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Good dismount

A competitor in the saddle bronc event at the Moosomin Rodeo goes flying off the horse during rodeo action on Saturday, July 10. Organizers were happy with how the rodeo went this year.

Wawota plans meeting over bed closures

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Wawota's Save Our Beds committee is planning a public meeting for Wednesday, July 28 at the town hall in Wawota in order to give local residents a chance to question officials about the closure of five beds at Deer View Lodge.

Organizers have invited Sun Country board members, senior administrators, and local MLAs Dan D'Autremont and Don Toth.

"We just want to give the public their chance to ask their questions," said Save Our Beds committee chair Dale Easton. "They've never had a chance to ask their questions of the administrative staff and the board of directors."

Easton said he's hoping the meeting will encourage the health board to reverse its decision on the beds at Wawota.

"We would like the public to come to the meeting with some good questions and make these people think again, and make them understand that they made a mistake

here and finally admit they made a mistake and overturn what they've done."

He said people in Wawota plan to fight until the decision is overturned.

"People are still wanting what we initially wanted in the first days—for those beds to be re-opened," he said.

"I don't think anyone has accepted defeat here," Easton said. "We may be frustrated but we haven't accepted defeat."

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 at the Wawota town hall.

The Sun Country Regional Health Au-

thority announced last month that it is closing five beds at Wawota's Deer View Lodge in order to save \$110,000 in annual operating costs.

One former board member says he doesn't feel the board was informed of all the facts when it made its decision. Lorne Rygh of Kipling, who recently resigned from the Sun Country Regional Health Authority, said last week that he didn't think the board had all the information when they agreed to close the beds at Wawota.

"Wawota has kept me informed with cop-

ies of literature," he said. "We were just told those five rooms were once needed because there was a doctor, but they weren't needed anymore. I'm not certain that I fully understood the issue. I understood there were to be more savings than what occurred. Wawota has made a valid issue out of that."

"I'm a little disappointed there hasn't been a more thorough discussion by the board."

Rygh resigned from the board June 25, saying he simply doesn't have time to devote to the board.

Ministry to meet with Sun Country

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Health wants to set up a meeting with the Sun Country Health Region to discuss the hiring of vice-president of finance Hal Schmidt.

Schmidt had been fired from IWK Health Centre in Halifax for falsely claiming to be a chartered accountant. His tenure as CEO of St. Mary's Hospital in New Westminster, B.C. was the subject of a forensic audit



into administrative expenses, including Schmidt's use of his credit card and personal loans made to Schmidt from hospital funds.

The ministry had asked Sun Country Regional Health Au-

thority chair Sharon Bauche to explain how CEO Calvin Tant came to hire Schmidt.

The health authority has responded in writing, but the ministry also wants to meet.

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Arcola takes health care into its own hands

Sun Country Health Region eliminates nursing position at Arcola hospital just as it reopens

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The people of the Arcola area got tired of waiting for the Sun Country Health Region to recruit doctors to staff the local hospital.

They got together, formed a corporation, built a clinic, and have hired three doctors to serve the community.

Just as they announced that they had done what the health region couldn't, and had recruited a group of doctors, Sun Country announced it would eliminate one registered nurse position at Arcola.

Arcola Health Centre will resume full services today, July 19, at 7 a.m. But it will operate an inpatient ward, an outpatient service and emergency service with just one registered nurse on duty. There were two RNs on duty during the day when the health centre was on restricted services.

The Moose Mountain Health Care Corporation has hired three doctors so far and has a fourth starting in the fall. It will operate on the same model as the Moosomin Family Practice Centre, with the doctors operating a clinic in Arcola, sharing call at the local hospital, and operating satellite clinics in smaller surrounding communities. The first satellite clinic will be set up in Stoughton, and the second will open soon in Lampman.

Dr. Lise Morin, Dr. Sameer Paruk and Dr. Tasnim Gafoor will work out of Arcola Family Health Clinic. One doctor in Carlyle will be taking call at the Arcola facility along with the three doctors in Arcola.

Greg Maher of the Moose Mountain Health Care Corporation board told a public meeting Tuesday night that the local community had to take charge of their health care because the health region wasn't doing its job.

"I believed that we are entitled to health care, certainly as

entitled as urban citizens, and that our government, health ministry and health authority were obligated to provide those services," Maher told the crowd at the public meeting. "I would have suggested that efforts to ensure adequate health care in our communities should be political and channelled through campaigning and appealing to those bodies which are obligated to provide it.

"After hearing and digesting a lot of information about the efforts and challenges of the recruiting committee I concluded that those agencies lack either the mandate, the will, the resources, or the ability, and that if we realistically expect to preserve our rural health care facilities and services, and to attract physicians to our communities, our communities would have to co-operate, collaborate, and work with unity to achieve this."

The Moose Mountain Health Care Corporation is modeled on community clinics in Regina and Saskatoon. Doctors are employed by the health care corporation on a con-

tract basis. The corporation will bill Saskatchewan Health for the doctors' services, and will use the income to pay the doctors, support staff, and clinic operating costs.

Scott Hislop of the recruitment committee explained at Tuesday's meeting that several local RMs and towns have contributed to the local health care corporation, providing funding for the local clinic, for recruitment efforts, and for housing for the doctors. Fundraising has also been important to the corporation.

Dr. Lise Morin, who was recruited from Wakaw, said she believes the group practice will work. "I quite like the vision of what they wanted to do here," she said. "They were looking at the well-being of both parties—of the doctors and the patients. One of the issues for doctors is lifestyle. The biggest worry is that the doctor gets burned out after a while. The vision here is giving the doctors a guarantee of the amount of money they will make, but letting them have their freedom."

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Fundraiser for Offets is sold out

BY KARA KINNA

There are no tickets left for a fundraiser being held for the Offet family at Dano's in Moosomin this week.

The steak supper and silent auction were originally planned with two sittings for Tuesday night. Both sittings sold out quickly, so a second supper was added on Wednesday night to accommodate the demand for tickets. That too has sold out.

The fundraiser was planned by friends of the Offet family after Curtis Offet developed a brain tumor causing seizures. Curtis had surgery to have the tumor removed at the end of June.

A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the supper on Tuesday evening. Silent auction items are presently on dis-

play at the Borderland Co-op grocery store and will be moved to a trailer in Dano's parking lot on Tuesday at noon.

Tanya Johnston, one of the organizers of the fundraiser, says they could still use a few more silent auction items. Other than that, she says support for the fundraiser has been fantastic.

"It's overwhelmingly good," she says. "The support from everyone, as always, is amazing. Moosomin is always good at supporting any fundraiser."

Johnston says she expects that the suppers on Tuesday and Wednesday to go well. "I think it's going to be great," she says.

Johnston says anyone still wishing to donate silent auction items can contact her at 435-2545.



Kara Kinna photo

Work slated for Moosomin, Highway 8

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan Highways has work slated for within the town of Moosomin, as well as Highway 8 south of Fairlight this construction season.

Potzus Paving and Road Maintenance out of Yorkton is contracted to pave 2.71 km of the old lanes of Highway 1 through Moosomin, known as Park Avenue, along with 720 metres of Main Street from the new Highway 1 to the railway tracks.

The paving project is worth about \$3.2 million and is expected to be completed this year, depending on the weather and contractor's progress on other projects.

Of the \$3.2 million cost, the Town of Moosomin is contributing up to \$40,000 for the Main Street portion of the project with the Highways Ministry covering the remainder

of the cost.

Once the contractor begins the work later this summer, traffic may be reduced to one lane, while motorists will be required to reduce speed and should be aware of flags persons and fresh oil during construction.

Meanwhile, reconstruction of Highway 8 south of Fairlight should be completed this year.

