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Charlie Leslie, Nancy Apshkrum and all the participants from Moosomin who took part in the Gutsy Walk in Regina Sunday, June 2.

Local participants raise \$18,000 in 2024 Gutsy Walk

BY JOEY LIGHT

On Sunday, June 2, more than 4,000 Canadians participated at 50 locations across Canada as part of Gutsy Walk for Crohn's and Colitis.

Two Moosomin women, 17-year-old Charlie Leslie and longtime Gutsy Walk fundraiser Nancy Apshkrum, raised a total of \$18,000 between them.

This year's fundraiser across the country raised \$2.2 million to date for Crohn's and Colitis Canada to invest in finding cures and improving the lives of those affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Since 1996, Gutsy Walks have raised close to \$55 million.

Charlie Leslie says this year's fundraiser was a success.

"This year was my fourth year going to the Gutsy walk and it had a great turnout this year, I'd say double the amount of people than last year went, and I raised \$4,600 this year which is more than last year," she says. "This year they had a dunk tank and two doctors from Regina came and we could pay \$5 to try and dunk them in the tank. They had food and drinks you can buy and all the money made at the walk goes to Crohn's and Colitis.

The Gutsy Walk is to raise money so we can get more advancements in the medicine. Only two years ago we were driving to Saskatoon to the doctors and switching my medication a lot to find one that works for me.

"Now there is only one gastroenterologist in Saskatchewan which is my doctor in Regina, who only treats adults. But since mine is so extensive he took me on. I have to go for scopes in Regina and can now do my blood work in Moosomin, we just don't have the equipment and doctors in town to do it here yet."

Leslie says it's a challenge living with Colitis.

"They usually don't find any signs of Crohn's or Colitis when you are a child but they found mine very early. I was 11 years old when I was first diagnosed with Colitis and this year I was diagnosed with Extensive Ulcerative Colitis which looks like Crohn's and Colitis together which is why they originally thought I had both. Being in high school while having a disease like this is very hard, I always felt very self conscious and did not want to talk about it. I find now I am more open about it and want to share my

story so that we can raise awareness and help get donations to keep advancing the research for Crohn's and Colitis to help myself and anyone else going through the same thing."

Nancy Apshkrum has been raising money at the Gutsy Walk every year for many years, and says she appreciates the community support.

"I want to say thank you to the Spectator as well as to the community of Moosomin in general, for their unwavering support year after year after year. For me it's 25 years this year, and the community has always been very supportive, as has the Spectator. I raised \$13,370 all thanks to the support of everyone and we are very thankful to the community and The World-Spectator."

Celebrating 50 years this year, Crohn's and Colitis Canada is on a relentless journey to transform the lives of people affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis by finding the cures for these lifelong diseases and improving the quality of life of everyone affected.

For information on Crohn's and Colitis Canada, visit crohnsandcolitis.ca



Charlie Leslie with her doctor, Dr. Sanchit Bhasin, at the Gutsy Walk in Regina

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Nepali journalist Doma Sherpa at the top of Mount Everest

From success as a journalist to reaching the peak of Mount Everest: Nepali journalist has had a life of adventure

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Doma Sherpa has led a life full of adventure. Growing up in a small community in the mountains of Nepal, she had to overcome the objections of some to become a journalist, and also overcame all of the challenges on a three-month ascent to the summit of Mount Everest.

Sherpa was in the area last week visiting her friend Barb Widger of Virden, who met her on a trip to Nepal several years ago.

She visited the World-Spectator on Tuesday explaining her journalism career and climbing Mount Everest.

The interview follows:

Tell us a little bit about your life growing up in Nepal.

I grew up in Nepal near Mount Everest. My childhood was a little bit hard and a little bit good.

What is it like being a journalist in Nepal?

Journalism in Nepal is challenging for us because I belong to the Indigenous community of the Sherpa and our women aren't usually allowed to work in the journalism sector because of our culture. Children normally go to school only up to the tenth grade. Culturally, they say once you're done 10th grade then you can go to work. That's the tradition. They don't focus on the media sector. They are saying 'Oh this is not good for a woman.' And journalism is a very challenging job in Nepal. In our communities there are still few women and men working in the journalism sector because of the language problem. We speak our ethnic language, Sherpa, and our national language is Nepali, so when we speak in the Nepali language some people say it is not clear. If our information is clear and our voice is clear then there is no problem now.

When I started university to study media, I took a class to improve my Nepali language to be a better journalist. After that, I worked for my internship on the radio, then once I was done my internship I wasn't hired, because my Nepali language was not clear, so I was not selected. After that I improved and started to work in online media as a reporter. Then I did a talk show on the radio, and then National television also.

Is there freedom of expression in Nepal?

Yes, we wrote everything—especially in areas like tourism in Indigenous communities. We frequently wrote about everything. That is no problem in Nepal.

How did you get into journalism?

When I was a child every time the news came on the radio in Nepal, we listened to everything, whether it was 7 am or the 7 pm news. It is so important. Everyone listened to the radio in Nepal at that time. I talked to my parents and told them I wanted to join the media, but everyone was like 'Doma is going to be a journalist for a profession!' just because it wasn't traditional.

The area where I grew up was isolated. It would take four days to walk to the city

from my family farm. Three years ago people didn't want to allow for the road, they didn't want to pay for the land, but my father bought us some land and said 'A road is important,' then we got this agriculture road. It makes it much easier. We grow kiwi, ginseng, Nepali herbs, and apples, just about everything.

What is your proudest moment as a journalist?

My big achievement is studying to be a journalist and then after that my summit to Mount Everest. That is my big achievement. Another is working with women. I am involved in different organizations which are voluntary. I started working for this Indigenous youth organization. In 2019, I was one of 50 women from Nepal selected to be featured in a book because of their contributions, and making a difference. I am grateful.

How did you decide you wanted to climb Mount Everest?

In 2014, I was working with a social organization for our community, a media group. We encourage the youth who are interested in the media. I was working for this organization, also for Gurkha FM. I would do a lot of interviews. There were a lot of climbing Sherpas who died and their bodies were taken to Kathmandu. I saw everything. Wives and Moms, Dads, children, everyone was crying. I was thinking, I'm a journalist and I'm in the Sherpa community also. So I planned to go to Mount Everest because I'm a journalist and I can go there and see what is all going on there

and so after that I decided I was going.

How did you train for it?

In 2014 and 2015, I was planning the climb. Mentally I prepared myself. Then, I talked to my family. I talked to the tourism minister also saying I could do it because Mount Everest is a tourist attraction in our country. Nepal tourism department, they belong to the Mountaineering sector and I talked a lot to them.

