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# THE WORLD-Spectator

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Some of the World-Spectator staff with the newspaper's 140th anniversary cake on October 2, 2024—140 years to the day from when the first issue was published, on October 2, 1884. The World-Spectator was around for 21 years before Saskatchewan became a province in 1905.

## World-Spectator celebrates 140 years

BY ASHLEY BOCHKE

The World-Spectator celebrated its 140th year of publication this past Wednesday, October 2. The paper holds a lot of history for the region, is the oldest Saskatchewan-owned business and continues to grow for the future.

Owner and publisher Kevin Weedmark and Editor Kara Kinna, say the paper continues to grow and they're excited to celebrate many years of running a successful community paper.

"The World-Spectator started October 2, 1884. The very first issue came out 140 years ago today," Weedmark said.

"It has changed a lot over the years. It started out as the Courier in 1884, then a person named Spectator Smith bought it and changed the name to The Spectator and then a competing paper called The World came along. For quite a few years there were two papers in Moosomin, The World and The Spectator. One was more liberal, and one was more conservative and then in 1910, the two of them combined and formed the World-Spectator. The reason The World-Spectator logo is both blue and red is because it was a conservative paper and a liberal paper that came together to form it.

"The paper has always been a little bit different in the sense that it started expanding and becoming more of a regional paper in the 1940s taking in some of the neighbouring papers. There was the Welwyn Review, the Maryfield News, and the Wapella Post, then the owner of the World-Spectator started to buy those to become a bit more regional and covering more than just one town."

### Growing to cover more towns

Weedmark became the owner of the World-Spectator over 20 years ago and expanded the paper to surrounding communities.

"After I bought the business in 2002, we started expanding even farther. We started expanding to places like Esterhazy, Redvers, Kipling, and St. Lazare, Manitoba," Weedmark said. "People in St. Lazare actually came to us and said there was a local paper closer to them that just wasn't giving them coverage so they came to us.

When I bought the paper, we were printing about 1,700 copies a week. Now, there are about 5,000 subscribers to the World-Spectator and we started the Plain & Valley a few years into running the paper. Now, Plain & Valley goes to 30,000 households every month, it's just massive. We print more copies of that than the Western Producer. Then, we started Ag News just a few years ago during Covid because we found that one industry that was still going strong was agriculture so I thought we would start an agriculture publication and that goes to about 10,000 households a month."

### Different approach

Weedmark says he takes a different approach to the media business than most, and has developed a formula that works in a challenging media environment.

"I own the Spectator and will remain as the publisher, but because I am running to represent this area as MLA I have turned the editor reins over to Kara and she will be running the editorial side of the business," he said.

"The reason we keep doing it is because number one, when I bought this paper, I didn't come from a business background and I didn't know a lot about business other than what I had reported on. I came from an editorial background, I was a reporter, then an editor, and my thought was I wasn't going into business to make money, I was going into business to serve our communities.

"As soon as I bought it, I decided we would operate as community service first and a business second. We never limit the space for community news, we will add pages to make sure the stories are told.

"Last week for example, Ashley's story on the British Home Children was an amazing story, and it took three pages of the newspaper to tell it right. A lot of papers wouldn't take that space to tell that whole story. They just wouldn't devote the resources to the editorial side in the same way, but I made a decision early on that our main purpose as a business is connecting our communities and serving them. The amazing thing in the media business is that when you focus on the community service first, then you get more and more readers, then from there you get more and more advertisers. Some media businesses

struggle because they focus on the bottom line and cut the editorial resources that make their media important, they lose readers, they lose advertisers, they cut some more and it's a downward spiral. I do the opposite, I invest in the editorial side, we make our product relevant, we get more readers, and we get more advertisers. In terms of sales, this business is more than five times what it was when I bought it and it continues to grow every year.

"We are a successful paper financially, and we are an award-winning paper. We just won 10 national awards. That is 10 of the 11 awards won by Saskatchewan newspapers," Weedmark said.

### Making a difference

Weedmark said that making a difference in people's lives is the most rewarding aspect of the business.

"The main reason that we do what we do, is the difference we can make in people's lives. I think of the Santos family who were an important part of our community but were facing deportation. We helped get the word out and helped to make sure they could stay in Canada. We rallied the community, we spoke to many people in the government, and the day we held a rally for them, they got word that they could stay.

"When my interpreter from Afghanistan was facing great danger when Kabul fell to the Taliban, I did everything I could to get him and his family safely to Canada. He protected my life in Afghanistan and he served Canada in Afghanistan and I owed it to him to protect his life. We were up against huge odds to get him and his family safely to Canada, it was a difficult process and his family's lives were in danger the whole time, but we got them safely to Canada and now he's contributing to our society here.

"There is case after case like that, like Viktoriia, the Grade 12 student from Wawota who came to Canada under CUAETS and was facing international student fees to go to the U.S. So the family had come to Canada, we welcomed them here, and she was facing tuition several times higher than the students she was graduating with in Wawota."

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**Rocanville Minor Hockey holds steak night and hat auction**

Rocanville Minor Hockey held a steak night fundraiser and NHL hat auction on Saturday, September 28. People were able to barbecue their steaks on two giant steak pits outside the Nutrien Rocanville Community Hall, before heading inside for all the side dishes.