Langenburg Redi-Mix Ltd. is contracted to do 15 kilometres of work on Highway 8 south of Fairlight from the junction of Highway 48.

The work consists of road widening, strengthening and providing a sealed surface.

All of this work is expected to be completed later this construction season. Work started in the project in early May.

The project is worth about \$6.1 million.

Quilts donated

Six handmade quilts were donated to the long-term care ward at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin last Wednesday. The quilts were made and donated by the Comfort Quilters, who meet twice a month at Shirley's Sewing Room in Moosomin to sew quilts for donations. It took about a year to complete the six quilts donated to the long-term care ward, one of the many donations made by the Comfort Quilters over the last two years.

In back, from left, are Comfort Quilters Shirley, Margaret James, Doris Whelpton, and Linda Doll. In front, from left, are long-term care ward residents Sylvia Chilcott, Joan Lovely, Helen Carscadden, and Doris McDonald.

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A toast to fifty years

On its fiftieth birthday, Harper Lee's only novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* finds itself battling mixed reviews. Veteran writer for the *New Yorker*, Malcolm Gladwell, eloquently argues the limitations of Lee's civil rights story, while columnist from all walks of life come to the novel's defense.

As far as I'm concerned, pundits can play tug-of-war over the book's relevance, influence and social accuracy until the they hear a finch sing; it won't change the books meaning to me.

I have always been comforted by the literary piece. Not because of the author's stark stance on good and evil, or by the moral high ground Lee takes in the novel, but by the mere existence of a girl like Jean Louise "Scout" Finch.

I was about 14 when I first read the Pulitzer Prize winning novel, and though Scout was significantly younger than me, I related to the character immediately.

I read and re-read my copy of the book, until the paper cover needed to be reattached with packing tape.

In the book, Scout is young, and often juvenile in her actions, but she has an obvious intelligence (she could read before starting school, you know) and unique point of view.

Her naive wisdom seemed beyond her years, something at the time, I was sure I possessed.

These characteristics often found her more comfortable in the company of adults than the children in her town.

My own unique experiences—caring for ailing family members, a multicultural household, an unconventional family life—landed me in a similar position. While I could play with kids my own age, I related best to adults. Like



Miranda Minassian

Scout, I was mature and frustrated that my age in years negated any insight I felt I possessed.

She deals with it, though not always gracefully, better than my teenage self did.

Throughout the novel she is aware that her age and sex limit her impact in the community, a frustration that any young woman can relate to.

The feminist undertone—one I recognized years later—also struck a cord with my younger self.

As a tomboy I connected with Scout's struggle to defend her strong sense of self amidst social pressure to conform. Teenage girls rarely feel like they fit in, and as one that felt out of place in a dress, Scout's combative nature was familiar to me.

Often finding herself somewhere between a woman's world and a man's, she struggled to find her place. While her closest relationships were with men—her father, brother and childhood friend Dill—she feels like somewhat of an outsider, throughout the novel. I don't think

I am the only woman to share this feeling of having her nose perpetually pressed against the glass, looking in on the boys' club.

Though I deal with it better now than I did in my younger days, the feeling still rings true.

Scout develops throughout the novel, eventually finding herself more comfortable with her role as a woman. Reading about Scout watching Calpurnia in the kitchen noting that "watching her I began to think there was some skill involved in being a girl" reminded me then as it does now (I had to break out my old copy to root for specifics) of baking with my step-mother.

Watching her cook for—and therein care for—our family, struck a chord with me. Like Scout I began to understand that there was more to being a woman than social codes, and feminine attire.

In the end, Scout emerges from her childhood with a sense of who she is, and who she can become.

This lent hope to a confused adolescent version of myself that not all things need to be understood at once, lessons I still need reminders of today.

My life may have been very different from the one Scout led in 1930s Alabama, but I remember reading her experiences and feeling less alone.

Books have the ability to bring an unknown world, or feeling into ours homes, which is exactly what *To Kill a Mockingbird* did for me, at a time when I needed it the most.



Rodeo Queen Isabelle Lewis opens the 2010 Moosomin Rodeo

Ministry to meet with chair, CEO

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The ministry has not yet reviewed the response from Sun Country.

"We're trying to find some dates that will work for (deputy minister) Dan Florizone to meet with the board chair and CEO," said associate deputy minister Louise Greenberg. "We hope to finalize a date soon for a meeting between the three of them."

She said that, in addition to reviewing the written explanation from the health authority, the ministry wants a face-to-face meeting in order to ensure that all its questions are answered.

"What we want to do as part of the process is meet with them to talk about it," said Greenberg. "We asked for that when Dan sent the letter—he said he would like to meet with them to talk about the report."

"I think a verbal discussion allows the opportunity to delve more in case Dan has a question. It's good to engage verbally also."

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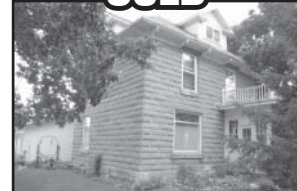
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Elkhorn attracts Toronto-based business

BY MONIQUE MCKAY

Toronto-based ResQ Track and Trace Technologies Inc. is expanding. Into Elkhorn, Manitoba.

Chad Hughes is the CEO and founder of ResQ, which delivers strategic wireless data solutions to clients such as Microsoft, Rogers, and BlackBerry.

"We provide what's called real time communication between fixed and mobile assets," explained Hughes in a telephone interview. "We use our technology to bring data in from outside the four walls of the office into the office. For example, we track vehicles or equipment in the field. We can provide real data in real time. Even in the oil and gas business we track anything from the trucks they drive around in to when the generators require service."

"I'm going to Elkhorn because they invited me," Hughes stated. "We're going to move our call centre there when budget starts for us in the fall."

"Thanks to the internet and phones I could spend my money there as much as anywhere else—Toronto or wherever," Hughes continued.

The Brandon native got his entrepreneurial start in southwestern Manitoba; he owned the College-Pro painting franchise and clearly remembers painting Elkhorn resident Ed James' house in 1986.

"I owe it to southwestern Manitoba to bring back something to that community," said Hughes. "It (the community) gave me a



Chad Hughes, second from left, with a group from Elkhorn on a recent visit.

chance when I needed it—if it wasn't for the Ed James of the world . . . it's a full circle, really."

Hughes was re-introduced to Elkhorn by Christina Canart, the village's economic development consultant.

"I was one of the co-hosts at the entrepreneurial boot camp in Brandon, and met Christina there," said Hughes. "I was also the keynote speaker at the Capturing Opportunities conference," where the Village of Elkhorn won a prestigious award for their housing development initiative.

"I could see that they were a very pro-active business-minded town focused on moving forward today while trying to secure a future for their kids," Hughes said.

Canart invited Hughes to Elkhorn personally, and the CEO accepted. On June 25 Hughes toured the village, which boasts a population of 470, and met with

village officials and citizens.

"I looked at Elkhorn not as a town but as a business," said Hughes. "What could they offer me and my business that's unique to them?"

"In many communities it's difficult to get all levels of government committed to sharing resources for small business in one room. It was refreshing to see that."

"In one meeting they brought together the President of the Chamber of Commerce, executives from their housing project, employees from the credit union, a representative from the mayor's office . . . it was pretty much an ideal situation for any company to walk into."

When exploring a relationship with a potential business partner, a company will ask itself the following questions, according to Hughes.

"Are they serious? Do they want our business? Are the decision makers here to make it happen?"

In the case of ResQ and the Village of Elkhorn, the answer to all of those questions was yes.

"Not to sound like I'm bragging, but I've been in big, big meetings—Rogers, Bell, Microsoft—at none of them, it is very rare, will they all come to the table with an open mind ready to change things," said Hughes.

