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SE Sask Firefighters helping with northern fires

BY JULIA DIMA

Wildfires continue to burn across Northern Saskatchewan, threatening wildlife, cabins, and homes, and forcing thousands to evacuate to southern communities. Firefighters are overwhelmed, and asking for help from firefighters, volunteers, and now the Canadian Army reservists.

The Saskatchewan Volunteer Firefighters Association has been reaching out to fire departments across the province to lend equipment and services to help battle the fires.

The call has prompted Southeast Saskatchewan firefighters to pack their trucks and head up north. Carlyle fire chief Trent Lee, Redvers fire chief Brad Hutton, and firefighters Eric Brown, Andrew Hamilton, and Dwayne Henderson of those departments answered the call, and spent six days helping battle back fires around the village of Weyakwin, located 95 kilometres south of La Ronge.

"They were looking for assistance, and they gave us a call to go up and do some value protection around the big wildfires," says Lee. "Part of value protection is making sure any of the hot spots around the villages and communities where we are working are taken care of to prevent any spread to structures."

Going up north to help out was a no-brainer for the crew.

"It doesn't matter where we're doing it, the mentality is people need help, let's go out and help them. It doesn't matter if it's our community or someone else's if the call is out there that there is an emergency and help is required, it's the right thing to do," Lee says. "We always say that if we need help here, we're going to want people coming to help us."

Because they were stationed to prevent structure damage and to extinguish spot fires, Lee says the work was similar to what the fire department does back home in the Carlyle area, putting out grass and shrub fires, as well as structural fires.

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Provincial Archery Shoot

The Fleming Archery Club hosted the provincial archery shoot at Moosomin Regional Park recently. At left, Saskatchewan Archery Association president Gil Segovia takes aim at a target on the course. See page 14 for more photos.



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RCMP Beat

Sometime during the night on July 9 an unknown person broke into a business located on the 700 block of Main Street in Moosomin. An undisclosed amount of money was stolen from the business. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Between July 9 and July 15, unknown individuals broke into a business located on the 700 block of Carleton Street in Moosomin. A bottle of alcohol was stolen from the business. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Moosomin RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in finding the owner of a blue bicycle that had been turned over to the detachment on July 10. If you believe this is your bicycle, please attend the Moosomin RCMP detachment to provide additional details about the bicycle.

Sometime during the night on July 14, unknown individuals used their vehicle to push over street signs in the RM of Moosomin. The vandalism not only cost the RM money to repair the street signs, but also put other motorists at risk. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Sometime during the night on July 14, unknown individual(s) entered an unlocked vehicle that was parked at a business along Highway 8 and stole a gas card. The individual(s) attempted to use the gas card at a gas station in Moosomin. Moosomin

RCMP is in the process of reviewing the video footage from the gas station. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact the Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Special cart purchased for grocery store

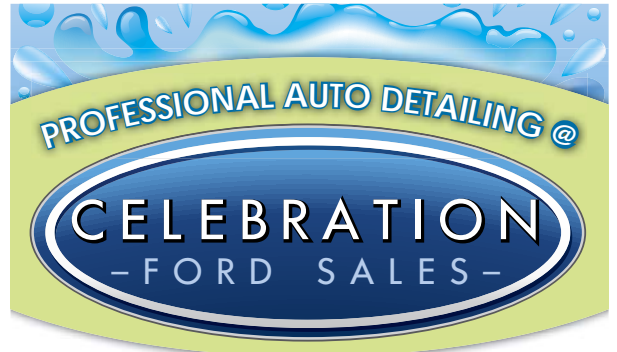
The Moosomin Elks and Borderland Co-op purchased a Caroline's Cart for the Borderland Co-op grocery store. This is a cart specially designed for those who are disabled. The Moosomin Elks and Borderland Co-op split the cost of the \$1,400 cart.

"The idea for Caroline's cart came from a family in the United States who had a daughter named Caroline who was disabled. They found it extremely difficult to take her shopping with them, hence the name of the cart," said Mel Durant, a member of the Moosomin Elks. "So they had this cart developed and the Elks got involved and we think that this is an important thing and can be good for people with disabilities, and so it has just snowballed from there to the point where

when it came to Canada they kind of partnered initially with Westfair Foods. We have them in a lot of stores now, particularly in Western Canada. As a result we got the information on it, I approached the local Co-op and we partnered with them."

"The Elks had called us and had told us about the cart," said Tera Harper with Borderland Co-op. "We always think that there's a need for that here and as we grow there will probably be a bigger need for it so we thought it was a necessary thing, and it'll make it easier to get groceries."

From left are Brenda Sopp trying out the cart, Elks Mel Durant and Lynn Abrahamson, and Cory Coultis and Tera Harper of Borderland Co-op.



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Kelso Co-op officially closes its doors on June 30

The Kelso Co-operative has been open in the small community since 1915. It was originally opened by Kelso residents, and stood as its own co-operative for most of its life, before amalgamating with Redvers-based Advantage Co-op around 2007.

Now, the Co-op has closed its doors. The closure has not happened all at once—over the past year, services and hours have been reduced, and the gas pumps were removed from the location in early spring.

The store provided crop input services, animal feed, hardware, lumber, a tire bay, and gas services.

The Co-op officially closed its doors at the end of June, and in August, an auction is being held to get rid of remaining equipment and inventory at the store.

Jerry Davis, General Manager at Advantage Co-op, says that Advantage Co-op initially considered a store closure in 2011 due to an operating loss.

"The last time our board and management looked into closure of the Kelso location was back in 2011. At that time it was experiencing a local loss of \$235,999," he says. "Our board and management then made the decision to keep the store open and use due diligence over the coming years to improve operations and save our store."

Davis says that those improvements included repairs to the roof, replacement of the main floor, installation of a new computer and scanner system, bringing in items that members were interested in to help drive sales, having a tighter control on the store's inventory, bringing in higher-profit merchandise, and hiring skilled workers. Despite the changes, however, sales continued to decline over the years.

"As our Kelso branch has limited storage and resale area, it is not possible to carry many of the items that are listed in our flyer. Freight costs also hinder our departments, because of the rural location of the branch—for this reason we often draw from our other locations to help keep costs down," Davis says. "In spite of these efforts, sales have shown a continued decline in growth, and this year we are experiencing an even more significant decline. The decline in sales has drastically affected our profit potential, and our ability to improve operations. We have tried to increase member sales by hiring skilled labour and being price competitive, but sales continue to slide."

Davis says the store closing is unfortunate, but financially, it was necessary.

"It is unfortunate that the location had to close, but the Board of Directors of Advantage Co-op must practice due diligence each year, to ensure the financial viability of the entire Co-op," he says. "In the fall of 2014 we sent out a newsletter urging members to support our store and unfortunately our sales have continued to decline—currently our sales are 18 per cent below budget and 15 per cent below last year. It is with a heavy heart that the Management and Board made the decision to close the Kelso location."

For locals, the closure is upsetting, but expected. Seeing services decline over the years has been a sign that the store was not doing well, and Advantage may consider closing it.

Last year, as well, members received letters for Advantage Co-op making them aware of the financial situation and that the store was losing money.

"People kind of knew what was going to happen—it took a little while, but you could see it coming. You hoped it wouldn't, but it did," says Larry Greenbank, who lives in Kelso.

Greenbank says that when the amalgamation happened, he would have liked to

The Kelso Co-op is officially closed now.



see Kelso amalgamate with a smaller co-operative.

"I used to go down every morning for a coffee and chat with the guys, and you could get fuel there as well, and then they took the pumps out, and I think that was a nail in the coffin right there," Greenbank says. "When they were wanting to amalgamate with Redvers, one of the arguments was with a bigger centre, they would get more stock and things would be cheaper. But, it didn't work out that way."

For Greenbank, and the few others living in Kelso, traveling to other communities for work and basic essentials like food and gas meant that the services available at the Kelso Co-op were taken care of in different communities, like Moosomin, Wawota, and Redvers. However, Greenbank says, he bought his gas in Kelso whenever the store was open, which was not often in the past year.

"It would be good if you could find somebody to take over (the store)," Greenbank says. "We will miss it."

Karl Sauter, who farms near Kelso, says that he would like to see someone come in and rebuild the store again, but says it's unlikely.

"We were all sitting around the bonfire there the other night and we were discussing what you could do, because it's a good building, and the buildings are all fairly new, and it was set up really well there. If somebody came and did what was there before, it would still go—it's just you'd have to be open every day and provide the service," Sauter says. "It's hard, you'd have to be someone young to come in and do it and it's hard for young people to find the money and equity to start something like that up, and all the tools and stuff in the building that were used for the service centre were all tendered out in January. Someone who came in would basically have an empty building to start from."

Sauter has been a member of the co-op since he was 10 years old and his grandpa brought him to the Kelso co-op to pay his five dollars and become a member.

"I went to the guy who managed the store and he explained to me why it was a good thing to be a member, and now that's gone, and the next generation isn't going to get to do that," Sauter says. "That's the saddest part of it, you just went to the Co-op because that's just where you went. Now, you have to shop around and look for the best, and your loyalty lies with your cheque book. Whereas back then, that's just the place you went because you were part of it."

Sauter says that it's been frustrating as a long-time member to watch services slowly start to decline.

