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Burger Week set for Feb. 17-28

Ten restaurants participating from Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming, & Maryfield

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

Ten restaurants will be participating in Burger Week in the Moosomin area this year, which will run from February 17-28, giving people 12 days to try the tasty burger creations on offer from local restaurants.

Restaurants from four different communities—Moosomin, Rocanville, Fleming and Maryfield—are all involved in Burger Week this year.

The participating restaurants include the Red Barn, Cork & Bone, Witch's Brew, Dairy Queen, Skout Brewing, and the Nutrien Sportsplex in Moosomin, the Rocanville Golf Club and Blueberry Kitchen in Rocanville, the Fleming Windsor Bar & Grill in Fleming, and the Arlington Hotel in Maryfield.

This year the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Burger Week. Burger stamp cards will be handed out at each of the participating restaurants. People can get their card stamped at each restaurant they dine at. When they get their card stamped at five different restaurants they can leave the card at that restaurant and start a new card or bring their completed card to the World-Spectator office in Moosomin for a chance to win \$500 in Moosomin Bucks.

People will also get a chance to vote on their favorite burger. A prize will be giving out to the winning restaurant.

"After talking to the local restaurants, we decided to run Burger Week for 12 days this year to give people a chance to try all of the burgers," says Kevin Weedmark with the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

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Some of the burgers on offer during this year's Burger Week in the Moosomin area.

Weedmark appointed Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark has been appointed the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health.

"As Legislative Secretary I will be working with Saskatchewan Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill and Rural and Remote Health Minister Lori Carr in various areas," said Weedmark last week after the appointment was announced.

"I sat down after the caucus meeting on Tuesday with the two of them and we came up with a plan. I'm going to start sitting in on stakeholder meetings with them with the view to being able to take some of those meetings off their plate. So I will be meeting with various groups who are coming to the health ministry with issues, and I will be attending events on their behalf.

"Health is a big portfolio. There are a lot of areas it covers, and a lot of stakeholders to meet with, a lot of events to attend. I will be helping the two of them spread themselves a little bit far-



Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark speaking to reporters on behalf of the government at an event in Regina recently.

ther. I will be taking some meetings on their behalf, occasionally speaking on their behalf and helping out in any way I can.

"The main responsibilities will be simply standing in for them in cases where they can't be there. So that might be speaking at an event or it may be meeting with a group of doctors, meeting with a health care foundation—speaking at both public events and private meetings in place of the ministers, and then relaying the information from those events back to them. So the three of us are working as a team. I will help them spread themselves further, it's as simple as that."

Weedmark says this will be a new challenge for him.

"The different thing about this role is I've got a lot of committee appointments, and most of my committee appointments have to do with the management or economic side of things. Most of my committee appointments are to do with the economy.

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Jeannot gives update on Living Skies fireworks competition August long

Bands, food trucks, market vendors booked as plans start coming together



Above: A photo of fireworks over Moosomin Lake during the last Living Skies competition.

Above right: The Sean Taylor Band out of Winnipeg will be performing on the Sunday night.

KARA KINNA

At the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting on Jan. 29, Kyle Jeannot gave an update on how plans are coming together for the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition planned for Moosomin Regional Park on the August long weekend.

"On August 2 and 3, we are going to have Living Skies Come Alive again," he said. "We have Archangel out of Winnipeg booked to help with the competition, and it will be a Saskatchewan versus Alberta competition. Saskatchewan will be on August 2 and Alberta will be on the 3.

"Route 605 will play for a band on the 2nd and the Sean Taylor band out of Winnipeg will play on the 3rd. There are food trucks booked. There is Mexican King, Perras Boys, and a smoothie truck coming, as well as the store serving food that weekend.

"And either the Thursday or Friday be-

fore we are going to do a beer night with Skout Brewing out at the lake trying to kick off the event.

"There will be kids events all weekend, and then on Saturday the 2nd there will be vendors there as well for a market. I think there are over 26 booked already.

"So it should be a good weekend. Wrist bands will go on sale at the end of June or early July. For camping, make sure you book online. March 1 it opens up.

"If anyone is looking to volunteer that weekend, we definitely are looking for hands and help in the beer gardens and with parking. We could use at least 20-30 volunteers. Parking is our biggest issue to find people for."

The Living Skies Come Alive competition has not been held for a few years, but when it was hosted previously it brought tens of thousands of people through the gates of the park, and was a fundraiser for

the park.

Jeannot says they are hoping for a similar turnout now that the competition is back.

"We are hoping ideally 4,000 people a day would be perfect," he told Chamber members.

Anyone who wants to join the committee planning the event, or who wants to help with volunteering can contact Jeannot at 306-434-9112 or email kyle_jeannot@hotmail.com

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Ethier recognized with Coronation Medal

McNaughton vice-principal Jordan Ethier recognized for his contributions

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Jordan Ethier, McNaughton High School's Vice-Principal, was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his work in community volunteerism, education with a focus on Indigenous education, and his work with the Manitoba Métis Federation.

Ethier grew up in northwest Saskatchewan and lives in Wawota with his family.

"I was born in North Battleford but raised in the Battlefords on a farm outside of the city. My family has lived in the Battlefords area since the late 1800s. So, we have been around that area for a long time. I currently live in Wawota with my wife and two kids. My wife is from Wawota, she is a Lemontagne and her family is from Wawota."

Education

Ethier attended many universities before finishing his degree in History at the University of Regina.

"When I first graduated from high school I wasn't entirely sure of what I wanted to do. I thought I wanted to be a military lawyer in the Air Force, or I wanted to be a professor of history at a university. I started at the University of Saskatchewan studying political science and history and then I decided if I was going to pursue the military I needed to improve my French. So, I went to Quebec City where I went to the Université Laval.

"Katelyn, my wife, was living in Regina at the time and we were getting more serious and decided that living across the country and pursuing this military law degree wasn't conducive to our future plans. Then, I decided to go the



Jordan Ethier recognized for contributions to education

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen presented the King Charles III Coronation Medal to Jordan Ethier in a ceremony recently. Ethier lives in Wawota and is vice-principal at McNaughton High School in Moosomin.

route of history professor—my first plan for education was to be a history professor. I then went to the University of Regina and finished a degree in History and certificate in French as a Second Language.

"During this time is when my daughter, Aurora, was born, so with her coming along there was a lot of talk about family stability and immediate plans and although my passion is history and my long-term plan after retirement is still to pursue history in

academia, at this time I needed more stability and academia is not that, and it can take a long time to establish yourself as well. Just because you finish your PhD doesn't mean you miraculously get a job at your ideal location. So then I took a step back and looked at what was truly important to me and what I needed to do to feel satisfied and fulfilled and what I realized was although I had a passion for history it was the prospect of teaching at a university level that had me excited.

"After realizing that, I shifted gears and went into the Education program at the University of Regina, but because of my other studies I could do it quicker—I didn't have to take the full four years. It is called the after-degree program, so I did that with a major in Social Sciences and a minor in French education. I did my pre-internship at Luther College. That is how I got into education, I realized I wanted those relationships with students, I wanted to try and spark that same passion

for learning and that is what moved me in this direction."

Métis background

Ethier is proud of his Métis heritage.

"It is really important to me. My father is Métis, and it is particularly important on his mother's side as well, so my grandmother was Elise Ethier and Elise—not that it wasn't important in other parts of my family—but her family has some significant Métis figures in its lineage—people like Abraham Bélanger Senior, who was present at the March 24, 1884 secret Resistance planning meeting, and a Captain of one of the 19 companies led by Gabriel Dumont during the 1885 North West Resistance.

"His dad was Louis Bélanger, who is Chief Mistawasis's brother, which shows an interesting interconnectedness of many Métis families and First Nations families, especially during the early days of the Métis Nation. Abraham Bélanger's son, Abraham Bélanger Junior, fought in one of the regiments at Batoche so in my grandmother's family there is a lot of involvement in formal Métis politics throughout history and my grandmother had some involvement herself in—before it was called Métis Nation Saskatchewan—there was these catch-all organizations for non-status Indians and Métis people in the 1960s and '70s. It was something very much in the fabric of my family's lineage. The lessons I was taught and stories I was told—like everyone has from their grandparents and parents—mine are Métis stories of resilience, survival, Indigenous lessons and teachings."

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Burger Week Feb. 17-28

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"Everyone loves burger week, but it's tough to eat that many burgers in one week. This gives people more time to try all of the burgers, support the local restaurants, and vote on their favorite!"

This marks the fifth year for Burger Week. Local restaurants say they look forward to Burger Week each year.

"I think that it connects people to our local restaurants and aims to boost sales and visibility," says Morgan Kerr with Moosomin Dairy Queen. "We really have a lot of fun trying all the unique, creative burgers. It also gives us an opportunity, and a reason to support the other local restaurants. We don't eat out a lot so it gives us a chance to try that. It's a fun time—fun for us creating, and fun to try the other burgers."

"I think Burger Week has always been well supported. It helps with exposure and boosting sales."

Kerr says she's not surprised Burger Week is so popular and well supported.

"I'm not surprised Burger Week continues to thrive because it's Moosomin, and is there a single thing that Moosomin doesn't get behind? I don't think there is. When it comes to supporting local businesses, local people, and local goals, I think that Moosomin has always topped anywhere else."

She says the event is good at getting people out and about having fun and trying the local restaurants.

"We see people that we normally wouldn't see because of this event. We hear them talk about the other restaurants they've tried, and how this burger was different from that one. They seem genuinely excited about it. You get everyone from students at lunch to senior citizens in the evening talking about it. Everyone seems to get really excited."

"I started participating because I was a new business and I was asked to be the first year and I thought it was a cool idea," says Jarrod Slugoski, the owner of Cork & Bone Bistro. "I was blown away by the response, and I think that Moosomin really enjoyed the concept of what was going on, and the opportunity to try a lot of people's different ideas of a burger."

"I think it is a really cool idea, and it just kind of spawned from there. Now I like the competitiveness of it."

"This will be our third year participating in Burger Week," says Racquel Coz-

ens with Blueberry Kitchen in Rocanville. "We participate because we enjoy the challenge to come up with a better burger every year. Burger week also draws people to town and it's a nice financial boost."

"People come in, grab their burgers, and usually stop at the gas station or the grocery store next to us, or make other pit stops, which I'm sure helps other businesses as well."

"Burger Week probably doubles or triples our income for the week. It is a really nice boost."

"We love burger week because we get to create a new and exciting burger for our burger fans to try," says Melinda Griffin with the Red Barn in Moosomin. "It makes for great conversation between staff at the back of house on the design."