Rhett Parks was the auctioneer for the hat auction, which saw some very competitive bidding and lots of pressure from the minor hockey players about which hats to pick. Some hats generated “boo’s” while others generated wild cheering when they were chosen.

Kara Kinna photos



**Top of page:** Rhett Parks auctioning off the hats with Rocanville Minor Hockey players lined up behind him. The hockey players had strong opinions about which hat should be chosen by each successful bidder.

**Above:** People barbecuing their steaks over one of two large steak pits outside the hall.

**Left:** A bidder chooses a hat—much to the delight of the Minor Hockey kids, who cheered at his choice.



### Rocanville pool refurbishment work progressing

Work is full speed ahead on the Rocanville Aquatic Centre refurbishment project. This photo was taken on September 28, showing that the former exterior has been removed and ground work has started. Once ground work has been completed, a new building will be constructed to house the indoor pool. Plans are to have the building ready for the 2025 pool season.

## OBITUARIES



**JAMES WILLIAM WEBB**  
1926 – 2024

James (Jim) William Webb passed away in his 98th year of life on Friday, August 2, 2024,

at the Father Lacombe Long Term Care Facility in Calgary, Alberta. He was formerly from the McAuley District.

Jim is survived by his children Carl (Rene) Webb, Christine Webb, Patty Webb and Lana (Dale) Mass; grandchildren Dalton, Emmett and Anastasia Larson, Luke Webb, Shaun Klymchuk and Krista (Gil) Muschanov; great-grandsons Travis and Brodie Muschanov; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years Jeanne Webb; brothers

Ronald, George and Andrew; as well as his sister Peggy.

A Graveside Service will be held in the McAuley Cemetery in Manitoba on October 19, 2024, at 2 pm. A reception with light snacks will follow at a local restaurant.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes can be made to [mcauleycmcommunityassociation1@gmail.com](mailto:mcauleycmcommunityassociation1@gmail.com) in memory of James Webb.

To view and share photos, condolences and stories of James please visit [www.choicememorial.com](http://www.choicememorial.com)

## Looking Back

### Five years ago, 2019:

It was the end of an era as the Spy Hill branch of Conexus Credit Union closed. The branch was one of nine Conexus closed in early October. The credit union at Spy Hill had its start at a meeting on June 17, 1950, when community members and the provincial co-operatives department met and decided there was a need for a credit union at Spy Hill.

### Ten years ago, 2014:

Thanks to a \$5,000 donation from PotashCorp, and the purchase of 144 square feet of patio blocks by Borderland Co-op, Play Fair Daycare had a brand new gazebo and play structure in their back yard. A barbecue sponsored by Co-op was held at the daycare to celebrate the new additions to the yard. Despite the chilly weather, kids enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers and played on their new play structure. There was also help from Flaman Sales, Margets Construction, the Town of Moosomin and community volunteers in the construction of the new additions.

### Fifteen years ago, 2009:

CTV closed its station in Brandon, Manitoba after a deal that would have seen the station bought by Bluepoint Investment Corp. fell apart.

A delicious potluck supper was held in Rocanville followed in the evening with a game of spades. The seniors got together every Thursday afternoon for cribbage and Saturday evenings for spades.

Nixon's Electric installed a new score clock in the Moosomin Communiplex. The score clock came from the Keystone Centre in Brandon.

### Twenty years ago, 2004:

The first day of school at both McNaughton High and MacLeod Elementary schools were cancelled due to several teachers recovering from mysterious ill-

nesses that safety inspectors later found out were caused from a broken light.

### One hundred years ago, 1924:

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Automobile Association held in Toronto, it was announced by Dr. P. E. Doolittle, who had returned from a coast-to-coast motor tour, that aside from Ontario there only remained a single link to connect up the Dominion Trans-Continental Highway and that contracts for the completion of that connection, which was in the Rockies, had been let by the British Columbia government. Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario, stated that there were only two gaps in the Ontario section of the Trans-Canada Highway and the worst of them was between the Soo and Fort William, but survey work was going ahead.



This was the front page of The World-Spectator five years ago on October 7, 2019.

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# Skinner finally bound for NHL playoffs

The happiest guy on the eve of the 2024-25 National Hockey League season might just be Jeff Skinner.

Ten times a 20-plus goal scorer (and 30-plus in six of those seasons) while playing for poor teams in Carolina and Buffalo, the Toronto-born left-winger could hardly be blamed for dreaming about an inaugural playoff run next spring.

Incredibly, in 14 seasons and 1,006 games, Skinner has never skated in an NHL playoff game. But that's about to change now that he is a member of the Edmonton Oilers, Stanley Cup finalists last year and a relative slam-dunk playoff team thanks to the talents of Connor McDavid-led roster of stars.

Skinner was one of two big-name free agents signed by the Oilers on July 1 (Viktor Arvidsson was the other one) and come next April, Skinner is just about guaranteed to skate in his first playoff game. Pre-season talk had him playing on a line with either McDavid or Leon Draisaitl. He might fill the net all season.

Meanwhile, there's plenty of interesting tidbits for fans to watch for as the new season gets under way.