I prepared for myself. In Kathmandu there is a lot of rock wall climbing. Every week I was going to climb, to prepare for Mount Everest. In December 2017, I summited Island Peak and I realized then I was prepared for Mount Everest. In 2018, I summited to Mount Everest. My first attempt wasn't successful. After that, I came back to base camp and then I went a second time all the way up.

What is it like climbing Mount Everest and how difficult was it?

It was very difficult. When we went to Mount Everest we didn't know if we would come back or not. It was like 50/50. Life is not sure at Everest. Every day we would listen to the avalanches.

Widger adds: It's like listening to thunder except it is the ice falling and you know the next morning you are going to walk through that.

Sherpa continues: We went to base camp, to Camp One to get acclimatized for the climb and then when we came back there was an avalanche and the path was closed. Ice protection came and they fixed it, then we could keep going.

How long did it take to reach the top?

It was three months from Kathmandu to the summit, and then to come back to Kathmandu is about three months.

How did it feel being at the top of Mount Everest?

I thought I was in the heavens. Nothing feels like it. I am so lucky because when I reached the top there was no wind. It was clear and you could see everything. From the top you could see China. It was amazing. I can't explain the feeling. There are mountains all around. Everest is the top and all mountains below, are on every side, everywhere.

How long did you stay at the summit?

I was there from 5-5:30, I stayed at the top. I am enjoying it all. This is my life's big achievement. Coming down is the hardest part when climbing Mount Everest. We used up all our energy going up, so coming down takes a long time and you've used up all your energy. Everyone just wants to get down.

Why are you here in Saskatchewan and Manitoba today?

Today I am here visiting my friend Barb. I live in Toronto now but we met in 2019, about five years back. I want to see the flatland. Winnipeg to here it was a straight flat road. This is my first time out in Saskatchewan. We are going to go see the Grasslands National Park.

Now that she lives in Canada, Sherpa is hoping to become a lawyer.

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Nepali journalist Doma Sherpa visited the World-Spectator last week.

Ashley Bocek photo



Moosomin Town-Wide Garage Sale sees 42 sales June 1

There were 42 sales on during the Moosomin Town-Wide Garage sale held on Saturday, June 1. Garage sale shoppers had lots to choose from that morning as they cruised the town looking for great deals at the various different sales.

At left are Daryl Light hosting a sale, and Kent Fletcher, right, with one of his finds.

Below are shoppers perusing items at two different sales.



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JUNE 17 &
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Cost per golfer is just \$20.00 which includes 18 holes of golf along with a Saturday Supper - you can't beat that deal!

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Labyrinth News - Looking for Tree Sponsors!

Carol Adair and her group of volunteers have really got things looking great at the Labyrinth. That said, they are currently looking for individuals interested in planting / caring for trees around the labyrinth. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Carol at 306-434-8843



Badgers Men's Baseball - This Week



Thursday Night 6:30pm

Oxbow Chiefs (3-0)
vs
Moosomin Badgers (1-1)

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		Sunday	Public Swimming.. 1pm – 5pm Public Swimming.. 7pm – 8:30pm Pool Party Times .. Available



Swimming Lessons 2024



You can visit either our Borderland Co-op Aquaplex Facebook Site or our Parks and Rec Facebook site where you will find our registration form. Follow the instructions and you're set!

You can also stop in at the Aquaplex and talk to a staff member in person.



Dates include:

PUBLIC SETS

Set # 2 – 1-week session	June 24 - June 28
Set # 3 – 1-week session	July 8 - July 12
Set # 4 – 1-week session	July 22 - July 26
Set # 5 – 1-week session	August 5 - August 9
Set # 6 – 2-week session	August 12 - August 23

PRIVATE SETS (ALL 1 WEEK SETS)

Set # 1	June 17 - June 21
Set # 2	July 15 - July 19
Set # 3	July 29 - August 2

Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

Rocanville Summer Program

Are you looking for something for your kids to do this summer? Look no further than our Summer Program. Open for registrations now! Program details below.

Dates: July and August (Monday-Thursday)

Age Group: Children ages 5-12

Location: Rocanville Recreation Centre

Our dedicated and creative Summer Program staff have planned a lineup of exciting activities that your kids will love. From arts and crafts to outdoor games and sports, there is something for everyone.

For more information or to request a registration package, please contact the Recreation Office at rocanville.rec@sasktel.net

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Course

Rocanville Town and Country Golf Club has an exciting lineup of tournaments and events for golf enthusiasts. Here are the key dates to mark on your calendars:

- **Youth Golf Lessons** – July 10 for ages 10+ (all skill levels welcome) \$20 per golfer.

- **Glow Golf** – Enjoy and evening of glow golf on July 27

- **Ladies Tournament** – Ladies, get ready for some friendly competition on August 24.

- **Clubhouse Fundraiser** – Join us for a great cause on August 31.

In addition to these tournaments, there are regular themed nights at the golf course:

- **Men's Night** – Every Monday evening.

- **Ladies Night** – Every Thursday evening.

- **Couples' Night** – The second Friday of each month.

For more details and to participate, feel free to reach out to the clubhouse at 306-645-2640.

Rocanville Rec Centre

The Rocanville Recreation Centre is buzzing with activities for all ages. Here's what you can look forward to:

Pickle Ball

Join in the fun of Pickleball every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. It's a great way to stay active and enjoy some friendly competition.

Rocanville Minor Ball Home games schedule

June 17 U9B versus Langenburg

Rocanville Library

The Rocanville Library provides convenient access to the library's resources, including books, and digital materials.

Open Hours:

Wednesday: 9 am–12 pm and 1:30–5:30 pm
Thursday: 1:30–5:30 pm
Friday: 1:30–5:30 pm

Programming Highlights:

Cubelets Makerspace Kit – Month of June

Canada Day Take 'n' Make – Month of June (while supplies last)

Kids Crafternoon: Bring your kiddos out for an afternoon of crafting at the library on June 12 and 26 at 2-4 pm.

Stitch 'n' chat Night: Come out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any project you would like to work on. June 20 at 7 pm.

Rocanville Community Centre

Formerly the Senior Centre

219 Ellice Street, Rocanville

All events held here are open to the public (except rentals). All ages welcome!

Coffee – Rise and shine. Start your day right with a cup of coffee and friendly conversations at the Rise and Shine coffee mornings, held Monday to Friday from 8-9:30 am.

Cards

Join in for card games every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm. It's a great way to socialize and enjoy some friendly competition.

