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## 2024 Harvest of Hope raises \$65,000

\$12,000 donated to Moosomin Food Bank, \$4,250 donated to Rocanville Food Bank

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

Moosomin's Harvest of Hope has raised a total of \$65,000 this year, with \$12,000 being donated to the Moosomin Food Share last week, \$4,250 going to the Rocanville Food Bank, and the remaining \$48,750 going to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help feed people internationally.

This brings the project total to over \$700,000 over the last 11 years.

Harvest of Hope is a local growing project located between Moosomin and Rocanville that harvests a crop every year for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank as a way to end food insecurity.

"Locally what we do is we grow a crop, we sell it, and the proceeds of that crop are sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, or given directly to the local food banks," said Kyle Penner who helps organize the growing project each year.

"Locally the food banks use the money for groceries, which is directly feeding people. Overseas the proceeds are distributed through member agencies that are part of the Foodgrains Bank. They will buy food locally, and then distribute it to local populations in those parts of the world."

Penner says the Moosomin project feeds somewhere between 3,200 and 13,000 people for a month, depending on where the project funds go, and the leveraging that is applied through the Foodgrains Bank.

With the government of Canada's support, the Foodgrains Bank's 15 member agencies are able to leverage donations from individuals, churches and businesses up to a ratio of 4:1 for food assistance in the developing world.

Penner has been involved with Moosomin's project from the start, along with a group of volunteers who were interested in starting the project.

"I think that food security is an issue that can be felt anywhere in the world," said Penner. "When you think of people who are hungry, you often think of starving people overseas somewhere. Even locally, there are people who just aren't able to provide for themselves. It's important we help people fulfil their basic needs."

"We like to support the communities where the people who support the project are from. There are people from Moosomin and Rocanville and area that are a part of the Harvest of Hope. It's logical for us to support the local food banks with the proceeds of the project," said Penner.



Kyle Penner with Harvest of Hope making a \$12,000 donation to the Moosomin Food Share with proceeds from the 2024 harvest. At left is Samantha Campbell with the Food Share and at right is Jaedyn Moore with the Food Share.

Penner says everything is paid for with the proceeds from the crop, or donated. "There are no paid employees at Harvest of Hope. Everybody is a volunteer who volunteers their time, or equipment, fuel, or whatever they can to make the project go every year," he says.

"In terms of resource, volunteers are the most valuable asset the project has."

"There are lots of ways that local people volunteer. We have community members and businesses who donate their equipment and time. Farming equipment is expensive to own and operate. There are people like myself and others who donate the time to do administration work. There are people who give monetary donations, will donate agricultural products, and many other necessities to help lower our operating costs

and maximize the amount of money the project earns." Penner says the community continues to support the project more and more every year.

"There are a few new people interested in helping every year. Obviously many hands make light work."

"It's a project that lots of people have been involved in in different levels over the many years, so continued support is something we're grateful for."

Since starting 11 years ago, the Harvest of Hope has raised a total of \$700,000.

"Food is one of the most basic needs that people have, and it's an important thing to try and take care of if we can. We have been blessed with what we have," said Penner.

"The Harvest of Hope project estimates it will feed somewhere between 6,000 to 9,000 people for a month with the donations from 2024."

Samantha Campbell, with the Moosomin Food Share says the donation from Harvest of Hope will buy all of the groceries for the Food Share for the next three months.

"We usually spend anywhere from \$4,000 to \$6,000 on groceries per month, so this will help feed many, many families," said Campbell.

Right now Moosomin Food Share is seeking more donations.

"With the Canada Post strike, we are getting very low on monetary donations. A lot of people cannot mail their check. Everything's hard right now, inflation has gone way up, it's harder for people to donate, so if they are able to, we really appreciate that," said Campbell.



Volunteers taking off the crop during the 2024 Harvest of Hope in September.