"This year we are offering the '9 Yards Burger.' The name stems from nine ingredients, so the whole nine yards—beef burger, smoked pork, cheddar cheese, bacon, twice dusted jalapenos, lettuce, tomatoes, chipotle mayo and pickles."

How does Griffin think it benefit the local businesses?

"It is an amazing campaign for everyone," says Griffin. "People travel to other towns to try the other businesses' creations and make an adventure out of it. Many of our customers in past years have traveled with friends, making it a lunch date or afternoon cruise. And while in a sister town, why not stop at a couple of shops and find a trinket or two? Plus it's good vibes for businesses to support other businesses."

"Everyone looks forward to Burger Week. Our staff enjoy engaging with customers when they ask what do you recommend. This gives us an opportunity for additional conversation. It truly is great hearing 'We heard we had to try yours!'"

"Everyone seems to know what Burger Week is—our local fans and even ones travelling through. So it's great that our small-town communities are participating together to put on such a great event here in Southeast Saskatchewan."

"In past years we sold upwards of 700 burgers over and above our regular burger sales and our feedback is usually the same—'Wow, what a great burger!'"

"We love, love, love serving all our customers, so the blood, sweat and tears from selling so many burgers makes it all worthwhile. Plus the bragging rights of having an amazing burger helps a little too..."

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THE WORLD-Spectator

Reconciliation education centre opens in Weyburn

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

"This gathering here is a baby step to reconciliation," said Elder Lorna Standingready during a blessing at the grand opening of the Reconciliation Education Centre at the Southeast College in Weyburn on Jan. 22.

Around 75 students, staff, dignitaries, Indigenous leaders and elders were on hand for the event, which also unveiled the college's Indigenous Action Plan. The action plan features five goals, with each one broken down to a list of action items that reflect the spirit of the particular goal. These goals include: improved communication between Southeast College and Indigenous partners; utilizing elders to guide and teach students and staff; providing increased student supports with culturally based resources; developing an Indigenous student recruitment strategy; and offering specific Indigenous content.

"In January, 2024, first nation representatives and representatives from the Métis locals in the Southeast College catchment area came together with the Southeast College executive team for a connecting day, and I was the facilitator for the day," explained Stacey Mustatia, Indigenous Initiative Co-ordinator at Southeast College. "The connecting day was a day of discussion, brainstorming, identifying collective strengths, identifying our uniqueness, our knowledge and people resources and to lay the foundation for the vision of practical and tangible steps to bolster the well being and academic success of Indigenous students."

She described the day as one of lively conversation, laughter, and a safe space to discuss ideas and speak one's truth.

"This was the beginnings of the Indigenous Action Plan, and was followed up with ongoing virtual consulta-

tion meetings to ensure that the intended messaging is what was understood and what would go to print," Mustatia said.

Also rising from that initial meeting would be the space at Southeast College Weyburn Campus in Room 134, now also known officially as the Reconciliation Education Centre. The space features large windows, live-edge tables, and artwork adorning the walls.

Jody Holzmiller, Interim President and CEO for Southeast College, called the grand opening event "a true testament to Southeast College's commitment to reconciliation."

"We look forward to sharing this space with our students, staff, and communities as a place to learn and appreciate the many facets of the Indigenous culture," she said.

Dignitaries offer greetings

There were a number of dignitaries who attended the event.

"As I look around the room and I see so many bright faces and people who have benefited from education over the years, and what we're seeing here, and what we're introducing today is to try and educate even more on the issue of reconciliation and dealing with educating Canadians across this country about the great things that we have to offer," said Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen.

Representing the Province of Saskatchewan was Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark, who also congratulated the College on their 50th anniversary year.

"Today's an opportunity to both recognize past achievements and look forward to a positive, productive future," he said. "The new centre that we're here to celebrate will

help our young people reach their potential and our government's proud to work with Southeast College to provide education and training opportunities to students."

Weedmark also noted how fortunate the province is to have a post secondary sector that is actively taking steps to Indigenous and support reconciliation.

"The opening of this new centre today is such a positive step in this regard," he said. "It will help improve engagement with our Indigenous learners and create more opportunities for them to succeed. I know that this is at the heart of the goals of the Southeast College in its latest strategic plan. Reconciliation requires action from all of us. Supporting Indigenous learners improves the quality of life for Indigenous peoples and contributes to our growing province. We fully support Southeast College's efforts to Indigenous learning spaces and incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing into post secondary education."

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"I'm on the Cabinet Committee on the Economy and the Standing Committee on the Economy. They deal with economic issues. I'm on the Board of Internal Economy, the House Services Committee and the Caucus Management Committee. They deal with management and budgets. So a lot of my appointments up to this point have been in that area."

"In this area, when the premier reached out, he mentioned recruitment in the health care field as being one area that he thought I might be able to help with. So this is a bit of a different appointment in that everything up to this point has been focused on economics and management and business. Health is a totally different realm. It's something that I'm also very interested in."

"One of my legislative colleagues reached out and said, 'This is wonderful Kevin, this is obviously something you have a passion for.' And my reply was 'I have a passion for too many things.' I'm very interested in a lot of things. I'm sure I have a lot to learn on the health file, but it's going to be very, very interesting to be involved."

"It's certainly going to add to my work load. Already as MLA I'm doing a lot of events and a lot of meetings across the constituency. I have been doing a lot of events in Regina and around the province on behalf of the government already, and on behalf of various ministers. And now this is another role that is going to add to my workload."

"It's exciting. It's going to be interesting. There are so many different duties of an MLA, the challenge will be working this into my schedule. On Wednesday I had some meetings set up on the health file and at the same time had to work that

around a call with the chief of Carry The Kettle First Nation, as I am the liaison between Carry The Kettle and the provincial government as they respond to the tragedy there."

"The health file is one more thing to add to my list of duties. I'm definitely not going to have a slow day for the next four years."

What does Weedmark think the biggest challenge will be with his new role?

"Basically learning the file inside out," he said. "I'll start by sitting in with the ministers on some meetings and see how they respond to issues that are raised at meetings. There will be briefing notes for each meeting I attend. I'll try to learn from them and then be able to take on some of those meetings on their behalf."

Weedmark says he is happy he was chosen for the responsibility.

"It's a smaller caucus and we have a lot of new members so some of those new members are being called on to fulfill bigger roles more quickly than they have had in the past. But we have a great team. Every Sask Party MLA is a committed advocate for the communities they serve and a committed team player for the government caucus. We all have our roles to play and every one of those roles is important."

"I think my energy and enthusiasm are what I'd like to bring to this role. I like to solve problems. I like to put people together to solve problems. I like to look at issues in new ways to come up with creative solutions. I believe that there is a so-

lution to every problem. So I'm going to bring that attitude and a lot of enthusiasm into this role and I hope I can make a difference for the people of Saskatchewan."

"It feels great. It's wonderful. I was very pleased when the premier gave me a call and told me he was going to be appointing me to this role. I said 'thank you for your trust in me.' It means a lot that after just a few months as an MLA, he is putting this trust in me. Very quickly after being elected, I was appointed Deputy Government Whip, I'm on five committees, and now I have this role as a legislative secretary to the Ministers of Health."

"It feels good that people are seeing some potential in me and I'm just going to do everything I can to live up to those expectations."

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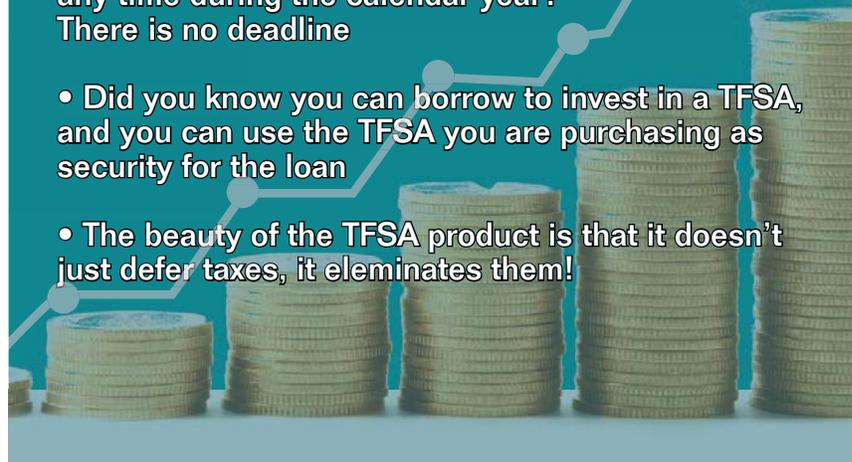


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Elkhorn decorating to support Sanheim in the Four Nations Tournament

BY ASHLEY BOCHEK

Elkhorn's Travis Sanheim will be part of Team Canada for the Four Nations tournament.

Sanheim has played with the Philadelphia Flyers throughout his NHL career.

Sanheim was selected by the Flyers in the first round, 17th overall, of the 2014 NHL entry draft.

Travis, the son of Kent and Shelley Sanheim of Elkhorn, has played the most sustained stretch of excellent two-way hockey in his career this season (including five goals and 15 points in 25 games) while absorbing massive ice time responsibilities.

The 28-year-old has represented Team Canada before, but the Four Nations tournament represents the toughest competition he's had to beat out for a national team roster spot.

Previously, Sanheim was part of Team Canada at the 2014 Under-18 World Championships, the 2016 World Juniors and the 2022 IIHF World Championships.

The tournament will take place in Montréal and Boston February 12-20.

Home town proud

Kaileigh Kyle of Elkhorn says people in the community wanted to show their support by decorating their homes and businesses in support of Travis Sanheim.

The community of Elkhorn already displays their pride for Sanheim with signs by the highway and at their community rink.

"Lots of people are well aware of Travis' outstanding career as a Flyer, and we have the big sign out on the highway and one above the doors at the rink," she said.

She said the entire community is proud of their local NHLer.

"The community thinks it's great," she said. "I think it is amazing and really something for the little kids in the community to look up to and if they work hard toward their dreams—even if you are from little Elkhorn, and go to little Elkhorn school, and play hockey out of the Elkhorn rink, you can still make it to the big leagues."

Community hub

Kyle explains the rink is a community hub in Elkhorn.

"The rink is the centre-point of the community, it is where we all gather and chat over a hockey game," she said.

"Elkhorn has always been a hockey hub and that includes teams stopping in over the years to eat meals at the rink. The WHL Brandon Wheat Kings stopped here when they were going by for many years. We have had lots of kids go and play excellent hockey—well Travis and Sheldon played in the NHL, but we also have had lots of kids play in the WHL



Travis Sanheim has gone from the Elkhorn rink to the NHL and will be part of Team Canada at the Four Nations Face-Off in February.

and in the junior leagues in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and go on and play university hockey. For this small town, the rink is a lot of what we offer."