"It's pretty frustrating, the co-op used to

be pretty well off, and that all went away, so it's frustrating for long-time members to see," he says. "When you lose the service centre and the chemicals, it's just one thing after another, and they'd stop stocking certain things so you'd have to go to Redvers for that thing, and if you're there, you might as well get everything in Redvers—or, Moosomin is closer, so you go there instead, and you don't even support the Advantage Co-op."

For Sauter, the loss of the Co-op is a symptom of what he sees happening in small town Saskatchewan—as communities get smaller, they lose their services, and the communities phase out along with the services.

"It was a small town staple and it's a shame that those kinds of things are going away," he says. "Everybody went there for coffee in the morning and visited, that's just the place you went. It's gotten to the point where it's not going to be there, and that's the saddest part of it, that the small community mindset just seems to be getting thinner and thinner and the next generation won't experience it. The next generation after mine isn't even going to know what the Kelso Co-op was or that it was a pretty big deal for 50 years—everybody knew where Kelso was because the co-op was there."

Right now, Advantage Co-op does not have any plans to replace the Kelso Co-op services.

"The priority for Advantage Co-op is to provide superior service and assets for its members. If an opportunity arises that will benefit the Co-op and its members, a feasibility and market analysis will be completed to help the board and management make the best informed decision," Davis says.

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Redvers and Carlyle firefighters lend a hand in northern fires

Continued from front
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"A lot of the fires we saw were really thick black smoke, that turned to white and would take over the whole sky. The flames could be quite high over the treeline and spreading extremely fast," Lee says.

Upon arrival, Lee says the scene near Weyakwin was overwhelming.

"There were all kinds of people and equipment, helicopters dropping water and very thick heavy smoke. We saw water bombers flying over, it was pretty intense there for a little while, way different from what we're accustomed to down here," he says.

Hutton says that driving past burned rubble and empty communities was disheartening.

"It was a pretty dull and depressing looking area—driving in was all burned out and black, and then when you get in, there's a completely evacuated reserve and resort community, and all you could smell was burned wood and smoke the whole time," he says.

On their first day, the firefighters spent the time patrolling around the edge of the village and putting out any hot spots that could endanger property, and running a sprinkler system around the edge of the village to keep everything wet and prevent it from catching fire. Afterwards, they began traveling along the roads and highway and extinguishing every hot spot they came across in the bush. The hot and dry conditions paired with the age of the old forest around Weyakwin creates challenges in

keeping the fires out.
 "It was an old forest that had never been burned, so the buildup of old wood on the forest floor kept smouldering," Hutton says.

"We put out countless fires—I can't imagine how many," adds Lee. "You'd go to one spot fire, come back, and on your way back, you'd come across one that wasn't there when you drove by 20 minutes before. They would flare up out of nowhere."

Neither Hutton nor Lee ever felt like they were in danger during their time up north. They had to be cautious to look out for falling burning trees overhead, as a tree had fallen on a firefighter in the region before they arrived. The spot fires they were extinguishing were controllable, and Lee says if there was a point where they felt unsafe, the wildfire team would send in a helicopter to put out larger fires.

"We knew from our morning debriefing that there were experienced and well-trained people there. It was a good situation to be part of—one of those situations where everything clicked," Lee says.

"There was absolutely fantastic teamwork among ourselves too, we never had to tell each other what to do, we just had that special click and pulled onto a spot fire, and someone was automatically on the nozzle and someone firing the pump."

Despite the good experience of fighting the fires together as a crew, watching the north burn was disheartening for the crew.

"It's devastating to see because it's such a loss, such a waste—there's all these trees and habitats lost, and you think about the animals as well, you wonder where all the animals go and if they are



Photos courtesy of Brad Hutton

Left: Fires burning along the roads near Weyakwin were what the Southeast Sask fire crews were dealing with sometimes. Eric Brown extinguishing a hot spot in the bush. Five firefighters from Redvers and Carlyle went up north to help put out wildfires.

burned and killed in the fire, or if they got out. You can never know," Hutton says.

Lee says he feels good knowing that he was able to protect the homes of the people of Weyakwin, who were all forced to evacuate. "It's been devastating to

the locals up there and the people who have to deal with that on a daily basis. The devastation is unreal—it's widespread and affecting a lot of people, even just to be evacuated for that amount of time is quite stressful for the people who live there," he

says.

The crew was sent home when it was clear that Weyakwin was safe from fires. But if the call came again, Lee, Hutton, and their crew of volunteers say they would be ready to pack the truck again and hit the road.

"We would go back no questions asked, absolutely," Lee says. "It was definitely something I'd like to go back to and experience again, get some more experience under our belts and help the guys out."

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This year, we're in better shape. Most of us spent Canada Day watching parades or fireworks, and soaking in the hot weather, not pumping out basements, and emptying sewage out of our rubber boots. But nature has done a 180 degree backspin in Saskatchewan, and now, a huge chunk of Northern Saskatchewan is on fire, and many farmers north and west of us are begging for rain to save the crops.

It is, indeed, a bit of a head-scratcher to see the weather switch from one extreme to the other in a short year. Folks in Saskatchewan are used to dry spells and wet spells, and it's not uncommon to see a handful of wildfires scattered across our boreal north each summer. However, in North America, our weather patterns have been sporadic, and even last year, after the second 'flood of the century' following the 2011 flood in Manitoba, the phrase 'the new normal' was being tossed around to describe the massive and unexpectedly heavy rainfall events we had seen happening across Western Canada over the past few years.

These past years, while some parts of Canada and the United States were contending with floods and wet conditions, parts of the Northwest Territories were burning like Saskatchewan is now, and California was in a major drought. Winters have also shifted from our typical expectations—ice storms in Toronto, and winter days in Newfoundland colder than Manitoba were happening, and folks in Saskatchewan certainly weren't complaining about some of those sweater-only days we saw this January.

Given these strange weather factors, the massive wildfires ripping across Northern Saskatchewan, Alberta, and parts of British Columbia are not surprising, but they are still distressing. Some news reports have said that there's a chance the fires will burn all summer, until the snowfall cools things down, if there are no heavy rainfalls until then.

As of July 14, there were 126 active wildfires, 20 of which were not contained. Because of the fires, 13,000 people have faced mandatory evacuation, and remain displaced,



Julia Dima

living in evacuation centres, hotels, and the homes of generous strangers in Prince Albert, North Battleford, Regina, Saskatoon, Humboldt, Cold Lake, and other cities and towns. The evacuees come from towns, hamlets, villages and First Nations all over Northern Saskatchewan, and some have never had to leave home before. While there was plenty of time for some of the evacuations, and people could safely pack belongings, keepsakes, and needed items and drive to their evacuation centres, many had no time at all—they were put on buses, or had to leave quickly, having no time to pack even the basics like extra sets of clothing, medications, and jackets. Families were separated—on a Facebook page dedicated to connecting evacuees with people who can offer help, there have been many stories of people looking for siblings, parents, and cousins in the evacuation centres, and expressing frustration that a family member was placed in an evacuation centre in a different community.

While organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army are working to get evacuees the basics, 13,000 displaced people are not an easy task to keep organized and under control. The evacuation centres are filled with confused, angry, and worried people who are frustrated by the evacuations, and feel unhappy with the sleeping situations, the food rations, and the treatment they are receiving in the cities they are staying in. These people are faced with a situation most of us would never want to imagine—forcibly taken from home, sent somewhere you are not familiar with, carrying few personal belongings, having little financial support, and trying to get through each day, helplessly wondering if you will return to your home as you left it or a charred skeleton of rubble and smoke.

When faced with such upsetting circumstances, these people need more than three meals a day and a fresh set of clothes. They need support, kindness, and empathy. When we were devastated by floods, and people lost personal belongings, basements, and in some cases, their homes, I saw local people step up and offer what they could—whether that be new furnishings and supplies, an extra sump pump or shop vac, or even the time to help out with the cleanup. Now that we are removed from the situation up north, it might seem harder to help out—it's true that most of us can't gear up and start blasting wildfires out tomorrow. It's true that we can't open our doors to evacuees, as many may not be relocating farther south than Saskatoon and Regina.

But there are many things we can do to support both the practical and emotional needs of evacuees.

For those of us who make frequent visits to Regina, we can regularly be bringing up donations of clothing, hygiene products, backpacks, kids' toys, strollers, baby formula, and more of these basic items to the Gathering Place or directly to the hotels and centres where evacuees are staying—following the Facebook page Sask Evacuations - Helping One Another is an excellent place to connect with evacuees staying in evacuation centres, hotels, and other places in the city to find out what their specific needs are. People can also contact Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and The Gathering Place community centre in Regina for information.

As we plan our summer garage sales, to clean up the junk, we should be giving something a bit of thought—do we really need to make a profit off of \$2 toasters while we are housed, safe, and have enough in our homes that we can give things away? As a young person, I appreciate the need to have a little extra pocket money, but this summer, I think we could all host our garage sales to raise money for the evacuees who may have to rebuild their lives, as opposed to putting an extra \$50 into our savings accounts. I think we could look around at the items we are planning on getting rid of anyway, and first see if someone else is in need of these things before we think about ourselves.