Rental Opportunity

The Rocanville Community Centre also offers its space for rentals at affordable rates:

4-hour rental or less \$50, daily rental \$100

For bookings contact:
Mel Strong at 306-645-4412 or text 306-434-5511

Nora Fergusson at 306-645-2617 or text 306-434-7580

Whether you're looking for a morning coffee, an afternoon of cards, a shared meal, or a venue for your event, the Rocanville Community Centre is a welcoming place for all ages to connect and enjoy.

Rocanville Community Thrift Store

The Rocanville Community Thrift Store is run by a group of local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time at the Thrift Store please, contact Marilyn at 306-645-4553. The Thrift Store is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 1-4 pm and Thursdays 6-8 pm

Rocanville Food Share

Please keep in mind the needs of those less fortunate and give them to your local Food Bank. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Cheques made payable to the Town of Rocanville and can be mailed to Box 265, Rocanville, SK S0A 3L0. An income tax receipt can be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

If you know anyone in the area in need of food, please contact: Pastor Paul Bunz 434-5375; Roseanne Kelly 306-434-9484; Faith Buchanan; Jean Howie; Barbara Wilkins; Jane Fahlman.

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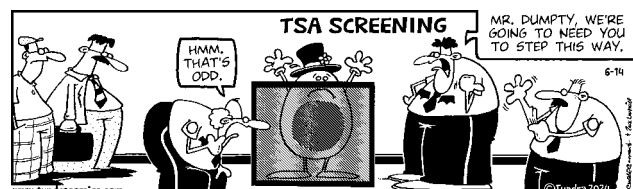
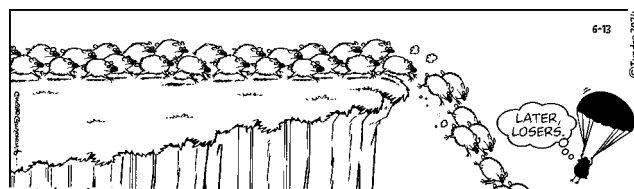
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LPGA stars heading in different directions

The recent U.S. women's open golf championship featured two superstars heading in opposite directions — Nelly Korda in the midst of her rise to legendary Hall-of-Fame status (even though she took a bit of a detour at the Open) and 15-time winner Lexi Thompson, 29, a child star who announced before the tournament that she plans to retire from professional golf at the end of this season.

Korda, who will be 26 this summer, has been setting the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour on fire this season, until a disastrous 10 on a par-3 during the opening round of the U.S. Open momentarily stalled her march to greatness. Earlier this year, she won five consecutive tournaments and took top spot in six of the season's first 12 events. Naturally, she was the favourite going into the U.S. Open but the 10, when she dunked three balls into a creek on a par 3, led to an 80 and a missed cut. Still, Korda is the undisputed No. 1-ranked golfer in the world and leads the LPGA money list with more than \$3 million, \$1.5 million ahead of the runner-up, Hannah Green.

A member of an elite athletic family, Korda is the defending Olympic gold medalist in women's golf but, like Thompson, has only one major championship on her resume. Nelly's sister, Jessica, is a six-time LPGA winner; their brother Sebastian is ranked 28th in the world in men's tennis; and their parents, Petr and Regina, were both accomplished tennis pros, with Petr having one



Bruce Penton

Grand Slam title to his credit. Even Nelly's boyfriend is a professional athlete, hockey player Andreas Athanasiou of the Chicago Blackhawks.

The retirement announcement by Thompson, meanwhile, caught the golf world by surprise. She's only 29 years old, but has been in the golf spotlight since she was 12 years old, when she qualified for the U.S. Open in 2007. She was No. 1 in the world in 2019, but her skills have been eroding of late. Thompson, in fact, has gone five years without winning a tournament and has fallen to a ranking of 54th in the world.

Early retirement on the women's circuit is quite common. Lorena Ochoa retired at age 28 after sitting at No. 1 in the world for 158 straight weeks. Annika Sorenstam, generally regarded as the greatest female golfer ever, gave up competitive golf at age 38.

Thompson's star wasn't quite that bright, but she was a major influence on the tour and because she started at such a young age, golf fans know all about her.

"I think she does an amazing job for the Tour," Korda said after hearing the news. "She spends so much time going to each pro-am party. She really dedicated her time to growing the game. It's sad to see that she's obviously leaving and not going to be out here with us anymore, but she's had an amazing career."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Ex-NFL receiver Rob Gronkowski and about 20 unidentified drinking buddies recently racked up a bar tab of over \$100,000. I'm guessing Gronk wasn't the only tight end."

• R.J. Anderson of CBS Sports, on the rebuilding Los Angeles Angels: "Unfortunately, they are a few years away from being a few years away."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Los Angeles Dodgers were on a five-game losing streak. But they discovered the cure-all. AKA the Mets bullpen."

• An ESPN announcer during the Canadian Open: "You know Mackenzie Hughes is a Canadian because his home course is the Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club."

• Torben Rolfes of Vancouver after soccer superstar Lionel Messi was a no-show when his Miami team visited Vancouver: "The Vancouver Whitecaps will set an attendance record today: Largest crowd ever at BC Place for an event not involving Lionel Messi or U2."

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need more handicapped parking near the ball park

Dear Editor:

I am a senior citizen and walk with a cane, having hip and back problems. My great-nephew phones me and invites me to all of his ball games at the Moosomin ball park but there is little or no area for me to watch these games as I have to sit in the car. We were parked at the #1 diamond on the grass so that I could see and keep score, as there was nowhere else to park, and we were told to leave!

Could someone please do something about making parking available at the diamonds for the handicapped and seniors that have a hard time walking, so that we can see the whole diamond and enjoy watching the ball game.

Charlotte Kovach
Maryfield

We are here because of those D-Day Veterans who served

Dear Editor:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will trav-

el to France for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

At one time, I have been told, the government of Canada did have intentions of awarding a Canadian decoration to those who were involved with Operation Neptune, as it was code-name titled, back then.

But what happened to those plans...is anyone's guess?

The French Console member, Bruno Burnichon, who pinned the French Legion Medal of Honour, on several D-Day veterans had this to say, as he explained the decision to honour those who liberated France:

"Two years ago at one of our meetings the question was asked, 'What can we do?' I said, 'What do we lose by giving them the highest honour? If we are here today, it is because of them.'"

If we are here today 'it is because of them'...somber/grim words, indeed. Sadly, our government of Canada hasn't recognized "their contribution" in a similar manner. Nor have they recognized the contributions of the Cold War Veterans who proudly served Canada from 1950 to 1990.

Lest We Forget!

