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The Moosomin Rangers in action against the Carlyle Cougars during a Moosomin home game on Jan. 3. The Rangers defeated the Huskies 4-1 that night and were sitting second in the Big Six standings last week with 21 points, only one point behind the Redvers Rockets who had 22 points.

## Winter Wonderland February 2 Winter event set for Moosomin Regional Park

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
A popular winter event is back at Moosomin & District Regional Park, embracing the winter season and inviting people to check out the park for some frosty fun.

Winter Wonderland is slated for Sunday, Feb. 2, and has activities for everyone including a fishing derby, sleigh rides, dog sleds, and refreshments.  
"A lot of people think it's a place to go in the summer, and it's nice to showcase

what it can offer in the wintertime," said Moosomin & District Regional Park committee member Karen Hebert.  
There are a few changes this year, including the spot at the park where the event takes place and tickets will be sold.

"We're changing the location," Hebert confirmed, adding that the new place to meet will be at the marina.

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Scenes from the last Winter Wonderland at Moosomin Regional Park, including hockey on the lake, above left, dog sledding, above right, chopping wood, below left, roasting hot dogs, below centre, and sleigh rides, below right.



# Winter Wonderland February 2

## Winter event set for Moosomin Regional Park

Continued from front

"Normally, we had it at the south end of the park, but we couldn't accommodate the parking there, so we're having it just north of where the park store is, where the Marina is, and we're going to clear out a larger area for parking there."

Based on the popularity of the event in the past, organizers are looking to the new location as a place that can accommodate further growth.

"The last one we had was around 300 people, so we're hoping for a few more," Hebert said. "That's why we had to change the location, because we couldn't accommodate the parking on the road. We needed a larger area for the parking."

The cash-only event is also an affordable way for the whole family to enjoy

the park as kids five years old and under are free. Eagle Ridge Dog Sleds will be offering rides from 10 am to 4 pm for \$20 per ride; sleigh rides will be held from 1-4 pm for \$10 each; and the fishing derby runs from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per hole or two holes for \$30. Hot dogs and hot chocolate are also available for \$5 each.

"The last one that we did, we had to show some people how to roast a hot dog over an open fire," Hebert recalls. "They've never had that experience before!"

Money raised from the event goes back into the park to cover expenses, but it also serves as a showcase to people from outside the region as to what the Moosomin & District Regional Park has to offer.

"There are lots of people that come to this in the winter time that I've never seen at the park in the summertime," Hebert said.

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# Sharpe's Donates \$15,000 towards new daycare in Moosomin

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

Sharpe's Soil Services Ltd. has donated \$15,000 towards the construction of the new daycare in Moosomin.

Play Fair Daycare is building a second daycare building with 90 spots in addition to the 72 spots at the current location. The provincial government approved the 90 addition spots last year and Play Fair is raising funds to build a second building at the south end of the MacLeod School playground.

Wendy Leeds, agronomy lead at Sharpe's Soil Services said that the business made the decision last Fall to contribute to the new daycare.

"When the daycare fundraising committee released the information that they needed donations, Sharpe's talked about it as a business, and decided it would be a worthy project to support," said Leeds.

## Understands the need

Leeds said she sympathizes with the parents who struggle to find childcare, and feels grateful that she wasn't forced to choose between her career and childcare when her kids were young.

"Going back to work at Sharpe's after Denham, my oldest son, now 19, there were more day homes. I thought a day home was the way to go, then I soon realized that with my job, especially being busy in the summertime and working extra hours, my schedule just wasn't aligning. I went to the old daycare, which was in an old brick house at that time, and we were planning to build a new one. It gave me more flexibility, and their hours worked more for what my business as an agronomist needed. It was amazing. I couldn't believe we had this new building that we thought was going to supply our childcare needs for forever and a day," said Leeds.

Leeds also recalled how quickly the current daycare filled up.

"The current daycare filled fast. I remember the budget back then, it was going to be a stretch to build that place. Thank goodness we did the second floor, otherwise holy man, we'd really be in trouble as a community," said Leeds.

"We thought we would have a daycare that would serve our needs for years and years . . . it's not hard to understand why we already need this new facility, but our community is growing so quickly.

"I've been very thankful that I have been able to do my profession and have daycare for my two children. I was so lucky, because after the current daycare was built and I was going back to work part-time after my youngest was born, he was the only baby in the baby room. He had one-on-one care, it was fabulous!

"That was just as they were starting to fill up. More children came, but it was a great experience, my kids loved it there. I didn't have to deal with the stress of having to not know what to do or where to take them.

"That was one of the reasons why we wanted to support this initiative, so that people that have jobs and want to make that choice can, and don't have to have one more thing to worry about," Leeds said.

Leeds said she doesn't know what she would have done if she was faced with today's parents' childcare situation.

"If I had been hit with that choice back in the day, it would have been a really, really hard decision. As much as I love being a mom, I also love what I do, and spend a lot of time learning to do what I do," she said.

"It's a really hard thing adjusting to being a new mom and having a child. Figuring out how you're going to manage work and parenting, and then you've got the stress of whether there is a spot for your child at daycare or not. We shouldn't have to worry about that. If parents make the choice to go back to work, we should have a place for our kids to go. Thank goodness we are getting this new building. Hopefully the new daycare will supply enough spots moving forward, so that everybody has that choice," said Leeds.

## Daycare just in time

Jodie Stewart, assistant branch manager at Sharpe's said she was just able to get her child into daycare just in time.

"The daycare has a two-year wait list to get in, so as soon as I found out I was pregnant I put my name on the list. I got in just in time after maternity leave.

"Daycare has helped so much because with the cost of



From left to right: Wendy Leeds, Jodie Stewart and Corey Popowich with Sharpe's Soil Services present a cheque for \$15,000 to Brittany Glasser and Samantha Campbell with the Day-care Fundraising Committee.

living now, it's hard to have a one-income family. Having access to daycare has allowed me keep working, and I enjoy my job. I can go back to work and my son goes to daycare. They are very flexible with their hours there and absolutely amazing with him, he always comes home happy," said Stewart.

Stewart said that if she hadn't been lucky enough to get into daycare on time, she doesn't know what her family would have ended up doing for childcare. "My mother-in-law is retired, so I could have asked her to help until we did get in or find help, but I didn't want to put that burden on her, you don't want to put that burden on the grandparents, so it would have been very tough."

Stewart has seen first hand, how the childcare shortage in the area has impacted families.

"The girl that I worked with before, she ended up really having to bounce her kid around because the daycare she was at closed, and she couldn't get in to Play Fair, so it was a real struggle for her. There were days her kid would come to work because they had nowhere for him to go. She's at home with him and isn't able to work right now. Having access to daycare is insanely important, when you don't have it, you don't know what to do," said Stewart.

## Daycare important

Leeds also explained how not everyone has the option to leave their children with relatives. "It takes a community to raise a child and lots of us don't have family here, lots of the people need daycare.

"Moosomin is growing and new people are moving in, it's not like you have grandma and grandpa or auntie and uncle to take care of kids, so we need a facility that you can rely on," said Leeds. "Being able to contribute because you have the day care available makes us feel good as employees."

Leeds said that Sharpe's has always liked to be involved in community growth projects like this.

"We were waiting for one to come along that made sense to our group and we've done similar contributions in other communities in this radius for daycare because it's a need. If our employees are passionate about a project, the company will support it. It has to fit into our values, we want to see donations like this go to a project that is growing a community. That is part of our values, we are a community orientated business, and the community need a daycare."

Leeds says that this donation not only fits into Sharpe's vision, but benefits the company in the long run.

"We look at the employees that may be having more children and we've got lots of younger people starting to work with us again. We'll need more childcare. Lots of

communities will, as the new work force comes in.

"Within all of the communities Sharpe's services, we've been a great supporter of projects like this because it helps us be better professionals and employees when we have a safe place for our kids to go while we are working."

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The Moosomin Kids after school program.



Kids having fun at Wapella's after school kids program.

Nicole Taylor photos

# Local community groups receive share of \$2.9M CIF grants

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The latest round of Community Initiative Fund allocations have been announced, with a total of 58 communities receiving a share of just over \$2.9 million. Locally, two Moosomin groups benefitted from the funding, the Moosomin Family Resource Centre with \$30,000 and Play-Fair Daycare, who received \$10,000. The Town of Wapella also received \$7,836, and the Southeast Regional Library in Redvers was given \$600.

"For several, especially smaller organizations and smaller communities, they rely a lot on our funding, just because they don't always have access to other sources like you might in a larger city," said Tracey Mann, Executive Director with CIF. "We do really try and get as many dollars as we can out to those rural communities because we know it is more challenging for them."

There are two community grants per year, plus a summer grant also available through the CIF. This recent round of funds was distributed in December. Through the Community Grant Program, CIF was able to approve 165 grants in December, 2024, focussed on the wellbeing of children, youth, families, and communities. Fostering healthy lifestyles, resources to nurture supportive environments, and promoting positive mental health are a few things considered for the grants.

