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Heather Graham photos

Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club still going strong after 32 years

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

The Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club has offered trails and ski equipment for surrounding communities to explore for the past 32 years.

The club continues to see a variety of skiers from all over Saskatchewan and from communities in the area. The club has grown over the years, expanding trails in the 1990s and shortly after adding a fully functioning club house full of rental equipment.

Member of Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club Jaret Lynnes enjoys the company while exploring the trails. He says the group meets Saturday and Sundays and is competing against Esterhazy Cross Country Ski Club on kilometers skied throughout the season.

The interview with the World-Spectator follows:

Tell me about the Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club. What is it about?

It's a trail that has about 10 km of double-track classic cross country ski trails. There are a number of programs they offer. On Saturdays they have a drop-in program for kids and helpers. At 12:30 pm they go for a short ski for

the younger ones and then at 1:30 pm they go for a longer ski. That is always in January and February. Because it's a drop-in, they get a half-dozen to a dozen kids depending on the weather and other activities going on.

I've lived in Rocanville for about 30 years and up until three years ago I didn't know Esterhazy had a ski club. I thought Rocanville was just a rare occurrence. So we've heard lots of people say around the area they haven't heard of it, so it is great to get it out to the public through the paper. Sometimes people are looking for things to do, especially over Christmas and breaks.

When does skiing start and when does it end?

For the Jack Rabbit program, which is the kids, it runs January and February. The adult ski is roughly all winter long. It is weather dependent, so some years it starts in November if we get an early snow. As soon as they get enough snow on the ground, they will start setting a track. Depending on how the spring goes, you can ski up to April usually, but sometimes it is mid-March. It was looking a little thin a few weeks ago, but with the snow-storm that came, we hope we can keep going. They do

allow Nordic walking in the summertime on the trails. They keep the grass mowed so it can be used year around, but just for the skiing part, it is weather dependent on whether there is enough snow on the ground.

The Jack Rabbit program goes for about an hour on the trails. They go a short distance, and it really depends on the kids that show up that day. We had a kid come a few weekends ago who was two years old. My daughter comes out once in a while to help out and she is in Grade 12 so they get kids from all ages. Some of the parents come and some don't have to. Heather Graham is the one who runs the Jack Rabbit program and goes out on the trails with them.

How often do the adults and kids go?

The Jack Rabbits go every Saturday and the younger ones go first and the older ones later. Then Sundays at 2 pm we have a drop-in as well for anyone who wants to ski with the group, which is also especially good for anyone who is a first timer because then there is someone around to help them get set up.

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Heather Graham photos



John Graham



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Elijah Hack



Luke Bruce, Karolina Graham and Leo Bruce.

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How big is your group? How many people come out to ski?

Once we found out Esterhazy had their ski club as well, we started a contest last year to see which club could get the most number of people out and ski the most kilometers and ski the same most number of days, so we made a trophy and Rocanville won last year. We did 4,909 km as a club which is amazing. That was only 30 km more than the Esterhazy club. To do that, we had 524 different individuals come out and ski different times. It is not small for this area. Some people come out every week and others may only come once with their family. There is equipment there that you can rent, so you just show up and there is usually a fire on in the warm-up building with instructions on how to set up the skis and there is nice trail signs so people can go out for as long as they like.

This year we are running the contest with Esterhazy again. Rocanville is at 2,424 km so far. We just accumulate the kilometers based on how many people ski, and then see how many we can amass at the end of the year.

Where do you see people come from to ski?

There are people from all over that come. There is a couple I met around Christmas time that was travelling from Saskatoon to Winnipeg, so they drove off the number one came and skied for a little while and then contin-

ued on their way to Winnipeg. The last two weeks there has been a family from Virden that has come just because the equipment is here and ready for people to use.

It is \$10 a day to ski and then \$10 for equipment. They have family passes and day passes. It is \$40 a family for day pass and equipment rental.

How long has it been going on?

It has been going for the last 27 years. The trails are on three different quarter sections of land and the warm-up shack and trail is on the Hack land, and Heather Graham's maiden name is Hack, so Dennis Hack and Lane McFarlane started this club sometime back in the 90s.

How did you get involved and what is your role?

I am a member of the club. I really enjoy seeing it advertised in different places since we've moved to town. I really enjoy skiing on the trails and getting to know new people and getting a little bit of exercise.

It has been actively used quite a bit. The weather is a big factor in how much the trails get used. On the minus 30-degree weeks there are not too many people, but there is still the odd person that goes out.

Why do you continue to do it?

It is just a lot of fun. It is very quiet out on the trails because you are skiing through the bush, not on an open field. You're protected from the wind. You see a lot of

wildlife out there and it is just a chance to meet more people from the area as well.

Everyone is welcome. It is open to everyone. It is very simple to do. It maybe is hard to be good at it, but it is easy to be okay at it.

Since the season is coming to an end—is there any events the group has planned before spring?

Coming up still and throughout the year we had moonlight skis on days there was a full moon. So at 7 pm people would bring a potluck dessert and then go skiing under the moon. So, March 1 at 7 pm, we are still going to have our last moonlight ski. We also host loppets. They aren't races, but fun participation events. They had a loppet on January 31 and there is a bunch of pictures on Facebook with prizes for participation from youngest to oldest, for most colorful outfits, different categories. Our last event is going to be March 7. It is going to be a marathon relay. People can ski one loop and then get team members to ski the other loops until a team completes 42 km or some people are going to try to do the whole 42 km.

If anyone has questions about the marathon relay, they can give me a call. That is also a non-timed event, just a fun event for anyone interested.

More information on the ski club can be found on Facebook at Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club, or by calling Jaret Lynnes at 306-434-8774.

