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## New Borderland Co-op food store in Moosomin now open

BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
Borderland Co-op's new food store in Moosomin opened its doors on Thursday, March 13.

The Co-op has been working on the new 30,000-square-foot grocery store since November of 2023.

Jason Schenn, CEO of Borderland Coop says the new grocery store employs around 85 people. The hours of operation for the new store will remain the same as the current store.

"We are going to start there and see how things progress, we are just down to the last couple of positions to fill," says Schenn. "The training and staffing has been ongoing, we started hiring staff three or four months ago."

"We still need to operate the old store until Thursday,

but we also still need people in the new store, so there has been a transition plan that we've executed through this, to slowly build up the staff, get them trained and then get to the point where our transition team can come in here and start getting the new store ready. The transition team has been in here pretty steady, getting everything stocked up. Once we are past that point, the rest of the staff will move over here.

"It will still be a big shock to them coming in to this building from that one. We have done many staff tours to help everybody wrap their head around what's coming, but until you are in the new store, it is really hard to get a grasp on it.

"We had our substantial completion inspections and

Saskatchewan Health Authority was out here to do health inspections for all the production areas. All areas passed well.

"Everybody involved with it has been tremendous. To think about how many moving parts there are to everything. We had a bunch of temporary workers that were here this week with the goal of moving everything from the old store to the new. Once we shut down there on Wednesday, everything from the old store had to get over here.

"There was a lot going on in a space of a handful of days. Tuesday and Wednesday, we were prepping to change.

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# School Division applying for \$3.5 million capital upgrade to McNaughton High School

BY KARA KINNA

South East Cornerstone School Division has applied to the Ministry of Education for \$3.5 million in capital upgrades to McNaughton High School.

The application is one of two minor capital projects that the school division has put forth this year. The other is for upgrades at Estevan Comprehensive School. If approved, the upgrades at McNaughton High would include the addition of air conditioning in some parts of the school, electrical upgrades, fire suppression upgrades, upgrades to the library, roof repairs, and updates to create accessible washrooms.

"Every year the board gets to determine which schools will be forwarded to the ministry for a minor capital project," says Keith Keating, the South East Cornerstone School Division Director of Education. "We can submit two minor capital projects per year. There are 28 school divisions we are competing against to get those upgrades in place.

"The last two years we've put in a similar application for McNaughton. This year we've got McNaughton and ECS that we've submitted for. We've really been focused on our larger schools that haven't had a complete upgrade in a number of years. Those projects are anything in the \$1 million to \$10 million dollar range. We have been working with PMR (preventative maintenance and renewal) dollars to try and update our schools. The Home Ec lab at McNaughton last year is one example. We are trying to do bits and pieces across the school division in some of our schools, but we just don't have the preventative maintenance renewal dollars to do large scale projects like that."

Keating says there are only so many provincial dollars to go around and the ministry determines each year



McNaughton High School

which projects are approved.

"I believe they set an amount every year in the provincial budget to determine how much they will spend on minor capital projects," he says. "It would be similar to their major capital projects—they have some stipulations

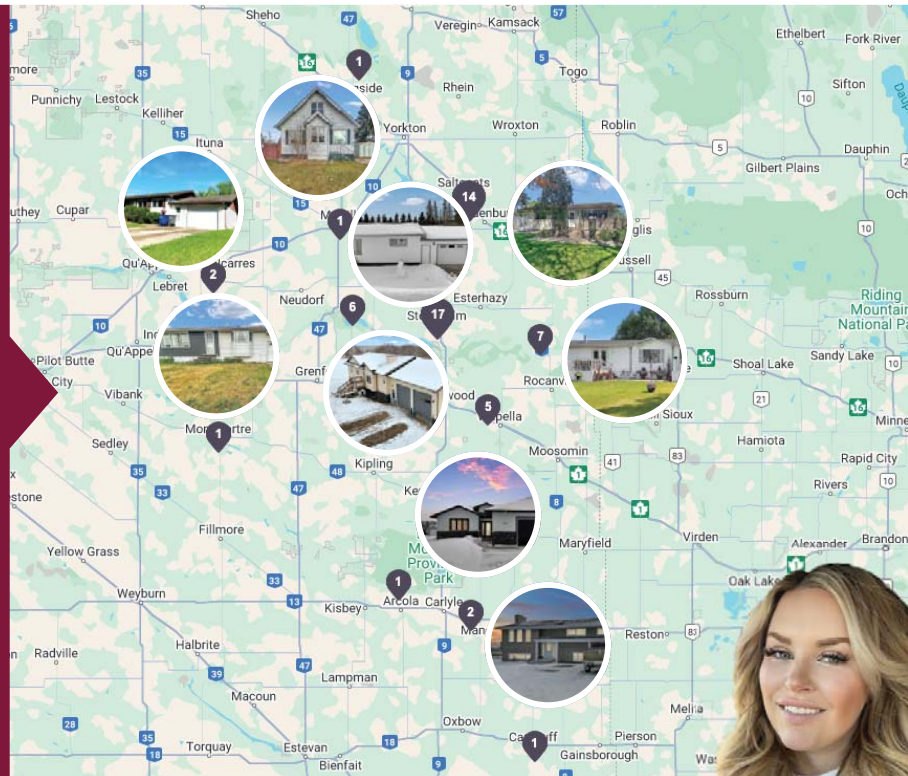
on the pieces that need to be put in place in order to be successful on a major capital project, but there are only so many dollars to go around so only so many of those get approved each year.

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The Moosomin airport expansion has opened the region to air ambulance flights from Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

# Moosomin airport playing crucial role in air ambulance transfers

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER  
The Moosomin airport has played a significant role in recent air ambulance transfers due to the \$10.6 million airport expansion, which included a 5,000 foot by 75 foot paved runway, along with a new taxiway and apron completed last summer.

On average, the upgraded airport has seen between three and four emergency landings a month.

While a temporary lighting system still remains in place, with fundraising taking place for a permanent lighting system, Jeff St. Onge of the Airport Expansion Committee says the lights have proven effective during key times.

"They're doing exactly what we want," he said of the temporary generator-driven lights that were installed at the airport last October. This installation was a huge advancement, meaning the Moosomin airport could be available 24 hours a day for Sask Air Ambulance.

St. Onge says the airport saw two air am-

bulance calls in one day—one of those being a nighttime event transporting a patient to another province.

"Redvers drove their ambulance up here, they met the plane, and they flew them to Winnipeg," he said. "And that was at one in the morning, so they needed the lights."

Air ambulance landings are categorized in two types, depending on the needs of the patient being transported.

"One of them is the patient is stable and the hospital has them prepared, and they're in an ambulance on the apron, the air ambulance lands, and they do the transfer," explained St. Onge. "Other times, when the patient is not stable, the air ambulance brings in a doctor and a medical group, and then they have to get transported to the hospital, where they take charge of the patient, stabilize them, and then bring them to the airport. So one of them would have the air ambulance on the ground for two hours or more, and the other one would have the air ambulance on the ground for 30 minutes."

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# Moosomin hosting regional drama festival in April

Moosomin will get the chance to host a regional drama festival.

"We are very excited," said Sherrie Meredith. "It's on April 11 and 12th, and we haven't had a drama festival in this region since 2019."

The regional festivals see different schools bringing a one-act play to perform before an adjudicator backstage plus a front of house adjudicator. A rubric to evaluate each performance is used. There's even an awards banquet to follow with everyone focussed on who will be named Best Overall.

"But really, it's just a chance to share your plays with other schools and with other teenagers," Meredith explained. "After the sessions of plays, then they go into workshop with the adjudicator, and then we work things through."

There's even an awards banquet to follow with everyone focussed on who will be named Best Overall.

"At the award banquet, there's a number of awards, kind of like the Oscars," Meredith said. "There's a Best Overall—that's the most coveted award, because the winner of the Best Overall will then go and represent the region at Provincial Drama Festival in May."

There's also Best Technical Production, Best Visual Production, acting and



From left Aubrey Sidoryk, Kane Dodd, and Owen Lantz practicing a play on Friday for the regional drama festival.

crew awards.

Across the province, there are 11 regions each hosting drama festivals within the first two weeks of April, then the Provincial Drama Festival from May 8-10 in Moose Jaw.

With Friday night and Saturday afternoon sessions at the Moosomin Community Theatre, the public is welcome to attend and enjoy all the action. On Friday, April 11, the doors open at 5:45 pm with the McNaughton High students performing The Mysterious Case of the Mysterious Case (directed by Meredith and Tannis Schwean). Indian Head High School is next with their play The Visitors, and

Yorkton Regional High School wraps up the evening with their play 4 am.

On Saturday, April 12, the doors open at 12:45 pm with the McNaughton students bringing their play Selfie (directed by Chace Bock and Hanna Konowalchuk) to the stage. Rocanville School closes the festival with The Price.

As for the workshops and award ceremonies for the Region 1 Drama Festival, they will be held at McNaughton High School in the gym.

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# Southeast College could capitalize on opportunities in Moosomin

Southeast College announced last week it is its Moosomin campus to the shock and disappointment of some in the community. The college cited lack of enrollment and cost as the reason for closing the Moosomin campus.

The college was down to offering only one program in Moosomin—the electrical program—and said the campus was largely vacant and there was no reason to continue with a campus in Moosomin.

This shocked a lot of people since Moosomin is such a busy town. We have an abundance of trades. We have an abundance of ag implement and service businesses. We have the world's largest potash mine down the road, and the second largest just down the road from that. We have energy such as wind, natural gas and oil. We have a massive manufacturing plant nearby (Vaderstad). We are a regional health care centre with a very busy hospital, nursing home, long term care, and a medical clinic with more doctors per capita than any other community. So the college's assertion that they couldn't make a campus work in Moosomin simply didn't make sense.

Looking at the list of courses being offered elsewhere by the college, it's easy to see that the Southeast College failed Moosomin.

In Estevan, Weyburn and Assiniboia for 2025-26 they are offering a bachelor of science in nursing, a business diploma in management, continuing care assistant certificate, electrician, heavy equipment and truck and transport technician, heavy equipment operator, industrial mechanic, mental health and addictions counselling, plumbing and pipefitting, power engineering technician, practical nursing, primary care paramedic, welding, and pesticide applicator.

It's hard to imagine why all of those courses wouldn't work in Moosomin, which is the third largest community behind Weyburn and Estevan in the college's service area, and has the largest drawing area in the region.

But over the years, the college has seemed more and more determined to offer very little in Moosomin. You can't fill courses



**Kara Kinna**

that you don't offer—or you end up with an empty building.

I remember when the Moosomin campus was set up. The college had an abundance of programming running out of the campus—everything from safety courses to office administration courses, to English as an additional language classes, to first year university classes, to classes on how to use various office software programs, to general interest courses such as how to use Photoshop or brush up on your computer literacy skills. The college had dedicated Moosomin campus staff in place, and prided itself on matching graduates up with local employers. I attended many events at the campus over the years, and they were proud of what they offered and had accomplished.

But around five years ago things began to change. The college began to offer less and less in Moosomin, despite continuing to offer a full slate of programming in other communities, until it was down to just one course in Moosomin. And with almost no classes being offered, they made the assertion that no one wanted programming in Moosomin.

I know for a fact that this is not true. Not only have various businesses, the town, the economic development committee, and the chamber of commerce tried to work with the college to bring courses to Moosomin over the years, the college never followed through. But courses are being offered by other groups in Moosomin, and they are successful. Moosomin currently has

a successful residency program for doctors—a shining example of how health care training works in Moosomin. We are the only community our size in Canada where you can complete your residency in Family Medicine. So obviously we can offer advanced education. We also have a new Visual Arts Centre that is offering all kinds of classes, and they fill up. We also have Age Friendly Moosomin which has offered courses like technology for seniors—and they fill up. And our contractors and trades people are either bringing in people on their own to offer courses to their staff, or sending their staff away to take training due to a lack of available courses being offered in Moosomin. Some businesses have tried very hard to get the college to offer courses in Moosomin to no avail.

Just last week I had a high school student who is graduating this spring tell me that many of her classmates wish they could take Sask Polytechnic courses in Moosomin—the very courses that Southeast College is tasked with offering and is offering in other communities. And I spoke with a local tradesperson who said he used to use the college for courses like First Aid, and fall arrest. I have also been told that many of the health care courses being offered elsewhere see a large number of Moosomin people driving to other locations take them. Why not, then, offer those courses in Moosomin, which is a major health care centre?

I'm not sure where things went wrong and what changed with Southeast College over the years, but it seems that the college needs to first and foremost recognize that Moosomin is a regional service centre and needs to be treated as such. In fact, Moosomin has more people within a 100 km radius than Estevan does, yet was down to one course when Estevan has nine planned.

Secondly, it's clear that the college needs to start some pretty intense engagement in our area to see what's needed and how they can make those courses work so that they can start serving the Moosomin area the way it should be served.

There is potential for college education in Moosomin, and the area deserves Southeast College to try to provide that education.

## Rocanville hosting Seattle Kraken watch party to cheer on Jessica Campbell March 22

BY ASHLEY BOCHKEK

Jessica Campbell grew up in Rocanville and is now the assistant coach of the National Hockey League's Seattle Kraken, the first woman to hold that role with an NHL team.

Andrea Logan, the Rec Director for the town of Rocanville, says the community is excited for Jessica's accomplishments and is hosting a watch party to show their support.

"Jessica is an inspiration to the community of Rocanville," she says. "Rocanville is not a very big community and so when we see somebody who has made something of themselves become accomplished, it is an inspiration because I think sometimes maybe people in smaller communities forget there are big opportunities for them as well, and in the hockey world for young girls to see that there is great opportunity for them to go far."

Logan says the community has taken a huge interest in following Jessica's career.

"Watching the Kraken versus Winnipeg in Winnipeg, there were so many people from Rocanville in the crowd that night. I definitely think that there are a lot of people taking an interest in the Seattle Kraken because of Jessica."

### Stellar career

Campbell has had a stellar career in hockey.