"I would say a lot of communities are certainly aware of the Community Initiative Fund and the grants that we offer," said Mann. "We provide approximately 500 to 550 grants per year, so lots of organizations are certainly aware of us."

Another factor that might bolster the CIF's popularity is a recent increase to maximum funding dollars.

"We've just actually increased the Community Grant Program maximum to

\$35,000 so that will come into effect for the April 1 deadline," said Mann. "We've also increased the Summer Grant Program from \$6,000 to \$7,500. We know organizations are struggling out there, and if we have the capacity to be able to provide a few extra dollars, then hopefully that helps out."

The CIF was created in 1996 through the Saskatchewan Lotteries and Gaming Corporation Act and is managed by a government-appointed board of volunteers. The special purpose fund receives a portion of net profits from Casino's Regina and Moose Jaw.

### Grants keep MFRC going strong

Sheryl Willms-Bromm is the Program Co-ordinator at MFRC, and says it's pretty exciting to be a recipient and have such a strong relationship with the CIF.

"I apply for both annual grants every

year, so they're both maxed out at \$30,000 and I've been really fortunate that I've gotten both," she said. "They're a huge supporter of the centre, which is wonderful! It covers programming costs, but a big chunk is our overhead and staff wages from those grants. We're non-profit, so everything is fundraising, donations or grants."

This round of funding will be devoted to three programs the MFRC offers, beginning with Alphabet Soup, which promotes early literacy and language. The popular after-school craft sessions will also benefit, which Willms-Bromm says are a real hit with kids.

"We're about a year in with that program, and it's really popular," she said.

Finally, the Diverse Learners program—which is for children with special needs—will also benefit.

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# Local MPs react to PM's resignation

## Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Twenty minutes after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau returned to the confines of Rideau Cottage, Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen called with his reaction to what he just witnessed.

"I wanted to hear exactly from his lips, exactly what he was saying to make sure I heard it correctly," he said. "My best way to describe things is we've just finished Christmas and the New Year, and during that time, I'm sure a lot of people made lot of Christmas wishes and New Year's resolution wishes, etc. And I suspect a lot of people can now say that those wishes came true."

Kitchen admitted he was a little surprised that Trudeau chose the timing he did for the announcement.

"Yes, to some extent," he said. "I figured his narcissistic view of things was going to lead him to say he wasn't going to step down and he would take this to the very end. So that may have surprised me a little bit, and that's, as I said, why I wanted to hear exactly from him."



Dr. Robert Kitchen

In response to Trudeau's words about the current government having a positive

impact toward the middle class, Kitchen did not agree.

"It's been smoke and mirrors throughout," he said. "Recently, with the fall economic statement and what transpired from that, he had basically said, 'Oh no, no, we're going to stay within our boundaries,' based on the budget that they presented last spring, where it would only be a \$40 billion deficit. Yet it turns out that the fall economic statement indicates it was going to be a \$62 billion deficit, and this whole process is to try, and in many ways, divert Canadians' views away from the fact that he spent \$20 billion extra dollars and added that to our deficit. And now people are going to forget about that, and yet, he's continually adding to our debt and our deficit."

On the move to prorogue Parliament to March 24, Dr. Kitchen noted how speculation loomed prior to the official announcement.

"Ultimately, with prorogation, everything that's on the table right now dies," he said. If it hasn't been passed and received Royal Assent, it died and has to be

re-entered."

With the return to the House in late March, an election call could be the outcome.

"Whoever the new leader will be, they will be the prime minister and will come back with a throne speech, which will give some direction as to where they're going," Dr. Kitchen said. "Ultimately, that gets presented in the Senate, and then it's brought back to the House, where it is debated. It is a confidence motion, and based on what is said during that, we'll have to wait until that time as to whether there is confidence."

No matter who will be leading the Liberal party, the opposition Conservatives already have their course of action decided.

"We obviously have no confidence, no matter who this Liberal leader will be, because the policies will be very similar to what they are now," Dr. Kitchen said. "So we are hoping that opposition parties will support the non-confidence, and we would see a call for an election at that point in time."

## Yorkton-Melville MP Cathay Wagantall

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

When Cathay Wagantall was asked about her reaction to the news of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stepping down as leader, the Yorkton-Melville MP pointed out the tight timeline the outgoing leader has created for a leadership race.

"The prorogation, I think, is to give them time to set up a leadership race, get it all in place because as much as they may want to do it quickly, that's not easy to do," she said. "Can they get a leader in place, ready to run in a campaign by March 24, because that's when we will be voting. We'll be back in the House and voting on the funding that's needed to keep the government running."

Wagantall says she has had constituents asking her about what happens next on the day of the announcement.

"I am glad to see he's made the decision," she said. "I have people contacting me that say, 'what does he mean, when



Cathay Wagantall

he says what his intention is?' They just still question what's behind the scenes, I guess, to some degree with the planning, but at this point in time, we know we're prorogued, and they need a leadership race of some kind. The Constitution says it's supposed to be a 90-day campaign for a leadership race. By the time they get the fundraising chair and campaign leadership team in place—because they have to come up with all the rules and all that kind of thing, too—it's a very tight timeline to have that done."

As for the NDP, Wagantall assumes they will take the same approach as the Conservatives once MPs return to the House.

"He's made that clear that the first opportunity he will vote non-confidence," she said of NDP leader Jagmeet Singh. "Well, the first opportunity would be when they bring that funding to guarantee the government can still run—that will be a confidence vote."

Members of Parliament aren't the

only ones ready for a vote, as Wagantall pointed to a looming federal election.

"Canadians have been devastated for a long time," she said. "They've been really looking forward to the opportunity to vote and now that he is finally leaving, I can understand a sense of relief, but again, the questions come to me, 'okay, well, what does this really mean?'"

One concern is the continuation of capital gains tax changes with the Canada Revenue Agency without proper debate in Parliament. Despite prorogation that sees proceedings grind to a halt, this item will go ahead unforeshadowed.

"That is a nightmare that people are also contacting me about because they're concerned about decisions that get made and get announced and implemented before we even have proper debate in the House," Wagantall said. "But we're prepared, we're ready to run an election as soon as possible. Canadians want a carbon tax election and they want it now."

## Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

News of Justin Trudeau stepping down as Liberal leader came as no great shock to Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire.

"Mr. Trudeau has backed himself into a corner where he had no choice but to prorogue with the Liberals calling so much dissension for his own leadership that they were going to hold their own meeting on Wednesday," he said. "He prorogued today because there was going to be a committee meeting called by our party, the Conservatives, to have a vote of non-confidence tabled in the house as soon as we can get back. It's no surprise that he is going to leave, the surprise is that there's nobody there that's qualified to take over because of the situation they've left the country in."

While some speculate that Chrystia Freeland and Mark Carney may run for the leadership, Maguire had a different take.

"They're the very two that got us into the fiscal mess in the first place," he said. "To be very blunt, it is Carney's dark carbon tax process that Trudeau followed. Chrystia Freeland followed the recommendations that have led to a \$62 billion deficit. She's the one that doubled the debt,



Larry Maguire

doubled the mortgages, doubled the home rent. This is the same bunch of members of cabinet that have not done anything about the smuggling of guns and stopping of crime and people getting out on bail for

softer crime events, two million Canadians having to use food banks last March in one month—many of them already with jobs that still couldn't make a go of it."

Maguire is also not convinced that simply installing a new leader will change anything.

"This is the same bunch that have caused the problem, and picking a new leader will be something they have to do now, but it's not going to change the outcome of the situation for Canadians, because they've still got a carbon tax to pay, and food prices are still high."

While everyone is circling March 24 on the calendar, Maguire pointed out a technicality that stood out to him.

"According to the parliamentary calendar, we don't even sit on the 24th of March for that week," he said. "We don't go back until the 31st of March for two weeks, and then you're out for two more. So that's how loosely the Liberals wanted this session to be agreed upon."

As for Trudeau's comments about Parliament being paralyzed last fall, Maguire sees the result as self-inflicted.

"He's complaining about how the House was paralyzed this fall. Well, the reason it was paralyzed is because we got a \$400 million scandal going on in

the Green Slush Fund," he said, referring to the standstill created after a dispute over releasing documents related to the government's failed Sustainable Development Technology Canada program. "All he had to do was supply the un-redacted document, like the majority of the parties in Parliament requested them to do last spring, and if he'd have done that, the business of Parliament would have went on instantly."

According to Maguire, it's a case of history repeating itself—with taxpayers once again set to pick up the tab.

"It's taxpayers in Canada that are paying it," he said. "It cost an election when the Liberals did this the last time for the \$44 million ad scam situation in Quebec, where companies got money and paid it back to the Liberal Party. This is \$400 million—nine times what it was before. The government is saying, 'well, there's nothing to see here.' This is another reason why he's calling an election, or why he's proroguing the house is he does not want that situation to be brought up. He wants the issue to be about the election coming up, but he doesn't want this to be the issue because this is a huge scandal in regards to some of the members that are in cabinet."

