Some of the delicious burger creations from local restaurants during last year's Burger Week.

Burger Week will run February 17-28

BY KARA KINNA

Plans for Burger Week 2025 were discussed at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday.

Previously, Burger Week was hosted by Sharpe's Crop Services, but the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce will be organizing the event this year.

"The Chamber of Commerce will be organizing Burger Week this year and based on feedback from a few of the businesses that were involved last year, we want to do it over two weeks," said Kevin Weedmark at the Chamber meeting Wednesday. "So we'll start it on February 17 and run it until February 28.

"The problem other years is when we had it just running over four days from a Tuesday to a Friday or a Saturday, people were trying to fit all the burgers in and having two at lunch and two at supper and kind of giving up after that. We thought if we spread it out a little bit longer, it would give people a chance to try the burgers without trying to squeeze them all into one week.

"Most of the businesses from last year are in again.

"One thing I'll throw out there—one of the restaurants had suggested that we could have some sort of recognition or trophy for a restaurant to put on display if they are the winner.

"So everyone think about it and let us know what you think what would be a good recognition for whatever the winning restaurant is.

"And there will be more details coming out about that in the next little while."

During Burger Week, local restaurants in the Moosomin area come up with unique burger creations and offer them to the public for a limited amount of time. People get to vote on their favorite burger.

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Moosomin Housing Authority moves locations

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The Moosomin Housing Authority has moved locations to Carleton Street beside the Borderland Co-op Administrative offices.

Justiss McGonigal became manager of the Moosomin Housing Authority this past December.

"I am the manager of the Moosomin Housing Authority. It is a very good and broad job—lots of moving parts to the role for sure. Each month is a learning curve and is something new. Both Shannon and I, being new, are taking it step by step, asking help from higher ups if needed. We have called Sheilagh in and she has been very helpful. Darrell has been really great, too. I started last December and it has been really good. It is dealing with a lot of different personalities. There are so many different personalities out there, so you have to look at the big picture."

McGonigal explains the challenges of managing the housing authority.

"Adapting to each person's needs and personalities can be hard because everyone is different and every situation is different. You have to make sure you go into each tenant's situation with a very open mind and learn how to approach their problems and make it work for them, which I wouldn't say is a challenge because it is something new to learn, but I quite enjoy the challenge to be honest with you. It is very good."

Moving to new location

McGonigal explains the reasoning for the Housing Authority to move locations in town.

"Our lease was going to end in June of 2025 and we saw online that John Glasser had posted this building online and I got thinking about getting a new lease—now would be the time to do it because I wouldn't want to break a lease with anyone. Our former landlord didn't want to sign another five-year lease. There isn't just office space available when you want so that is when I put it forward to my board, then to the higher ups at SHC and they thought it sounded good so next thing you know we were making the move. It might have been only the start of May when we got thinking of that. It happened really quick and then we moved Friday, June 27."

Moosomin Housing Authority is newly located in the old IG Wealth Management building on Carleton Street.

"We lease this space," McGonigal said. "John bought it for the parking spots in the back so he gave us the two spots by Sasktel and the whole building so it is really good.

"We have a lot of space in here and there is a basement as well. There is much more space than our other location. This building was also recently renovated so such a good place for us especially when we are looking long-term. We have zero intentions of ever going anywhere after this move."

Moosomin Housing Authority locations

McGonigal lists the housing available from the Moosomin Housing Authority.

"We have 140 housing units because we picked up Wapella."

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Manager of Moosomin Housing Authority, Justiss McGonigal, outside of the housing authority's new building on Carleton Street beside the Borderland Co-op offices.

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Premier talks tariffs, budget in SARM address Wednesday

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
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The current trade war with the U.S. and a hint at what the coming spring budget might hold were main topics in Premier Scott Moe's address during the second day of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities convention in Saskatoon last week.

Fresh off a visit to Houston, Texas, Moe was attending a mining and energy conference prior to attending the SARM convention, meeting with a number of U.S. President Donald Trump's cabinet and other policy makers, continuing talks as both countries navigate a constantly changing trade war.

In fact, as Moe pointed out to the Saskatoon crowd, threats to impose a 50 per cent tariff on Canadian steel and aluminum were cancelled last Tuesday afternoon, but Trump later imposed a 25 per cent tariff on those same products.