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**So far we've raised over \$700,000 to feed hungry people!**

To the many partners and supporters of the Harvest of Hope Community Growing Project:

The organizing committee would like to express our gratitude for your continuing support and incredible generosity in our mission to take a bite out of hunger. The 2024 Growing Project is complete, and together we raised nearly \$65,000! The project to-date has now cleared \$700,000 over the past 11 years!

This year's project proceeds will be going towards food security initiatives both near and far. Locally we've all experienced food price increases and supply chain challenges, and Harvest of Hope proceeds are helping to support the local Food Shares for Moosomin and Rocanville. These organizations are seeing increased operating costs, fewer donations, and higher demand for their help. Globally, significant events like the natural disasters, droughts, and wars have put pressure on already delicate food supply systems where people are now not able to get enough to eat. There are a projected 727 million people around the world who are experiencing hunger, 98% of these people live in developing countries, and 80% of people displaced due to these events are living in countries affected by long term hunger. Through our association with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank we are able to help with emergency food assistance all around the world, including inside Ukraine and neighboring countries harboring refugees, as well as in Africa, and the Middle East.

Using data from the organizations we support, this project will feed an estimated 4,000-12,000 people for one month. This depends on the specifics of distribution with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects. What an amazing impact your support will have!

Thank you to the numerous farmers, businesses, and leaders in our community who continue to generously work the field and support the Harvest of Hope with inputs, seed and equipment time, or logistical items to make the project go every year. Your demonstrations of compassion, care, and community spirit are truly humbling. It is because of your continued support that we can together benefit those who truly are in need, show them that they matter, someone cares for them, and they are not alone. We are forever grateful for the impact you've helped make in the fight against world hunger.

**For more information or to partner with the Harvest of Hope for 2025, please email: [harvestofhope.moosomin@outlook.com](mailto:harvestofhope.moosomin@outlook.com)**







This is just part of the crowd at the Moosomin stop. It was great to be home after so much time in Regina!



Ashley Bocek and I got to see the riding by train—and enjoyed some hot chocolate along the way.



Shawnee Kish performing as part of the Holiday Train performance at Moosomin. She and Tyler Shaw did an amazing job!



Tyler Shaw performing at the Holiday Train stop at Broadview.



Addressing the crowd at the Holiday Train stop in Indian Head.



Part of the crowd at the Holiday Train stop in Indian Head.

## A new way to see the riding

I have had a lot of new experiences since being elected MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre, and one of the most enjoyable so far has been seeing the constituency from a new perspective, riding a train across the constituency from Moosomin to Indian Head.

Ashley Bocek accompanied me as I spoke at the Moosomin stop of the Holiday Train, then we rode the Holiday Train to Broadview and I made a few comments there, then we rode the train to Indian Head and I made a few comments there as well.

What a beautiful way to see the riding, and what a great opportunity to meet people in those three communities. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported their local food banks that day! It was incredible to see the support across the riding!

I had a blast on the holiday train, and look forward to getting into communities across the riding in January and February.

### Christmas Open House

If you want to meet your MLA, we will host a Christmas Open House at the Moosomin Constituency Office 622 Main Street, from 2-4 pm on Monday, December 23. Stop by and meet Charlene and myself, and enjoy some coffee or hot chocolate and a treat. In the new year, we will set up similar events in communities across the riding so I can meet people in every community.

### Multiple roles in new government

I have many roles in the new government:

- I serve as **Deputy Government Whip**. Among my duties are tabling answers to written questions from the NDP opposition in the Legislative Assembly, serving as part of the House Leadership team, so my days begin with a House Leaders meeting before the daily Caucus meeting, deciding on the order of speakers on the government side of the house, making sure we always have enough members in the house, approving absences if a minister or a member has to be away from the Legislative Assembly at any point during the session, and generally herding cats.