She led Canada's national under-18 team to a gold medal at the 2010 IIHF Women's U18 World Championship. She was team captain, led all players in scoring, and scored

the game-winning goal in overtime of the gold medal game against the United States. She was named Most Valuable Player by the tournament directorate and was selected as a top-three player for Canada by the coaches.

After retiring from the Canadian national team in 2017, Campbell began coaching.

In 2021, she was an assistant coach for the Nürnberg Ice Tigers, and also served as an assistant coach for the German national team at the men's world championship. She was the first woman to be a coach at the men's world championship.

In July 2022, she was hired as assistant coach of the Coachella Valley Firebirds, the top minor league affiliate of the NHL's Seattle Kraken. In her new role, she became the first woman to be employed on a full-time basis as a behind-the-bench coach in the AHL.

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# School Division applying for \$3.5 million capital upgrade to McNaughton High School

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"We are looking at about a \$3.5 million dollar upgrade for McNaughton School. That would allow us to address some of the piece around fire suppression and electrical systems, an upgrade to the library, air conditioning, roof replacements—we would replace a number of sections of the roof and there has been a little bit of work done on that already—and some washroom upgrades to improve accessibility."

The upgrades would also include some air conditioning in hotter parts of the school.

"We would likely be going with DX air conditioning units. It's too cost prohibitive to try and get all the ducting and stuff in for two storeys. We would likely focus on the second level and it would be rooftop systems," says Andy Dobson, manager of facilities and transportation for South East Cornerstone School Division. "They would be individual air conditioning units on top of the building. It would be air conditioning for the building, but they would be slated for individual units on top of the roof. We would likely concentrate it on any computer labs and areas like that, and heat rises, so we would be concentrating on the second level."

Keating says a community consultation held in early 2024 was helpful in establishing priorities for upgrades at the high school.

"When we had that community consultation, some of the plans we had in terms of upgrades and updates depended a great deal on a fire suppression system, and some of that fire suppression and those electri-

cal upgrades would allow us to do other work in that school which we're looking at—things like updates to the second Practical Applied Arts area. It would allow for some of those pieces to actually happen.

"We are looking at the library itself—currently it needs an update to the flooring, electrical, furniture, paint—and then there would be the air conditioning, and then the roof replacement of a number of different sections. That's a piece that we've upgraded over the years on different schools, trying to stay up to date with the roof sections and this would really allow us to have that to be completely sealed. For the washroom updates and accessibility, we are finding across our school division those are pieces that have to be addressed especially with some of the new legislations around accessibility, in terms of making sure we have washrooms that are accessible to people with disabilities."

Keating says the upgrades are important and he hopes the application is successful, as McNaughton has not had a significant upgrade for many years.

"Across the province there's aging infrastructure in school buildings and hospitals and there has been a lot of money put into those, so we're trying to focus on the places that haven't had that provincial influx of dollars yet to be able to upgrade it to a place where the school will be good for a period of time," he says. "So is it essential this gets done next year? I wouldn't say it's essential but I would say it's very important in terms of maintenance of buildings across our school division

and making sure we are addressing the needs that are in those individual schools so that it lasts for our kids well in the future.

"McNaughton itself hasn't had an upgrade in quite a period of time other than the individual pieces we do through our preventative maintenance and renewal, like the roof pieces we've been able to do and the upgrades to the Home Ec lab. There are preventative maintenance and renewal dollars that come from the provincial government in our budget each year, and that allows us to do some small upgrades to schools over time, but a larger upgrade like this really depends on those provincial dollars.

"From 2013 to 2023 there was about a million dollars spent on McNaughton for some of those smaller upgrades that we have managed to do. It's been a long time since there's been a lot of provincial dollars put into McNaughton school.

"The application is for the 2026-27 school year and they would announce it at provincial budget time whether or not that applications been approved."

Dobson and Keating say the upgrades would extend the life of McNaughton school by about 10-15 years.

"Right now the building is structurally sound and the school is in pretty reasonable shape in terms of what you look at across the province, but it hasn't had a complete upgrade in a lot of years so I think this would extend the lifetime of that school by a pretty reasonable amount—I'm guessing for at least a couple of decades it would extend the life of that school," says Keating.

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"We reduced inventory in the old building with the idea that we don't really want to take too much across. So those last two days on Tuesday and Wednesday there was some discounting going on while supplies lasted.

"We pretty much used every square foot of the former parking lot for this new building. There is a lot of new production in here, more space and more opportunity to really expand. With the enhanced production space we are going to be able to expand on various items that we are going to be able to bring in.

"One of the biggest additions is the homestyle fried chicken. That is a new program for us in Moosomin. We have it in our Grenfell, Broadview and Kipling C-stores, and it has been tremendously successful. We get a lot of commentary from people who are traveling up and down the highway that say 'we need that in Moosomin,' so we added it to this store as well.

"A soup and a curry station will be on the north-end of the store as well.

"Every section is going to have new product. We have a lot more immigrants that are in town, so they have their taste of home that they like as well. I think there's about 4,000 new products, which gives us more variety within each product line.

"The biggest things in this store that are expanding are the fresh departments. We are really growing our floral side of the store too," said Schenn.

"We are fortunate in our stores that there is a huge effort to support Canadian, and specifically Western Canadian products. We really try to have as much of it as possible in here. A lot of our shelves that you are going to see as you go through the store have the Canadian maple leaf on the electronic tags, which makes it a little bit easier to identify the Canadian products.

"We have shelf tags that will educate the shoppers about hyper-local product—items that are Saskatchewan-made, Canadian-made, or even locally-made. We are going to be stocking some of TJ's Pizza's products, and that is right here in our community. Those are great things we



One of the aisles in the new food store, which opens this Thursday.

can do to educate people while shopping.

"People want to look for Canadian made products. It is a little bit tricky with Canadian made vs produced in Canada. Produced in Canada is 98 per cent Canadian content, and made in Canada is at least 51 per cent. Some of those products that are made in Canada may not be 100 per cent protected from the tariffs. The actual product may not be tariffed, but the ingredients moving back and forth may be tariffed.

"There is a lot of uncertainty and question around what this is all actually going to mean for the price of food products. With the current environment, we probably built this store at the exact right time," says Schenn.

The original budget for the store was about \$18.3 million, but the project came in under-budget at \$17.3 million.

"We came in under budget on this, so we are really happy with the work of the

contractors and the sub-trades. Everybody was focused on the same things throughout this project and delivering a fantastic end-building. We were really happy here without the extra \$700,000 to \$800,000 in capital expenditures. It's good for the members, it is their money at the end of the day," says Schenn.

The store has also added four self-checkout lanes, along with four cash registers, for a total of eight checkout lanes.

"That gives everybody the choice," says Schenn. "If you want to just grab and go and you don't want to stand in line, you can. Some people like to chat with the cashiers, it is part of their experience, and we want to encourage that too."

The store is still doing delivery and online shopping. A booth for customers to try samples of different product in the store will also be available to try.

"The food samples got de-railed with Covid-19, but it is starting to come back

now. It is a great way to try new products because you don't know what you like until you try it."

Schenn says the plan is to demolish the old store as quickly as possible. Equipment from the old store is up for auction on McDougall Auctioneers.

"The auction is open, I think there is a viewing day on the 17th, and I believe the auction closes at the end of the 18th. From the 19th to the 25th, auction buyers have their chance to come in and get their stuff out. In the meantime, we are going to be decommissioning the things that we are going to save from the old store. There is some good equipment in there we wanted to save because it still has 10-15 years and is relatively new.

"Then the remediation guys come in and as soon as that is done, the trackhoes come in and start taking that part down. As soon as that is done we should hopefully have warm enough weather to start doing the groundwork for the parking lot. It will be all about the weather. If the weather allows us to do the work, then we will be doing great. Ideally, it would be super great if we had everything gone and done by the end of April. There is always going to be growing pains and things like that, that happen with a new store, but this has been a really good project. To be where we are, it is a really good position. We have time to get used to the new store before the summer rush hits," says Schenn.

"This store has been probably seven years in the making. All the iterations and drawings that we've gone through, we have been working on this from the planning stages for so, so long. Covid-19 and other struggles along the way have held things back, but being a medical, agriculture, mining, and oil hub for the surrounding area, those are all things that make this community resilient. We have a much larger footprint than just the community. Regionally, we are still a strong area in the province, and it is great for everybody that lives here," says Schenn.

"It's exciting and terrifying all at the same time. Hopefully the members love it and support local and keep us going."



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The sod turning for Ronald McDonald House in Regina. From left are Minister of Rural and Remote Health Lori Carr, RMHC ambassadors Tricia Slobodian and Craig Slobodian, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan Tammy Forrester, Co-chair of the Fundraising Campaign Craig Lothian, and Saskatchewan Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill.

# Province announces \$6.5 million for Ronald McDonald House in Regina

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

On Feb. 24, the government of Saskatchewan announced \$6.5 million in funding for Ronald McDonald Charities of Saskatchewan. In collaboration with Ronald McDonald House Charities, the funding will go towards building Regina's first ever Ronald McDonald House, serving families in Southern Saskatchewan.

The new facility will be built on the corner of Scarth

Street and 15th Avenue, keeping the facility centrally located and close to the Regina General Hospital. A sod turning was held at that location on Monday along with the announcement.

A number of local families in the Moosomin region have used Ronald McDonald House and support the charity, including Summer Heide, who held an online auction as a fundraiser for the charity in February after

her daughter had surgery for stomach cancer, and Chris MacPherson, who donated two bred heifers in an auction recently to raise money for the charity after his family used a Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton when his daughter was born.

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark was the Master of Ceremonies for the announcement.

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# Maryfield RSO show rebooked for March 30

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Back in December, the Maryfield Auditorium was set to host a first of its kind event for the venue. A group of 12 Regina Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players were coming to perform on Dec. 8, but a winter storm forced a cancellation of that show.

"There were road closures and nobody wanted to do any traveling from the city, which I don't blame them," explained Michelle Longman of the Maryfield Auditorium committee.

But all is not lost. The RSO performance has been rescheduled to March 30 with the same timeline as previously arranged.

"The doors will open at 1:30 pm, and before the show we have tea, dainties, and muffins downstairs, so you can come and visit before the show starts," Longman said. "You can go up and get your seats at 2:30 pm, and the show starts at 3 pm."

There are still some tickets left for the performance with prices set at \$35 for adults, \$25 for students, and children age five and under at \$15.

"I'm hoping that everyone can we make it, that there are no bad roads or some freakish March snowstorm! They do a lot of community outreach, so this is just one more show for them to expand their reach as well," Longman said.

The idea to host the RSO



The Regina Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players will perform at the Maryfield Auditorium.

in Maryfield rose from a brainstorming session that culminated with bringing the symphony to town instead of the usual route of traveling to the city.

"It's something new, it's something a little different, and it saves people the trip from driving into the city," Longman explained. "I came from Regina, I'm a transplant out here, so I

miss doing some of these things. I thought, 'how can we bring that out here?'"

Ticket sales go toward building maintenance, preserving the 86-year-old historic Maryfield landmark.

"Anyone who's played on our stage has said the sound just carries, and it was built in the 1930s so it's an old building, but

they knew what they were doing," Longman said.

Even renowned Regina guitar virtuoso Jack Semple praised the acoustics of the auditorium.

"We've had Jack Semple in the past, he really recommended playing in our building," Longman said.

Live entertainment events in general are some-

thing the committee seeks to encourage, bolstered by a pair of recent sold-out performances from that funny-man from Tuffnell, Quick Dick McDick, plus last year's stand-up show from the legendary (and also Saskatchewan home-grown) Brent Butt.

"It's pretty amazing to see our theatre full—you

don't see it very often," Longman said. "We don't do it at movies, unfortunately, but these live events—it's amazing to see a full theatre!"

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- III - Menuetto
- IV - Finale: Presto
- Erik Satie, orch. Francis Poulenc - Gnossienne No. 3 (3min)
- George Bizet, arr. Jonathan Ward - Petite Suite (Jeux d'enfants) (22min)
- I - Marche (Trompette et tambour)
- II - Berceuse (La poupée)
- III - Impromptu (La toupe)
- IV - Duo (Petit mari, petite femme)
- V - Galop (La bal)
- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (arr. Yoon Jae Lee) - Selections from The Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71a (23min)
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# Rocanville hosting Seattle Kraken watch party to cheer on Jessica Campbell March 22

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Last year, Campbell was hired to be the assistant coach for the Seattle Kraken, making her the first female coach to be behind the bench in NHL history. She made her debut as assistant coach during the team's regular season opener in October.

## Highway sign in the works for Jessica

The town painted a mural of a quote in honour of Jessica at the rink and is planning to unveil a highway sign for the community later this month.

"We painted a quote, 'You can, and you will' from Jessica on our rink wall at the skating rink and then we are going to do this watch party, and then we have also ordered a 'Home of Jessica Campbell' sign for the community, and it should be showing up soon. Hopefully, if the sign shows up in time, we will be unveiling it at our watch party on March 22," says Logan.

"The sign is going to be displayed outside of Rocanville, so you will see it when you are coming into Rocanville. The sign is in the process of being made and as long as it is here in time, we will be unveiling it at the watch party so we will just show it and then there will be another day or time that it will be put up for the town."

## Watch Party at Community Hall

Logan explains the watch party the community is hosting at the Nutrien Community Hall on Saturday, March 22.

"The watch party is a family-friendly event. We are not charging a door fee, we just want to encourage as many people to



Jessica Campbell in her role as assistant coach of the NHL's Seattle Kraken.

come as we can. So, no door fee, there will be a cash bar and there will also be lots of food. We are doing it potluck-style because we just thought that would be kind of fun for people to bring their favorite appetizer to share.

"There will be a penny ar-

cade and a 50/50 and we will have the game streaming up on the big screens at the hall. It will be kind of a simple event, but I think fun and enjoyable and a great way for the community to come together, cheer on Jess and the Kraken, or the Oilers, whichever you choose.

