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Val Sweeting, at left, with son Jaxen Nott and Marcia and Ross Sweeting after winning the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Feb. 1.

Scotties champion Val Sweeting proud of her Maryfield curling roots

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Val Sweeting grew up in Maryfield and started curling at the Maryfield rink at a young age before her family moved to Alberta years later. She has competed in 10 Scotties Tournaments of Hearts as team Alberta and team Manitoba.

Sweeting and her team won the Scotties Curling Championship on February 1 and are gearing up to represent Canada at the World Women's Curling Championships in Calgary from March 14-22.

Sweeting recalls her first memory of curling—at a school-wide bonspiel when she was younger.

"I grew up on a farm between Maryfield and Fairlight. I started curling in Maryfield. My earliest curling memory is the school-wide bonspiel we would do back when I was in Grade 1," she says.

"My parents played recreationally so I was always at the rink watching them until I started playing more con-

"I've always thought of Maryfield as home and remember those roots"

—Val Sweeting

sistently around Grade 4. Barb Swallow got a team together with two of her daughters and then there were five of us who played together until I moved away in Grade 8. My mom had transferred from Sask Wheat Pool to another grain terminal, but I did stay with curling. I remembered one of the first questions I asked my parents when we moved was 'What about my curling team?!' and Vegreville is a much bigger town, so we didn't really think anything of it, but when we got there, we quickly discovered that curling wasn't really popular amongst kids my

age—they were into other sports.

"So, my sister and I joined with two other people from Lamont, and we curled out there for a year. After that, my sister was graduating from high school, so I found a team in Edmonton about an hour away and my parents drove me into the city all of the time for practices and games, and I just kept at it from there."

Team Canada in Scotties this year

Sweeting explains her team represented Team Canada at the Scotties as default due to the timing of the Olympics.

"I've been to 10 Scotties now in total. My first one was in 2010 and we made it there by winning the Alberta Women's Provincials. I am the youngest skip to have won Alberta Provincials. It seems so long ago now thinking back to my first Scotties. I won a few more provincials after that with two in Alberta and one in Manitoba."

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Val Sweeting during the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.



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"Then, some of the Scotties we won we then returned as Team Canada so we would qualify some years that way, but now there are also some pre-qualification spots available, so you accumulate points throughout the season and then the top three at the end of the season earn a spot in the Scotties the following year. So, this year was a bit different for us because we had one of the prequalification spots based on our points last year, so we knew we were going to the Scotties for sure, either way, but then when Holman won the Canadian Curling trials in November, they could no longer participate in the Scotties this year because of the timing of the tournament and the Olympics.

"So that is how we represented Team Canada this year at the Scotties because Team Canada defaults to the team that lost in the finals the year before.

"I know that a lot of people were saying we didn't earn the right to be Team Canada this year because we didn't win last year, and I do sincerely think it is unfortunate that the Scotties does conflict with the Olympics and that Team Holman couldn't be there. They have been such a dominant team especially in the last couple of seasons, so the timing of everything is really unfortunate.

"If there was going to be a backup Team Canada, I do think that our team has earned that, because if it hasn't been Team Holman, it has been us representing Team Canada. It is always an honour to wear the Maple Leaf and we definitely know it was under different circumstances this year, but it was still such an honour to wear it at the Scotties. We started the week off good and then lost a few quite badly, so it was hard at times to regroup, but I am really proud of doing that, coming out and having a good Sunday game and giving ourselves a chance."

Looking forward to worlds

Sweeting says she is looking forward to a short break before getting ready for worlds in March.

"We have a few weeks to prepare for the world championship which is really nice. Usually, it is only about a two-week turnaround, but this year we have a bit more time because of the Olympics. I am looking forward to getting some downtime and then also to begin preparing for worlds. My team is based out of Manitoba so I will probably go there at some point in February to practice with them. We look forward to representing Canada at the worlds, and the fact that it is in Canada this year in Calgary, it is very exciting to have the home crowd on our side and in my home province. I am very excited."

Future goals

Sweeting still has personal goals she would like to achieve in her sport.

"There are still some things on my list that I would love to accomplish. Winning a world championship would be at the forefront right now because we have an opportunity to do that. Completing a career grand slam and winning Olympic gold would also be on my list, but I know even if I didn't curl another day from today on, I am grateful for the career I've had, and the opportunities curling has provided to me. I am proud of what I have been able to



Val Sweeting with Rachel Big Eagle of Maryfield, who was competing as part of team Saskatchewan at the Scotties this year.

do to date and I am proud of the teams that I have been on along the way as well."

Growing up in curling

Sweeting reflects on her past curling experiences and what motivated her to compete at the Scotties from a young age.

"I know when I started curling, I thought it was fun and something I enjoyed doing, and in a small town anywhere, you have to play most sports in order for there to even be a team, so I played a lot of sports growing up like volleyball, basketball, badminton, curling, ball, and when I moved to Vegreville it was eye-opening because there were more people so not everyone played every sport because a lot of the seasons would overlap with each other. I wanted to play volleyball, but I also wanted to curl, and they often conflicted with each other, so I had to pick one. Naturally, curling seemed to fit better and that is what I ended up doing."

"I remember it was tough at times when I moved, because curling wasn't necessarily a 'cool' thing to do, and I was gone a lot, and so you miss things. When I was 16 my team was going to the U18 provincials, and the Scotties happened to be in Red Deer that year, so my coach stopped on the way and got us tickets to one of the draws and I just remember seeing the curlers out there with their provincial gear on and the atmosphere, it just felt so different from any other curling experience I ever had."

"That was the first time I thought I would love to play in the Scotties. Watching it on TV before made me think

I would love to play in it, but actually being there and being in the environment is when I knew for sure I really wanted to do it."

"We ended up winning the U18 provincials that year and going to nationals, and so we got our provincial jackets and all of the exciting things that came with that international experience. I always thought that was really cool as well, so there have been these bits of motivation along the way. Then, fast forward to 2010, about six years later after the U18 provincials I was going to my first Scotties. It is a pretty special event. It feels different than any other curling event."

Maryfield home to many strong curlers

Sweeting credits local leaders for their dedication and initiative in creating opportunities such as curling for younger generations.

"I think it takes someone to initiate it, and in my experience that was Barb Swallow getting us together in Grade 1. I know that the Lemon family in Maryfield are also big curlers—I played with Brittany Lemon myself—so you definitely need those coaches and people to have the opportunity and then create it for others to step up and get more involved."

"I think it is junior programs and the co-ordinators who provide those opportunities for the curlers. I remember when I was in Maryfield watching the older teams be successful and go to provincials and nationals, it was motivating. I know at one point there were a few of us represented in provincials—a few from growing up had moved away from Maryfield as well—some in Manitoba, some were still in Saskatchewan, and I was in Alberta, but all of us from Maryfield, and there was probably five or so of us each competing in provincials. I've always thought of Maryfield as home and remember those roots."