- I serve on the **Board of Internal Economy**. The Board has responsibility for all matters of financial and administrative policy affecting the Legislative Assembly and its members. The board oversees the finances of the Legislative Assembly, its revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities, the board issues directives governing issues such as MLA expenses and spending, the board oversees independent officers of the Legislature including the Chief Electoral Officer and would approve the Chief Electoral Officer's use of any alternate procedure, equipment or technology during a general election. The Board of Internal Economy is responsible for reviewing and approving the budgets for the Legislative Assembly Service and the Officers of the Legislative Assembly, including the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, the Advocate for Children and Youth, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer, and Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar. For my first meeting of the BOIE, my meeting package filled an entire binder, so that is a very busy committee with a lot on the go!

- I serve on the **Cabinet Committee on the Economy**. Any decision items that are going to cabinet first go through



this committee. Any issue that could have an economic impact, whether it's coming from Saskatchewan Agriculture, Highways, Trade and Export Development, SaskBuilds and Procurement, or any other ministry, goes to this committee before going to cabinet, and this committee recommends a course of action to cabinet. I have been part of some very interesting meetings so far, where ministers and their senior officials come to present a plan or various options along with potential repercussions and the committee hashes out the idea before forwarding a recommendation to cabinet.

- I serve on the **Standing Committee on the Economy**. Unlike the internal Cabinet Committee, this committee includes both government and opposition MLAs and its meetings are public. The Standing Committee on the Economy considers matters relating to the areas of economic development, agriculture, environment, natural resources, rural issues, transportation, and infrastructure. This mandate is accomplished through the examination of legislative proposals, budgetary estimates, annual reports, regulations

and by-laws of professional associations, and by conducting inquiries. We had our first meeting of this committee last week.

- I serve on the **Standing Committee on House Services**, which provides general oversight for all the standing and special committees with respect to membership and the allocation of government departments, agencies and Crown corporations to the various policy committees. In addition, the House Services Committee is responsible for the review of estimates and annual reports of the Legislative Assembly Service and the review of estimates and annual reports of the various officers of the Assembly. Finally, the House Services Committee is authorized to examine any rules, procedures, practices, and powers of the Legislative Assembly, its operation and organization, and the facilities and services provided to the Assembly, its committees, and members.

- I serve on the **Caucus Management Committee**. This committee is responsible for finances, operation and human resources for the Saskatchewan Party Caucus within the Legislative Assembly, so everything from hiring caucus office staff to setting the annual budget for the caucus office and planning caucus events falls to this committee.

### Session wraps up

We wrapped up the fall session last week, and I will have a bit more time to meet with people right across the constituency.

If you need to contact me, please email me at [office@kevinweedmark.ca](mailto:office@kevinweedmark.ca), call the constituency office at 306-435-4005, or drop into the office at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.

And follow me on facebook and instagram. I have posted videos of my various speeches including my 33 minute (!) response to the Throne Speech.



These kids wanted to get a photo with their local MLA at the Holiday Train stop in Moosomin Friday.



These kids were excited to try some cookies while waiting for the CP Holiday Train. I liked the cookies too!

# Oilers overly reliant on their two superstars

It's a good-news, bad-news scenario that Edmonton Oilers have the two highest-scoring team-mates in the National Hockey League.

The good news is that Leon Draisaitl and Connor McDavid are a threat to score almost every time they're on the ice, but the bad news is that the team's secondary scoring beyond the two superstars is scarce.

Memo to NHL coaches: Figure out a way to stop, or slow down, Draisaitl and McDavid, and you're more than likely to stop the Oilers.

Recent NHL stats show that while goal production from the top two scorers on each team in the NHL represents, on average, 28.5 per cent of a team's offensive output, the figure is a league-high and unhealthy 40.2 per cent for the Oilers.

Through the end of November, Draisaitl had 17 goals and McDavid 12. The next-best goal output by an Edmonton forward was four — Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Corey Perry and Jeff Skinner.

