's deeper issues with food affordability and inflation. What Canadians truly need is comprehensive, structural change—such as a permanent GST exemption on all grocery items. This would provide clarity, stability, and meaningful financial relief without the unintended consequences of short-term fixes.

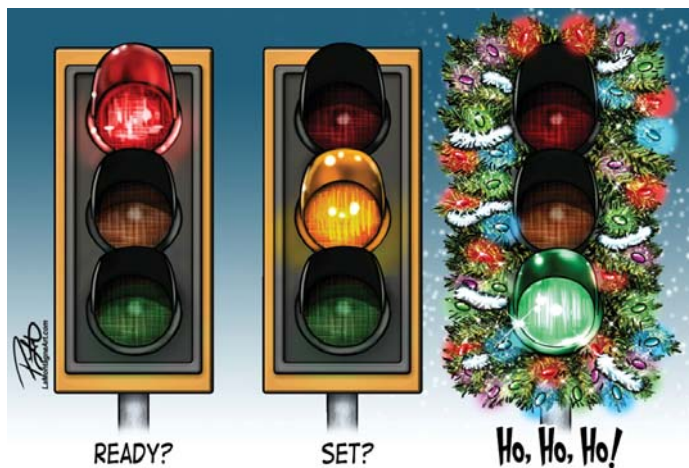
In the end, Canadians deserve more than a holiday season band-aid. Addressing food inflation and affordability requires thoughtful, long-term policies—not a fleeting tax holiday or cash payments that risk fueling higher prices.

Trudeau may play the role of Santa Claus this season, but lasting solutions require leadership that looks beyond the immediate political calendar. A GST exemption on all grocery items would have been a far better gift for Canadians—a permanent measure to support families and stabilize the food economy.

Until then, Canadians are left with a confusing, short-lived policy that does little to ease the burden of rising food costs.

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## Shop local this Christmas and support the businesses that support your community

This week's issue of the World-Spectator includes our Christmas Gift Guide in addition to the regular newspaper. That's 56 pages of reading enjoyment. This year's Christmas Gift Guide is more important than ever as it highlights many of the local businesses that make our communities tick.

Thanks to all those businesses that are part of the Christmas Gift Guide, part of the \$15,000 giveaway, or are otherwise promoting themselves and local shopping this Christmas.

We have some amazing stores in this area, all of which are run by hardworking retailers who support your community all year every year.

People in our area have the right attitude when it comes to shopping locally. People appreciate what the local businesses we have in our area offer and support them whenever they can.

I can't think of a fundraiser in this area that doesn't depend heavily on our small businesses for their support, year after year.

Our local retailers, restaurants, and other small businesses are always there for you when it comes to donating silent auction items for fundraisers, donating prizes for raffles, sponsoring sports teams, donating to fundraising campaigns, and so much more!

Businesses are facing the challenges that come with a growing area, such as challenges finding enough staff, and when bringing in staff, finding places for them to stay or finding childcare.

Those businesses that have always supported everything from your kids' hockey teams to your non-profit group to the fundraiser for your cousin when he had a medical emergency now need you.

They need you to show your support this Christmas season. Please pay close attention to where you spend your holiday shopping dollars, and spend them locally as much as possible.

In light of the recent Canada Post strike, the value of our local businesses becomes even more clear.

Those dollars you spend in one business support other local businesses, as the business owner you support buys goods and services locally.

Your local businesses are doing all they can to earn your business. They are extending their hours during the Christmas shop-



**Kara Kinna**

ping season and they are organizing draws and promotions to reward people for shopping locally. They are there for you, and are hoping that the customers they support all year through various donations and fundraisers will reciprocate.

Special shopping and Christmas events are starting in many communities this week, including Rocanville late night shopping on Dec. 4, Moonlight Madness in Moosomin this Thursday, December 5, the CP Holiday Train in Moosomin this Friday, December 6, Moonlight Magic in Esterhazy this Friday, December 6, Santa Day in Moosomin this Saturday, December 7, the Winter Festival in Esterhazy this Sunday, December 8, Kipling's Food Drive and Santa Parade this Sunday, December 8, the Moosomin Age Friendly supper this Sunday, Dec. 8, the Moosomin Carol Festival this Sunday, Dec. 8, Redvers Winterfest on Saturday, December 14, and the Moosomin Kinettes' Santa Parade on Thursday, December 19.

On top of that, businesses across the area have come together for the \$15,000 Christmas giveaway, which will reward one person for shopping locally with \$15,000 to spend locally, and will reward dozens more with great prizes from local business. This is something we have organized for years at the World-Spectator and we couldn't do it without a very supportive business community.

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is doing a draw for Moosomin Bucks on Moonlight Madness and another draw from December 16-21. Some businesses are doing their own draws of various sizes as well. All of those specials and draws work together to promote our local area. So the businesses that always have your back are going out of their way to make it easy to shop locally this Christmas season, and to reward you for doing so.