Sweeting adds curling has taught her many life lessons.

"Part of it is something I have always done and then part of it is remembering the experiences and opportunities it provides. I think it is really cool to hear how it brings people together, whether that be friends and family getting together to watch a game on TV or coming to an event."

"For myself, having that confidence to go after something is important. Sometimes it works and you win, and sometimes you don't and learn. It has taught me that if you work hard and put your mind to something, anything is possible."

Hometown crowd at worlds

Sweeting says she is looking forward to the fan atmosphere at worlds this year in Calgary.

"The first time we made it to worlds, it was cancelled because of Covid and that was really tough. The next time we played there were no fans, so it felt like we didn't really get the full world championship experience, and then we went back to Prince George, which we were super excited for, because that is where our first one was cancelled, and it was really great having the hometown crowd and feeling that was amazing."

"We are really looking forward to playing in the championship with the fans, on Canadian soil, and representing our country."

Rachel Big Eagle grew up in Maryfield and recently competed at third Scotties

Maryfield curler represents Saskatchewan at Scotties

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Rachel (Erikson) Big Eagle of Maryfield represented team Saskatchewan at the Scotties in Mississauga, Ontario from January 23 to February 1. She grew up on her family farm by Maryfield and credits her love for the sport to the volunteers involved in the town's curling community.

"I am from Maryfield. I was born and raised there. I was involved in curling at a very young age," she says. "We have a very driven community around curling in Maryfield and I believe that is what motivated me to curl. I started at a young age and then began curling competitively. I stuck with it all throughout university and then graduated, got a job, and still continue to curl."

Big Eagle played against Scotties Champion Val Sweeting, another successful curler from Maryfield.

"I have been to the Scotties before. I was there in 2021 and 2022. Those were during Covid years, so it was a very different experience. I was a fifth player as well, so I was primarily on the bench. I did play a few games, but this time was a completely different experience. You're on the ice every day and that is a grind. It is a lot of games, and it is physically and mentally tough and to have the crowd there—I was lucky enough to have lots of family and friends come out to support me—that was super special."

"Playing against Val, I've gotten to know her through the curling world. Our paths have crossed a few times, but it is really neat to see someone with similar roots as me doing as great as she is. She is a very successful curler and it is really neat that we share that beginning point of Maryfield."

Vibrant curling community in Maryfield

Big Eagle says she enjoys returning to Maryfield to practice in her home curling rink.

"We have some very dedicated curling lovers in Maryfield and they have really just taken on that role of passing it down to younger curlers. I am sure it is the same for Val, but the program I started curling in is still around and still going. It is a lot of the same people still running it honestly, and that passion of theirs just translates down the line."

"I live in Manor on a farm, but I practice in both Carlyle and Maryfield. I work on our family farm in Maryfield so



Rachel Big Eagle of Maryfield curling at the Scotties.

I am there quite often, and they're always very accommodating and welcoming. It is always fun to practice back at home. I really enjoy going there."

She says other successful curlers in the community motivated her to pursue it competitively.

"The Scotties was always the dream for me. I think growing up it was so motivating having people from Maryfield that I knew personally do well with it and who were very successful. The Lemon girls, they had very successful junior careers and even into university, so it is neat

when you know someone personally. I think it makes that dream a little less out of reach because you can picture yourself in that position. So, it has been cool to have that many people to look up to over the years."

Curling a small world

Big Eagle says she thanks curling for the people and opportunities she has experienced.

"The people I've met during curling and crossed paths with, it is a very small world, even talking about crossing paths with Val who is a five-time Scotties Champion now. It is insane how often that happens. Just the people you get to know along the way. The curling world is so small, but it is also so supportive and welcoming, so that has been really special for me."

"I would also say I am a competitor through and through. You get to a stage like that, and you want to win. It is such a fun experience being there competing. When you get on a stage like that, it makes all of the tougher moments worth it and all the practice hours worth it because that is what you do it for, to get to that stage."

Next steps

Big Eagle says she plans to return to the Scotties next season in hopes of representing team Saskatchewan again.

"For women's specifically my season is done. Curling keeps going, there are lots of opportunities for people who want to play mixed and mixed doubles. I am not sure what is next for me. I am going to take a break at the moment, it has been a busy season. I will keep practicing of course."

"Next year our team is unfortunately going to look a little bit different. Our skip Jolene is stepping away from curling, which is sad because she has been such a great teammate of mine for so many years, but I totally understand that is what is best for her right now. We are going to miss her, but of course that is the dream to go back to the Scotties, and I will be looking for a team I can do that with for sure."



Left: Rachel Big Eagle and teammate Dayna Demmans curling at the Scotties as part of Team Saskatchewan.

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Hanelt has a personal connection to her major

Brooklyn Hanelt's journey toward her major began with a personal connection



Brooklyn Hanelt's journey toward her major began with a personal connection.

"What inspired me to choose my major was having gone to a speech-language pathologist when I was a child," the Minot State senior said. "I wanted to do something that I understood and had previous experiences with, understanding what it was like to have unfortunate circumstances as a younger kid, and sometimes getting bullied for the way I spoke. Getting help and being able to help another child and understand what it felt like was the main reason why I applied for my program."

That passion grew after she arrived on campus.

"When I started college, I discovered what audiology was, and I just fell in love with the idea of audiology," she said.

Music played a big role in that decision.

"Music has been a very big thing in my life. It's just kind of always been my way of getting through things," she said. "I've always been known as the jukebox in my family—anything music is just like a really big on who I am."

Outside the classroom, Hanelt spent all four years involved in residence life, growing from a resident assistant to a residence hall director. She said the best part has always been the people.

"What has been the most rewarding part of serving as a resident hall director is definitely being able to connect with the residents," she said. "I have definitely made a lot of good connections with residents and actually contact them during the summertime."

As an international student from Canada, she found a sense of belonging through campus involvement.

"Because I am international and heavily involved in the international club, I've met lots of different nationalities and lots of different people," she said. "It really has shaped my college experience because I've learned lots about different cultures." Those friendships carried her through long breaks and made Minot feel at home.

Balancing responsibilities wasn't al-

ways easy, especially with the unpredictability of housing work. But strong support from her team made the difference.

"You never really know what's going to happen and when it's going to happen, so sometimes that can be a little stressful," she said. "My bosses are really supportive. They were willing to reach out to my professors. And just double-checking on how I was doing."

Leadership opportunities shaped her confidence and communication skills.

"Taking leadership 101 with Jim (MSU's Looyenga Leadership Center director Jim Sturm) was the best," she said. "It's allowed me to grow personally, how to deal with multiple different personalities, and how to make a team mesh. It helps me address more about the communication styles to use and how to help mediate multiple different people."

Hanelt encourages students to consider becoming an RA to think about their goals.

"I would consider looking at their ability to work with other people. Their dedication would be a big one," she said. "If it aligns with, like, even just a small section of what an RA does, I think it'd be a great thing for them to consider."

