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Happy New Year Everyone! On behalf of the Library Board & Staff, we would like to thank you for your patronage over the past year. We wish you health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

New to You begins January 2nd and continues on January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. We would like to thank our volunteers Carol Thomasgard, Lily Earnshaw, Vicki Shiels, and Don Forbes for keeping New to You running smoothly, as well as everyone who donates items — in these hard economic times, New to You has many regular customers and provides a valuable service to Porcupine Plain & Area. Thank you also to the volunteers who helped with the Kids Christmas Shopping Spree in December, to those who donated items for the sale, and to Santa Claus for taking time out of his busy schedule to pop by!

January Programming:

- ◇ **Playschool & Daycare Storytime** Tuesdays @ 10:30a.m.-11:15a.m. Moms with young families are welcome to attend as well!
- ◇ **New to You** will once again be sponsored by the Library during the month of January. Pop in Tuesdays between 9a.m. & 4p.m. on Tuesdays, to buy gently used clothing and household items, with proceeds to benefit the Library.

January Reading Picks...

Adult Fiction:

- * *The Ball at Versailles* by Danielle Steel
- * *Unnatural Death* by Patricia Cornwall
- * *The Watchmaker's Hand* by Jeffrey Deaver
- * *Inheritance* by Nora Roberts

Adult Non-Fiction:

- * *How Canada Works* by Peter Mansbridge
- * *How Not to Age*
- * *Under Cover*
- * *Indictment*

Movies:

- * Oppenheimer
- * Sound of Freedom
- * Expendables
- * My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

Kids:

- * Garfield Fully Caffeine
- * Mercy Watson is Missing
- * Ink Girls
- * Best Buddies

Teens:

- * Gwen and Art Are Not In Love
- * Didn't See that Coming
- * Every Time You Go Away

Until next time... have you read a good book lately



Braxton Rodgers (right) with Coach Jordan Lama (left), with banners now on display at Tisdale Middle & Secondary School

Leayon and Donna Rodgers' grandson, Braxton Rodgers, attended the Provincial Competition for the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) held in Moose Jaw. There, Braxton earned the title of NASP 3D Target Middle School Boys Provincial Champion; his score of 267 out of 300 positioned him 3rd out of 192 archers across the province (Grades 4-12).

Later, with another score of 267, Braxton earned NASP 3D Target Middle School Boys Canadian National Champion, ranking him 8th best male archer in the country among students in Grades 4-12.

Career Connect in Porcupine Plain

Job Fair / Volunteerism Opportunity

This is a FREE event for residents to gather and discuss career opportunities in our community. Information will be available and shared, along with scheduled presentations to highlight potential career options. *No registration required.*

Thursday, January 25, 2024 4 to 8p.m.
Porcupine Plain Community Hall

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For more information, contact
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Produced by your local Economic Development Committee

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HOCKEY FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS LOCAL FAMILY

On Friday, December 22, 2023, the Senior Blues hockey team hosted a fundraiser game with proceeds going towards Madison Butler, the 14-month-old daughter of Brittany Mahussier and Cole Butler from Porcupine Plain.

At just nine months old, when a large brain tumour was discovered, Madison was diagnosed with Grade 3 Anaplastic Ependymoma (Type-A) Brain Cancer. Madison had surgery in August 2023 to remove the tumor. Following surgery, the family made several trips to Saskatoon for appointments and MRIs to come up with a treatment plan. Unfortunately, Madison is too young to receive the photon radiation offered in Canada and, due to the fast-growing nature of this type of cancer, waiting was not an option. As a result, Madison needed to go to Chicago for six weeks of proton therapy radiation, which delivers a more precise beam of radiation. The family has since made two trips to Chicago — one for planning and scans, and another a few weeks later for treatment. Madison has done amazing through each obstacle she's encountered, but her fight is far from over. This family is looking at ongoing medical and travel expenses for the rest of Madison's life.

A Teddy Bear Toss was arranged for the evening and, at the time of the Blues' first goal – which occurred just 37 seconds into the game – the teddy bears flew! Teddy bears were available for purchase prior to the game, with funds benefiting Madison's family; the bears were collected following the Teddy Bear Toss, with new bears being donated to Jim Pattison's Children's Hospital and used teddies going to Salvation Army & Food Banks.