Decorating the town

When did the community decide to decorate in support of Travis playing for Team Canada?

"The news had come out that he made the team and as a community it was just an idea thrown out from the ECAR Steering Committee, a group I sit on, saying 'Hey, do you think this would be fun?' and bring the community together and show our support for him.

"Making team Canada is—probably in anybody's eyes—a highlight and achievement in their career.

"It is an easy way for the community to bond. Everyone in the day care can be involved to the nursing home to the lodge, the school, the businesses, to everyone! It brings people together to socialize too, whether you have a watch-party or anything like that as well. It is just something we as a community decided we should be supportive of. His family lives here, he grew up here, and his grandparents live here."

Kyle explains posters, jerseys, and window paint are only some of the few ideas the town will be displaying in support of Travis.

"So far, we are still in the early stages of things because the tournament doesn't start until February 12. So, I know just from driving down the street one day—I've already seen one house had 'Go Canada Go' written in window paint. We've just put the idea out and started getting the word around and we just hope people will partake.

"I know at the nursing home, where I work, that

we are going to decorate, it is on our calendar, and we are going to have a watch-

party and we are very excited.

"People can do little

things like having red Christmas lights hanging up, or put a Canada flag in

their window, or I suggested to the school that maybe they make a big banner.

"It is easy for the day care to do crafts too of the maple leaf or any ideas like that or 'Go Canada Go' or 'Go Travis Go' or a jersey you want to hang up. Honestly anything!"

Kyle says the community wants to recognize and support the dreams being accomplished by other community members.

"It is important to support our former and present community members when they are achieving excellence and possibly lifetime goals and dreams and it shows that we are a well-bonded community and that we all work together to support our local neighbours and community members."

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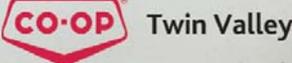
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Reconciliation education centre opens in Weyburn



Elder Lorna Standingready celebrates cutting the ribbon and officially opening the Reconciliation Education Centre at the Weyburn Campus of Southeast College.



Left: John Bouchard, Indigenous Alumni Class of '23 from Southeast College shared some of his truth and also gifted a drum he crafted during the event. Kelli Schuster was the recipient of the gift.

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For Weyburn's Mayor Jeff Richards, Southeast College holds fond memories of when he served as Vice President of Strategic Development.

"As some of you will know, the college is pretty special to me," he said. "They allowed me to hang out with them for half a dozen years or so up here, and this facility means a lot to me, and so do the people here."

Now in his capacity as mayor, he was able to return to the college with a pledge.

"As mayor of Weyburn, I am today prepared to commit to you that city council and all of administration is committed to fostering meaningful relationships with First Nations people and all peoples in our community," he said. "Recently, the City of Weyburn went through a strategic planning exercise, like all places do, and we developed a new mission statement. That mission statement is 'A Community for All', and we believe in that. We posted that in large letters on the wall of council chambers so that we're reminded every time we walk in there. Weyburn is a community for all peoples together. We're stronger when we talk about the truths of the past, and we work together to build a community rooted in mutual respect, equality and purpose."

Southeast College Chair John Williams was next to speak, noting the importance of the day's ceremony.

"The centre represents a small but significant step in Southeast College's path towards truth and reconciliation and the inclusion of Indigenous culture in our education framework," he said. "It's more than just a space for people to gather. It's a spot for students to exchange knowledge, to learn from each other and to build understanding of each other's cultures and the mutual respect that comes from that and from there, to move forwards together. Today's celebration is the accumulation of efforts from many individuals in this room."

Echoing the sentiments of those before her, Monica Osborn, Executive Director for the Weyburn Chamber of Commerce, spoke on how reconciliation is not a single act, but a continuous journey.

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 “One that requires the commitment of individuals, organizations and communities,” she said. “As a representative of the Weyburn businesses and economic development communities, we recognize the importance of partnerships that respect and honour the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples.”
 “We’re excited about the role this centre will play in inspiring a more inclusive and equitable future—not only in Weyburn, but across our region,” Osborn continued. “Let the centre be a beacon of hope and progress, reminding us all of the strengths that come from unity and understanding.”

Sharing gifts

The celebration was also a feast for the ears, as the duo Amberjacks entertained the audience with Métis fiddle classics and Indigenous Youth Drummers from Ocean Man First Nation shared their talents. The drummers would also go on to close the ceremonies, leading a round dance in the newly christened room.
 Also on hand was Indigenous Alumni student, John Bouchard, who graduated from Southeast College in 2023 and First Nations University of Canada. Bouchard

is also a gifted drum builder, bringing one of his works to the ceremony.
 “In the spirit of reconciliation, you learn our past is always about giving,” he said. “Even the greatest chiefs in the past had nothing, because a great chief would give everything they had for their people. So in that spirit, I would like to give this drum.”
 The most effective way to determine who would receive the gifted drum was to draw names, with Kelli Schuster being the recipient of the gift.
 After a ribbon cutting to open the Reconciliation Education Centre, Elder Lorna led a smudge ceremony, burning sacred medicines including sage she picked herself, sweetgrass, cedar, and tobacco, giving those gathered an opportunity to cleanse and purify themselves.
 To honour Mustatia for her efforts in making the Reconciliation Education Centre a reality, Freida Sparvier (Adult Basic Education Principal), Nicole Bear (Director of Education), and Elder Errol Kinistino, all of Ochapowace Nation presented Mustatia with a starblanket.
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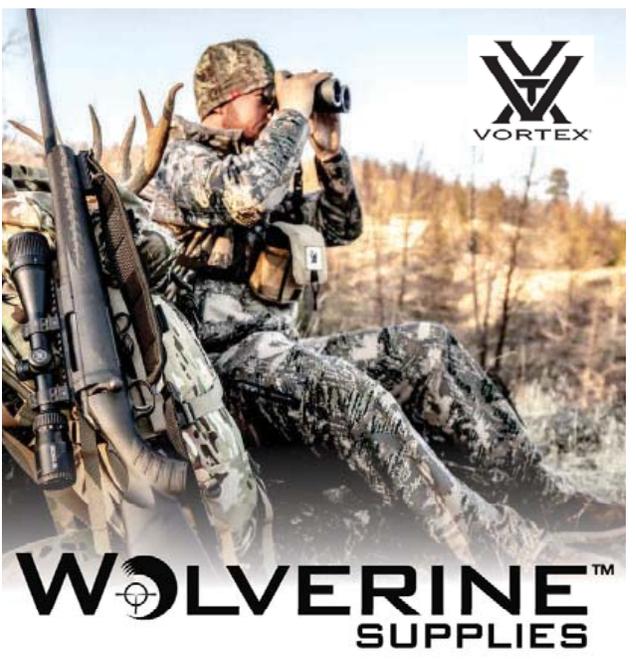


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Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Moosomin presented with CIB awards



Moosomin with Communities in Bloom committee members with their 2024 Communities in Bloom Awards. From left are Alice Abrahamson, Pansy Taylor, Andrew Exelby with the Saskatchewan Parks and Rec Association, Ann Norgan, Larry Tomlinson, Casey McCormack, Mike Schwewan, Lyla Smart, Chris Davidson and Carol Adair.

BY NICOLE TAYLOR

The 2024 Saskatchewan provincial Communities in Bloom awards were presented to Moosomin for the community's success in 2024.

The awards were presented at the Chamber of commerce meeting on January 29.

Andrew Exelby with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association presented the awards and also discussed the 2025 Communities in Bloom competition.

Moosomin has been recommended to the National Communities in Bloom program. "As a five bloom provincial winner, Moosomin has the privilege of being invited to the national program," said Exelby.

"There are provincial, national, and international chapters of CIB, it's all based on the Britain in Bloom program which started over 60 years ago. The Canadian organization was formed in 1994 and the first Canadian edition was held in 1995. We began co-ordinating the provincial program in 1997, and we've been involved ever since as the longest running provincial partner."

"It's all about exactly how Moosomin is approaching it. It's that grassroots approach to the program. Communities in Bloom is meant to be a marathon, not a sprint. I think that Moosomin is a really good example of a community that's thriving and in my opinion, looks like you will continue to long into the future," said Exelby.

The CIB program's vision is to inspire all communities to enhance the quality of life and environment, and create community pride.

"It's more than planting flowers, its about development. There's an old saying that 'if you look successful you're more likely to be successful, and that applies to communities as well," said Exelby

The keys areas that the Communities in Bloom judge are: community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscapes and floral displays.

Community Appearance

The judges were incredibly impressed with how tidy the fire hall area and the town maintenance grounds were.

"They also noticed how beautiful the Regional Park is, and how well maintained it was. You don't see that at a lot of places. The judges also mentioned the town's commitment to rebuilding sidewalks every year as notable. The infrastructure deficit is a big problem in a lot of municipalities, so a lot of times, the smaller things like sidewalks get forgotten. It's really important to recognize this as an amazing thing for your community to be doing, and it certainly helps the appearance of your community as well.

"The playgrounds were really nice," said Exelby, "The golf course was very impressive. We took a tour and the judges noted that it was beautifully landscaped, neatly mowed and well treed. The judges were impressed by the community overall, and I think that can certainly be reflected in your five bloom rating."

Environmental Action

"The number of buildings that have been repurposed in Moosomin is quite impressive. Heritage buildings are still in active use, being renovated to make sure that they continue to be useful for future generations."

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\$24 million worth of construction: Record construction in Moosomin in 2024

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was a record breaking year for construction in Moosomin, with construction in the town of Moosomin and next to the town in the RM of Moosomin in 2024 totalling \$24,086,781.

That total is about four times the \$6,193,713 in building permits in 2023 and nine times higher than the \$2,638,300 in 2022.

Of the \$24 million in construction, \$16,786,781 was within the town of Moosomin itself, and the remainder is commercial construction on the edge of Moosomin, including the new JJACK building, the new Johnston's Grain building, the new Mantle building and the new Sunny Transport building, which are in the RM but immediately adjacent to the town.

Within the town of Moosomin, residential building permits totalled \$5,776,781 through 14 permits while five commercial projects accounted for \$11,010,000. Borderland Co-op's new 30,000-square-foot food store in Moosomin contributed \$10,000 to that total.

"A lot of that would be the new grocery store, because that one is \$10 million," explained Economic Development Officer, Casey McCormac.

"Most of those from 2024, quite a few of them, will be finished up here in the beginning of 2025. The grocery store was our most expensive one, and then the next one would be the two 12-unit apartment buildings that Keller Developments is doing. After that, there's quite a few new homes, and I think a lot of that has to do with our residential incentive."