Reflecting on her time at MSU, she said it's the people who made it special.

"I would say I'm most proud of accomplishing my academic goals," she said. "But equal, on par with my academic goals, is friendships. I think that's the biggest thing that college gives you. I've definitely met so many people and made friends from all over the world who have graduated and left, and I'm still in contact with them."

"I think that's the biggest thing that I'm proud of."

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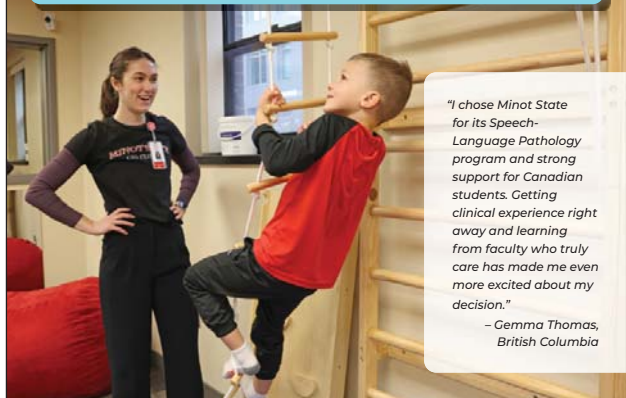
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Westman RCMP Report

BY AMANDA ALLARD

51 calls for service

From January 25 to 30, the Westman RCMP received a total of 51 calls for service. Some of these calls for service included 16 traffic offences, two 911 Acts, two assistance to Canadian Agencies/general public, six assaults, two traffic collisions, one breach of peace, five mischief files, and three suspicious person files.

Domestic assault in Oak Lake

On January 25 Westman RCMP received notification of a 911 hang up from dispatch occurring in the town of Oak Lake where shouting could be heard in the background. Members attended the residence and it was determined that a domestic violence assault occurred and resulted in the arrest of a 56-year-old male, charged with one count of assault. He was lodged at the Virden RCMP detachment and released on an Undertaking to appear in court in April.

Mental health related arrest

On January 25 Westman RCMP received a dispatch for a possible suicidal male in the Settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. Members attended the residence, no one answered the door, but music could be heard and lights were on in the residence. RCMP breached the door as there was potential for the occupant to be incapacitated and unable to answer the door. Members announced they

were RCMP and entered the residence.

They located an intoxicated 40-year-old male in the primary bedroom. He attempted to attack officers and stated there was a gun in the room. He was arrested under the Mental Health Act initially and then attempted to escape custody before being detained in the police vehicle. He was remanded into custody and charged with two counts of assault on a police officer, resists/obstruct a peace officer and fail to comply with undertaking conditions. He was later released on a release order to appear in court in April.

Speeding in the RM of Sifton

On January 26 during routine traffic patrols in RM Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the 41-year-old male driver was driving at a speed of 139 km/hr in a 110km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Speeding, which carries a fine of \$429.

Driving an unregistered vehicle

On January 28 during routine traffic patrols in the RM Pipestone, RCMP pulled over a vehicle for driving an unregistered vehicle. The male driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Driving an Unregistered Vehicle, which carries a fine of \$298.

Speeding in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth

On January 31 during routine traffic patrols in RM Wallace-Woodworth RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the 24-year-old male drivers was driving at a speed of 158 km/hr in a 110km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Speeding, which carries a fine of \$678.

Numbers to call

To report a complaint or non-emergent incident to RCMP please call 204-748-2135. For general inquiries or administrative requests including criminal record checks please call the administration line at 204-748-2046 Ext. 3. If you are reporting an emergency, please call 911.

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If you witness a crime and wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crime stoppers is entirely confidential and completely anonymous. The tip line is not traceable, and they do not subscribe to caller ID or call display.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
306-733-2155

Terri Beck, Morgan and Hudson of Drayton Valley, Alberta visited with Grandma Helen Stewart for a few days.

Get well wishes to Judi Johnston who had the misfortune to fall curling on Tuesday afternoon. At time of writing, she is still in Moosomin Hospital to go to Regina for elbow surgery!

Orville and Phyllis Harper attended the U9 Hockey Tournament in Moosomin on Saturday to watch their nephew Tommy Campbell play with Virden. They had a

visit with niece Cathy Gerrand, nephew Gerry Gerrand and Wendy, Tyler and Laura Campbell, Tommy, Ollie and Ivey Jean. Maybe more talking than watching!

Get your tickets for the Sweetheart's Steak Night on Feb. 14. Have a great steak supper and dance the night away to Kelly's band. Welcome Lorne and Deb Bailey, Sarah and Kindall to town. Nice to see lights on in the former Santer house and great to have more young people moving to Welwyn.

Wawota News

Myrna Olson
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Sympathy to Bob and Wendy Bourgon on the passing of Wendy's grandmother, Sandra Gough of Moosomin at the age of 82 years.

Sympathy also to the Tomlinson family on the passing of Larry Tomlinson of Moosomin. He passed away on January 26th at the age of 78 years. He leaves wife Margaret and family of Robert and Tyler. His funeral service was on Friday, February 6 at the Conexus Convention Centre.

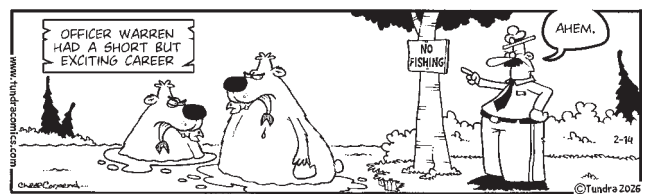
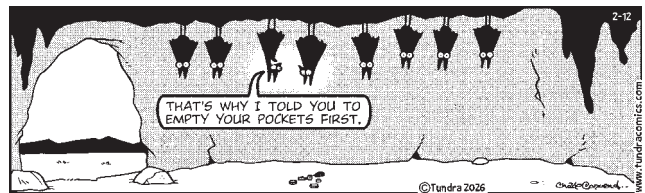
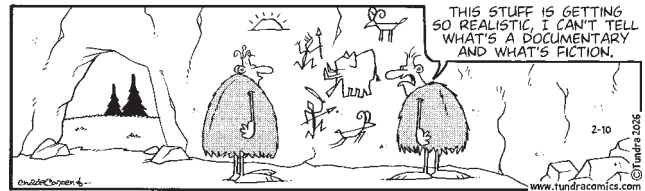
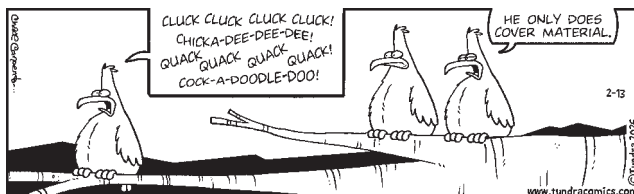
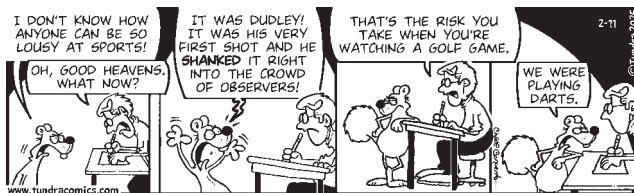
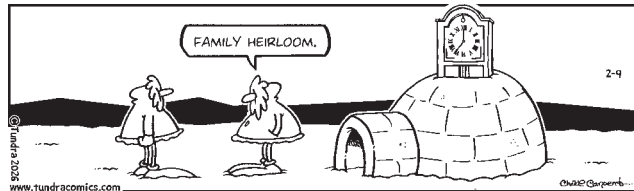
Congratulations to Ryan and Deanne Taylor on the birth of their son Beau Ryan on January 14. He is a brother for Elsie and Stetson. He is a grandson for Garth