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Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club history

- 1991: After several years of trying to break trails on road allowances and find good places to ski, a small group of skiers headed off into the pasture where the club now skis. They found a beautiful place to ski, but the underbrush made it difficult to enjoy skiing, so plans were started to clear some bush.
- November 1992: the small group started to clear a trail through the bush.
- 1992-1994: The group continued to expand the trail network through the wooded pasture and more people joined in the fun.
- December 1995: The Rocanville Cross Country Ski Club was formed and registered with Sask Ski. They were now skiing on land that was owned by four different land owners. The number of people skiing continued to grow. The land owners, who were also skiers, and the rest of the group started asking who was liable if something went wrong. Becoming a member of Sask Ski addressed the concerns they had.
- 1996: The clubhouse was purchased and moved to the trail head. A wood stove was donated and as well as other furnishings. The club could now offer the members hot chocolate and a place to relax after their ski.
- 1996-present: Donated ski equipment was left in the clubhouse and was available for use
- 1997: The club started purchasing used equipment and offering the equipment for rent. The club decided to let the club run on the honour system and found this was very successful.
- 1999: Water and power were put into the ski shelter. This allowed the club to set up a waxing station in the club house.
- 1996-present: The club uses the resources of Cross Country Saskatchewan (funding through Saskatchewan Lotteries) for grants with the grant monies based on the number of members. The grants are used to assist with trail maintenance and expansion, trail setting equipment, club house, ski clinics, coaching clinics, and support of the programs they offer.
- 2005: A trail conditioner was purchased with the assistance of a grant from CCS.
- The club purchased their own snowmobile to use for trail grooming.
- 2005-2008: The club offered ski programs for the youth. The coach and volunteers were Rocanville Cross Country ski club members. The coach was also the



John Graham, Karolina Graham, Elijah Hack, and Jesse Hack.

Heather Graham photo

Youth Programs Director on the Cross Country Sask Provincial Board.

- Additional new ski equipment was purchased every year with funds coming from the club monies and grants.
- Work continues to improve the trail network.
- 2010: Snowcat with trail groomer purchased with funds coming from club monies, PotashCorp and a personal donation.
- 2012: The ski club was insulated and updated with grant funding.
- 2012: The old three-pin equipment was retired and club now has for rent a full selection of new equipment.
- 2023: The club name was changed to Rocanville Cross Country Trails Inc.
- In 2021 there was a multi year support commitment from the RM of Rocanville.

- Agreement with landowners to rent the land for the ski trails, allowing for more stability for year-round use of the trails and continued trail development.
- Trails mowed and maintained throughout the summer months
- 2020: Planting of spruce and pine seedlings started. To date 1,300 trees have been planted in the native poplar bush. Planting ongoing each year.
- Complete exterior of clubhouse redone, windows, doors and siding.
- 2023-24: Major rebuild and refurbishment of the snowcat: Maintenance, tracks and final drive with support from Mosaic and Nutrien potash mines
- 2024: Trail network expanded, maintenance and improvement ongoing.
- The complete ski and walking experience is yours to enjoy—the beautiful outdoors, warm fire in the stove, hot chocolate, fellowship and more!



Moosomin Armoury hosts complimentary lunch for Moosomin Fire Department and Hutch Ambulance

The Moosomin Armoury hosted a complimentary lunch on Friday for members of the Moosomin Fire Department and Hutch Ambulance to show their appreciation for their services. Above or fire department members and Hutch Ambulance enjoying the lunch along with the Armoury volunteers who cooked and served the lunch, in middle.



We had a great visit to The Nest Health Centre in Regina Wednesday with Deputy Premier Jim Reiter, Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill, Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr, Minister of Government Relations Eric Schmalz, and White City-Qu'Appelle MLA Brad Crassweller. It was great to see the amazing work The Nest is doing, to see the difference The Innovation Fund has made in helping them achieve their vision!

The Nest Health Centre has successfully developed a team-based care facility for Regina, with a large team of healthcare providers, with physicians, nurses, and pharmacists at its core. The Nest's vision is to integrate a multi-faceted well-being approach including hydrotherapy pools, sports medicine, physiotherapy, medical imaging, lab collection, and a great gym facility in the former YMCA in downtown Regina.



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At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday. Above is myself, left, and mayor Murray Gray, right, speaking at the meeting. Below from left are myself, Kyle Jeannot, Danielle Rhodes, and Rene Whelpton sharing information on upcoming events in the area.



Fascinating day at the Saskatchewan Recovery Summit Thursday with my colleagues Lori Carr, Jeremy Cockrill, Tim McLeod, Brad Crassweller, and Megan Patterson. Thanks to the organizers for putting on an incredible program on a vitally important issue.



With Recovery expert Rand Teed.



Lori Carr opened the event with her comments.



With a few of the folks from Moosomin at the summit.



With two of the Amazing staff at Caring Hearts



Spring session starts this week

Start of spring session

Spring session starts this week, and last week was my last week before spending most of my time in Regina for a few weeks.

Monday was a day of catching up in the constituency office.

Tuesday I had a committee meeting in the morning, spoke at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce over the lunch hour and had a meeting on concerns over the structure of regional park boards in the afternoon.

Wednesday was a busy day with the Broadview Healthcare Foundation meeting and tour in the morning, a tour of the Nest Health Centre in Regina in the afternoon and a meeting on economic development issues in Wolseley in the evening.

Thursday I had a very interesting breakfast meeting with Ministers Lori Carr and Tim McLeod and Ontario's associate Attorney General Michael Tibollo. We discussed approaches to some of the most difficult issues our society faces, mental health and addictions issues, and the approaches the two provinces are taking. I then attended the Saskatchewan Recovery Summit, which attracted 700 people including some from our constituency. And in the afternoon I joined my colleagues for a caucus meeting ahead of the start of spring session.

Friday I met with the RM of Moosomin council, stopped in at a lunch for firefighters and first responders, and met with constituents in my constituency office.

Moosomin Chamber of Commerce

Great to speak to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Tuesday and get updates on so many projects that involved the whole community working together, from economic development to the Alzheimer's Walk to the Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks weekend to a Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan event coming up in Moo-

Report from the Legislature

KEVIN WEEDMARK
MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

somin! I always enjoy the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meetings because they act as a community forum, where anyone can bring up ideas and questions and we can get everyone working together.

Broadview Healthcare Foundation

It was great to meet with members of the Broadview Healthcare Foundation and tour Broadview's health care facility Wednesday morning.

I'm always impressed by the commitment and drive of people who work in our health facilities in every corner of the province, and I'm always impressed by the volunteers who serve on health care foundations, which are often at the leading edge of improving health care in their communities.

Broadview is an important medical centre and the foundation wants to attract one more physician and I will be working with them and with the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency on that!