Please... support the businesses that support your community. We want our local businesses to be around for years to come! Shop local this Christmas season!



Mike Matichuk with the Moosomin town crew was hanging live greenery Christmas wreaths on Main Street in Moosomin on Thursday as part of the town's annual Christmas decorating.



Nicole Taylor photo

# Smile Cookie sales raise over \$11,000

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"We also had students from our Commercial Cooking class, from our Home Economics class, and students who just happened to have a spare at a certain point in time—they would go and help decorate the Smile Cookies," Matichuk said.

The big question for the SRC now is where to devote the money raised through the fundraiser. A survey was distributed to McNaughton students on Nov. 15 asking that question, with the deadline for submissions being Dec. 1.

"Once we get the information in from the students and staff—and by then, we'll know the actual, finalized grand

total—we'll be able to at least narrow down our priority list," Matichuk said.

When asked if, given the opportunity, the school might consider participating in the fundraiser again now that they're more aware of all the work involved, Matichuk was quick to answer with "I would be very happy if we became the recipients again!"

"It was something that we enjoyed being involved in, and we could see that it definitely benefited both our kids to do that volunteer component, and the funds raised will benefit our school," she said. "So absolutely, we would say yes, if we became the recipients again. But I know

Moosomin is such an amazing area that we live in that there are other organizations that would benefit from it, too. We would love to be a part of it again, but we definitely understand that this generosity gets spread to our community."

The next fundraiser is not too far away as the spring Smile Cookie fundraiser takes place in May.

"Before we know it, we're going to be here in May, and we'll be doing it all again," Crisanti said. "We're getting excited for that, and we're going to be inquiring, then searching out for our next local recipient and charity. So we're excited to see who that will be."

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<b>3 DAY</b>	Canned vegetable	<b>10 DAY</b>	Hygiene products
<b>4 DAY</b>	Canned fruit	<b>11 DAY</b>	Rice
<b>5 DAY</b>	Cereal	<b>12 DAY</b>	Oatmeal
<b>6 DAY</b>	Peanut butter		
<b>7 DAY</b>	Meal kits (Taco, Pizza, Hamburger helper)		

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- Mazergroup
- Moosomin Dodge
- Moosomin Sports Excellence
- Shell / Little Caesars
- Pharmasave
- Pharmasave Wellness
- Ranch 'n Ruff
- Red Apple
- Red Barn Restaurant & Dano's Lounge

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Prize: \$150 Gift Certificate FROM: CORK & BONE BISTRO

Prize: Two \$50 Gift Cards FROM: DENRAY TIRE

Prize: Wine Basket FROM: DOWNTOWN LIQUOR STORE

Prize: Gift Basket with \$50 Gift Card FROM: ERIN'S IDA PHARMACY

Prize: Milwaukee Heated Jacket FROM: ERP PRO HARDWARE

Prize: A toolbox, Chilly Moose mug, lantern and flashlight FROM: ESTERHAZY HOME HARDWARE

Prize: \$500 Rental Gift Certificate FROM: FLAMAN SALES

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: FLOWER ATTIC & GIFTS

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: FOUILLARD CARPETS

Prize: \$200 Gift Certificate FROM: FOUILLARD DISCOUNT

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: GLASSER'S TV

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: IDA MOOSOMIN

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: IMZ SERVICE GARAGE

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: IRON PRAIRIE STRENGTH LAB

Prize: Two \$120 Gift Certificates FROM: JMC CLEANING

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Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate FROM: MOOSOMIN SHELL / LITTLE CAESARS

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Prize: \$200 Gift Card FROM: PHARMASAVE MOOSOMIN

Prize: \$50 in-store credit FROM: PHARMASAVE REDVERS

Prize: \$75 Ranch Wear Jacket FROM: RANCH 'N RUFF

Prize: \$60 Gift Certificate FROM: RED APPLE CARLYLE

Prize: \$60 Gift Card FROM: RED APPLE MOOSOMIN

Prize: \$60 Gift Card FROM: RED APPLE VIRDEN

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: RED BARN RESTAURANT & DANO'S LOUNGE

Prize: \$100 Gift Card FROM: REDVERS AG & SUPPLY

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Kevin Weedmark with Premier Scott Moe and Kara Kinna at the MLA swearing-in ceremony at the Legislature on Thursday, November 18.



Kevin Weedmark with Mark Fell of Toronto, RBC's vice-chair of Enterprise Strategic Clients at the 30 Birds Gala Fundraiser in Saskatoon.



Ashley Bochek and Kara Kinna with Premier Scott Moe following the delivery of the Speech from the Throne Monday.



Kevin Weedmark with Premier Scott Moe and guests at the MLA swearing-in ceremony at the Legislature on Thursday, November 18.



Kevin Weedmark with Karina Kistelinc, president of BHP Potash, at Agribition Tuesday. Weedmark spoke with her about the Jansen project.



Kevin Weedmark with guests at the delivery of the Speech from the Throne on Monday, November 25.