and Dorla Taylor and Derek and Jan Bruce (Langbank) and a great grandson for Viola Taylor (Kipling), Richard Beauchesne, Garry Bruce (Langbank) and Dave and Rosemary Cowan.

Congratulations to Falyon Brown, daughter of Kent and Kim Brown. She has qualified to be a member of the SE skating team. She began figure skating at the age of four and is currently with the Virden Skate Club. She will compete at the 2026 Saskatchewan Winter Games which will take place February 15-21 hosted by Flying Dust First Nation in partnership with the City of Meadow Lake.

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Lousy prognosticator picks U.S. to win hockey gold

Canada's men's Olympic hockey team begins its quest for gold Feb. 12 vs. Czechia and, of course, this calls for a bold prediction: Canada will not win gold.

Now, before you go talking to government officials to get me kicked out of the country or to have my citizenship revoked, an explanation is required: In my career as a prognosticator of sporting events, my record is horrendous. I believe it's 3-672 over the years, which means I'm wrong 99.555 per cent of the time. If I were to be so bold as to pick Canada to win, and they lost, the blame would fall squarely on my shoulders and, deep down, I want nothing more than for Canada's best to stick it to the rest of the world, especially those loud-mouth Americans who were vanquished in last winter's 4 Nations Face Off.

If things go as Vegas oddsmakers would have you believe, it will be Canada vs. the U.S. in the gold medal game at the Milano Santagiulia Ice Hockey Arena on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The U.S. team is favoured in many quarters primarily because its three goalies — Connor Hellebuyck, Jake Oettinger and Jeremy Swayman — are considered vastly superior to Canada's troika of Jordan Binnington, Logan Thompson and Darcy Kuemper. But Binnington, whose stats this season with the woeful St. Louis Blues are enough to scare any Canadian hockey fan, pushed his 'sensational' button and combined it with his 'spectacular' switch last year and stopped the U.S. cold in the 4 Nations clinching game. Connor McDavid, the best player in the world, did the rest, potting the overtime goal on a pretty setup by Mitch Marner.

Those two will be back, along with Nathan MacKinnon and Sidney Crosby, two Tim Hortons commercial stars who also play a little hockey.

It's not a stretch to say the two North American hockey powers are fairly equal in strength. But Canada has his-



Bruce Penton

tory on its side — three out of the last four gold medals when NHL players were involved in the 21st century.

The Mario Lemieux-Steve Yzerman-Jarome Iginla-led team won in Salt Lake City in 2002; Crosby's golden goal in 2010 in Vancouver will never be forgotten and the 2014 gold-medal game victory over Sweden confirmed Canada's power in the game of ice hockey.

But while players from Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Germany and other European countries dot NHL rosters, the main hockey powers remain Canada and the U.S. Most of the players on the American roster are from northern U.S. states — Minnesota, Michigan, Montana — where the winters are so similar to Canada's that those players are de facto Canucks. Jack Hughes, Auston Matthews, Jack Eichel, the Tkachuks and Clayton Keller, for instance, are players Canada would love to have on its roster. They can play, but will they have that Canadian-like je ne sais quoi it takes to win gold?

Probably. The Americans will win. (Wink, wink).

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The CFL, as a league, produced record revenues in 2025, \$10 million more than ever before. The Blue Jays, as a team, did about \$100 million more than budgeted for in the 2025 season."

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on the Leafs' playoff chancers: "Turn off the oven. Pull the Leafs out, put them on a countertop and tent them with tin foil. This team is cooked."

• Rolfesen again: "Bills' owner Terry Pegula threw wide receiver Keon Coleman under the bus at a recent press conference. Fortunately for Coleman, the Bills' bus is currently stuck in a snowdrift."

• Norman Chad again, after Denver bypassed a field-goal opportunity to go up by 10 in the AFC title game and failed on its fourth-down attempt: "What's wrong with a 10-0 lead in what is going to be a defensive game in deteriorating weather conditions playing with a quarterback who has not thrown a pass since Kirk Cousins had hair?"

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "Bill Belichick is not perfect. Spygate happened. But when six Super Bowl wins isn't enough for the Hall of Fame, the shame is on the voters and the Hall."

• Super 70s Sports: "Cooper Flagg sets a new record by scoring 49 points in an NBA game as a 19-year-old. If you liked that, just wait till next week when some dude will probably set a new record by becoming the first 49-year-old to score 19 in an NCAA game."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "With the Jets losing 4-1 to the Lightning, I'll spare them the electrical puns — like lacking a spark, feeling re-volted or Tampa being amped up. I will say this: Watt happened?"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay
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Welcome to February! Although the groundhog done us wrong, we know we still have six weeks of winter, so let's count down to spring!

There will be a pancake breakfast at the school on February 20 at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Come on down to Club Fort Ellice for Rumolli on Tuesday at 1:30 or play Crib on Thursday evenings.

Get well wishes to Lillian Sather. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

Sympathy to the Tremblay families on the sudden passing of Jocelyne Tremblay of Brandon.

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Arcola's 64-team Celebration Bonspiel is filled

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

Arcola is a busy community, and it's about to get busier with a 64-team bonspiel in celebration of the club's 125th anniversary. The event is to take place from March 25-29, 2026.

It is not an easy task to put together such a large bonspiel, and the planning began in September of 2024. A special committee was created that held monthly meetings and now the event is just around the corner.

Warren Neuman is the chairman of the event. They have 20 volunteers right now, but many more are needed throughout the days of the bonspiel.

This is not an ordinary bonspiel; it is called the "Cody Grimes Memorial Bonspiel." Cody was a beloved member of the Arcola community that was very active in sports, always volunteered and he left a lasting impact on the community. Cody and his brother Micky Grimes where in partnership with Eagle Ridge Oilfield Services Ltd. Micky is the main sponsor of the bonspiel. The committee is honoured and proud to celebrate Cody with this special event.

The bonspiel is held in March as this is when most other curling clubs have finished their season. This way the club could use equipment from other clubs, such as Carlyle with an extra five sets of stones, or Alameda with bumpers and scoreboards.