The recruitment agency does great work in recruiting for our health system across Saskatchewan.

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Saskatchewan is investing a record \$623.8 million in mental health and addictions services for 2025-26, representing a significant increase to expand treatment spaces, crisis support, and community-based services.

Reach out

Feel free to call me at 306-435-4002 or email office@kevinweedmark.ca

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Asking for your support

Dear Editor:
Hello to all our family and friends from sunny Arizona. We hope you are all keeping well and getting through the wonderful varieties of the prairie Canadian winter (cold, very cold, mildly cold)!
While living in our southern home, we keep up-to-date with the local happenings by reading the World-Spectator weekly online and watching our Canadian television stations. You may have heard of the 2026 Easter Seals Snowarama taking place in the Yorkton area, and maybe even know a couple of the local snowmobilers

who may be attending the event.

Here in Arizona, we have the "Desert Chapter" of Snowarama. This involves us and our fellow motorcyclist friends riding our bikes around the state to take part in this great cause. This event will be on Saturday, March 7, but first we must do some personal fundraising!

Our personal goal is to raise \$3,000 this year, but we can't do it without your help—so please consider joining us in raising money for a great cause by sponsoring our campaign. Just scan the QR code below, and it will take you to our personal page where you can sponsor us. Or you can contact us on Facebook

messenger to make arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. All funds raised will stay in the Yorkton area, and you may even know of some local kids who will be attending Camp Easter Seal near Yorkton this summer.

We will see you later in the spring.

Wayne & Tammy Beckett
Moosomin



Groff, Gibson adjudicators for Music Festival March 23-26

Corinne Groff and Laurien Gibson are the adjudicators for this year's Moosomin & District Music Festival which runs March 23-24 for Piano and March 25-26 for Vocal, Speech Arts and Musical Theatre.

The Adjudicators Showcase will be at 7 pm on Saturday, March 28 at Bethel United Church.



Adjudicator Corinne Groff

Corinne Groff is a Regina-based piano and theory teacher, adjudicator and choir director. Corinne began teaching piano in Brandon in 1979. She and her family moved to Regina in 1997 where she quickly established herself in the music community as an active music educator and adjudicator. She is a member of the Regina Branch of the Saskatchewan Registered Music Teachers, a member of the Saskatchewan Choral Federation, an examiner for Conservatory Canada, and an adjudicator for the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association.

Corinne loves her busy piano teaching and choral directing schedule and professional life. She is currently the acting chair of Regina Contemporary Showcase and a director of Da Capo Masterclass Inc. She is music director of Harmony United Church choirs and artistic director of the Amici Singers community choir. In 2020 she received the Saskatchewan Choral Federation Community Service Award. Corinne is a founding member of the Cecilia Chamber Series.

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Adjudicator Laurien Gibson

Laurien Gibson Laurien holds a Bachelor of Music from the University of Saskatchewan and an Artist Diploma from the Glenn Gould School. Laurien has been the recipient of numerous awards including first place in the Canadian Music Competition, Gordon Wallis Opera Competition and Young Artist Competition. She has also sung in the finals of the Hans Gabor Belvedere international competition, held in Vienna. As a soloist, Laurien has appeared with Little Opera on the Prairie, Strata New Music Festival, The Canadian Sinfonietta, Jeunes Ambassadeurs Lyriques, North York Concert Orchestra, The Regina Symphony Orchestra, the Saskatoon Opera Association, and Edmonton's Opera Nuova. Laurien is a huge fan of recital work and has worked extensively in this vein. She has given performances for intimate house concerts, pop-up street concerts (she and co-creator Andre Milne dubbed Drive-by Opera), as well as in many "proper" recital halls.

As a teacher, Laurien aims to share her love and enthusiasm for music and to create positive learning experiences for her students. Laurien has taught both voice and piano for over 25 years, taking just a small departure to learn the craft of tile setting. She has taught for Persephone Theatre School summer camps and as a sessional instructor at the University of Saskatchewan. Outside of her musical life she keeps busy being a mom, hiking both urban and forested trails, and enjoying the antics of the family's three cats.

Rocanville Town Council Community meeting planned for March 30

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
At the Rocanville town council meeting last week, it was reported that the annual community meeting for 2026 is planned for Monday, March 30.

The town is in the process of lining up a number of representatives to give brief presentations and take questions that evening.

Representatives from the town, RM of Rocanville, daycare, economic development, and RCMP will all be at the meeting to report on what they have been doing over the last year and give an update to the community.

The town held a community meeting in 2025 as well and decided it was something they wanted to do annually moving forward.

Flowers and new planters for 2026

Council passed a motion to purchase flowers from Cornucopia Gardens for the 2026 growing season. The town will spend \$1,600 on flyers for 20 hanging pots. The town is also planning to purchase 20 new

self watering planter pots for Ellice Street for \$6,400.

This year they are planning to do a red and white theme with the town flowers.

Approval of Filter 2 repair

Council passed a motion to approve paying MKK Systems \$32,950 to repair Filter 2 in the water treatment plant.

Ask Ernie

The town has set up an email that allows residents to ask questions anonymously. Residents can ask Ernie the Oilcan a question, and the town will reply or do their best to find an answer to the question. In some cases, answers might be published if they are informative to the general public.

People can send their questions to ask-rocanvilleernie@gmail.com

Gravel tender awarded

The town received five tenders for supplying town gravel in 2026, and awarded the tender to Clint Birkenshaw Excavating and Spraying in the amount of \$55,750.

The gravel will mainly be used for roads, back alleys, and water dugs.

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Westman RCMP Report

BY CST SOHIT MAINI

72 calls for service

From February 15 to 21, the Westman RCMP received a total of 72 calls for service. Some of these calls for service include 28 traffic offences, three assistance to Canadian agencies / general public, five assaults, three mischief files, two firearms related files, three wellbeing checks, two false alarms, and two fraud files.

Fined \$391 for speeding

On February 15 during routine traffic patrols in the RM of Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the driving speed of 136 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 \$391.