"This does have an impact, obviously, on a number of industries in Saskatchewan directly," Moe said. "It also has an impact indirectly on other industries in this province, such as the ag industry and mining industry. This is how quickly things are changing. It's confusing, it's chaotic, and it isn't good for the markets and it isn't good for North American families."

While many are shouting to strike back in response and continue a trade war, Moe and his fellow cabinet ministers have favoured meeting with American counterparts plus strengthening ties with markets beyond North America.

"What we advocate for wherever we go is a non tariff environment, free and fair trade with our trading partners around the world, and most certainly that's important with our largest trading partner, which is the United States of America," Moe said. "No one wins a trade war, in particular when that trade war has been up until recently isolated to North America. I would say that North American families certainly don't win a trade war, and they certainly don't win when we see tariffs applied either way."

The premier also noted how wealth creation in Saskatchewan has changed over the years—from being once reliant mainly on agriculture to broadening in scope to other areas such as energy.

Premier Scott Moe speaking at SARM

"When you look at how we create wealth in Saskatchewan, it actually isn't that complicated," he said. "How we create wealth in Saskatchewan is through producing things—food, fuel, fertilizer, and many other things, and then we export those things to other areas of the world, to ourselves, and to other Canadians."

Export values in the province rose from $17 billion in 2007 to nearly $50 billion in recent years. Agricultural products make up $20 million of those exports, a number Moe says will continue to climb.

"We exported more in agricultural products this last year than we did in the entirety of every product we had in 2007," he said, adding that the mining sector will have a significant investment of $20-25 billion.

"We are one of the rare jurisdictions in the world where you can still bring a significant mining process project through the exploration phase, through the pre-development phase, and actually have a chance of getting it into production," Moe explained. "That doesn't happen in any of the lower 48 states, and most of Canada today is sanitized as well."

Trade importance in agriculture

Expanding on the importance of the trade relation between Canada and the U.S., Moe used an example of how inter-dependance relates to a Saskatchewan farmer.

"Every industry has a similar story to tell, and I tell it often in Washington and Houston, as to how integrated our economy is in North America," Moe said. "When you think about it, as we work through this quick crop year and where our products come from, you'll very much see that it's integrated for a reason. In Saskatchewan, when you go out to seed in the spring, the first thing that you might do is you might go down to Fargo, North Dakota, and buy a big red quad track tractor. The second thing you'll do is you'll bring that back, and you'll go to St. Brieux, or just outside Regina, and you'll buy a Saskatchewan-built no-till drill. You fill it with seed, where the genetics would come from just down the street here in Saskatoon at the University of Saskatchewan from the Crop Development Centre."

"You put potash in it from this province, you put phosphate in it from Florida, you put nitrogen in it from Redwater Alberta or maybe Oklahoma," he continued. "You then go back down to the U.S., to Des Moines, Iowa, and you'd get a big green sprayer. You bring it back, you put crop protection chemicals in that sprayer that would be manufactured in the southeastern United States, and you go out and apply that on your crop. You go back to Winnipeg as the year progresses, and you buy a Mac Don windrower. You go back down to East Moline, Illinois, and buy a big green combine. You might go to Climax and get a Honey Bee header to put on that combine. You go out and harvest that crop. You'd have a truck that's built in Denton, Texas, pulling trailers that are built in Annaheim, Saskatchewan, and you load your oats up into that trailer, and you'd bring them down to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Quaker Oats would buy them, and people in the U.S. would be employed, adding value to that product, and we would all have oatmeal to eat. That's how we create food security in North America."

Working with each other instead of fighting is how everything comes together, Moe pointed out.

"We do it together," he said. "We don't do it in spite of one another, whether it's the energy industry, the mining industry, the manufacturing industry."

Provincial budget

Moe also gave a preview of the coming budget to those gathered at the SARM conference, dropping a few hints as to what can be expected on March 19, starting with a reminder on how the province has been the only one in Canada to eschew the carbon tax on home heating.

"No other province in Canada is removing the carbon tax on how you heat your homes, the most ridiculous, inflationary carbon tax that this nation has ever experienced," he said. "I would suggest that that should be expanded to all products."

Affordability is a keyword in the coming budget with measures to span every demographic in the province.

"There's a number of tax changes that are happening as well that are going to deliver the largest single tax cut to individuals and families in Saskatchewan that we've seen since 2008, when we removed 110,000 people from the tax rolls. We're going to remove an additional 54,000, people from the provincial tax rolls."