Borderland Co-op CEO Jason Schenn says building a new food store in Moosomin made sense.

"We've been a part of the fabric of our communities for a long, long time," said Schenn. "We do everything we do with the intent of looking generationally, not just quarterly or for the next two or three years. We look at communities, their potential, and we try to help them survive and thrive wherever we can."

Schenn is anticipating the new store will open some time in March. "That's always a moving target," he said. "We've had a couple meetings this week where we've been trying to lock that down to a specific date, and we're not quite there yet. I'm very much hopeful at this point that we're going to be in operation in March."

According to Evan Keller, Owner of Keller Developments, the experience with the town has been positive.

"The town has been amazing to work with, along with Kevin from the Chamber and all the local trades we were able to use," he said. "We are targeting occupancy for Feb. 1 in the first building, and

hope to fill them quickly!" McCormac says the town is getting close to reaching its goal under its incentive program.

"We have the 24 units from Keller Developments. We have the six-plex that's on the corner by the grocery store, two new houses, and a basement suite. That puts us at 33 units, and we need to hit 43, so we have 10 left."

The incentive program offers \$30,000 to anyone interested in a new build, plus \$8,000 for each extra door in multi-unit housing. With only 10 spaces left and two years to accomplish the feat, McCormac is confident the town can fulfill its commitment. What comes after the current incentive plan wraps in order to maintain that positive momentum remains to be seen, but McCormac said conversations are happening around continued incentive plans.

"I don't think we'll be getting any more accelerator funding from the federal government, but Council has talked about potentially putting in

some sort of residential incentive after that," she explained when asked about what happens once the last 10 units have been claimed.

A six-unit apartment building was put up in Moosomin recently on Broadway Avenue right next to the new Borderland Co-op Food Store. The building, owned by Jay Hamilton, was constructed by Dream Concepts from Neepawa Manitoba in six units that were lifted into place and bolted together. Kevin Weedmark took this aerial photo of the new six-plex after all of the units were in place.



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The successful candidate should possess excellent financial and managerial attributes.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Assist the CAO in the daily operations of the Municipality
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- Coordinate approval process of subdivisions, conditional use orders and variation orders with conditions from Council
- Act as the Municipality's FIPPA Officer and Senior Election Official
- All other duties as assigned

Skills and Qualifications

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- Work experience with Muniware or similar municipal accounting software will be an asset
- Knowledge of Manitoba municipal, provincial and federal legislation relating to municipalities
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- Strong communication, people management, and organizational skills

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Duties and Responsibilities

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- Ensure that all external reporting is completed in a timely manner as required within Provincial and Federal legislation
- Uphold a strict level of confidentiality
- All other duties as assigned

Skills and Qualifications

- Previous work experience in a financial management capacity is required
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Mosaic announces \$500,000 for Ochapowace Recovery & Wellness Centre

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER
Mosaic is contributing \$500,000 toward the capital cost of building a new addictions recovery centre that is being planned by Ochapowace Nation on land south of Broadview.

An event was held January 28 at Mosaic's head office in Regina to announce the \$500,000 commitment for the recovery centre. "I am very emotional at this time," said Senator Margaret Bear of FSIN at the event.

"Today is a very significant day for us, for our people, and for all of the people of our communities, who we will welcome into our beautiful lodge when it is ready, for healing and wellness."

Weedmark thanks Ochapowace and Mosaic

Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark represented the provincial government at the announcement. "I am honoured to be here to celebrate Mosaic's significant contribution towards the Ochapowace Nation's efforts to build a new treatment centre," he said.

"Mental health challenges and addictions impact many families across Saskatchewan, including those in the Ochapowace community and southeast Saskatchewan. And I know the challenges of addictions can be daunting for many individuals and their families."

"That's why I especially want to thank Chief Shelley Bear, the Ochapowace Nation Council, and other community leaders for their ongoing work to develop a 20-bed treatment centre near Broadview."

"This will enable people taking those critical steps towards recovery a way to seek and receive help closer to home."

"When this new facility is complete, people will have a place where they can feel safe, welcomed, supported and cared for while they embark on the path to a better future."

"Also, I want to thank Mosaic CEO Bruce Bodine for Mosaic's continued commitment to the province and our region. Today's \$500,000 contribution will go a long way towards changing many lives for the better and creating a brighter, healthier future for many people."

"Our government is adding 500 additional treatment spaces over the next five years because we are focused on a recovery-oriented approach."

"Those 500 spaces will more than double our existing spaces for addictions treatment within the publicly-funded system."

"We want to get people the help they need, when they need it. We believe this is the safest and most effective form of treat-



From left, Mosaic President and CEO, Bruce Bodine, Ochapowace Nation Chief Shelley A. Bear, and Moosomin-Montmartre MLA Kevin Weedmark during Mosaic's announcement that they are committing \$500,000 to a new recovery and wellness centre for Ochapowace Nation.

ment. "The most important step one can take is seeking treatment and getting on the path to recovery that enables them to succeed and live happier, healthier lives in recovery."

"I applaud the work of the Ochapowace Nation and Mosaic, and I offer best wishes to the community for their treatment centre project."

"Thank you all for your hard work to make our communities a better, stronger, and healthier place to live."

Bodine says Mosaic pleased to make contribution

"Our Esterhazy potash operation neighbours several First Nations, including Ochapowace Nation," said Mosaic CEO Bruce Bodine. "For much of Mosaic's 60-year streak here, mining in this area, we didn't have intentional relationships with First Nations around our mining operations."

"However, in 2018, a time when I had the honour to lead our potash business here in Saskatchewan, we made a decision to really think about this and do better. We committed to increasing our Indigenous hires, our Indigenous community investment, and our Indigenous procurement span with a target of 15% in each of those areas by the

end of 2025, and I'm pleased to say that by year's end this year, we are on track to meet or surpass all three of those target objectives. We know that we still have much more work that we have to do, and we need to do that as we work today together."

"It starts with being engaged with our neighbours and communities by working together to solve real challenges. As MLA Weedmark shared with us, Saskatchewan, as many communities across North America, is experiencing an ever-growing need for healing and treatment centres."

"The government is committed to adding 500 treatment spaces across the province. Chief Bear has advocated for her own community to have up to 20 of those spaces on

Ochapowace Nation and make them accessible to any Saskatchewan resident."

"Today, I'm pleased to share that the Mosaic company is committing \$500,000 to Ochapowace Nation's capital campaign, to build a recovery and wellness centre south of Broadview."

Bear thanks Bodine, Weedmark

"I want to acknowledge Mr. Bodine and Mr. Weedmark our MLA, for your contribution and assistance," said Ochapowace Chief Shelley Bear.

"Our community has been in a state of emergency for many years. For many years our people have been attending funerals of young ones in our community."

"Young people are losing their parents, grandparents are losing their children and grandchildren."

"As leaders, it's taken a toll on us for many years. Senator Margaret Bear is our former chief, and her vision for many years was to have the treatment centre. Our former leadership that have led our nation for many years, this was their vision as well. Ochapowace, back in the '70s, was one of the first nations that had an AA program brought to the land because they saw the direction that some of our people were going."

"We've lost many. We know our way can help, we know our ceremonies can help."

"We are very thankful to Mosaic for their contribution. It is very emotional when you work so hard towards something and in some cases doors get shut, but never give up. When those doors were shut we kept on going. Thank you Mosaic, thank you to the province."

"Not only will this treatment centre help us today, but it's going to help us change lives far into the future for the people of Saskatchewan."

"Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for your contribution, and I hope others will step up and see what a good partner Mosaic is, for sharing that togetherness with us."

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The ceremony took place in the afternoon at the Stoughton Legion.

The King Charles III Coronation Medal is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to Canada, their province, or their community, or who have made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.

"This is an opportunity to recognize and thank those who selflessly give their time and energy to make their communities better, and I am truly honoured to have a chance to highlight these individuals who have been nominated by their peers to receive this medal," said Kitchen.

The medals were presented to Alice Abrahamson (Moosomin), Ross Apperley (Carnduff), Donald Dechief (Estevan), Jordan Ethier (Wawota), Debbie Hagel (Estevan), Robert Jordens (Weyburn), Troy LeBlanc (Estevan), Albert Petrash (Stoughton), Robert Rooks (Estevan), Dr. Edward Tsoi (Midale), Harold Whiteoak (Weyburn), and John [Jack] Wilson (Carlyle).



Back row, from left: Ken Turner, Albert Petrash, Peter Piper, Robert Jordens, Robert Rooks, Troy LeBlanc, Don Dechief, Ross Apperley, and Harold Whiteoak. Front row: MP Robert Kitchen, Alice Abrahamson, Debbie Hagel, Jordan Ethier, John Wilson, and Dr. Edward Tsoi.

Not in attendance but receiving a medal are Patricia Anderson (Carlyle), William Baryluk (Estevan), Peter Broccolo (Weyburn), Marie Donais Calder (Estevan), Jennifer Elias-White (Weyburn), Patricia Jackson (Kipling), and Mona Lynn Stender (Kipling).

"I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to all of the medal recipients for their service to our country, to Saskatchewan, and to their communities. Their efforts and achievements deserve to be celebrated as they make this country a better place, now and into the future," concluded Kitchen.



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"Those things are really important for the overall environmental impact of the community, rather than sending all of those building materials to landfills and building new. Buildings like the Armoury are being repurposed, it's great to keep that heritage in your community. That is the key to maintaining any heritage building, making sure it can still be used for what society currently needs."

The judges were also impressed that the Pipestone Golf Course is using non-potable water for irrigating the golf course, and little free book houses located around town where people can exchange their books.

Heritage Conservation

"The walking trails at the Regional Park were very significant in this area, they showcase the natural heritage of that area," Exelby said. "Moosomin as a community in general has done a really good job of recognizing and preserving your natural heritage, it's something that a lot of communities struggle to do."

The judges also acknowledged the efforts with the cenotaph memorial. "A lot of work has gone into the cenotaph and it really shows, it's a very high profile area in the community."

The judges were impressed with the Moosomin Regional Museum. "It has a lot of very unique things that are only in Moosomin, not every small town museum is like that," Exelby said. "The fund-raising strategy of providing storage for campers and cars in the winter, is a really cool way for an organization to raise some funds. I can't say I've ever heard of a museum doing that before, but it looks like it works great because there was a bunch of campers in there when I drove into town."

The judges noticed around town how many natural areas have been preserved within the community. "Rather than pushing down areas of the aspen parkland here, and filling those spots and building over them, there are a lot of areas in the community that have been maintained as natural and then built around. That does go along way in maintaining that natural heritage of an area, and it's cool to see," said Exelby.