The night began with an announcement that the Hudson Bay Hunters donated \$1,000 to Madison and her family, demonstrating the amazing support that the hockey community gives. The evening offered live and silent auction items generously donated by the community, as well as a \$5,000 Guaranteed 50/50 sponsored by Prosoils and Quikshift Mechanical. The 50/50 take-home was \$8,130 and the big winner, Ray Moroz, donated all of it back — splitting the pot equally three ways between Madison, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, and the Senior Blues.

It was an incredible evening at Chase Place Arena. The Blues played one heck of a game, coming out with a 5-3 win, and the community rallying and raising a total of \$64,329.50 to support Madison and her family.




The Porcupine Plain Senior Blues present Madison and parents, Brittany Mahussier & Cole Butler, with a donation of \$64,329.50 raised at the December 22nd hockey game

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PORCUPINE PLAIN...

Friday, January 5th - Wildlife Club Horn Measuring
Quilly's Community Place Gymnasium 4-8pm. *Get your 2024 Membership!*

Thursday, January 11th - Town Council Meeting
Call Town Office by Monday prior to meeting to add agenda item - 306-278-2262.

 Thursday, January 25th - Career Connect Job Fair
Porcupine Plain Community Hall 4-8pm. Free event for residents to gather and discuss career opportunities in our community. Information tables & scheduled presentations. Scan QR code for more information.

WEEKLY:
Indoor Walking
Monday to Friday at 9-10am at Quilly's Community Place (except holidays). *Everyone welcome!*

New to You
Tuesdays 9am-4pm at Quilly's Community Place. Purchase gently used clothes/items & support your community! *December sales benefit Porcupine Library.*

Porcupine Plain Sunset Club
Shuffleboard - Wed 1pm | Bingo - Fri 7pm
Potluck Birthday Supper to honour all members born that month, on the last Friday of each month starting at 5:30pm - followed by Bingo!
Sunset Club is also open for event rentals on weekends (birthdays, showers, etc.)
Call: Sharon 306-278-7127 or Debbie 306-278-7786 or Muriel 306-278-7323.

Singing at Red Deer Nursing Home
Every Wednesday meet at RDNH at 2pm. One week Hymns, next week other songs! For more info, call Joan 306-278-2165 or Muriel 306-278-7323.

Yoga
Tuesdays at 6pm at Quilly's Community Place Gym, by donation. Contact Aijing Li for more info 306-813-8898.

Indoor Pickleball
Wednesday & Sunday evenings at 7pm at Quilly's Community Place Gym. \$5 per person, per night. Call or text Darryl for more info 306-278-7595.

Karate for All Ages!
Fridays at 6pm at PPCS Gymnasium. For more info, call Ashlee 306-813-7233.

Story Stroll at Scott Park
Enjoy a story while you stroll thru Scott Park! Entrance on Oak Street. *Presented by Porcupine Public Library & Town of Porcupine Plain.*

For even more updates and info, follow us on Facebook & Instagram
Visit www.porcupineplain.com for complete Events Calendar

Save the Date...
Unity in the Community Event
Saturday, February 10th
Snowmobile Derby
Saturday, February 24th

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Catholic Church

Rev. Alberto Dela Pena | rcparish.tisdale@sasktel.net

Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. starting January 1st

Prayer Baptist Church

Pastor Karl Galindez - 306-981-2400 - prayerbaptistchurch.ca

Sunday Worship 11a.m. | Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer 7p.m

Weekes Evangelical Chapel

Adult Sunday School 10a.m. | Sunday Worship 11a.m.

Weekly Bible Study - Day & Location vary

Call Heidi 306-278-7883 | Pastoral Care, call Neil 306-278-7501



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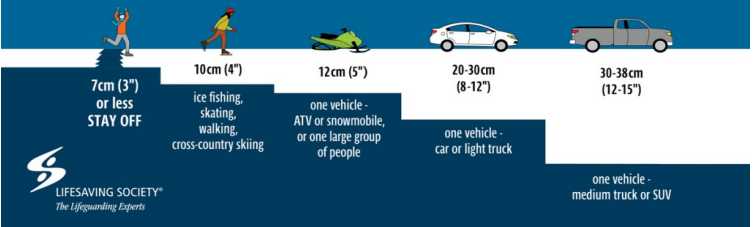
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Contact Bruce Toews at 306-813-7937 *Everyone welcome!*

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Measure clear hard ice in several places.