"You're in a unique situation in Elkhorn," Hughes said. "You have a lending institution that's willing to help a family with a reasonable income move into a quality new home. That's incredibly rare. That just doesn't exist, the opportunity to own a home like the houses they're building which leaves enough disposable income to enjoy a good quality of life."

Hughes spoke about his urban lifestyle, where he can spend up to 14 hours a day commuting.

"People would be willing to stay (in Elkhorn) because they have a great quality of life. They're productive employees because they're happy," said Hughes.

Hughes is hopeful that ResQ's call centre won't only attract future workers to Elkhorn but will also help the kids have a future at home.

"You need to start recruiting the kids in school in Grade 9," Hughes said. "Let them know that they can stay, they have a future at home."

Hughes is confident that Elkhorn has the resources to attract more business.

"They need to work on their message, get it out there; that they're open for business. That they have a very solid foundation for any company to build on. They need to capitalize on their existing resources."

"With the support of their community they'll never fail."

"It's a rare situation there; they're entrepreneurial, down-to-earth, polite, aggressive, willing to adapt to change."

Hughes paused to reflect.

"They have—I don't know—when I left that meeting I called my staff and thanked them for the opportunity to visit Elkhorn. In my world, that was a good day. You need to be reminded of what's important and being in that community reminds you of what's important."

Jets ready for provincials this weekend

BY KARA KINNA

The Fleming Jets say that they expect to be competitive at provincial intermediate A softball playoffs in Fleming this weekend.

"We want to end up in top spot, and I think we've got a very good chance of being there," says Jets Coach Orey Hudym. "We've got a good young team."

There are five teams competing in provincials, which will start in Fleming on Friday and end on Sunday with four teams advancing to the championship round. Aside from the Jets, they include Whitewood, Rhein, Kelvington, and Warman.

Hudym says he expects a real challenge from most of the teams.

"Rhein will be tough, and Kelvington will have a good team," he says. "I don't know what Warman will have, but they are close to the city, so I suspect they will have a good team too. And Whitewood is very competitive."

"It will be good calibre ball."

The Jets have picked up Lyle Delorme from Regina as a pitcher for the provincials. Delorme is also a pitcher for the Southeast Fastball League's Broad-

"We want to end up in top spot, and I think we've got a very good chance of being there."

—Jets Coach Orey Hudym

view Buffs.

Kelsey Jamieson, who plays with the Junior Jets, will also be joining the Jets for provincials.

Hudym says the biggest thing the Jets need to work on is their hitting.

"Defensively I'm com-

fortable about provincials, I'm just hoping our bats

start coming alive," he says.

The provincial playoffs in Fleming are being combined with a weekend-long event that includes the Fleming Smash-Up Derby, a kids' carnival, a car show and live music on Satur-

day, as well as a barbecue pork on a bun supper that night.

"We hope to see a lot of fans out," says Hudym. "I know this area is very supportive of softball, and good weather will really help our crowds."

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In our opinion

New laws won't honor the dead

Rona Ambrose, the minister for Status of Women gave a speech last week about culturally-driven violence and suggested that the government is looking at amending the Canadian Criminal Code to include honor crimes—a move similar to the addition of hate motive that was added to the Criminal Code in 1970 to deal with race-based violence.

Despite the good intentions behind the possible changes, following through with such an amendment would add credence to an already dangerous precedent.

We can all agree that hate crimes, including those committed for so-called honor, are examples of the most depraved offences, but this doesn't mean that we should legitimize a government's interest in punishing people's thoughts.

As a matter of law, motive should not make one murder any more or less morally repugnant than another.

Whatever comfort the enhanced sentencing might offer doesn't change the fact that harsher penalties prevent or deter hate crimes.

The idea that adding more years to a criminal punishment will actually accomplish any sort of prevention is dangerously naive. If someone is willing to put a premium on honor over the sanctity of human life, the prospect of a few more years in jail isn't going to stop them.

It only acts to increase the power of government to persecute ideologies, which sends us down a slippery slope. Could the proposed legislation later be used to impose harsher sentences on vandals who spray paint for environmental causes rather than simply tagging smiley faces.

Once the government is granted new powers, it becomes nearly impossible to repeal them.

The tools already exist within the Criminal Code to prosecute murderers creating a new offence gives the impression that the government is doing something about this problem when they aren't.

The Canadian Council of Muslim Women opposes an amendment to the Crimi-

nal Code to include honor killings on the ground that "murder is murder."

The only way to prevent honor killings is to better educate and support women in Canada. If the government is serious about putting an end to these misogynistic acts of violence, it should invest in better understanding the deep-rooted cultural attitudes that are involved.

For the past 30 years, Aruna Papp has been counseling men and women of South Asian decent trapped in the cycles of hon-

or and shame. She recently published her comprehensive study *Culturally Driven Violence Against Women: A Growing Problem in Canada's Immigrant Communities* that included 11 policy recommendations to end cultural violence, none of which included changes to the Criminal Code.

Instead, she suggests educating women and men about practices in Canada, and arming immigration officials with the tools necessary to recognize signs of cross-cultural domestic violence.

She also puts high priority on encouraging leaders affected by honor killings to take responsibility for breaking the silence within their communities.

It's despicable that honor killings happen at all, and they should certainly not be tolerated, but instead of creating laws that placate the public's moral outrage, we should do more to prevent them.

In a free society only actions, not thoughts, should be subject to punishment. -M.M



At the World-Spectator we always welcome your letters. See page 26 for your letters this week.

The World-Spectator
Online Poll

Should the Sun Country Health Region reverse its decision to close five beds at Wawota?

Results so far:
Yes 92% No 8%

A lot of history for one little office

Descending the steep staircase into the dark basement, I can see why young children believe me when I tell them that monsters live behind that old wooden door that leads nowhere.

The walls are stone, there are no windows, it's usually damp, and for some unknown reason whenever it rains the basement fills with the faint odor of some long-ago fire.

But whenever I descend the rickety old stairs into the basement I feel like I am descending into history. The history of Moosomin and the entire area is right here. In this basement are the wooden block letters that were used to print posters in the 1880s. Here also are the metal strips that were pounded into place to form the borders on advertisements in the early part of the 20th century.

Here are the copper printing plates saved from the rare occasions when photos were printed in the paper in the early days. Here are the printing plates for Volume 1, Number 1 of this newspaper, and for various maps of the Northwest Territories back when the only transportation route to draw on the map was the Canadian Pacific Rail Line.

Here is the printing plate for the Daily Courier, dated March 7, 1885, the headline screaming NWT WAR!, and a subheading, RIEL'S REBELS! And here is the petition taken up among Moosomin citizens on the issue of whether Louis Riel should be hung or not.

Here are the files of Inspector Constantine, who led the Northwest Mounted Police at Moosomin, and whose expeditions took him to the farthest reaches of Canada's Arctic. Here are his photos of his journeys. And here are the newspapers that tell the stories of this area for the last 126 years, starting with a time long before the province of Sas-



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katchewan was even dreamed of. There are stories of the Boer War, the First World War, the Second World War, and other conflicts in which local lives were lost.

The early editions report on cricket matches and fox hunts involving the citizens of Moosomin and of Cannington Manor; later editions report on everyone from the Wapella Blackhawks to the McAuley Blazers to the Wawota Flyers to the Fleming Jets to Brooks Laich and Colleen Sostorics.

In this basement I can read the editorial in the New Year's edition of 1939:

"As we vainly strive to thrust aside the curtains that hide from us the future days of 1939, we are apt to envision them in terms of the present. This New Year finds us in a troubled world of fear and uncertainty, unemployment, war, and general instability.