## Settling in as a new MLA

I am honored and humbled to be representing the great people of Moosomin-Montmartre as your Member of the Legislative Assembly. I do not take lightly the responsibility you have entrusted to me, and I will work hard to represent you.

I have been very busy with my new duties already. In addition to serving as your MLA, I have been appointed Deputy Government Whip, which entails a lot of duties while the house is in session.

In addition, I have been appointed to the Cabinet Committee on the Economy, where we review any issues that have an impact on the economy that are going to cabinet for a decision, and we make a recommendation to cabinet on how to proceed.

I have also been appointed to the Board of Internal Economy and the Caucus Management Committee.

My days are busy. For instance, my schedule Tuesday started with the Agribition Breakfast in the Barn at 8 am where I had a chance to speak with the president of BHP Potash, Karina Kistelinc. That was followed by a House Leadership meeting—as Deputy Whip I am part of the House Leadership. That was followed by a Caucus meeting. The House was in session from 1:30 pm to 5 pm, and I was busy during the session as my Deputy Whip Duties include assigning speaking orders and keeping the proceedings moving.

From 5 to 7 pm there was a caucus supper, then from 7 to 10 pm we were back in the House for an evening sitting. Normally during session, we will be in the house until 10:30 pm Mondays and Tuesdays, so it makes for some very long days.

### Guests welcomed to the Legislature

I have been honored to have welcomed several guests to the Legislature already.

We had several people from the riding attend my swearing-in, and a larger group attend the Throne Speech Monday.

Thank you to all of the guests who were able to join me at the Legislature!

On Thursday I was thrilled to welcome Victor Santos Carodoza to the Legislature. I introduced him to the Legislative Assembly at the opening of the day's session, and a few minutes later made a member statement explaining that Victor, at 20 years of age, is the youngest person elected to Moosomin town council, and explained that he wanted to give back to his community because of the way the community rallied to allow him and his family to stay in Canada when they were threatened with deportation. The family had fled to Canada after Victor's father witnessed the murder of a journalist in Honduras and had his life threatened.

Following adjournment for the day, I took Victor to the Premier's office to meet Premier Scott Moe.

I am very proud of Victor and his accomplishments, and I'm glad everyone in the Legislative Assembly got a chance to meet him!



### Speech from the Throne

The first session of the new Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly began with a Speech from the Throne that promised a new beginning. Many Saskatchewan people voted to re-elect our government to keep our economy strong and our future bright, while many others voted for change. Our government will deliver both.

Our government will keep the economy strong and work to achieve the targets set in the Saskatchewan Plan for Growth. A strong and growing economy allows our government to deliver on all the commitments made during the recent election campaign, including making life more affordable for Saskatchewan people.

In health care, our government is committed to expanding patient access to the health care system. We will shorten surgical wait times by ensuring that 450,000 surgeries are performed over the next four years. Increasing this capacity will reduce surgical wait times to no more than three months.

The first Urgent Care Centre (UCC) is up and running in Regina and has already served over 14,000 patients, providing timely access to medical care and mental health services while taking pressure off emergency rooms in hospitals. Work is underway on another UCC in Saskatoon in partnership with Ahtahkakoop Cree Developments, and we will open additional UCCs in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, North Battleford, Moose Jaw and Regina.

Over four years, our government will invest more than \$2.6 billion into health care infrastructure.

Our government will work to ensure everyone in Saskatchewan has access to a primary health care provider—a doctor or a nurse practitioner—by the end of 2028. We will continue to increase the number of doctors, nurses and other health care professionals through our Health Human Resources Action Plan.

To ensure we engage with these health care providers, our government has invited all nursing teams and the unions that represent them to join a first-of-its-kind patient-focused nursing task force.

In education, our government will expand the Specialized Support Classroom pilot to 200 more schools throughout the province. We will focus on improving reading levels in Kindergarten to Grade 3, giving stu-

dents every opportunity for academic success.

More teachers and education staff will be added to deliver on these commitments. Our government will increase funding to school divisions to help meet the pressures of a growing student enrollment and the challenges of classroom complexity.

We will continue to build more schools to meet the needs of our growing province. There are currently fourteen new or consolidated school projects and three major renovations underway in communities throughout the province.

Finally, our government will expand regulated child care spaces for our youngest learners. There are currently 5,100 spaces under development, and another 12,000 will be added by the end of next fiscal year.

In terms of affordability, our government is committed to making life more affordable here in Saskatchewan. We will introduce the largest personal income tax reduction since 2008 by raising the personal exemption, spousal exemption and the seniors supplement by \$500 per year in each of the next four years, in addition to fully indexing income tax brackets.

The Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit will be increased by 20 per cent over the next four years.

We will introduce legislation to extend the carbon tax exemption on natural gas home heating through 2025, saving Saskatchewan households about \$480 next year.

The Active Families Benefit and income threshold to qualify for it will both be doubled.

The Home Renovation Tax Credit will allow homeowners to claim up to \$4,000 in home renovation expenses every year. The Saskatchewan First-Time Homebuyer's Credit will be increased by 50 per cent.