To assist the snow removal process, please
remove recycle/garbage bins from the street following
pickup, and move vehicles off street
after snowfall. Do not shovel or plough snow
onto streets, sidewalks or alleys.

*Note: Vehicles are not to be parked on the street
for more than a 24-hour period.*

Are you looking for work in Porcupine Plain?
Visit the Town website for a list of
current opportunities!
www.porcupineplain.com/category/job-posting

RECYCLING & GARBAGE SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Entire Town -Garbage	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Entire Town -Recycle	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Entire Town -Garbage	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Entire Town -Recycle	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Entire Town -Garbage	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Entire Town -Recycle	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Entire Town -Garbage	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Entire Town -Recycle	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Entire Town -Garbage		

Do not place garbage or other non-recyclable items in your blue recycle bin. Refer to the list of recyclable and non-recyclable items below. IF YOU ARE UNCERTAIN IF AN ITEM IS RECYCLABLE, ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION AND THROW IT IN THE GARBAGE! The ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD will be REJECTED if there is even one non-recyclable item in the load.

Space is required for the truck to pick up your bins; when placing bins on street, leave room for pickup. Do not place your bin close to another bin or beside a vehicle. In order for your garbage or recycling to be picked up by the Greenland truck, your items must be neatly INSIDE the bin, with the lid CLOSED. You CANNOT have bags on top of the bin or beside it. The driver does not get out to physically toss the garbage into the truck. Your bin will not be picked up/dumped if there is garbage on the lid.

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- ⇒ PLASTIC CONTAINERS, MILK CARTONS & PLASTIC MILK JUGS (*plastics numbered 2 through 7 - must be clean!*)
- ⇒ TIN & ALUMINUM CANS (*must be clean, with or without labels*)

Kitchen: Milk jugs, Milk cartons, Creamer cartons & bottles, Paper egg cartons, Soup/Vegetable/other food cans, Aluminum & tin cans, Pie tins, Plastic juice bottles, Yogurt & salad dressing containers, Cereal boxes, Cardboard boxes (unsoiled)
Bathroom: Body wash, Shampoo & Conditioner bottles, Plastic hairspray & shaving bottles, Toilet paper cones, Tissue boxes, Plastic pill bottles
Office: Office paper, Catalogs, Phone books, Sticky notes, Scrap paper, Cardboard boxes (flattened)
Laundry: Laundry soap containers, Spot remover bottles, Bleach containers
ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN!

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

Plastic grocery/shopping bags, Glass, Plastic wrap, Single-use plastic containers (clamshells, etc.), Styrofoam, Ceramics, Light bulbs, Soiled cardboard (including pizza boxes), Pet food bags, Hazardous chemical containers, Scrap metal, Car parts, Plastic toys, Household garbage.

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Saturday Steak Night



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2023 CHRISTMAS CASH PROMOTION

Each year the Porcupine Plain Economic Development Committee, along with a number of local businesses, partner together to promote shopping locally during the holiday season. This year's participating merchants included Parkland Co-op, Fields, Slobodian Pharmacy, Caroline's Restaurant, Heidi's Hair Studio, Jig's Restaurant, Bits 'n Pieces, and Klimm McKee Law; this promotion is made possible with support from Affinity Credit Union.

Thanks to these contributors, the PP EDC had a total of \$1,750 in prizes to draw for,

that the lucky winners will be able to "spend" at participating merchants until June 2024.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Christmas Cash Promotion:

Kelly Smith	\$100
Lorelle Steiestol	\$100
Cory Penner	\$100
Pat Morvik	\$100
Marilyn Ziola	\$100
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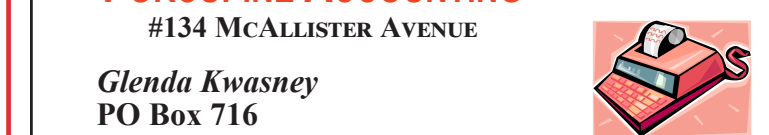
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- ◆ to Nutrien and Altitude Electric for purchasing and installing solar light at the PCU Park Outdoor Rink
- ◆ to Parkland Co-op, who supported the Red Deer Nursing Home raffle and the meal program at Porcupine Plain Comprehensive School, and collected non-perishable food items to donate to local families this holiday season
- ◆ to the Anonymous Donor who provided \$10,000 to be divided amongst Chase Place Arena, Porcupine & District Museum, Sunset Club, and Air Cadets
- ◆ to Affinity Credit Union who donated \$13,000 to the Fire Department to put towards a new tire truck, and \$8,000 to the Trail Blasters Snowmobile Club to help rebuild the Timberwolf warmup shelter
- ◆ to the Porcupine Legion, who donated \$1,000 to each of the Porcupine & District Museum, Air Cadets, Sunset Club & Hope Foundation
- ◆ to the many hands who gave the Town of Porcupine Plain's Christmas decorations a much-needed facelift: Mr. Riley and his Grade 10 Welding Class who turned the Christmas stars into shooting stars, and created new Christmas balls to be added to next year's displays; Town staff Cindy & Koral, and friend Debbie Holinaty, for covering the stars with lights and garland; and to Town public works staff for installing them over the holiday season
- ◆ to Prosoils, Kirk Smith and K&D Smith Farms, and Rick & Loreen Farley Smith and their crew, for



PPCS Grade 10 Welding Class



Affinity Credit Union supports Timberwolf Shelter



Affinity Credit Union donation to Fire Department

supporting the Porcupine Plain Youth in Motion program, and to Youth in Motion for providing much needed support for youth here in Porcupine Plain

- ◆ to AWD Hoffus Farms, who offered a piece of land to Chase Place Arena rent-free, and seeded, sprayed and harvested the crop; to Nutrien, who donated over \$5,000 in chemical; and to Althouse Honey Farms who covered \$1,500 in fuel — when all was said and done, this project brought in over \$30,000 to benefit Chase Place Arena!

Larwood-Shaw Memorial Pool Community Calendars Have Arrived!

PICK UP CALENDARS AT THE TOWN OFFICE OR CALL KORAL 306-292-8901

CHASE PLACE ARENA SCHEDULE JANUARY 2024

Fri, Jan 5th	Free Public Skating	3:45 to 6:30p.m.
Sat, Jan 6th	U13 Game	3p.m.
Fri, Jan 12th	Free Public Skating	3:45-5:30p.m.
Mon, Jan 15th	U9 Game	6p.m.
Wed, Jan 17th	U13 Game	6p.m.
Fri, Dec 19th	Free Public Skating	3:45-6:15p.m.
Sat, Jan 20th	U9 Game	11a.m.
	U15 Aces Game	1p.m.
	Senior Blues Game	8p.m.
Fri, Jan 26th	Free Public Skating	3:45-7p.m.
	Park Posse U18 Game	7:30p.m.
Sat, Jan 27th	U11 Game	1p.m.
	Senior Blues Game	8p.m.
Sun, Jan 28th	Senior Blues Game	3p.m.

Schedule subject to change.
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AUXILIARY HOSTS 58TH ANNUAL CAROL FESTIVAL

On Sunday, December 10th, the Porcupine Health Care Auxiliary hosted its 58th Annual Carol Festival. In front of a packed house, with standing room only, the day's program featured performances by the Catholic and Prayer Baptist Churches, the Filipino and Mennonite communities, and a number of other soloists and groups.

Emcee Muriel Cameron entertained with a collection of Christmas jokes and assisted community development officer, Koral Kriger, in drawing the winners of the Economic Development Committee's Christmas Cash Promotion. Ardith Lindenback with the Auxiliary thanked the community for supporting their fundraising events throughout the year, which include a Flea Market and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon in April, Bake Sale & Trade Show in October, and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon at Santa Day in early December.

Through their fundraising efforts, the Auxiliary is able to support the Porcupine-Carragana Hospital and other organizations and individuals. In 2023, the Auxiliary provided a \$500 bursary to Janice Dierker to assist with her medical studies; donated \$500 to each of Ronald McDonald House, Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan, and Telemiracle; and donated \$2,000 to the Porcupine Hope Foundation. The Auxiliary was also able to purchase a vitals monitor for the Hospital at a cost of \$3,500, as well as five bubble air mattresses for the Red Deer Nursing Home at a cost of \$560, which will help ease the discomfort of bedsores. The Auxiliary has also ordered a special bed for the treatment room, as well as a track lift for a bathing room at the Nursing Home.



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