A week prior to the starting date, professional ice maker Jason Reddekopp from Spiritwood will come and make the ice. It will be his job to ensure the ice is perfect, something he has done for many years. He

will be making ice in the skating rink as well.

There will be eight sheets of ice, three in the curling rink and five in the arena. They will have two kitchens on the go—one with traditional rink food and the other with more homemade options. They are looking for donations of homemade food for the kitchen and volunteers to help.

Friday night, March 27 is the opening ceremony. This event is open to everyone who wishes to attend. Southeast Butcher Block will be preparing the meat for the meal, but the rest will be taken care of by the committee. The Leftovers from Oxbow will entertain the crowd for the evening.

With 64 teams attending, the competition it is going to be tough, as everyone aims to get a piece of the \$10,000 in cash prizes that are up for grabs. Merchandise prizes through raffle draws will also be part of the winnings.

"It is going to be a bonspiel to remember," said Neuman.

The final touches are being put into place with the bonspiel only weeks away. The proceeds raised will support the Arcola Prairie Place Complex. This will help to secure the future of curling and recreation in the community and surrounding areas.

It has taken the organizing committee, volunteers, local businesses, and the community to keep the heart of curling alive for many years to come.

It is also a way for the memory of Cody Grimes to continue to inspire the community as they reflect on his dedication to the town, the sport, and his many years as a volunteer.



Arcola's Curling Rink is located behind the Community Prairie Place Complex on Balmoral Street, and it will be filled with action for the 64-team bonspiel in March.

Stephanie Zoer photo

Strong showing of Sask finalists at National Indigenous Tourism Awards



Indigenous tourism operators will be representing Saskatchewan on a national stage at the 2026 Indigenous Tourism Awards in Edmonton, Alberta. This year marks the highest number of finalists for the province since 2018 with four finalists, announced by the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada (ITAC) on January 20:

- Pémiska Tourism, Exceptional Cultural Experience Award;
- Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Indigenous Destination Development Award;
- Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Outstanding

ing Staff Person Award (Breanna Tait); and

- Dakota Dunes Resort, New Operator or Business that Launched a New Experience.

"The Government of Saskatchewan recognizes the importance of the Indigenous tourism industry in the province and how it creates meaningful economic opportunities for Indigenous entrepreneurs and communities," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan Alana Ross said. "With growing demand from domestic and international travellers, these experiences contribute to Saskatchewan's visitor econ-

omy. This number of finalists speaks to the strength of Indigenous attractions and how they contribute to the success of the province's tourism industry."

"The Indigenous tourism industry offers an array of authentic cultural experiences across the province that promote education and support reconciliation," Tourism Saskatchewan CEO Jonathan Potts said. "Our organization extends heartfelt congratulations to these deserving finalists who are

proudly representing our province."

The Indigenous Tourism Awards are presented annually by ITAC to recognize the best in the industry. Nominees must be majority Indigenous-owned or operated.

The awards will be presented on the final night of the International Indigenous Tourism Conference held in Edmonton, Alberta on February 19, 2026. For a complete list of the 2026 Indigenous Tourism Award finalists, visit: indigenoustourism.ca.




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Stoughton man saves his mom from death during a moose attack

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

January 22, 2026, seemed to be an ordinary day although it was bitterly cold outside with wind chills of -48. Shawn Tuffnell from Stoughton often stayed at his mom's, Angie Tuffnell's acreage near Bienfait if the weather was unruly. He worked in Alameda and this cut his travel time considerably in bad weather.

Angie had been outside a few times that morning having a smoke. At 7:25 a.m. Shawn asked her to start his vehicle as he got ready for work. She did not mind and headed outside to start the vehicle and have a cigarette. She usually had one in the garage, but Shawn's car was outside.

As she ventured outside, she heard a noise, and before she could even get to Shawn's car or turn around and run to the house, a bull moose went on the attack, smashing her to the concrete pad. He loomed over her with his ears pinned back. Angie began to scream.

Shawn thought he heard a noise from his mom and went outside to see what the commotion was and saw the moose over his mom.

Wearing only a t-shirt and in his underwear, he ran outside. He took three steps to the moose and punched it in the lips. This did nothing and only made the bull aggressive. He grabbed a shovel and hit it with the force of a baseball bat swinging at it twice in the head.

"I was hoping this would bring the bull off of my mom, as I was afraid it was going to kill her," said Shawn.

The moose came towards him and Shawn began backing up towards the door of the house. At this time, he tripped, but so did the moose, but he was halfway through the door.

"My adrenaline was pumping and I did not even feel the cold," said Shawn. Shawn began yelling at Angie's boyfriend Dave Alexander to get the gun. Dave was still in bed but by now he could hear the all the noise.

By this time Shawn had grabbed the bull around the neck.

"They have very large heads and since it could not stomp on me it tried biting me," he said. The moose continued to look back at Angie. Shawn had told his mom to lie still and not make any noise.

Shawn said he tried to poke the bull in the eyes, as he felt if the moose could not see, it was a better chance for all of them, especially his mom who still lay on the concrete in the freezing cold.

The moose backed away from Shawn attempting to get back to Angie and this is when Shawn was able to shoot the animal in the eye. This still did not deter the animal, and Shawn would need to shoot the moose multiple times and even had a chance to reload the gun and fire some more rounds into the bull before it dropped to the ground. As the animal fell, Shawn needed to grab it, as it fell towards his mom, missing her face by only a few inches.

Shawn is a volunteer firefighter for the Stoughton Tecumseh Department. He checked his mom over to make sure that her injuries were not life-threatening. They took her to St. Joseph's hospital in Estevan where she was evaluated.

The moose had stomped on the calf of her leg which



Angie Tuffnell and her son Shawn Tuffnell are thankful to be alive after a moose attacked Angie.

was ripped open requiring several layers of stitches. Her ankle was bruised, along with her elbow, hip and ribs and she had a goose egg on her head. Many other bruises were felt later on in the day.

Shawn also had a three-inch goose egg on his head and a broken rib. He figured this happened when he fell backwards into the house. The whole attack went on for about three minutes.

Upon observation of the moose, Shawn said it was quite thin and it must have been laying around the corner of the house. The yard light had recently broken, so the moose was most likely not afraid to come close to the dark area.

Conservation Officers were called about the incident, and rabies testing was performed on the animal. They came back negative, but further testing was done. At this time, the family has opted to take rabies shots to be



After the attack, Angie Tuffnell was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Estevan due to injuries from the moose.

on the safe side.

"Mom is very overwhelmed with what happened," said Shawn, whose mom is still very shaken up about the incident.

When the attack was happening they both felt that the outcome was not going to be good.

Shawn suggests that people be aware of their surroundings. If your yard light breaks, get it replaced right away. When it is really cold, a wild animal may lay by a dryer vent, as it produces warm air, and never attempt to confront a wild animal. If a person sees a moose close by, run the other way.