Seniors will be able to claim an additional \$1,000 every year, and seniors who reside in a personal care home will see the Personal Care Home Benefit increased by \$1,000 per month.

The annual amount that can be earned through employment without having Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disabilities benefits reduced will increase by \$1,000.

Bill 1 of our new Legislature will be The Saskatchewan Affordability Act—legislation to enact our government's campaign commitments to reduce taxes and make life more affordable for everyone in Saskatchewan. Our government looks forward to getting to work on these and other initiatives highlighted in the Throne Speech.

### Holiday Train

This Friday, December 6, I will be part of the CPKC Holiday Train cheque presentations to food banks in Moosomin, Broadview, and Indian Head. I plan to be at the event in Moosomin at noon, and then ride the train to Broadview and Indian Head. I look forward to seeing my riding by train, and hope to see many of you at the three events.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to my office at [office@kevinweedmark.ca](mailto:office@kevinweedmark.ca) or stop in to see my constituency assistant, Charlene Easton, at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.

# Oldest Wapella Blackhawk alumni recalls netminding in the '40s

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Don Purdy is likely the oldest living alumni of the Wapella Blackhawks. He turned 100 years old on Sept. 16, and at age 20, was one heck of a goaltender beginning in the 1944 season.

Hockey looked a lot different back in the 1940's. Goalie masks were nearly two decades away from existence when famous Montreal Canadiens netminder Jacques Plante first donned one on Nov. 1, 1959. And shin guards? Well, those could be improvised with a couple Eaton's catalogues held up with canning rings, if one's legs were spindly enough. This was the hockey world Don Purdy found himself in where the pucks weren't any slower than they are now, and some of those Wapella powerhouse hockey names still live on.

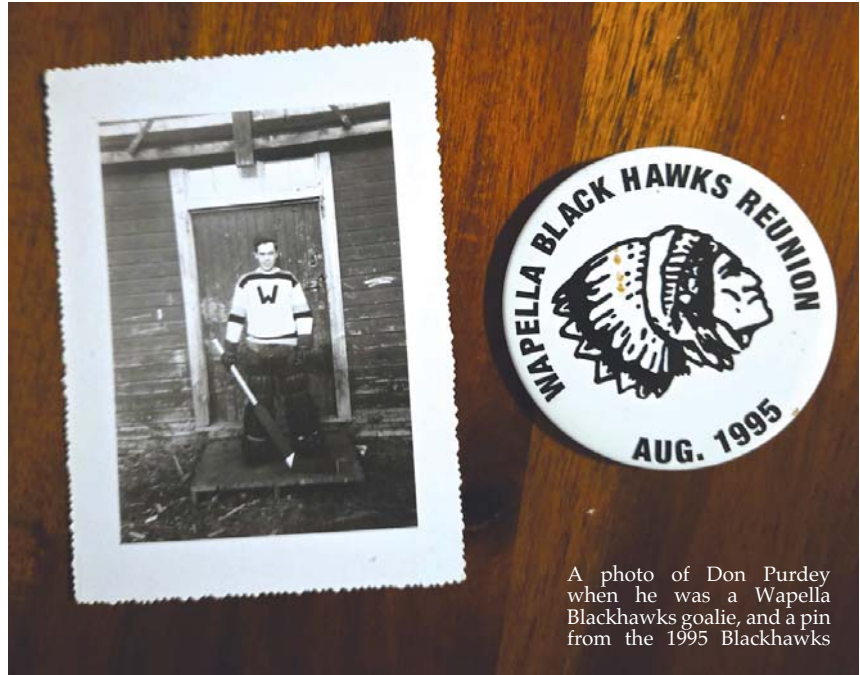
Doug Purdy explained his father was unable to enlist when other young men his age were heading off to serve in the Second World War, due to a hunting mishap as a young teenager.

"Unfortunately, when my Dad was just 14 years old, he was going to go shoot some gophers, which were a real plague around gardens," Purdy explained. With .22 caliber rifle in hand, young Don mounted his bicycle when the gun slipped off.

"Unbeknownst to him, it discharged the shell into his shoulder," Doug explained. Due to the injury bleeding profusely, the immediate assessment was to amputate the arm, but the young man eventually ended up in the operating room instead. Doctors were able to save the arm and Don retained full function of the limb, but he wasn't able to serve his country overseas when the time came in later years.

"The shrapnel that was left in his body made my father ineligible as a health risk to join the Canadian Armed Forces," Doug explained.

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A photo of Don Purdy when he was a Wapella Blackhawks goalie, and a pin from the 1995 Blackhawks



Don Purdy turned 100 years old on September 16 of this year.

Don Purdy with his wife of 71 years Roberta (Robbie). They are being pushed by Brian Purdy (left) and Douglas Purdy (right).