"We tried to pick a date that wouldn't maybe be as busy. During the winter months everyone gets so busy running to hockey tournaments and games so we thought maybe toward the end of March would be a little less busy for families and I do believe there are lots of Oilers fans in Rocanville, so then we thought that would be a game to interest people to come out to.

"It is great to let Jessica know that the community is proud of her and that we recognize that this is a big accomplishment and that we support her and her journey. It is also great to bring the community together and do something as a community and the watch party kind of checks all those boxes," Logan said.

Logan says the community has been planning the watch party for the past month and they have had lots of feedback from the community so far.

"The Rocanville Economic Development Organization has taken on the role of planning the watch party. We have been working on it for about a month now and getting it out to the community. We have had lots of good feedback so far. It is going to be a simple event, but a fun one."

## An inspiration to younger kids of Rocanville

Logan says she hopes the watch party will remind the younger kids in the community that they can accomplish amazing things too. "It is just a reminder to the young kids in our community that there are big opportunities for them as well. If they really want to do something, they can. They are just as capable of achieving their dreams. They can have these amazing things happen for them as well."

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## Teagan Littlechief wins Contemporary Artist of the Year



It boosts my momentum that I am currently in right now.

"I have been into music my whole life," says Littlechief, "I got into music lessons at a very young age and the ball just kept rolling. I performed as much as I could."

Littlechief has faced challenges, overcoming addictions and domestic abuse.

"Addictions got a hold of me, and I had to take a break from music. I took a few hiatuses from music, but I always ended up coming back to it," said Littlechief.

Littlechief uses her platform to not only entertain, but inspire others through motivational speaking. She shares her personal story, offering hope to those facing similar struggles.

"The thing I like about music is it's always about storytelling and trying to find what will help a person through hard times," says Littlechief. "A lot of the originals I record and perform are about upliftings. The songs are about going through hard times and being able to come through to the light."

Littlechief hopes to use her voice to leave a lasting impact on others.

"There was a time when Indigenous people were never recognized, and I think

that the more that our people are getting that recognition, the more it helps our up-and-comers in the music industry to take that next step into whatever it may be. It shows them a pathway of 'okay maybe I can ask this person how did you do it?' That's the thing I love about Indigenous artists, we are always willing to give back the information we have, and what we have learned over the years.

"When I heard I had won Contemporary Artist Of The Year, it showed me that my music is not just one genre. I have always been a rocker, since I was little. When I was 13, I had to get into country music. Back in 2001, I entered GX94. My song to get into the audition was "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses, it was a rock song. The judges said we want her in the competition, but she has to sing country. My mom was a single parent, and she had already put so much into my music. The winner would get to record two songs, and they would get a mini-tour of wherever GX94 would go. That is what pushed me into country music. It seems like country is one of the biggest genres in the world."

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BY NICOLE TAYLOR  
Teagan Littlechief is a country rock artist from White Bear First Nation, who was awarded Contemporary Artist of the Year at the Saskatchewan Music Awards (SMA) on March 2.

Since winning Yorkton's GX94 Star Search at age 15, Teagan Littlechief has been on the rise. She won Indigenous Artist of the Year at the 2022 and 2023 SCMA

Awards, sang O Canada at the Grey Cup in 2022, and was a part of the national cast of TeleMiracle 48 in 2024. On June 22 of last year, she won Indigenous Artist of the Year and Female Artist of the Year at the SCMA's.

"This is my second year ever being in the SMA's, and for this to be my first ever award, it is exciting and exhilarating. I am thrilled!" said Littlechief. "Professionally,

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# Saskatchewan Music Awards

## Jess Moskaluke wins Single of the Year, Country Artist of the Year



BY KARA KINNA

Jess Moskaluke of Rocanville received the award for Single of the Year for her song "Go Get Er" and was named Country Artist of the Year at the Saskatchewan Music Awards on March 2.

"Go Get Er is basically about being comfortable with who you are in a relationship and knowing that if the person you're in a relationship with isn't right for you, that's fine, then go out and get the person who is. It's just about being strong and knowing who you are," says Moskaluke.

Moskaluke says she was also thrilled to be nominated for Country Artist of the Year. "It's so nice and the response has been surprisingly large too, it's not the first time I've won these awards with the SMA and everybody has been so kind, they must be doing a bigger marketing piece this year because everyone seems to know about it," she says. "It always feels so good to be patted on the back by your peers for what they consider to be a job well done, it's very humbling."

"It's just really good to be recognized period, there's always something special about that recognition no matter what. I don't do this for awards but it's a little extra special being recognized at home of course. Saskatchewan is filled with so much talent, there are so many people who have done such great things in the music industry, so it's definitely never expected, but it's always very special."

When asked how Saskatchewan inspires her music, Moskaluke says that's a tough question to answer.

"You know that is a really difficult question to answer because I don't have anything to compare it to," she says. "Maybe it does, maybe it doesn't, I just write about what I know and I happen to live in Saskatchewan. I get that question so frequently and I don't know that I've ever been able to really answer it, I just write about what I want to write about and I live where I want to live."

"I write about my experience, so I'm sure there's a little bit of Saskatchewan woven in every song, whether it's blatantly obvious or not."

With her star rising for some time now, Moskaluke says there are some exciting things

coming soon.

"I released a single at the end of January that's doing really well right now, it's called "Life for Me," and hopefully we will be releasing more music later this year, but again I can't tell you any album, any dates, any titles. There is a lot going on but it's kind of that awkward under bubbling point where I can't really talk about it yet," she says. "We will have more information very soon. We are very behind the scenes right now with the work."

Was she surprised to win two awards at the SMA's?

"I'm always surprised to get them, whether they are just nominations or the actual trophy itself," she says. "They do ask ahead of time for an acceptance speech video style, so I had sent them that and I had just sent them one because I didn't know if or what I would win, so it was kind of nice because I thought well maybe if they asked I'll win one. But I won two so my good friend Blake Berglund went and accepted the single of the year on my behalf, which is very sweet."

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# \$14,500 donated to Ronald McDonald House

## Proceeds of two heifers at MacPherson herd dispersal donated

BY KARA KINNA

A herd dispersal auction has brought in \$14,500 for Ronald McDonald House after Chris MacPherson donated the proceeds of two bred heifers that were sold, with one of those heifers being bought and then donated back to be auctioned off again.

The sale was held at Whitewood Livestock on Feb. 15. After the first heifer was purchased by Karl Johnston, a local farmer from Langbank, it was donated back for re-auction and purchased by Mannle Farms and Whitewood Auction Service. The second heifer was purchased by Levi Jamison farms of Moosomin.

Chris MacPherson says it was inspiring to see how much money was raised by the two heifers, especially after his family had to use Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton when his daughter was born.

"My youngest daughter Adaline, at our 20-week ultrasound, we found out that she had a heart defect, DiGeorge Syndrome, that's what caused the heart defect. She was born in Edmonton, and when we were in the hospital, at 10 days old, she had to have life saving heart surgery," says MacPherson. "I always thought Ronald McDonald house was a good charity, and we have had friends and family that used it, but when you get to use it first hand and truly experience the good that place does for families who have children in the hospital, it was just amazing."

"When we were in Edmonton, we knew we had a safe place to stay, a quiet place. You get up to have breakfast in the morning before going back to the hospital, and you might be sitting with another parent, and you talk about what you're going through. It's almost like you're having a coffee, having a meal, but you're also having a group therapy session with other parents who know what you're going through."

"I remember in Edmonton, going back and forth from the hospital, you're maybe not eating the greatest. I remember one of the Italian restaurants brought food, and we ate like kings. You didn't starve, it was such an amazing experience."

MacPherson says he has always wanted to donate bred heifers for charity.

"After we got through that, it was actually my neighbor, Scott Mannle, he had a bred heifer sale, and they started out the sale with a donation heifer, and that was my inspiration," he says. "That was kind of my 'if I ever can do that, I will' moment. And I was actually going to start donating a heifer every year to Scott's bred heifer sale, but Scott quit doing the bred heifer sale. But that was my light bulb, that's my way I can give back."

He says it was a wonderful feeling seeing his heifers go for so much.

"I was very pleased. I thought with the two heifers, we should be able to donate \$8,000 at least, but when one got donated back, we ended raising \$14,500. It was like wow, what a great feeling."

"It truly showed me how the ag community rallies together for a good cause, how the ag community can give back. I saw that when we were going through it too—neighbours coming to help combine. Adeline had a second heart surgery and my one neighbour, he knew I had to be in Edmonton for the 21st of September for the surgery with Addie, he came over to help combine for a few days and he left a combine to finish harvest so we could be there for that surgery."

"It just reminded me of how great the ag community can be. When they can step up, they do."

"The herd dispersal was a heartbreaking moment for me, but in that heartbreaking moment, to open it with donating the heifers, it kind of took the heartbreak away and lightened it up."

"I'm not actually done donating yet. We have a cull cow that didn't go. We are going to have her butchered and we are donating the hamburger to the Moosomin Food Share."

MacPherson says one of the best things about Ronald McDonald house is knowing you aren't alone.

"We were happy to give back. We have used Ronald McDonald House first hand and we know other families in the area that have used it. I know Summer and Nick, their daughter is going through a health battle, and there is a guy from Whitewood I know, his daughter, and I've known other people who have used

it, and ourselves, we've used it. Adaline has a future surgery in her books, so we might not be done using it ourselves."

"I've seen it first hand—when you're sitting there having breakfast, you are thinking to yourself, 'why me? Why is

this happening to my child?' Then a four-year-old girl runs by your table with a bald head, and it's like a light switch—a light just goes off that it's not just me going through it, there are a lot of people going through it."

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# Kaeding confident after ASEAN trade mission

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

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Recently, Trade and Export Development Minister and Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding led a delegation to Vietnam and Singapore to build on Saskatchewan's trade relationships.

"Ag commodities are generally our big products there," he said. "Fertilizer—especially when it comes to Vietnam—with potash and then working on the labour mobility side of things—can we help support each other's ability to train localized staff in highly-skilled jobs and then make them mobile and be able to move back and forth between countries."

Provincial exports to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations totalled \$1.5 billion in 2024, with \$130.6 million of that going to Vietnam and \$10.3 million to Singapore.

"It's just always good to diversify your markets, and ultimately, we all are spending a fair bit of time out in front of whoever will listen to the story of what we've got to offer in Saskatchewan," Kaeding said.

Kaeding says the audience is listening to what he is saying, as proven at the Canada-in-Asia conference in Singapore.

"Saskatchewan definitely played a key and focal point of where trade is in Canada, and then we certainly got the opportunity to talk a number of times throughout the conference about the opportunities in Saskatchewan," said Kaeding, who was one of the speakers at the three-day event. "At one time, we were speaking to up to 750 people in Singapore, and they're all from the ASEAN region. So that's the key countries in that ASEAN region that we wanted to reach out to."

Ties with Vietnam also extend to the workforce as Saskatchewan is facing a

huge gap of skilled workers that the Asian nation can provide. Back in 2010, the province signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vietnamese government focussed on immigration, education, and entrepreneurship.

"What they're looking for is those shared opportunities where they can have their high-level educated people working in our institutions and getting a diverse background in whatever area of expertise," Kaeding said. "Ultimately, after partly done their career, they end up in Vietnam. While we were there in Vietnam, we met Saskatchewan-educated professors, people with PhDs that were running the Vietnamese colleges, that were involved in high-level jobs at the various ministries and even in their private sector."

Kaeding foresees future interest from the ASEAN region in Saskatchewan, resulting in visits from dignitaries to this province during the summer and fall months.

"One area that we certainly got into with Vietnam was our level of expertise in the nuclear industry, with the number of research facilities we've got," he said. "The other one was carbon capture, and again, first of its kind in the world, we implemented here in Saskatchewan. We have a pile of depth of knowledge now in our research institutions, they wanted to know far more about that."

Other topics of interest were the rare earth and critical minerals found in Saskatchewan, plus the continued work of the Saskatchewan Research Council.

"I fully expect we're going to have a number of tours this summer and this fall from different trade ministries, different ministries within Vietnam, and certainly different companies out of that Singapore/ASEAN region that are all going



Minister of Trade and Export Development, and Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding.

By 2030, there will be an estimated 120,000 new job opportunities in Saskatchewan.

"Sixty per cent are going to be filled through attrition, meaning we've got an aging workforce, but 40 per cent are going to be brand new jobs that we're going to create here," explained Kaeding. "So 120,000 new job opportunities by 2030—that's not that far from now."

Some of those jobs may be filled through artificial intelligence—a topic that sometimes ruffles feathers.

"Everyone's so afraid that we're going to reduce or remove people from positions," Kaeding said. "We do not have enough people to fill all those positions, so we're also going to need to support AI, just to automate some of the things that are maybe very redundant, that we don't need to have somebody fill."

He gave an example of how in places such as Indonesia and Malaysia, automation in the palm oil harvest has proven quite successful.

"I thought, 'how can you possibly use high end technology there?' Well, again, they're struggling with finding labor to harvest, but also in trying to create more efficiencies in that harvest," Kaeding said. "So now they've got drones flying by these huge palm trees, monitoring the harvest time of all those palm kernels, and they will either manage to get them picked the day that they're ready, and if they're not ready, they leave them there, fly by two or three days later, or they validate when they anticipate they're going to be ready by using AI, and then they'll go back and harvest them the day they're ready. Just think of the efficiencies that Indonesia and Malaysia are now using in their palm oil harvest."

to come out and look at the research and the development work that we've done through all of these different institutions," Kaeding said.

Filling skilled labour positions in the trade sectors is crucial right now as Kaeding pointed to a huge shortage in the near future.

"Every trade is short right now," he said. "We can absolutely grow our own—we will, and we do—but we're not going to have enough."

# Saskatchewan Music Awards Teagan Littlechief wins Contemporary Artist of the Year

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Littlechief says her favourite genres to write and perform are rock and country rock. "I've always tried to blend the two genres of rock and country together. Over time, I tried to mix in a little bit of pop. My music has been evolving and I just started realizing that my personal song writing is taking a different turn into multiple genres. It is like a blanket of different genres."