— The Leafs, whose defence has been their kryptonite the past few years, are suddenly strong in that position with the addition of veterans Oliver Ekman-Larsen and Chris Tanev.

— Nashville Predators made perhaps the biggest offensive splash in free agency, signing both Steven Stamkos (555 career goals) and 2023 Conn Smythe trophy winner Jonathan Marchessault, coming off a 42-goal season with Vegas. They will join forwards Ryan O'Reilly and Filip Forsberg and defenceman Roman Josi to form one of the most powerful offensive lineups in the league.

— The NHL season takes a break from Feb. 12-20, 2025, for the 4 Nations Cup tournament, featuring the best players from Canada, the U.S., Sweden and Finland. The tournament will be played in two unnamed North Ameri-



Bruce Penton

can cities, one in the U.S. and one in Canada. Who skates for Canada will be a favourite debate subject for the next couple of months.

— Wayne Gretzky's 894 career goals was thought to be untouchable, but Washington Capitals superstar Alex Ovechkin is bound to surpass that figure and wind up on the north side of 900 goals. The Russian sniper has 853 career goals and needs only 41 to tie Gretzky. If not this season, then 2025-26 for sure.

— Did Sidney Crosby sign his final contract a couple of weeks back? The two-year deal, a \$17.6-million extension, takes him through the 2026-27 NHL season, when he'll be 39. He's in his 20th season in the league and is a certain Hall-of-Famer.

Most fans couldn't get enough of rookie sensation Connor Bedard and now that he's got one full season under his belt, how great will Season 2 be? The North Vancouver native scored 22 goals and assisted on 39 others in 68 games with a Chicago team that will be much improved in 2024-25. Fifty goals is not out of reach for Bedard.

• Super 70s Sports, along with a picture of a Nestle's Quik container saying you could win a trip to Vince Lombardi's football clinic: "This looked like a fun contest until you got there and he just yelled at your butt all day for not executing properly."

• Canadian parody website The Beaverton, after Rog-

ers acquired majority control of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment: "Rogers promises Leafs, Raptors fans that their teams will be just as successful as current Blue Jays"

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Rumour has it Bucs QB Baker Mayfield has two-dollar earrings that he wears during games. My first thought when hearing that was, 'Not bad for a buck-an-ear!'"

• Headline at the onion.com: "Tom Brady Provides Detailed Analysis Of How Easy It Would Be For Him To Take Dak Prescott's Job"

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, on Maple Leafs' Nick Robertson: "So far his career is a Shakespearean play: Much Ado About Nothing"

• Andrew Perloff of Athlon Sports, on Miami Dolphins' QB situation with Tua Tagovailoa out with a concussion, suggesting a veteran quarterback is the answer: "Relying on Skylar Thompson and waiting for Tua to be healthy is franchise malpractice."

• Steve Simmons again: "The Leafs are paying four of the top 12 salaries in hockey. The other eight players come from eight different teams."

• Headline at fark.com: "Honda and Alpine breach F1's cost-cap rules and didn't even have to consult with the Yankees or Cowboys on how to do it."

• Sign held by a fan at the final home game of the Oakland A's, who are moving to Las Vegas: "Today, there is crying in baseball."

• RJ Currie again: "With the PointsBet Invitational (recently) in Calgary, the top five curling songs: 5. Vary That Weight; 4. In-Turn Me Loose; 3. Bump It Up; 2. You Ain't Seen Button Yet; 1. Bohemian Rocksoy."

• From fark.com: "Inside the 2024 White Sox's road to MLB's all-time worst record. Many years from now, Kevn Costner will plough another baseball field to redeem them as well."

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## Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Several family members from Wawota attended the wedding of Jodi Black and Jamie Yanko on Saturday, September 28. The wedding took place at St. Augustine Church at Wilcox, Sask. The reception was held at the Performing Arts Centre in Regina.

Ted Espley and Carol Ann Burton have moved to Salt Spring Island, B.C. They will be closer to family there. Ted came to Wawota where he was our local dentist. Their house on West Railway is for sale.

Word has been received of the passing of Shelly (Ramage) Brown of Regina at the age of 73 years. Shelly was the youngest daughter of the late Alex and Erna Ramage of the Walpole/Mountney area.

A graveside service was held at the Wawota Cemetery on Sunday, September 29. Several family members and friends gathered there to say farewell to Sandra Corkish. She passed away this past January at

the age of 81 years. A social gathering was held at the Wawota Drop In Centre.

Several students of Wawota Parkland School participated in various golf competitions the past few weeks. Kerr Cudmore placed in the SECPSD District Golf Championship at the Kenossee Golf Course. The following week he competed in the Provincial Championships at the Northern Meadows Golf course at Goodsoil, Sask. and although he contacted a flu bug managed to rank in the Top 10 in Saskatchewan. Other golfers who participated were: Brock Dorrance, Curtis Hewitt, Ryder Singleton, Matt Russill and Reagan Wilson. Brock Dorrance won first place in the SECPSD Junior Championship at Pipestone Hills Golf Course in Moosomin. Kelyn Cudmore placed second.

Janice Birnie, who spends the summer in Wawota, has returned to Hawaii for the winter months.

## Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

306-733-2155

Get well wishes to Bruce Marsh and Gerald O'Reilly, patients in the hospital at this time.