## Rocanville Town Council

## Town donates \$10,000 to Moosomin airport

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Moosomin Airport project received funding from the Town of Rocanville. Recently, the town donated \$10,000 to the project, something they had previously discussed last summer.

"We do want to support it, and we will whenever we possibly can financially," said Administrator Tanya Strandlund. "It made sense for us to donate \$10,000 at the time due to some of our projects coming in under budget and on time and just being financially smart."

Back on Aug. 14, 2024, council hosted a delegation of airport development representatives during their meeting. In addition to providing an update at that time, those in the delegation also asked if Rocanville would be willing to commit to helping to fund the project along with other municipalities in the region. At the time, the town chose not to fully commit dollars to the project, underlining that they do support the project regardless. However, now the town has been able to offer some funding toward

the project.

"It is crucial for that regional co-operation, and it does benefit the area," Strandlund said of the Moosomin Airport.

**Busy year for property sales**

An item from the Administrator's Report noted a strong year for property sales in Rocanville. Strandlund said there were 33 properties sold in the town through 2024 between commercial, residential, and empty lots.

"It was a pretty big year," she said. "There's a combination of new people moving into town and people just moving around within town."

Strandlund estimates roughly half of those sales were for relocation and the other half were new faces.

**Snow clearing revisited**

Council took another look at the current policy on snow clearing in town, favouring an approach to try something new in the way snow is cleared from local streets.

"We're still trying to make some changes to our snow clearing, we're going to do a trial run on a new system that we've got," Strandlund said. "So we're going to see if it works, and if it does, then we'll do some resolutions to update our policy."

While the actual process of snow removal will not change, the priority of the removal will be tweaked.

"We're going to see if that helps or hinders residents; what the feedback is on that, especially on the main street, to see if snow removed quicker is better, or if people don't mind that little bit of a ridge for a bit," Strandlund said. Another factor is what time snow removal will begin and how an early start will affect the remainder of a workday.

**Sewer jetting contract**

During last week's regular meeting of council on Jan. 8, the town signed an agreement with Municipal Sewer Maintenance for sewer line jetting. The contract is for a three year timeframe, and a major clean of the sewer happens every year.

## SGL Traffic Safety Fund grants benefit local municipalities

### Redvers approved for \$63,000 traffic project

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The latest round of Traffic Safety Fund grants have been approved and disbursed to 79 communities across the province with around \$1.6 million going towards 82 projects. Locally, 10 municipalities were approved for a total of \$165,377 under the twice annual grant.

Local municipalities that received grants include Redvers, Kipling, Wawota, Whitewood, Spy Hill, the RM of Antler, the RM of Rocanville.

"There are hundreds of municipalities in Saskatchewan, and every community has specific needs," Minister Responsible for SGI Jeremy Harrison said. "These grants are extremely beneficial because they fund safety improvements directly identified by each community."

The majority of projects funded (around 75 per cent) targeted speeders, ranging from the installation of speed bumps, the addition of speed trackers, and speed display signs in many communities. Funds granted ranged from \$197 to the maximum \$100,000, with the Town of Redvers receiving the highest amount of funding dollars locally for a \$63,542 School Zone Project applied for last September. The project centres on the installation of four sets of flashing crosswalks on Broadway Street to not only allow pedestrians—especially students—a safe crossing, but also make traffic aware of those crossing.

"With the school zone near Highway 13, traffic enters at high speeds from the intersections," noted Town of Redvers Assistant CAO Jena Cowan in her application. "There are long stretches of roadway without stop or yield signs, and traffic gains speed in these areas despite it being a posted school zone of 30 km/hr."

To mitigate those speeders choosing to ignore the posted speed limit, Cowan also proposed installing rubber speed bumps in the problem areas around the school.

"Many families with young children feel nervous to send their children to school on foot, based on the heavy high school student traffic, as well as other residents on their way to work in the morning," Cowan noted, adding that those parents would rather drive their children to and from school instead. "Installing crosswalks to increase visibility, and speed bumps to slow down traffic will give parents the peace of mind they should have residing in a small community such as ours."

Broadway Street is also a route that larger vehicles utilize, adding to the safety concerns for younger pedestrians.

"We have a lot of semis going down Main Street to deliver to our businesses at all times of the day," Cowan said. "So we thought about our main intersections on Broadway Street for the students walking to school to be able to cross safely."

The speed bumps are also removable, allowing them to be utilized in other areas if needed. Current plans are to remove the speed bumps during the summer months when students are not in school.

"We've got some other options for some, more high-density residential areas," Cowan said. "A lot of our kids like to play street hockey, so in those areas that we see that trend, we could maybe in the summer months move them over there."

She was quite grateful for the Traffic Safety Fund grants, which allow projects to happen in municipalities that might not otherwise see those funding dollars.

"Projects like this are very easy to push off because something bigger came up, so we're lucky that this funding is available, because without it, this wouldn't be happening this year," she said. "When it comes to traffic safety, budget is such a poor excuse—especially if something happens."

As for future projects around the school area, Cowan would like to focus on upgrading the sidewalk in order to improve accessibility.

"That's what a lot of our projects have been as well lately, is to make sure that they are accessible, especially because we have wheelchair users in our school," Cowan explained.

**RM of Antler receives \$16,052**

In the RM of Antler, their project is Advanced Warning Light Beacons for Fire Truck Safety, which received \$16,052 in funding.

"It's a flashing beacon system put along Number 8 Highway to alert people to stop or give way to the fire truck when it's trying to leave the fire hall," explained RM of Antler Administrator Jocelyne Toms-Delmaire.

The initial application sought two such signs, but the RM was approved for one.

"We find at times that they're stuck at the stop sign, trying to get out on the highway, and people keep going on by and ignoring the fire trucks," said Toms-Delmaire, adding that the visibility of the flashing beacon—which can only be activated during a fire call—will allow crews to arrive on-scene even faster.

**Kipling receives \$7,953**

The Town of Kipling's Speed Management Initiative funding grew from a resident concern regarding speeding motorists on Fourth Street brought forward to Town Council. While the original plan was to install speed bumps, council decided to move forward with applying for signage instead.

"We received a grant of \$7,953, and it is the third time we have received a grant from the SGI provincial traffic safety fund," Mayor Pat Jackson explained. "This time, what we are doing is we are getting four portable speed signs."

The portability of the signage was an attractive option as it can be moved and used in various areas easily, especially since the lights are solar-powered.

"The idea, of course, with solar is we don't have to string cables out and cords out to have them actually work," Mayor Jackson said.

**Spy Hill receives \$7,500**

The Village of Spy Hill was the recipient of \$7,500 for their Speed Management project, focused on slowing down speeders on the 600 Grid with a flashing speed awareness sign. Village Councillor Allan Perrin noted the frequency of high-speed traffic led to their municipality meeting with the Esterhazy RCMP and applying for the traffic safety grant.

"It's not just the children that we're concerned with, there's people of all ages—children, older, people, younger, all types, go walking down that street," Perrin said.

adding it's not uncommon to see vehicles travel in excess of 100 km/hr through Spy Hill, despite a posted 40 km/hr speed limit.

Without a funding source like the traffic safety grant, Perrin says such a project simply wouldn't happen.

"Our income is tax based, and smaller communities such as Spy Hill, I think we're all in the same position that every dollar is spent almost before we get it," he said. "So as far as us taking this on without the help of SGI, no, it wouldn't have happened."

**RM of Rocanville receives \$8,944**

The RM of Rocanville received \$8,944 for their Speed Signs for Safety project. Signage will be installed just north of Rocanville in an area noted as a concern for speeding traffic entering the RM.

Reeve Melissa Ruhland noted that the idea evolved from a community meeting held in early 2024.

"One of the questions from a ratepayer that had come out was about speeding on that section of highway," she said. "So the RM took that forward, we wrote a letter and applied for the grant."

The portion of roadway in question is a 60 km/hr zone with vehicle traffic routinely travelling in excess of that posted speed limit.

"There's lots of foot traffic, lots of walkers use that stretch and there's quite a few houses along there as well," Ruhland said. "We're just hoping that will make it a bit safer, and help increase awareness of what the speed actually is."

The new project is also another way to strengthen the working relationship between both municipalities.

"We try to work with the town as much as we can," said Ruhland. "This is something that we can do that is good not only for the RM, but it's good for the town because it will directly impact the community there."

This is the second time the RM of Rocanville has secured funding for a traffic safety initiative as a previous signage project took place near Ste-Marthe-Rocanville.

"We similarly had put some speed signs outside of Ste. Marthe on each side of the hamlet there itself as well," Ruhland said. "With the all the traffic that goes to the mine and those houses are really close by the road, I think it's been a very welcome addition."

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Kevin Weedmark took these aerial photos on Friday showing progress on construction of the Rocanville pool.