Tree Management

"All three of the areas—the town, the golf course, and the regional park—all have a great variety of trees and beautiful canopies. The number of new trees being planted at the Labyrinth, Bradley Park, and other areas will create a beautiful area into the future. There is a plan for everywhere that we looked. There was a plan to have someone come in and assess their Dutch Elm Disease, that's what we want to see. It is important because if you don't stay on top of those issues, things can get out of hand really fast."

Landscape

"The regional park had a really good balance of natural and developed areas. There is a lot of key elements added around the entire community to soften the landscape and make the area inviting, rather than just all hardscape. The judges also noted that the volunteers at the museum really do need to be commended for their attention to the landscape and the high quality maintenance," said Exelby.

Plant and Floral Displays

"Another impressive area, not just in the obvious areas too, there are beautiful flower and floral displays everywhere," Exelby said. "The planters down Broadway were very attractive, the golf course had flowers at every tee box, and the regional park wowed the judges again. It's just amazing how much variety there was around the community, as well as in the homes. People in this community take pride in their own property, all resulting in Moosomin being a five bloom winner, with a special mention to community business and support."

National competition

"Moosomin has been invited into this national edition," Exelby said. "Moosomin can compete in its population category at a national level, and when you win at the national level, you can go into the class champions or you can choose to participate internationally. You can compete against communities all across the world. We've only had one other community in Saskatchewan do that, Assiniboia."

"The national program is very similar to the provincial program, the valuation grids are the same, but it's a chance to be part of a bigger, even better recognized program. The evaluation process is a bit longer, they are typically here for two days."

Whether communities are in a provincial or the national program, they can register to attend the National Community in Bloom awards in Stratford Ontario this year. "If you're looking for funding to attend, we've got grants to be able to support representation at that event and bring that knowledge back to Moosomin," said Exelby.

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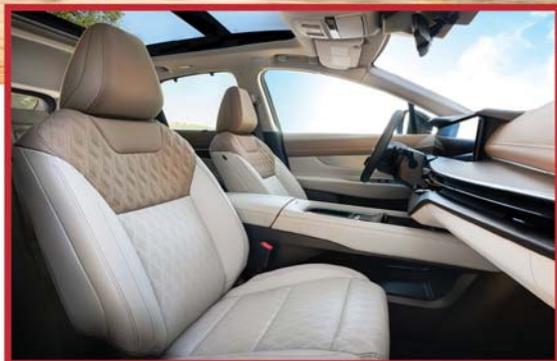
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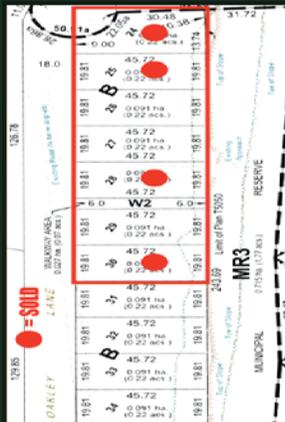
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Covering Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba



More funding for crop research

Twenty-three crop and cropland-focused research projects at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) have received \$4.18 million in support from the provincial government through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

The ADF is supported through the Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership (CAP), an investment of \$3.5 billion over five years from federal, provincial and territorial governments with the goal of supporting the agri-food and agri-product sectors across Canada. The Sustainable CAP includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment for programs designed by provinces and territories that is cost-shared 60 per cent by the federal government and 40 per cent by provincial/territorial governments.

"Agricultural research at USask has long been a pillar of

our success and our standing in Saskatchewan and around the world," said Dr. Baljit Singh (PhD), USask vice-president, research. "This support from the government and our industry partners in furthering this type of research and innovation is a vote of confidence for USask being what Saskatchewan and the world needs in the agricultural sector."

A total of 53 crop projects received funding from the 2025 ADF. USask's 23 projects, with \$4.18 million in total funding, are the most of any organization to receive support from the ADF. Projects funded range from soil science research to health benefits of plant proteins to exploring different varieties of wheat and pea crops.

"ADF is an essential partner for the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, in terms of our ability to carry out

high-impact research that supports the producers of Saskatchewan," said Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn (PhD), dean of USask's College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and a professor in the Department of Soil Sciences. "Whether we're looking at soil, plants, animals, all the way through the value chain, ADF is key."

ADF projects can also receive funding through industry partners. Select USask projects received additional support from valuable industry partners in the agricultural and agri-food industries including Alberta Grains, Manitoba Crop Alliance, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers, Western Grains Research Foundation, Saskatchewan Oilseeds Development Commission and the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission.

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Crop reporters wanted for upcoming growing season



Crops in Southeast Saskatchewan.

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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In this province, conversations about the weather aren't just an excuse for small talk, it's a downright crucial topic for many people's livelihoods across Saskatchewan. That's why the provincial Ministry of Agriculture is looking for more volunteer crop reporters this season—it's a small way to make a large impact. "We send out a survey each week during the growing season, between April and October," explained Tyce Masich, a Crop Extension Specialist with the Ministry of Agriculture. "The survey only takes about five minutes to do, and reporters only have to answer the questions that they have an answer for. So we ask both crop and livestock related questions. The only requirement we have is to give us the rainfall data that you collected from the week."

Currently, there are 220 crop reporters across the province, but 131 rural municipalities (44 per cent) are without someone to represent their area.

"We really promoted the crop report at Agronomy Research Update, which is a conference we hosted in December, and then at Crop Production Show," Masich said. "Since then, I've had a few more people email me, interested in being a crop reporter."

According to a Nov. 28, 2024 map of current crop reporters, many RMs in the southeast are in need of volunteers, including Moosomin, Hazelwood, Wawken, Walpole, Maryfield, Moose Mountain, Brock, Willowdale, Spy Hill, Montmartre, Wellington, Grayson, and McLeod.

"Any time is a good time to sign up to be a crop reporter," Masich said. "But now is a great time because it's slower in the ag industry right now. Farmers, agronomists, anyone interested in being a reporter, they can sign up. We can get them a rain gauge and survey booklet in good time."

Information gathered from volunteer crop reporters is utilized every week

during the growing season through the provincial crop report, detailing rainfall, topsoil moisture conditions, seeding and harvest progress, crop development and damage, livestock feed supplies, and pasture conditions.

"We would like reporters more in the south, especially in the RMs along the U.S. border," Masich said. "We don't have a ton of reporters down there, and then in central areas, there's a couple pockets that don't have reporters."

Given how conditions can change quickly within a small area, Masich encourages people interested in volunteering that might already have a reporter in their RM to apply regardless.

"We still highly encourage you to sign up, because crop conditions can vary within an RM and rainfall as well," he said. "So it's good to have two sources of information for each RM. We welcome everyone, and we value everyone's data equally."

Some reporters have been around since the provincial crop report was in its infancy, a milestone that does receive recognition.

"The crop report has been out for close to 50 years, and this year is the first year we have a reporter hitting 45 years," said Masich. "Each year, we put on an appreciation event for long-term reporters that hit milestones, so 25 years, 30 years, etc. and this year we have somebody hitting 45 years. So that's quite the milestone, quite the achievement, and we sure appreciate the dedication from our reporters."

Over the years, thanks to all the data collected by dedicated reporters, the crop report has come to be relied on and looked forward to each week.

"It's got a very significant impact," Masich pointed out. "It's one of the most—if not the most—popular publication we put out, just because it's viewed by so many each week."

Masich says with a laugh that on some Thursdays during the growing season, if the report is late by even

five minutes, public panic tends to set in.

"I have a flood of emails from people wondering where it is because they're just anticipating it and wanting to know what's go-

ing on," he said, adding that the report's audience reaches beyond Saskatchewan borders as well. "Not even just within the province, but worldwide as well. Producers and agronomists read it to assess risk, moisture

conditions and predict crop yields in their areas. Also policy makers, marketers, investors, trading partners all around the world read the report because they want to know how our grain and commodities are

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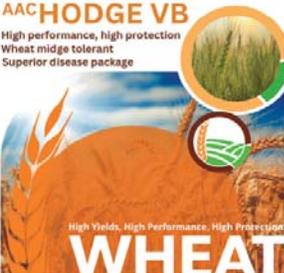
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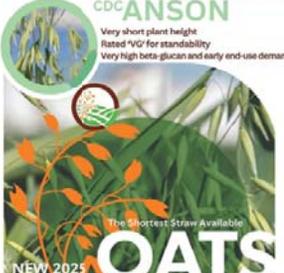
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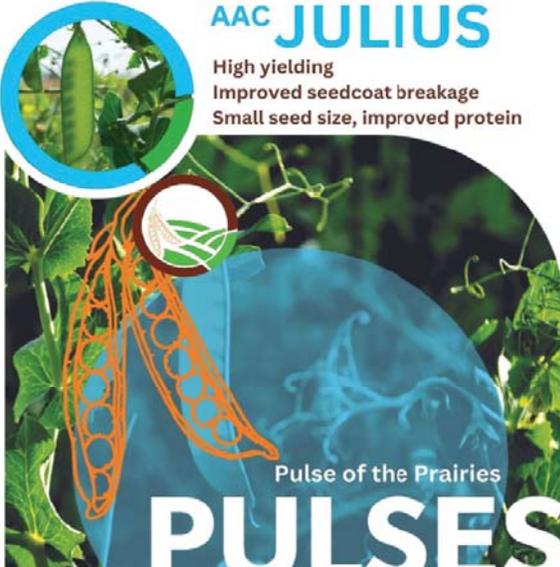
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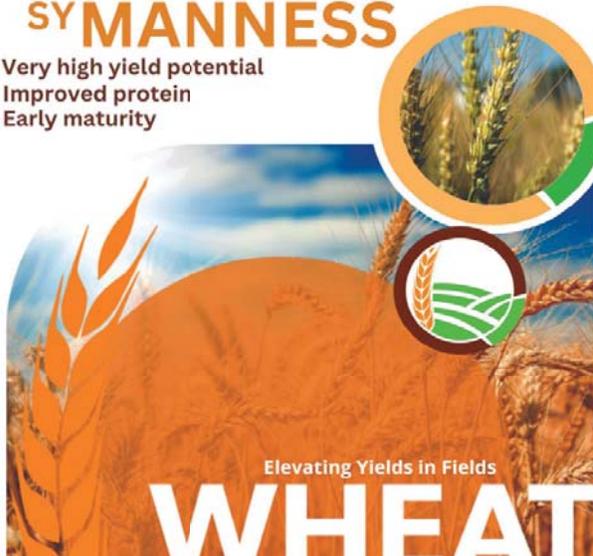
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APAS calls for pause to capital gains tax changes

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is expressing concern over the proposed changes to capital gains tax regulations, and is calling for a pause on the proposed capital gains tax changes.