Joe and Pat Santer visited in Balgonie on the weekend with the Johnstons and Pattersons.

Ulysse and Gail (Johnston) Nevraumont of Ottawa visited with family and friends in the area last week.

Tanis Peppin of Rocanville took her

mother Phyllis Harper to Brandon on Wednesday for cataract surgery.

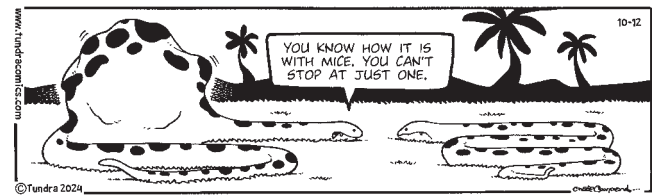
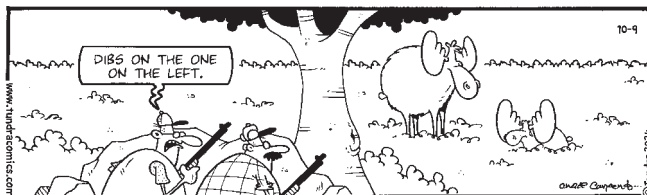
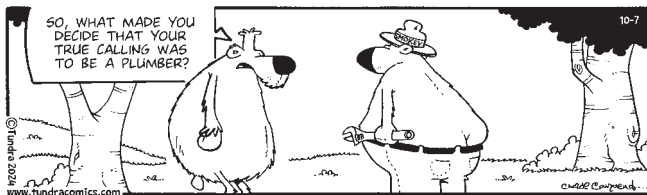
Lauren Hamilton of Brandon University was home to visit her family, Vern and Amber Hamilton, Alex and Julian on the weekend.

Congratulations to Amber Stewart and Brayden Nabholz on the birth of a baby girl, Bria Mae. She is a first grandchild for Dean and Jodi.

## The World-Spectator's deadline is noon Thursdays

## Tundra

Chad Carpenter



## Rocanville Town Council

## Council decides on pool exterior color

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The exterior of the pool building is going to be a grey, something that came up under at last week's regular meeting of Rocanville Town Council.

"We are going to try and do some greys to complement the hall right beside it, and we are going to try and get a trim colour to match our oil can and try and go with that copper colour," Administrator Tanya Strandlund explained of the exterior tin.

Work continues on the \$4 million pool refurbishment project and the facility is expected to be fully operational for the 2025 swim season.

**Library hours**

Hours at the Rocanville Public Library will remain the same in 2025, with the Town of Rocanville's funding por-

tion being \$17,552.30. The branch will be at the Essential Level, which means being open 15 hours to the public every week.

**GIC reinvested**

The chose to reinvest a GIC in the amount of \$28,185.59 for one year at four per cent interest. Strandlund noted there are two more GICs that will be maturing this winter.

**Additional gravel**

An addition last week's agenda was the Town obtaining an additional 750 yards of gravel.

"We've gone through gravel like crazy this year," Strandlund said, adding the extra product would be used for roads and for fill when digs occur.

**Drainage issues**

Discussion took place about drainage around town, especially in the back alley of Edmonton Street.

"Unfortunately, our town is really, really flat, so it's very hard to drain appropriately," Strandlund said. "So we're trying to figure out some ways to help with that."

"How flat is Rocanville? Strandlund noted that there are only a few inches of difference from one end of the town to the other.

"I can't remember exactly what it was, but we had inches from one end of town to the other," she said. "We did not have feet to play with, we had inches."

**Building officials names**

Council gave third reading to Bylaw 2024-04 regarding bylaw officials, naming Municode and Darren Cuthill Engineering as local building inspectors.

## Rocanville Rec Report

Andrea Logan, Recreation Director

**Rocanville Library**

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

**Programming Highlights:**

**Solar Crayon Recycler Makerspace Kit:** Month of October

**Advanced Games-Spoiler:** Month of October

**Monster Take 'n' Make:** Month of October

**Kids Crafternoon:** Bring your kids out for an afternoon of crafting at the library. October 9 and 23 from 2-4 pm

**Stitch 'N' Chat Night:** Come out for an evening of knitting, crocheting, drawing, embroidery, or any other project you would like to bring to work on. October 10 at 7 pm

**Teen Halloween Pumpkin Carving:** Come on out to carve a pumpkin for Halloween on October 25 at 7 pm! Pumpkins will be provided for kids to come and carve out a fun design! This program requires registration. If you would like to sign up, please contact Jeri the library at 306-645-2088 or rocانville@southeastlibrary.ca

**Quilting Classes**

Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting out, join us for free quilting classes at the Rocanville Rec Centre! Learn how to make a beautiful Christmas table runner just in time for the holidays.

Classes Start: November 5

When: Tuesdays at 1 pm

Where: Rocanville Rec Centre

Cost: Free (Just bring your own supplies.)

Please register by October 15 to secure your spot!

Don't miss this chance to learn a new skill and create something festive!

**Walking Club**

As the weather cools down, the Walking Club is back!