With over 11 singles and one album, Littlechief has seen her music reach new heights, topping Indigenous Music Charts. Her most successful singles include "Need You To Go," "Scar On My Heart," and "Every Child Matters."

"I can never just pick one highlight of my career," said Littlechief. "One of the biggest moments would be getting signed with Black Mountain Music & Media. My manager has totally got the ball rolling, and I have been able to perform in places that I have never imagined."

"I got to attend an Indigenous Song Camp in Toronto just this past fall," said Littlechief. "I got to perform on the Saskatchewan Country Music Awards stage for the first

time ever last year. There are so many things. Performing at the Grey Cup was another highlight."

Littlechief says she has more projects and collaborations on the horizon.

"I have a few new projects going on. I have been telling people that once I get the go-ahead to announce, it will be on my music pages."

"Making music, being invited to places, and breaking ground for not just myself, but my community, inspires me to keep going," says Littlechief. "I want to show the people in my community, that they can do this too. It is hard, but you stick through it. You are going to face so many obstacles in the music industry, you just have to be able to brush them off, go ahead and keep doing it."

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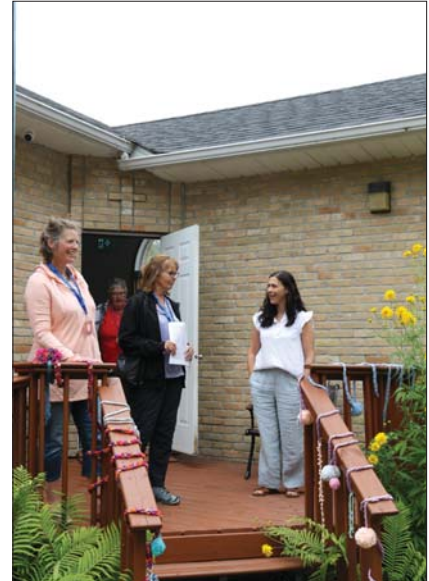
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The Communities in Bloom judges on Moosomin Lake, left, at the Cenotaph, center, and at the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre, right, during last year's judging.



# Moosomin entering national Communities in Bloom competition

BY KARA KINNA

The town of Moosomin has decided to enter the national Communities in Bloom competition in 2025.

This year the town will join forces with the RM of Moosomin, Pipestone Hills Golf Club, and Moosomin Regional Park for the national competition.

"The RM is on board to go with us this year. So there are the four pillars," Rec Director Mike Schwane told Moosomin Town Council last week. "There's the town, the regional park, Pipestone Golf Club and the RM. They are all committed to going to nationals."

"The community is excited about that. There have been lots of people talking about that," said Mayor Murray Gray. Council passed a motion to approve the town competing at the national level.

In 2024, after competing at the provincial level, Moosomin earned five blooms, making it the provincial champion in its population category. The town also received a special mention for Commitment to Cultural Heritage Preservation.

The town also earned an Environmental Action Award, with the judges making special note of the community-wide clean-up that Moosomin holds each year.

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

The judges evaluate communities on a number of factors, including community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape and plant and floral displays. In the 2024 provincial competition, Moosomin scored 827 out of 1,000 points, for an

83 per cent bloom rating.

Moosomin decided to re-enter Communities in Bloom after a long hiatus in 2023, and joined forces with the Moosomin Regional Park and Pipestone Hills Golf Club to compete at the provincial level. This year the RM is a new addition for the national competition.

At the national level, Moosomin will compete against other communities with a population of up to 5,000 people.

The national awards will be held in Stratford, Ontario from October 16-19.

The town is in the process of preparing for the 2025 competition. Anyone who like to sit on the Communities in Bloom planning committee can email Angela at a.thomstowntofmoosomin@sasktel.net or phone 306-435-3622.

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# Carnduff Gymnastics Club hosts fun meet to kick Off competition season

The Carnduff Gymnastics Club hosted its annual Fun Meet on March 1, providing young gymnasts with a valuable opportunity to display their skills and prepare for the upcoming competition season.

The full-day event brought together 81 athletes from southeast Saskatchewan, representing three clubs: Carnduff Gymnastics Club (Carnduff), Ross Gym & Fit (Moosomin), and Moose Mountain Jumpers Gymnastics Club (Carlyle). Each of these clubs runs both recreational and competitive programs, ensuring that gymnasts of all skill levels can develop their abilities.

The meet welcomed 46 recreational gymnasts and 35 competitive gymnasts. While recreational athletes demonstrated their skills in a non-competitive setting, competitive gymnasts had the chance to perform their routines in front of an audience—an important step in building confidence and refining their performances before official competitions begin this spring.

Unlike traditional meets, the Fun Meet does not involve judging or scoring. Instead, it serves as a showcase event where athletes can gain experience performing in front of a crowd, helping them prepare for the pressures of competition.

This season, competitive gymnasts from Carnduff Gymnastics Club will have the opportunity to travel to meets in Regina, Moose Jaw, Humboldt, and Grand Forks. The club has athletes competing in the Xcel program in three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

Organizers were pleased with how the event unfolded and were happy to see such a large turnout of spectators supporting the athletes. The Fun Meet continues to be a highly anticipated event for young gymnasts, coaches, and families, and helps promote a love for the sport while building confidence in a positive and encouraging atmosphere.

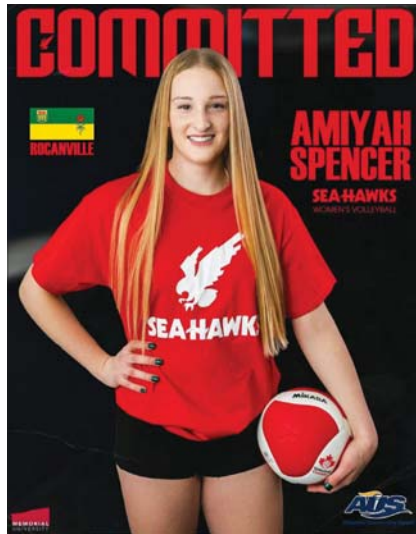
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Gymnasts from Carnduff, Moosomin area and Carlyle area at the fun meet in Carnduff.



# Rocanville's Amiyah Spencer to play volleyball for Memorial University Sea-Hawks



BY ASHLEY BOCHER

Rocanville's Amiyah Spencer is heading to university in Newfoundland this fall, where she will play volleyball with the Memorial University Sea-Hawks. She will be joining the team as a middle blocker while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree at Memorial.

Spencer helped lead Rocanville School to a high school provincial bronze medal in volleyball in 2022 and a silver medal in 2023. She has also made waves in swimming, medaling at the Saskatchewan Swimming Provincials in both 2023 and 2024.

Spencer says she is very excited to graduate from Rocanville School this June and begin her move to the East Coast.

"I am from Rocanville and in grade 12. Volleyball and school are my two big priorities in my life, so going to university and play volleyball were the two things I wanted to do and so I am going to take Sciences and Medicine," she said.

"It has been super exciting finishing up high school and has been very busy with finishing up volleyball. It is kind of sad to know we will all be leaving and going our separate ways after high school, but it is exciting to know everyone is going to be doing their own thing.

"I'm going to Memorial University in Newfoundland. The main campus is in St. John's. They offer everything I want to take. I am going to start with my bachelor's in general science first and then in my second year I am going to declare my major in biological

chemistry and then minor in Human Biosciences. So, I will definitely be busy.

"I am really excited to be away, I have never really been that far away from home before, but I will just be so busy that I won't even think about being homesick. Everybody in the family is super excited to go with me out there to drop me off at the beginning of the semester which is super exciting. So, they will get to stay out there a bit for pre-season and then I will be on my own which is exciting and scary at the same time. I will be living in residence my first year."

## Love for volleyball

Spencer says after COVID she was excited to be active and joined club volleyball in Virden.

"My first year of competitive volleyball was in the winter of 2022 and the spring of 2023 and that was my first year in Virden where I played for Club West and then since then I have been in love with the sport.

"It was really out of COVID I wanted something to do. I was never a kid who wanted to sit down. I just wanted to be active and so when it came up that I could go play club volleyball in Virden, I knew instantly I wanted to, and I fell in love with it. I like the competitiveness, the team aspect, the coaching was amazing, and I just had to keep going."

Spencer says volleyball holds a special place in her life.

"It means absolutely everything," she says. "I have met so many amazing people and I have learned so much about the sport and about myself, and it has created so many opportunities to travel and keep doing what I love to do."

Spencer says her family is beyond supportive of her decision to move to Newfoundland for school.

"It is honestly such an honour. I never saw myself moving away from home to play at a higher level of volleyball. I always wanted to, but never really thought I would get there, but my coaches have just been amazing—pushing me to be the best athlete I can be. So, they were all super pumped when I got the opportunity to go play and it has really been thanks to them and my parents that I got this amazing opportunity. I am just so excited to keep doing what I love to do."

She says the school reached out before signing her contract to play USports volleyball in November.

"The coach of Memorial reached out on my social media page because my Instagram is a lot of my highlights in volleyball and so they reached out and we had set up a meeting and the minute our online meeting

ended I was like 'I have to go there!' I knew I really wanted to go, so we kept in contact. Then, end of November, early December I had signed to go there."

## Being part of a team

Spencer says she loves the competitiveness and team aspects of sports.

"I just love to do it. I love to compete and be on a team, and always having a goal to be the best I can be and be at the top level while also being connected with my teammates."



## Excited for next steps

Spencer says she is excited to move away and explore a new part of the country.

"I couldn't even pick one thing I am most excited for. I am excited to be on my own and starting something completely new. Just starting that high level of school, playing volleyball, and meeting so many new people is so exciting. I am also excited to explore the island—I have been on the Prairies for so long, it will be so different. I can't wait to see a new environment.

"I couldn't even cap my excitement level. Every day that I think about it I just think 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe I get to do this!' I am beyond excited," had set up a meeting and the minute our online meeting ended I was like 'I have to go there!' I knew I really wanted to go so we kept in contact. Then, end of November, early December I had signed to go there."

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The Windsor Classic Burger, left, Cork & Bone's BuddiMac, centre, and Red Barn's 9 Yards Burger, right, were voted as the top three burgers during Burger Week this year.

## Over 4,200 burgers sold during Burger Week Biggest burger week ever with more than 1,400 burgers sold than last year

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A total of 4,239 burgers were sold during Burger Week from Feb. 17-28, making it the biggest burger week ever, with more than 1,400 burger sold than last year.

During Burger Week participating restaurants in and around Moosomin create their own unique burger masterpieces for people to try and vote on.

This is the fifth year that Burger Week has been held in the area, and the first year it has been hosted by the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce. Another big change was extending the week to 12 days from a week.

Jarrod Slugoski is the Owner at Cork & Bone Bistro, home this year to the BuddiMac—a simple burger with big flavour.

"I make my own burger patties and burger sauce," he explained. "I wanted to come up with a reasonable and affordable price for my burger this time around. It had flavours of burgers that we've eaten before, so we just called BuddiMac."

Over the 10 days Cork & Bone Bistro was open during the promotion, 600 BuddiMacs were enjoyed by patrons, and it's easy to see why. The homemade burger was topped with real cheddar cheese, bread and butter pickles, house burger sauce and lettuce for a delicious combination.

"The Moosomin area just likes a really good burger, and it's a fun promotion," Slugoski said. "We've been doing it for a few years now, so people actually look forward to it."

He also feels having Burger Week coincide with the Family Week break was helpful, noticing a decent amount of take-out orders.

When asked if he'd consider participating in Burger Week next year, the answer was easy for Slugoski.

"Oh, 100 per cent—I love this promotion," he said. "It's great, it gets people out. I had a lot of new people come in and check my place out because of it."

In Maryfield, Brendan Paliuk at the Arlington Hotel agrees. They sold 200 of their signature Arlington burgers, described as "a hearty homemade burger smothered in sautéed onions and mushrooms topped with smoked

bacon with cheddar and mozzarella cheese."

"I think the response to them were pretty good," Paliuk said. "We had a lot of compliments, I was pretty happy with it."

By chance, the promotion also happened while Saskatchewan comedy sensation Quick Dick McDick was in town for two sold-out shows. McDick even stayed at the Arlington, not only dining on the special burger, but also giving a shout-out on social media through a special Eye on Tuffnell edition featuring Maryfield.

"Brendan and his crew at the Arlington Hotel were some of the best hosts I've ever had. Combined with the hospitality of the volunteers at the Maryfield Auditorium, that made this an amazing trip," said McDick.

The visiting comedian was also quite excited to discover the hotel had a steak pit as well.

"We barbecued a steak together," Paliuk said. "It was good, he's a good character!"

He's already looking forward to next year, looking to attract more folks from out Virden and Redvers way to visit the Arlington.

The Red Barn is probably the most busy place during burger week, and the restaurant's General Manager Melinda Griffin estimates they sold 821 burgers during the 12-day promotion. Famous for their generous portions, this year's offering did not disappoint.

"We called it the Nine Yards because it literally had the whole nine yards," she explained. An in-house beef patty with smoked pork then topped with bacon accounts for the meats, then there's the toppings: crispy jalapeños, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, chipotle mayo and pickles.

"Hence the whole nine yards burger, obviously," Griffin said. "We got amazing feedback from it."

Another interesting aspect of Burger Week is that it serves as a gauge for how popular a creation might actually be.

Witch's Brew featured a citrus-flavoured burger, which proved popular with guests. "The burger was essentially just a regular burger, but we did do a nice lemon compound butter on it to add a little bit extra flavour," said Owner Sandra Garrett. "We picked it to be something

that was maintainable for us. Since we're not actually a burger place, we were not really set up to sell burgers, so we wanted something that was easy, that people would maybe want to eat more than once, and that wasn't too much."

With the Lemon Butter Swiss burger, Garrett sought to establish a triad of simple, delicious, and affordable. "I would rather spend \$10 on a burger and eat it a couple of times than spend \$20 on a burger and eat at one time," she said.

The strategy worked as 300 of the special burgers found their way onto customer's plates.