With the recent prorogation of Parliament, many people are left wondering how the proposed changes to capital gains tax rules are allowed to continue. While the changes are left in limbo, the Canada Revenue Agency will continue to collect new charges in the coming tax season.

In last year's federal budget, an increase to the capital gains inclusion rate was proposed on any gains realized on or after June 25, 2024. Instead of the previous 50 per cent, the inclusion rate rose to 66.67 per cent—except for individuals and certain trusts (graduated real estates and qualified disability trusts), who still fall under the old rate on the first \$250,000. Corporations and the majority of family trusts are affected by the new rate, and for individuals the increase in the top tax rate on capital gains above \$250,000 is approximately nine percentage points.

Meanwhile, agricultural producers are also left wondering exactly how the proposed changes will affect their operations, especially those with succession planning at top of mind.

"The majority of producers who do retire use the revenue from the sale of their land as their retirement fund," explained APAS president Bill Prybylski. "The uncertainty of not knowing what are the tax rules right now? What are the capital gains rules? Is CRA going to enforce the rules, even though that they haven't actually been passed through Parliament? So the biggest thing is the is the uncertainty."

Since much of farm value is linked to land assets, the



APAS President Bill Prybylski

changes can have a huge impact on the family farm. "It's not a small amount of dollars we're talking about anymore," Prybylski said. "So it is very significant, the

tax implications. How do producers plan but they don't know what rules they have to follow?"

APAS is looking for a clearer picture on what the tax changes mean for farmers, requesting a meeting with the federal minister of national revenue, Marie-Claude Bibeau, but no answer has been forthcoming.

"We've sent her a letter requesting a meeting with her," Prybylski said. "I will be in Ottawa for some other other things, so I was hoping for a chance to meet with her while I'm in Ottawa, but we have, as of yet not heard back from her office."

In addition to detailed information, APAS wants to see a pause in the changes until more in-depth talks can take place.

"We're not optimistic a whole lot will happen, but we would like to see the changes paused until there can be some consultation and some some clarity from the government as to what the actual rules are going to be," Prybylski says. "Even going forward from there, we're not sure what the government is going to look like, if there's going to be an election call shortly after. There will be a non-confidence vote to call an election, there's just so much uncertainty, and we would like to see things just put on hold until we can clarify."

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce agrees with APAS, noting that the CRA "lacks clear legislative authority to implement this tax," lauding an early campaign promise from the Conservatives to nix the change.

"Reversing this tax increase will help to bolster investment and entrepreneurship, and signal to the world that Canada is open for business," said Jessica Brandon-Jepp, Senior Director, Fiscal and Financial Services Policy with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. "We encourage the federal government and other political parties to also commit to not implementing this tax."



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Taking care of business

What a perfect day to sit down at the computer and do some writing! I may not have a true sense of the blizzard raging outdoors from my home here in town but my guess is it isn't a great day to travel anywhere so writing it will be.

The Christmas season has come and gone but I just have to say how much I enjoyed every single part of the celebrations – lots of laughs and too much food – what excitement, what fun! We especially enjoyed hosting a large Christmas gathering of no less than 32! Okay, it may have been a bit scrunchy but hey, it's one day and what a great day it was. We got in some "team" games with trivia, guess-the-tune, and of course some 'gag' gifts and steals. The package of fleece cleaning cloths/rags was one of the top delights. We loved the expression one of our nieces (a city gal from Calgary now living in Saskatchewan and engaged to a farmer) who couldn't quite figure the allure of a package of fleece cloths in our farmer-dominated group.

I know some may have bemoaned the fact that they had to return to work after Christmas, but for some of us (moi for sure) who only needs to work part time during the farm's busy times, I had it made! Enjoyable late-night movies (you know the kind ... staying up until 10 p.m., munching on popcorn), sleeping in until all of 7:00, maybe even 8:00 the odd day. Ahhh, sweet bliss!

Some mornings since Christmas were brutal though. And not for reasons you might think. When the land line rings at strange hours, my first thought is something has happened to someone in my family. Take the middle-of-the-night (1:30 a.m.) call from what I call 'fake Amazon.' Yup, that was a rude awakening to see the least. Three mornings later, 6:00 a.m. and it's 'fake Bell Canada.' Really? All were recordings of course so you can't even express your frustration with being so rudely awakened. This morning, was another 6:19 a.m. one that hubby grabbed as we heard his mom's name being announced from the phone. 'Oh, this is serious,' I thought as I listened to the one-sided conversation. "No, Mom, you called me, I didn't call you," was what I was hearing hubby saying, realizing it wasn't an emergency call after all. And when I double checked her phone calls from her house later that day, guess what? At that time of the morning, there was an incoming call from some strange number (not ours) at 6:19 a.m., so another sort of scam-type thing where a fake number shows coming in to her phone but on our phone, it shows her number calling us. What next?

The storm that Friday meant a delayed trip of our first-in-the-morning (think 8:30) trek to the farm to feed Mr. Rescue Kitty (yes, the one hubby won't let me bring to town). Later in the afternoon however, we headed out to feed our little farm friend, happy to see that the twins, on hiatus from school due to the storm, had been there with food already.

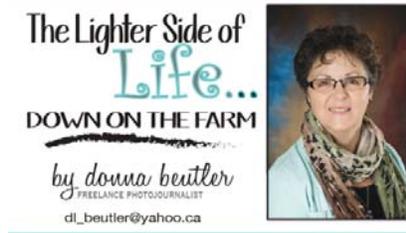
One of the twins (13) was busy sweeping the man-cave steps in the shop that afternoon. "Bored?" I asked. "Sort of," he said, sweeping the dirt onto a coffee can lid. Nubus days would be great if the outdoor weather wasn't so nasty but of course, if it was nice, the buses would have been running. "What would you like to be doing?" I ask. "Ski-dooing," he responds. Love those single word answers, complete with a grin from ear to ear.

A recent multi-day trip to Regina to help shuttle the grands to hockey and ringette meant some extra time with the grands we don't see as often as our 'Whitewood' grands. Our first stop was, of course, the rink where we bought our grandson (10) some fries and went to sit down on the bleachers where his sister was already on the ice. He put one fry in his mouth and as nonchalantly as could be, asked, "So, Grandma, what do you think about Canada being the 51st state?" Really, I thought to myself, why is a 10-year-old even remotely aware of what is happening in U.S. politics? Of course, this is the lad who at age five and six years of age loved to talk about the roles of mayors and premiers and how cool it would be to have a job like that.

Our Regina grandson is not an aggressive type person in any way, shape or form, in life or in hockey so when he got a penalty the other day (first time ever), we all wondered what on earth he did. Well the very short story was this (from his dad): "Just finished. Big win. Hayden levelled a kid and got a penalty." Well, well, well ... who would have guessed?!

Hayden, the kid who was born without a shy bone in his body, talked to anyone and everyone right from the get go, asked the most unusual and interesting questions and could talk, talk, talk, no matter what also told me about this group of friends of his who each have a role in this "group." One is the PR man who smooths the troubled waters when there's some friction; one researches answers to questions they want answers to; one does this and another does that and the last one, besides himself, plays another role. "What do you do, Hayden?" I ask, wondering if there will be any surprises here. "I do the talking when something needs to be said to the group," is his answer. Yup, no surprises whatsoever.

Back home in Whitewood the other day, as we were feeding our 'lunch bunch,' the group of grands and friends who join us most every noon hour, Grandpa asked the twins if there were any new calves yet. "Don't know, haven't been home for three hours," was the response. So them. And then they were on to other things – who is dating who, who got in trouble at school and so on. I told them some of this was maybe bordering on gossip which we really should not be doing. Five sets of eyes kind of looked at me as if to say, "Gossip? Huh?" Ironically, the next thing out of one the twins' mouth was, "We should start a rumour!" This from my grandson of few words as he relayed the rumour he thought he ought to start, not



that he actually would.

One of my projects yesterday was to get my credit card set up online so I can quickly check my transactions and balances. This meant installing an app on my phone. Easy enough, I thought. Once I inserted my email address, it told me to enter the "token" that was sent to me on my land line. Token? I wondered, but presumed it was a code, however there was no way to get the code from my land line so I phoned in to the toll-free number only to realize I was 67th in queue.

Eventually I was able to speak to a human who said she would delete my land line number from the account and put my cell number in so I would get a text. Which, as you might have guessed, did nothing because no matter what, the app kept saying it had sent a token (what's with that word anyhow?) to my home number. Her solution? Wait 15 minutes because it takes a while for the new phone number to register, then it would work. So of course, we hung up.

Half an hour later, I tried again, but no matter what I did, that home number kept appearing. Oh my word. Did I mention I started this process at 1:05 that afternoon? Eventually, I came to the conclusion that I simply needed to delete the app and start over which I did. And ta-da, the "token" would come to my cell phone. But after five,

10, then 15 minutes, it still had not come through so my second call to them saw me in 94th spot in queue and literally, no word of a lie, when the human answered some 30 minutes later, the code popped up on my phone and I said, "Sorry for calling, I got what I needed," and we hung up.

By this time, it was after 3:00 but at least I was into the app and I hit "transactions" only to see, there are no transactions at this time. Long story short, my third call to the credit card company and only 78th in queue this time around, netted me, eventually, this from the lovely human on the other end (she truly was super nice): "You won't see any transactions. If you want to see transactions since your last statement, I could e-mail them to you." YES! Now why didn't the first lady just say that in the one o'clock conversation? "Yes, please do that," I said. "Sure, it will take two to three days, however," she continued, explaining that only my transactions on the account would be emailed. "Oh, no, no, no," I said, "my husband and I have one account, one statement and it's his transactions (in other words, the farm's transactions) that I want to see." Of course you know where this is going because, even though the account is joint, they would not send that information to me without his consent. Fortunately I found him in the garage and put him on the phone.

By this time, I was exhausted! And it was 3:55! That process took exactly 10 minutes short of three hours. And as I finish up this column one day later, I still don't have the information I want and I only wanted to double check some recent transactions because I am doing, believe it or not for so early in the new year, my year-end farm financials, all while wondering if any of this is worth the effort. Oh the joy of 'taking care of business.' LOL

Here's hoping your frustrations wash off your shoulders without any lasting effect on your mental health. As we prepare to start the augers back up today (warmer weather coming we hear) and haul grain out of the bin, we trust you all will take care out there on the farm or from wherever you may be. Spring is kinda, sort a, just around the corner so until next time, thanks for tuning in!