Join us for a warm, indoor walk at the Rec Centre, running Monday through Thursday, from 10 am to 12 pm and 1 to 3 pm. It's a great way to stay active and socialize, with no fee to attend. Bring a friend and enjoy some exercise, no matter the weather outside.

**Puzzle Swap**

Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! The Rec Centre will be open from Monday to Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm, for a Puzzle Swap. Swap an old puzzle for a new one and dive into a fresh challenge. Please ensure all puzzle pieces are included in the sets you bring, and remember to only leave a handful of puzzles at a time to keep our shelves organized.

**Kids Club**

Need a fun activity for your little ones? The Kids Club is perfect for both kids and parents looking to socialize and play. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday, from 9 to 10 am, at the Rec Centre for access to Plasma cars, foam blocks, bouncy toys, and plenty of space to run around. Best of all—Kids Club is free!

**Celebrate the holidays with Seattle Kraken Spirit**

This holiday season, let's come together and show our support for Jessica Campbell and her incredible role with the Seattle Kraken!

Already have Christmas decorations? That's great! But why not add a little flair by incorporating a Seattle Kraken flag, banner, or even some Kraken-colored lights?

Let's get creative and festive, blending the spirit of the season with our support for Jessica and her journey with the Kraken.

**Rocanville Community Centre**

All events held here are open to the public (except rent-

als). 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.

**Halloween Party Announcement**

Join us on October 31 for a spooktacular event! See our young people in action! The Playschool kids will be visiting to show off their adorable costumes from 11-11:45 am. Don't miss this fun and festive display! Lunch to follow from 11:45 am - 1 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal of soup, sandwich, cake, coffee, and juice.

\$10/person - Lunch is open to the public, so bring your friends and family for a great time! Come celebrate Halloween with us!

**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 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 or Jane Fahiman.

**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.



## Westman RCMP Report

**81 calls for service**

During the week of September 22 to September 28, Westman RCMP received a total of 81 calls for service. Of the 81 calls, 18 were traffic related, including three moving traffic/speeding violations. Also included in the calls for service were four suspicious person/vehicle/property files, four assault files, two harassing communication files, three wellbeing checks, two false alarms, two person reported missing files and one uttering threats against a person file.

**Wellbeing check turns into arrest**

On September 23, RCMP responded to a check wellbeing call in the town of Virden. One male was located inside his vehicle. Officers spoke to the male and he was placed under arrest for impaired operation of a motor vehicle. Upon search of the individual narcotics were located. The male was taken into custody and will appear in court for adult possession - Schedule I: fentanyl (and analogues) and adult possession - Schedule I: methamphetamine (crystal meth).

**Disturbance call leads to arrest**

On September 23, RCMP responded to a call in the settlement of Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in regards to a disturbance. RCMP attended and two individuals were located and arrested. One female will attend court in December on one count of adult mischief under \$5,000. One male will attend court in December on numerous charges including: adult forcible confinement, adult assault, and two counts of adult failing to comply with release order conditions.

**Gunshots fired in Elkhorn**

On September 25, RCMP received a report of gunshots being fired in the town of Elkhorn. RCMP responded to the call. The suspected vehicle was located and a firearm was visible in the back seat. As the vehicle was unlocked RCMP seized the firearm and contacted the owner. One male is charged with adult unsafe storage of firearms, adult unauthorized possession of a firearm and adult failing to comply with undertaking condition. The investigation is ongoing in this matter.

**\$469 speeding ticket**

On September 22, during a routine traffic patrol on Highway 257 in the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, RCMP observed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed a speed of 132 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. A traffic stop was conducted and driver was issued a traffic offence notice for speeding, which carries a fine of \$469.

**Numbers to call**

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

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Members of the Virden Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #8. From left: Phyllis Gomph, Tracy Pappel and Alice Kingdon.



Shown above is The Virden Pet Rescue Network's display. Members from left are Margaret James and Heather Reimer.

# Volunteer Manitoba holds Volunteer Appreciation and Recruitment Fair in Virden

BY ED JAMES

Many people do not realize how much work in our society is done by volunteers. They are in almost every aspect of our lives.

On September 25 in Virden, an evening event was held with 25 different community volunteer groups who had display tables and information on the work that they do and how you might join them.

The event was held at Tundra Oil & Gas Place and was open to the public to find out more information on how they might become a volunteer in their community.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Kamilah El-Giadaa of Volunteer Manitoba who welcomed everyone and provided some facts about volunteering in Canada. She pointed out that Manitoba had the second highest rate of volunteerism in Canada, with Saskatchewan having the highest.

She went on to add that there is always a need for more volunteers in many communities. She pointed out that during Covid, volunteer numbers took a sharp decline but they are slowly on the rise again.

Whenever possible, Volunteer Manitoba makes a special point of giving out community volunteer group awards to those who go above and beyond the call of duty.

That evening in the main display room there were a number of volunteer groups showing their efforts such as: The Boy Scouts, The Girl Guides, The Elks Club, The Red Cross, The Royal Canadian Legion, The Apple Literacy Program, the Area Food Cupboard, The Virden Pet Rescue Network, The Virden and Elkhorn Museums, The



Sherrie Kennedy was the guest speaker at the recent community volunteer fair in Virden.

Virden and Area Foundation Group, the Volunteer Fire Department and The Youth For Christ Group—to name

a few.