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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Moosomin Senior Rangers Sin Bin Promotion

The Senior Rangers are excited to give back to the community. With that we are thrilled to proceed with our first ever "Sin Bin" Promotion. This is our twist on Jail and Bail where you will have the opportunity to put both friends and foe into the Sin Bin (located in arena lobby) and they will have to fundraise for the new daycare...or spend the rest of their lives in the penalty box!

We will be running this promotion at our December 20 game, shootout and cabaret.

Here is how it works. You pay a given amount to put someone in jail (minimum is \$50). Let's say Kara pays \$50 to put MLA Weedmark in jail. Kevin must then phone around and raise a minimum of twice that amount to get back out.

You also have the opportunity to send someone to the Sin Bin in advance of the game. You phone in your person to send to the Sin Bin with your amount. The Rangers will then get that individual a complimentary ticket to the game and then when they walk in...BAM...straight to the sin bin! To pre-penalize someone, you can phone the Rec Office at 435-3622 or the Economic Development Office at 435-2988.

## Moosomin Sr Rangers Hall of Fame Weekend

The Rangers are so excited about the December 20 Hall of Fame weekend. This triples as our Alumni Weekend/Christmas Cabaret! Here is a quick look at what is planned:

Pre-Game Hall of Fame Inductions  
Game Time—8 pm  
Sin Bin Promotion—all night long  
1st Intermission Hall of Fame Introductions  
2nd Intermission RME Shootout  
Post-Game Rangers Shootout Fundraiser  
Post-Game Cabby in the MCC featuring DJ Megan Sparkle

## 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

We are open for the winter season this coming Thursday! Hours include:

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.

## Upgrades at the Nutrien Sportsplex

We are excited to add two giant screen projectors to our simulator side of the Nutrien Sportsplex. The screens will give us not only one but two massive big screens to watch all your favorite sports on all winter long. Tagged along will be a new sound system tied to our programming to give locals the ultimate sporting event. Just imagine...hot wings, cold drinks, a round of golf and an Edmonton Oil-er/Calgary Flames showdown all in the dead of winter!

## 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.

## Moosomin Seniors Club 2024 Winter 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

Curling this week:

Monday Night Super League Curling  
(Until Christmas) 6:30 pm

Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's Curling  
Team Stanhope vs Team Glasser Sheet 1 6:30 pm  
Team Meredith vs Team Sully Sheet 2 6:30 pm

Team Rambold vs Team McMullen Sheet 3 6:30 pm  
Team Turpie vs Team Stewart Sheet 4 6:30 pm  
Team O Frape vs Team R Frape Sheet 3 9 pm

## Wednesday Afternoon

Borderland Co-op Farmers League  
Team Thorn vs Team Turpie Sheet 2 1 pm  
Team Lee vs Team McMullen Sheet 3 1 pm

## Thursday Night Celebration Ford League

Team Yeske vs Team Woods Sheet 1 7 pm  
Team Bender vs Team Lindsay Sheet 2 7 pm  
Team Hebert vs Team Wallin Sheet 3 7 pm

## 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 Spires

We are also taking names for spares for the upcoming curling season. If you are interested please email me at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net with your name, contact information and which league(s) you are interested in sparing in.

## Moosomin Curling Club 2024/2025 Schedule!

Moosomin Curling Club has scheduled three of their Annual Bospisels for this Upcoming season.

### Dates include:

*Skins Game:* Saturday on December 14  
*Ladies Bospiel:* Friday-Saturday on January 10 and 11  
*Farmers & Friends:* January 29 to February 2  
Teams can register at the Club or contract the Rec Office at 435-3622

## 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.

## Moosomin U9 Carded Tournament

Moosomin Rangers will be hosting their 2nd Annual Carded Hockey Tournament coming up on March 28 to 30. Entry fee for the first eight teams is set at \$800.

### Teams registered to date include:

Young Guns  
Weyburn  
SE Kraken  
East Central  
Canora

To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Iron Man 2025

Scheduled for April 3 to 5 of 2025. Back for another season will be the regular favorites...hockey, golf, whiffle ball...but take note we have some new games planned that we think teams are going to love! To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Mike Schwean Arena

### Public Skating/Shinny this week

Tuesday: Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 pm  
Public Shinny 12 to 1 pm  
Public Skating 1 pm to 3 pm  
Thursday: Parents and Tots 10 am to 12 pm  
Public Shinny 12 pm to 1 pm  
Public Skating 1 pm to 3 pm

### This week at the MS Arena

We are now officially into the "game time" of our new season.

Tuesday: Grenfell Spitfires @ U15 Easton's Autobody 7:15 pm  
Leafs rec hockey game 9:30 pm  
Friday: KW Oil Kings @ Moosomin Sr Rangers 8 pm  
Saturday: U13 Tournament—All Day  
Sunday: U13 Tournament—All Day

## Moosomin Rangers Schedule

### Home

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 @ 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

## Mike Schwean Arena

We are 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 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 winter of 2024. Here is a sample of what is coming up!