"The people are crying for security, for some assurance of the future safety and comfort of themselves and their families. As the world teeters on the brink of conflict, the nations shudder at the thought of what the morrow may bring. The future appears so dark that no wonder many think it is useless to strive for something that may be blasted to bits tomorrow, or to fight to improve a social

order that may be thrown into the discard at a moment's notice."

Within a few months, the front page announced in an equally grim tone the beginning of the Second World War: "The chill grey of a September dawn could not match the chill that gripped the hearts of Moosomin people, and people all over the Empire, when the news of war with Germany flashed over the ether at 4 a.m. Sunday morning . . . While the news was expected by all, the cold shock of being plunged into war was not easily worn off.

"Little groups of men gathered downtown in the afternoon to discuss the situation and read the extras that arrived from Winnipeg on the afternoon train. But families stayed close together that day, as though sensing the separations that might come all too soon. . ."

The newspapers of the 1920s were thick with advertisements and full of stories on the latest conveniences.

Suddenly in the 1930s the newspapers are much thinner and the stories are of struggle and hardship. In the 1940s, news of local boys in the war effort are common; the front page is speckled with the faces of soldiers who are injured and coming home, or killed and never coming home.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the newspaper was full of photos of construction, from homes to highways to potash mines, as it is once again.

Running a newspaper can be a humbling enterprise. Trying to tell the stories of a large area seems almost impossible sometimes—there's never enough time, never enough space to print everything we want to. Each week we are reminded of our limitations.

But I find nothing more humbling than walking into the basement and realizing just how much history has been recorded in this little building.

Things to locally this summer

Things can get pretty quiet in our little corner of the world during the summer months, but not everyone heads out of the area on some kind of summer holiday. If you're one of those people, then consider this an opportunity. Yes, you heard me right. An opportunity. There's no reason to sit at home and scratch your head about what to do when you have a day off. There are plenty of ways to have a fantastic summer by simply taking in a few of the things to do right in our own backyard.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Swim, of course! A lot of people know that one of the best swimming holes around is at Fieldstone Campground, just north of Moosomin. This little, man-made "lake" scooped out of the centre of the campground is shallow, sandy and warm, has a new dock in the centre and slide, and a beach. So if you want to catch some sun, sand and water, grab your beach towel and a day pass at Fieldstone, and you're set. It's also the perfect place to swim with kids.

If you want to do the pool, there's an outdoor pool in Moosomin. If indoor swimming is what you're looking for then Rocanville is the best place to be. The indoor pool in Rocanville is large, well maintained, and has a 12-foot deep end with two diving boards. Lifeguards are on staff and there are tons of water toys for the kids to play with.

2. Hit the lake. Locally, there's Moosomin Lake, nestled between the walls of the Pipestone Valley in Moosomin Regional Park. This lake is beautiful, and perfect for boating and fishing and swimming. If you want something a little quieter, there's Welwyn Lake. But if you want to go exploring a little farther afield, there are some fantastic lakes in this area within a few hours drive. There's Oak Lake, Crooked Lake and Clear Lake. If you want one of the warmest, sandiest lakes in the province, head to Good Spirit Lake near Yorkton. For a large, beautiful beach with some of the whitest, most powdery sand you've ever seen, and a shallow, sandy lake bottom, try Grand Beach on Lake Winnipeg. For sheer beauty, head to Katepwa Lake in the Qu'Appelle Valley near Fort Qu'Appelle. Keep in mind these



Kara Kinna

lakes are just a select few within daytripping distance.

3. Go camping. Spend a day or two out at Moosomin Regional Park. The campsites at Fieldstone Campground north of Moosomin are well-treed, shady and private. Chat with neighbors and friends and find out where some of their favorite place are to camp. There are any number of nice campgrounds in the area, and some of them, like Oak Lake and Clear Lake, have resort communities that have been developed around them.

4. Spend a day on the slides. If you're new to this area, you might not know about the Kenosee Superslides. Built on a hillside in the Moose Mountains at Kenosee Lake, this is one of the funnest places to spend a summer day. There are tube slides, twister slides, a lazy canal, kiddie slides, bonzai slides, a large hot tub and, for the daredevils, an eight-story-high free fall slide.

5. Go golfing. Both Moosomin and Rocanville sport beautiful golf courses. Rocanville's course winds through large stands of trees on the prairie, and there is a full service clubhouse available. Moosomin's course is built on the walls of the Pipestone Valley, and also has a full service clubhouse. Other communities in the area with golf courses are Wapella and Elkhorn, and a day of golfing can easily be spent down at Kenosee or White Bear golf courses.

6. Take in a local event. Celebrate the summer in true Prairie style! The Maryfield fair is on this Thursday, and the Elkhorn fair is next Tuesday. This weekend, there is a provincial ball tour-

ament, kids carnival, car show, and smash-up derby in Fleming. There's also a large celebration and rodeo in Kennedy this weekend, and pro bullriding at the Manor Fun Daze in Manor on Saturday.

Both the Spy Hill and Maryfield centennial celebrations are coming up this summer. And don't forget the massive fireworks competition being held out at Moosomin Lake July 31 and Aug. 1. Last year, this event literally attracted thousands of people.

A word of warning, though. At some of these events, you tend to find children trying to give away a box of cute kittens. Last time, one of those kittens came home with us from the Elkhorn Fair.

7. Discover this area's natural beauty. Go hiking, quadding, or horseback riding. If you have not discovered the Qu'Appelle Valley yet, what are you waiting for? At this time of year, it's breathtaking. If you're not looking for an easier hike, there are hiking trails cut through the bush out at Moosomin Lake. At first glance the Prairies may seem flat, but take it from a born and raised prairie dweller—they are full of little mysteries.

8. Poke around in one of this area's local museums. Almost every little town around here has a local museum, and some of them have some pretty interesting artifacts. Some of the biggest and most unique museums include the Elkhorn Auto Museum, which has a fantastic collection of vehicles, the Rocanville Museum, which has an impressive display of prairie history, and Old George's in Whitewood, which is simply crammed full of curiosities.

There are also government historic sites, such as Cannington Manor. A local or provincial tourist guide will point you in the right direction.

So there you have it—a handful of suggestions for spending a summer day or weekend right in this area. Remember, every area of the world is worth exploring. If you can't get away on vacation, don't overlook the opportunities to explore and have fun right here at home on the prairies.

Looking Back

Ten years ago, 2000: Lilian Goldsmith and her daughter Judy Moore were recognized by Environment Canada for long-term services climate observers in Maryfield; Jack Parker celebrated 40 years in the banking industry, with cake and coffee at the Moosomin Scotia Bank.

Fifteen years ago, 1995: As a part of a family reunion of the Brownell family, a plaque was erected in honor of Sherman and Elsie Brownell, who homesteaded in the Redvers area in 1903; Mayor Don Bradley cut the ribbon to officially re-opened Moosomin's Main Street after it was completely rebuilt, in the midst of a day-long celebration.

Twenty years ago, 1990: Bill Thorn of Moosomin presented Bob Mullett and Merv Marsellus of Moosomin with an award for capturing the 1990 Celebration Ford Men's golf league title; Gerald Shauf of the Broadview weather radar station presented Wesley, Lilian and Judy Goldsmith of Maryfield with a certificate for their 20 years of weather service ob-

serving.

Thirty years ago, 1980: Mrs. Nellie Cunday, a member of the staff of the Classic Inn in Moosomin, received an Accent Hospitality award from Bill Gelwitz. The award was for courteous and friendly hospitality; A donation of \$500 from Sears was made to Moosomin Union Hospital's Equipment Fund.

Forty years ago, 1970: The best "Theme" float at Moosomin's Homecoming '70 parade was won by the Moosomin Hospital, while the Town of Moosomin was the commercial float prize; C. A. Murray installed Cedric Hilts as treasurer and J.E. Smith as Secretary into the Moosomin Mason Lodge.