We can put together unique ways to help out—an 'evacuees fund' change jar is a good idea—instead of keeping a piggy bank to drop spare change into, we could collect little bits of change over the summer to donate. We could take the time, if we are traveling to one of these communities housing evacuees, to meet some of the cultural needs, specifically of our fellow Saskatchewanians evacuated from First Nations by cooking foods like bannock, wild meat, if you are a hunter, and fried fish if you're out on the lake. We could go to the craft store and pick up some beading supplies to help keep the artists occupied doing something they love to do, creating beautiful beaded projects.

Finally, we can dedicate our time and ourselves—if visiting the cities, we can offer rides, spend some time helping cook meals or organizing donations at donation collection sites, offer to bring families to do fun activities like visit the museum or science centre, or go see movies or play laser tag. A quick browse of the needs and wants posted by evacuees on Facebook makes it clear that there is usually something everyone can be doing to help.

When we were faced with devastation and loss last year, we all banded together and brought our best selves forward to help our neighbor. Now is our chance to take the community spirit that small town Saskatchewan is known for, and pay it forward by helping our fellow Saskatchewan residents as they are faced with their own life-changing disaster.

Fundraiser coming up for Moosomin's Megan Caplette

BY JULIA DIMA

A fundraiser is being held to help Moosomin's Megan Caplette as she takes the next step to beating a tumor that has made the past three years challenging. Caplette, a young mother, has what is called a desmoid tumor. Desmoid tumors are extremely rare, with only two to four of a million people receiving a diagnosis. They are a benign tumor that grows on soft tissue, or cells that are called fibroblasts. Whenever the fibroblasts mutate, it can lead to the cancerous tumor forming.

Three years ago, in June, Caplette slipped and fell. After that, she had pain in her leg on the spot she fell, but did not think much of the pain at the time. By September, Caplette went to the doctor, where she was told to just stretch for the pain. In a month, she decided to go for a CT scan, since the pain was not going away. The tumor that was growing could not be seen in that scan, and Caplette was sent to do physio. A few months later, Caplette noticed a large bump where she had fallen, and knew something was wrong. After numerous trips to see specialized doctors in Calgary, Caplette received the diagnosis for a desmoid tumor.

"I didn't know what to say, I was so lost. I was wondering if I'm going to have live with this thing forever," she says. "It was very frustrating, and I couldn't believe I had this thing just from a fall."

The tumor, because it grows when fibroblasts are mutated, was activated by the fall because of the scar tissue created in the fall. The tumor is also directly on Caplette's sciatic nerve, meaning it causes more pain the more it grows. Caplette says the tumor has interfered with her life, draining her energy and making it difficult to walk. Any touch to the tumor can result in extreme pain, and Caplette says she's missed out on moments with her family because of the tumor.

"I've missed out on stuff with them. I can't play with them, I can't run, I'm scared of getting hurt, it's very hard. I defi-



Megan Caplette with her family.

nately feel like I'm missing out on things," she says. "My work is understanding, they are right beside me through it, they are my other family and they help me out a lot."

The first course of action to get rid of the tumor was chemotherapy.

"Chemotherapy was awful—I did it for seven months and I really never want to do it again. I don't know how other people do it, because others get stronger treatments, and I was sick for three days after each treatment," Caplette says.

Because of the location of the tumor and the fact that it grows from scar tissue, it is not operable—if the tumor was removed, because the surgery would create more scar tissue, and could come back 50 to 60 per cent worse than before.

The next option for Caplette was radiation therapy, which she started on July 13 in Regina. Caplette will be living near the city with her aunt, mom, and daughter, for seven weeks as she undergoes 32 radiation treatments.

"The doctors are thinking it might work, but are not 100 per cent sure. We don't really know what else there is to do out

there, but I've been talking to others with desmoids on a Facebook group... there are other drugs out there, and a bunch of trials in the United States, so if this doesn't work, I may consider something like that," she says. "I'm not giving up hope—I won't let this tumor take over my life."

Doing the seven weeks of treatments, Caplette has been unable to work at her job at RBC in Moosomin, leaving a financial strain on her, her boyfriend, and their three kids. That is why her brother, along with their aunt and cousin, decided to organize a supper and auction to help Caplette through the radiation therapy.

"We were going to do this last year when she started the chemotherapy, because she hasn't been able to work very much because she was always sick. We held off on it because she wasn't sure at the time," says Dustin Caplette, Caplette's brother. "But now, we figured she needs the help to help her children, so we decided on this two weeks ago. We asked and she gave us the go ahead."

Dustin says that if his sister was still uncomfortable with the idea, they'd throw

the fundraiser anyway—he knew he wanted to help his sister.

On Saturday, August 8, there will be a pulled pork supper catered by Witch's Brew at the Moosomin Armoury, followed by a dance. In addition, for the week of August 3, silent auction items will be available at Borderland Co-op leading up to the fundraiser, and an account is open at the RBC to accept donations in Caplette's name.

Dustin says he hopes that people will support Caplette through her radiation.

"It's hard to watch. She's had a tough life and this makes things a little harder, but she always has a smile on her face and is willing to help anyone, so she's inspiring to me," he says. "I know Megan is a strong girl and she'll get through this."

Dustin says they've had good support from local businesses and individuals making donations for the auction, but they are still looking for more items. They also hope to have the tickets for the dinner sold out before the fundraiser, but tickets for the dance afterwards can be purchased at the door.

Supper tickets are \$20 and that ticket will also get people into the dance, but if people haven't purchased a supper ticket, dance tickets are available for \$10. Tickets can be purchased from Dustin Caplette by calling 306-514-2394, from Krystal Holloway by calling 306-434-7920, or from Thelma Hogarth at 306-435-3353.

There will be cocktails at 5:30, supper at 6:30 and an auction at 9:30.

"I just hope people buy the tickets and show up for the supper and have a good time and support her," Dustin says.

Caplette says she already feels overwhelmed that her family and friends want to help her.

"I felt amazed and very blessed that they are helping me. It's hard to ask for help because you don't really want to ask for it, even though you want help. They are amazing people and I am very blessed that they are helping me," she says.

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In our opinion:

Canada a world leader in surrendering its sovereignty

What do the European Parliament and the U.S. Congress have in common?

They both have done more to protect Canada's sovereignty than our House of Commons.

Since winning a majority in 2011, the Harper government has been giving away Canadian sovereignty as if it was candy on Halloween.

The first hand out was the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA) with China. The FIPA was finalized in 2014 and is now locked in for decades. Because of the FIPA, a decision of Canada's Parliament or Supreme Court that displeases a Chinese investor is no longer final until the investor runs out of time to bring a FIPA claim against Canada. Under the FIPA, that cut-off is three years.

If the FIPA claim is successful, Canadian taxpayers will typically have to compensate the Chinese investor for Canada's law or court judgment - potentially for billions of dollars. Canada's legislatures and courts are no longer supreme over the country's public budgets, and the new supreme decision-makers are not courts.

The second concession - not finalized thanks to European opposition - is the Canada-Europe Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The CETA was hurriedly announced at a dummy ceremony in Ottawa last summer. Yet, it has not been signed, let alone ratified.

Many Europeans have objected to the CETA's proposed shift of power from European institutions to foreign companies and private lawyers. Most of all, the CETA - in advance of another proposed deal between Europe and the U.S. - would expand a system of pseudo-courts for foreign companies that has raised widespread concerns in the European Parliament and Austria, France, and Germany, in particular. Euphemistically, the pseudo-courts are called "investor-state dispute settlement".

The third give away of Canadian sovereignty would come in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The TPP has been led by the U.S. government and followed by 11 relatively compliant Pacific Rim countries. Canada joined the march after Harper won his majority.

Like the FIPA and CETA, the TPP would shift power over public budgets from national institutions to the pseudo courts of private lawyers. Like the CETA, Canada's sovereignty got more protection from elected officials in other parts of the world.

The high point of Canada's sovereignty was from 1982 until 1994. In 1982, the Constitution was repatriated. For the first time, a decision of Canada's Parliament was supreme, subject to Canada's constitution as interpreted by our courts. Canada ticked the boxes of formal independence.

In 1994, NAFTA took effect. For U.S.-owned parts of our economy, Canada's laws and courts became subject to another (extraordinarily powerful) level of international review in investor-state dispute settlement. Canada was, and has remained, the only Western developed country to have conceded its sovereignty to the U.S. in this way.

But NAFTA was limited to U.S. companies in Canada. In the FIPA, the pseudo-courts were extended to Chinese companies. In the CETA and TPP, they would be extended again, most notably to Western European and Japanese companies.

The attempts to expand the pseudo-courts for foreign companies - with scant evidence of any benefit to the public to match the obvious costs and risks - have caused a great deal of opposition and debate in Europe and the United States. Why not Canada?

And, why is Canada a world leader in conceding our sovereignty this way?

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Canada may be in the midst of a political realignment

Sometimes you don't know when you're in the midst of a political change that will last for decades.

It's always dangerous to make solid predictions based on polls a few months ahead of an election, but let's live dangerously and look ahead to what this fall's election may decide.

With the three major parties close to one another in national polls, and virtually tied in the all-important province of Ontario, and with the Conservative's record of being able to shift support during a campaign with an advertising barrage, it's impossible to predict the outcome of this fall's election.