John Fefchak
A Cold War Veteran
Virden, Manitoba

Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Marj Shire and Pat Haines spent May 8-15 on a trip to Alberta. They stopped in Calgary, Sylvan Lake and Strathmore. Marj met up with friends Elaine Chorney, Cheryl Lent and Dan Rogers (Carrie Seland). Marj and Pat visited with some family members and friends.

Susan Davidson spent two weeks in Kingston, Nova Scotia. She and sister Trudy had a road trip through Prince Edward Island during this visit.

Ken and Monique Myers would like to announce the birth of a granddaughter on May 22. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and has been named Alivia Yvonne. She is the daughter of Ken and Lisa Hall and a sister for Alexis.

The Wawota Museum's Annual Spring Tea was

held on May 31. There were many out for tea and to buy baking from the bake table. The draw was made for the wooden wagon (flower planter) that Bob Birnie donated to raise funds for improvements at the former Anglican Church. Over \$1,200 was raised and the lucky winner was Betty Jack of Carlyle.

On June 1 Wawota Parkland's Graduation was held. Ceremonies were held at the Town Hall and were followed by a brief parade around the town. The graduates included Micah Baldock, Kaden Greenbank, Jack Lamoureux, Taras Littlecrow, Kaylee Mudrewich, Makenzie Restau, Dewald Steyn and Madea Trinidad. Amaya Drumm and Charlie Mondor who

took home schooling will be graduating at the end of the month.

Visiting with the Olsons and the Lamoureuxs and attending Jack Lamoureux's graduation were Justin Olson, Tamara Buckingham and Callie of Saskatoon, Stacey Hefferman, Kate, Sarah and Kenton Olson and Emmett all of Regina.

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Please contact the office regarding our tax incentive policy for commercial lots.

Dated the 23rd day of May, 2024.

Brittany Raymond
Administrator
Village of Maryfield

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Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

306-733-2155

Murray and Deane Lewis have moved into their new home, Kin Place, in Moosomin. Best wishes from all friends in Welwyn.

Sympathy to Marilyn James in the loss of her partner Marvin Milner. They lived in Drayton Valley, Alberta. Siblings Bill, Marney and Joan visited their sister at this time. Sympathy to Marilyn from friends and family of the Welwyn community.

Toryn Harper was home from Clear Lake on the weekend.

Gerri Paterson of Balgonie visited on Saturday with her parents Joe and Pat Santer.

On the weekend Doug and Barb Cuthill, along with other members of the Cross Street Car Club out of Wapella, drove their 1970 Olds 442 to the Devils Run Car Show at Devils Lake, North Dakota. There were over 1,000 vehicles of every make, model and year, along with a parade, music, food, tours and various events to enjoy.



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Artifact stolen from Old George in Whitewood

Thief believed to be from Manitoba

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

George Chopping takes pride in showing his collection of items from a bygone era. To hold something in your hands from 200 years ago brings a whole new appreciation for the item, connecting visitors to Old George's Museum & Hidden Village in Whitewood with the past.

However, every once in awhile, someone decides that their greed is too great to ignore and items mysteriously disappear.

Such is the case with an Indigenous artifact dating back to the 1850s—a black 'war club' quite unique in its design.

Chopping noticed the item missing over the May 25-26 weekend, and recalls touring a group of people through his home shortly before the artifact was stolen. He remembered three people visiting the museum on that fateful day, a couple whom he was leading through his bottle room where Chopping is piecing together glass collected from the Manitoba Glass Company site near Beausejour in 1979. The other male did not continue on with the tour.

"This guy says, 'well, I'm in a hurry. I gotta go'," Chopping recalls, adding that he told the visitor to sign the guest book before he left. "He didn't sign the guest book, but he left with the war club."

While Chopping didn't have a chance to see what kind of vehicle the man—believed to be between 25 to 45 years old—was driving, he thinks the thief may reside in central Manitoba.

The war club has been part of Chopping's collection for the past eight years. All black, the head is covered in brass buttons and features a metal point.

"It was quite a nice honour to get it," he said of obtaining the war club. "That one there was my pride and joy."

A wealth of historical information, Chopping explained how this war club in particular came to bear such unique features.

"The early fur traders—the Hudson Bay Company and that—traded metal points, or they had blacksmiths that made metal points and that was traded to them," he said, also elaborating on the finer details of the brass buttons decorating the war club. "When you look at them closely with a



A special artifact dating back to the 1850s has been stolen from Old George's Museum & Hidden Village, a famous roadside attraction in Whitewood. Seen here, George Chopping holds the item previous to its disappearance, a black war club embellished with brass buttons and a metal point.

magnifying glass, they're not hammered with a hammer. They hammered into the wood, but with a stone because of the little pits in the brass. In those days, you didn't have all this classy equipment that we have today."

This isn't the first time someone has decided to steal from Chopping.

"You have 500 or 1,000 people go through, and they're just great, and then you get one person that has no scruples at all," Chopping remarked.

While many items are eventually returned—sometimes noticed through attempts at reselling the artifacts—another piece of Chopping's storied collection has been missing for decades.

A wood plane used by famed craftsman O.L. (Olaf Linus) Pearson once also called Old George's place home. Pearson was a Swedish immigrant who initially worked as a lineman on the railroad and had land in the Percival area. While Pearson's wonderful creations were primarily made of pine, his later work incorporated native species from the Pipestone Valley such as birch and maple. Pearson was also known for adding hidden compartments in his work, likely adding to his delight while watching clients try to figure out where these special additions resided.

The last time Chopping saw the Pearson wood plane (featuring the inscription 'O.L. Pearson') was 1981 when the piece was part of a museum tour.

"I traveled with the Museum Association for two years being on display, and then somebody walked off with that and it hasn't been found yet neither," Chopping said. No leads on the missing plane have been forthcoming since.

Despite the 'once in a blue moon' thefts, Chopping's love of sharing history has not dashed his enthusiasm, and social media posts about the war club theft have been shared widely.

Anyone with information on this artifact can contact their local RCMP Detachment, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS). Chopping also noted that if the person who stole the war club has a change of heart, he can mail the item back to him at Box 118, Whitewood, SK S0G 5C0—no questions asked.