Impaired driver hits parked vehicle

On February 20, RCMP received a report of an impaired driver who had driven into their parked vehicle in the town of Virden. The impaired driver had left the vehicle and walked into a local facility. RCMP attended and locat-

ed the driver of the vehicle who showed obvious signs of intoxication and subsequently arrested for impaired operation. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Virden RCMP detachment where he provided breath samples resulting in 140mg% and 130 mg%. The driver was arrested for operation while impaired, operation while over 80mg% and operation while prohibited. Once the driver was released, he was issued a 90-days license suspension and court date to appear in court.

Speeding in the RM of Sifton

On February 21 during routine patrols in the RM of Sifton, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling on Highway 1 when a radar detector was activated. A traffic stop was conducted, a radar detector was in the vehicle, and the driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for driving a vehicle equipped with a radar detection device, which carries a fine of \$298.

Speeding driver tests positive for cannabis impairment

On February 21, during routine traffic patrols in the RM

of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed the driving speed of 153 km/hr in a 110 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted; an oral fluid sample of the driver was completed which resulted in positive for cannabis consumption. The driver was issued a Traffic Offence Notice for Speeding, which carries a fine of \$613 along with 72-hour driver license suspension.

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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Wawota News

Myrna Olson
306-739-2519 • molsons_40@hotmail.com

Born to Dylan and Kelsey Mills, a son on February 17. He has been named Taysen Wyatt Mills and he is a brother for Blakely. He is also a grandson for Brian and Darci Mills, Del and Tammy Wyatt and a great-grandson for Carol Howarth and Pat Wyatt.

Upcoming events: The first Heritage Committee meeting will be at the Village Inn on March 2, and the United Church Time and Talent will be on March 22 with online bidding, live auction and silent auction and supper at the Town Hall on March 22.

Sympathy to Charles Gibson and Britany Bourgon on the passing of Charles' grandmother Edith Gibson. She passed away at DVL on Sunday, February 7. She was from Moosomin.

A public meeting was held at the Town Hall on February 9. The mayor and councillors and administrator and around 35 members of the public attended. Many items were discussed including paving on 1st Street, concerns of vehicles not stop-

ping at four-way stops, fixing the airstrip, an update on Haldenby Community Centre, a museum report, This 'n That treasurer's report and a Food Pantry report. Those in attendance recommended meetings like this be held maybe twice a year.

Happy 90th to George Eisler who celebrated with family on his birthday on February 12.

Kelly Greenbank, Shawna Cudmore and Kerr Cudmore travelled to Feldkirch, Austria recently. Kelly was honoured at a hockey game there on February 18.

Congratulations to the following curling teams: The Junior Girls Team of Parker, Alyssa, Tessa, and Roary who competed in the SEDAA Junior District and captured first place; The Senior Boys Team of Rowan, Riley, Samuel and Jaxson who competed at SEDAA Senior Boys District Championship. They were winners and will advance to regionals in Estevan.

Congratulations also to all of the other teams who curled this past few weeks. It is good to see the activity in town.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper
306-733-2155

Sympathy to Joanne (Vandenbusche) Laskinin and family and all the Vandenbusche family on the sudden passing of Joanne's husband, Mark. Raymond, Wanda and Connie travelled to Kansas for the funeral and to be with their sister.

Martin Bell, Charlotte, and Zen have returned from their holiday to Punta Cana.

Sympathy to Mike and Diane Morell and family and Terry Marsh on the passing of their mother, Susie Marsh, in the Moosomin Integrated Health Facility on the weekend. Sympathy to the Griemann and Marsh relatives and friends.

Darren, Kassandra, Neil, Karen and Cal Cuthill enjoyed the spring break holiday skidoing at Island Park in Idaho.

St. Lazare News

Robin Tremblay
306-683-2464

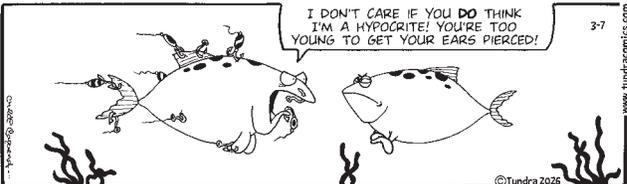
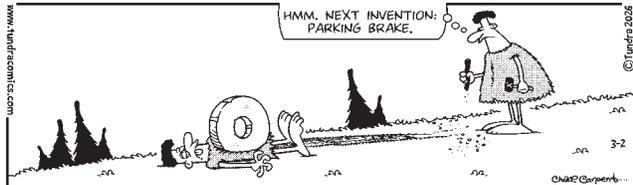
Congratulations to Ivan and Kaitlyn Blouin on the birth of their son. Proud grandparents are Jean and Estelle Blouin.

Congratulations to Johnathan and Teryn Fouillard on the birth of their twin daughters. Proud grandparents are Connie and Raquel Fouillard.

Sympathy to the Belhumeur families on the passing of Cisco Belhumeur of Portage. The funeral was held in St. Lazare on February 24.

Tundra

Chad Carpenter





Randy Schiller captured these photos of some of the damage in Puerto Vallarta after the turmoil on Feb. 22.

Top of page: Cars burnt in front of the Costco.

Above and below: A semi burnt by Costco.

Above and below: A bus burnt two blocks from the Schiller's condo.

Randy Schiller photos



Turmoil in Puerto Vallarta

Locals say it won't stop them from going back every winter to an area they love

Continued from front

They both say they feel the destruction that day was an isolated incident.

"Sunday morning is when all the commotion started, fairly early Sunday morning, I'm right in Old Town, and that was the center spot for the for all the action," says Muarry Bruce.

"We just stayed inside that day. All of Sunday, it was quite something. On the block that I was on, they burned every car on each side. And there were three trucks in the middle of the road, and they burnt them. There were 12 vehicles burnt in a block right beside where I was living.

"It was quite a day and for some reason they burnt the Oxxo corner stores. I don't know what the deal was there, whether they don't like the people that own them, but it was pretty crazy, they're burnt all over the place, and the Kioskos, which is another corner store. They burned a few of them.

"And then busses, the darn the city bosses. They burned like over 30 city busses, which is a real shame, because that's how that's all the locals and tourists get around. That's how they get to work and everything. It was kind of a shame."

Bruce says he read about El Mencho dying early in the morning on Sunday, and then things started to flare up around 8 am.