But looking at the current polls, and looking back at the results of the last election, it seems that we may be in the midst of a political realignment in which the two major parties are the Conservatives and the NDP, not the Conservatives and the Liberals.

The NDP is of course the official opposition, having the second highest number of seats in the House of Commons, after the Conservatives, and about three times more seats than the Liberals. In the last election, the Conservatives won a majority with 166 seats, the NDP won 103 seats, the Liberals won 34, the Bloc Quebecois won four and the Green Party elected one MP.

Despite this, some national media outlets have treated the Liberals more like the official opposition, acting as though the NDP breakthrough in Quebec last election was a fluke, and that those Quebec seats gave the NDP its standing.

The assumption among the national media, and among many Eastern Canadians was that Canadians would never actually elect an NDP government, so the NDP shouldn't be treated too seriously at the federal level. Much was made of the fact that Thomas Mulcair may have been an articulate and effective debater in the House of Commons, but the suggestion was always made that he couldn't connect with ordinary voters in the way that Justin Trudeau surely would.

But take a closer look at the three major parties' support in the 2011 election. The Conservatives won with support in Ontario, the Prairies, and B.C.

In Ontario, the Conservatives took 73 seats, the NDP 22 and the Liberals just 11.

The Conservatives dominated the Prairies, but the NDP ran second to them, and the Liberals third.

In BC, the Conservatives took 21 seats, the NDP 12, and the Liberals only two.



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In Quebec, the NDP walked away with the election, with 59 of the 75 seats, and the strongest showing for the Liberals in the entire country was in Atlantic Canada, where they finished second to the Conservatives. There, the Conservatives won 14 seats, the Liberals 12, and the NDP six.

Given the relative strength of the three parties in the last election, it shouldn't be surprising that the latest seat projections show the NDP possibly winning the highest number of seats in the next election.

Of course anything can happen between now and election day. It's entirely possible that Justin Trudeau will come out strongly when people actually start paying a little bit of attention to politics in the fall and the Liberals will soar. It's entirely possible that the Conservative campaign will convince voters that sticking with Harper for one more term will be the safest bet. And it's entirely possible that Canadian voters will pull an Alberta and trust the NDP to run the federal government for the first time.

But looking at the way the polls are shaping up, and looking at the long term trends, you have to wonder if we are in the midst of a political realignment in which the parties of the left and right dominate, and there is no room for a party in the centre.

It has happened in Saskatchewan and Manitoba—voters have a choice between a left wing party and a conservative party, and there has been no significant Liberal Party.

We see politics becoming more polarized in the United States, and in the UK, the Liberal Democrats, who have been sliding in popularity for years, were reduced in the recent election to eight seats in a 650-seat parliament, with voters gravitating to the clearer options of the Conservative and Labor Parties.

But as I said, anything could happen. Justin Trudeau could turn out to be an amazing campaigner. But after this election we will know if we have been in the midst of a political realignment or not.

Naughty by nature?

When one of my coworkers told me that she caught a squirrel trying very hard to steal a blanket off the deck of her cabin at Moosomin Lake one morning, I thought it was extremely cute.

I live in a yard full of squirrels, who occasionally gang up on our poor little cat.

When you hear the squirrels chattering like crazy, then the cat shooting out of the tree line like a furry projectile, you have to wonder what went on in there!

As I said, I thought the story of the squirrel trying to steal the blanket was very cute—who doesn't love cute animals doing silly things?

But I changed my mind the next day when I read a BBC story entitled "Sozzled squirrel runs amok in club." A drunken squirrel apparently trashed a pub in England. According to the story, when the secretary of the Honeybourne Railway Club entered the pub, he thought that someone had broken in. The floor was covered in beer and glasses and smashed bottles. Then he saw a drunken squirrel "staggering around" after coming out from behind a box of potato chips.

This is how Mr. Boulter explains the scene: "There were bottles scattered around, money scattered around and he had obviously run across the bar's pumps and managed to turn on the Caffrey's tap. (Caffrey's is a beer).

"He must have flung himself on the handle and drank some as he was staggering around all over the place and moving a bit slowly.

"I've never seen a drunk squirrel before. He was sozzled and looked a bit worse for the wear, shall we say."

I love stories like this because they seem to prove that the animal kingdom doesn't run on sheer instinct alone. Wild animals, it turns out, can have quite a bit of character. From getting drunk and trashing pubs to stealing things or pulling rank on the human beings around them, it seems that, just like people, some animals have a lot more attitude than others.

Here are a few other examples the BBC gives of animals run amok in England:



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- A peacock called Kevin (no relation to the editor of this paper, I hope?) was accused of making mischief in Bread-stall, Derbyshire after trapping someone in the village's memorial hall. A person was trying to leave and Kevin wouldn't let them out. The villagers tried to find the bird's owners after he showed up out of the blue, but have not located them. Kevin has been causing trouble for a full two years now.

- A hungry badger in West Sussex repeatedly sneaked into a house through the cat door, at one point helping itself to a Bakedwell tart as it was caught on camera. The resident of the home was forced to lock his cat flap.

- A cat called Theo went on a crime spree in Ipswich, stealing everything from a phone charger to a hand puppet and child's artwork from his neighbors' homes. Theo then began to bring home Christmas decorations taken from neighbors' trees. His owners were forced to post photos of the stolen items on Facebook in order to find their rightful owners. A cat called Dennis from Luton is said to like stealing underwear, and another cat, Naughty Norris from Bedminster, brought home everything from sports bras to boxer shorts, dishcloths and sausages, forcing his owner to write an apologetic note to his neighbors and invite them to reclaim their items.

- A number of cases of "terrorist" pheasants were reported in England, including one bird who attacked vehicles and chased dogs and cats. The bird trapped a delivery truck driver for 20 minutes after blocking his way and chasing his van. Another pheasant, named Phil, attacked a family and forced them to use a badminton racket for defense, while a

pheasant in North Yorkshire began attacking dogs, prams and cars, and chased children from their school bus. A post-man who lived there called the bird "a crackpot."

- A cockerel called William from Derbyshire has been served a noise abatement notice for crowing too loudly when joining the dawn chorus with all the other birds.

- A vicious fox trapped eight people inside a sports club, and one man who tried to escape was forced to fight it off with his bicycle after the animal gave chase.

- An unruly and mean cat named Oscar gained fame after clashes with other cats and dogs in his village of Wingrave. The cat was then put "under curfew" for scratching and biting a neighbor. While under curfew he disappeared and was finally found 34 miles away about three weeks later. His owner decided to keep him indoors to restore harmony in the village and give him a herbal remedy to calm down.

- And finally, another nutty squirrel story involving a pub. A grey squirrel jumped into a woman's handbag in a pub in Chester and refused to leave her bag. The woman was forced to call police. Police attended and managed to remove the squirrel, dubbing him "Dr. Doolittle" on the police Twitter account.

So there you have it . . . examples of animals truly "gone wild." Are these animals simply filling out some instinctual obligation, or do some of them, like the cat that steals underwear and the squirrel that trashed the pub, really know what they are up to, and having a good time while they are at it?

A pet owner myself, I have been witness to a great deal of "naughty" animal behavior, including being so wise as to "suck up" after getting a scolding for doing something that is clearly wrong (jumping onto the table, batting cherries around the house like toys, and so on).

I don't know if these animals are naughty by nature, or if they are just plain bad—perhaps they are suffering anger management problems, are fed up with humans, see no reason to respect anyone, or are just plain rebellious.

All I can tell you is that if I ever own a pub in England, I certainly won't be inviting a squirrel in for a drink.

Looking Back

Ten years ago, 2005: Mona Windrim, Christine Penton, Kate Penton, and Carol Fawcett were the winners of the Moosomin women's golf tournament that raised \$2,600 for the Moosomin Golf Course; A huge storm hit the Rocanville area, splitting a tree in half and knocking over five of Bruce Dunsmore's hopper bins.

Fifteen years ago, 2000: Welwyn volunteers put in 380 man hours in only three days to put galvanized steel on the roof of the Welwyn Arena; The Moosomin Baptist Church Youth Group went on a five-day mission trip to Chicago and served disadvantaged people and ministries.

Twenty years ago, 1995: Construction began on the \$2.1 million building for Heartland Livestock in Virden; For the second consecutive year, the Foodworld Ladies Golf Classic title was won by Kate Penton of Moosomin; Two plaques were unveiled in the Moosomin area to commemorate Saskatchewan's Victoria Cross recipients. The plaque to honor John Osborne was

unveiled north of Wapella and the Harry Mullin plaque was unveiled north-east of Moosomin.

Thirty years ago, 1985: Thomas Beck, a farmer in the Cannington Manor area had his history book "Pioneers of Cannington Manor" published and for sale for \$22; Jason Bell, 14, attended the national juvenile judo championships in Kamloops, B.C. and won a bronze medal in the 43 kg class.

Forty years ago, 1975: Construction on Moosomin's new rink had begun; a \$69,000 permit for a two-bay automatic car wash was approved to be constructed at Moosomin's Texaco gas station; *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot* starring Clint Eastwood was playing at the Lyric Theatre.

Fifty years ago, 1965: Norma Leskiv was the ladies barrel racing champion, with Diane Jensen coming in second, and Bill Buckland was the men's barrel racing champion, with Les Switzer in second at the 1965 Moosomin Rodeo.