# Rocanville pool still on track to open this year

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Progress on the Rocanville pool is moving ahead with a push to be ready for the 2025 pool season. The main focus currently is getting the walls and roof up, then indoor work can take place. Planned to open for the 2025 swim season, the pool will be junior Olympic-sized, featuring both one and three metre diving boards, a larger mezzanine, and added deck space for a lifeguard and First Aid room.

The \$4 million total project has received support through the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure grant totalling \$1.2 million; a contribution of \$300,000 from the RM of Rocanville, and around \$77,000 through the local fundraising committee.

"We have seen lots of sponsorships and donations come in from businesses in the area and private donations as well," says Andrea Logan, Recreation Director with the Town of Rocanville, adding those interested in making a donation can either con-

tact her office at (306) 645-2164 or the Town Office at (306) 645-2022.

While locals will most likely use the pool frequently when it's complete, Logan also noted how the indoor facility can also serve the region year-round.

"I would like to consider our pool a regional facility," she said. "We can use our swimming pool for training other communities' staff, so that when they go to open their outdoor swimming pools, their staff is ready to go."

Swimming lessons are another huge area for potential, and something Rocanville has been able to host in years prior.

"In the past, we have offered swimming lessons to other communities," Logan said. "With it being an indoor pool and able to operate in the cooler months, I think we'll have more opportunity to be able to do that."

In addition, fitness classes, lane swims, public swim times, and private rentals will ensure that the pool continues to thrive.

"Before our pool closed,

we had started a senior swim time, and I plan on offering that again," Logan explained. "They can swim, float, walk laps in the pool—whatever it is that they want to do, but it's a time where they don't have to worry about it being loud and chaotic, like a normal public swim time would be during the day-time hours."

The Rocanville Aquatic Centre was built in 1974, and served the community for many years before a structural assessment took place in 2018. A first call for tenders on the new pool project happened in 2021, followed by a public referendum a year later

to get a firm answer from the community whether or not to proceed with saving the pool. Approximately

70 per cent of Rocanville residents voted to save the pool, even if that meant a possible increase come tax

time. Fortunately, the new pool project could proceed without affecting the local tax base.



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## In our opinion:

# 2025 will be another tough year for Canada's economy

Canada's economic challenges in 2025 include rising debt, slow investment, falling consumption and trade tensions

The start of a new year always invites us to dust off the old crystal ball and try to peer into it to see what the year has in store. Predicting how an economy will perform, however, is always tricky because so many external, uncontrollable factors can throw off even the best forecasts. Weather events and politics are two big ones that can quickly change the game.

Still, the basic pillars that support an economy are well-known and can provide some clues about what's to come. Consumption, investment, government spending, and foreign trade are the four key components. Understanding their likely trends or directions gives us a good sense of how the year might unfold.

Consumption is the spending we all do on goods and services, from cups of coffee to haircuts. It's the largest part of an economy like Canada's and reflects the standard of living it provides. But this year, consumer spending is unlikely to drive growth. Canadians are too concerned about their finances to indulge in "shop 'til you drop" behaviour. For years, our standard of living has been slowly eroding when adjusted for population growth.

Even though inflation is no longer as alarming as it was a few years ago, it still lingers in our minds. Prices continue to rise in grocery stores and elsewhere, leaving many feeling the financial pinch. Canadians are budgeting carefully and cutting back wherever they can. Media outlets are packed with advice on how to save, a clear sign that spending restraint will be the norm this year.

Investment, or capital spending by businesses, is also unlikely to revive the economy in 2025. Businesses can find ways to invest in good times and bad, but one thing that always stops them in their tracks is uncertainty. And right now, uncertainty is everywhere. Entrepreneurs are full of questions without answers. Will consumers spend enough to buy their products? Will governments adjust taxes, tariffs, or policies that affect businesses? Can inflation remain under control? Will there be enough skilled workers at affordable wages? What will happen to interest rates?

Even though borrowing costs are falling, which often encourages investment, businesses are hesitant. No one wants to take on more risk until at least some of these uncertainties are resolved.

Government spending could stimulate the economy, but only if it sparks more consumption and private-sector investment. Unfortunately, ongoing deficits and growing debt leave little room for big spending initiatives. Rising debt is already hurting Canada's credit rating and pushing up the interest we pay on government borrowing. As more tax dollars go toward interest payments, there's less left for essential services like health care or meaningful economic stimulus. The brief tax holiday over the holiday period had little impact and isn't expected to move the needle much this year.

Canada's trade future is another significant unknown, particularly given global uncertainties. In the United States, the incoming president has threatened a barrage of tariffs that, if enacted, could throw the global economy into chaos. While it's unlikely all these threats will materialize, even a partial rollout could dampen international trade and hurt economies everywhere, including Canada. Historically, tariffs have been as damaging to the imposing country as to its trading partners, but the possibility of trade restrictions is already fuelling anxiety.

One silver lining in this otherwise cloudy forecast is the weakening of the Canadian dollar. A lower dollar makes Canadian exports cheaper and more attractive on the global market, which could boost foreign trade. However, this comes with its own set of challenges. Importing goods becomes more expensive, and travelling abroad feels like a bigger financial stretch. Whether the benefits of increased exports will outweigh these drawbacks depends on how trade barriers and global demand play out.

Don't expect 2025 to be a standout year for Canada's economy. Consumer caution, business hesitation, government constraints, and trade uncertainties combine to paint a challenging picture. Still, with a bit of luck, co-operative weather, and sound decisions from governments and policymakers (always a stretch), we might avoid a major downturn. And, as always, there's hope that 2026 will bring better days.

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



## The best way to beat winter is to join winter

This tends to be the toughest part of winter for Prairie people. Christmas is over. The warm glow of Christmas lights are mostly gone, and suddenly winter doesn't look so fun or nice or magical or cheery anymore. Suddenly it seems kind of dark and cold. Suddenly we start to feel ready for spring.

January and February can be our most unkind winter months, known for their extreme cold snaps, and winter storms. But they can also be beautiful. The coldest days are often the sunniest. And we tend to be treated to a few warm spells here and there as a relief from the cold. And slowly the days start the get longer again.

With the busy Christmas season over, this is a great time to get out and enjoy winter. Whether its skating, sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing or snowshoeing, the best way to make winter not seem so long is to enjoy a bit of it.

That's the idea behind Moosomin Regional Park's Winter Wonderland event coming up on Sunday, Feb. 2. It gives people a chance to get out and enjoy a bit of the season we sometimes balk at enjoying.

Winter Wonderland has been held a few times at the park, and each time it was a success, and each time it got bigger, proving that people just need an excuse to get out and do a bit of winter. It was so big last time it was held in 2023, that this year, they have decided to move it to near the marina in the park to accommodate more parking.

A lot of people who don't go to the park in the summer come out to winter wonderland, and it also brings out a lot of people who don't normally do things like ski, or snowmobile, or skate. That's because there are a lot of fun events on offer that are easy to do, especially with little kids. There are dog sled rides, and sleigh rides. There's hot chocolate and the chance to roast a hot dog over an open winter fire. And for those who like a bit of competition and their fishing, there's an ice fishing derby that day as well.

In years past, some people have taken the chance to donne a pair of skates and take in the simple pleasure of ice skating or playing a game of shinny on the lake.

Trust me, there is no grumbling about winter at this event, only the enjoyment of some of the seasonal delights of winter that people in warmer climates don't get to experience.



Kara Kinna

So if you are getting a bit tired of winter, don't beat it, join it! Head out to Moosomin Regional Park on February 2 and have a bit of fun in this frozen winter wonderland that is our home for a good chunk of the year.

### It's worth it to support kids programs and services

There are a lot of kids and young families in our growing area of the province, so in this week's paper it's nice to see a number of people and programs supporting kids and kids programming.

On the heels of a bunch of corporate donations to the daycare in Moosomin, Sharpe's Crop Services also made a \$15,000 donation to Playfair Daycare last week for the construction of an additional daycare in Moosomin. Two people with Sharpe's—Wendy Leeds and Jodie Stewart—talk about how essential daycare is to working women in Moosomin, and that story can be found on page 3 of this week's paper.

There is also a story on local communities and community groups receiving Community Initiative Fund grants. Three of the four local groups receiving grants are putting that grant money towards programs for children.

The Moosomin Family Resource Centre has received \$30,000 for three different programs at the MFRC and PlayFair Daycare received \$10,000 for an after school program at Kids Kollege. The Town of Wapella also received \$7,836 for an after school program that they are hosting in their old town hall.

Kids are the future of our communities, and programs that not only take care of kids but help make their childhood engaging in the communities they live in are a great investment. It's worth it to have quality and abundant childcare and it's worth it to have programs that keep kids busy, encourage their development, and most importantly let them have fun!





The judges in Moosomin during the 2024 Communities in Bloom judging.

# Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting January 29 Communities in Bloom award to be presented

A Communities in Bloom award acceptance luncheon will be hosted in conjunction with the next Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, January 29.