Fifty years ago, 1960: Allon Harrison won the champion beef-calf award while Ronnie Thompson won the reverse champion beef-calf award at the Maryfield-Fairlight Beef and Dairy 4-H Achievement Day.

Compiled by Dylan Frondall



Seen here are members of Western Concrete Finishers Ltd. finishing the concrete floor in the Moosomin Communiplex. This photo appeared in the World-Spectator 30 years ago in 1980.

Rwanda: Kagame's dilemma

Did Paul Kagame really stop the genocide in Rwanda 16 years ago, or did he just interrupt it for a while? That question frightens him so much that he will not risk everything on the outcome of a democratic election.

Kagame is running for re-election to the presidency of the traumatised Central African country next month. If economic success automatically brought political success he would be a shoo-in: Rwanda's economy grew by 11 per cent last year. But in fact, his resounding election victory in 2003 was the result of ruthless manipulation, and this one will be the same.

In recent months, opposition party leaders in Rwanda have been arrested and charged with denying the genocide. An opposition newspaper was banned and its co-editors attacked (one died, one survived). Leading generals in the Rwandan army have been arrested or have fled into exile. (One was wounded last month in an attempted hit in South Africa.) So is Kagame over-reacting? Maybe.

If you cut Paul Kagame open, you would find engraved on his heart William Faulkner's terrible truth: "The past is never dead. It's not even past." One-tenth of Rwanda's population—at least 800,000 people, Tutsis and those who tried to protect them—were murdered by their neighbors, mostly with machetes, only 16 years ago.

Not nearly enough time has passed yet for generational turnover to take the edge off the grief and the hate. Everybody pretends it's over, but of course it isn't. How could it be?

Kagame's whole life has been shaped by genocide. He grew up in Uganda, where his parents fled when an earlier wave of violence killed about 100,000 Tutsis in



Gwynne Dyer

Rwanda in the early 1960s. He became the leader of the Rwandan Patriotic Front, a mainly Tutsi exile organization dedicated to overthrowing the Hutu extremists who ruled the country, and he led the RPF army that marched in to stop the great genocide of 1994.

He knows, of course, that Tutsis and Hutus are not really separate ethnic groups. All of Rwanda's 19 major clans include both Tutsis and Hutus. They speak the same language and they live in the same villages. The term once distinguished cattle-herders from farmers, and later the wealthy from the poor. Rich Hutus could become Tutsis—but the Tutsis naturally always remained a minority of the population.

He also knows, however, that the colonial authorities exploited those class differences and gave the Tutsis political authority over the Hutus in return for their loyalty. By the later 20th century the Tutsis and Hutus had become ethnic groups for all practical purposes, with a constant undercurrent of resentment by the Hutus against the Tutsis. After independence in 1960, the killing got underway very quickly. It peaked in 1994.

This past will not leave Rwanda alone. The very words

"Tutsi" and "Hutu" have now been banned in Rwanda, but a ministerial investigation in 2008 found anti-Tutsi graffiti and harassment of Tutsi students in most of the schools that were visited. The army is exclusively Tutsi and the government almost entirely so, because Kagame does not really believe that this generation of Hutus can be trusted.

It is an awful situation, and Kagame has only one strategy for avoiding a return to genocide: hang onto power, and hope that rapid economic growth and the passage of time will eventually blur the identities and blunt the reflexes that have made this generation of Rwandans so dangerous to one another.

The logic of Kagame's strategy obliges him to stay in power: his first duty is to Rwanda's Tutsis, at least half of whom have already been murdered. But he must provide prosperity to the Hutu majority too, in order to reconcile them to Tutsi survival, and his relatively corruption-free government has made impressive progress towards that goal.

Nevertheless, in a free election today most Rwandans would vote along ethnic lines. His Rwandan Patriotic Front would instantly be replaced by a Hutu-led regime of unknowable character and purpose. He dares not risk it, so real democracy is not an option.

If Paul Kagame is now killing opposition journalists and dissident generals, then he is making a dreadful and probably fatal mistake, but it may not be him. In the ruthlessly Machiavellian world of Rwandan politics, other possibilities also exist. Either way, he has the loneliest, scariest job in the world, and he must know that the odds are long against him.

At the rodeo parade



Ruth Oliver on the Class of 1960 float.

The Moosomin Rodeo parade was held on Saturday, July 10 with the theme "Gone Green" to encourage use of recycled materials and celebrate the Riders' 100th anniversary.

The Class of 1960 won for best non-commercial float and Conexus Credit Union won for best commercial float. Borderland Co-op won for the best use of theme. Moosomin's Rolna Pranke was the winner of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce's draw for \$50 Moosomin Bucks.

The Moosomin Food Bank collected non-perishable food donations along the way. A total of 365 pounds of food were collected during the parade.

The parade was held in conjunction with the Moosomin Rodeo weekend.

Miranda Minassian and Monique McKay photos

The Wa-Wa Shrine Pipe and Drum Band.



Callie Patterson, Shanae Fyke, and Carly Davidson soak the crowd on the Moosomin Lake float.



A little boy picks up candy.



Kristi Wallman dressed as Miss Piggy on the Hildebrandt Law Office float.



Children wait eagerly for the parade.



Nearing completion

Work continues on the new Borderland Co-op C-store being built on the Trans-Canada Highway in Moosomin.

Organizers pleased with rodeo weekend

BY MONIQUE MCKAY

Rodeo Committee president Derek Smart said he considers the Moosomin Rodeo weekend a success.

Smart said that although Friday night attendance was down somewhat from last year, Saturday was strong with about 520 people through the gate.

"We had a really good finale on Saturday when the clown got the barrel involved," Smart said. "The crowd always loves that, and they (the stock suppliers) brought out some young bulls; they were nice and rank."

The Saturday night cabaret had nearly 300 people in attendance.

"Dixie Highway had quite a few good songs for dancing," said Smart, "and it looked like people were having fun."

The Friday night beer garden at the rodeo grounds was also well attended. "We went through a lot of beer this year," said Smart.

The barrel racing was popular again; there were 62 entrants for the women, and 28 juniors.

"They like the ground in Moosomin and it's a nice-sized pen," said Rodeo Committee member Leah Stevens.

"Moosomin always gets a lot of bull riders and a lot of barrel racers, but as a committee we're looking at different opportunities to attract more bareback and saddle bronc riders," she added.

Local bullrider Bobby

Stevens says that the annual Moosomin Rodeo is one of the highest entered rodeos on the circuit.

"The ground is good, the stock is good, and the location is good," said Stevens.

Rodeo contestants can enter three or four rodeos in a weekend, and because of its location on the Trans-Canada, Moosomin is a convenient stop.

Often the same stock and riders at a pro rodeo will compete in an amateur rodeo like the one in Moosomin. For example, 15 year-old Brody Unruh of Manitoba won the bull-riding at the Moosomin Rodeo on the bucking bull of the year, Mainline Motors. Unruh took the Moosomin bullriding with 85 points; an American pro bull rider won the Winnipeg Rocky Cup PBR on that same bull with 88 points, only three more points than Unruh earned in Moosomin.

Business was brisk in town on rodeo weekend. "It was pretty good; it seemed to be pretty busy," said Borderland Co-op food store manager Travis McCorrison.

"Business was way up—way, way up," said KFC/Pizza Hut manager Anita Ball.

"We did well," said Janelle McGonigal of Spectrum Clothing on Main Street. "Our sidewalk sale really helped."

The parade was a success, with a large number of entries. Parade committee member Christie McGonigal expressed grat-

itude, not only to her two committee members, but to the parade committees that have preceded them.