"It just kind of spread all over. Basically what they did is they burnt vehicles. That was their goal was to burn vehicles and block roads. They used the vehicles to block the road so the police couldn't chase them around and couldn't follow them around. They would just stop vehicles, and they would tell the people to get out, and then they would burn the vehicle. The cartel was riding around on dirt bikes, and there would be one guy driving and one guy on the back, and he'd have either some bottles, like bottles of gas or a five gallon pail of gas. There were quite a few of them roaming around. I don't know where they all came from all of a sudden, but they sure came in with a vengeance."

Bruce says he stayed his condo that day.

"I didn't have any food or anything in my in my condo, but the neighbor asked me to come over and have breakfast. So I went over there and had breakfast, and then came back and just spent the day inside. That's pretty well what everybody did. The streets were empty and there were no vehicles moving around or anything.

"You could see all the smoke as it spread around, as they burned a vehicle. It would just turn black and there would be black smoke. And then it would die down a bit, and then there would be another big plume of black smoke going up. It was pretty wild."

"The fire department came out the first fire or two to put something out, and then the cartel was shooting at them. It was quite a day. It was quite something. I have a bit of an understanding of what the Ukrainians feel like now being under attack for four years in a row. I have a bit of an idea what they feel like now."

He says he doesn't know of anyone who was injured.

"There was no word of any people getting hurt. Nothing happened to any tourists or people. They weren't after people. They were just trying to make a point, just cause havoc.

"The cartels have never really been seen in Puerto Vallarta, and they don't usually do stuff in Puerto Vallarta. They do it out in the country, but they've all always left Puerto Vallarta alone. This is the first time they've actually done this much damage."

He says the flare up of destruction was short lived, isolated to Sunday, and by Monday people were starting to move around again and businesses were starting to reopen.

"On Monday everything was just kind of getting back. There wasn't much open. There was the odd little Mexican store open, and people were lined up buying stuff, there were big lineups to the little stores. Everybody was getting water and food.

"There was no damage done on Monday at all. There was nothing. It was all over with by then."

Bruce has been going down to Puerto Vallarta for two months every year since 2015, and says the incident with the cartel destruction on Feb. 22 will not deter him from continuing to visit each year.

"I think I'd keep coming. Everything's right back to normal again. It's just like nothing ever happened. There's an odd little burnt patch here and there, and there's about the odd bus that they haven't got cleaned up yet, but the town has got everything all cleaned up.

"They're wonderful people down here. They're just straight tourist towns. There's no other economy, no factories or anything like that. They rely on tourism, so they're quite friendly people.

"To walk around now, you wouldn't know anything happened. Everybody is out. The bars are all full. We're walking around. On Monday, there wasn't very much open, but by Tuesday, 80 per cent of the stuff was open. And then by Wednesday, it was full bore."

Bruce says he loves that part of Mexico.

"I like the weather. It's 28 every day, and 19 or 20 at night. It's just the weather, and the and the food is great. The ocean's nice too, because we don't have many oceans in Saskatchewan," he says with a laugh. "There's quite a bunch of people down here now too."



Looking south into Zona Romantica.

Randy Schiller photo

Randy and Cheryl Schiller were in a condo in the Versailles district of Puerto Vallarta, in the middle part of the city.

"We had a 360 degree view of the city from our rooftop and from our balcony," says Randy. "And we're on the fifth floor, so we had a pretty good view, and we noticed that smoke and fires actually started in the south of Puerto Vallarta in the Romantic Zone. The fires started there, and they slowly moved north. Next thing you know, the fires are getting a little closer the Versailles district, and then they're on the 200 Highway."

"It was mostly vehicles and busses that were on fire and Oxxo gas stations. They burnt quite a few of them out."

"The whole thing started moving south to north, and they lit a bunch of vehicles fire in Costco. Costco was about five blocks from us."

"Out of all of this, we never, ever did feel unsafe or feel like we were in a war zone, and we still don't feel unsafe. We've been out and about and it's been just life as usual."

"I think the cartel was just trying to get the Mexican government to pay attention. They were saying 'We're not going to let you do this.'"

"On Sunday we watched some TV and went up to the pool. And then on Monday morning, we walked around and looked at some of the burnt out vehicles and burnt out cars and some of the burnt out buildings. Even walking around on Monday. We didn't feel unsafe."

"It was definitely an experience. But one thing about when the cartel was doing this, when they were burning the Oxxos, apparently they were going into the Oxxos and telling everybody to get out. And then they would fire bomb the Oxxo, and it was the same with the vehicles and the busses. The busses would be going down the street, and apparently they stopped the bus at gunpoint and told everybody to get out of the bus. Everybody got out of the bus, and then they fire bombed the bus."

"They didn't want to hurt the people, and they didn't want to hurt private business. There's only a couple pri-

vate businesses that I know that burnt. One was a motorcycle place, and I don't know why they burnt it. And then another one was a mattress store, but it was right beside an Oxxo. So I think the fire went from the Oxxo to the mattress store. But as far as private business goes, they sure stayed away from them. That's what I've noticed."

Schiller says they love Puerto Vallarta and will continue to visit the area every winter.

"We love the weather. Every day is perfect. And we like the people. The people are friendly, and they're willing to help you and we've kind of fallen love with Puerto Vallarta."

"That's the first time that I have ever seen any evidence of the cartel at all. You probably wouldn't have seen any evidence of it if it wasn't for them getting El Mencho."

"In the last few days, we've noticed a lot more presence of the police, the military here now. For a few days there was a helicopter flying around every once in a while, checking things out."

He says they already have plans to go back next winter.

"Oh, we're booked in for next year again. It's not going to stop us," he says. "Some people might have a different idea of it. But we're going to come again next year."

"We're coming home pretty quick on March 4, but we come here for two months every year—for January, February. And we meet up with Murray quite a bit. Murray introduced us to a lot of his friends down here. Our social life in Puerto Vallarta is three times of what it is in Moosomin. We could go out every night if we wanted to. And the restaurants down here, and the food—the restaurants are endless. You could come here for three months and not eat in the same restaurant, and there are so many varieties of food. There's a lot of Mexican, of course, but there's also Italian, there's Vietnamese, there's Chinese—it's pretty much whatever you want. And your attire is flip flops, shorts and T-shirts, even in the evenings."

"Puerto Vallarta is a great place to visit. I think what happened that day was just a one-day tantrum by the cartels."