Shawn is grateful that his mom survived, and he is very thankful for Dave who was able to get him the gun.

"Without Dave in the house getting the gun, I feel the outcome would have been much more tragic," he said.

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Meeting of Elkhorn community groups held

BY ED JAMES

On February 3, a crowd representing several Elkhorn community groups with a mixture of ages recently met at the Elkhorn Elks Hall. The meeting was arranged by Morgan Gray, the area Community Economic Development and Recreation Manager.

At the meeting there were local representatives from the Hospital Auxiliary, the Daycare, the Ag Society, Seniors Centre, the Chamber of Commerce, Museum Board, the Elks Lodge, the Legion, the Tiny Tots, the Rink Board, the Elkhorn Foundation, the Curling Society and a new volunteer group called ECAR, which stands for "Elkhorn, Community Access Report."

The purpose of the meeting was to look back on the various community group projects of the past year and what plans they have for the 2026 year. Several mini reports were given, with their success and failures noted. In general it was a group discussion and it felt that more

effort was needed to inform new community members about the various community groups and activities, in some cases with changes that needed to be made. It was noted that large numbers of seniors in the community sometimes restricts their involvement and help. It was suggested that perhaps a monthly community calendar be started to inform more people. In some community groups funding and cost are always an issue.

There was also discussion on community needs such as a fourplex for middle age residents and affordable rental housing for new local employees and perhaps a full-time restaurant.

On the plus side of the discussions, the ECAR representative was very pleased with the successful fundraising and repair of the antique auto museum. Perhaps some floor repairs might be a future goal. Also the success of the Elkhorn and Area foundation passing the \$2 million mark was noted, which resulted in it giving out more

community building funds every year.

One representative that evening complemented the community's snow cleaning program as compared to other communities.

Keith Orr, a member of ECAR, asked those present that evening with the upcoming Winter Olympics to show lots of red banners in the community in support of Team Canada's Hockey Team that has a local player, Travis Sanheim of Elkhorn on the team.

"I thank the community group representatives who came out tonight and the wide age groups they represented," Morgan Gray said after the meeting. "The discussions this evening will help our office to make a greater effort to work more closely and offer support for community group projects. Our office and services are here to help our area communities groups to be successful in all their community building projects."

FINANCIAL PLANNING

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- Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA)
- real estate
- employer pension plans
- non-registered investments and savings accounts

You'll need to know how much money you may get from these sources to be able to plan for your retirement. You'll also need to consider what to do with your personal savings at certain stages in your life.

You should start thinking about all of these things before you retire. This will help you figure out when you can comfortably retire, and how much money you can expect to have when you do.

Speak with a financial or investment professional to learn more about what options are available to you and what will work best for your financial situation when you retire.

What to consider when planning your sources of income

There are a number of things you should consider when figuring out how to make the most of your savings when you retire.

When you will need retirement income and how much money you will need will depend on your lifestyle and personal circumstances.

For example, you may want more income earlier in your retirement if you

want to take up new hobbies or travel. You may also want extra income if you retire before 65 and aren't yet eligible to collect your Old Age Security (OAS) pension.

You may want to give money to a friend or family member when you retire. For example, you may want to set up a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for a grandchild. You may also want to leave money to a loved one or donate to charity when you die.

This choice will impact not only when you need retirement income, but also the financial products you buy when you retire. For example, some annuities will make a payment to your estate when you die while others will not.

Unexpected events can also have a big impact on your retirement income.

For example, you may have:

- major unplanned expenses such as home or car repairs
- health emergencies for you or your spouse or partner
- to move or make changes to your home because of a change in your health or the health of your spouse or partner

You should have a plan to cover these expenses, such as extended health benefits or an emergency savings fund. You may want to consider planning to have more retirement income later in life in case your benefits or emergency savings are not high enough to cover unexpected expenses.

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A few snowmobiles sat outside at the Arcola Prairie Place Complex during the rally but were unable to go on the trails due to lack of snow.



Two snowmobilers tanked up on gas at the Arcola Co-operative before heading to the Arcola Optimist Snowmobile Rally.

Lack of snow did not stop the 33rd annual Arcola Snowmobile Rally

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

There is a certain group of people who always wish for a fair amount of snow and that is snowmobilers. In order to enjoy the winter months out on the Moose Mountain trails, a certain amount of snowfall is needed to not damage the ground underneath.

When the 33rd annual Arcola Optimist Snowmobile Rally approached on January 31, it was decided to cancel the trail ride but keep the rally going. A lot of the trails only had 1-4 inches of snow and much of it had hardened to ice by a recent thaw. The rally committee went ahead and held the rally without the ride, and it was very successful.

Jeff Bohnert is the president of the Arcola Optimist Club and was also the chairman of the event. He said they opened the registration to everyone who wanted to sign up. They had 408 people register and had over 200 prizes to hand out.

The day began with breakfast at 8 am and the arena rink was open to a free skate during this time until noon. Several youngsters took advantage of the skating time to brush up on their skills.

Registration opened up at 10 am, and while there was no trail ride, people gathered in the hall to listen to Jacque Walbaum and Morgan Turk entertain. By 5 pm the hall was filled with people eagerly

awaiting to see if they were the lucky ones to win a prize, and more importantly the grand prizes that were worth \$30,000. While they waited, they could enjoy food from the concession and the beer gardens were open for a cold one.

This is the main fundraiser for the club and months in advance they sell tickets on their annual Snowmobile Rally Lottery. Each club that helps sell the tickets is presented with a portion of the funds at a banquet in March. Out of the 4,000 tickets printed, over 3,100 were sold.

The anticipation began to rise when the big drum holding all the tickets was carried on stage to reveal who those big winners were. Each ticket that is pulled is returned to the drum for another chance. Third prize of a \$4,000 gift certificate from Alspert went to Ghislaine Carter of Kenossee Lake, while the second prize of a \$6,000 gift certificate from Alspert went to Terry Duke of Lampman. The grand prize gift certificate from Alspert for \$20,000 was won by Warren Waldegger of Estevan.

Bohnert said that an event like this is not possible without the many sponsors they receive. The community and surrounding areas are always very supportive. The banquet to hand out the donations from this event will be held on March 18 at the Arcola Optimist/Legion Hall.



Jacque Walbaum, left, and Morgan Turk, right, entertained during the afternoon of the rally.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2021:

A man broke into Kassie's Jewelry through the glass front door. Once inside, the suspect broke several display cases and stole multiple watches. After three months of strict lockdown against the spread of Covid-19, the Government of Manitoba opted to loosen restrictions to allow businesses to open their doors and allow customers in.

Ten years ago, 2016:

The roof trusses were lifted into place at the Rocanville Community Hall. The \$2.4 million building was being constructed between the swimming pool and the curling rink. The province's municipal leaders voted to send a letter to the federal transport minister regarding Trans-Canada's Energy East pipeline project. The letter from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association supported the pipeline project.