"When Jen (Hagedorn) and I got on the committee two years ago we were taking over from Doug Creighton," she said. "He gave us a lot of help and information, and gave us lots of ideas. We were fortunate that we took over from someone who already had the parade down to a science; that made it not a scary task but a pleasant service to the community. The parade committees from the past have helped make the parade what it is today, and we had an excellent committee again this year."

"We just want to perfect what we have going; it went pretty well," said Leah Stevens of the rodeo weekend.

"It's crazy busy. From my perspective it's a huge event that takes a lot of people to put together.

"It's not just your committee members that make a difference but the whole community. It takes everyone in the community to bring the rodeo climate to the surface—the barbecue, the kids' events, the rodeo itself, the concession workers; everyone brings it together.

"Any person who had anything to do with it, like letting us borrow something, attending the rodeo itself or the dance, whatever you did and whoever you are, you contributed to our success."



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Above: A pickup man helps a saddle bronc rider dismount at the end of his ride.



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Left: Two little cowboys take in the rodeo action.



Carrie Wild photo

A bareback rider manages to hang on during his wild ride.



Miranda Minassian photo

A bull rider tries for his eight seconds.



Carrie Wild photo

Sherri Moffat from Moosomin competing in the barrel racing.



Carrie Wild photo

A cowboy rushes to tie the calf in the calf roping event.



Monique McKay photo

The rodeo clown distracts an angry bull.



Carrie Wild photo

A calf gets away, unroped, during the calf roping event.



Monique McKay photo

The rodeo clown hams it up for the crowd.

At the Moosomin rodeo

There was lots of action at the Moosomin Rodeo held July 9 and 10. Saddle bronc, calf roping, barrel racing and steer wrestling were a few of the events. Bull riding capped off the evenings. Shown here are some moments from the rodeo ring.

Spectator SPORTS

Fleming Junior Jets win provincial gold

BY MIRANDA MINASSIAN

Not even the bustle of the Moosomin rodeo could distract the Fleming Junior Jets from taking their second consecutive Midget B provincial championship on Sunday, July 11.

"We thought we had a chance, that we could win it again. We were hoping," said coach Kevin Orr.

According to Orr, the team demonstrated the complete baseball package over the course of the weekend.

"The pitching, defense and hitting were all good. It all came together for the weekend," he said.

The boys, who were undefeated all weekend, dominated the field mercing three of the four games they won.

Having the same roster as last year's winning team proved to be an advantage, said pitcher, Tyson Jamieson, who credits the teams comfort level and chemistry for their dominance on the field.



Submitted photo

Back row, from left to right: Chad Stewart, Kevin Orr, Tyson Orr, Jackson Creighton, Daniel Schorr, Tyson Jamieson, Arden Fyke, Shawn Matichuk, and Kelsey Jamieson. Front: Kent Larsen. Braden Brule, Brennen Fisk, Devon Jamieson, Coelton Dayle, Kale Haycock. Missing: Corey Hafner.

"We've played together for two years, I think that the team has definitely improved since last years win," he said. "We just know each other so well now." The team's ability to

work together and ability to watch each other's backs as a crucial component to the team's success, said Jamieson.

Early in the final game, shortstop Kale Haylock, made a diving catch giving the team momentum to close the tournament strong.

"Obviously we were really excited to have won," said Jamieson,

Jamieson, Tyson Orr and Brennen Fisk took home tournament award for top pitcher, MVP and top defensive player, respectively.

Orr is counting on the team's men's fastball league to keep the boys sharp until they leave at the end of July.

"They got to see lots of good pitching and hitting in the league, it is really good practice for them."

This gold medal win has qualified the boys for the 2010 Western Canadian Softball Championships in Unity, Saskatchewan, July 30 to Aug. 2.



Participating Teams:			Rhein Rockets
Fleming Sr. Jets	Whitewood Falcons		Warman Gems
Game	Day	Time	Round Robin
1	Friday	4:30 p.m.	Fleming vs. Whitewood
2	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Rhein vs. Kelvington
3	Friday	8:30 p.m.	Fleming vs. Warman
4	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Whitewood vs. Rhein
5	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kelvington vs. Warman
6	Saturday	12 noon	Fleming vs. Rhein
7	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Whitewood vs. Kelvington
8	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Rhein vs. Warman
9	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Fleming vs. Kelvington
10	Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Whitewood vs. Warman

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Big plans for 10th anniversary of Mini British Open

BY MIRANDA MINASSIAN

With the help of their chosen professional, Steve Stricker, first time winners Leah Black, Jamie McCutchin, Don Glasser and Barry Johnston took home the top spot at this year's 2010 Mini British Open.

The tournament was short one celebrity, who coincidentally—or not—was supposed to play with the winning team.

While attendance was not as high as previous years, the Open was well received, said organizer Mike Schwean.

The performance of a British Open pro-

fessional golfer was added to the team's scores to make up the final scores for the two-day tournament.

As organizer Schwean discovered, this can be both a curse and a blessing.

"I spent an hour trying to convince my team to go with David Love III. He ended up really sinking our ship," laughed Schwean, whose team placed nine out of ten.

This year's tournament brought out Ryder alumni Dale West, Lou Claire and Cleaveland Vann, as well as radio personality Jamie Nye.

The celebrity golf tournament, held July 9-10 in Moosomin, featured ten teams, nine celebrities and a host of fundraising hole games.

Money raised by the golf tournament alternate each year between the Moosomin Moose and the Moosomin Golf Course.

This year's funds were allotted to the golf course and will go towards the work being done on greens three and five, as well as a new tee box for the sixth hole, said Ernie Wells, golf course manager.

Next year, for the tournament's tenth anniversary, Schwean plans to mix things

up and go all out.

"Normally we wait until the CFL prints its schedule so that the tournament doesn't coincide with Rider home games, but next year we are holding it on the British Open weekend no matter what.

Next year will also see all 27 holes being played on the Saturday, with scores of the first nine dictating the drawing order for the celebrities.

"You won't see another tournament like it," said Schwean. "We spent ten years planning it, and it changes every year."



Monique McKay photo

Sweet victory

The Fleming Junior Jets congratulate the Saskatoon Blue Selects after winning Midget Boys B Provincials in Fleming on Sunday, July 11.

Injuries hamper SE Angels at provincials

The Angels had an extremely disappointing provincial run because once again injuries affected the team.

Friday ended on a high note for the Angels with a 5-2 win over Melville. However Saturday morn-

ing the Angels fell 4-13 to the Saskatoon Heat when their second pitcher, Jennifer Barrett, injured her pitching hand playing third base in the second inning of the game and was unable to play the remaining tournament.

This left the Angels starting pitcher Kendra Blerot with the bulk of the pitching duties. Chenelle Mitchell also stepped up and was put into pitching duty.

The second game on Saturday found the Angels against Prince Albert.

Prince Albert (who eventually won provincials) had saved their best pitcher for the Angels and it was a case of too many stranded runners, allowing Prince Albert to win 11-2.

Because the Angels, Saskatoon, and Melville all

had one win and two losses, a tiebreaker had to be played to determine which of these three teams would advance to the finals on Sunday. The Angels once again played Melville with Chenelle Mitchell pitching an 11-0 win.

Then the Angels had to play a fourth game against Saskatoon. The Angels' pitchers had run out of steam and Saskatoon eliminated the Angels from the tournament, ending the Angels' season on a disappointing note.

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Riders proving to be solid

Winning in B.C. never gets old.

So many times over the years the Saskatchewan Roughriders have come home from the west coast with their tail between their legs after having their butts soundly whipped by Wally Buono's Lions.