Moosomin was named a provincial winner in the 2,001-3,000 provincial Communities in Bloom population category in 2024. The town was awarded five blooms with a special mention for Commitment to Cultural Heritage Preservation.

Moosomin also picked up an honour for Trees and Urban Forestry, relating to work on the town's urban forest.

The judges evaluate communities on a number of factors, including community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape and plant and floral displays. This year, Moosomin scored 827 out of 1,000 points, for an 83 per cent bloom rating.

This qualifies the town to move on to the national Communities in Bloom competition.

At the meeting on January 29, the Chamber will talk about the pros and cons of being a part of the national competition.

Andrew Exelby will be in attendance at the meeting to present the award as well to explain what competing at a

national level looks like.

The meeting will be held at the Nutrien Sportsplex at 11:45 am. Lunch is free and

### Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition

Also at the January 29 Chamber meeting, Kyle Jeannot will be speaking about the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition planned for the August long weekend at Moosomin Regional Park.

The competition has been resurrected after a few years without it. This year the competition will be between Saskatchewan and Alberta.

A committee is being formed to run the competition, and Jeannot will speak about how plans are coming for the event, which in the past drew in tens of thousands of visitors to the park.

The competition will be held on August 2 and August 3, with two different shows being set off those nights by each of the competitors.



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- 11:30 to 12:30 pm - Working Lunch: The Impact of Risk on Business**  
Risks in your business can be hidden or obvious. Take a moment to uncover them and determine the best way to mitigate or eliminate risk in your business.
- 12:30 to 1:30 pm - Understanding Transition Options**  
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The judges in Moosomin during the 2024 Communities in Bloom judging.



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# SGI Traffic Safety Fund grants benefit local municipalities

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## Whitewood receives \$11,552

The Town of Whitewood received \$11,552 for their Lalonde Street Speed Awareness project. The radar signage on Lalonde Street marks the third time Whitewood has received a grant from the traffic safety fund.

## Wawota receives \$10,198

The town of Wawota received \$10,198 for their Speed Management project, something Mayor Kevin Kay says will assist in keeping the community safe.

"Signage is a big deal here," he said. "It's about keeping people aware of what's going on, recognizing that traffic is starting to pick up as population grows here in Wawota, and just wanting to keep our citizens safe."

Kay also agreed that the traffic fund is quite helpful for communities to implement additional safety measures without affecting the current budget.

"It'll help us significantly," he said.

## Montmartre receives \$9,186

The Village of Montmartre received \$9,186 for their Speed Awareness and Management project, something Administrator Dale Brenner anticipates will curb speeding from traffic entering the community.

"I'm glad we got it," he said of the grant. "It's always

good to try and make people aware of their speeds."

The new solar-powered signage will be a welcome addition to traffic mitigation efforts currently in place.

"We already have ones going through town on Highway 48, these are access roads coming into the municipality where there's a lot of traffic," Brenner explained. "You're coming in from a road that has a higher speed limit posting to where, all of a sudden, you're supposed to be down to 40 km/hr, and just making them aware to get speeds down."

## Oxbow receives \$9,032

The Town of Oxbow was the lucky recipient of two portable speed awareness sign and trailer projects, each funded at \$9,032.

"They approved two trailers and then signs on those trailers, basically," explained Oxbow's Community Development Officer, Treena Mohrbutter. "I think it's going to be great, because we have had concerns on certain roads, and then that way, we could move it around and see if it makes a difference."

## Grenfell receives \$12,386

In Grenfell, the \$12,386 in funds the town received means the Keeping Pedestrians Safe project will become a reality.

"Half of our population in Grenfell is on the other side

of the railway tracks going through," explained Mayor Mark Steinger. "It's going to make it a lot safer for the kids when they're going to school and the people crossing there. It's quite wonderful."

Funding for the flashing signage at the rail crossing through the provincial grant allowed the town to move forward with the project in a more expedient manner.

"If we had to pay for it, I don't know where down the road we could do it," said Mayor Steinger. "This speeds it up and makes it a lot safer."

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants use proceeds from photo speed enforcement, with some \$13.1 million distributed to 870 projects since 2019. Applications considered target traffic issues including speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, occupant protection, intersection safety, aggressive driving, vulnerable road users, or medically-at-risk drivers.

Those applications are reviewed by a committee comprised of members from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Prince Albert Grand Council, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Highways, and SGI.

Applications are currently being accepted for the next round of funding through the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant, with a submission deadline of March 31.

## Esterhazy Town Council

# Esterhazy daycare request tabled

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A request from the Esterhazy Community Daycare for an abatement of the municipal portion of taxes came before council during last week's meeting. Councillor William Gale declared a conflict of interest for the item, and exited the meeting during this portion.

In the past, the daycare had been successful in being approved to receive an abatement, initially as a way to help pay down a high-interest loan when the group was first starting out.

Last summer, a similar request was heard by council with a motion made during the Aug. 6, 2024 meeting to approve the request to abate the municipal portion of the 2024 tax levy on their property for that tax year.

Councillor Maggie Rowland noted how council of the day initially sought to help the non-profit, in part to ensure the much-needed service would remain in town.

"This was supposed to go towards their loans so that they could keep operating," she said.

Ultimately, the item was tabled to a future budget meeting for further discussion.

## Motions made for building inspector, board of revision

Council approved Professional Building Inspectors to conduct building inspections for the town. The appointment is done annually and the Town of Esterhazy has been working with PBI since 2011.

Council also approved an annual contract with Western Municipal Consulting, who provide appeal services to municipalities in the province. Through four separate motions, Council appointed Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process; that the Board of Revision Secretary be Nicolle Hoskins; the Development Appeals Board; and the Development Appeals Board Secretary be Claudette McGuire. The appointments are for a terms of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025.

## Membership renewed

Council approved the renewal of their membership in the East Central Transportation Planning Committee.



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# Local community groups receive share of \$2.9M CIF grants

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"It's not a designated program, it's a program that parents call in for and if they want to book time, because it can be really overwhelming here with sounds and stuff," explained Willms-Bromm. "So I have a shelf designated with specific sensory toys that come out for those."

The MFRC is a place bustling with activity once again with attendance making a sharp climb since the pandemic.

"Covid shut us down, obviously, but ever since we've reopened, we cycle through parents," Willms-Bromm said. "They start with our baby program, move to our toddler programs, and then their kids age out or can't come, so then they come to our after-school programs, and then by that time, we have more new babies! There's days where my Time for Baby program, I have upwards of 25 kids with parents, and then some days are really slow. It just depends on the day."

## Playfair Daycare receives \$10,000

For the Playfair Daycare, \$10,000 will go a long way for art supplies, wages, food, and materials.

"It's from December, so it's already started," said Terri Lowe of the funding dollars. "And then it goes until the end of the school year, so it will go until June '25 I do believe."

This was the first time the group applied for funding through CIF, and Lowe says they plan to submit future applications for other programs Playfair Daycare offers.

"We do have a program after school for the school age kids," she said, noting that there are around 20 that participate in the program.

"It's kind of nice, too, because they're all different ages or different classes, so this way, they're interacting with each other when normally they may not," Lowe explained.

## Boost to Wapella's after school program

In Wapella, the Town will devote the



Above and below: Children and parents at the Moosomin Family Resource Centre for a Happy New Year party on Friday. The MFRC was one of the recipients of a CIF grant.

\$7,836 they received to the after-school program that runs from 3:30-5:30 on weekday afternoons.

"We've transformed the old Town Hall upstairs, which used to be the dance hall, into what we call The Loft," explained Town of Wapella Administrator Daphne Brady.

The Loft is furnished with games, books, ample seating, and snacks.

"With this program, we're able to buy all kinds of craft supplies," Brady said, noting that some of the science-themed activities proved quite popular. "The kids love making little geode stones and then breaking them apart after."

The time together also strengthens community bonds between those young people who attend The Loft.

"Lots of times, we see kids making friendship bracelets for each other, playing a game in the corner together, and just everybody getting along and playing games and having fun," Brady observed.

The funding also covers wages for the program co-ordinator at The Loft, plus extra materials for Tuesday night yoga sessions and upcoming paint nights.

"Our first one is in January, and that goes to pay for her wages and supplies, too," Brady said. "We used to just do it for the kids—the after school program used to just be for the kids—but this year, we opened it up and tried to include more—more ages, more abilities, more everything, so that everybody gets out during the winter."

## Seniors' sessions in Redvers

Building on a popular program from last year, the Southeast Regional Library in Redvers will once again offer information sessions for seniors.

"I began it last year, we did a 12-week session where every week there was a different theme for seniors in the community to come to," explained Branch Librarian,

Katy Soroka. "This year, I'm doing the same, but it will be once a month instead, and I worked with the seniors in the community to find what worked best for them."

On the last Thursday of each month, a different topic will be featured at the library, with the majority of the \$600 funding being used to provide free transit to the library with the handivan. Other associated costs include possible facilitator fees, and general supplies such as printed handouts.