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Next Chamber meeting set for Dec. 16

Lots on agenda with Highways Minister, Young Entrepreneur Bursary presentation, Smile Cookie presentation

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
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The next meeting of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce is set for Tuesday, December 16 at the Moosomin Sportsplex. It will be a busy meeting with lots on the agenda.

Highways Minister at meeting

Provincial Highways Minister Dave Marit will be at the meeting to talk about the highways investments in the Moosomin area.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways invested more than $21.2 million in the Moosomin area this construction season, with five major projects taking place, including repaving Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville, a truck pull out rest area east of Moosomin on the Trans-Canada Highway, micro surfacing on the Trans-Canada Highway between Moosomin and Wapella, microsurfacing on Highway 8 south of Moosomin, and seal coating on Highway 48 between Windthorst and Highway 9.

Smile Cookie presentation

After raising over $16,000 in the Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, Moosomin Tim Hortons will be making a cheque presentation to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre with the proceeds from the fundraiser.

Young Entrepreneur Bursary

A presentation will be made to Tia Cedarstrand from Third Avenue on Main. Third Avenue on Main in Moosomin is one of 57 businesses in Saskatchewan that has been chosen to receive $5,000 through the provincial government's new Young Entrepreneur Bursary.

Above: A presentation will be made to Tia Cedarstrand who is receiving the Young Entrepreneur Bursary. **Right:** Highways Minister Dave Marit. **Below:** Tim Hortons will present the proceeds from the Smile Cookie fundraiser to the Moosomin Visual Arts Centre.

Daycare presentation

Playfair Daycare will be doing a presentation at the Chamber meeting to talk about the progress on the new daycare building under construction and some of their fundraising initiatives.

Parks & Rec presentation

The Moosomin Parks & Rec Department will be talking about their trip to Stratford, Ontario where the town found out how they did in the national Communities in Bloom competition. They will also be talking about the rec department's plans for 2026.

SE College presentation

Southeast College will be at the meeting to talk about their plans to offer an English as an Additional Language program in Moosomin.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16 at the Moosomin Sportsplex at 11:45 am.

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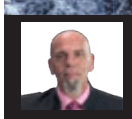
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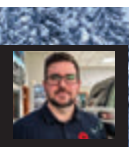
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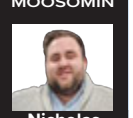
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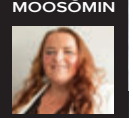
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Chris Fahlman arrested and charged for shooting of Tanya Myers on Hwy 39 near Weyburn

BY NICOLE TAYLOR
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Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes has arrested and charged Chris Fahlman of Regina in relation to the death of 44-year-old Tanya Myers of Weyburn.

Tanya Myers was a passenger in one of two vehicles that were struck by bullets while travelling on Highway 39 near Weyburn on September 12, 2025.

Major Crimes has been investigating the incident since, and as a result, arrested Fahlman in Regina on November 1.

42-year-old Chris Fahlman from Regina is charged with:

- one count, manslaughter with firearm
- one count, careless use of a firearm
- one count, carry a weapon for the purpose of committing an offence
- one count, occupy a motor vehicle knowing there is a firearm inside

Fahlman appeared in Regina Provincial Court on Monday.

"We thank the Weyburn Police Service, who were first on the scene when the incident occurred, as well as the Saskatchewan RCMP, Saskatchewan Provincial Protective Services and Saskatchewan Marshals Service officers who conducted extra regular patrols in the area while Major Crimes investigated the incident," said Saskatchewan RCMP.

Saskatchewan RCMP said in a news conference Monday morning that the public and the media were helpful in the arrest of Fahlman.

Above: Chris Fahlman of Regina who was charged with the shooting. Right: Tanya Myers.

Fahlman was arrested on the morning of November 1 in Regina.

"Right at the onset of the investigation we put information out through our news partners to ask for people to come forward, where vehicles were identified, and asking for information from the public," said Ashley St. Germaine, Senior Investigative Officer with the Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crimes Branch.

"Those questions were answered. The public was extremely co-operative in providing us with information to forward the investigation, and our news partners were very helpful in making sure that we were able to get that information out there so that we could forward this investigation. Our teams are extremely appreciative of that."

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