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### For She's a Jolly Good Fellow

Cosmo would like to extend a huge thank you and farewell to long-time Kiwanis Rhythm Band conductor Mary Baxter. Mary retired in May after 30 years leading the band. Mary was loved and admired by all those in the Rhythm band. She was always welcomed with a round of applause as she entered the gym for practices. Mary always made sure to bring a treat for band members on special holidays whether it be chocolate bunnies or Christmas cowboy hats.

A morning tea was held in Mary's honour on May 11th. Band members were treated to cinnamon buns and had a chance to say thank you and farewell to Mary. Mary Ann Hegel lead a rousing rendition of For She's A Jolly Good Fellow. Mary glowed as she was serenaded by the band members. Mary accepted a bouquet of flowers and thanked everyone for being in the band. She promised to come back and visit once in while. Thank you Mary, for your many years of dedicated service.

We are currently looking for Mary's replacement. This volunteer would commit one hour a week for practices, as well as time for performances, like to work with people and have musical knowledge. Rhythm band breaks for the summer months. We will resume in the fall with our new conductor. Please contact Anna at 664-3158 if you can help us keep Rhythm Band going. Thank you.





The Miracle on 34th Street Festival

Friday Sept 9th, 2011 1:00 -4:00 p.m.& 5:00-8:00 p.m.

An outdoor event featuring Music, Entertainment, Food, Special Guests & Fellowship

We are looking for volunteers for this day. Please contact Anna if you can help. 664-3158

# **Out and About in the City of Saskatoon**

The City of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant, "Discovering Saskatoon" has come to an end for another year. The main focus was on recreation, but it also included sport and culture.

Several individuals participated in activities of a physical nature including swimming, bowling and billiards. Some also learned how to use the cardio gym equipment at the City of Saskatoon Leisure Centres.

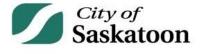
Saskatoon Blades Hockey games always provided great entertainment and a social atmosphere as there are always other co-workers to visit with. The Motorsports Spectacular Monster Truck Show was a blast. Just when we thought it was over, they would start up the trucks again and take them for a spin around the arenas.

We had a fantastic evening for a ladies night out at the Barn Playhouse to watch a live performance of Steel Magnolias. Then it was the men's turn to take in Prairie Trio: A Blend of Sight, Sound and Taste.

All of the individuals who work at Cosmo were able to participate in some in house activities including Hoja, Brenda Baker, Saskatchewan Express and Country Two Band.

This was a great opportunity for those individuals who have limited access to transportation or funds to pay for admission to the events. Thank you to the City of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan Lotteries for approving our application yet again.

Leanne Moffatt Community Grant Project Coordinator





# **Cosmo Alumni in Competition for the Cover of the Rolling Stone**

Former Cosmo staff Ryan Gullen has been in an unsigned rock band called The Sheepdogs since 2004. Gullen began working at Cosmo as a casual bus driver. He also worked one on one with participants as part of the Community and Enriched Support program and was an Intensive Training Support Supervisor until he decided to devote more of his time to the band in 2010.

The Sheepdogs were 1 of 16 bands chosen by folks in the music industry to be in a competition mainly sponsored by Rolling Stone Magazine. Some of you may have already heard the great news that The Sheepdogs have moved on to the final round in the "Cover of The Rolling Stone" Competition.

Some of you may not have heard or may be newcomers to hearing about this exciting venture. Whatever category you are in, please take the time to vote and to pass the word along to get others also to vote for the only Canadian band in the competition.

VOTE at http://www.rollingstone.com/choosethecover.

The grand prize winner of this round will:

- 1) be the first ever unsigned artists to be on the cover of the coveted Rolling Stone magazine
- 2) get a recording contract with Atlantic Records
- 3) play live on the Jimmy Fallon Show

It has been an incredible journey for the four boys in the band, all from Saskatchewan. The Sheepdogs have made it through four rounds in the competition, thanks to your votes. In this 4th and final round, they will "play off" against another competitor on stage at the famous music festival in Tennessee called Bonnaroo, in June.

This round of voting started May 18 and continues until July 1st. Please pass this news to anyone you know of that will take the time to vote these hard working young men to the cover of Rolling Stone! Every vote counts! Congratulations Ryan and The Sheepdogs.

## **Let the Games Begin**

Wednesday May 18th was an exciting day as another successful Special Olympics Track Meet was held at E.D. Feehan School. This year Cosmo took 10 athletes who competed in such events as running, long jump, ball throw, and the 100 meter dash. The morning started off with greetings from Mayor Don Atchison and the athlete oath. We had a bit of rain in the morning, but it cleared up quickly and we had a beautiful day. All of our athletes competed well and were very proud of the many ribbons they won. Thank you to the volunteers and all the E.D. Feehan students who made this day a success and fun for all.

-Tiara Deck, Recreation Coordinator





By Brian Stones, Contracts Area Participan

This is a special news update where I will tell ya about a day in the life of Peter Gerrard, our Executive Director. But next on CCN news: Lynne Cammidge has left the building! Good luck Lynne we are going to miss you and I hope you come and visit the gang here at Cosmo.

In other recent news a serious car accident puts Justin Bieber almost out of his singing and acting career. Sources tell me that he was in his car when a school bus collided head on with the car he was in. Doctors say he survived. Thank goodness!

Ok enough of that. Let's get back to business. Soooo hmmmmm! Anyway, a day in the life of Peter (not Peter Griffin from Family Guy) Peter is a nice guy! And I think that he deserves a lot of credit. May was our open house. It is also our 40th year at Cosmo. Keep up the good work Pete.

That's all for now.

Brian Adam Stones CCN news!
P.S. Tee Jay YOU ROCK!!!!! + YOU KICK BUTT!

#### **New Staff**

Janelle Reiley-term— LSTD
Jenna de Jong— term— LSTD
Carrie Krawetz— casual
Ricquelle Germain— Summer Student
Works Program
Jennifer Olynyk— casual

#### **Staff Changes**

Ashley Fehr– term Therapy Associate
Aimee Stock– casual
Sheelagh McKay– fulltime LSTD
D'arcy Haggland– fulltime LSTD
Nadine Trottier– Job Coach
Baillie Patton– casual

#### Cosmo Says Goodbye

Maryln Bosse Derek Larsen Melissa Boutilier Jenn Rutka