"The first year, we launched the Dano Burger, and amazing feedback from that as well," Griffin explained. "So that burger actually eventually made it to the menu. This one might possibly as well, just because the comments were very positive on our burger."

It also seemed to span generations; popular with all ages who entered the Red Barn. In addition, Griffin noticed an uptick during Burger Week - a time when sales would otherwise be traditionally slower.

"I wouldn't say the busiest week, because into the summers, we got a lot more travel," she said. "It definitely helps the sales, obviously, because it's a slower time of the year."

Borrowing a catchphrase from John Cleese, the Nutrien Sportsplex offered "something completely different" with their Sportsplex Pizza Burger. Again, one of those simple yet delicious sandwiches, the Pizza Burger described as "a flavour explosion that'll have your tastebuds doing the happy dance."

Anglea Thorn, Parks and Recreation Admin with the Town of Moosomin said sales were decent for the pizza burger, with 137 sold over Burger Week. In comparison, the two weeks previous noted 22 burgers sold - illustrating the draw of the special promotion.

"We have our regular golf nights and whatnot at the Sportsplex, but I think people went out specifically to try the burger," she said.

This year's offering was inspired by the new kitchen staff at the Sportsplex.

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# Harrison travels to India, UAE on ag trade mission

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI  
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Given the state of trade between North American countries, enhancing outer markets is more important than ever. Provincial Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison was busy doing just that recently, leading a trade mission to the United Arab Emirates and India from Feb. 11 to 19.

Both nations are important export markets for Saskatchewan with the province being the largest supplier of lentils and dry peas to those countries last year. Saskatchewan made up 70 per cent of UAE's lentil imports and 54 per cent of dry pea imports, while in India, 46 per cent of their lentil imports came from Saskatchewan and 43 per cent of their dry pea imports.

"It's significant there," Harrison said when asked about the UAE market. "We had a chance to tour their one port—DP World, a very efficient port—they're set up in Dubai as being a hub for that part of the world. They're three to four hours by ship to get to India, and they can get over to China, across to Saudi Arabia, they have set themselves up in that position. So if we can get our products in to the UAE, they will act as that 'hub and spoke,' so to speak."

Part of the trip to India included attending The Pulses Conclave 2025 in New Delhi, which Harrison compared to "their Canadian Western Agribition."

"It's a tremendous event," he said, adding that his delegation also took in the Gulfood Exhibition 2025 event in Dubai.

"It's very good to touch base there and connect with some of our trading partners, our trade offices in New Delhi and Dubai. They've got great relationships on a day-to-day basis there, and it's just great to have that face-to-face with our trading partners."

Gulfood alone draws 5,500 exhibitors from 129 countries, making it a good place to embark on some high-level networking.

So what's the big deal about Saskatchewan anyway? According to Harrison, it all comes down to quality.

"They regard our products as being the highest quality in the world," he explained. "It's all about value—what they can buy at what price. It's being there to not make the deal, but telling the Saskatchewan story."

Given recent actions by the United States government to impose 25 per cent tariffs on some products from Canada—then temporarily waiving tariffs on others just two days after the auspicious March 4 date—strengthening ties



Saskatchewan Ag Minister and Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison.

with other markets is a good idea says Harrison.

"The U.S. is and remains our biggest trading partner, and just by geography, they will continue to do so," Harrison said. "We're pretty interdependent on trade with one another, but any time we can grow an existing market or find a new one, it's beneficial for us because we are a net exporter."

With a small population, large geography, and the ability to produce, Saskatchewan has 160 countries around the world to

deal with.

"It's reassuring for me to see the tremendous job our trade offices do in maintaining those relationships and it's key for purchasers over there to find out what we have and how they can get it, and a system in navigating that route to source our pulses."

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# WSA releases Ag Water Stewardship Policy



By RYAN KIEDROWSKI

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Water is a widely debated issue in rural Saskatchewan, especially when it comes to who can divert it where and when. Recently, the Water Security Agency released their Agricultural Water Stewardship Policy and a \$1 million-dollar commitment over the next three years devoted to ongoing research and monitoring as a way to ensure long-term outcomes in their plan are met.

"We started work on this in 2019 with doing a bunch of demonstration and research projects, and then over the last two years have been when we're really actively engaging with the various different stakeholders and communities involved," said Krystal Tendler, Executive Director of Agriculture Water Management with the WSA. "We engaged with 80 stakeholders, but beyond that, everyone in the province has some sort of connection to water—whether you're a cabin owner, you like to fish, or whether you just drink some water out of the tap or you're a farmer—you have some sort of connection, you have some sort of interest. Our job was trying to balance all those interests and create that science-based policy."

Coming up with the policy has not been an easy task, and Tendler says the end product will not totally please all stakeholders.

"For some, they would like to see a more restrictive policy that went—maybe some would say—as far as banning drainage, where some would say, 'I don't want to see any more rules in place. I want to be able to manage water on my farm,'" Tendler explained. "Those are the two ends of the spectrum, and we found a policy that kind of landed in the middle. I think for the majority of folks, the middle ground is the

right spot to be."

Saskatchewan producers are the caretakers of over 40 per cent of farmland across Canada with some 4.6 million acres of wetlands also in their stewardship. The WSA policy provides a guide to how many wetlands on agricultural land can be drained and how many need to be retained, managing the province's water and agri-environmental priorities, water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, and soil health.

"Our role is to ensure drainage is being done responsibly and managing any of those downstream impacts," Tendler said. "We have a suite of different mitigation tools and policies in place, and this particular policy, the stewardship policy, completes that suite to make sure that we have the right tools to manage those impacts."

In total, there are over 16.3 million acres of wetlands in Saskatchewan with around 10 per cent of agricultural land being covered. These wetlands can be of various sizes, but by definition a wetland is saturated land seeing water stand long enough to promote wetland or aquatic processes. This includes rivers, lakes, potholes, peatlands, and even areas that usually dry up over the course of a growing season.

"The policy applies to any agricultural drainage works, so typically, those are being done by farmers," Tendler said. "There is some works that RMs are advancing that kind of fall into that category if it's outside of their actual municipal developments, but typically they are farmer-led projects that it's most relevant to."

The first step for producers with a need to drain a wetland is to contact the WSA.

"We have an agriculture water management program, and we would work them through that," Tendler explained. "A lot of it's about making sure we have a good de-

sign project, where you want the water to go, how are we going to control the flows downstream, what are we going to do to prevent erosion, and making sure that any downstream landowners are involved in a

part of that process."

Where this new policy comes into play is ensuring at least some of those wetlands remain on the landscape.

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With SHA officials, my colleague Martensville-Blairmore MLA Jamie Martens, and Mennonite Nursing Home administrator Mark Hildebrandt.



With STARS officials including Darcy McKay from Moosomin, and Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill at the STARS base in Regina.



At left, the Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern.

Right and below, scenes from our visit to the STARS base in Regina.



## From Rosthern to Weyburn last week

Every week is a learning experience in my roles as Moosomin-Montmartre MLA and Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health, and every week is a whole set of new experiences. Last week took me from Rosthern, north of Saskatoon, to Weyburn.

Here's a brief rundown of how it went last week:

### Monday

Monday started off in Saskatoon. In my role as Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health, I visited Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern, north of Saskatoon. I was accompanied by my colleague Jamie Martens, MLA for Martensville-Blairmore.

The NDP critic for seniors had requested a tour, so I was there to answer questions on behalf of the government, and two SHA officials travelled to Rosthern as well to answer questions.

It was an interesting tour and I learned a lot.

I raced from Rosthern to Saskatoon, because I had an early afternoon meeting with the Prairie Valley School Board, and I joined the meeting from the Saskatoon cabinet office.

It was wonderful to hear the viewpoints and priorities of the Prairie Valley trustees. I respect the work that they do in overseeing education in their areas.

After that meeting I headed to Regina for a late afternoon meeting.

### Tuesday

On Tuesday, Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill and I toured the STARS base in Regina. I learned a lot and enjoyed getting to sit in the cockpit of the helicopter and learn about the controls, and learn how to intubate a patient in the simulation lab. I had no idea the technology involved in a simple procedure like that, so it was another learning experience.

It was great to chat with Darcy McKay from Moosomin and the rest of the STARS crew. It's always interesting to note how often our region of the province comes up in discussions of all sorts with provincial groups.

For instance, a few days earlier, in meetings with Economic Development Regina, Chris Lane mentioned the partnership between Regina and Moosomin on developing an energy and agriculture corridor, and men-

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tioned that Moosomin had been invited to join Regina on a trade mission to Denver.

It happens often enough that some of my colleagues ask how it is that our region seems to punch above its weight.

While on the STARS tour, a lot was made about the leadership the Moosomin Fire Department showed in being the first to provide refuelling for STARS, and how well the fire department in Moosomin works with STARS, even being willing to travel a large distance to help with STARS landing and refuelling.

Then at the conclusion of the tour we were talking about how so many people who have benefitted from STARS try to give back and I said "Some of you may remember a patient named Jillian Easton." "I was at her wedding!" one of the STARS officials shouted.

Jillian, from Rocanville, was helped by STARS a few years back, and at her wedding last year, asked guests to donate to STARS instead of buying gifts. She is well known among the STARS staff.

It was a great visit to the STARS base and it was great to meet the amazing people who run the organization.

I know that people across our constituency understand the importance of STARS and value the organization's contributions to our province.

Following the STARS tour I raced to the Legislature for a meeting of the Committee on the Economy.

This is a committee where we review every decision item going to Cabinet that has any economic impact, we hash it out, and we forward a recommendation to cabi-

net. It's fascinating to see the work of government from the viewpoint of this committee.

### Wednesday

On Wednesday I met a few constituents at the Constituency Office in Moosomin, and toured Borderland Co-op's new 30,000-square-foot food store in Moosomin with Borderland GM Jason Schenn. It's an amazing store and will be a big improvement for Borderland when it opens this week. I also took part in a caucus meeting on the subject of tariffs on Wednesday. Our government has worked hard on the tariff issue, and in response to U.S. tariffs removed American alcohol from Saskatchewan liquor stores and limited government procurement from American companies.

### Thursday

Thursday I was in Regina for a series of meetings and had a meeting with a constituent who had raised some issues that needed to be addressed.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this job is being able to move things forward for constituents who are facing issues with the bureaucracy, and helping resolve issues.

### Friday

Friday I was in Weyburn to meet with the Southeast Cornerstone School Board. I understand the important role school boards play in our education system. I understand the commitment of school trustees to serve their communities and the education system, and I appreciate all those willing to serve in this important role. I always appreciate every opportunity I have to meet and exchange views with local school boards.

Then it was back to Moosomin Friday and then to Regina for the Evening in Greece Gala for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation Saturday night, then off to Saskatoon again Sunday for the start of this week, with a series of meetings with Saskatoon stakeholders Monday, followed by SARM Tuesday and Wednesday.

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# Over 4,200 burgers sold during Burger Week

## Biggest burger week ever with more than 1,400 burgers sold than last year

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"She went with using pizza sauce, mozzarella and some pepperoni, like a pizza-style burger," explained Thorn.

Over in Rocanville, Burger Week was bittersweet for one business. The Blueberry Kitchen sold 451 Dill Pickle burgers, which was up from last year. What made this burger stand out was the homemade potato dill bun, two smash patties covered in mozzarella cheese topped with homemade dill pickle chips, a handful of sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, and some homemade dill pickle ranch sauce. Oh, and a pickle juice brined chicken wing on top!

"I spent my nights making homemade dill pickle buns every night to start for the next day," explained Owner Racquel Cozens. "Fresh, soft buns makes a difference."

Sales of the Dill Pickle burger were excellent, but as the week ended, tragedy struck the business.

"Our timing was perfect, because Sunday morning, we lost our business," Cozens said.

On the morning of Sunday, March 2, a water line break flooded the basement of the Blueberry Kitchen.

"It wasn't even the water line coming to our building, it was the town's main line going right down Main Street," she explained. "A chunk broke out, like a five, six-inch circle broke out. So the force of the water just pushed right through into the front corner of our building, through the foundation."

Town crews were able to isolate the leak and repair the damaged pipe, but water to the 100 block of Ellice Street was shut off, and a precautionary drinking water advisory for the immediate area put in place.

"At least we made a through Burger Week," Cozens said. "Thank goodness Burger Week was amazing, it was a nice little boost before it all came to an end."

Out Fleming way, patrons of the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill enjoyed the Windsor Classic burger.

"We sold right close to 500 of our Burger Week special," said Owner Myrna Dingman. "We were definitely busier because of Burger Week, and had a nice increase in sales. Not everyone had the special so we also sold a lot of other burgers, steak etc."

She felt that the extra days this year allowed people to visit more places than usual.

"The extra days are what made it a success for us I think," Dingman explained. "Last year, there simply wasn't enough time for everyone to try all the burgers so the out of town ones got left behind. It was great this year!"

So what makes the Windsor Classic so...well, classic?

"The Windsor Classic is our take on the Big Mac," said Dingman. "What sets it apart is that our buns are made fresh in-house every night and our burger was ground and made into burgers every morning. The patties were always fresh and never frozen. Our in house sauce was made to taste like the 'Mac' sauce and everyone said we did a fantastic job of it!"

Overall, Dingman says the colder days did slow things down a bit, "but all in all, I think that the support we received was fabulous!"

Back to Rocanville, where we discovered how to lure in golfers during the off-season. The Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club served up 380 Maple BBQ Chicken and Waffle burgers, a creation Clubhouse Manager Kari Bell says took some time to develop.

"We had a lot of positive feedback on it," she said. "We spent quite a bit of time different recipes, different sauces, until we just kind of figured out what we thought would taste the best."

This mouth-watering morsel includes maple BBQ sauce and garlic aioli, provolone cheese, bacon, pickles, lettuce, tomato, all on a crispy chicken burger between in-house made waffles.

When asked if the special sandwich might find a home on the regular menu, Bell was on the fence.

"A lot of people requesting that," she said. "So because we made our own waffles, it was very, very time consuming. I'm not saying we won't offer it, but we're still thinking about it. We've thought of doing it for specials rather than having it on the menu all the time, but we're still considering it."