"Last year, the RCMP came and talked about scams," Soroka said. "I would like to reach out to them to see if they'd be interested in doing that again. I have the Redvers EMS coming this month to talk about safety at home."

Other topics include nutrition, chair yoga, and legal advice. "Lots of questions had come up in the past about making wills and estates, retirement and financial planning," Soroka said.



*We said yes*

**Eric Michael Kuzek**  
of Theodore, SK

&

**Jillian Tressa Easton**  
of Rocanville, SK

It is with great joy that we announce our happiness as we exchanged marriage vows on August 17, 2024 in the presence of our friends and family at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Finland, SK.

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		<b>JUNE 4, 2025</b> 1:30 - 4 PM	<b>MUSIC BY LEN GADICA</b>



**IJACK expansion**

These aerial photos taken by Kevin Weedmark show construction on the IJACK expansion north of Moosomin. IJACK is constructing a second building, located beside their first building, in the RM of Moosomin.





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This year, four deserving youths will receive a **\$3,000 bursary**, provided by SaskPower, to use towards their post-secondary education.

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**Nominations close March 31, 2025**





**Wapella after school program**

With funds from the Community Initiative Fun, the town of Wapella has started an after school program in the old town hall. Kids can come out from 3:30 to 5:30 pm each day for the program. The town received a grant of \$7,836.

Shown here are some of the kids at the program last week enjoying play time and doing crafts.

Nicole Taylor photos



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Homes south of Broadway Avenue:  
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# NEW

# IN-HOUSE

# MANAGER

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are thrilled to announce **Sandy Diamond** has joined our staff as our "In House" Manager.

Lots of amazing kitchen additions on the way including some amazing comfort food from the past that everyone will be familiar with!!

Welcome to our team Sandy!!  
Make sure you pop in and wish her well!!!



**Nutrien Sportsplex Regular Hours**

With the holidays now over, the Nutrien Sportsplex returns to normal winter hours:

<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>12<sup>nn</sup> - 9<sup>pm</sup></b>
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>12<sup>nn</sup> - 9<sup>pm</sup></b>
<b>Friday</b> .....	<b>10<sup>am</sup> - 10<sup>pm</sup></b>
<b>Saturday</b> .....	<b>10<sup>am</sup> - 10<sup>pm</sup></b>
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>12<sup>nn</sup> - 8<sup>pm</sup></b>

For bookings contact the Nutrien Sportsplex Staff during regular hours or call the Rec Office weekday mornings at 306-435-3622

## Family & Friends BOWLING

Every Thursday / Friday ( when available )  
book a bowling lane for \$20 and receive a complimentary \$10 Coupon to our Sportsplex Kitchen.

**Bowling, laughs and food ... all for \$20!!**

**AMAZING DEAL!!**

## Moosomin Curling Club Farmers and Friends Bonsel

**January 29 to February 2**

Teams can register at the Club or contract the Rec Office at 306-435-3622



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# Moosomin Rec Report

Mike Schwean, Recreation Director

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## Stars of the Week

I have been holding out on this one but their time is now overdue. This week's Stars of the Week are Moosomin Public Works/Rec Staff for their amazing snow removal at Bradley Park and the Curling rink. I have been in Moosomin for close to 40 years, and thanks to Moosomin Council paving the lot and the hard work of the Public Works and our own staff, this year has been a dream for parking and walking to the arenas and Sportsplex.

## Communities in Bloom award

We are excited about the January 29 Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting. Andrew Exelby will be out to award our community the 2024 Provincial Championship for Communities in Bloom. In addition, he will talk about the 2025 Program including the option our five blooms in 2024 has afforded us as we have the opportunity to partake in the National CIB Contest.

## 2025 Communities in Bloom

It will be another exciting year with a lot of new ideas and plans! If you would be willing to sit on the 2025 CIB core committee, we would love to hear from you. You can email Angela at a.thorntownofmoosomin@sasktel.net or phone direct to 435-3622.

## Nutrien Sportsplex New In-House Manager

Moosomin Parks and Recreation Department are thrilled to announce Sandy Diamond has joined our team as our "In House" Manager. Lots of amazing kitchen additions on the way including some amazing comfort food from the past that everyone will be familiar with! Welcome Sandy!

## Senior Fitness Classes

We are just in the process of setting up a once-a-week Senior fitness class at the Nutrien Sportsplex. If you are interested in getting on the list while there is room, please email at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## 2025 Borderland Co-op Swimming Lessons

We have started to receive calls about swimming lessons and private bookings for the summer of 2025. We are on it! You can expect registration forms to go out to the schools over the February break.

## Ok ...you can't make this stuff up!

It has long been debated who makes the best indoor golf software and equipment. Well, with the launch of the new Professional TGL Indoor Golf Tour, that argument can likely be put to bed as the tour has chosen to use "Full Swing Golf." If you haven't seen the TGL Tour—it is amazing—and it just so happens that the Moosomin Nutrien Sportsplex uses Full Swing Golf equipment and software! If you want to try the best...come out and try the sims at the Nutrien Sportsplex!

## Family and Friends Bowling Amazing deal!

Every Thursday / Friday (when available), book a bowling lane for \$20 and receive a complimentary \$10 coupon to our Sportsplex Kitchen. Bowling, laughs and food ...all for \$20!

## 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  
Snowbirders 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.

## Thursday Night Skins Golf

Goes each Thursday at the Nutrien Sportsplex. Tee times are 4 pm and 6:15 pm. If you would like to play, or would like further information, please email Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net.

## Friday Night Fantasy Golf Returns

Fantasy Golf returns this Friday for the months of January to April. Friday nights are fun nights where we play scramble golf. You can enter as an individual, couple or team. Tee times are 6 pm. If you would like to play, you can email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net

## Need some 'going south' cash?

Thursday Night Golf has a Hole in 1 prize presently valued at close to \$4,000! Various skins games at your option however the Hole in 1 game is just \$2 to enter!

If you would like to register for Thursday Night Golf (we have 4 pm and 6:15 pm tee times) you can email Dave Towler at dtowler@sasktel.net

## Mike Schwean Arena Winter Ice

The Mike Schwean Arena is 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.

## Mike Schwean Arena

If you are interested in booking a weekend or a special event please email Mike at msmn.rec.brd@sasktel.net. Remaining special events already booked include:

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

## Mike Schwean Arena Public Skating/Shinny This week

<b>Tuesday</b>	
10 am to 12 pm	Moms and Tots
12 pm to 1 pm	Public Shinny
1 pm to 3 pm	Public Skating

<b>Thursday</b>	
10 am to 12 pm	Moms and Tots
12 pm to 1 pm	Public Shinny
1 pm to 3 pm	Public Skating

## Games this week at the MS Arena

**Tuesday:** Esterhazy @ U15 Kim Setrum Rangers 7:30 pm  
**Thursday:** Easton's Auto @ U15 Kim Setrum Rangers 7 pm

**Friday:** Wawota Flyers @ Moosomin Sr Rangers 8 pm  
**Saturday:** U7 Tournament Weekend with games all day long

**Saturday:** Melville Millionaires @ U15 Easton's Auto-busy 7:30 pm

**Sunday:** Ochapowace Thunder @ U15 Kim Setrum Rangers 12nn

**Sunday:** U11 NAPA Rangers Playoff Gametime 2:30 pm  
**Sunday:** Cote @ U15 Kim Setrum Rangers 5 pm

**Sunday:** Yorkton Terriers @ U18 RAHD Rangers 7:30 pm

## 2025 Hockey

### Saskatchewan Provincials

Always an exciting time of year as local team begin plans on their 2025 Hockey Sask Provincial Playdown teams. This year will be an especially fun one as Moosomin will ice the most provincial entries in the history of the MS Arena.

Hockey Sask deadlines all come in December...then usually draws are approved the first weekend in January and then sent out mid to late January. I will do my best to keep everyone informed as to how the Moosomin teams are doing and when game times are scheduled!

## Senior Rangers Provincial News

The first provincial news of the season comes from the Senior Rangers. They have entered the Provincial B draw. Last year Provincial B only had three entries and was not run...this year there are six entries including the 2024 Provincial A Champions from Kenaston.

- The six team draw will include:
  - Moosomin Rangers 8-1-1 in the Big Six Hockey League
  - Langenburg Warriors 7-1-1 in the South East Hockey League
  - Biggar Nationals 1-6-1 in the South West Hockey League
  - Kindersley Sr Klippers 6-1-0 in the South West Hockey League
  - Kenaston Blizzards 7-3-0 in the Sask Valley Hockey League
  - Davidson Cyclones 10-0-0 in the Sask Valley Hockey League

The B division reads like a who's who in Senior Hockey...especially north of the South Sask River. The six teams combine for a 39-12-3 record in four very good senior hockey leagues. Should be some fantastic hockey!