November 29 Borderland Co-op Christmas Party  
December 7 Cabaret - Details TBA  
December 20 Sr. Rangers Christmas Cabaret

If you would like to help us fill up our 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 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 Winter Regulars

With the winter season, we have our regular users at the Convention Centre. Those include:

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

## Moosomin Pickleball Club

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

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

## 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.

## 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.

# At age 100, Don Purdey has fond memories of playing with Wapella Blackhawks

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"At 19 years old, he was crushed because all of his friends, everybody in town, left to fight for Canada."

Instead, Purdy took to the ice, playing goal for the Wapella Blackhawks in a veritable golden age of rural hockey. Perhaps the injury of his youth actually saved his life, even if it meant temporary disappointment.

### Small guy in net

Don Purdy wasn't an imposing figure between the posts, standing at 5'9" and weighing 119 lbs, so he had to rely on his quick wits and even faster reflexes.

"He tells me the story about how his mom used to double knit the mitts for being the goalie, and he was pretty proud of himself, because he would have quick reflexes at that smaller size," Doug said. "And he did it out of survival. They didn't have the blockers back then like they do today, and he just had to be good enough to catch

that puck in the air. He was successful, and if there was a scum, you've got your job—keep it out of the net."

There were still a lot of big guys strapping on the skates in those days, but one saving grace was that Purdy ran with—not against—the famous Holloway boys, a name that still remains synonymous with highly-skilled hockey players from Wapella.

There were no goalie masks back in Don Purdy's day, but Doug remembers his Dad tell of a harrowing moment in net wearing something else on his head.

"So he's playing with a baseball cap on, and sure enough, if there wasn't a scum," Doug recalls. "A big guy gets knocked over and the skate splits the brim of his baseball cap!"

The realization quickly set in that had that blade been a few inches in a different direction, the impact would have caused serious damage to the young goaltender, perhaps even cutting his hockey career short.

"He says, you know, just a few inches more, and a raw blade could have just opened up my head or my throat, and I could have been a goner right there," Doug recounts.

Some other fond memories harken back to the innocent days of using a frozen-over slough (imagining it were Maple Leaf Gardens) and a never-ending supply of road apple pucks courtesy of numerous workhorses.

"A lot of these boys, the story goes, is that they got good just using sticks on the ponds and using horse turds as their first hockey pucks," Doug said. "The farm boys would beat the city kids because they had more hockey pucks to deal with!"

Don Purdy would end up playing five seasons with the Blackhawks, expertly minding the hometeam's net until the age of 25. From there, Don embarked on a full life of work, marriage, a family, and retirement. But remembering those hours spent on the ice as a young man will always remain clear.



## Bix Six Hockey League

# Strong start for Rangers

### Reigning Big 6 champs nab four wins though November

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's been a powerhouse start for the Moosomin Rangers this season, wasting no time to establish a flawless 4-0 record through November. The first trio of match-ups were real lamplighters kicking off with a pair of at-home Friday night contests with the Midale Mustangs. On Nov. 1, the Rangers played a high-scoring home opener, claiming a 7-3 victory, and the following week, they'd tack on a couple more points to make it a 9-3 win over the Mustangs. On the following night, the Rangers travelled to Carnduff, taking on the Red Devils and left the Carnduff Centennial Arena with a 10-1 win.

After a brief siesta, the Rangers were on the road again, this time to Redvers on Nov. 23 for a first meeting with the Rockets. This would prove to be the challenge Moosomin was looking for. After a scoreless first period, Bud Holloway tickled the twine, courtesy Drayson Skulmoski and Carter Sawchuk nearly 11 minutes into the second period. Redvers would answer a couple minutes later with a goal from Corey Millette (from Drew Hoff, and Travis Poirier) and



the middle frame would conclude with the one-all tie.

Second period action saw Redvers take the lead early with a Kenton Miller goal, but Rangers' Rykr Cole (from Skulmoski) and Dustin Fisher (Holloway and Sawchuk) would make it a 3-2 game after four and a half minutes.

The Rockets' Oliver Poirier would tie things up again with a solo goal, then Holloway (from Sawchuk) would take advantage of the power play situation for a 4-3 lead. But, with just 30 second left in regulation time, Redvers' Miller would come back for

his second goal of the game (from Koltyn Miller and Jordan Miller), forcing overtime.

Alas, all the Rangers needed was 49 extra seconds before Holloway could make his hat trick (Mitch Rutledge picking up the assist) to bring Moosomin this squeaker of a W.

The Rangers' next home game is Friday, Dec. 6 when the KW Oil Kings come to town, then it's a string of games on the road (Dec. 7, Oxbow Huskies; Dec. 14, Wawota Flyers; Dec. 15, KW Oil Kings) before one last home game before Christmas on Dec. 20. The Oxbow Huskies come to town that night, and it will also wrap the Rangers' games til January.

Looking at the Big 6 League, Moosomin is in that number one slot, sharing an accumulated eight points with the second-seed 4-2 Carnduff Red Devils.