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This photo was taken at the Moosomin and District School Reunion in 1992.

After the Iran Nuclear Deal

The thing to bear in mind about Tuesday's deal between Iran and the P5+1 countries (the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China) is that without it Iran could get nuclear weapons whenever it wants in a short time. It has the technologies for enriching uranium, it could make the actual bombs any time it likes (every major country knows how), and the sanctions against Iran could not get much worse than they are now.

If you don't like the current deal, and you really believe that Iran is hell-bent on getting nuclear weapons, then your only remaining option is massive air strikes on Iran. Not even the Republican Party stalwarts in the U.S. Congress are up for committing the U.S. Air Force to that folly, and Israel without American support simply couldn't do it on its own.

Then what's left? Nothing but the deal. It doesn't guarantee that Iran can never get nuclear weapons. It does guarantee that Iran could not break the agreement without giving everybody else at least a year to respond before the weapons are operational. Sanctions would snap back into place automatically, and anybody who thinks air strikes are a cool idea would have plenty of time to carry them out.

The deal will survive. Israel's Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu can fulminate about how it is "an historic mistake" that will give Tehran "a sure path to nuclear weapons," but he cannot stop it.

Netanyahu is obsessive about Iran, but even his own in-



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telligence services do not believe that Tehran has actually been working on nuclear weapons in the past decade. The Israeli prime minister has burned all his bridges with U.S. President Barack Obama, and his Republican allies in the U.S. Congress cannot stop the deal either.

John Boehner, the speaker of the House of Representatives, said that the deal will "hand a dangerous regime billions of dollars in sanctions relief while paving the way for a nuclear Iran," and he can probably muster a majority in Congress against it. (Congress, as Washington insiders put it, is "Israeli-occupied territory.") But he cannot muster the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override Obama's inevitable veto.

There will be a 60-day delay while Congress debates the issue, but this deal will go through in the end. So far, so good—but this is not happening in a vacuum. What are the broader implications for Middle Eastern politics?

Ever since the victory of the Islamic revolution 36 years ago, Iran and the United States have been bitter enemies. They have not suddenly become allies, but they are al-

ready on good speaking terms. Since almost all of America's allies in the Arab world see Iran as a huge strategic threat, they are appalled by the prospect of a U.S.-Iran rapprochement.

The highest U.S. priority in the Middle East now is to prevent Iraq and Syria from falling into the hands of Islamic State and its equally extreme rival, the Nusra Front. Iran is giving both the Syrian and the Iraqi governments military support that is essential to their survival, so there is obviously the potential for closer U.S.-Iranian cooperation here.

By contrast Saudi Arabia and Turkey, currently America's two most important allies in the region, are pouring money and weapons into the Nusra Front in Syria, which is why it has been winning so many battles against the Assad regime in recent months. The prospect of an Islamist regime in power in Damascus is acceptable to Riyadh and Ankara, but it is deeply unwelcome in Washington.

So yes, a grand realignment of American alliances in the Middle East is theoretically possible now that the long cold war between the U.S. and Iran is over. In practice, however, it is most unlikely to happen. The long-standing military and economic ties between Washington and its current allies will probably triumph over cold strategic logic, and American policy in the Middle East will continue to be the usual middle.

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Canadian Federal Election 2015

Conservative candidate:

Robert Kitchen running in Souris-Moose Mountain

BY KRISTEN WEEDMARK

Canada's 42nd federal election is tentatively set for October 19, 2015. Souris Moose Mountain's current Member of Parliament, Ed Komarnicki, was first elected to the House of Commons in 2004. Since then he has been re-elected three times, in 2006, 2008, and 2011. In February 2013 Komarnicki stated that he will not be running for re-election in the next federal election.

Over the next few weeks we will profile all of the candidates for this fall's election in Souris-Moose Mountain.

Robert Kitchen is the Conservative candidate for Souris-Moose Mountain in this fall's federal election. Kitchen won a contested nomination for the Conservative nomination last year.

Kitchen lives in Estevan with his wife Donna, where he works as a chiropractor. They have three children—Andrew, a teacher, Kathryn, a lawyer, and Stephen, a geologist.

Kitchen says he first began to get involved in politics while he was in university.

"A good friend of mine was involved in politics while we were in university," said Kitchen. "He talked me into basically helping out, stuffing envelopes and running errands, and it progressed from there."

"I was exposed to it a little bit before that," he continued. "In the sense that my father was a major general in the Canadian Armed Forces. We travelled quite a lot when I was younger, all over Canada and places like England. I was actually born in England and lived there for six years on and off. I then lived in places like Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran when my father was posted there, so I was exposed to a lot of different cultures and I could see how trade, Canadian trade in particular, was utilized throughout the world."

This is Kitchen's first time running for public office, however he says that he had been considering it for a number of years.

"It never seemed to be the right time," said Kitchen. "Initially we were starting a family, then we had children and I was involved with the kids in sports and school, and then they went to university and I thought about it then but I was too busy making sure I could get them through university. This is the first time I've actually taken any kind of a shot at it. The opportunity arose when Ed announced that he was going to retire and with my interest in it, professionally I have been involved as a regulator, involved in national, provincial, and international regulation of chiropractors, and my job with that was coming to an end, and the timing just appeared to be right. Finally it was a chance to take this opportunity to help my constituents."

"Family and security are some of the biggest issues," said Kitchen. "Those are the issues that we definitely want to continue to support and foster in this country. The present Conservative government has increased the number of trade agreements throughout the world so that is a priority of the government. Those are some of the issues that are out there."

"In my travels around the riding, some concerns have come up about temporary foreign workers. These are good, dedicated workers that have been helping out in the community and becoming part of the community. They help to enhance the local business, and those are things people are concerned about. Especially in the Moosomin area, there is concern with the new pumping station and movement of the oil east, as well as the talk about the building of a new pipeline from the Bakken field in North Dakota. Those are issues that have been



brought up to me."

Kitchen says that he has been receiving positive responses when he mentions that he is running for MP.

"I've been getting excellent responses. The support has been tremendous. The public have been very supportive of the present government and the emphasis has been to try to keep it in a Conservative government.

There has definitely been lots of encouragement, lots of volunteers, people have been offering to help out, and that's where we're at at this stage, is getting things set up for when the election happens."

Kitchen says he will be travelling around the riding quite extensively to promote his campaign.

"I've been up to Moosomin twice since the nomination," said Kitchen. "After the nomination we took a little time off, and as we get closer to the election we will start to get more involved in getting out there and doing more things."

"At this point in time there doesn't seem to be a great deal of interest in the fall election," said Kitchen. "I think some of that is because summertime is coming and there tends to be a lull in people's thinking about politics in that time. People are aware of the election but I think that they realize that the anticipation is that the election will be on October 19, and so they sort of have their mind set on that happening and are waiting as we get closer to it."

Kitchen believes that he has many qualifications that will help him with the job of MP.

"I bring a lot of education and experience in many aspects," said Kitchen. "The biggest thing that I think is important is that I am a small business man, I have experience with small businesses in our community and our riding. I know what it's like when costs go up and prices go up, I have to deal with those aspects and I bring that part to the table. I bring a strong family value, that is important to me, and important to believe the majority of the constituents in this riding. So that, I think helps tremendously in understanding when we deal with all the issues that we have to deal with nationally."

Kitchen believes that the conservative party is the best party to represent Souris Moose Mountain because of the experience that the party holds.

"The conservative party offers a lot of experience," said Kitchen. "We offer to this country aspects along the business point of view, and as we work through that we will enhance this country. The country is built on small business and that is the middle class, and those are the people that keep this country running."



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From left: Tony Sparvier pitches for the Whitewood Falcons. Tanner Waldvogel of the Portage Terriers pitches. Colby Davidson of the Fleming Jets pitches. Dallas Heikkila of the Falcons watches the ball after he hits. Jared Thompson safely hits home base in a game against the Fleming Jets.

Fleming Jets Fastball Tournament

The Fleming Jets held their annual Invitational Fastball Tournament on July 10-12 in Fleming. The tournament featured the Jets, the Whitewood Falcons, the Grenfell Gems, the Warman Gems, and the Portage Phillies. On Friday, the Jets played the Falcons and lost 9-4. On Saturday, the Jets beat Grenfell 10-9, Warman beat the Phillies 10-3, the Falcons beat Grenfell 6-5, and then the Phillies 7-3. Warman beat the Jets 15-6, and Grenfell beat the Phillies 5-2. On Sunday, the Falcons beat Warman 13-2, the Jets beat the Phillies 8-5, and Grenfell beat Warman 7-3. That put Grenfell and the Falcons in the final, and the Whitewood Falcons won 4-2, becoming the tournament's undefeated champions for 2015.



From left: Zack Waldvogel of the Phillies about to hit first base. Matt Bahm of the Falcons attempts to stop Ian Glasser of the Jets as he slides into second. Justin Sievert watches the ball after a hit.



Left: Kale Haylock of the Gems loses his balance after a hard hit during a match against the Fleming Jets. Above: Justin Sievert pitches during the Jets match. Right: Mitchell Morin of the Warman Gems runs towards third base in a game against the Fleming Jets.