Other teams quite dependent on their top two scorers are the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs. The Habs depend heavily on Cole Caufield and Nick Su-



Bruce Penton

zuki, who provide 36.7 per cent of the team's goals, while the Leafs relied on William Nylander (15) and John Tavares (11) to lead the offence. The Toronto situation could hardly be called dire, though, because high-scoring Auston Matthews missed almost a month due to injury and Toronto's offence is spread out further now that he's back.

At the lower end of the statistical story are Anaheim Ducks and Columbus Blue Jackets, whose top two scorers provide a little more than 20 per cent of the team's total.

Oilers' general manager Stan Bowman is obviously burning up the phone lines trying to find a dependable scoring forward to add to his roster, because if either Drai-

saitl or McDavid were to be sidelined for any length of time, the Edmonton offence might come close to drying up.

On the other hand, McDavid and Draisaitl are so prolific, that coach Kris Knoblauch gives them an extraordinary amount of ice time, which reduces the chances for lesser players to shine. Another point in Edmonton's favour is the status of the slumping Zach Hyman, coming off 36- and 54-goal seasons, but with only three in the team's first 20 games. A Hyman breakout can be expected, easing the requirement for the Oilers' big two to carry the heaviest load.

The season isn't half over yet and there's no reason to think the Oilers can't get things going. They started slowly last year, then ran off a 16-game winning streak at one point, and were powerful through the playoffs, losing in Game 7 of the Cup final to Florida.

"It's about bringing a level of urgency ... and doing your job and doing what you need to do and understanding that everybody else is going to go out and do their job," Hyman told NHL.com. "We're not playing up to our standard."

## VIEWPOINT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concerns surrounding illegal foreign ownership of farmland

As Minister of Agriculture, a landowner and cow-calf producer, I personally appreciate concerns surrounding illegal foreign ownership of farmland in Saskatchewan. Ensuring there is no unauthorized foreign land ownership is a top priority for me and the public should be assured the Government of Saskatchewan is committed to protecting Saskatchewan farmland.

Through The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act, the Farm Land Security Board monitors 40,000 farmland sale transactions annually in the province to ensure purchases

are by either a Canadian or Canadian resident. It can issue exemption orders for non-Canadian-owned entities, typically when in the province's best interest. For example, many agribusinesses in Saskatchewan require an exemption. While the legislation provides enforcement tools regarding entities not in compliance, we are exploring options to enhance them.

As stated in the recent Auditor's report, no illegal ownership was found in all sale transactions sampled. While the Auditor found that Board staff did not request statutory declarations in nine of the 18 out-of-province corporate transactions, in each of the nine instances the purchasing corporation was Canadian. Most often these

are family corporations and, where this was unclear, a declaration was requested. While declarations may not be mandatory given the numerous tools available to the Board, the Board is now requesting declarations from all out-of-province purchasers. Most of the Auditor's 10 recommendations were already a priority for the Board and implementation has begun.

If you have information about a foreign land ownership concern in Saskatchewan, please reach out to inquiries.ag@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-5047.

—Minister of Agriculture Daryl Harrison

## Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Curt and Kim McVicar spent several days visiting with his mother Audrey McVicar recently.

Congratulations to Holly Allison-Kay who has been the administrative assistant at the Coronation Park School for the past 21 years. She will retire soon and was honored at the current session of the Legislature.

An informal gathering was held at the Wawota Town Hall December 7 to bid farewell to the late Paul Palendat. Attendees were encouraged to wear their favorite curling sweater or baseball jersey in honor of Paul's many years of involvement in these sports over the years. Memories

were shared and lunch served.

Wawota would like to welcome another Ukrainian couple to our town. They are Dmytro Sotnikova and Alisa Kolisnyk.

Last Monday was a busy day in Wawota. The Free Methodist Ladies held their annual Christmas Tea. The theme was 'Unwrapping the name of Jesus.' Guest speaker was Lori Baldock. A special offering was Christmas gifts for women and children serviced by Shelwin House.