As others had pointed out, Bell agrees that the extended days onto Burger Week were beneficial.

"Absolutely, I think it definitely helped," she said. "Everyone isn't available all the time, so having that longer time frame, we saw more people from Moosomin and surrounding areas."

The Moosomin Dairy Queen was another business who had an excellent year for sales, topping the 600-burger mark with their Bacon Iwo Cheese Deluxe. This offering is a cheeseburger topped with Applewood smoked bacon, tomato, onion, lettuce, pickles, ketchup and mayo. What really made this year's burger unique was a size for every appetite, available in single, double, and triple patty.

A new face to the Burger Week adventure is Skout Brewing Co., who offered a trio of sliders made with "a savoury blend of beef, pork, and our Lights Out Porter beer." The sliders were served on a handmade pretzel bun

with lettuce, Applewood smoked cheddar, crispy onions, and a side of creamy beer cheese sauce for dipping.

"We don't have a full kitchen set up over at the brewery, we just have a partial so we weren't able to produce full burgers, but we figured out a way to make the sliders happen," explained Aaron Grandguillot, owner of Skout Brewing. "My wife made the buns homemade, I made the burgers using a recipe we make at home, we put it together, and it turned out pretty well, I think!"

Patrons agreed, as 250 orders of sliders were made through the week and nearly doubled typical weekly sales numbers.

"It was definitely something we're not ready to add to our menu full time because of the extra effort we had to put in to make it work," Grandguillot admitted. "But maybe down the road, we'll be able to figure an expansion to our menu, knowing that people like the burgers. It was a lot of fun, but also I was happy when the week was over because it was a lot of work!"

The long days would not dissuade Grandguillot from participating next year.

"Assuming nothing else comes up, we would definitely participate again, because I expected February to be kind of a quiet month, especially with the bitter cold," Grandguillot explained. "But like I said, for that two weeks, we actually did above average during the week and pretty good on the weekends too, so it definitely helped carry us through with what traditionally would be a tough month."

The promotion also brought some new faces out to Skout Brewing, hopefully translating into more regular customers.

"We don't typically offer a burger, but now we have a bit of data to show if we ever did renovate our kitchen and we're able to do it on a more permanent basis, it seems like we've got enough customers who'd be interested in what we make that it could work," Grandguillot said. "It's an interesting test case, at the very least."

Ultimately, the bragging rights for this year's tastiest burger was decided by the people through a vote, with the top restaurant winning a prize as well. Receiving the most votes this year was the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill, followed by the Cork & Bon Bistro, and the Red Barn rounding out the top three.

# WSA releases Ag Water Stewardship Policy

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"There's room to V-ditch, absolutely, but let's keep some wetlands in place," said Tendler, who added that producers are in favour of keeping those wetland acres. "We actually just completed a wetland inventory for the majority of the province, and it's been really interesting to see the results of that. We've found that 86 per cent of wetlands in Saskatchewan right now are undrained. I think it really speaks to the role that Saskatchewan producers have played. They're the caretaker of the majority of those wetlands, and they're choosing to keep them and be the stewards of them."

### Continued maintenance

Another large component of the policy is sustaining those wetlands for future generations, which is where the 'research and monitoring' portion comes into play.

"We've established 10 indicators that we're going to be tracking over the next number of years that will help us understand how the policy is being implemented and whether it's effective in achieving what it set out to do," Tendler said.

Some factors that will be taken into account include the number of wetlands staying on the landscape, water quality, habitat, and

compliance with conditions of approvals.

"Some of that \$1 million will help support that type of monitoring," Tendler confirmed. "It will also go towards more of a forward-looking approach. There's still things we don't know about drainage and agriculture water management in the Saskatchewan context. In other jurisdictions, they've been doing this for 100 years; in Saskatchewan, we're really just, I'd say, at the start of what could happen."

Through continued research, the WSA seeks to answer questions of how to better manage water quality, what can be learned from the economics of drainage, and how to advance projects in a way that improves a community-level outcome. The

research will be uniquely Saskatchewan-specific and done in partnership with stakeholders and landowners.

One challenge has been coming up with a document that integrates quite different situations across the province.

"That was one of our key focuses in designing this particular policy was, how do you design a policy that can kind of consider those regional differences?" Tendler said. "We don't want a 'one size fits all' approach, we want something that's tailored to each particular area of the province. The policy can be adaptive and flexible by those regions."

Through this regional approach, a baseline wetlands retention goal of 40 per cent (and up to 60 per

cent where required) was set to protect important water sources.

The policy came into effect on Jan. 30 for all projects

that have yet to enter the drainage approval process. After Jan. 1, 2026, all projects will be required to retain wetlands.

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# Governments announce continued commitment through 2025 Crop Insurance Program

Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison have announced continued funding and commitment through the 2025 Crop Insurance Program, administered by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC).

"Our business risk management programs are a producer's first line of defense when it comes to protecting their operation," MacAulay said. "Our government is pleased to partner with Saskatchewan to make sure producers have access to the support they need, when they need it."

"SCIC's Business Risk Management programs remain strong and are here for Saskatchewan producers when they have challenging times," Harrison said. "The Crop Insurance Program offers producers the security they need, no matter what 2025 may have in store. I encourage all Saskatchewan producers to take a proactive approach to their coverage: select options, fine-tune and adjust coverage and costs within the program to further mitigate their risks."

SCIC's existing suite of Business Risk Management programs continues to demonstrate support for Saskatchewan producers. Over the last four years, the Crop Insurance Program paid approximately \$7 billion in claims, in addition to other program benefits. Crop Insurance continues to be a sound program, with premiums set to ensure the long-term sustainability of the program. A combination of Crop Insurance premium and government funds, along with private reinsurance, is in place to ensure the program remains stable. Funds are managed to build premium reserves in good production years, in order for money to flow back to producers during challenging ones. Premiums are cost-shared 60 per cent by federal and provincial governments and 40 per cent by producers.

Administration costs are fully funded by federal and provincial governments.

Trusted and relevant partnerships ensure the Crop Insurance Program remains innovative and responsive for Saskatchewan producers. SCIC collaborates regularly with industry groups to support farmers and ranchers,

assisting with overall direction of policy and program offerings. Work continues developing future opportunities to enhance support for the livestock sector. SCIC is evaluating new remote sensing technologies to measure soil moisture and plant growth, to evaluate potential improvements to forage and pasture insurance. This focus will ensure forage insurance is relevant and accessible for Saskatchewan livestock producers.

"We appreciate the continued focus and work on forage insurance," Saskatchewan Cattle Association (SCA) Chair Chad Ross said. "We are directly involved with the National Forage Working Group. Throughout the 2025 season, we will continue to consult on these projects, as producer feedback and understanding is critical in program design and acceptance."

"This continued work on forage insurance has potential to improve the program for livestock producers," Saskatchewan Stock Grower's Association (SSGA) President Jeff Yorga said. "We look forward to our ongoing involvement at the national level, to ensure Saskatchewan producers have access to a variety of insurance options. We are hopeful, continued work throughout 2025, will bring it all together as another viable positive outcome for risk management programming."

March 31, 2025, is the deadline for Saskatchewan producers to apply, reinstate or cancel their Crop Insurance contract. Producers must select their insured crops and coverage levels or make additional changes by this date. Producers can speak with their local SCIC office to make changes or options will remain the same as the previous year.

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# Ag advocate Todd Lewis appointed to senate

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A name familiar to many in Saskatchewan agriculture has been appointed to the Senate of Canada. Todd Lewis was one of three newly appointed independent senators to fill vacancies at the house. The Governor General, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, appointed Lewis along with retired police officer Baltej Dhillon from B.C., and economist Martine Hébert from Quebec.

"Congratulations to Mr. Dhillon, Ms. Hébert, and Mr. Lewis on their appointment as Parliament's newest independent senators," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau when the appointment occurred on February 7. "Their broad range of experience will be a great benefit to the Senate, and I am confident they will continue to be strong voices for their communities."

There have been 93 Senate appointments under the Trudeau government.

The job of these new senators once they join their peers is to examine and revise legislation, investigate national issues, and represent the interests of their respective regions.

**Long-time volunteer**

Lewis is a fourth-generation producer on the family farm (established in 1904) located near the hamlet of Gray, just south of Regina. Along with his wife Terry, brother Rod, and nephew Brendan, they keep their



Todd Lewis was appointed to the senate on Feb. 7.

Michelle Belle photo

grain operation thriving.

A long-time advocate in the province's agriculture industry, Lewis is currently the first vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and a member of the Canadian National Railway Agricultural Advisory Council. Added to that, Lewis is a past-president of the Agricultural Producers Association of

Saskatchewan, and served on many committees including the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Crop Logistics Working Group, Board of Directors of the Western Grains Research Foundation, and the Provincial Water Advisory Group.

"We're pretty excited and

proud when we heard that announcement," said Bill Prybylski, APAS president. "It's not only good for our reputation at APAS and the CFA, good for Saskatchewan, but it's good for Canada as a whole. Todd is just an incredible individual with an incredible mind in recognizing issues and how they affect everything, every aspect around it."

Prybylski sees Lewis' appointment to Senate as an opportunity to "implement some change for the betterment of everybody."

"Anytime we can represent producers, it's only a benefit to producers and to the province as a whole," he said.

At the more local level, Lewis has been on council with the RM of Lajord for

more than 20 years, currently serving as Deputy Reeve.

The World-Spectator interviewed Lewis last week:

**How does a Saskatchewan farmer become appointed to the Senate of Canada?**

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# Just how long can a February cold stretch last?

It's Valentine's Day as I write this particular column and it is, apparently, bitterly cold on the Saskatchewan/Manitoba prairies. Just how many days in February can it continually and consecutively be cold? Apparently a lot!

I have to be upfront though. I have escaped the cold for a handful of weeks and I can't say I am missing any of that nasty weather at all and despite the feelings on 'either side of the fence,' (as in Canadian/American border), we are surrounded by U.S. neighbours more interested in making us feel at home than anything else, no political puns of any kind intended.

As it was, earlier this afternoon, I was happily browsing the aisles of my favourite southern craft store when I became part (teeny-tiny part) of a certain gentleman's Valentine's surprise planning moment (and to be clear, not my gentleman). As I browsed along, I looked at wall décor, material (for my granddaughter who has taken up sewing), the craft supplies, the outdoor décor and on and on. When I paused near a particular wall sign and contemplated whether it would work in my laundry room, a fellow at least 25 years my junior asked me which tea-lights (battery-operated) he should get and then he explained: "The house will be totally darkened when my wife gets home tonight," he explained. "I will have little candles all the way down the hallway with fake rose petals covering the floor all the way along," he concluded.

Hubby had joined me by this time just as I suggested the package of white lights, all 18 of them, was a better choice (in my mind) than the eight off-white colored tea lights. I am pretty sure hubby was thinking this fellow was really going above and beyond – except for the fake rose petals. He may even have been thinking, 'wow, why didn't I think of that?' although I doubt it, lol. Just maybe, he may have wondered why the 'younger' fellow was asking someone so old as I. Let's hope hubby had better sense than to think that.

As it was, the fellow headed off down the aisle, quickly finding his fake rose petals and going up to the cashier to check out. Hubby and I continued our 'wall sign' search which would take the better part of an hour because I am seriously slow at making decisions, something that I never ever did that day. An hour later as we searched for fabric for our granddaughter, Kamryn, particularly the kind that would make great wheat bags, hubby says out of the blue, "Don't you think buying even one real rose and spreading real rose petals down the hall would be better than fake ones?" he asks me. Uh-huh! Told you! Kudos to the man who had no idea he would become part of the beginning of an ag column.

Though we have left the farm far behind, some 2,000 miles behind in fact, hubby is still keeping in touch with the folks at the inland terminal and checking to see if any of his targets triggered. He has our oldest granddaughter check bins temps and there is seldom a day that goes

## The Lighter Side of Life...

### DOWN ON THE FARM

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by that he isn't thinking, planning or wondering about something on the farm, one that is no doubt buried under two or three feet of snow. In January, hubby took to cleaning wheat in our garage, claiming my workbench in the garage in order to give the young gal with the sewing machine some 'stuffing' for her wheat bag-making venture. I was pretty proud of her for setting that little sewing machine up the day after Christmas and sewing up a storm.

Seeing Kamryn at her little sewing machine reminded me that I tried sewing. Once. My heart wasn't in it is the best way to describe that grade 12 fiasco where I was forced (okay, maybe that makes it sound like abuse which it really wasn't) to take crocheting, cooking and sewing classes. All I ever wanted was to take carpentry but, no, they said. Sewing will be so much more fun they said. Long story short, I got an amazing 99% on the dress "I" sewed one weekend at home, thanks to my seamstress mom who sewed the project while I worked outdoors with the cattle.

As I work on this column, I am really missing seeing the grands competing in their sport of choice, hockey, ringette, curling and figure skating, not to mention missing spending time with the kids in general. And missing 4-H speeches and dance recital once again. Our noon hours here in Palm Springs are pretty quiet in comparison to home where we make lunch for the kids and their friends who come over from school. One thing is sure, we are really looking forward to resuming those lunch hours when we get back home. Maybe we'll hear some 'fish' stories too as we hear the twins have been doing some ice fishing.

Although we have missed lots of winter activities with the kids, we were able to enjoy an afternoon or two of tobogganing before we left and we did start day one of our holiday just over the border watching our youngest grandson (11) play hockey. We told his parents not to tell the kids we would be there and so the surprise was definitely just that! Hayden didn't notice us in the stands that first game as we watched him at centre ice doing

what seemed like a dance to the music before puck-drop. "Coach Dad might have some words for him after the game," said our daughter, shaking her head. We loved it all, including the expressive way he moved to the beat of the music on. We shared in his excitement later when he received the MVP award.