Fifteen years ago, 2011:

Moosomin Community Centre was near completion. The front entrance and some exterior work still needed some finishing touches and was scheduled to be open within the next couple months. Moosomin hosted 32 teams and 385 skaters in the Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships. Teams from Saskatchewan and Manitoba had the chance to move on to the Canadian championships in Brampton, Ontario.

Twenty years ago, 2006:

The South East Cornerstone School Division threatened to take legal action against the RMs involved in a tax revolt if they didn't submit the education property tax they owed the division within two weeks. Two semis collided on the Trans-Canada Highway near the junction of Highway 1 and 41 in Manitoba. One semi was hauling hamburger and the other was hauling cattle. No one was seriously injured.



This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on February 9th, 2021.

One hundred years ago, 1926:

Donavon McLaren, nephew of Mrs. G. A. Plewes of Moosomin, collapsed suddenly on the ice while playing hockey in Vancouver. He died a few short hours later.

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OBITUARIES



**HECTOR "TOE"
LAMONTAGNE**
MARCH 29, 1967 –
JANUARY 25, 2026

Hector "Toe" Lamontagne passed away on January 25, 2026, where he loved to be the most—on the farm. Born on March 29, 1967, Hector was a farmer through and through, born to the land and devoted to it for his entire life.

He was the beloved son of Edward and Sha-

ron Lamontagne, a proud and devoted dad to Dylan and Devon—his sun and moon—and a deeply proud Papa to Clarice, Lucien, and Scarlett. His family was the centre of his world, and everything he did reflected that devotion.

As a young child, Hector lived in the Dumas community before moving to Wawota, where he married JJ, and spent the rest of his life building deep roots in the community he loved. He was well known and highly respected in the cattle community and was a strong, active supporter of the Wawota Wildlife Federation.

Hector loved fishing and hunting with his boys, cherished time outdoors, and had a lifelong passion for sports. A hockey player in his younger years, he was famously known for his elbows—something many never forgot. He served his community faithfully as a member of the RM Council

for decades, always outspoken, always engaged, and always committed.

Hector was an amazing storyteller. He loved to poke the bear and believed that if he didn't harass you, he probably didn't like you. His humour, honesty, and larger-than-life personality left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

Hector is survived by his parents, Edward and Sharon; his children, Devon and Dylan (Celeste); his grandchildren, Clarice, Lucien, and Scarlett; his sister, Evelyn (Ray); nephews Nicolas and Caelan; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Passionate about all things in his life—his family, his farm, his community, and his stories—Hector "Toe" Lamontagne will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Carscadden Funeral Chapels - Moosomin in care of Hector's arrangements.



**LENORA AMELIA
MAGNUSSON (NEE SIEBOLD)**
MAY 13, 1951 –
JANUARY 30, 2026

Lenora was born in Kilam, Alberta to Doris and Emil Siebold, on May 13, 1951. She grew up on the family farm in the Gladstone area. She attended Bawlf school and then attended Alberta College in Edmonton. After a brief stint living at Redcliff, Larry and Lenora moved

to the farm at Spy Hill, Saskatchewan, where life was very busy raising four very busy boys.

She enjoyed cooking and baking for her boys, including Icelandic food at Christmastime. She thoroughly enjoyed watching the many species of birds that showed up at her feeders, but she was especially fond of the orioles. Lenora planted roses, and enlisted the help of Karin and Myron to plant trees in the fall. She enjoyed being outside, whether it was hiking and camping with Alberta relatives, or watching the bears on her porch. She loved her rural life and her family.

She is survived by her sons, Kristopher of Spy Hill, Sask., Dyon of Kelowna, B.C., Jonathan of Gerald, Sask., Tylynn (Savannah) of Sylvan Lake, Alta.; Grandchildren from Dyon, grandson Parker (Ashley) and great-granddaughter Elenor, and granddaugh-

ter Marris; from Ty (Savannah) granddaughter Lena, and grandson Ruben.

Lenora is also survived by her sisters Karin Bjorge of Leslieville, Alta., Carrie (Bob) Tulloch of Bawlf, Alta., her brother Howard (Brenda) Siebold of Kilam, Alta., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, and brother-in-law Myron Bjorge.

Lenora passed away peacefully with family by her side in Moosomin, Saskatchewan on Friday, January 30, 2026 after a brief battle with cancer.

A funeral service was held on February 6, 2026, at the Spy Hill United Church with Jean Istace officiating. Donations may be made to Southeast Integrated Care Centre, Moosomin, SK. Peter Carscadden Funeral Service in care of arrangements. 306-745-3304



SANDRA FAY GOUGH
MAY 19, 1943 –
JANUARY 20, 2026

It is with heavy hearts we share the passing of our beloved Sandy.

Sandra was born on

May 19, 1943 at Moosomin Hospital. She was the eldest of three children, born to William and Marjorie Stephen (Ziebart). Sandra was raised on the family farm with her two brothers Murray and Brad. Sandra's elementary years were spent at the Coverdale School. Following Grade 8, Sandra attended the Moosomin Composite School, graduating in 1961.

After graduating, Sandra worked at Wright's Pharmacy. She married Dennis MacDonald from the Iona District on July 6, 1963. They resided on the MacDonald family farm where Sandra became a homemaker. Together they farmed and had two chil-

dren, Wendy and Greg. Dennis passed away in 1985.

Sandra remained at the farm and started attending dances with her Mom and Ernie (Ziebart). Here she met her future husband, Lorne Gough from Spy Hill. They married September 23, 1988. Together they resided in Spy Hill where Lorne owned and operated Gough's Service Centre. Lorne retired at the age of 75 and they decided to spend their years of retirement in Moosomin.

She was predeceased by her parents William and Marjorie Stephen (Ziebart); loving husband Dennis MacDonald; brothers and sisters-in-law Finlay MacDonald, Eleanor

(John) Ciorton, Murdina (Herb) Jackson, Dan McQueen, George (Helen) Gough, Harlow (Doreen) Gough, Ben (Bev) Gough, Ron Gough, and Robert Gough.

Sandra is survived by her loving husband of 38 years Lorne Gough; daughter Wendy (Robert) Bourgon; son Greg MacDonald; grandchildren: Sherri (Kurtis) Rogers, Aron Bourgon, Brittany Bourgon (Charles); great-grandchildren: Arthur and Anona Rogers; brothers: Murray (Louise) Stephen and Brad Stephen; sisters-in-law: Eva McQueen, Adela MacDonald, Shirley Gough; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sandra will be remem-

bered for her kindness, empathy, radiant smile, and contagious laugh. Sandra was always just one phone call away, no matter the reason and her door was always open to family and friends. She had the warmest and most forgiving heart. Above all Sandy was a devoted wife, mom, and grandma who treasured her family more than anything. She will forever be remembered for her unconditional love.

