

Short takes

Congrats to **ELMER MEYER** of S.C., a 22-year volunteer with St. John Ambulance. Elmer recently was named an Officer Brother of the Order of St. John by the Governor General of Canada.

A thumbs up to the **S.C. KIWANIS CLUB** in their announcement last week of having our community included in the **BREAK THE CYCLE Family Bike Ride** to help raise needed dollars in the fight against **CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**. The event takes place on Father's Day, June 19, with a ride along the Chinook Pathway.

Pledge sheets are available at Rittinger's Men's Wear in the S.C. Mall, Barker's Jewellery in the Wheatland Mall, and at Bradbrooke's Drugs and B.J. Express downtown.

A big community thank-you to the local **LEGION** on their \$7,000 donation last week for a patient life at the Palliser Regional Care Centre. That will be a most welcomed addition to the care facility.

BRYAN REICH of our local Post Office will be presented the 'Golden Postmark' award at ceremonies in Ottawa tomorrow, June 7 for **Outstanding Customer Service**. Bryan is being honored for his initiative (previously reported) back at Christmas when he helped locate a local family and a parcel with the attached card only giving the first name of a young girl. Bryan went to a lot of work, but tracked the family down to brighten their Christmas.

Over at the **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** at 330 Central N. (773-7732) things are looking up with more students and employers connecting this summer. More jobs, however, at still need, so if you can help, give them a call. And, students can benefit themselves by giving that office a ring. They can assist with a lot of things, like career planning, university applications and other such important matters.

A nice thing happened last week at the **VANGUARD SCHOOL**. Grades 5 & 6 students were out fundraising and creating an awareness poster for the **Children's Wish Foundation**. A story appears on our front page.

On the topic of schools, Cablevision has been showing the **ROBIN HOOD** play put on by **Central School** students ... it was great!

We like to keep you informed on how super softball player **CHRIS MARTENS** is doing at the University of Mass., in the good old U.S. of A. Well, Chris has been named the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Year, made the All-Conference team and the All-Regional Team, among other accomplishments. Some achievements! She is 24th in the U.S. in batting average at .427 -- wow! -- and is eighth in the nation in doubles -- double wow! She also claimed a team-best 20-game hitting streak this year.

Another person we keep tabs on is **MAY SATHER**, the Kyle woman who is publishing her third cookbook. Quick update ... she and her books are doing well with much favorable comment, and demand, for her recipes.

Keep your eyes peeled for events at Checkers, Mulligan's, Sliders and the York Hotel during the June promo of the **U.G.L.Y. BARTENDER** event. Proceeds will support Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

A very special event comes up **JUNE 14** with the Law Enforcement **TORCH RUN** for Special Olympics. Last year \$70,000 was raised. You can make a **PLEDGE** by calling the local Detachment (778-9250).

Noteworthy, is a **SPORTS AUCTION** will be held June 9 at the Wheatland Mall, plus a **FLOAT SALE** at 4:00 p.m.

GARY LUKE has been appointed regional director of education at Swift Current, replacing retiring Lena Savarese. Mr. Luke has been the director of education at Eastend.

Congrats to **BEATRICE MAGEE** of Gull Lake on her re-appointment to the industry-government transition team that will guide **TOURISM** in this province.

Congrats to all the hard working people who have brought together a successful venture in the **HEALING LODGE** near Maple Creek. The facility will be officially opened June 8.