Later, as Hayden joined his team for supper and we sat with his parents away from the group but in the same restaurant, our son-in-law predicted exactly what and how Hayden would order supper. "He'll ask for fries, but extra crispy," said Hayden's dad. "Then he'll ask for Pepsi to drink and they'll say, 'Coke okay?' and he'll say, 'No, just bring me a chocolate milk if you don't have Pepsi.'" A little later, Hayden came over to our table to say he had ordered his supper. "What did you order for supper," his dad asked. "Fries, but extra crispy," was the answer. Score one for dad! "Did you order Pepsi?" his dad continued. "Yeah, but they only have Coke so I ordered chocolate milk." Ahhh, score 2 for Dad. Hayden returned to his team's tables and our son-in-law grimaced, saying, "He is such a Beutler." It has a lot to do with the Pepsi thing. Us Beutlers aren't so particular about our fries.

It's really interesting when you are enjoying 27C days as opposed to let's say, hauling grain in the minus 40's or feeding or calving cows in the minus 40's. We watch the weather at home of course because what farmer wouldn't when he is away from the farm, right? One cold Saskatchewan Saturday morning, (as I lounged on my patio, loving the 22C morning where I am staying), I once again reminded one of the twins (13) to watch his previously frostbitten cheek if he was going to spend any amount of time outdoors. "Oh Grandma, it won't freeze in the curling rink!" was the response from the young man of few words. As it was, the twins and their team won bronze in 4-H curling and we were so proud! Meanwhile, it's back to the life on the farm for them after a busy weekend of curling. Too bad the forecast for the week off from school didn't look more promising.

One of the things I did before I left home was to make sure to double pay all my bills to cover the time I would be away. Needless to say I was a bit surprised to get an email from Sk Tel Mobility saying I needed to pay my overdue bill. What the heck was my first thought, and then I checked my bank account where it was apparent I had paid either the landline phone bill twice or the mobility bill twice and one of them, not at all. I made a quick call and since it was the \$50/month landline bill I had waaaay overpaid as opposed to the more costly mobility bill, I asked if they would transfer the money over to the mobility account. "No can do," was the response. "Okay then," I said, "just refund the large amount I paid on the landline account and I will pay the mobility online." "No can do," was the response, "we don't do refunds."

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# Moosomin airport playing crucial role in air ambulance transfers

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Prior to the Moosomin airport being an option, planes would land in Virden—meaning longer service times.

"The plane would land, the personnel would get off into the ambulance, they would drive to Moosomin, take charge of the patient, stabilize them, and then drive back to Virden," St. Onge said.

Another huge factor in transporting patients is weather conditions, and the day that the two planes landed in Moosomin, road conditions were poor through many parts of southern Saskatchewan. The blowing snow did not affect the airport runway, which was by design as St. Onge pointed out. Moosomin is a 13/31 runway, which is the direction in which planes land—130° and 310° on a compass dial—or southeast and northwest.

"The wind just blows straight down that runway, so we're very lucky that we don't get the finger drifts that you do on the highways," he said. "So on that particular day, despite the highways being bad, our runway was actually pretty darn good. It was just the lay of the land."

A huge help in maintaining the runway has been the use of a tractor and skid steer—part of a recent donation from Rocky Mountain Equipment.

"Now we've got the tractor with a front-mounted snow blower on it, and we're able to push the snow back a tremendous way, and the drifts are not building up anymore," St. Onge said.

## When seconds count

When it comes to medical transfers, every minute is of vital importance. St. Onge used the example of an emergency medical transfer by ground ambulance to Saskatoon from Moosomin, which also requires the presence of a physician.

"One doctor has to go with that ambulance all the way there and then come back, and they're out of the community for about 12 hours," he said.

While a ground trip from Moosomin to Saskatoon can take 4.5 hours, by air the time is 50 minutes.

"I have no doubt that we already have saved lives," said St. Onge. "When you do fly out of here, it's not because you got a sore arm, right? You're leaving because you are critical."

## Future plans

Last September, an electrical tender went out for the installation of lighting at the airport. Despite being extended twice, by Nov. 7, 2024, a suitable offer could not be obtained. Quotes that did come in were over \$1 million, which was too high.

"They would have eaten up every dollar we had and more just to put in lights, so we said no, and we're going to re-evaluate what we need and how to do it," St. Onge said, adding that the temporary lighting that currently serves the airport cost around \$10,000.

Beyond a permanent lighting solution, a terminal building, and a hangar building to accommodate indoor patient transfers is something St. Onge says "would be heaven to have right now."

"The other night, the windchill would have been -40°C when that air ambulance came in out of Winnipeg at one in the morning," he said. "The wind was howling, there was an extreme cold weather warning out there, and all of these people are on the apron transferring somebody from a ground ambulance to an air ambulance, so you have to cover them because the IV lines freeze."

A building that could allow transfer of patients in a warm environment protected from the elements may be further into future planning, but also an extremely important goal.

## Dreaming even further

St. Onge estimates logging 30 hours a week working on the project, which increased rapidly since paving the runway last year.

"Initially, all we had is one job to do, we needed to haul gravel," he said. "Once we've done that, then we needed to clear off some dirt. And once we've done that, we needed to make a runway. As soon as the pavement went down, now it turned into 100 things—we've got to get lights up, we've got to get electricity, and we've got to get some buildings put up. We've got to paint the lines on the runway. All of a sudden, it went from a linear fashion and just exploded into 100 things that need doing!"

The added workload is a pleasant burden the committee is pleased to have as it equates to more growth. In seeing the initial fruits of their labours come to fruition, it's easy to dream about what the future may hold and the possibilities the airport can offer. One example St. Onge described was how a business in Estevan was able to hot-shot a needed part for their inventory from their location in Moosomin via air, the whole round trip taking around two hours.

"From the business side and from the medical side, all

of those possibilities are there now," St. Onge said.

The airport expansion is a \$10.6 million project with financial commitments from more than 50 entities including the provincial government, Nutrien, local municipalities, the business community, and private individuals. Last summer, the 5,000x75' paved runway plus taxiway and apron were completed. Fixed wing air ambulances began landing in Moosomin in July, 2024, initially only during daylight hours, then advancing to 24-hours in October.

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# Province announces \$6.5 million for Ronald McDonald House in Regina

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"I am proud to be Master of Ceremonies for this event," Weedmark said. "I know just how important Ronald McDonald House Charities is to Saskatchewan. I have spoken to so many people in rural Saskatchewan who have benefited from Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon and every one of them speaks so highly of what it meant to stay in a home-like atmosphere with other families going through the same thing and offering support."

"I know the Ronald McDonald House in Regina will make a difference as well."

"So many who have benefitted from Ronald McDonald House want to give back. Just in the last couple of weeks, I have seen two people from my area give back for the support they received at Ronald McDonald House. Chris MacPherson of Wapella had a herd dispersal sale and donated the proceeds of two heifers to Ronald McDonald House Charities, and raised \$14,500, and right now Summer Heide of Moosomin has an online auction going on that has brought in \$4,500 so far."

"That shows just how important Ronald McDonald House Charities is to Saskatchewan, when you see that kind of support."

"I am absolutely thrilled that Saskatchewan families will now have the option of staying at a Ronald McDonald House when they come to Regina seeking medical care for their children," said Saskatchewan's Minister of Health, Jeremy Cockrill at the announcement.

"During a very stressful time in their lives, families will know that they can rely on the Ronald McDonald House. They can count on an affordable place where they feel welcomed and cared for while their child is undergoing medical treatments. In January, I was able to tour the Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon, and I so appreciate the great work they are doing, their fundraising efforts so far, and their commitment to improving the health and well-being of children."

"The Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon is the hub for paediatric and maternal care in Saskatchewan, and Regina General Hospital is also a focus point for highly specialized maternal and children's programming in the province."

"A Ronald McDonald House in Regina will make a huge difference to families with sick kids who need to travel for treatment," said Cockrill. "Parents and grandparents know how important it is to be there for your children when they are going through something incredibly difficult. That's really what this is all about, families being able to be together when facing challenges. The Ronald McDonald House in Saskatoon has enabled that for so many families already. We all have stories of people we know in our own communities who have stayed at a Ronald McDonald House. This expansion is going to amplify the amount of stories like that, where we can make sure families are together. Thank you Ronald McDonald House Charities for your work already, and the work that you are going to do here in Regina, we look forward to being a part of that."

"What a truly historic moment in time," said CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Saskatchewan, Tammy Forrester. "Ronald McDonald House Regina has been imagined now for three decades, and here we stand today on the cusp of making this reality."

"Communication dates back to 1995, when conversations first began about a Regina house. Then, over the decades in between, other factors, changes, and developments hijacked those intentions. A provincial children's hospital for Saskatoon was announced. Expansion to the Saskatoon house was imperative that we would be able to support the provincial children's hospital. A family room space to enhance the services in the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital was then announced, then there was a slow build back of services after a worldwide pandemic, but long-term vision, and sightlines have persisted, and we are now perfectly timed and situated for the Regina house to become a reality."

Forrester says this donation is the first from the province of Saskatchewan to Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan.

"In the year of Ronald McDonald House Charities Saskatchewan's 40th anniversary,



**Above from left:** Fundraising campaign co-chair Craig Lothian, RMHC Saskatchewan CEO Tammy Forrester, RMHC ambassadors Craig and Tricia Slobodian, and Saskatchewan Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill.

**Right:** Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark was master of ceremonies for the event where the announcement was made.



we are able to celebrate this growth and expansion into Regina to serve families in the south. Today we celebrate this monumental investment from the province of Saskatchewan who are joining forces with the community, to make this house a reality. We are truly and sincerely grateful," said Forrester.

The investment into the capital building in Regina will provide support to another 824 families each year in a 20-room house that will be located close to the Regina hospital, near to the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre. Families traveling from southern Saskatchewan, and other parts of the province to Regina for medical care can stay at the house where they will receive wrap-around family centred care, which includes accommodation, meals, family programs and emotional support. The design includes 20 bedrooms, a children's playroom, outdoor play space and communal kitchen.

"RMHC is lifting the financial burden that families carry when dealing with a sick child and saving families millions of dollars in out-of-pocket expenses each year. This is a true investment into family centred care, where families have a place to stay together, and share the burdens they carry with others in similar circumstances," said Forrester. "Where healing happens around a dining room table, over a hot cup of coffee and a homemade meal, through quiet conversation, and a safe environment families call home."

"It's unimaginable for a family to leave a child in the hospital and be that far away. Staying in the house, that's just going to be blocks from the Regina General Hospital, alleviates that pressure. If something were to

happen in the middle of the night, you are just blocks away from your child. It alleviates that mental burden, but it also alleviates that financial burden. That financial burden is absolutely debilitating for many families."

Forrester said one family from Kamsack, Sask. has been staying at the Saskatoon house for 421 nights. "There is not anyone in Saskatchewan who can put up hotel rooms and dining out and parking passes and the burden of a 421 night stay so that your child can receive proper access to healthcare. This is what the Regina house is going to do. It's going to alleviate that for our southern Saskatchewan families."

"This investment into the Regina house will provide better access to care for all Saskatchewan families. We express deep gratitude today for a community of support and this historic investment from the province of Saskatchewan."

The government's commitment has brought RMHC to within over 80 per cent of their fundraising goal for the new Ronald McDonald House in Regina.

"We are not quite there yet, and we as a community can get it across the finish line," said Forrester. "As we celebrate this provincial gift, I also ask you to consider how you too can invest in supporting families in a difficult situation they never thought they would be in. By supporting this house project in Regina, you will be supporting a friend, a family member, someone from your community, a neighbour. You are invited to take the journey with us, we still have a few miles to go."

"I want to thank everyone here. I want

to thank the province of Saskatchewan for this historic donation," said Craig Lothian, co-chair of RMHC Saskatchewan fundraising campaign, who credits part of the campaign's success to the good fortune his family has had in the Saskatchewan oil industry. Lothian is from Carlyle, and his family has donated \$1 million to RMHC for the new house in Regina.

"I think it's a message worth repeating because I'd like to think the 400,000-gross-a-day of oil production in Saskatchewan had a big part, or at least some part in the government's ability to give \$6.5 million dollars to this program. It's certainly the reason why we were able to write a million dollar cheque to this program," said Lothian.

"Without that industry, we wouldn't be here today, and I don't know if the government would be making this announcement. I think it's really important for this particular house because the people who are going to use this aren't living in Regina. It's the people that are in Estevan, Carlyle, Moosomin—communities in southern Saskatchewan. Many of those are oil communities."

"We need to remember that it's our industry, our economy that allows the private sector to make these donations. Especially at this particular time, the oil industry has been under attack for about eight years federally now. Everyone needs to remember that the industry is important, it's these soft things that we do for the community, and I know that the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, the donors that gave more than a million dollars to that facility were directly related to the oil industry. I'm taking a small bow on behalf of the people in the Saskatchewan oil industry today, this is a fantastic project."

"Our family experienced the power of the Ronald McDonald House first-hand," said Craig Slobodian, a parent of a child who used Ronald McDonald House. "In 2017, me, my wife Tricia, and our two daughters were living a regular kind of life. Kids had activities and school, balancing work and family. This changed dramatically when our youngest child at age 13 was diagnosed with brain cancer. There was a tumour on her pituitary gland. We were able to complete chemo in Regina. It was tough, but our daughter was tougher, and all together we completed the step. Next was radiation. Paediatric radiation is only offered in Saskatoon, so for seven weeks our family was split up. We finished radiation, and we are very happy to share that as of next month, we are seven years with no active disease."

"When we were living in Saskatoon, our family experienced the power of Ronald McDonald House. From the moment we walked in the door, we could feel the love. The love of the staff, the families, and, most importantly, the love that grows between the children."

The Saskatoon Ronald McDonald House is a 34-room house within walking distance from Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital, cancer clinic, and Jim Pattison Children's Hospital. Families from communities outside of Saskatoon who have a child receiving medical treatment are eligible to stay at the house for \$10 per day.

"Some families are there for days, weeks, months, some stay for over a year. Walking into Ronald McDonald House feels like a warm hug, it feels like home. It does not make the journey easy, but it does make it easier," says Slobodian.