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Thiessen back from World triathlon in Sweden

BY JULIA DIMA
 Rocanville's Dennis Thiessen is back from representing Canada during the Long Distance Triathlon World Championship that took place in Motala, Sweden at the end of June. Thiessen qualified to compete in his age group, 55-59 Mens, last year in Vancouver. Though qualifiers are invited to come and represent their country, it is not mandatory. Thiessen decided to go for the once-in-a-lifetime experience of competing for Team Canada, and visiting Sweden.

The triathlon involves a four kilometre swim, 120 kilometre bike ride, and 30 kilometre run. There were 56 competitors in Thiessen's age category, including three other Canadians. Thiessen, and his wife Cherie, took the trip to Sweden as a chance to have a vacation as well, spending some time in the 30,000-person city of Motala before the triathlon, and also visiting Stockholm, which is nearby.

"We had a great trip, Sweden is beautiful. Motala reminded me of Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba. We went to Stockholm afterwards, and that reminded me of La Ronge, with lots of rock. It had very old architecture, and the buildings were pieces of art, basically. It was just beautiful," Thiessen says. "It was a lot of fun being with all the people from different parts of the world, that was very cool, as well as the Canadians acting as a team, that was different from most of the triathlons I've been at, so it was a bit of a different thing going on there and it was really nice."

He says that there were some circumstances that made him nervous about the triathlon, so he was very surprised and happy to do well, finishing in 44th place of 56 competitors in his category, and finishing second among the Canadians in his group, with a total time of 7:55:59.

Just three weeks before heading to Sweden, Thiessen hurt his calf muscle, and was unable to train as aggressively as he'd hoped. The leg was in pain even days before the triathlon, making Thiessen nervous about how he would do. In addition, Motala saw the coldest spring since the 60s, and the cool weather stretched into June, with daily highs of only 15 or 16 degrees the week before the competition.

"That meant the water was really cool, and it was cold enough that in the end, they shortened the swim from four kilometres to one and a half," Thiessen says.

The week before, as competitors were doing test-swims in the waters, runners would emerge with frozen feet and slurred speech from the cold. There was a worry that the swim was going to be cancelled altogether. However, it did go on, and was the first event, as it is in most triathlons.

"That morning, it was warmer, and really sunny... and it actually went pretty well, I think I had the fastest swim I've ever had for a 1,500 metre," Thiessen says. He finished the swim in 32 minutes and 15 seconds.

The bike ride was the longest portion of the triathlon, but also one that Thiessen says he enjoyed the most.

"The bike (portion) was beautiful—just a beautiful country side, and it wasn't particularly windy that day. There were some old ruins you would pass along the way. In Motala, itself, people were lining the streets and cheering and that was different for sure. On the farms, everyone was out on the end of their driveway—people had furniture out there and were cheering competitors on so that was pretty cool actually," he says. "I could have done faster on the bike, but I decided purposely not to. It was pretty good—four hours for 120 kilometres is pretty good for me."

Thiessen says he didn't push himself to the extremes in the 30 kilometre run, to ensure his calf did not give out again. He finished the run in three hours and seven minutes.

"If I had a good three weeks beforehand to train, I think I could have chopped 20 minutes off of the run, but considering how things went with my calf and the cold, it was almost a miracle I could do that run," he says.

Finishing second amongst the Canadians is something Thiessen says he's proud of. A number of the competitors in the triathlon that Thiessen was competing against came with coaches, weight trainers, nutritionists, and clubs

representing them, whereas Thiessen came with his wife and his equipment, and not too much else.

"Most of these people were pretty hardcore triathletes. I was feeling a little over my head there because they had nutrition experts and coaches and their team—it was a different ball game," he says. "But not everyone was like that. Another guy I was staying with has been doing this event for 12 years or so, and he gave me some information that helped."

Overall, Thiessen says the event was very fun, and he feels happy with how he did. Given the level of competition, and being new to the world event, Thiessen decided he would be satisfied finishing in the top 40 of his category, and doing so, he felt pleased. As well, representing Team Canada was an experience he won't soon forget.

"It was so beautiful, and it was one of the things too, where you'd look around and think, 'Wow, I'm in Sweden and I'm competing in the world championships, that's pretty awesome,'" he says.

Thiessen says he's not sure if he would compete at that level again, because of the high-intensity pressure. He says he's enjoyed triathlons because they present a personal challenge. Representing the team made the stakes a little higher.

"It was really nice, but the other part of it is there's a fair bit of pressure too. When you're on your own, it doesn't really matter if you had a bad race, but in a case like this, you don't want to come through last or not finishing when you're competing for Team Canada. So, that is good

some ways and bad in other ways."

However, Thiessen has

no intentions of slowing down the triathlons, and plans to continue

competing in triathlons across Canada as long as he can.



Dennis Thiessen competing in the biking portion of the Triathlon in Motala, Sweden. Photo courtesy of Sportograf



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Rough start for CFL quarterbacks

Professional football is not for sissies. Not only do players have to be tough, but they have to expect and accept injuries—some of them possibly career-ending—as they go about their days of entertaining fans and trying to win championships.

Canadian Football League quarterbacks, in the first couple of weeks of the 2015 season, can attest to the perils of the game. In a league in which a dominant quarterback can often mean the difference between making a run for the title or missing the playoffs, it has been a rough start in 2015.

The late comedian George Carlin (Google him, kids) performed a 1970s sketch in which he compared the ruggedness of football to the comparatively tame game of baseball. "Football is played on a gridiron," growled Carlin before switching to a sing-song, high-pitched voice and saying "baseball is played in a park."

"Football players wear helmets," he said in a low, gravelly voice. "Baseball players wear caps."

Okay, so football is a tough game. But it's difficult for the CFL to sell tickets to games when its big-name stars are on the sidelines. Darian Durant of Saskatchewan is out for the season after rupturing his Achilles tendon. Two Montreal quarterbacks, Jonathan Crompton and Dan LeFevour, both were sidelined in the AIs' first game. (Third-stringer Rakeem Cato made a big splash in his AIs' debut, but Tim Tebow's CFL rights belong to the AIs. Just sayin'.) Edmonton's Mike Reilly wrecked his knee in the Eskimos' opening game and will reportedly miss at least 10 games. Winnipeg's Drew Willy's helmet may have saved him from permanent brain damage after he got seriously drilled in the head in Winnipeg's second game. He miraculously recovered, however, and missed only half a game. Perennial all-star Ricky Ray of Toronto started the season on the injury list and will miss a minimum of six games.



Bruce Penton

Still standing are injury-prone Travis Lulay of the B.C. Lions, Bo Levi Mitchell of defending Grey Cup champion Calgary, Hamilton's Zach Collaros and Ottawa Redblacks' veteran Henry Burris. Still, the hurt list is longer than the healthy list and there are still four months to go before the Grey Cup game.

So who will win the Grey Cup? In this season of quarterback attrition, it could be the last team with its QB still standing.

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "A Venezuelan TV hostess reported in the nude after their men's soccer team beat Colombia in the Copa America. Let's pray this doesn't inspire TSN's James Duthie."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Milwaukee bullpen catcher Marcus Hanel set a Citizens Bank Park record yesterday by eating 18 cheesesteaks over a three-game period. The Red Sox hope no one shows this story to Pablo Sandoval."

- Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, after Brewers bullpen catcher Marcus Hanel ate 23 cheesesteaks in four days in Philly: "Or, as Joey Chestnut calls it, brunch."

- @NOT SportsCenter, on Twitter, on the upcoming NFL season: "Patriots reportedly using illegal gates at their stadium. #GateGate"

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Luke Ridnour, the 12-year NBA veteran, got traded four times in less than a week—to his fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth teams of his

pro career. On the bright side, upon retirement he'll still have a full-time job just playing the old-timers' games."

- Brad Dickson of the Omaha World-Herald, on the Broncos firing linebacker Von Miller for flatulence during team meetings: "He tried to claim Tom Brady let the air out of him."

- Norman Chad of the Washington Post on Twitter: "Breaking news: Tim Duncan agrees to contract for 19th season with Spurs, turns down free-agent offer from National Council on Aging."

- Janice Hough again, after David West turned down a \$12 million offer from the Pacers to sign with the Spurs for \$1.5 million: "Either West really wants a ring, or he's really bad at math."

- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, after fourth of July mishaps landed the Giants' Jason Pierre-Paul and the Buccaneers' D.J. Wilson in the hospital: "NFL now stands for 'Needs Fireworks Lessons.'"

- Ex-QB Kenny Stabler, who died July 8 at age 69, on the swashbuckling Raiders of the 1970s: "We were the only team in pro football whose team picture showed both a front and side view."

- Scott Ostler again, after the overwhelming favorite lost in the Nathan's hotdog eating contest July 4: "Is it fair to say Joey Chestnut choked?"

- Another one from Dickson: "During the Chicago Cubs-St. Louis Cardinals game, a duck wandered onto the field. This may be a good omen. The last time the Cubs made it to the World Series, a brontosaurus sprinted though the outfield."

- Dickson wraps it up: "The Tour de France and the running of the bulls are underway. My idea to make both events more interesting: have the bulls chase the bike riders."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca



Ed James photo

Workers paving a stretch of PR256 outside of Elkhorn.