Coming in third and fourth in league standings with six points apiece are the 3-1 Carlyle Cougars and 2-0-2 Redver Rockets.

Rounding out the bottom four are the 2-3-1 Midale Mustangs with five points, the 2-1 Oxbow Huskies with four points, the 0-3-1 KW Oil Kings with one point, and the 0-3 Wawota Flyers.

## Sask East Hockey League

# Langenburg top of the SEHL

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

At press time, the Langenburg Warriors topped the South East Hockey League with six points and a pristine 3-0 start to the season. They kicked the season off on the road Nov. 15 with a 5-2 win over the Theodore Buffalos, then a pair of double-digit at-home victories on Nov. 16 and 22; 10-2 over the Cote Selects and 13-1 over the Preeceville Pats respectively.

Throughout the South Division, games the season is just starting up. The Rocanville Tigers are seated in second place in the South with their 3-2 win over the Canora Cobras on Nov. 23.

The Esterhazy Flyers—back this year after a hiatus since 2019—are 1-1, earning a big win for their triumphant return home opener on Nov. 15 with a score of 7-5 over the visiting Selects, then taking a narrow loss on the road in Preeceville as the Pats managed an 8-7 victory.

The Wapella Blackhawks also sit with a 1-1 record so far, tied with Esterhazy with two points each. The Blackhawks are starting their season on the road, surprising the Churchbridge Imperials on Nov. 16 with a

4-2 win, but taking a 9-2 loss on Nov. 23 in Swan River as the Axemen proved strong.

The Churchbridge Imperials have had a rocky start to the season with an 0-2 record thus far, taking that aforementioned home-opener loss to Wapella on Nov. 16, then another on the 22nd when Theodore came to town—another doubled scoreboard with the Cobras taking a 6-3 win.

## HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF NOV. 28, 2024

### BIG 6 BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Moosomin Rangers	4	4	0	0	8
Carnduff Red Devils	6	4	2	0	8
Carlyle Cougars	4	3	1	0	6
Redvers Rockets	4	2	0	2	6
Midale Mustangs	6	2	3	1	5
Oxbow Huskies	3	2	1	0	4
KW Oil Kings	4	0	3	1	1
Wawota Flyers	3	0	3	0	0

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	4	11	8	19
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	4	5	10	15
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	4	5	7	12
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle Cougars	4	5	6	11
Jordon Miller	Redvers Rockets	4	4	7	11
Nico Anderson	Carnduff Red Devils	6	2	9	11
Steven Lindenbach	Midale Mustangs	5	5	5	10
Sterling Bear	Midale Mustangs	6	3	7	10
Jon Gaudet	Carlyle Cougars	4	4	4	8
Matthew Plews	Carnduff Red Devils	6	4	4	8

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Zachary Barath	KW Oil Kings	1 - 0 - 0 - 1	1.97
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	2 - 2 - 0 - 0	2.00
Zack Miller	Oxbow Huskies	1 - 2 - 0 - 0	2.48
Curtis Meger	Carlyle Cougars	1 - 3 - 0 - 0	3.24
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	1 - 2 - 0 - 0	3.48

### SEHL SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Canora Cobras	2	1	0	1	3
Swan Valley Axemen	3	2	1	0	4
Theodore Buffalos	3	2	1	0	4
Cote Selects	4	1	3	0	2
Preeceville Pats	4	1	3	0	2

SOUTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Langenburg Warriors	3	3	0	0	6
Rocanville Tigers	1	1	0	0	2
Esterhazy Flyers	2	1	1	0	2
Wapella Blackhawks	2	1	1	0	2
Churchbridge Imperials	2	0	2	0	0

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS					
TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Hayden Wiebe	Langenburg Warriors	3	7	5	12
Mike Rogoschewsky	Langenburg Warriors	3	5	4	9
Kailum Gervais	Cote Selects	4	4	4	8
Tristan Keshane	Cote Selects	4	3	5	8
Carter Cockburn	SV Axemen	3	4	3	7
Jamie Valentino	SV Axemen	3	4	3	7
Jeff Riddell	SV Axemen	3	3	4	7
Brennan Watson	Cote Selects	3	5	1	6
Ron Cote	Cote Selects	2	2	4	6
Dylan Johnson	Theodore Buffalos	3	2	4	6

GOALIE					
GOALIE	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA		
Logan Frank	SV Axemen	1 - 1 - 0 - 0	1.00		
Carter Olson	Langenburg Warriors	2 - 2 - 0 - 0	1.50		
Kieren Madill	Rocanville Tigers	1 - 1 - 0 - 0	1.94		
Brenden B Hayden	Langenburg Warriors	1 - 1 - 0 - 0	2.00		
Matt D'Orazio	Wapella Blackhawks	1 - 1 - 0 - 0	2.00		

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DEC 23

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## Moosomin Senior Rangers - Sin Bin Promotion

Moosomin Senior Rangers would like to thank the community for your amazing support! So we're giving back!!