The evening featured a special guest speaker, Sherrie Kennedy, the daughter of the late Shirley Kennedy. Shirley was very well-known in the Westman area for her many volunteer activities. Sherrie's presentation, which caused a few tears from the speaker, was about the stories and lessons she had learned from her mother and why she volunteered. Shirley had a love of helping others, with small efforts that often lead to big results and inspired others.

Sherrie explained that her mom would say to her, "Never feel sorry for yourself, when asked to be a volunteer. Don't say why me, but instead say, why not me?"

Sherrie went on to talk about her own volunteer experience as a Meals On Wheels Driver in a winter snowstorm—now forgetting the bad and remembering the good when it was all over.

She closed by saying, "When you are in a volunteer situation and you're helping others, those things can mean so much."

This she has experienced in helping seniors. Being a volunteer gives a person much by helping others and can change your life and make your day.

At the end of her presentation she was given a standing ovation and stayed on site talking and visiting with visitors and old Elkhorn community friends.

Sherrie's presentation was followed by a thank you from Christine Cross, the head of the local SAIL Group. She also repeated Sherrie's words about volunteering, "Not, why me, but why not me?"



Julie Mason and Christa Peterson at the SAIL table.



Shown here from left are Girl Guide Leader Leanne Penner and at the Red Cross table is Kel Smith.

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**Above:** Kipling vs Redvers during a game at the Convention Centre.



**Above:** The McNaughton Marquis in a game vs Indian Head.



**Left:** The McNaughton team high fiving after a game.

**Below:** Esterhazy vs Weyburn during a game.

### Marquis Invitational Volleyball tournament

The McNaughton Marquis held their invitational volleyball tournament on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. The marquis missed the playoffs, with Kipling winning the A-side against Rocanville, and Weyburn winning the B-side against Radville.

The tournament featured teams from Wawota, Arcola, Rocanville, Indian Head, Broadview, Fillmore, Weyburn, Oxbow, Whitewood, Kipling, Esterhazy, Redvers, and Radville.

Kara Kinna photos



## South East Cornerstone School Division

# Most Cornerstone board members seeking a return to the table

BY NORM PARK

All of the current members of the South East Cornerstone Public School Division's board of education will be seeking re-election, with just one exception.

Eric McCrimmon, one of the two members representing the City of Estevan has decided not to re-seek the seat he held at the conference table.

He was not at the September 18 session held in Weyburn, but did return a phone call made to him the next morning seeking his decision.

The one term board member, during a hurried phone call exchange, said he might issue a statement in the near future regarding his decision, but in the immediate moment, chose to simply state he was not going to seek re-election.

Other members who were approached just prior to the start of the September 18 board meeting in Weyburn indicated they were prepared to fill out the nomination forms and would be happy to return to the table, including Tami Scott the representative in Subdivision 4 (Lampman, Alameda, Oxbow, Bienfait) who attended the meeting via an online hook-up and was later contacted by phone to confirm her decision.

Others re-seeking a four-year assignment from the electorate include: Devona Putland, Subdivision 1 (Rocanville, Wapella, Moosomin); Jim Vermeersch, Subdivision 2 (Arcola, Carlyle, Manor, Maryfield, Wawota); Jim Henderson, Subdivision 3 (Redvers, Carnduff, Carievale); Audrey Trombley, Subdivision 5 (Fillmore, Stoughton, Midale, Macoun) and Michelle DeBruyne, Subdivision 6 (Ogema, Pangman, Yellow Grass, Radville, Gladmar, Oungre).

The cities of Weyburn and Estevan send two repre-

sentatives to the boardroom and incumbents Norma Hewitt-Lendrum and Megan Schick (Weyburn) and Kevin Keating of Estevan have indicated a desire to return to the division's conference table.

Based on McCrimmon's decision not to re-run, the City of Estevan will add at least one new face to the roster with other newcomers also eligible to seek a seat by filing nomination papers to challenge any of the incumbents.

Returning officer Shelley Toth, noted the nominations close at 4 p.m. on Oct. 9 with the election day being November 13 in the cities, towns, villages and rural municip-

alities across the province since the school board elections are run in concert with the provincial municipal elections.

Associate returning officers for the division in the cities of Estevan and Weyburn are Judy Pilloud and Tina Clay, respectively.

The official nomination call appears on the front page of the SECPD website.

Several of the Cornerstone board members are veterans of the process including board chairwoman Trombley and vice-chair Vermeersch while a few others will be completing their first, four-year terms.

## South East Cornerstone School Division

# Notes noted during SECPD session

BY NORM PARK

Brief notes taken from the boardroom during the September 18 meeting of the South East Cornerstone Public School Division's open business meeting in Weyburn.

Some board members provided information about a number of topics they encountered while attending various School Community Council sessions. The topics ranged from volleyball successes to career fairs and upcoming school board elections along with other school related activities and future plans.

Board member Michelle DeBruyne, representing Subdivision 6 (Ogema, Pangman, Yellow Grass, Radville, Gladmar and Oungre) provided information stemming from the recent meeting of the South East District Athletic Association where an awards ceremony was conducted.