## Senior Rangers Additions

The Senior Rangers have some exciting signing announcements as they have added to both their provincial roster and our league roster. All five will be fantastic additions to the club! Additions include:

- Stephane Robidoux - Defense: Provincial Roster
- Brett Hope - Defense: Provincial Roster
- Ashley Howie - Centre: Provincial Roster
- Brayden Holloway - Centre: Provincial and League Roster
- Devrin Stonehouse - Defense: League Roster

## Moosomin Rangers Schedule

Hard to believe but the Senior Rangers are now down to just four games remaining in their Big Six regular season schedule. The remaining schedule includes:

### Home

Wawota Flyers @ Moosomin Rangers  
Friday, January 17 at 8 pm  
Carnduff Red Devils @ Moosomin Rangers  
Friday, January 24 at 8 pm

## Moosomin U11 Carded Nutrien Cup Tournament

Moosomin Rangers will be hosting their Annual Carded U11 Hockey Tournament coming up on February 15 and 16. This will include both boys and girls divisions. Entry fee for the first eight teams is set at \$800. To register or for further information please contact the Recreation Office at 435-3622.

## Community Sports Loaner Library

For those looking to use the outdoor rink or cross country ski trails and in need of skates, skis, equipment and so forth, please take note we have equipment available free of charge at our loaner library by the outdoor rink. All we ask is you use and return them when finished. We are happy to have the public using this equipment and taking advantage of the facilities.

## Moosomin Cross Country Ski Trails

Another amazing volunteer...Mr. Adrian Gaudet. He is the master at getting our local cross country ski trails up and running. Trails are open for the winter season.

## Winter Walking Path at Bradley Park

Our quarter mile track has been opened up for your winter walking. Patrons can park in the main lot and make their way over to the walking track...pets welcome but please keep on leash and clean up after them!

## Moosomin Curling Club

Regular curling kicks off this week in set number two. Schedule includes:

### Tuesday Night Red Barn Men's - 6:30 pm

Sheet 1 Meredith vs Frape  
Sheet 2 Rambold vs Sully  
Sheet 3 Stanhope vs McMullen  
Sheet 4 Turpie vs Glasser  
Bye: Stewart

### Wednesday Afternoon Borderland Co-op Farmers and Friends - 1 pm

Sheet 2 Thorn vs Turpie  
Sheet 3 McMullen vs Lee  
Thursday Night Celebration Ford Ladies - 7pm  
Sheet 3 Lindsay vs Hebert

## Moosomin Curling Club Bonspiel

*Farmers & Friends:* January 29 to February 2  
Teams can register at the club or contract the Rec Office at 435-3622.

## Parks and Rec

### Our Biggest Leisure Guide Ever!

Early in 2025, Moosomin Parks and Recreation will be undertaking the biggest leisure guide we have ever put together. Facilities, programs and contacts will headline the booklet, along with wonderful pictures of all our community has to offer. Our booklet will focus on sport, culture and recreation with a pinch of heritage. If you have a group or a facility you would like to see included, please contact the Recreation Office. This project has been made possible by grant funding from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

## 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.

## Search for the Golden Moose... coming this spring/summer

Moosomin Parks and Recreation have an exciting project coming up spring/summer of 2025 which ties into our Communities in Bloom. Residents will have the opportunity to search for clues throughout the summer while winning weekly prizes along the way.

Hidden locations will include our Communities in Bloom locations of interest.

In the end, the resident who finds the hidden Golden Moose will win an amazing prize...be forewarned...you're going to need all your wits to figure out the location of the Golden Moose! Stay tuned!

# Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

## February Break Camp Job Opportunity and Registration!

Rocanville Recreation is now accepting applications for February Break Camp Leaders! Camp will run February 18-20, 2025. **Job Requirements:**

- Must be great with children
- Creative, energetic, and enthusiastic

If you're looking for a fun and rewarding way to spend your February, apply now! To apply, send your resume to rocanville.rec@sasktel.net by January 23, 2025.

February Break Camp registration is now open! Camp is open to children ages 5-12.

- \$15/day
- Fun activities, sports, crafts, and outdoor adventures await!

Limited space available, so register soon! Contact the Rocanville Rec office to reserve your spot at rocanville.rec@sasktel.net. Don't miss out on a great February Break experience!

## Sourdough Bread Making Class

Ever wanted to learn how to make Sourdough?

We can have Pat Miskimin lead some bread making classes! The date is to be determined. If you would like to join, contact the rec office at @rocanville.rec@sasktel.net including your name and when would work best for you—weekdays or evenings?

## Workshop Painting

Join Darlene Strong this winter for an exciting and creative painting class! Whether you are a beginner, or looking to refine your skills, this class will be perfect for you to explore your artistic side.

**When:** January 27 at 6 pm

**Ages:** 13 and up

**Cost:** \$65/month (includes all painting supplies)

**Where:** Rocanville Recreation Centre

Over the course of the class, you will complete an entire painting while learning tips and techniques from Darlene. All you need to bring is your creativity and enthusiasm!

## Sew What? Crafting Group

Feeling crafty this winter? Whether you are stitching up a storm or working on any other craft project, bring your supplies and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts.

**Date and Time:** Every Wednesday in January from 10-3 pm (bring a lunch or come and go).

**Location:** Rocanville Rec Centre

To register call 645-2164 or email rocanville.rec@sasktel.net. No charge to attend.

## Art and Craft Workshop

Unlock your creative potential in this hands-on art and craft workshop, led again, by our expert Darlene Strong! Whether you are a beginner, or seasoned crafter, this workshop will guide you through a variety of techniques to help you explore new skills and elevate your creativity! Limited space available and all supplies are included!

**When:** January 27 from 2-4 pm

**Where:** Rocanville Recreation Centre

## 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 Centre

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.rocanville.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.

Shinny and public skate schedule:

**January 13:** Public Skate 3:30-4:45 pm

**January 14:** Adult and Preschool Skate 1:30-3:30 and Shinny 3:30-4:45 pm

**January 15:** Shinny 3:30-4:45 pm

**January 16:** Adult and Preschool skate 1:30-3:30 and Public Skate 3:30-4:45 pm

**January 17:** Shinny 3:30-4:45 pm

## Pickle Ball

Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm

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

## January Programming Highlights

• Be Fit Makerspace Kit - Available the month of January.

• Snowman Puppet Take 'n' Makes - Available for the month of January, while supplies last.

• Stitch 'n' Chat Night - Bring any craft project and enjoy a cozy evening of visiting and creativity! January 23 at 7 pm.

## 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!

Come out for an evening of delicious food and fantastic live music at the Rocanville Community Centre!

**Date:** January 27, 2024

**Supper:** 6 pm

**Live Music by Myron Wiebe and Ryan Bender:** 7:15 pm (immediately following dinner)

Bring a dish to share and enjoy a tasty potluck supper with friends, family, and neighbors. Afterward, stick around for an exciting live performance by the talented Myron Wiebe and Ryan Bender. No cost—everyone is welcome!

Can't make it for supper but still want to enjoy the music? No problem! Join us at 7:15 pm for the show. The more, the merrier! 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 and 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!

## 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 stays cool, the Walking Club is back! Join us for a warm, indoor walk at the Rec Centre, run-

ning 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 Recreation Centre Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to keep the centre open during the lunch hour and after school to provide supervision for youth who wish to use the space.

**Volunteer Duties Include:** Supervising youth during lunch hour/after school from 3:30-4:30 pm.

**Flexible Commitment:** Regular commitment is not required. For more information, please contact the Rec Office, rocanville.rec@sasktel.net

## 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

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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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Recipients of recent Community Initiatives Fund grants for children's programming in the riding include the Moosomin Family Resource Centre, above, the Wapella after-school program, below left, and Play Fair Daycare for an after-school program at the Kids' College site, below right. I visited all three last week.



## Funding going where it will make a difference

Many communities in the constituency will benefit from the Community Initiatives Fund, which is providing grants for children and youth programming, and the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund, which helps with the cost of traffic safety measures from signage to speed bumps.

### Community Initiatives Fund

I saw some of the benefits of the Community Initiatives Fund last week as I visited three programs that are receiving funding through the program, and I had a lot of fun visiting with the kids and parents at the three programs.

I am loving the role of MLA, meeting so many people, and learning so much from one end of the riding to the other, and learning about these programs—and playing with the kids—was a lot of fun!

Fifty-eight Saskatchewan communities will see a substantial boost as the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is giving \$2,902,885 to organizations throughout the province. These grants empower innovative local initiatives that promote vibrant community development and enhance the quality of life for residents.

With a focus on responsiveness and creativity, this funding goes to projects that address local needs and foster collaboration, driving positive change across Saskatchewan.