### Sin Bin Promotion: Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Game and Cabaret

**You donate to the new Day Care and put someone in the Sin Bin  
They raise double to get out or spend the rest of their life in the Penalty Box**

All donations will receive an income tax donation receipt. Event will be held at the Rangers, December 20th Game and Cabaret. If you're willing to help out the fundraising cause through the Sin Bin Promotion please fill in and return the form below.

Make sure to include your name and address, your donation amount and the party you are sending to the Sin Bin.

Please return the form below to the Town Office or:

**Text picture to 306-435-7578 or email [msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net](mailto:msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net)**

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Friday , December 20th • Mike Schwean Arena  
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Hockey Game and XMAS Cabaret

A MAJOR PENALTY HAS BEEN ASSESSED

Guilty Party \_\_\_\_\_

Penalty For \_\_\_\_\_

Guilty Party Ph# \_\_\_\_\_


Tonight's Official \_\_\_\_\_ Your Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(This is You) Min Fee is \$20.00

Note: Snitches (Officials are free to create their own phony penalties as long as they are in good humor and taste. This fundraiser is intended to be "fun" so please keep in the spirit of the game and keep the penalty calls in good humor and respectful as penalties will be announce, during gametime stoppages)

Examples: \*Skating too slow \*Impersonating a Zamboni Driver \*Too much chatta \*Oxbow fan \*Fashion Felony ...illegal equipment \*Illegal Stick

Once Gametime arrives "Daycare Representatives" will be in attendance in full Official's gear to escort Guilty Parties to the Sin Bin. Time Served – 30 Minutes. Those taken to the Sin Bin can get out on Good Behavior if they phone around and raise set funds for the Day Care. Beware Mug Shots will be taken and posted on Social Media.

Bribing an Official (get out early Fee) will be set at twice the cost that originally sent you to the Sin Bin



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Saskatchewan Roughriders Head Coach Corey Mace



Canadian Western Agribition brand

# Burning of the Brand launches 53rd Agribition

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The 53rd Canadian Western Agribition was held in Regina last week, drawing in thousands of visitors and exhibitors from around the world. CWA president Michael Latimer told reporters how in 2023, more than 1,000 international visitors from 60 countries came to Agribition. This year also saw a large number of people from other countries come to the show, highlighted by delegations from Argentina and Kazakhstan.

"It's a great place for companies to do business," Latimer said of Agribition. "So we've got a lot of bigger companies, small companies, and local businesses that use Agribition as the platform to get people together. We want to facilitate that."

Another audience the CWA wants to continue attracting is the younger generation, as more than 5,000 students were anticipated to pass through the gates during the week.

"Traditionally, we've actually had more, but bussing has become really expensive to get the kids here, so in the future, we'll be looking for some support," explained Latimer. "We got to get more kids here, and we think that's actually quite important because they're here to learn about agriculture. It's part of the curriculum. It's built into that, and this is a great place to do it, because not every kid's able to get out to a farm anymore."

It's also a show that newly named provincial Agriculture Minister and Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison has rarely missed.

"I'm very proud to be here as the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture," he re-

plied when asked by the World-Spectator how it felt to attend Agribition in his new official capacity. "I'm just delighted. I've missed very few shows over the years, and it's definitely written in on the calendar each and every year."

Before the Burning of the Brand, which is the official opening of Agribition each year, Harrison paid tribute to the agriculture producers across the province, highlighting their importance in an ever-expanding global market.

"The ranchers and farmers at this show are leaders in the industry—not just provincial leaders, but global leaders," he said. "You are absolutely vital to the story we tell about Saskatchewan, but it's really you, the story here in ag. It's a story of hard work and commitment. It's a story of best practices that set the bar very high in terms of quality and stewardship. It's a story of innovation that leads to the good ideas which help transform and improve this industry. That's because good ideas do not stop at any border. Good ideas drive change and enable progress everywhere."

Looking toward the future, Harrison beamed with optimism for the agriculture industry and how agribusiness in the province continues to soar.

"Now, the world you've helped to feed for generations is looking to you more and more to keep shaping the future of this industry," he said. "The government of Saskatchewan is proud to have been a partner of Agribition since its first show more than 50 years ago. After all, agriculture has always been a keystone for the province, and we don't see that changing."

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Riders Head Coach Corey Mace signs autographs for young fans. Thousands of students came through Agribition on Nov. 25, the first day, as part of school groups to learn about agriculture.



Provincial Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison



Karina Gistelinck, Asset President Potash with BHP



**Above:** Agribition President Michael Latimer welcomes guests to the 53rd edition of Agribition in Regina last week as dignitaries look on. From left are Provincial Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison, Canadian Western Agribition CEO Shaun Kindopp, Deputy City of Regina Manager Jennifer Johnson, Miss Rodeo Agribition 2023/24 Ari Dyck, and federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAuley.



**Right:** Federal Agriculture Minister Lawrence MacAuley



Nicole Taylor captured these photos of beautiful hoar frost in the Moosomin area after the sun came out on Friday.



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