DeBruyne reported that a SEDAA award for Service to the division was presented to Nathan Johnson, former principal at Estevan Comprehensive School and now the division's Superintendent of Human Resources. Other awards went to Ryan Nichols and Elly Van WinKoop as male and female Coaches of the Year while Kevin Kobitz captured the SEDAA's Official-of-the-Year Award.

The Cornerstone board will convene again for an open public meeting on October 15 in the conference room at the division's head office in Weyburn, starting at 1 p.m.

Prior to this session however, board chairwoman Audrey Trombley will be meeting with other provincial board chairpersons on September 26 and the Cornerstone board has an October 2 strategic planning meeting to set the stage for their October 15 morning Committee-of-the-Whole session that precedes the open meeting in the afternoon.




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The World-Spectator's 140th anniversary cake, left, and the World-Spectator office in Moosomin, at right. The newspaper marked its 140th anniversary October 2. The first issue was published October 2, 1884.

## World-Spectator celebrates 140 years

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"I talked to Viktoriia, I interviewed the Minister of Advanced Education at the time, Gord Wyant, and he told me 'within two weeks we will have a solution.' Two weeks to the day after that, Viktoriia, myself and Kevin Kay, the mayor of Wawota, were all invited to the legislature and the government announced that they had solved the problem.

"We see that in big ways and little ways every single week, we see we are making a difference, like when we promote a fundraiser and it's sold out, that makes me proud.

"When Ashley wrote a story on the impact of Alzheimer's disease on one family this summer, a thorough and beautifully written story and somebody was so moved from reading the story that they donated \$100,000 to the Alzheimer's Walk, that is phenomenal. That doesn't happen with every media outlet. That is influencing people's lives for the better and we do that each and every week."

Weedmark said the newspaper's role in the communities it serves is important. "Informing people, whether that is making sure people know about local fundraisers or making sure people know about a person in need in their community, our role is just making sure people know that and trusting the people as long as they know the issues, they are going to help. I have seen it work hundreds or thousands of times. I am proud of what we do, getting the word out, connecting our communities, and influencing lives for the better."

Kinna says the paper feels like a responsibility to the community.

"I think the reason I keep doing what I'm doing is because the paper is such a big part of the community it serves, and by the community, I mean the region, not one town.

"It has become such a part of the daily lives of people in this area that I feel like if the paper didn't exist it would be like letting people down. I feel like we have a responsibility to serve our community and I think people look to the paper as a community institution, so they expect us to be here.

"If there is an issue or a problem that needs to be solved, they come to us or just to tell their stories. They look to the paper as the place where the area's stories are told. It is like they need it and they look to the paper as telling what is happening in the community and rely on us for that. I feel like the community relies on us and we don't ever want to let them down so it is our responsibility to make sure that the community is reflected back and people can look over those pages to see what happened and feel connected to the area and have an understanding of what is going on in the area, but also having some of their history being put down on some of those pages. Important moments in the area are told. As well as fundraisers, people rely on us to get the word out, so they come to us for help. If the paper wasn't here there are lots of things that happen in this community and I think we help with fundraisers, and stories being successful. I think that is partially why I keep doing it is a sense of responsibility to the region that we serve."

### Celebrating 140 years

Kinna says it is exciting to be celebrating 140 years. "It feels surreal. It is strange to think this paper has been around for 140 years and over those 140 years, I think it has always been known as an excellent paper. I think it has always been a bit of a standout."

Weedmark says the World-Spectator has always been different from other media.

"The World-Spectator has never been a typical newspaper, it's always been different, and a bit of a leader that way. When it went daily during the Red River Rebellion in 1885, one of the owners went to the front to report. Your typical small town paper back then they would have a press and sell business cards and things like that and do a little paper once a week. Here, one of the original owners actually went to the front in the Northwest Rebellion and reported from the front. The paper actually went daily



Just a few of the artifacts from the World-Spectator's history, including early posters, business cards, photos, and printing plates.

in 1885 to print as they put it, 'the latest dispatches from the front.' In the last couple decades, I have travelled to Afghanistan, Vietnam, Pakistan and the Philippines to report, and we have sent a reporter to Mozambique, Africa to report on development projects and we sent a reporter to Kenya to report on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The largest growing project for the Foodgrains Bank in Saskatchewan is between Moosomin and Rocanville, and there is also a large growing project at Kola, Manitoba in our coverage area, so we not only talk to the farmers and the volunteers who grow the food for the Foodgrains Bank, we went to see where that food goes. It's not your typical small town paper and never has been.

"I find it interesting how different we are than the majority of the media. The vast majority of papers that were started 140 years ago are not there today. The vast majority of businesses that started 140 years ago are not there today. We are not only the oldest paper in Saskatchewan, but the oldest Saskatchewan-owned business. That tells you we have something special here. The fact that so many media at all levels seem to be struggling, but we are growing, tells you something. Not only are we celebrating our 140th year, but we are also not just surviving we are thriving. We are doing great, we are growing. When I look at the month end figures here, they are higher than last September and higher than any September ever before. When I look at our year to date financials, we have grown since last year, and last year we grew from the previous year and so on. It continues to grow and keeps expanding because we have amazing employees and the right attitude. We are not focusing on the bottom line and we are not solely here to make money, our main purpose is to serve our community, and it is working."