Highway paved near Elkhorn

BY ED JAMES

Residents of Elkhorn recently got a surprise by the appearance of highway safety flag men on the west side of the village controlling traffic at the junction of PR256 and Rich-hill Avenue.

Unbeknownst to the village residents and elected officials, two to six kilometers of PR256, starting at the Trans-Canada Highway and heading south, was being repaved. The work was being done by Morsky Construction of Regina.

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Above: William Diehl and Hailey Cleave preparing their bows for shooting. Right: Brody Wilson taking aim to shoot the deer target.



Above: This grizzly bear target gave some hikers at Moosomin Lake a shock before the archery shoot began. Below: Sharon Fowlie aiming at the elk target.



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Left: archers wave from the trail on their way to the next shot. Percy Green, Saskatchewan's oldest archer takes aim at the target.

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Spectator Sports

Let the finger pointing begin

What . . . is . . . going . . . on?

The once mighty Saskatchewan Roughriders were the only winless team in the CFL following their 35-32 overtime loss to the B.C. Lions. The Riders were 0-3 and falling behind the pack.

The last time the Roughriders were 0-3, Stephen Harper was the Prime Minister of Canada and Barack Obama was President of the United States!

What's that you say? Oh, so it hasn't been that long. It was 2011 in fact when the Greg Marshall-led Roughriders stumbled to a 1-7 mark leading to Ken Miller taking over the coaching reins just prior to Labour Day. The club would finish 5-13.

The 2011 season was considered to be a blip on the screen. A misnomer. As it turned out, the hierarchy was right because Corey Chamblin was brought in as head coach in 2012 and the club has pretty much improved every year since.

Until now. Time will tell whether this rocky start in 2015 is just another blip or the start of a monumental franchise slide. Hey, the good times can't last forever.

And Chamblin is getting tarred and feathered by a good chunk of the fickle Rider Nation these days, as he's become the face of the organization. He's made so many moves with players and coaches that it's crystal clear the buck stops with him.

In 2013 he got the Grey Cup, the Coach of the Year award and a fat, long, new contract.

Now he's facing the firing squad. Although any suggestion his job is on the line is ludicrous.

But it seems like this year is moving so fast, it's like a blur. I'm sure the Riders would love to throw a challenge flag on the season just to have a moment to collect their thoughts. But they can't.

What am I talking about? Well here's how they got



Rider Insider Rod Pedersen

here: Saskatchewan held fourth quarter leads in all of its first three games only to watch them dwindle into losses each gut-wrenching time.

The extra-time loss to the B.C. Lions was utterly flabbergasting, and very likely left an emotional wound. Saskatchewan had an 11-point lead with 2:15 to go. Just play some defense and let's get out of here.

Not so fast. The game came down to two third-and-first situations which sealed the Riders' fate. On the first with less than a minute to go and the Riders leading 29-26, Saskatchewan turned the ball over on downs at their own 48-yard line when quarterback Brett Smith couldn't convert on a sneak. The Lions took over and kicked a 56-yard field goal to tie the game and send it to overtime.

The Riders faced the same scenario in overtime at the B.C. 26-yard line and, given the fact Chamblin couldn't trust his offense to convert just moments earlier, he elected to have Paul McCallum kick a 33-yard field goal. After that all B.C. had to do was score a touchdown to win. They accomplished that feat alarmingly easily with a four-yard Emmanuel Arceneaux touchdown reception to send the 23,062 in attendance into a frenzy.

The Riders fell to 0-3 and were appropriately shocked, stunned and bewildered. I'm told you could hear a pin drop in the locker room for quite a period of time after-

wards.

Who's to blame? The players backed—but failed to execute—the first third-down gamble.

Aggressive play calls show confidence in your team. Better tackling would've cinched these victories in all three games, long before it came down to the final minutes or seconds.

You can scratch your head and point as many fingers as you'd like but all roads eventually lead back to Chamblin.

Now it's up to the head coach to keep this locomotive on the tracks before they fall any further behind and their blossoming confidence is obliterated.

"We gotta find a way. Everybody else is," Chamblin fumed on CKRM's postgame show. "Clean football is what we have to play. Whether we call a three-, four-, or five-man rush, we just have to find a way to get off the field."

The loss wasted a superb outing for star Rider receiver Weston Dressler (nine catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns), who says they need to reach rock bottom soon before they can start climbing again.

"I think the biggest thing right now for us is recognizing the pain," Dressler said in a silent locker room after the game. "It should hurt. We should have guys in the locker room that care about winning football games. I'd be worried if guys weren't quiet in there and weren't hurting."

So again the Roughriders tried for their first win on Friday when they hosted those same B.C. Lions at Mosaic Stadium in week four.

Man these games are coming so fast.

Rod Pedersen is the voice of the Riders on the 620 CKRM Roughrider Radio Network.

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PUBLIC TENDER

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For more information please contact Dale Nixon (Project Manager) at 306-435-7217

Tenders close: August 5, 2015 at 2 p.m.

Moosomin PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH HOURS

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Wednesday: 9 a.m. -12 Noon & 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday: 12 Noon - 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. -12 Noon & 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



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Rocanville Rec Report

Jamie MacLeod, Recreation Director

COMMUNITY HALL REFERENDUM

There will be a community hall referendum about Town Council borrowing \$360,000 to build the proposed community hall (with an estimated value of \$2,400,000) and also in favor of Town Council co-signing a loan for \$765,000 for the hall fundraising committee. Legislation requires the town to provide voters with the term of the debt, the amount of the annual payment and its source of funding. Further information is available in the Community calendar at www.rocانville.ca.

The terms of the referendum are governed by provincial legislation which means that 50 per cent plus one is required for the referendum to pass.

People eligible to vote are defined as:

- Canadian citizens;
- being the full age of 18 years or will be on voting day;
- residing in the town of Rocanville for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the vote or personally owning assessable land within the town of Rocanville for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the vote; and

• residing in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the vote.

Voting will take place at the Rocanville Town Office as follows:

Advance poll: Tuesday, July 21 from 4 to 7 p.m.
Regular poll: Wednesday, August 5 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Steve Fortney, chairperson at 306-645-2710 or s.fortney@sasktel.net.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM FOR KIDS

The summer recreation program for kids ages five to 11 runs Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. until August 27 at the Rocanville and District Museum grounds. (Contact the Rec Office to make arrangements for other drop off/pick up times.) Kids are asked to bring a bag lunch, comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray. The program cost is \$10 per day, \$7 for drop in (either morning or afternoon session), or \$30 per week. Registration forms can be accessed by contacting the Rec Office by email at rocانvillecreation@gmail.com.

rocانvillecreation@gmail.com. Cheques can be made payable to Rocanville Recreation. For more information call 306-645-2164.

Upcoming programs include:
July 20 - July 23: Nature week. Kids will get to go on nature walks and do crafts that are nature themed, as well as cook with some of the local produce and participate in outside games.

July 27 - July 30: Sports week. Kids will participate in numerous sports each day. We will also be at the pool on July 28, 29 and 30 so please send a swim suit and towel with your child for those days.

CONGRATULATIONS DENNIS THIESSEN

On June 27 Dennis Thiesen finished his international long distance triathlon in Motala, Sweden. There were 34 countries represented at this race. The race was comprised of a 1.5 km swim (reduced from 4 km due to water and air temperatures), a 120 km bike and a 30 km run. He completed the race in 7 hours 55 minutes and 59 seconds. Out of the four Canadian teammates in his age group, he came in second.

AQUATIC CENTRE

If you are interested in having your name on a list of contacts to help occasionally at the pool, email the Rec Office at rocانville@sasktel.net or call 306-645-2164.

Camp out at the pool from 4 p.m. July 25 to 9:30 a.m. July 26. Come sleep over at the pool, watch movies, swim and have snacks!

Here is this week's pool schedule:

Monday, July 20
7 - 8 a.m.: Lane swim
8 - 9 a.m.: Fitness
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Lessons
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Public swim

5:30 - 6 p.m.: Water jog
6 - 7 p.m.: Volleyball
7 - 9 p.m.: Public swim
Tuesday, July 21
7 - 8 a.m.: Lane swim
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Lessons
3:30 - 5:30: Public swim
5:30 - 6 p.m.: Water jog
6 - 7 p.m.: Fitness
8 - 9 p.m.: Adult swim

Wednesday, July 22
7 - 8 a.m.: Lane swim
8 - 9 a.m.: Fitness
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Lessons
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Public swim

5:30 - 6 p.m.: Water jog
6 - 7 p.m.: Water polo
7 - 9 p.m.: Public swim

Thursday, July 23

7 - 8 a.m.: Lane swim
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Lessons
3:30 - 5:30: Public swim
5:30 - 6 p.m.: Water jog
6 - 7 p.m.: Lane swim
7 - 8 p.m.: Fitness
8 - 9 p.m.: Adult swim
Friday, July 24
7 - 8 a.m.: Lane swim
8 - 9 a.m.: Fitness
10 a.m. - 12 noon: Rentel
1 - 3 p.m.: Open rental
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.: Public swim

5:30 - 6 p.m.: Water jog
6 - 7 p.m.: Choice
7 - 9 p.m.: Teen swim

Saturday, July 25
10 a.m. - 12 noon: Family swim

1 - 4 p.m.: Public swim
4 p.m.: Camp out at the pool

Join us for water sports on Monday (volleyball), Wednesday (water polo), and Friday (choice). The cost is \$3.