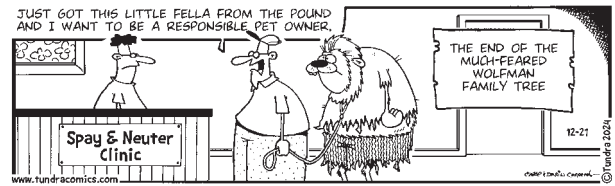
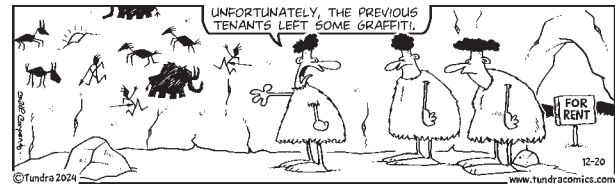
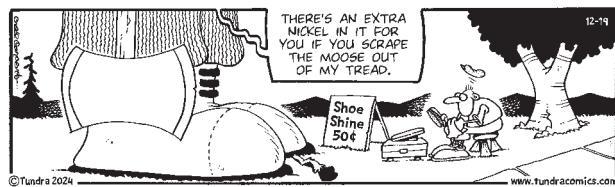
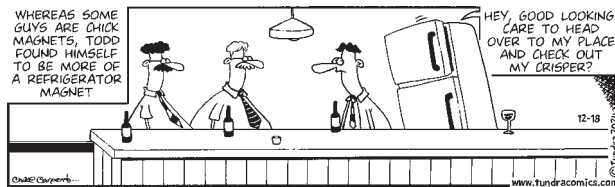
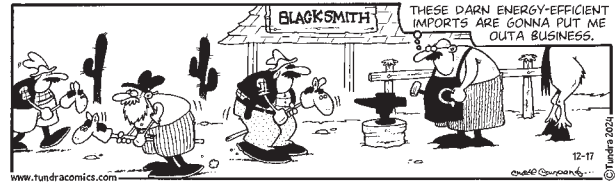
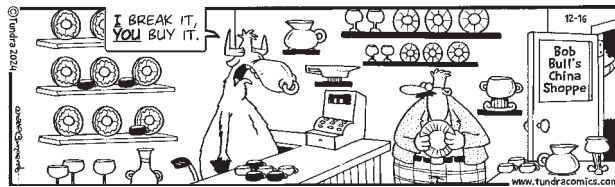
And in the evening the Lions put on their annual Se-

nior's Supper. It was well attended with great food and service! Nicki Ford and family Jaime, Zoey, Jordi and Emery provided the entertainment, singing, piano duets and highland dancing. The two winners of the Museum Christmas hampers were Sharon Broughton and Stan Neibergall.

A big thank you to the Bear Claw Casino and Hotel for their generous donation to the Wawota Food Pantry of \$2,500 to help supply holiday grocery hampers this Christmas!

## Tundra

Chad Carpenter





# Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

## Rocanville Dance Club's Annual Christmas Showcase

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

## Gnome on the Roam is back!

The Christmas Gnome has returned to Rocanville, and he's ready for a holiday hunt!

### How to Play

• Hunt around town for the Christmas Gnome! We'll be posting clues and pictures on the Rocanville Recreation and Town of Rocanville Facebook pages.

• Find the Gnome and identify what he is holding. (His items will change as he moves!)

• Write down the name of the item he's holding, along with your name and phone number on a piece of paper.

• Drop your entry into the Town Office Drop Box or in the designated drop box at participating businesses.

• One entry per day, please!

### Important Rules

• The Gnome magically moves around town as we get closer to Christmas, so keep hunting even if you've found him once!

• **Do not touch the Gnome**—if you do, all of his magic may be lost, and your chance to win will vanish!

**Prize:** A chance to win \$100 in Rocanville Bucks! Winner will be drawn on December 20 and announced on the Town and Rec Facebook pages. Have fun, and happy hunting!