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More funding for crop reasearch

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Crop ADF 2025 recipients at USask

The following University of Saskatchewan (USask) crop research projects received funding from the 2025 Agriculture Development Fund:

- Haixia Zhang (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Improving haskap quality and marketability by examining factors related to fruit shelf life, bioactivity and harvest span – \$260,000
- Jeff Schoenau (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Revealing Nutrient Uptake and Biomass Development Patterns in Chickpea Cultivars – \$32,275 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Lingling Jin (PhD), College of Arts and Science – GreenSkEye: a software system for automated and direct monitoring and analyzing continuous changes of greenhouse crops – \$263,500
- Sabine Banniza (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Digging deeper into chickpea root rot issues – \$134,989 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and Western Grains Research Foundation
- Sabine Banniza (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Evaluating shade covers to improve reliability of blossom blight disease screening – \$71,300
- Ana Vargas (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Developing

high-value faba bean cultivars – \$167, 248 – Co-funded by Western Grains Research Foundation

- Michael Nickerson (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Improving the gelation properties of faba bean and pea protein concentrates for application in structured plant-based products – \$250,500
- Michael Nickerson (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Development of a wet fractionation process for extracting pea and faba bean albumins by pilot-scale vibrational shear filtration – \$149,800
- Oon-Doo Baik (PhD), College of Engineering – Cost-effective and high-performance atmospheric cold plasma technology for wheat, canola and lentil – \$137,000 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Angela Bedard-Haughn (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – A sustainable future for the Saskatchewan Soil Information System (SKSIS) – \$90,668 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Oilseeds Development Commission, Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission
- Angela Bedard-Haughn (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Mapping soil carbon sequestration in Saskatchewan cropland – \$290,400 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Oilseeds Development Commission and Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission

- Tom Warkentin (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Rapid introgression of aphid resistance into pea elite cultivars – \$149,645 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers and Western Grains Research Foundation
- Christian Willenborg, College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Herbicide screening in spice crops II: continuing the search and generating minor use data – \$179,400
- Martin Reaney (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Graphene and epoxidized oil strengthen canola protein-based plastics – \$180,000
- Yongfeng Ai (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Enzymatic modification and ultrasonication to improve functionality, nutritional quality, and flavor of starch-rich pulse flours – \$149,000 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Yongfeng Ai (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Novel hydrothermal method to develop functional low-glycemic food ingredients and encapsulant from pea starch – \$144,500 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Phil Chilibeck (PhD), College of Kinesiology – A pea-based beverage for improving bone health – \$150,000 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Pulse Growers

- Adam Carter (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Accelerating CWRS wheat improvement with multi-trait rapid-cycle recurrent genomic selection – \$242,444 – Co-funded by Alberta Grains, Manitoba Crop Alliance, Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission and Western Grains Research Foundation
- Bishnu Acharya (PhD), College of Engineering – Developing Innovative Applications for spent bleaching clay and soapstocks from canola processing – \$146,000
- Curtis Pozniak (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Alternative mechanisms for resistance to the wheat stem sawfly in wheat – \$206,019 – Co-funded by Alberta Grains, Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission and Western Grains Research Foundation
- Curtis Pozniak (PhD), College of Agriculture and Bioresources – Introducing high-protein content and early flowering alleles from wild wheat relatives while minimizing linkage drag – \$160,037 – Co-funded by Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission
- Dr. Warren Helgason (PhD), College of Engineering – Flexible allocation of irrigation water – maximizing productivity and water efficiency – \$287,180

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Farm transition workshop coming to Canada's Farm Show in March

Succession expert presents Bridging the Gap

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Nick Oakley, Business Development Lead with Farm Management Canada, will be hosting a farm transition workshop at Canada's Farm Show in Regina on March 17.

Agricultural producers today often live and work on the same land four that generations before them settled. It's a family business often carrying one name for many decades, yet according to statistics, only 12 per cent of Canadian farmers have a transition plan. Even more staggering is that only a further 13 per cent are working on that plan.

"I wish there was one simple answer or a template—fill this in and here's your transition plan, and off you go," says Oakley. "The tricky thing is that every farm situation is unique and different based on different components, and that could be based on ownership structure, based on management and roles and responsibilities, based on family and who's involved in the farm, and how many potential siblings there are, and if they're on the farm or off the farm—there's so many different factors that are at play."

Oakley will be coming to Regina on March 17 as Farm Management Canada brings an interactive farm succession workshop called Bridging the Gap to the Queensbury Convention Centre. The day-long workshop will feature experts in accounting, finance, and communication that promotes farm families to work together on a plan for 'what happens next.'

"If you're not properly preparing the next generation to transition into these roles, you're doing them a disservice, and you're doing a disservice to the generations that came before you," Oakley said. "It's such an important topic, we're so glad that that we can come to Regina to do that."

Bridging the Gap is made possible through partnerships with MNP, AFSC, FCC, Ritchie Bros., and RBC.

"Just to see groups come together for the good of the

industry, for the education of the producer is such a wonderful space to be in," Oakley said. "They see the incredible value in a workshop like this, and to come to the table just to support farmers without looking for a signature on a new loan, or to become a client or whatnot. We believe that if we all contribute to the industry, then farmers are going to be more well informed. Farm family situations and farm transitions are going to be done a lot smoother and a lot easier, and it's going to make for a more successful industry where everybody then will benefit from that."

Don't wait

The important piece the Oakley stressed about having a transition plan is that it be a living, breathing document that can be addressed, looked at, and updated as life situations change.

"It's something that changes based on additions or subtractions to families or farm businesses and something that I think the biggest thing that we're trying to push across to people is that you can't get started planning your farm transition too early, but you definitely can start planning it too late," he said. "One of the most important things about farm transitions that's definitely different from most other business transitions is that the farm is so closely linked to the family, and to ensure and preserve harmony in the farm family, it's really important to be out front of these farm transitions, to be as transparent as you can."

"Communication of what those desires look like in a transition scenario is crucial, ensuring that everyone at least understands what is happening."

"Maybe there are some people who aren't especially happy with how this is going or how this other thing is happening," Oakley said. "But if they're understanding what's in the plan, I think that's the best way to at least ensure that down the road, that you can still get together for Thanksgiving dinners, that Christmases aren't awkward because there's a big elephant in the room, that people know what's hap-



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pening, and can plan their lives around what that might look like."

Oakley pointed to one example of a family where one member didn't properly file their will, with the important document only existing on a computer.

"That computer ended up getting run over in the driveway because the one son didn't like what was on it," Oakley recalled. "He wasn't included and he just destroyed it."

The best case scenario in his experience is to have the family gather and go over a transition plan and have those sometimes difficult conversations.

"It can go wrong in many different ways, but it's also quite possible, really likely, that it can go really well and really right by taking the appropriate steps, by getting extra help and expertise from professionals when needed, and doing it properly," Oakley said.

The workshop concludes with a 45-minute question and answer session featuring every presenter from the workshop, allowing the opportunity for different views on the same topic.

"You pose a question to them, and you get three or four of them collaborating on answers, so you get a perspective of a couple different lenders," Oakley said. "You get a perspec-

they've done to encourage people to come both to the show and to the event, is to offer a free ticket to the show if you come to the workshop. So everybody coming to the workshop is getting a free ticket into the show the next day, which is an incredible gesture on their part."

For Canada's Farm Show, hosting the workshop in conjunction with their event made sense.

"Through a lot of the research that we have been doing with farmers in Saskatchewan, this is a very important topic with many farm families," said Carla Vipond, Show Director of Canada's Farm Show. "Certainly, Farm Management Canada is a national leader in bringing these important farm transition planning sessions throughout Canada, and so we thought this was a really great opportunity to do this here in Saskatchewan and, more importantly, in Regina."

Oakley described how FMC had the Farm Show in mind as an opportunity to present the workshop, and were pleased when CFS reached out to them with an invitation.

"They called us and said, 'just join us here, come to the Farm Show,'" Oakley said. "We can host right on site here, and they've been an incredible partner. So thanks to them, we are officially coming to the show."

This will be the first time in Canada Farm Show's 40-year history that the event takes place in March, which Vipond credits in most part to changing farming practices keeping producers busy through June.

"March is the perfect time for us to be hosting a farm show because that's just before they're getting ready for a very busy growing season," she said. "This is the opportunity for them to come in to Regina, take in an awesome trade show, take in a lot of entertainment, which is what we have planned this year."

Listing some of the event draws around CFS, Vipond

noted, the Jelly Roll concert on March 16 at the Brandt Centre, plus the Regina Pats vs Swift Current Broncos game on March 18 at the same venue.

"It's been an extraordinary learning experience from a show standpoint," Vipond said of the decision to bump the show up to March, which for 2025, meant a few months less time to prepare. "The response from industry has been extraordinary. Before Christmas, our trade show was actually 90 per cent sold out."

Partnerships like those with FMS and the addition of new companies taking in their first Farm Show or returning after a hiatus further cements that the March dates were a good decision.

"While our planning cycle was short, the response was fantastic, which made it all worthwhile," Vipond explained. "There's actually a lot going on at REAL—we've got everything from hockey playoffs to concerts to a farm show. But actually, that's what's making it exciting, there's just a lot to do in addition to taking in a great Farm Show."

To register for Bridging the Gap, visit fmc-gac.com/btg for more information. Canada's Farm Show runs from March 18 to 20 this year with the theme "Grow Starts Here."

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Which Canadian Ag sectors are the most exposed to U.S. tariffs?

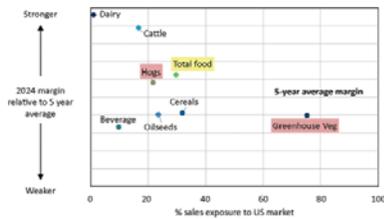


Figure 1: Sector exposure to U.S. trade relative to margins exiting 2024

American tariffs on Canadian exports, which the White House had signaled would be implemented this week, have been delayed to March. The only positive from this one-month reprieve is the extra time it gives businesses to prepare for upcoming challenges. As we pointed out recently, the impacts of tariffs, while tricky to gauge, are unambiguously negative for the economy. How bad things get will depend largely on the duration of the trade war.

We decided to find out which industries, in the agriculture and food sectors, would be the most vulnerable to a trade war. There are at least two elements to consider here: 1) sales exposure to the U.S. and 2) the sector's financial situation. Sectors with high sales exposure to the U.S. and who are struggling financially, are arguably the most vulnerable to tariffs.

To gauge exposure for each sector, we calculated the share of total sales that goes to the U.S. And to assess a sector's financial situation, we looked at last year's margins and compared that to the prior five-year average. Figure 1 below summarizes the impacts and highlights sectors to watch indicated by either a red or yellow shading.