Summer swimming lessons continue from July 20 to July 23. To register contact the pool at 306-645-2011. We are running an NL course starting July 27.

Lesson swim times:

9 - 10 a.m.: Parent and tot/preschool, cost \$50.
10 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 2 p.m.: Swimmer Levels 1 - 5, cost \$60.
11 a.m. - 12 noon and 2 - 3 p.m.: Swimmer 6-Star, cost \$60.

Rocanville Aquatic Centre employee Alyson (Wimmer) Olsen, was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer last summer. At her routine follow up scan in May, however, she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer to the liver, lungs and bones. She is currently undergoing a clinical trial form of chemotherapy to attack this cancer at every angle. We have the greatest hope that this will work.

We hope to raise donations to ease the financial burden of travel, time off for Jarvis and alternative treatment in Canada or the U.S. Alyson has her husband, two kids, extensive family and wonderful friends at her side through her battle with cancer. Donations can be made on GoFundMe at www.gofundme.com/helpingalyson.

ROCANVILLE AND DISTRICT MUSEUM MARKET

The next market will be August 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be our farm market! Rocanville Co-operative Playschool will be providing the lunch and will auction off some one of a kind original pieces! Music is by The Old 21. At

1 p.m. Embrace Theatre, an outdoor interactive theatre group based out of Saskatchewan, will present Saskatchewan Outdoors: a touring play for families. A creative workshop will be held after the performance. Kristin Roy, local farrier, will be returning to do a shoeing demonstration with real horses at our blacksmith shop!

All admission donations for this market will go to the Fort Pelly-Livingstone Museum in Pelly, Sask. for the clean up of their main building which was completely destroyed by arson on June 13.

If you know someone who might want to share their crafts, business or talents contact the museum at 306-645-2113 or rocانville-museum@gmail.com. The last market of the season will be held September 19.

SLO PITCH LEAGUE

The Rocanville Slo Pitch committee's year end tournament will be held July 23 to 25. The beer garden is open all three days at the yellow diamond. The public is welcome to come watch all the action!

ROCANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The summer reading club will be held August 18 and 20 from 2 - 4 p.m. Please preregister. Lots of fun and activities for kids!

The Saskatchewan Science Centre is coming to the Rocanville library on Wednesday, August 19 from 2 - 5 p.m.

The Go! Science outreach team will be there to play and explore with three fun and new science-themed programs: Messy Makers, Dynamic Discoverers, and Water Warriors.

The program is free and is open to kids from Grades K-6. Only 25 spots available! To register call the library at 306-645-2088 or leave a message on their Facebook page.

TERRY FOX RUN

The 2015 Terry Fox Run will be held Sunday, September 20 at 2 p.m. at the Rocanville cross country ski trails.

Call the Rec Office for more details at 306-645-2164.

ROCANVILLE GOLF CLUB

Mixed golf night is a two-person mixed alternate shot event. The cost is \$25 for non-members and \$10 for members, includes supper specials and prizes. It starts at 5:30 p.m. on August 19 and September 9. For more

information call Trent Kurbis at 306-434-9385 or Mike Spurr at 306-435-7475.

There will be a 27-hole golf tournament on Saturday, August 22. Tee off at 10 a.m. Men's, ladies', mixed, best score, scramble, alternate shot. Enter as a team of two for \$150 per team (includes supper). Cash prizes.

For information, contact Ian Langley at 306-434-7685 or ian_langley21@hotmail.com, or Allan Howie 306-645-4585 or adhowie@sasktel.net.

The Rocanville Tigers will be hosting the fifth annual Memorial Golf Tournament to remember their lost teammates Chad Taylor, Cody Wilson, Brody Parker and Riley Grainger. Come out on Saturday, September 19 and enjoy a great day on the links and remember our friends.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

A portion of the trail has been mowed to be used as a walking trail. Please come for a walk in the trees at the Rocanville cross country ski trails. Everyone welcome!

ROCANVILLE CO-OPERATIVE PLAYSCHOOL

The playschool board is looking for board members. The playschool cannot run unless all positions on the board are filled. If you have any questions contact Amanda McKean at 306-645-2696. Playschool registration will be held in September for any three- or four-year-olds in the area. Watch upcoming community calendars for more details.

ROCANVILLE CURLING CLUB

The rink is available for rent during the summer for meetings, receptions and dances. If you would like more information please contact Levi Yaroszko at 306-645-2757.

There is one position to fill on the board. Anyone interested can contact a board member or leave them a message through their Facebook page.

GAPLAND ROLLERS AND SMALLTOWN SMASHERS

Practice schedule: Gapland Rollers (16-plus) Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7 - 9 p.m.
Smalltown Smashers: Monday and Thursday from 5:15 - 6:45 p.m.

All practices are held at the Rocanville skating rink. Interested in learning a little more about derby? Are you a fan, a potential ref or skater? Just curious

as to why we're all skating around the oval? Contact us at gaplandrollers@gmail.com.

Smalltown Smashers junior roller derby teammate McKenna Langley competed on Team Canada's junior roller derby team. They won third place at the Junior Roller Derby World Cup 2015!

Catch our final home bout on September 19!

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We are looking for new drivers and a fill-in dispatcher. We are now operating on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We also do trips to adult day care at the SEICC. For more details or to book a ride call 306-434-6644.

FOREVER IN MOTION

The Prairie View Lodge exercise group continues to meet through the summer. Everyone is excited about their latest walking challenge. Rather than walking to a virtual destination away from home they decided to see how many times the group can walk around the proposed new community track. The monthly distances walked in the hallways and on outside walk ways will be converted to the virtual walk around the track.

The group appreciates the volunteers who make the exercise sessions so much fun. Gratitude goes to Lil Gagnon for becoming a peer leader/trainer, to Grace Reid for setting up the exercise room each morning, and to Gwenda Norrie and Jean Howie for assisting everyone during the exercises.

Anyone who is interested in Forever in Motion is welcome to join the fun at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Prairie View Lodge. For more information contact Rec Office 306-645-2164.

ROCANVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are located at 219 Ellice Street in Rocanville. Swing by to see our new sign!

Memberships are \$10 per year and are available from chair people. Anyone can become a member.

ROCANVILLE 400M WALKING/RUNNING TRACK

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- Music
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- Bounce Tents
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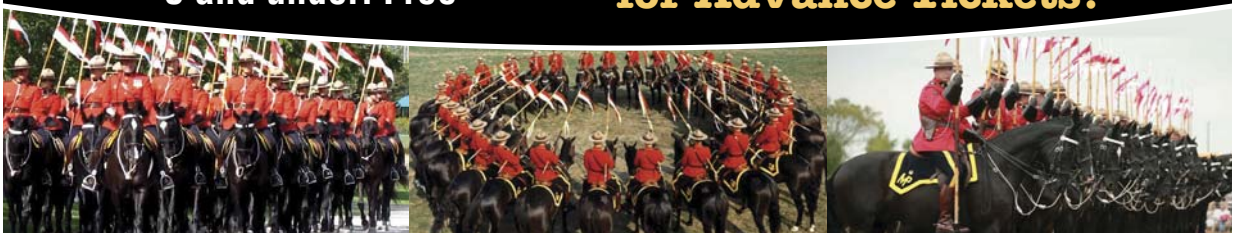
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Family pass: \$40
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Adults: \$12
Ages 6-17: \$8
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Adults: \$15
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1:30 p.m.
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2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Legion Bingo

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Music Jam Session

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Supper
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6:00 p.m.
Greetings

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<p>8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast Adults: \$5 • Under 12: \$4 Pre-School: FREE SPONSORED BY BORDERLAND CO-OP PREPARED BY MARYFIELD AUDITORIUM COMMITTEE</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Fair Opens - Main Horse Arena</p> <p>9:20 a.m. Exhibit Judging Begins</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Horse Show & Hunter/Jumper Horse Show</p> <p>10:00 a.m. The Funny Farm Petting Zoo</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. Photo Booth - Pat Siemens</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Mechanical Bull Riding SPONSORED IN PART BY MARYFIELD LIBRARY AND VITERRA FAIRLIGHT</p> <p>11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Pumped Up Fun Bouncers SPONSORED IN PART BY CPS FAIRLIGHT</p> <p>12 Noon - 1 p.m. Chili Cook Off Open to businesses only. Limit of 15 entries. Enter early to secure a spot! Contact Janet Lemon: janetlemon@gmail.com</p> <p>12 Noon Dressage Demonstration by Colleen Claiter-Beres</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. Hoop Girl! SPONSORED BY BORDERLAND CO-OP AND MARYFIELD LIBRARY</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Safety Squad - SGI Safety Games</p> <p>Cotton Candy & Sno Cones PROVIDED BY BORDERLAND CO-OP</p> <p>Pie & Ice Cream PROVIDED BY SHIRLEY CAMPBELL</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Exhibit Auction PROCEEDS TO STARS AIR AMBULANCE</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Supper CATERED BY THE WITCH'S BREW</p>	<p>Evening Program: Northern Pow Wow Dances performed by the Spotted Rain Dance Troupe from Cowesses First Nation</p> 
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