Learn to curl session held with Maryfield Filipino community

On Friday, February 20, several members from Maryfield's Filipino community came to the Maryfield rink to learn to curl. Curling coach Barb Swallow led the session with help from Randy O'Greysik, Jessica Veysey, Hannah Low and Janet Lemon. It was a very rewarding experience for all as both instructors and students shared in the laughter and fun. The new curlers expressed their enjoyment of learning these curling skills and many wish to practice again in the future.

Barb Swallow photo

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From left to right, Ashley Weber, Jennie Weber (mom), and Cassidy Weber are all very involved in barrel racing.

Jennie Weber photo



Lisa Huynh is riding CP Docs Lil Gun known as Sik Em. He has only been running barrels for the past month.

Stephanie Zoer photo

Barrel racing competitors beat winter blues at Ponderosa Barrel Series

BY STEPHANIE ZOER
Jennie Weber, owner and operator of Ponderosa Ranch, needed something to do during the dark months of winter. Her two daughters Ashley Weber and Cassidy Weber, received rodeo scholarships and went off to college leaving Weber alone at home.

Weber and her daughters are dedicated horse

people. Ashley and Cassidy are competitive barrel racers and break away ropers. Their scholarships took Ashley to Hobbs, New Mexico and Cassidy to Weatherford, Texas. With her daughters having such a passion for barrel racing, Weber wanted others to be able to experience what her girls have.

Last year Weber decided to start the Ponderosa Bar-

rel Series with her daughters' encouragement. Weber loves people, horses, and the barrel world. This was also going to be something that would fill her lonely days without her kids home. The event went so well that Weber is hosting her second event this year.

"I want people to enjoy the atmosphere, and feel the magic of the arena,"

said Weber. "I am very blessed to have my parents, Sandra and Andy Robertson, help when needed, and the sponsorship that we have."

The Ponderosa Ranch is located east of Carlyle on Highway 13. It has a large indoor riding arena that is heated and very enjoyable for all competitors to ride out of the cold weather. The event begins in the fall and runs until the end of April with a final competition for awards.

Weber cooks a warm meal for everyone to enjoy up in the viewing lodge. Prizes are awarded to the best runs of the day, but she also has theme days. One is Christmas wearing an ugly sweater, and New Years is Gala Dress day. She has Easter and Valentines. It is not only the competitors that dress up, but the horses are also put into the theme and a prize for the best custom is given in four categories for the day.

The barrel racing series usually runs every Saturday, and one was held on February 14. It is open to all ages ranging from three years old to 70 years old. One does not need to be seasoned in the profession; they can come out and learn how to run the barrels. Some of the barrel racers bring young horses as it is a great tool for them to learn.

Barrel racers love the atmosphere and any given weekend 40 rides come out to enjoy the day. Each barrel racer is given the chance to run the clover leaf pattern, and if they knock down the barrel, they have a chance to do a buy in and do another round.

Weber said that this event would not be possible without the volunteers that come out and help. She has had many locals do sponsorships which include buckles at the final event on April 25.

Weber said that the atmosphere, the social and the magical feeling is exactly what she was looking for when she started this series last year, and she feels that this is what she has accomplished and at the same time made the dark winters a little less blue.



Skylar Mailhot and her gelding Shade won the best dressed custom for the Valentine's Ponderosa Barrel Series.

Stephanie Zoer photo



Jennie Weber, left, presents Johanna Logan, right, with her prize for the best dressed in the youth division at the Ponderosa Barrel Series.

Jennie Weber photo



Sarah Anderson rode Guy at the Barrel Series. She has attended many of the events with her kids who also run barrels.

Stephanie Zoer photo



Bella the farm dog at Ponderosa Ranch made sure to get as many pets as possible throughout the day at the barrel event.

Stephanie Zoer photo



Maryfield Lions creating dental kits with eyeglass cases

The Maryfield District Lions club is recycling used eyeglass cases. The club is filling the used cases with dental products—toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss and dental picks. A tongue cleaner was attached to each kit as well (as it was too long to fit inside). 34 dental kits were delivered to the Shelwin House transition house in Yorkton. Moosomin Dental Centre assisted in purchasing the kit items and donated to the project. More kits will be made as used eyeglass cases become available.



Some of the dental kits that were created with eyeglass cases and donated to Shelwin House in Yorkton.

New additions treatment spaces open in Estevan

On Friday, Mental Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr announced funding for 15 new second-stage sober living treatment spaces in Estevan.

The \$293,000 in new annual funding to St. Joseph's Addiction Recovery Centre supports sober living treatment provided to adults in a supportive, substance-free environment. Services are available to all Saskatchewan residents.

"We want to see individuals who have completed addictions treatment get the follow-up support they may need to return to their communities," Carr said. "The new second-stage sober living spaces will provide a safe, stable environment that strengthens the bridge between treatment and independent living."

These spaces are part of the Government of Saskatchewan's commitment to add 500 treatment spaces by 2028, which is a key pillar of Saskatchewan's Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions.

The new spaces are for people who have completed initial treatment and are continuing their recovery journey. Treatment focuses on preventing relapse through counseling and connection to community and culture.

"The addition of these sober living beds will make a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we serve and their families," St. Joseph's Recovery Centre Manager of Addiction Services Anton Kokol said. "We believe in recovery in all areas of our lives. The ability to offer post-treatment beds to our clients allows them the space, support and resources to accomplish forward movements in all major life areas. Recovery does not end when residential treatment is completed, it is just the beginning of a new phase in the journey."

In total, 41 post-treatment spaces at St. Joseph's Recovery Centre are funded through the province's commitment to add 500 new treatment spaces by 2028.

St. Joseph's was one of the successful proponents chosen through the competitive request for proposals process initiated by the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) in 2023. The agreement to provide service is between the SHA and St. Joseph's.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with St. Joseph's Addiction Recovery Centre, which will expand provincial treatment capacity and help strengthen the skills and supports individuals will rely on as they transition into longer-term recovery back in the community," SHA Mental Health and Addictions Services - Provincial Executive Director Zoe Teed McKay said. "This collaboration offers timely, specialized services in stable, accessible spaces, ensuring individuals are getting the help they need when they are ready to take that important next step."

