

Sugar Highs Abound in Assiniboia for Purple Day



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Escape Hair & Nail Salon, where T Weal's sister Chantel works, were raffling off a gift basket, filled with purple prizes, and a year's supply of AG hair products, which was won by Lynn Lethbridge.

By the end of the day there was not a single purple cupcake left in the store.

Christine Weal is, in many ways, the reason that Purple Day is in Assiniboia at all. Her struggle with the neurological disorder inspired the Weal family to bring the awareness effort to town.

Thankfully, Weal's struggle with the condition looks like it might be coming to an end. About a year ago, she underwent brain surgery to have the part of her brain responsible for the seizures removed.

To do that, doctors had to cut a sizable chunk of the right side of her skull out. The removal of brain matter happened in the area of the brain responsible for turning short term memory into long term ones, which could have left her without that ability.

To add to the danger, that section of the brain is right behind the eye, meaning that one false move could have left her with vision impairment.

Fortunately, the surgeon's knife was true, and Weal says that she has noticed no difference in vision or memory since the surgery.

Although there were risks associated with the surgery, Weal says that going under the knife was a no brainer. With an 80% chance of never having another seizure again, weighing the options was easy.

Weal, who had her first seizure in 2009, says she has nearly had one a day since. She describes the feeling of coming out of a seizure as being like not having slept in two weeks. She says she was tired, unfocused, and drained.

On top of that, due to the danger of bodily harm as a result of seizure, Weal was not allowed to drive, was not allowed to use a ladder, and could not even use the front two burners on the stove top for fear of losing control of her body.

After nearly five years living with these and many more restrictions, surgery was the clear

choice.

Weal says she has not had a seizure since the surgery, though she admits that she is still taking her medications.

That too will be coming to an end soon, though. Weal's doctors wanted to give her an opportunity to acclimatize to normal life again after the surgery, so they decided to leave her on her medications for a year. That year comes to an end in May.

Weal says she could not be happier. Although they certainly help, her medications leave her feeling listless and are so hard on her stomach that they give her painful heartburn. She says there were also a number of pills to take, so the weaning process will take some time.

With any luck, come next purple day, the only reminders of her time living with epilepsy will be a purple cupcake and the question mark-shaped scar that is rapidly fading on her head.

As a testament to the doctors who have so positively impacted her life, the Weal family are donating all of the \$2,400 raised last Thursday to the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon to fund epilepsy research.

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The RCMP Assiniboia Detachment, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan is seeking tenders for janitorial services contract.

Interested parties may obtain a Tender Package through the Detachment by contacting:
Assiniboia Detachment @ 306-642-7110.

The successful contractor and their employees will be required to obtain a valid RCMP Departmental Security clearance.

The successful contractor must adhere to all safety rules, regulations and labor codes in all jurisdictions where work is performed.

This service contract may not necessarily be awarded to the lowest bidder.

Optional Site Visit will be held on: Wednesday, April 08, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Deadline for Tender submission is: 2:00 p.m. MDT, April 22, 2015.

Bids must be forwarded to RCMP NWR Procurement & Contracting via courier or fax as per submission of Bids within the Tender Package.

Le personnel du détachement de la GRC de Assiniboia, à Assiniboia, en Saskatchewan, sollicite des offres pour un contrat de services de nettoyage et d'entretien.

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Christine Weal (4th from left) with the staff of Escape Hair and Nail Salon. Photo by Sebastien Bell

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Purple Day, the annual epilepsy awareness day, hit Assiniboia on Thursday, March 26 with the sale of hundreds of purple topped cupcakes, many prizes awarded, and more than \$2,400 raised.

This year the Assiniboia Bakery and Escape Hair & Nail Salon participated in the event bringing attention to the condition that affects 1 in 100 Canadians, and notably one Assiniboier, Christine Weal.

To mark the event, the

bakery baked 600 purple frosted cupcakes, topped any frosted or glazed treats with purple, and even baked a few purple frosted muffins for the kids at the Assiniboia Child Care Services, provided by the Assiniboia Times

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