Lately however the Riders have been doing the tail-kicking themselves, including Saturday night's 37-18 rout of their division rivals. In the first outdoor CFL game played in Vancouver since 1982, Saskatchewan led the game from start to finish and knocked B.C. quarterback Casey Printers out of the game in the process.

The contest was staged at Empire Field, a temporary stadium with a capacity of 27,500. It was built in 111 days at a cost of \$14.4-million and will be the Lions' home in 2010 while a retractable roof is put on B.C. Place stadium.

The hero in this game? On offense, Rider quarterback Darian Durant engineered three touchdown drives and



Rider Insider Rod Pedersen

on defense, rookie defensive end Brent Hawkins had two sacks—one which knocked Printers out, and on the other he returned a forced fumble 40 yards for a touchdown to put the game out of reach.

"I'm really proud of this football team," Rider coach Ken Miller told us on the postgame show.

He should be.

The Riders are proving to be one of the most solid all-

around teams we've tied for first-place with home game against L

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SE fastball league heading into

BY MIRANDA MINASSIAN
AND KARA KINNA

Playoffs for the Southeast Men's Softball league start this week, after rain-outs forced a week of make-up games last week.

The Moosomin Mavericks completed their regular season games win-less last week, with a record of 0-14.

"Our problem has been a little bit of everything," said Dan MacDonald. "We've definitely been sloppy."

The Mavericks, who made the playoffs despite their last place finish, have struggled with finding a pitcher to lead

their team.

"There are a couple of guys pitching in the league that dominate. Lots of teams have more than one guy too," said MacDonald. "We only have the one pitcher who hasn't played for a number of years," he explained, adding that with a record as bad as theirs it is impossible to pinpoint a single cause.

While their regular season may have been Macdonald was quick to point out that anything can happen in playoffs.

"All you need is a good run, so you never know what's going to happen," he said, adding "win or lose we'll have our end

of the season wind-up."

With one game still left to play, the Junior Jets will finish the season in the middle of the pack, with their current record of 5-7-1.

"Our defence has improved immensely, we've got our errors way down," said coach Kevin Orr.

Orr cites their most recent game, a 9-8 loss to the top seeded team, as evidence of the team's development over the season.

Orr would like to see the team's clean game play help land them in the finals.

"The boys are making good

decisions when the ball comes," said Orr. "There isn't any reason we can't make it."

The Senior Jets have stayed competitive this season, closing out last week with a 13-2 win over the Broadview Buffs on Thursday night. The win put the Jets' record at 9-2 last week with two more makeup games to play on the weekend.

Jets Coach Orey Hudym says he's pleased with the Jets' regular season and record. "We're always optimistic and we want to be in that top two, three, or four in the standings," he says.

"There are a lot of good teams in the league right now



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Phyllis Harper
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Visitors with Orville and Phyllis Harper and family last week were Rose Rudnicki of Rathwell, and Florence and Norman Rey of Winnipeg. They visited with Joyce Harper, Rose's sister-in-law in the Moosomin nursing home.

Hilda Rudnicki, Corinne Rudnicki-Smith, Hayley and Justine of Winnipeg spent a few days visiting with Orville and Phyllis Harper and family, and Joyce Harper in Moosomin.

Amy Ewen of Winnipeg visited with Bruce and Sheila Marsh, Deb, Lorne and family for a few days. Sheila Marsh returned home with her after visiting in Winnipeg with Richard and Paula Ewen and family, and with Amy and family.

Out-of-town visitors with Murray and Deane Lewis last week and/or on the weekend were Darren and Bonnie Lewis and Jesse of Blackie, Alta.; Leanne Williams, Emily, Carter and Nicole of Cold Lake, Alta.; Evelyn Chilton of Chase, B.C.; Cindy Chilton of Vancouver, B.C.; Norman, Freida and Terry Lewis of Killarney; Ray Lewis and Lori of Brandon, Man.; Bob and Donna Van Macklebergh of Virden; Kenneth and Elaine Lewis, Derrick and Niki Lewis and girls of Winnipeg; Norman and Norma Elmslie of Elrose, Sask.; Orville Peterson of Brandon; Huntley and Joan Lewis of Moosomin; Dennis and Paulette Lewis of McAuley, and Ken and Diane Eckersley of Rocan-

ville.

Darcy, Tanis and Jordan Peppin were Brandon visitors on Wednesday.

Murdoch James had supper and a visit with Harvey and Ginger Young of Brandon at the Red Barn in Moosomin on Monday. Harvey and Ginger were on their way home to Brandon from their cottage in Alberta.

Visiting with Darren Cuthill and Cassandra Dillon on the July 3 and 4 weekend were her family Mike and Luchana Dillon, Oran and Kael from Lumsden, and grandparents Pat and Bill Sawka from Kelvington.

Attending the baby shower for Katie, daughter of Charles and Jessica Cuthill, July 3 in Esterhazy were aunt Cassandra Dillon, Luchana Dillon, grandma Barb Cuthill, great-grandma Shirley Cuthill and Kristin Byers.

Sunday, July 4 a shower to honor Cassandra Dillon, bride-elect of Darren Cuthill, was held in the United Church basement. With Cassandra at the head table were her mother Luchana Dillon, her grandmother Pat Sawka, Jessica and Katie Cuthill, Barb Cuthill and Shirley Cuthill. Pam Jamieson welcomed the guest and introduced Cassandra and the head table, then Dyllan Jamieson presented her gifts. After they were opened, admired and Cassandra thanked everyone, the guests shared a delicious lunch and socializing.

Rocanville Rec Rep

Kathy Brown, Recreation Director

Rec. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Phone 306-645-2164.

SUMMER PROGRAM

Kelsey has finished her first session with our summer program. She had an excellent turnout and the kids had lots of fun. Please join Kelsey for our next session of fun, games, sports and crafts. Session #2, July 26 to 30, Session #3, Aug. 9 to 13; Session #4, Aug. 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24.

Grades K to 3 go from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Grades 4 to 6, 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$2 per day. Please pre-register at 306-645-2164.

BIGGEST LOSER

Applications for the Biggest Loser are ready for pick up at the Rec. Office or can be emailed to you. Email roc.cap@sasktel.net. The challenge will be starting in September 2010 and run for 24 weeks. If you are interested in being one of the contestants or part of our support group, please call 306-645-2164 for more information.

ROCANVILLE RUNNING CLUB

Plans for the Rocanville Run for Rec on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010 are in the final stages. Our fundraising drive has begun, so businesses please watch for your letters. We also have plans to have the routes set in the next few weeks and available to the public.

Events will be: 3K kid's walk/run, \$10 registration, starts at 9 a.m., ages three to 10; 5K walk, \$10, starts at 8:30 a.m., ages 10 ad up; 5K run, \$20, starts at 8 a.m., ages 10 and up; 10K

walk, \$20, starts at 8:30 a.m., ages 10 and up; 10K run, \$30, starts at 8 a.m., ages 10 and up; 21.1K run, \$40, starts at 7:30 a.m., ages 16 and up.

Registration fees must be in by Sept. 10. Registration forms are available at the Rec. Office for pick up or e-mail roc.cap@sasktel.net or you can register online at www.runningroom.com and go to races, SK, Sept. Phone 306-645-2164.

Anyone who wants to get together as a group for one of the longer training runs/walks is more than welcome to join us. We meet at the Rec. Office at 6:30 p.m. daily.

AT THE POOL

Pool fundraiser! Place your order for Ben's Beef Jerky, \$25 for a 500 gram package. Retail for \$36.99. Comes in Teriyaki and Smokey River flavors. Call 306-645-2164 to place an order.

Our first set of summer swim lessons is finished and we had an excellent turnout. Register now for the second and third set as they are filling up fast. All sets will be two lessons per day for one week on the following dates: Set #2, July 19 - 22 from 11 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 - 2 p.m. Set #3, Aug. 9 - 12 from 11 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 - 2 p.m.