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Moosomin RCMP Report

BY CST. TRINA BRACE

Protect yourself from theft

Another busy week for your local RCMP, and we will start off by reiterating some of the information we provided last week, specifically about farm thefts:

- Lock your vehicles and equipment. Don't leave valuables, tools or keys in them.
- Lock and secure your home, outbuildings and slip tanks.
- Consider lights with motion sensors, as well as a monitored security or alarm system.
- Report suspicious people and/or vehicles to police.
- Report crimes, even if they are small, to police as soon as possible. When all crimes are reported to the police, officers get a clearer picture of the types and numbers of crimes occurring in their area. This information helps them launch future police projects, initiatives and education campaigns.
- Also be sure to safely store your firearms, whether in your home or transporting in a vehicle. Especially don't leave unsecured firearms in unoccupied homes or vehicles.

Borrowed vehicle abandoned

On May 30, an abandoned vehicle was reported in the RM of Walpole. The registered owner was contacted and retrieved it—a family member had borrowed it and left it on the side of the road.

Static line 911 call from business

On May 30, there was a 911 static line call from a local business. If the RCMP contacts you or your business about static line 911 calls, this is usually a problem with the phone lines, so you may be asked to contact your telephone service provider to get the line serviced.

Possible disturbance

On May 31, members received a 911 call about a possible disturbance in Moosomin. Members attended and provided a female with a ride back to her home.



Pickup truck hit center median

On May 31, members were called out to a report of a pickup truck that blew their tire and hit the center median. Police, fire and EMS all responded.

Spree of thefts began

On June 1, unbeknownst to our members, the spree of vehicle/property thefts from a group out of Manitoba started with members receiving a BOLO (be on look out) from Manitoba RCMP regarding a stolen pickup truck. Patrols were made and the associated stolen vehicle was not located... yet...

Tailgating issue

On June 1, members received a complaint of a semi driver tailgating another semi driver, but then the tailgating semi pulled off the road at a truck stop so it was no longer an issue.

Calls about property dispute

On June 1, members received 911 calls about a property dispute. Division of property is a civil matter and RCMP encourage those involved in the division of property contact a civil lawyer to assist.

Break and enter in RM of Martin

On June 1, members received a 911 about a break and enter and theft at a farm in the RM of Martin that occurred on On June 1. Members are still investigating. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.crimestoppers.com

Person ran out of gas

On June 1, there were several 911 calls from a person that ran out of gas and wanted members to assist but members were busy with priority calls and unable to assist. RCMP recommend that people watch their fuel gauge so you don't end up walking when you run out of

gas, and take a cell phone with you so you can call your friend to help if you need, instead of using 911.

Arrest for impaired driving

On June 1, members received a report of a suspected impaired driver. An adult male was located and arrested for impaired operation and the vehicle was impounded.

Missing young adult male

On June 2, members received a complaint about a missing young adult male that left a party intoxicated. The male was located and provided one free night stay at the Bed and Breakfast and was released once sober.

Riding dirt bike around Maryfield

On June 2, RCMP received an anonymous complaint about someone riding a dirt bike around Maryfield. Members were not able to respond at the time.

Theft of cigarettes in Moosomin

On June 2, RCMP received a 911 call about a theft of cigarettes from a business in Moosomin. The business has CCTV footage available and members are still investigating. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.crimestoppers.com

Farm theft in RM of Silverwood

On June 2, members received a report of a break and enter and theft some time overnight from a farm in the RM of Silverwood. Among the stolen items were numerous Milwaukee tools and a dirt bike. Members are still investigating. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.crimestoppers.com

Dog attacks another dog

On June 3, RCMP received an animal complaint about a dog getting loose in Welwyn and attacking another dog. The complainant didn't want the owner of the dog living in Welwyn.

Vehicle stolen and fuel theft

On June 3, RCMP received a complaint of a Hyundai Tucson stolen from Moosomin. The vehicle was then involved in a theft of fuel in Whitewood. The vehicle has since been recovered and members continue to investigate in conjunction with Manitoba RCMP.

Possible impaired driver

On June 3, members received a complaint about a possible impaired driver leaving Moosomin in a semi. Members were not in a position to intercept, so a BOLO was sent to Manitoba RCMP.

Missing child located

On June 3, RCMP responded to a 911 call about a missing four year old. The child was located by family shortly after the initial 911 call and members were no longer needed.



Theft in progress leads to Crime Watch Advisory and car chase

On June 4, at approximately 8 am, RCMP was dispatched to a theft in progress call. Members soon learned that two pickup trucks were in the complainant's yard and when the complainant drove over to the trucks, the two trucks drove toward the complainant's truck, colliding with it. Members worked quickly to try to locate the trucks, and soon a CrimeStoppers post and Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory were sent out asking for assistance from the public. Moosomin and Broadview members were throughout the area, along with several RCMP members from surrounding detachments and other Peace Officers including SERM and Sask Highway Patrol. RCMP continued to get several reports of sightings

of the trucks and many attempts were made to locate and stop the vehicles, but they did not stop for any police vehicles. At approximately 5 pm, one of the vehicles (the white GMC) was located in a field south of Whitewood, on fire. RCMP had just learned that the black F350 (that I mentioned earlier in this report... back on June 1) was in the area and related to the white GMC and the grey Chev Duramax that rammed the civilian vehicle earlier in the day. During the ensuing search and patrols to locate the vehicles, two police vehicles were involved in a collision.

Break in at residence in Maryfield

On June 4, RCMP received a report about a break-in at a residence in Maryfield. Members determined that the complainant just wanted the person spoken to.

Theft of fuel from gas station

On June 4, RCMP received a report of a theft of fuel from a gas station in Moosomin, that had occurred on June 1. Members are following up.

Truck parked in ditch

On June 4, RCMP received information about a grey F150 that was parked in the ditch on the grid road south-east of the Moosomin Hospital. When members patrolled, the vehicle was no longer there.

Found backpack was returned

On June 4, RCMP got a report of a found backpack in Moosomin. The property was picked up and held at the Moosomin Detachment. Members located the owner of the property and let them know that they can pick it up at the detachment, and also reminded the owner of the property of their conditions not to go to a specific address. The backpack was later picked up by the owner.

911 misdial

On June 4, RCMP members followed up with a 911 call that turned out to be a misdial.

Fatal shooting in Manitoba

On June 5, RCMP in Moosomin were updated about a fatal shooting in Manitoba involving one of the suspect vehicles from June 4. One female suspect was in custody in Manitoba and one of the male suspects was fatally shot. RCMP Detachments in southeast Saskatchewan learned that there may be related suspects in the area again. RCMP received several reports about suspicious vehicles/activity and again members from numerous RCMP Detachments responded, including the RCMP Emergency Response Team and air support, along with other Peace Officers including SERM and Sask Highway Patrol.

Collision at Highway 1 and 8

On June 5, RCMP received a report of a two vehicle collision at Highway 1 and Highway 8. There were no injuries but the highway was partially blocked. Members responded, along with Moosomin Fire Department. Vehicles were towed.