"Kids get involved in many different activities at the house. You would see kids smiling, laughing, developing friendships, they were being kids. Our daughter never looked forward to her next procedure, treatment, or test, but she always looked forward to Ronald McDonald House."

Slobodian said that the Ronald McDonald House comforts families with a taste of home. "The house gives families access to an incredible kitchen. It avoids the cost of eating out every day, it helps us stay healthy and focus on the journey ahead. Hotels have their place, but the sterile feel of a hotel does not help your mental health while you're on your journey. The house helps you stay in a positive state of mind and this helps you fight your battle. Some families must quit their jobs while their children are receiving extended medical care. RMH relieves both the mental and financial pressure. We will always be grateful for Ronald McDonald House for all you have done for our family."



The sod turning for the new Regina location.

# Ag advocate Todd Lewis appointed to senate

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Well, I've asked myself that a few times. All the time in my advocacy for agriculture, I always try to be non-partisan and also respectful, and make the hard arguments, but at the same time, don't make them personal and do what was best for Saskatchewan agriculture, and Canadian agriculture as well. That has resonated with folks, and I certainly wasn't expecting this appointment to the Senate, but it is very much appreciated. It sure is a great opportunity and a real challenge going forward.

## What will your new job entail?

Just to get my feet wet in it now. I have appeared before Senate committees in the past on various bills, so it will be interesting on the other side of the table. The Senate is a place where a lot of research gets done, the true house of 'sober second thought.' When bills come through, it's a final sounding board for groups that want to get their point across, about how a bill will affect their lives. I'm sure there's going to be a big learning curve over the next months and probably years to really find out the true nuances of everything at the Senate. But so far so good, and I'm really quite looking forward to getting involved with what happens at the Senate.

There's six senators from Saskatchewan, and I look forward to working with them. Senate is a very welcoming place, a number of senators have reached out and certainly the transition team they have there is excellent. There's lots of help for a first-timer like me to get involved. Last week, I was in the Ottawa for the FCC Farming for the Future event. I got a chance on Tuesday afternoon to go and get my security clearance and tour the Senate and all those kind of things, and there will be orientation next week. You get involved pretty quickly, and it's a very interesting time to be involved, of course, with anything in Ottawa with everything that's going on with the upcoming election, and the Liberal leadership, and certainly everything that's going on internationally, with the tariffs and all those kind of things.

## How important is it to have an agricultural voice in the Senate? Are there many farmers sitting around that table?

As far as active farmers, Mary Robinson from Prince Edward Island—she has been in the Senate for a year. Senator Robert Black had an agriculture background in his career before the Senate, and he's from Ontario. But from Western Canada, as far as a straight ag voice, it's been a few years.

I look forward to not only looking out for Saskatchewan producers, but West-

ern Canadian producers and agriculture in general across the country. It certainly is an interesting time and it's nice to see some ag folks at the Senate because we're so much a part of the overall economy, and for it to be recognized as a position in the Senate is really an honour and really an opportunity.

A lot of people just don't realize the activity that does happen, where our food comes from and how we produce it, and how good a job we do producing it. Not only good quality food, but the buzzword is always 'sustainable agriculture,' but really, in Saskatchewan, that's what we do. In a lot of ways, over the number of years that I've farmed, the overall soil health and carbon management and all the buzzwords that they talk about—well, that's what Saskatchewan producers and ranchers have been doing for the last number of decades. We really lead the world in it, so that viewpoint and information should be helpful to the Senate and influence some of the policy that comes out of Ottawa.

## How much time will you be spending in Ottawa?

You don't have to jump in right away, as far as moving to Ottawa or all that kind of thing. Very few of the senators do actually live in Ottawa, they have temporary accommodation. So that will be a learning curve as well. I'm fortunate, I wouldn't have been able to spend so much time with APAS and the CFA if I didn't have lots of support—my brother Rod and nephew Brendan, the work they do on the farm has certainly given me time to pursue some of these other things. That will certainly continue, and I hope to still be involved in the farm, but there will be less time at certain times of year, that's for sure.

## How did you find out about the appointment?

A couple years ago, there was a call for applications, and you apply to an independent committee. There were some openings coming up with senators retiring, it's mandatory retirement at 75. I put the application in and never really heard anything about it.

Then about a month or so ago, I got a phone call from a gentleman if I was still interested in the application. I said I was, and really never thought much else of it. Then quite quickly, there was an interview process with the Independent Senate Board, one thing led to another, and there was an interview over a Zoom call.

The final step is the prime minister appoints you and I received a phone call from the prime minister at home, which is certainly something that doesn't happen



Todd Lewis speaking at an event.

every day! I was asked if I would accept the position, and I said I would. Before the announcement is made, the Governor General signs off on it and then the Prime Minister announces it. There will be a swearing in ceremony that happens on the floor of the Senate, but the Senate has to be sitting. It's a ceremonial part of a welcoming to the Senate from the other senators, but it's something that is kind of up in the air right now with the Liberal leadership that's going on and who knows if the new prime minister will call an election right away, or they'll come back for a couple days in March. It's all part of the very interesting times that we're getting involved in. There's lots of things to be determined for sure.

## Do you think this will put the Hamlet of Gray on the map?

Gray has already been on the map many times! The Senate, when you do your official paperwork, they won't recognize a hamlet. So, in the official paperwork, it's the RM of Lajord No. 128, which I've been a councillor there for 20 years, they see it recognized. But it would have been really neat to see 'Todd Lewis of Gray, Saskatchewan!' Lots of good curlers came out of Gray, lots of interesting people. It's an honor and really humbling. I had so many calls, so many people congratulate me, and people in the agriculture industry and people involved with APAS, lots of old acquaintances. It's a long way from Gray, Saskatchewan to Ottawa, that's for sure!

## Just how long can a February cold stretch last?

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By this point, I was somewhat frustrated you might say. I went ahead and paid double my mobility bill online, knowing my landline was going to be all paid up for the rest of the year. After all, there could be worse things in life. Three days later, I received a text from Sk Tel Mobility saying it is important that I read my emails because this was their second time contacting me about my overdue mobility bill. Grrrrrr. My second phone call to Sk Tel was met with, "So your landline account has a \$500 credit and your mobility bill has a \$50 credit. The mobility bill shows payment received yesterday," the gentleman told me. My one and only question was, "So why can't you refund my landline overpayment to me?" And behold! The answer was, "No problem at all, ma'am. You will receive the refund cheque in about two weeks." Frustration alleviated.... Though why I got two different answers two days apart baffles me.

One of the things we love, love, love to do when we go south is to, with any luck at all, take in some concerts or comedy shows. We missed Leanne Morgan (comedian) last year by a day but the year before saw one of the world's top three tenor singers, David Phelps as well as the Blackwood Quartet. One year in Maui, we saw a poster in Lahaina saying Bill Engval was going to be there the next night.

Woo-hoo! We were so excited and really enjoyed the laugh-all-night-long evening.

One morning in Palm Springs, we turned on the TV first thing only to see an ad for none other than Bill Engval in just a couple days' time. What?! How did I not know before now, I wondered, just before booking our tickets. This will be one of the highlights of our vacation, I know. Maybe he will even bring Jeff Foxworthy along with him! Here's your sign!!

As I close off (with the huge patio doors wide open long after sunset while the cold remains relentless at home), I am reminded that no matter where I am at any given moment, my heart still belongs to my home and my friends and family back home. And my cats of course. Hubby's heart, generally speaking, belongs to the farm lol. He laughed when I told him that today. I get that he has so much invested in our agriculture operation and that he carries the load so I don't fault him for having 'the farm' right up there at the top of his thoughts. Here's to all our readers and friends in the ag industry who too are invested in this industry and who are always striving to make it one of the best businesses to be in. May you be able to say at the end of every day, "This is where I wanna be and what I wanna do!" Happy farming, friends! Stay warm! The cold will break one of these days.

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# Cultivating prosperity: How plant science innovations are driving Canada's agricultural success

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Canadian agriculture has been a driving force in global agricultural productivity growth for decades, thanks to plant science innovations. A recent report offers insights into the value that plant science innovations have had for Canada's agriculture sector and the greater Canadian economy.

### Economic benefits of plant science innovations

The value added of plant science innovations in Canada has been substantial. In their report, Regulatory Impact Alternatives Strategies (RIAS) estimates the following pre-farm, on-farm, and post-farm economic benefits of plant science innovations in 2023.

**Pre-farm**, crop protection and modern plant breeding sectors contributed over \$3.5 billion in GDP and more than 23,000 jobs to the Canadian economy.

**On-farm**, crop science innovations supported \$14.6 billion dollars in farmgate revenues.

**Post-farm**, these innovations added \$2.5 billion to Canadian wholesale trade GDP and generated close to 19,000 wholesale jobs. They contributed an estimated \$9.1 billion in inputs to key domestic industries downstream of crop production – like grain and oilseed milling, and animal production. And they had a substantial impact on Canada's trade position, generating an estimated \$6.4 billion in export value (approximately 30% of Canada's net agriculture product trade balance that year).

Canadian consumers have also benefited from plant science innovations through lower food costs. In the absence of plant science innovations, Canadian consumers would be paying a much higher price for their food: at least 25% more than they pay now, and perhaps as much as 65% over the average food bill of a consumer. This would have devastating impacts on

food security and nutritional outcomes for Canadian households.

### More innovation is needed to meet productivity goals

In recent years, productivity growth in Canadian agriculture has stagnated, raising concerns about our ability to maintain our leadership position within the global food system, and to meet future challenges and rising food demand. Crop productivity growth peaked in the 2000s, with an average annual growth rate of 2.9% in that decade. Since then, average annual crop productivity growth has been on the decline. The status quo would lead to a decline not recorded since the 1980s.

Rekindling productivity growth to peak levels seen in the past will contribute significantly to capturing the \$30 billion opportunity for Canada's agriculture sector. Plant science innovations have played a pivotal role in driving past productivity growth and improving the profitability of Canadian crop production. If we want to seize this opportunity, we need to boost the momentum of plant science innovation. Here are some key recommendations.

- Foster an inviting business environment to innovations
- Integrate regulatory efficiency into economic growth objectives
- Make innovation, productivity, and competitiveness a top priority

Looking ahead, the potential for future growth in Canada's crop production sector is immense. By developing and embracing new plant science innovations, and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we can enhance productivity, sustain economic growth, and ensure food security for future generations. Together we can cultivate a future where Canadian agriculture thrives as a beacon of innovation and productivity within the global food system.



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# New USask crop research chair receives Sask Wheat support



The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) has committed \$6.5 million to support the establishment of the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission Applied Genomics and Pre-breeding Chair at the University of Saskatchewan (USask).

The new research chair will design and deploy cutting-edge technologies and strategies to assess genetic diversity for delivery into new crop varieties, with a primary focus on wheat.

"We are grateful for the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission's support in advancing crop research," said Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn (PhD), dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at USask. "This new chair will bolster USask's leadership in the development of productive, climate-smart varieties that support a sustainable food production system."

The chair will focus on applying genomics to pre-breeding activities and bridge the gap between discovery research, exploration of gene banks, genomics and breeding. This research is necessary to connect crop wild relatives and commercial varieties. The goal is to translate gene discovery into better adapted varieties for Saskatchewan climates and agronomic pressures therefore providing producers with more rotational options to increase profitability for their operations.

The University of Saskatchewan's Crop Development

Centre is home to some of the best researchers and breeders in the world. This directed funding for a chair position is an investment by wheat growers into our future to develop improved wheat varieties for Saskatchewan," said Jake Leguee, board chair with Sask Wheat, a farmer-funded commission that supports public-sector research and wheat breeding in Saskatchewan and Western Canada.

The new chair will expand and complement the current breeding and training capacity of the Crop Development Centre (CDC) at USask by developing a comprehensive applied genomics and pre-breeding program in wheat and other cereal crops, helping to alleviate bottlenecks that can exist at the pre-breeding stage.

Applying a combination of genomics techniques and data science methods to large collections of available germplasm—the genetic material of a plant—the chair will provide expertise to support the selection of traits valuable in resistance to diseases, pests, heat stress, and drought

tolerance to support climate resiliency and increasing pre-breeding pathology support at the CDC.

"We greatly appreciate the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission for supporting this new position at the CDC," said Dr. Curtis Pozniak (PhD), director of the CDC and USask wheat breeder. "We are proud of the impact of the CDC, which is far-reaching, benefiting the economy and the future of agriculture. This investment will allow us to expand our expertise so that we can continue to deliver on our mission to develop new seed varieties that benefit western Canadian growers while feeding the world."

Expected to be appointed later this year, the chair will hold a faculty position in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources at USask within the CDC and Department of Plant Sciences, providing mentorship and supervision of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in their research and studies.



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# Grazing lease rate formula amended to support livestock producers

The Ministry of Agriculture has amended the Crown land grazing lease rate formula, effective for 2025.

The revisions to the grazing formula will offer relief to producers renting Crown land and contribute to affordability and stability for the livestock sector in the face of rising production costs. Amending the rental formula provides a transparent and straightforward calculation for producers to understand while increasing the stability and predictability of the annual rental rate.

"We have listened to feedback from producers and, as a result, these changes will contribute to the further growth of the province's livestock sector," Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison said. "Additionally, this new formula provides a fair and transparent pricing structure for producers and a fair return for a public asset back to Saskatchewan taxpayers."

"We have been requesting changes to the formula for a while and are pleased

where the province has landed," Saskatchewan Cattle Association Past Chair Keith Day said. "The 20 per cent ceiling on fee increase will help producers and community pastures better plan for any possible changes to the rates."

In 2024, the ministry conducted consultations with livestock producers and industry associations to determine what changes to the grazing formula would provide more predictability for producers. As a result, the ministry has introduced an amended formula that uses price averaging of cattle marketed between October 1 to November 30 of the five preceding years, as opposed to the previous formula based on fall cattle prices from the previous year.

The ministry also introduced a 20 per cent cap on annual rental rate increases. These changes ensure rates are less vulnerable to sharp fluctuations and provide more stability to help producers budget for the coming year.

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