## Yoga Classes for Seniors

Rocanville Recreation and Rocanville Remedial Massage are excited to bring you Yoga for Seniors! Enjoy a free month trial starting this January and experience the benefits of yoga.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11 am – 12 pm

Starting January 7

Location: Rocanville Recreation Center

Register now by contacting the Rec Office at 645-2164.

## 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

## 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 De-

cember while supplies last.

*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

### Community Potluck Supper and Live Music Performance!

Join us for a night filled with mouth-watering food and amazing entertainment at the Rocanville Community Centre on December 16, 2024! Supper is at 6 pm.

Entertainment by John and Linda Klassen at 7:15 pm. (Right after dinner!) Bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious potluck supper with friends, family, and neighbours. Afterward, stay for a dynamic musical performance by the incredibly talented John and Linda Klassen! No charge – Everyone is invited!

Can't make it for supper but don't want to miss the show? No problem! Join us at 7 pm for the entertainment. The more, the merrier! All events are open to the public (except rentals). All ages are welcome!

### Coffee Mornings

Start your day right! Join us Monday through Friday from 8-9:30 am for a warm cup of coffee and great conversation. It's the perfect way to connect and kick off your morning!

### Cards & Games

Looking for some fun and friendly competition? Come by every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm for a lively game of cards. It's a fantastic way to socialize and enjoy the afternoon!

### Affordable Rentals Available!

Planning an event? Host it here at the Community Centre! We offer affordable rental rates: 4-hour rental or less: \$50 Full day rental: \$100 For bookings, contact: Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511

Nora Fergusson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

Whether you're looking to share a meal, enjoy an afternoon of cards, or find the perfect venue for your next event, the Rocanville Community Centre is the place to be. Join us and be part of the community!

## 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:

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### 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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## Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

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The local legion hosted their annual Christmas supper on Saturday, December 7, with supper at 6 pm. A delicious supper of turkey, ham and all of the trimmings was enjoyed by approximately 30 people. Following supper there were door prizes, a gift exchange, cards, and games. Lots of noise and laughter filled the hall and they enjoyed coffee and snacks to close out the evening.

Trent and Tera Harper motored to Regina on Monday to pick up Toryn who came home

from school in Port Coquitlam for the Christmas holidays. They also had medical appointments in the city.

Judi and Jesse Johnston travelled to Regina on Thursday for Jesse's surgery on Friday. We're all thinking of you!

The After 8's singing group out of Rocanville entertained at the Moosomin Long Term Care on Wednesday afternoon. Barbara Wilkins, Judi Johnston and Phyllis Harper sang with the group and say "How nice it was to see smiling

faces and have a visit with residents from our community."

Jesse Johnston enjoyed some vacation time in November. After spending a night in Calgary with brother Chevy, he flew to San Francisco to visit his cousin Matthew Eremko. One highlight, while in the Bay Area, was a ride in a driverless cab. From California, Jesse flew to Honolulu for a week. He loved it—but missed the beginning of a Saskatchewan winter so came home to shovel snow!!



Volunteers who came out for the orientation at the fire hall for the food drive before blitzing the town.

# Kipling food drive brings in 1,700 lbs of food and \$10,000 in donations

BY KARA KINNA

Despite a blizzard hitting the area on December 8, a food drive organized by the Kipling Lions, Kipling Fire Department, and Kipling Food Bank has brought in 1,700 pounds of food and raised \$10,000.

This is the first year for the food drive, and the three organizations are now planning to make it an annual event.

"It's still coming in because of the weather we had, but there were 1,700 pounds of food and just under \$10,000 in monetary donations," said Mike Warner with the Kipling Lions last Wednesday. "So that was pretty special. We actually know that number is going to go up because there's another person who's supposed to be bringing a couple of thousand dollars more. We'll probably have to update the numbers because we know that there's stuff out there, but the weather was so brutal that people didn't come."

