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350 athletes competing in special olympics

On June 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 the communities of Estevan and Weyburn, along with the resort area of Kenosee will host the 1981 Special Olympics for Saskatchewan.

The Special Olympics consti-

tutes a physical fitness program for the mentally retarded in this province, involving mentally handicapped persons in a wide variety of sports and recreation.

Close to 350 mentally handi-

capped athletes will be participating in this year's Special Olympics, with a total of eight zones being represented. Athletes from Zone I (Estevan. Weyburn, Redvers, Oxbow and Moosomin); Regina, Moose Jaw-

Swift Current: Yorkton area; Davidson; Saskatoon; North Battleford-Lloydminster and from Prince Albert will be on hand for the various events which make up the format of the Special

Among the sports involved are track and field events, swimming and bowling. The track and field events will be held at the Estevan Comprehensive School grounds, camping activities will be held at Kenosee and bowling will be staged at Weyburn. Swimming will be held at the

On Thursday, June 18, the Special Olympics begin at Weyburn with bowling at the Super Bowl. Opening ceremonies commence at 12 noon with Weyburn mayor Isabel Butters throwing out the ceremonial first pitch. A total of 130 athletes will be involved at the Weyburn portion of the event. On the same day, athletes will be taking part in canoeing. paddleboats, tug-of-war, swimming, movies, cookouts and camping at Kenosee, using all three institutional camps there. Athletes for the games will be grouped into age and ability

On Friday, June 19, athletes will participate in swimming at Woodlawn in Estevan from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with 18 athletes competing. As well, bowling will continue at Weyburn. Saturday's activities include a track and field meet at ECS which involves opening ceremonies and following the track and field meet. closing ceremonies of the actual

dance will be held on Saturday

evening. Sunday's activities include van, which includes the power breakfast at Rotary Park in Este-

van, an ecumenical church service and a guided tour of Esteplant at Boundary Dam.

The 1981 Saskatchewan Special Olympics have a special significance since this is the Year of the Disabled.

Fired employee returns to work

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal Company has been ordered to give Bill Beahm of Estevan. his job back and pay him the time he was off work.

Beahm, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America Local 7606, was fired Jan. 21 following a illegal work stoppage by more than 200 M

Nominating meeting

Barry Bridges, president of Estevan Progressive Conservative Association, has announced that a nominating meeting will be held June 24 at the Derrick Motor Hotel starting at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the next provincial election, or

Bridges said the executive of the constituency association is holding the nominating meeting at this time because of the interest which has been generated by the Ole Tenold vs Jack Chapman court case and so as to be prepared in

case there is either another byelection or early general election.

Grant Devine, provincial leader; has indicated he will run for the nomination. At this time no other candidates for the nomination have stepped forward.

Present at the meeting will be several prominent political figures including Harvey Andre, Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre, and chairman of the P.C. caucus committee on economic affairs. Andre will address the meeting on the subject "Energy-where we are today and where we should be

and S employees.

Beahm and Luscar Ltd., of Edmonton, owner of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Coal company, decided to settle the dispute through a mutually agreeable arbitrator.

The arbitrator informed the parties on a conference call June 9, he was ordering Beahm reinstated with full back pay and benefits. Beahm, out of work for 140 days, must not be discriminated against in any way, the arbitrator ruled.

Beahm was scheduled to go

back to work Tuesday morning. Labor problems at M and S and Bienfait Coal Mining Company operations at Boundary Dam and Bienfait surfaced Jan. 6. Employees staged a two-hour work stoppage to protest the company's handling of job postings, which the employees claimed were against the terms of the collective agreement.

The company reacted by suspending Local 7606's president Dennis Blackburn, for two days, because the union failed to use proper procedures for filing a

grievance with the company. The company and union failed to resolve the problems and Blackburn's suspension was not lifted, triggering a walkout of the

employees. They staved off the job for five days, returning when Luscar was granted a court injunction ordering the men back to work. Five other men were suspended from three to five days, but Beahm

was the only one dismissed. The company maintained he was fired for failing to ensure the old char plant was properly supervised when it was shut down.

Beahm claimed he lost his job because of union activity.

Luscar and the United Mineworkers have started negotiations for a contract with the current one expiring June 30.

Woodlawn pool in Estevan. The schedule is as follows:

sports events. A banquet and



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