Through the Community Grant Program, the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) approved 165 grants aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of children, youth, families, and communities. These funded programs provide essential knowledge and skills that promote positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle choices for children and youth, while also ensuring families have access to necessary resources to nurture supportive environments. Additionally, funding is allocated to strengthen non-profit organizations in areas like program delivery, governance,



and volunteer engagement.  
 The CIF is funded through a portion of the net profits from Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw.  
 Through this program:  
 \$30,000 went to the Moosomin Family Resource Centre  
 \$10,000 went to Moosomin's Play Fair Daycare for an After School Program; and  
 \$7,836 went to the Town of Wapella for Community Programming

### Provincial Traffic Safety Fund

Close to \$1.6 million has been awarded to support vital traffic safety improvement projects in 79 communities, thanks to the latest round of grants from the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund.

A total of 82 applications were approved for those communities. Nearly three-quarters of the projects focus on

speed reduction measures,

Grants in this round of funding range from \$197 to \$100,000. Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants are given to communities twice a year, using proceeds from Photo Radar Speed Enforcement. Since the program was established in 2019, \$13.1 million has been provided for 870 projects in Saskatchewan.

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant committee is accepting applications for the next round of funding. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2025. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit SGI's website for more information.

\$4,163 went to the Town of Francis for a Speed Display project

\$3,938 went to the RM of Francis No. 127 for Speed Management Signs

\$12,386 went to the Town of Grenfell for Keeping Pedestrians Safe

\$8,944 went to the RM of Rocanville No. 151 for the Speed Signs for Safety Project

\$11,552 went to the Town of Whitewood for the Lalonde Street Speed Awareness Project

\$9,186 went to the Village of Montmartre for Speed Awareness and Management.

It's great to see funding going where it's needed. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me or my Constituency Assistant Charlene Easton at 306-435-4005, email office@kevinweedmark.ca, or stop in at 622 Main Street. Our office is very busy but we're always happy to see you!



# Senior Hockey Roundup



Rykr Cole trying to ward off the Carlyle Cougars during the Rangers vs Cougars game on January 3 in Moosomin.

## HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF JAN. 9, 2025

### BIG SIX HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Redvers Rockets	12	10	0	2	22
Moosomin Rangers	12	10	1	1	21
Carnduff Red Devils	13	8	5	0	16
Carlyle Cougars	12	7	4	1	15
Oxbow Huskies	11	7	4	0	14
Midale Mustangs	13	3	8	2	8
KW Oil Kings	12	3	8	1	7
Wawota Flyers	11	0	11	0	0

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Kenton Miller	Redvers Rockets	12	17	18	35
Carter Sawchuk	Moosomin Rangers	12	16	19	35
Bud Holloway	Moosomin Rangers	10	16	18	34
Jordan Miller	Redvers Rockets	12	10	22	32
Ben Johnstone	Carlyle Cougars	12	12	18	30
Naton Miller	Redvers Rockets	12	12	14	26
Presten Kopeck	Redvers Rockets	11	11	14	25
Austin Fleck	KW Oil Kings	11	8	17	25
Taylor Sanheim	Moosomin Rangers	11	12	12	24
Cody Davis	Oxbow Huskies	11	10	11	21

TOP GOALIES	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Cody Matthewson	Redvers Rockets	3-3-0-0	2.00
Kyler Beckett	Moosomin Rangers	6-6-0-0	2.33
Cody Levesque	Oxbow Huskies	4-2-2-0	2.70
Thomas Bauche	Redvers Rockets	5-3-0-2	2.75
Levi Horn	Moosomin Rangers	6-4-1-1	2.98

### SEHL SASK EAST HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Canora Cobras	10	8	1	1	17
Swan Valley Axemen	7	4	3	0	8
Theodore Buffalos	8	4	4	0	8
Cote Selects	10	3	7	0	6
Preeceville Pats	9	1	8	0	2

SOUTH STANDINGS					
TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Rocanville Tigers	8	8	0	0	16
Langenburg Warriors	9	7	1	1	15
Esterhazy Flyers	7	4	3	0	8
Wapella Blackhawks	7	2	5	0	4
Churchbridge Imperials	9	1	8	0	2

### LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

TOP PLAYER	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS
Hayden Wiebe	Langenburg Warriors	9	13	18	31
Carter Dereniwsky	Canora Cobras	10	12	13	25
Mike Rogoschewsky	Langenburg Warriors	8	15	9	24
Logan Foster	Canora Cobras	8	10	13	23
Konrad Mckay	Cote Selects	8	5	17	22
Tristan Keshane	Cote Selects	10	9	12	21
Ashley Howie	Rocanville Tigers	8	5	16	21
Derrick Schwartz	Canora Cobras	9	6	14	20
Jordan Robertson	Rocanville Tigers	7	13	6	19
Scott Mickoski	Canora Cobras	9	11	8	19

GOALIE	TEAM	GP-W-L-OTL	GAA
Ben Fouillard	Rocanville Tigers	2-2-0-0	0.50
Logan Frank	SV Axemen	1-1-0-0	1.00
Brenden B Hayden	Langenburg Warriors	5-4-0-1	2.94
Rylan Palchewich	Canora Cobras	4-2-1-1	2.98
Kieren Madill	Rocanville Tigers	6-6-0-0	2.98

## Big Six Hockey League Rangers kick off new year with pair of wins

The last time the Moosomin Rangers and Carlyle Cougars met, the match went into overtime at the Carlyle Sports Arena. The Rangers eked out the win, but not without a challenge from the host Cougars back on Dec. 1.

Oh, what a difference a month can make. For the first game of 2025, the Rangers hosted the Cougars on Jan. 3, teasing fans with a quiet first frame. However, second and third period action would see the home team Rangers chalk up four goals—a single from Brad Cole, plus a hat trick courtesy Big 6 Hockey League scoring leader Carter Sawchuk. Carlyle's Kaelen Holt would break the shutout before Sawchuk's final goal, but Moosomin would emerge with a 4-1 win to launch the New Year on the good foot.

The next evening would prove to be a little more of a battle for the Rangers as they ventured to the Harry O. Memorial Arena in Midale to take on the Mustangs.

The Mustangs started out strong early in the first 20 minutes with a pair of goals, which were answered by the visiting Rangers by Sawchuk and Bud Holloway. Second period action would see the Rangers take a momentary lead thanks to a lamp-lighter from Rykr Cole, only to be answered by Midale to once again tie the scoreboard 3-3.

Sawchuk and Holloway would return for a pair of twine-tingers and a two-point lead as the middle frame ended, then Brayden Holloway scored his first goal of the season in the third—good for the 6-3 Moosomin final.

At press time, the Redvers Rockets continue to rule the Big 6 with a 10-0-2 record and 22 points. The Rangers sit one point behind with a 10-1-1 record, followed by the Carnduff Red Devils with an 8-5-0 record. The Cougars sit fourth with a 7-4-1 record, followed by the Oxbow Huskies at 7-4-0. Rounding out the standings are the Midale Mustangs at 3-8-2, the KW Oil Kings at 3-8-1, and the Wawota Flyers at 11-0.

## Sask East Hockey League Churchbridge Imperials gain first win

The Churchbridge Imperials played host to their northern counterparts Preeceville Pats at the Kaminiski Arena on Jan. 3.

The lead swayed back and forth through the first 40 minutes as the Imperials weaved around a hat trick launched by Preeceville's Brady Frattinger. On the Churchbridge side, Dylan Tanner, Colby Jacob, and Cole Cusitar brought the points to tie 3-3.

Third period scoring was all Imperials, waiting until the last four minutes of the game to do so. Jacob returned for his deuce, which would also turn out to be the game-winning goal; then Zack McGriskin and Connor Erhardt added insurance points for a doubled-up 6-3 final. The first win of the season for the Imperials was extra sweet, given it was earned at home to boot.

The exuberance would prove to be short lived, though, as the next evening saw the Imperials travel

to Rocanville in a Jan. 4 challenge.

The host Tigers would amass a five-point lead (Ashley Howie, Dawson Springer, Dylan Haney, Eric Kuzek, and Wesley Gryba-Smith) before Churchbridge's Erhardt would end the shut out.

Rocanville would continue to build on their lead as Springer went on to earn a hat trick, and doubles went to Haney, Howie, Zaine Walker, and Jordan Robertson. Daniel Green would also add a single for a 14-1 Tigers lead, then Imperial Kyle Stephansson chipped in one more to take the final 14-2.

The win secured Rocanville's pristine 8-0 record for 16 points in the SEHL, and a look at South standings shows the Langenburg Warriors close behind with 15 points and a 7-1-1 record. Rounding out the south are the Esterhazy Flyers at 4-3, the Wapella Blackhawks second-to-last with a 2-5 record, and the Imperials gaining their first win for an 1-8 position.



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### Rangers in action

The Moosomin Rangers took on the Carlyle Cougars on Friday, January 3, winning 4-1. The game was played in Moosomin. The Rangers were sitting one-point shy of top spot in the Big Six Hockey League last week.

**Above:** Phil Fath with the puck as he fend off the Cougars.



**Above:** Brayden Holloway takes control of the puck.



**Above left:** Carter Sawchuk in a faceoff.



**Left:** Goalie Levi Horn makes a save.



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