Other lessons offered in July are: preschool lessons Tuesday and Friday from 10 - 11 a.m. started July 13; adult lessons Tuesday and Thursday from 7 - 8 p.m., started July 6; Junior Lifeguard Club Thursdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m., started July 8.

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NOTICE OF POLL

Public notice is hereby given that a poll has been called for the election of

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Red Hat Ladies out celebrating

The Red Hat Ladies from Rocanville were celebrating Leonie Hooper's birthday last week at Witch's Brew in Moosomin. In back, from left are Darlene Williams, Reva Zaitsoff, Gloria McCutcheon, Shirley Grundy, Gert Hack, Blanche Fowler, Betty Gawryluk. In front are Leonie Hopper, Dorothy Dobson, and Karen Polvi. Missing are Betty Mills and Myrna Wickland.

Fairlie

Shirley

Audrey Laidlaw accompanied Sherry and ward Mullie and boy Langbank to Dryden, for a week to visit cousins.

Congratulations to Iler Adamson and J Teed who were married at Kenosee Lake on July 10.

Some of our local friends attended the Moosomin rodeo and rodeo on Sunday, July 10.

Wawota News

Shelley Corkish

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On July 1 Lois Greenbank, Val Puskas, and horses travelled to Edwin, Man. for a week-long Parelli Clinic taught by Don and Randee Halladay, licensed Parelli instructors. Val's clinic was on horse leadership and harmony. Lois's clinic was on refinement.

Don and wife Randy strive to improve the lives and relationships of horses and humans with the emphasis on the concept of horses as partners. It was attended by people from Ontario, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Riders' disciplines ranged from dressage, hunter, reining, pleasure, trail, barrel racing, to backyard enthusiast.

The host, Crystal Neudorf, ensures each participant and equine, or equines are well cared for. Breakfast and dinners are catered by a friend. There's an outdoor riding arena, an indoor arena, a horse play area, and a meadow area, which Don carefully mowed into a pattern of designs for the refinement group of riders.

The highlight for Lois and Val for the first three days after a full day of learning was jumping into the pool to cool down, as

the high 30s.

This is Lois's third year attending this clinic, and Val's second. The date has been set for 2011 and will include some cow work, only for those who are advanced in the program.

Heather Wayling of St. Albert was home visiting her parents Tom and Wilma over the Canada Day weekend.

Loralee Eastland and daughters Allison and Leah from Medicine Hat visited with her parents Ward and Debbie Eastland. While here they all went to the Yorkton fair along with Jenelyn, Alaina and Ward Brown of Moosomin.

Diane Tinnish accompanied her father Ed Kennett to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota for a medical appointment.

Kris Kennett is home in Canada for a two-month visit. She has spent the last two weeks helping her parents with house and yard work. Kris and her parents drove to Round Lake to see Diane and Neil's new home which they are building on the lake shore. Kim

Kennett of Saskatoon was home for the weekend. She plus Diane and Neil Tinnish of Round Lake, and Deb and Jeff Russell of Kenosee joined Kris and her parents for a late celebration of Father's Day and Ed's 85th birthday. Dale and Sharon Kennett also joined them for Sunday supper.

Keith and Fay Fox celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a come and go tea at the United Church Community Centre on July 9.

The Dorrance families held a family reunion in town on the weekend.

A Hamilton reunion also took place at the Morley and Joan Hamilton farm on the weekend. Morely and Joan received a Century Farm award for the farm being in the Hamilton family for 100 years.

Della and Mac Bowker of Unity visited Elgin and Muriel Pryce recently.

Sympathy is extended to Pam Clark and family on the passing of Tyler Clark on July 12 at the age of 61.

Sympathy is also extended to the Caswell family on

the recent passing of Val-dine Caswell at the age of 94 years.

Born to Terina and Neil Bird, a son Liam. Grandparents are Gwen and Remi Donais of Estevan and Marj and Don Bird. Great-grandmother is Ruth Dennis of Wawota.

Born to Damon and Jessica Lamontagne, a daughter, Nya Xi - Man. A granddaughter for Shirley and Darrel Lamontagne and Anna and Lawrence Hung. A great-granddaughter for Eunice Rogers and Gnama Hung.

Please email news to shelleyc@sasktel.net, call 739-2560 or drop it off at the post office.

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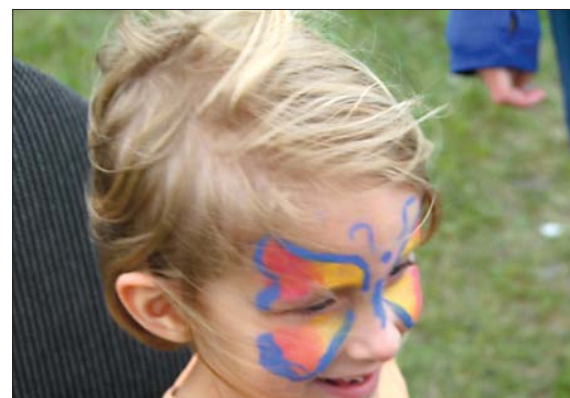


Rodeo weekend fun

Moosomin Rodeo weekend featured a whole lot more than just rodeo. There were plenty of children's events during the day and a pancake breakfast on the Saturday morning, along with a parade, and other activities.

Clockwise from top left: A little boy with his face painted shows off a sticker; A little girl pets a rabbit at the petting zoo; A child tries her hand at roping; A little girl grins when she is shown her painted face; Moosomin firefighter Mike Cooper serves pancakes and sausages at the firefighters' pancake breakfast; A little girl on a bucking bull ride.

Monique McKay and Miranda Minassian photos





A scene from last year's Fleming Demolition Derby.

Three big events in Fleming this weekend

BY MONIQUE MCKAY

This July weekend will be a busy one in Fleming, with the town hosting three major events.

Fleming is hosting the 2010 Softball Saskatchewan Intermediate "A" Men's Provincials, with five teams participating, including the Fleming Jets.

"We put in to host some provincial ball because we haven't done it for a couple years," said Fleming Mayor Phil Hamm. "We were given two—the Midget (held on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of July) and the intermediate."

The Jets kick off the tournament Friday at 4:30 p.m. with a game against the Whitewood Falcons. The last game on Friday starts at 8:30 p.m., which is Fleming versus the Rhien Rockets, and softball action continues all day Saturday with games from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The championship round will take place on Sunday, with the first game starting at 9 a.m. and the deciding game scheduled for 2 p.m.

Beer gardens hosted by the Fleming Community Organization will be available all weekend, with proceeds going toward a new outdoor skating rink.

The sixth annual Fleming Smash-up Derby will also be held this weekend, starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

A popular local event, the derby generally brings out hundreds of spectators and over a dozen participants. The derby is limited to 16 drivers. Organizers say female drivers are especially welcome, and the prize money is dependant upon the number of entries. There will be burgers, hot dogs, a concession, and a beer garden.

The Fleming Community Organization (FCO) is

also holding the first annual Fleming Kids Karnival on Saturday and Sunday, which will feature a dunk tank, a bike decorating contest, balloons, and a bounce tent with a slide.

"There's lots happening in Fleming this weekend," said FCO member Samantha Stonehouse.

"About 15 years ago we used to have Sports Day, we used to have a parade. We just keep trying to keep Fleming on the map. Since the new FCO came on board in January we've done about 40 different things; parties for the kids, funeral lunches, we did a cold plate supper for the baseball teams last weekend. We're looking forward to hosting a housewarming for a new Fleming resident.

"This weekend we just want to make sure the kids have a great time in our town."

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