"It really went well and there were a few things that really amazed me. I got the idea from seeing the fireman doing it in the south Okanagan in B.C. and I thought, 'Why can't we bring it to our three groups?' and it worked really well. Everybody got to choose something—the Lions did the promotion and advertising, the food bank did the donation collecting and sorting



Volunteers at the central downtown pick up location.

and they issued receipts, and the firemen took on going around town to collect food donations.

"We thought that was a big challenge but they actually accomplished the whole thing and delivered the food in two hours.

They split it into four groups with trucks and we called on people to come to the fire hall to meet for orientation before we left that day and I was amazed. That was my apprehension—whether we were going to have anybody be-

cause the weather was bad and you just never know, but we had huge numbers of people and the ages of the people were from seven to into their seventies.

"We put it out to the town and we had lots of younger children

show up and they got to ride in the fire trucks and they were the ones who did the running on the streets to get the donations from the houses and bring them back to us. We had cargo trailers following behind every fire truck and then we delivered it all to the food bank and unloaded it. It was amazing to see that accomplished in a town of 1,200 people in two hours.

"I thought it would maybe take a little longer, especially when we had that bad weather, and my anticipation was that it was our first try and we didn't know how much we'd bring in, but it way exceeded what we thought. The cash donations are fantastic and the food donations."

"I asked somebody in the food industry if there is any way that we could kind of figure out the dollar amount for the food, and he said probably around four dollars a pound."

Warner says the food drive will help the Kipling Food Bank get through the Christmas season and help into the new year.

"The money donations will get them into next year because what happens with the food bank normally is that they're pretty depleted after the Christmas season so we've got this coming in."

He says he expects the food drive to be an annual event.

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From left: Lion Michael Warner, Wayne Struble with the Food Bank, Fire Chief Ken Nordal and Firefighter Ben Baker. In front of 1,700 pounds of food.



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"We just think it will build next year and we're planning to do this every year now because it's just something that everybody was involved in. When I talked to the fire chief I said to him, 'You know what amazed me is to see all of your firefighters with big smiles on their faces.' His comment back was, 'It's not very often that we leave the fire hall in our turnout gear and we're smiling and when we come back we're still smiling.'"

"We're kind of overwhelmed really—to have it turn out so good—especially since we were kind of confined to town (due to the weather) and we knew there was lots coming from the rural areas. That's why we know there's still more coming in because people are bringing it in."



### 37 calls for service

During the week of December 1 to December 7, Westman RCMP received a total of 37 calls for service. Of the 37 calls, 17 were traffic related including one operation while impaired file and six moving traffic/speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were one suspicious person/vehicle/property file, two assault files, two wellbeing checks, two false alarms, one person reported missing, one mischief file, one abandoned vehicle file, and one harassing communications file.

### 21 km/hr over the speed limit

On December 3, during a routine traffic patrol in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 131 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding which carries a fine of \$325.

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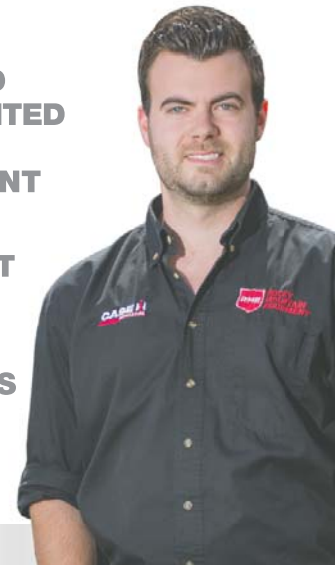
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BY ADRIANA GRAY  
CLUB REPORTER

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Lots of fun was had by all and the club hopes to continue their learning with another clinic in the near future.



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8. Rooster, e.g.	34. Antique	4. Jolie et al.
12. Work by Shelley	35. Misspeak	5. Singing group
13. Scorch	36. Subject	6. Nobleman
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15. Word of agreement	39. Carrier	8. Wiggly fish
16. Pulled apart	40. Cover	9. Chopped
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