Suspicious white Dodge truck

On June 5, RCMP began receiving complaints of a suspicious vehicle in the RM of Martin. The vehicle is described as a white Dodge truck with wide fender flares, jacked up, with two barrels in the box weighing the back down. Nothing criminal noted as of this writing, but lots of reports of suspicious activity. The vehicle has still not been located. RCMP is requesting anyone with information about this theft to contact Moosomin RCMP by calling 306-435-3361. Information can be submitted anonymously through CrimeStoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or by submitting a tip online at www.crimestoppers.com

Suspicious vehicle in Moosomin

On June 6, RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in Moosomin. Members were able to locate the driver and the vehicle was moved from the street.

End the mental health stigma

As we all work together to end the stigma surrounding mental illness, now more than ever, every action counts. Whether you take the time to listen to a loved one, encourage a friend to ask for help, or educate yourself about mental health challenges. Be the solution. Be kind. Educate yourself. Listen and ask. Talk about it. Let's change the way we view mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling, Reach out. If you or someone you know is in crisis or has thoughts of self harm, take action.

- Call 9-1-1
- Call 9-8-8 (Suicide Crisis Helpline)
- Go to the nearest hospital or emergency department

Joke of the week

There's a person in town who's stealing the wheels off of police cars. The police are working tirelessly to catch them.

A huge thank you to all assisting organizations and to the members of our community who helped RCMP. It was one very busy week!



Sandra Logan of Endless Pawsibilities raffling off tickets for the cat rescue on Main Street.



Ellice Street was full of cars, trucks and even an old tractor for the car show put on by the town.



Chad Stewart and his dancing partner two stepping across the dance floor to the fiddler's music.

BY KELSEY SELBY
The sun was shining, despite the wind, in Rocanville on June 1, for their Community Days events.

The day started with a pancake breakfast which was hosted by the Rocanville Aquatic Centre Fundraising Group with funds going towards the pool refurbishment. The group went through 40 boxes of sausage and eight big bags of pancake mix donated by Johnstons Grain, Rocanville Co-op and Sharpe's to give them a grand total of funds raised over \$2,000. Darlene Strong of Darsart occupied the

entrance to the hall with beautiful paintings, drawings and creations made by her own art students.

The Métis Local #135 began their day at the museum unveiling the Métis Red River Cart and raising their flag. They also opened the new Métis home on the museum grounds and drew a nice crowd to explore the beautiful culture. Elder Norman Fleury spoke of Métis culture and Marg Friesen did the flag presentation. To add to the excitement, Jason Lepine performed with his fiddle alongside his guitarist and jigger Kelsey McLennan. The



Jason Lepine performed with his fiddle alongside his guitarist and jigger Kelsey McLennan.



Quinn Chevrier, Reagan Chevrier, Liv Godwin and Blair Chevrier posing beside Jeremy Chevrier's souped up Camaro that won the People's Choice award and Best Car before 1985.

Rocanville Community Days was a busy and fun-filled event

crew then made their way over to the museum where they continued to play and get the crowd involved teaching them dance moves and including a young local girl, teaching her how to play the spoons.

Most of the other kids in town were kept busy at Rocanville Minor Ball's Kids Zone, bouncing away in the bouncy castles, hitting some balls in a simulator, and getting their faces painted into colorful butterflies and other creatures.

Other musical entertainment included the Neville family and friends, followed up by

Megan Kelly, all locals who make us proud to say we are from Rocanville.

The town also hosted a car show that shut down the first block of Ellice Street and drew spectators of all ages to check out the cars, trucks, and even a refurbished tractor.

Like all good events, there was no lack of food after the pancake breakfast, including Pinoy street foods, a BBQ lunch sponsored by Borderland Co-op for the town's golf course, and a pierogi and sausage supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus to cap off an eventful and fun-filled day.



Avah and Lachlan Neville serenaded the crowd who came to listen and some to enjoy pierogi supper put on by Knights of Columbus



The Kids Zone attracted kids of all ages and was run by Rocanville's minor ball volunteers including a sand dig where the kids dug up prizes.



Métis locals Tania Leclair, Danette Pettifer, Larry Leclair, Rob Shopland, Cassidy Leclair and Courtney Leclair pose with fiddler Jason Lepine and his band mate and Jigger Kelsey McLennan.



Cassidy Robideaux putting out breakfast sausages for the pancake breakfast hosted by the Rocanville Aquatic Centre Fundraising Committee.

Oil and gas course coming to Sask high schools

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A new elective is coming to high schools across the province next year. The provincial government recently announced a partnership with Teine Energy and the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre to create high school courses introducing students to the oil and gas industry. Not only will students learn about the industry in Saskatchewan, but they'll also become more knowledgeable about future career opportunities.

"This partnership is a great example of innovation that will support our province's growing economy while providing students the chance to explore the wealth of career opportunities available to them right here at home," Premier Scott Moe said. "These new courses will include work placement opportunities for students and will foster the development of a skilled workforce for our province."

The new courses—named Oil and Gas 20 and 30—will involve 50 hours of online theory followed by 50 hours of work placement for some valuable hands-on experience.

"When I talk to parents, when I talk to teachers, I talk to students, people are looking for more practical opportunities to get started on a career ladder," said Education

Minister Jeremy Cockrill in a media scrum. "That's what parents are looking for. Parents are looking for opportunities for their children. I can tell you from living in my part of the province, there are some amazing opportunities in the oil and gas sector."

To get things started, Teine Energy has committed \$150,000 over two years to support not only getting the program off the ground but also to assist in the student work placements.

"Teine is excited to be part of shaping and supporting the careers of talented young people in the province of Saskatchewan," Teine Energy President and CEO Jason Denney said. "This program connects the energy industry with high school students as they begin to make career choices. Our goal for this program is to deliver real world experience, accelerate local energy focused employment, and ultimately enable Saskatchewan grads to pursue well paid, fulfilling careers within their home province."

Oil and Gas 20 will come to classrooms in the second semester of the 2024-25 school year with Oil and Gas 30 entering the following year's curriculum.

"I think industry is very happy that government is putting some thought into how we support industries in our

province—whether it's potash or whether it's oil and gas, or whether it's forestry on providing opportunities for students to get real life experience," Cockrill said.

The courses—available to full-time online students and those attending high schools in person—join other on-line trade and agricultural modules that also offer real-life work experience currently available to Saskatchewan learners. Some of these include mechanical and automotive, autobody, construction and carpentry, welding, electrical, power engineering, agriculture equipment technician, parts technician, and precision agriculture.