The family of Sandra Gough would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kerkhoff and staff of the Southeast Integrated Care Centre for the excellent care given to Sandra in Moosomin.

Amanda Rokochy and

staff of the Carscadden Funeral Home who were so comforting to all of us.

Our Officiant Jean Istace for making the service so personal and heartfelt.

The Kelly brothers for sharing your gift of music, adding such a personal touch of comfort and beauty.

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Moosomin/Broadview RCMP Report

BY SGT. DAMIEN GROUCHY

93 calls for service

From January 30 to February 6, the Broadview/Moosomin RCMP responded to 93 calls for service. Some of the calls for service included four 911 calls, five assault calls, eleven traffic related calls, one impaired, eight Mental Health Act calls, amongst numerous others.

Verbal dispute

Members were dispatched to a residence in Kennedy. The complainant reported hearing a male and female arguing and they believed it could be physical. Members attended and learned both parties were in a verbal argument and there was no physical altercation.

Assault while driving

Members were dispatched to a residence on Ochapowace First Nation. The complainant reported they were driving back from Regina and they got into an argument, her partner was intoxicated and grabbed the wheel causing them to go off the road and get stuck in the ditch. During the argument her partner punched her in the face. Members arrested the intoxicated male. He was lodged in cells; he was subsequently charged with assault.

Intoxicated argument leads to assault charge

Members were dispatched to a residence located at Ochapowace First Nation. Members learned a male and female were intoxicated and got into a physical altercation. The female suffered a minor laceration of her hand. The male was subsequently arrested and charged for assault.

B&E was false alarm

Members were dispatched to a break and enter in progress located in Whitewood. Members rushed to the residence and learned that the person breaking into the residence resided there. No criminal offence was committed.

Break-in at Moosomin residence a possible medical emergency

Members received a complaint of a break and enter to a residence located in Moosomin. The complainant reported finding a wallet belonging to another person in their home. Upon further investigation it appears the individual that entered the residence may be suffering from a medical affliction. Members continue their investigation.

False alarm at business

Members were dispatched to an intrusion alarm to a business located on Main Street in Moosomin. Members were soon cancelled as it was determined to be a false alarm.

Tractor fire in RM of Chester

Members were dispatched to a tractor fire in the RM of Chester. Members were advised there were no injuries and the fire was not suspicious.

No injuries in oven fire

Members were dispatched to a residential fire located in Rocanville. When members arrived, they learned the fire was out and there were no injuries. Members were told the fire was contained within the oven and did not spread.

Intoxicated man punching the snow

Members were dispatched to a residence located at Ochapowace First Nation. The caller reported there was an intoxicated male outside of the residence punching the snow and his hands were bleeding. Members attended and the subject had calmed down and there were no further issues.

Report of swerving vehicle

Members were dispatched to a report of a possible impaired driver on Highway 8 in the RM of Moosomin. The vehicle was swerving on the road. Members made patrols but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Vehicle in ditch

Members were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle on Highway 8 south of Moosomin. Members attended the location and the vehicle was in the process of being pulled out of the snow. All checks on the vehicle were fine.

Drunk in public, outstanding warrants

Members were dispatched to a complaint of a suspicious intoxicated male walking around Whitewood. Members made patrols and located the male who was subsequently arrested and lodged in cells for outstanding warrants and being drunk in public.

Grey Santa Fe stolen

Members received a complaint of a stolen Grey Hyundai Santa Fe from a residence located at Kahkewistahaw First Nation. Members made patrols but were unsuccessful in locating the vehicle. Broadview/Moosomin RCMP continue their investigation.

Minor injuries in semi roll-over

Members were dispatched to a semi roll-over on Highway 1 near Moosomin. The driver sustained minor injuries and was transported to Moosomin Hospital for assessment.

Single vehicle rollover on Highway 8

Members were dispatched to a single vehicle roll-over on Highway 8 in the RM of Moosomin. Fortunately the driver did not sustain any significant injuries.



The vehicle involved in the roll-over

Vehicle rollover near Whitewood

Members were dispatched to a single vehicle roll-over on Highway 1 near Whitewood. Fortunately the occupant did not sustain any injuries.

Crime Stoppers is Anonymous

If you have any information regarding the incidents above and would like to make an anonymous complaint, information can be submitted through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submitting a tip online at www.sask-crimestoppers.com

Numbers to call

If you have information about any of the above incidents or have a crime to report, please contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361, 310-RCMP(7267) or Broadview RCMP 306-696-5200 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Report some complaints such as damage/mischief to property under \$5,000, theft of bicycle under \$5,000, theft under \$5,000, theft from vehicle under \$5,000, lost or found property and damage/mischief to vehicle under \$5,000 online here: <https://ocresielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/saskatchewan/en>

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 - Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department
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 - Let someone you trust know of your plans to use,
 - Always carry a Naloxone kit. They are available free of charge at many locations in the province,

Joke of the Week

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COMING EVENTS

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COMING EVENTS

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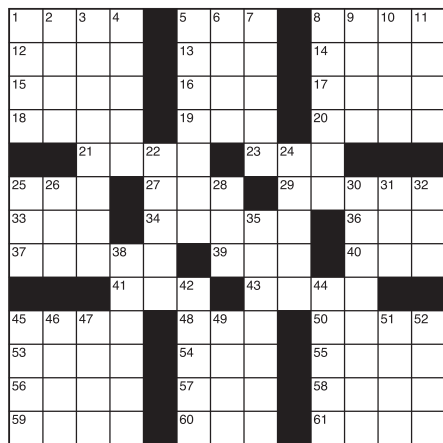
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5. Cherry stone
8. Egg on
12. Ballerina's skirt
13. "Bells _____ Ringing"
14. Other
15. Picnic visitors
16. Raised border
17. Mounted on a peg
18. Fishing necessity
19. Deadly reptile
20. Small boys
21. Soft throw
23. "_____ on a Grecian Urn"
25. Type of antelope
27. 2,000 pounds
29. Attempt again

33. Give help to
34. Island greeting
36. Hole in a needle
37. Dust particle
39. Obscure
40. Tennis do-over
41. One, to a marcher
43. Huron or George
45. "_____ Velvet"
48. Building shape
50. Track shape
53. Green citrus fruit
54. Kettle's kin
55. Ready to pick
56. Mischievous children
57. Amateur's opposite
58. On the Pacific
59. Sit for a photo

60. Nope's opposite
61. Geek

DOWN

1. Random guess
2. Yellowfin, e.g.
3. Feeling
4. Zest
5. Sunshade
6. Spring bloom
7. Musical pace
8. Love seat
9. Not guilty, e.g.
10. Consumed
11. Ruby and rose
22. Pointed stick
24. Theatrical work
25. Cooking fuel
26. Quick bite
28. Bow the head
30. Show on the tube

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Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Receive payments for taxes, and general accounts receivable.
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