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Local torch runners raise funds on way to Olympics

Weyburn members of this year's law enforcement torch run for Special Olympics wind up fundraising efforts here this week.

The Weyburn contingent of police, conservation officers, and emergency personnel — including Kevin Redden, Gordon Smoliak, Jim Link, Mike Lewis, Garth Oberkirsch, Terry Kerr, Dave Stadel, Bert Kauf, John Murray and Mike Rogal — will make the run from Estevan to Carlyle to Whitewood and up to Yorkton for the beginning of the Special Olympic Summer games on Friday, June 17.

Until then they will be collecting pledges. And before heading to Estevan to begin the run next Wednesday, June 15, the runners will meet for an opening ceremony with local Special Olympic athletes at 8:30 a.m. on the McDonald's parking lot.

A final torch-run fundraiser will be held Saturday with law enforcement personnel serving up pancakes at a Special Olympics breakfast.

Other fundraisers held include a car wash, a bake sale and a coke-and-hot-dog sale.