When asked if the content of the courses will shed light on alternatives to oil and gas, Cockrill replied by noting the province's clean approach to sustainably drawing the natural resources from the ground.

"The courses will talk about sustainability practices within the industry. We produce oil and gas more sustainably than any other jurisdiction in the world," he said. "Even just the enhanced oil recovery, the reduction on methane emissions. This province is a leader in the world—we're recognized as a leader in the world—and I think that's what will be talked about in that course when it comes to how sustainable the industry is."

Rocanville Town council

Transfer station rates stay the same

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A transfer station fee schedule appeared before Town of Rocanville Council during their regular meeting on June 5, and as Administrator Tanya Strandlund explained, fees aren't increasing.

"The fees themselves didn't increase, it's just breaking it out to help be more specific so people know what to expect when they go out there," she said.

On the Town of Rocanville website, fees have remained unchanged since 2017, and a long list of items and their associated rates can be found. For example, residents can expect to be charged two dollars a bag for bagged garbage brought to the transfer station. Steel appliances (placed in the steel pile) will cost \$20 each—the same price tag as mattresses and furniture.

Tires and batteries are not accepted and are directed to be returned to the dealer.

The transfer station is currently running summer hours until October 31, Mondays noon to 6 pm; Fridays 2 to 6 pm; and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

Community Day '25 date set

After a highly successful Community Day on June 1, the town is already setting a date for next year's shindig. Mark your calendars for June 7, 2025—it'll be another great party in Rocanville!

"Because of the success and the good timing of this previous one, that's the direction council wants to go is have it early June so that as many people as possible can attend and participate," Strandlund said.

Setting a date early also allows organizers plenty of time to book entertainment.

Tax bylaw passed

Mention taxes and people tend to get a bit grumpy, but in Rocanville, there's no reason to be glum. The Minimum Tax Bylaw was passed last week and residents will not see an increase.

"Taxes are not increasing this year, nothing is changing on the municipal side," Strandlund assured. "Minimum tax is \$1,850 for a land with an improvement, and the empty lot is \$250."

Banners and 'home of' sign

While more of a 'next year' project, town staff are investigating costs for banners and a special sign paying tribute to a hometown hero.

"It's going to be Home of Jessica Campbell," Strandlund confirmed. "She's doing fantastic things in the hockey world, so we definitely want to acknowledge her success. We're proud of her."

Staff are being proactive with the future project, getting estimates and researching options of what is most aesthetically pleasing.

Paving discussed

The never-ending work of paving was discussed, with sights set on one portion in particular. The 200 block of Garry Street was highlighted during last week's council meeting.

"The Ellice Street swale has deteriorated greatly," Strandlund also noted. "We're going to do some maintenance on that and

bring it back up."

Lagoon mulching contract

Full Yard Skidsteer Services will be doing the lagoon mulching this year, awarded the contract during last week's council meeting.

"There's a whole bunch of willow trees and it just needs to be mulched," Strandlund said. "We're hoping to do that in the fall, but we'll see what the year brings."

Future Zamboni discussed

Some discussion revolved around the future needs of a Zamboni within the next couple of years.

"It's just the whole future planning thing is making sure that we're well aware of what our assets are like and what condition they're in," Strandlund said. "So that

future needs are already kind of anticipated and planned for."

No decision was made, the item was simply to begin the conversation about assets.

Motion to borrow for pool project

An addition to the Council agenda was a legal resolution to borrow money for the pool project.

"That was just something that the Municipal Board had requested and the motion needed to be made," Strandlund said. "We haven't got the official approval yet, but we're applying for up to \$2.6 million with the anticipation we're not going to need it all."

Council approved the resolution.

South East Men's Fastball League Report

League Teams

Cowessess Royals
Fleming Jets
Grenfell Gems
Kahkewistehaw Warriors
Neudorf Posse
Ochapowace Young Bucks
Round Lake Braves
(Play home games at Ochapowace)

Whitewood Falcons
Zagime Eagles (Sakimay)

Game Stats

June 6: Falcons 6 Gems 2
June 5: Braves 7 Eagles 3
June 4: Young Bucks 16 Warriors 5

Moosomin 4-H Multi Club

BY OLIVIA BROOKS

On June 1, 2024, the 4-H Moosomin Multi Club had an amazing Achievement Day celebration. All of the project groups got together to showcase all the work they have done together.

The Light Horse group showed off their amazing riding skills with their horses, the Diesel Engine group showed off their diesel powered truck that they constructed themselves and the Gas Engine group made their own working go-kart! The other groups who displayed some of their

work were: Cosmetology, Cooking, Animals, Sewing/Quilting, Archery, and Self Directed Home Economics.

After the groups showed their projects, the 4-H members enjoyed a nice lunch with the Cooking group providing some of the desserts.

At the end, all of the important parent helpers and Executive Team received little gifts for their help throughout the year.

Overall it was a very fun day to connect with the members, show off their work and have fun!



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McNaughton High School Class 6A wins Gateway Nature's Spring Birdwatching Contest

Gateway Nature's Spring Migration Birdwatching Contest has awarded its prizes. Participants were challenged to spot 20 species of birds that arrived in the local area throughout April and May.

The keen observers who found all 20 species were entered in a draw to win the Grand Prize bundle which included a pair of binoculars, a \$25 gift certificate to the Cork and Bone bistro, and more. The winner was Sandy Hominick from Brandon.

Overjoyed, Hominick recalls she was worried she wouldn't find the final bird on her checklist, the ruby-throated hummingbird, before the contest ended. "I remembered seeing one in a particular tree last year. I went back to the tree and, lo and behold, there it was, just the bird I needed!"

The second prize bundle included a \$25 gift certificate to the Cork and Bone Bistro as well, plus a stylish metal birdfeeder. All of the contest participants were entered in that draw, even if they only found a few of the species. The



Class 6A from McNaughton High School and their science teacher Heather McTavish won \$100 in Gateway Nature's Spring Migration Birdwatching Contest.

lucky winner, Kelly Martin from Elkhorn, happens to be someone else who found all 20 species.

Martin spoke highly of the contest. "It was a really great experience! It was just nice to pay more attention, and to recog-

nize more of the birds in our area and in my own backyard. There were some species in the contest that I had seen before but I hadn't known their names. I learned a lot."

There was also a special prize, a hummingbird

suncatcher, awarded to the participant who spotted the earliest robin of the year. Chelsey Stonehouse from the Fleming area won that prize. Stonehouse has old apple trees on her property which attracted eight robins by

April 1. Moosomin did not get its first robin until the evening of April 4.