To date, 312 of the 500 new spaces under Saskatchewan's Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions are now available to Saskatchewan residents.

The 2025-26 Provincial Budget invests a record \$623 million in mental health and addictions support and services. This is the largest investment in the province's history for mental health and addictions support.



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OBITUARIES



FRED RESTAU
FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Fred Restau of Moosomin, Saskatchewan, formerly of Wapella, Saskatchewan, beloved brother of Hilda Restau and Ann Hrycak, passed away at Southeast Integrated

Care Centre Long-term Care Moosomin, Saskatchewan Saturday, February 21, 2026 at the age of 91 years.

A private family service will be held. Interment will be in Wapella Cemetery.

For those who so desire, memorial tributes in memory of Fred may be made to Moosomin & District Healthcare Foundation for SEICC - Long Term Care Recreation, PO Box 1470 Moosomin, Saskatchewan, S0G 3N0.

Messages of condolence may be placed at www.carscaddenfuneralchapel.com

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SUSANA FRANCIS MARSH
JULY 13, 1936 -
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Susana Francis Marsh passed away Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at Southeast Integrated Care Centre

Long-term Care in Moosomin, Saskatchewan at the age of 89 years.

Susana was predeceased by her husband Bill Marsh after 66 years of marriage, sister Mary (Alf), brothers Pete (Irene), Herman (Muriel), and Henry (June), as well as brothers-in-law Bud (Betty), Orlie (Kay), Pike, Allen (Margaret), Lloyd and Art.

She is survived by her daughter Diane (Mike), son Terry, grandchildren Amanda (Rick) and Justin, brother William (Judy), brother-in-law Ronald (Ely), and sisters-in-law Helen, Joyce, Sheila, Bernice and Judy.

Susana was born to Mike

and Katherine Griemann on July 13, 1936. She went to School at Old Welwyn and then finished at Welwyn School.

Susana worked at the Bank of Toronto for two years where she met Bill Marsh in 1956 and they continued to farm for 40 years.

She then retired to the town of Welwyn and lived there until 2018, then moved to Moosomin at Sterling Manor and then over to Long Term Care in 2022.

Susie, as she was called had many friends, belonged to many clubs and she enjoyed playing cards and dancing.

Susie's many talents were baking, sewing and gardening. All who came to visit, even the odd traveling salesman, were invited to stay for meals and treats.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

For those who so desire, memorial tributes in memory of Susie may be made to Welwyn United Church, Welwyn Cemetery, or Moosomin and District Healthcare Foundation for SEICC LTC.

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GLENNIS M. LEWIS
FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Dr. Glennis M. Lewis passed away peacefully on Feb. 1, 2026, in Brandon, Manitoba.

She will be lovingly remembered by her nieces, Tricia Connett (Curtis) and Vanessa Flavel (Marlin), her great-niece, Sela Flavel, and amongst many circles of friends throughout western and central Canada.

Glennis was born into

the third generation of Woodside Farm near Vandura, Sask. which was settled by her grandfather George Chambers Lewis in 1906, passed to her father Joseph Edgar Lewis, then to her brother Keith Edgar Lewis.

Glennis studied botany and law in Brandon, Calgary, and Ottawa; contributed to environmental law and public health in both the public and private sectors; and enjoyed movies, reading, music, canoeing, botanizing, birding, and adventures in natural areas.

A complete obituary is posted at www.brockie-donovan.com. A celebration of life will occur in early June, 2026, in the Brandon area. Please contact CelebrateGlennis@gmail.com for more details.

Arrangements are in care of Brockie Donovan Funeral & Cremation Services, (204)-727-0694.



HOWARD GUY STILBORN
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Howard passed away in Regina General Hospital on February 17, 2026 at the age of 71.

Howard grew up on the farm near Moosomin and

attended grades K-12 at Moosomin schools. He entered the plumbing trade shortly after graduating high-school in 1972. He worked in the trade his entire career, employed for many years with Comfort Mechanical in Regina, and then operating his own business until his passing.

Predeceased by his parents, Guy and Dorothy Stilborn, Howard is survived by his wife Annie, step-son Steffen, step-daughters Christina and Jessica and their families. He is also survived by his sisters, Rita (Karl) Fenk, Helen (Lloyd) Teetaert and his brothers Stuart (Debbie), Ross (Dianne) and Dave (Angie) Stilborn, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Bethel United Church in Moosomin Friday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m. Join in a service prepared by WDP Nigeria Ecumenical Worship Service. Christians around the world coming together in spirit on a common day to pray for relevant issues affecting women and children. 22:1c

ANNUAL GUN CLUB MEETING
Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Moosomin Fire Hall on Main Street. New and renew memberships. 22:2p

MOOSOMIN ARMOURY DANCES
Two dances are planned for Moosomin at the Armoury, 902 Birtle Street. March 15, 2026, with Len Gadica playing and March 29, 2026 with Ken Thompson playing. Dances take place from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. There will be a \$15 charge at the door. A potluck lunch will be served. For information call Mel 306-434-9915 or Laura 306-434-8095. 22:2c

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COMING EVENTS

MOOSOMIN ARMOURY AGM
Armoury Annual General meeting Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Moosomin Armoury Hall. 22:1c

20 GOLDEN MINUTES
20 Golden Minutes will be held on Tuesdays. February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026 at noon at the Bethel United Church in Moosomin. Lunch will follow. All are welcome! 20:6p

MOOSOMIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 11:45 am at the Canalta. Lunch is served and everyone is welcome! 15:1c

MARYFIELD AUDITORIUM MOVIES
This week's movie at the Maryfield Auditorium. Friday, March 6 & Saturday, March 7 **Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die** at 8:00 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. Adults \$7, Students \$6, Children \$4. 48:1c

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ACROSS

- 1. Back talk
- 5. Wise bird
- 8. Land amid water
- 12. Cattle
- 13. Feather scarf
- 14. Approve
- 15. Dog's bane
- 16. Lawn material
- 17. Measur with a stopwatch
- 18. Shrine
- 20. Temporary replacement
- 22. Did wrong
- 24. Merry
- 28. Fools
- 33. Elaborate solo
- 34. Lamb's mom
- 36. Seven days
- 37. Synagogue official
- 39. Aged