Kinna adds, "That is what is cool for me too, is 140 years later the paper isn't just going strong it is thriving and still growing, and I think that is pretty cool and unique. It is still carrying on that spirit of being brazenly and unapologetically independent."

### Local archive

The World-Spectator also holds some of the history of the region. "We're not only the local newspaper, we are the local archive," Weedmark says. "We still have some artifacts dating back to day one. We still have the prospectus from when they were setting up the business. We still have our printing plates from the very first issue, we have printing plates of the first daily issue, we have printing plates of maps of the Assiniboia District of the Northwest Territories when there were very few commu-

nities that were not on the CP main line. In a way we are the keepers of the local history, and I am proud we beat the odds. Your typical business doesn't last 140 years. We have beat the odds, we are still growing and we have a bright future ahead of us."

Kinna adds, "I think it also proves that there is a winning formula that there is a way you can do it that works, because obviously this paper has been working for 140 years and still is working. So, there is a winning formula. If the media takes the right approach to things, it can be successful."

### 'Supportive community, great readers, amazing staff'

Weedmark says they thank their community and staff for their success as a newspaper.

"We couldn't have built this newspaper into what it is without incredibly supportive advertisers, a supportive community, great readers, and amazing staff," he said.

"I had a vision of what this business could be when I bought it, and that vision has become reality, but we never would have got here by ourselves.

"We never would have got here if previous owners like Bert McKay, John Meen and Bruce and Barb Penton hadn't built the foundation of a trusted newspaper, if they hadn't built the World-Spectator into a community institution.

"We never would have got here without lots of talented people on staff. We have been very fortunate to have absolutely amazing people on staff. I can sit and plan all I want, but if I don't have the people that can execute those plans effectively those plans aren't going to go anywhere. So, we have been very fortunate to have amazing employees over the years who have helped build this business."

Kinna says the community has been a huge part in the business's successes.

"Part of the reason for the Spectator's success has been the community support as well. We have a vision of what we want to do here, and the community seems to embrace and support that. So, we are extremely lucky they do that. People really love the paper, and they tell us that all of the time and they continue to encourage us to keep doing what we do."

Weedmark adds, "We have an incredibly supportive business community, incredibly supportive advertisers, and incredibly supportive readers. We wouldn't have reached this milestone without all of those people behind us."

# Maryfield Sunrise Villa celebrates International Day of Older Persons

On Tuesday, October 1, members of the Moosomin Chapter of the Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan visited the Maryfield Sunrise Villa to help them celebrate International Day of the Older Persons.

Residents of the Villa along with a few guests participated in a "Let the Games Begin." Five carnival games were set up—cornhole, ring toss, target practice, Crazy Kups and Axe Throwing. The participants rotated from game to game, recording their scores at each attempt. They returned to each game multiple times to try to improve their scores. Some residents had fun just watching; others were very competitive, trying to out score their fellow residents.

The afternoon was filled with friendly banter and much laughter. By the end of the hour the residents had decided it would be great to have such an event again sometime.

Following the activity, scores were compared to see who had scored the highest in each event. A poem, 'Our Treasure,' was read, a tribute to our seniors and the gifts they have shared throughout their lives. Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and a sweet treat of matrimonial cake and cinnamon twists.

The event was sponsored by the Moosomin Chapter of the STS, with funding from a grant through the provincial STS.

Thanks to the volunteers, Barb Swallow, Janet Lemon, Bob & Betsy Darroch, Wanda Wielgoz and June Radke, who organized and helped with the games. Thanks also to the Villa staff for assisting when needed and for serving the snack. Thanks to Kyle Low for loaning his axe throwing game and his nerf guns for the Crazy Kups. Great fun was had by all!



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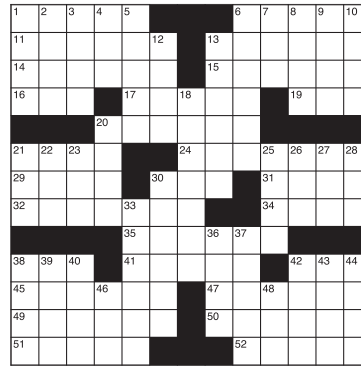
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- 1. Boot attachments
- 6. Trellis creepers
- 11. Offhand
- 13. Continuing story
- 14. Boulevard
- 15. Apostle count
- 16. Garden section
- 17. Royal headwear
- 19. TV's Koppel
- 20. Lower
- 21. "\_\_\_\_\_ Breaky Heart"
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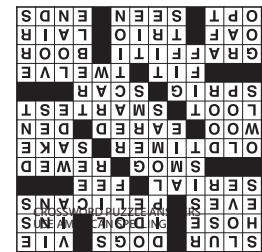
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- 9. Overhang, for short
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- 12. Hawaiian necklaces
- 13. "Sesame \_\_\_\_\_"
- 18. Headache cure
- 20. Greek harp
- 21. Sales pitches
- 22. Law officer
- 23. Cultivate
- 25. Woeful word
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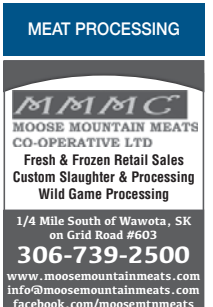
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