Finally, there was a \$100 classroom prize. Class 6A from McNaughton High School were the best young birdwatchers. Their science teacher Heather

McTavish says, "This was a really cool contest! There's always drawing, writing, and math contests, but this one really hit a few kids who don't fit into those areas. Some of the kids are still telling me about birds they're seeing!"

Kendra Parrish, who organized the contest, is grateful to the Cork and Bone Bistro, Mullett's Home Hardware, and the Moosomin Public Library for their support.

She notes, "A recent study (Hammoud et al, 2024) found that observing birds improves mental wellbeing for up to eight hours. We gave our participants an extra reason to take a pause, look to the trees, and grab that happiness. I want to see a lot more participation in future years. Nature is for everyone."

Another current Gateway Nature project with the same message is a series of Youtube videos showcasing the stages of spring in Moosomin. The first four videos are available to view on the Gateway Nature Youtube channel.

Looking Back

Five years ago, 2019:

Jeannot Electric held a grand opening for their new 2,400-square-foot shop at 1505 North Front Street in Moosomin. The grand opening consisted of a barbecue, displays—including a solar panel display—and a ribbon cutting.

The Moosomin Legion held a free hot-dog barbecue in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. They also had historical displays set out, and used it as a chance to display their metal art memorials, which they had been fundraising for over the year. The memorials include a photo and bio of every soldier on the Moosomin cenotaph.

Ten years ago, 2014:

Roxanne Nabholz presented a cheque for \$2,500 from the Conexus Credit Union to Mike Stein and Peter Nabholz of the Moosomin Fire Department. The Fire Department used the money toward upgrading their Jaws of Life.

The Maryfield boys curling team was awarded the SHSAA Sportsmanship Award for their performance at the Provincial SHSAA Curling Championships in Colonsay, where they won bronze.

Fifteen years ago, 2009:

Larry Miskiman sat at Moosomin's council table for 15 years. After a dozen years as a councillor and three as mayor, Miskiman decided that it was time to step aside and let someone else take the reins when municipal elections come.

The 2008 Provincial Bantam 'C' Champion 981 Cyclones were presented the Southeast Connection Team of the Year Award in Fleming. The team included coach Dave Young, Jenna Rathgeber, Katelyn Barrett, Chelsea Hebert, Katelin MacPherson, Michelle Sweeting, Tim Sweeting, Sarah Bruce, Chelsea Barry, Kaylynn Soke, Brook Young, Ria Stewart and Jennifer Barrett.

Twenty years ago, 2004:

The Moosomin Kinsmen Club donated \$2,500 to the Moosomin Regional Museum; A two vehicle accident occurred on Highway 1 near Fleming. A Chevrolet Cavalier rolled into the ditch after being struck by a semi, but no one was injured.

One hundred years ago, 1924:

Gold production from the mines of Northern Ontario amounted to approximately \$2,100,000 during the month before, according to preliminary estimates. The output at that rate was on a uniform basis. Nine mines contributed to the output and in each case, the tendency was toward an increased tonnage and consequently heavier production. In addition to being the third largest gold mining area in the world, Northern Ontario was one of the world's richest silver and cobalt mining districts.

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This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on June 10, 2019.



Kinsmen 50/50 raises \$7,500

Lucjan Lubas of Regina was the winner of the \$7,500 prize in the Moosomin Kinsmen 50/50. The draw was made on June 2. With the proceeds of the 50/50, the Kinsmen will be donating \$3,750 to the Moosomin and District Healthcare Foundation's CT Scanner Fund and retaining \$3,750 for future use within the community. Above is Kinsmen Ryan Thorn presenting the \$7,500 prize to Lucjan Lubas.

The World-Spectator's deadline is noon Thursdays



New apartment buildings taking shape

Two new 12-unit apartment buildings in Moosomin are under construction. Keller Developments is developing the apartments which will mostly be three-bedroom units with balconies. The town has applied for a federal grant to help with the housing shortage in Moosomin. A decision on that grant is expected soon.

Ashley Bocek photos



From Regina Police Supt. to Chief Coroner

Jeff Wagner takes on role July 22

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
Jeff Wagner, a former Regina Police Service superintendent, will take on the role of Saskatchewan's Chief Coroner. The announcement came last week in a press release from the government, filling the vacant position after previous Chief Coroner Clive Weighill announced his retirement back in February.

"Mr. Wagner has a proven track record of building strong relationships with community stakeholders," Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "I am confident in his ability to lead the Coroners Service and maintain its high standards of public service."

During his time with the RPS, Wagner served as Superintendent of the Community Services Division, previously having managed the Major Crimes/Vulnerable Services Division and South District Division.

A University of Regina alumni, Wagner holds a Bachelor's Degree of Human Justice and an Advanced Certificate in Police Studies. He was also awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal, and the Police Exemplary Service Medal.

Former Chief Coroner Weighill took on the role in August of 2018 and also came to the position from the world of policing. He served as deputy chief of police with the RPS and the Saskatoon Police Service before service as five and-a-half years as Chief Coroner, announcing his retirement during the coroner's inquest into the death of Myles Sanderson.

"It's been my honour to be Chief Coroner for the province and to work with the lead-



Jeff Wagner officially takes over the role of Saskatchewan's new Chief Coroner on July 22.

ership at the First Nation, and work with Eddie (Head, justice and policing director at James Smith Cree Nation) especially, and to work with the families," Weighill said on Feb. 29. "I appreciate the families and their questions of the witnesses. I hope that helped bring some of the truths out."



Clive Weighill speaks with media during the James Smith Cree Nation stabbing inquest in January at Melfort. Weighill retired from the role of Chief Coroner in February, during the subsequent inquest into the death of Myles Sanderson, the man responsible for the stabbing deaths.

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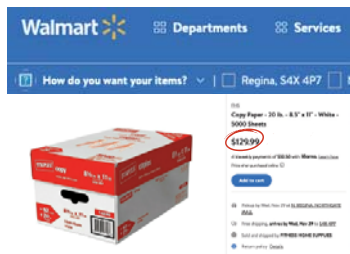
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- Kids 3-on-3 road hockey tournament (15-and-under. Register at 306-434-9112 or kyle_jeannot@hotmail.com)

Beer Gardens starting at 5pm

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Live Band:

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Sunday, June 30

1-5 pm

- Kids Scavenger Hunt
- Adult Scavenger Hunt
- Beach Volleyball Tournament - All ages welcome (Register at 306-434-9112 or kyle_jeannot@hotmail.com)
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