DOWN

- 1. Not hard
- 2. Pivot
- 3. Look like official
- 39. Aged
- 41. Advocate Ralph
- 43. Spaces on a form
- 47. Recurring series
- 52. Earring's location
- 53. Preschooler
- 55. Rich deposit
- 56. Flirty look
- 57. Animosity
- 58. Insist upon
- 59. Having foot digits
- 60. Cherry color
- 61. Lived

- 5. Examine
- 6. Romance
- 7. Scoop
- 8. Small bit
- 9. Body covering
- 10. Weak, as an excuse
- 11. Goggler
- 19. Waikiki wreath
- 21. Kooky
- 23. Marry again
- 24. Not near
- 25. Distinct span
- 26. Bro or sis
- 27. Check
- 29. Be in arrears
- 30. Miles _____ hour
- 31. Electric fish
- 32. Earth's upper atmosphere
- 35. Put into office
- 38. Printing fluid
- 40. Parched

- 42. Out of bed
- 43. Blemish
- 44. Advertising symbol
- 45. Adept
- 46. Destitution
- 48. Members-only
- group
- 49. Folk tales
- 50. Brink
- 51. Caught sight of
- 54. Mine deposit

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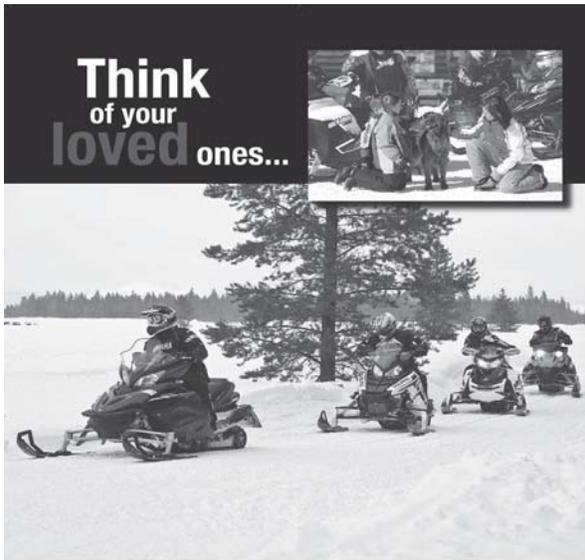
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Applications shall include:

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- Education and skills
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Applicants must be willing to provide a Criminal Record Check and Drivers Abstract.

Resumes must be received by **4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2026.**

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Sh'vaun Maher has taken on the position of librarian at the Arcola Library Branch as of January 2026. Stephanie Zoer photo

Arcola Library holds annual AGM meeting with new librarian

BY STEPHANIE ZOER

Each year the Arcola Library holds an AGM meeting. This took place on February 24 at the branch on Main Street in Arcola. Board members and the new librarian Sh'vaun Maher were in attendance.

Maher is a new resident of Arcola, and she felt this was great way to get to know people in the community.

"I love to read and I thought this was going to be a great job for me," said Maher.

It will be her responsibility to get programming in place with the help of the board. She has never held a position like this, but feels it is a good way to get her feet wet and learn. She is excited about getting things going.

Grants are a big part of the library's success in offering extra events. Maher and the board will look into what is available throughout the year, so they can offer as much as possible to the public.

Marla Schlenker is the chairperson of the nine-member board. They hold five to six meetings per year with the annual meeting held in February. At this meeting they discuss how the previous year unfolded and what they are looking for in the new year.

The board is available to Maher for questions, added support, and to help continuously find ways to improve the space the library has. They volunteer their time to make the library a successful place to gather for fun events.

Each year they set three goals. In 2026 it is their plan to create an Indigenous story corner for the children and youth. Last fall they received a grant from Access Communications. This grant was to purchase books written by Indigenous authors with Indigenous content. They have called the project "Grounded in Story." They are excited to get this project completed as it will be an important corner in the library.

The second goal they set is to host a spaghetti dinner. This will be a fundraiser for the library. A date has not yet been set for this, but they hope to hold it in April. The third goal they have is to hold a babysitting course. They will host this course for Arcola and surrounding areas.

Libraries are a vital part of communities and offer more than just books. They have videos, offer crafts, fitness programs and so much more.

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The legislation would create a new penalty for medical practitioners who knowingly perform an abortion when the sole reason is the genetic sex of the pre-born child.

Ten years ago, 2015:

Moosomin town council passed a motion to purchase the old wooden McNaughton Building from Sasco Enterprises for \$1. Council also passed a motion to obtain accident and liability insurance for the building.

Fifteen years ago, 2010:

A memorial service was held on Feb. 20 for the people of Fleming who were mourning the loss of their Lake of the Woods grain elevator. The historic elevator, built in 1895, burned to the ground Feb. 9. The building was the oldest wooden elevator in Canada still on its original foundation.

Twenty years ago, 2005:

Alarm bells were ringing among representatives with the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) who said Canada Post was set to close rural post offices across the country, and that 150 post offices in Saskatchewan may be at risk of closure. The post offices in Fleming and Kelso were already on the list for review along with 14 others in rural Saskatchewan; Local people and the Moosomin Library sent gifts of school supplies to students in Africa through CODE's Project Love, a national program supporting literacy and global education.

One hundred years ago, 1925:

The Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League formed a pool for the fighting of Tuberculosis and hope to receive the support of all the cities, towns, villages, and rural mu-

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Wagantall introduces bill to ban sex selective abortions

By Cathay Wagantall
The House of Commons on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, introduced a Private Member's Bill, the Sex Selective Abortion Act, in the House of Commons. The legislation would create a new penalty for medical practitioners who knowingly perform an abortion when the sole reason is the genetic sex of the pre-born child. The bill is currently in the House of Commons. It is expected to be debated in the House of Commons on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020. The bill is currently in the House of Commons. It is expected to be debated in the House of Commons on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020.

Lydia Smith was a Guest Performer at the Wapella Skating Carnival on February 23. Turn to pages 10-11 for more photos from the Skating Carnival.

This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on March 3, 2020.

municipalities in the province; Fleming War Veterans held a Happy Social Evening for anyone to attend; Fleming Trail Rangers' hockey club took the Manson Juniors into camp on Saturday on the local rink by an 8-2 score.

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