



# Namao Agricultural Society

Promoting Community Spirit & Agricultural Awareness

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## Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming events include:

### Community Skate Block Party

Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. @ Jack Speers Community Rink

~ hot dogs, chips & hot beverages to keep you warm ~

FREE! FAMILY FRIENDLY! EVERYONE WELCOME!

**\*\* Please bring a nonperishable item for the food bank! \*\***



### Jack Speers Community Rink



Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Jack Speers Community Rink

*Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ 1:00 p.m.*

*with a community skate to follow*

cake, snacks, and hot beverages will be offered

FAMILY FRIENDLY! EVERYONE WELCOME!

*Come celebrate with us!*

### Annual 4 on 4 Hockey Tournament – Friday & Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

*Winning Prize: \$300*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$100*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Place: reg fee refunded*

Limited space available! Registration fee is \$50 per team (min. 4 players/max. 5 players per team)

All skill levels! Must be 16 years or older. Spectators welcome! Concession & Beer Gardens.

For details or to register, contact: [jessica.caspowe@hotmail.com](mailto:jessica.caspowe@hotmail.com) or [danielldlow@hotmail.com](mailto:danielldlow@hotmail.com)

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#### OTHER NEWS & HAPPENINGS IN NAMA O COUNTRY...

*CHILDREN PLAYING, people bustling to Maristin's Market (Johnny's Store) for Christmas shopping, and a Zamboni clearing the ice rink are all things we will see during our travels through Namao this winter. You read that right – we now have a Zamboni for the Jack Speers Community Rink! This will be a big help with keeping the rink cleared and ready to be used! We hope that your family, friends and neighbours enjoy the rink on a frequent basis this season!*

## Namao United Church

<b>Christmas Potluck Supper &amp; Silent Auction:</b>	Saturday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Bon Accord United Church Lots of fun and great food; the auction is one-of-a-kind!
<b>Blue Christmas Service:</b>	Tuesday, Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. If you have had a difficult year and you would like to remember loved ones, join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.
<b>Christmas Carol Sing &amp; Scripture:</b>	Sunday, Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Bon Accord United Church
<b>Christmas Eve Services:</b>	Monday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. Namao United Church OR Monday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Bon Accord United Church



THANK YOU! The Namao United Church Women (UCW) wish to thank the many community members who made the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Supper on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> such a success. Without the tremendous work and support of the many members of all ages and the Namao community, this event would not take place. It is a true celebration of the spirit of this amazing community in which we live for which we are especially thankful.

## Namao 4H Trailbusters

Namao 4H Trailbusters currently consists of 22 members and 2 Cleaver Kids. There will be eight different projects this year including: creative options, archery/shooting sports, photography, crafts, foods, woodworking, field crops, and leadership.

Coming up is the 4H District Christmas party in Bon Accord at the end of November.

Contact Dave Kinniburgh at 780-456-4852 to find out more information about this fun club!

## Namao Preschool Society

**MISSION:** To provide an affordable, quality, community-based early childhood education program where all children are welcome.

Spaces still available for 2018/2019! 2.5 – 5 year olds (must be potty-trained)

See [namaopreschool.com](http://namaopreschool.com) or its Facebook page for more details. Call 780-973-5678, ext. 3 (leave msg) or email [namaopreschool@gmail.com](mailto:namaopreschool@gmail.com) for additional info.

## Namao Museum and Archives Society

In 1879, two men from Ontario were surveying for a railway line in this area and returned home. The next year, several families journeyed by train then oxen cart to this area. They called it “Sturgeon Settlement” due to the sturgeon fish in the river. The Cree called it “Namao” – their word for Sturgeon. Pre-1900 photographer Ernst Brown spelled it “Namayo”. Today, the artifacts/history of this vibrant community and of the brave, hard-working pioneers can be seen/explained by booking a visit to our Namao Museum house and agricultural barn.

A casino fundraiser in support of the museum is scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at Century Casino in St. Albert. Please call 973-5678, ext. 2 or send an email to [info@namaomuseum.ca](mailto:info@namaomuseum.ca) if you would like to help.

### **NAMAo AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CONTACTS:**

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*Namao Agricultural Society memberships are only \$10 per year per family! If you wish to purchase a membership for the October 2018 – October 2019 year, please contact Theresa Stratton at 780-973-5516 or email [namaoagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:namaoagsociety@gmail.com). E-transfers can be sent to [namaoagsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:namaoagsociety@hotmail.com). With your support, we can continue to maintain the community facilities and offer fun community events!*