The greenhouse vegetable sector, for example, is highly reliant on the U.S. market and the sector is coming off a year of weaker margins. This puts the sector in a vulner-

able position to absorb any trade shocks.

For the food manufacturing sector, roughly 30% of sales goes to the U.S. in the form of exports. This is significant but within that sector, some sub-sectors have even larger exposures. For instance, fruit/vegetable preserving and specialty food manufacturing is at the highest risk, the sector relying on the U.S. market for almost half of sales, while also struggling with negative margins in recent years. Seafood product and preparation is also in a vulnerable position as margins are tight, while sugar and confectionery is highly vulnerable because the U.S. accounts for over 80% of its sales.

Looking at livestock, hogs are particularly vulnerable given the high exposure to the U.S. and the fact that the sector, despite stronger margins than the previous 5-year average, is coming off multiple years of negative margins, hindering its ability to absorb any impacts to prices or expenses.

Cattle producers are in a better position than others to weather the tariff storm thanks to solid profitability of recent years, particularly for cow-calf (which is shown as "cattle" in the chart below). But one can expect feedlots to have tighter margins and therefore would be more at risk from tariffs.

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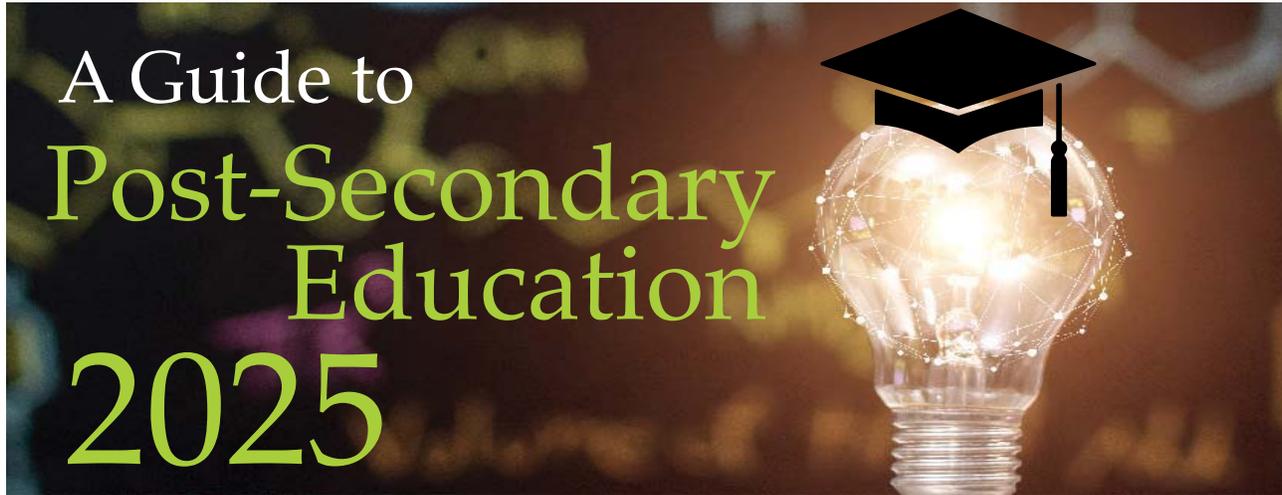
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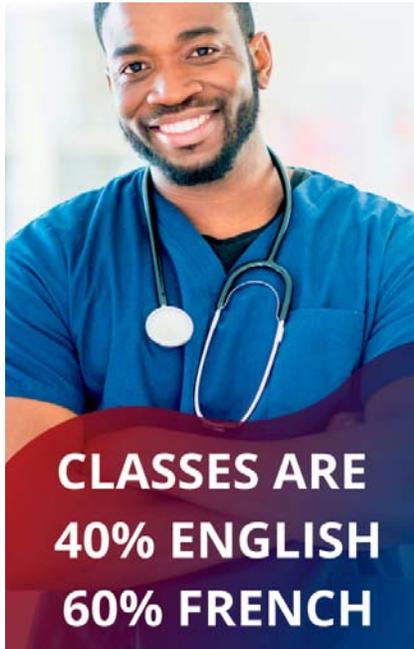
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The bilingual licensed practical nursing program at Collège Mathieu trains such essential people and this new program is the result of an agreement with the Saskatchewan Polytechnic School signed at the end of 2017. The institutions had then come together with the aim to increase health services in French in Saskatchewan.

To date, Collège Mathieu has graduated two excellent students in the program in its first cohort of 2020—a number celebrated for a program so young but which does not meet the urgent needs of the Francophone communities of the province.

Very good job prospects

The aging of the population, the shortage of health personnel following the COVID-19 pandemic, various initiatives aimed at supporting home care services and increasing the care and capacity of long-term care homes are among the main trends observed in Saskatchewan.

These realities, in addition to affecting

the Francophone communities, make it possible to predict very good growth and the creation of several positions. Currently, approximately 2,300 people are employed as practical nurses in Saskatchewan. The majority, 78 per cent, are in hospitals and the rest are in nursing and residential care facilities and outpatient health care services. Of this number, 80 per cent hold a college diploma.

A well-supported program

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Lethbridge Polytechnic: Preparing the next generation of agriculture professionals



Lethbridge Polytechnic has offered agriculture programming since 1965, providing generations of students comprehensive education that not only imparts practical knowledge but lays the groundwork for a dynamic career in the industry. And just as modern agriculture requires adaptability to shifting markets, technologies and environmental conditions, Lethbridge Polytechnic's programming is designed with flexibility and career pathways in mind.

The path begins with an Agriculture Sciences diploma where students take a common first year of courses be-



fore choosing to major in Agriculture Business, Agronomy or Animal Science in the second year. Graduates of the diploma program can also choose to earn an additional diploma with just one extra year of study, or they can pursue a Bachelor of Agriculture Science with an additional two years. The degree, launched in fall 2021, is the only one of its kind in southern Alberta and is comparable to bachelor of science degree programs offered at the University of Alberta and the University of Saskatchewan.

The polytechnic's degree program combines the fundamentals of plant and soil science, the reality of growing-condition variation, and the application of modern precision agriculture techniques. Students gain an in-depth understanding of plant physiology, soil fertility, crop production and integrated pest management as well as the effects of topography and crop nutrient variability. Challenges like weeds, pests and water availability are also addressed.

A significant advantage of Lethbridge Polytechnic's Bachelor of Agriculture Sciences program is its recognition by professional regulatory bodies, such as the Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA), which enables graduates to pursue the Professional Agrologist (PAg) designation. Only individuals who are academically qualified and registered with a regulatory body, can legally practise agrolgy.

"Our students receive the scientific and practical



knowledge they need to make a real impact on the industry," says Byrne Cook, chair of the polytechnic's School of Agriculture. "Graduates of our degree program automatically meet requirements for the AIA's Agrologist-in-Training designation which puts them on the path toward becoming a certified PAg."

While the day-to-day responsibilities of agrologists vary, their main goal is to apply scientific knowledge to improve agricultural practices. They specialize in areas such as crop management, soil health, pest control and overall farm productivity and regularly collaborate with farmers, agribusinesses and government agencies.

"Well-trained agrologists are in high demand across the Prairies," says Cook. "They play a crucial role in the agriculture industry as their expertise ensures that farming remains productive and sustainable despite ever evolving challenges."

With farmer revenue nearing \$100 billion in 2023 (according to the Government of Canada) and the agri-food industry employing 2.3 million—one out of every nine people—the opportunities in agriculture are plentiful and diverse. In addition to farming and ranching, Lethbridge Polytechnic graduates have also found success in agricultural research, agri-business, agri-services, farm finance and agricultural equipment service.

For more information on the polytechnic's Agriculture Sciences diploma and degree programs, visit lethpolytech.ca/agriculture.

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Southeast College

From health care to trades, let Southeast College be your next step in education!



There are plenty of benefits to taking courses through Southeast College.

The college offers students a wide range of learning opportunities and the chance to take classes right in their own communities.

2025 marks the 50th anniversary for Southeast College. Students that apply prior to May 15, 2025 are automatically eligible to be entered into our 50th Anniversary Entrance Award valued at \$5050. The College is looking forward to celebrating its 50th year throughout the region during 2025.

Southeast College operates campuses in six communities throughout southeast Saskatchewan. Students receive valuable hands-on post-secondary education and are expertly trained for careers in a wide variety of fields, with an emphasis on trades and technology. Southeast College also offers adult basic education options, and an inclusive list of continuing education courses as well as essential industry and safety training options to get you ready for your career.

Enhanced student supports, combined with small class sizes and personalized instruction makes Southeast College an ideal choice for your education in Saskatchewan.

Electrician Applied Certificate Moosomin

The Electrician Applied Certificate in Moosomin is always a popular course. This 18-week program provides students with the basic knowledge and skills they need for an entry level Electrician job.

Industry experienced instructors will help you learn how to install, test, replace and repair lighting fixtures, wiring and electrical equipment. You'll get lots of hands-on practice using standard tools of the trade. You'll also learn how to read and interpret construction drawings.

The Applied Certificate program is equivalent to a Level 1. Once completed, students can go out and secure employment, register with Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and then start working towards their Level 2.

Continuing Care Assistant Certificate Whitewood, Estevan, Weyburn, Assiniboia

Demand for health care workers continues to be high, and that includes demand for Continuing Care Assistants. This 32-week program will prepare you for a career as a CCA where you'll work directly with clients in long term care, home care, assisted living, some areas in acute care and even special needs classrooms. You'll help them with

mobility, personal care, assisting them to eat their meals and medication monitoring.

Our health-care programs across the college have been well attended for the last few years. This really highlights the need for health care positions and health care education in southeast Saskatchewan. In the past we've had students from Whitewood, Moosomin, Wolsley, and from some of the First Nations communities that are in that White-wood area.

Mental Health and Addictions Counselling Diploma Estevan

One of our newest and most popular programs continues to be our two year Mental Health and Addictions Counselling Diploma. The ability to offer this program through a regional college was a first for Southeast College. Mental Health and Addictions workers are a vital part of the health care team. Graduates from the Mental Health and Addictions Counselling Diploma program will bring their new knowledge in the specialty to communities across the province and be able to confidently assist with the growing addictions crisis. Students are encouraged to apply early as this program was full with a waitlist prior to its initial start in the Fall 2024.

The next two year program will run September 2025 – May 2027; to apply visit our website at southeastcollege.org

Southeast College Education Foundation

The awarding of bursaries and scholarships continued to be an integral part of the success of students. This year we realigned our scholarship and bursary program to allow for the awarding of bursaries when the students need the financial support the most, while they are actively attending classes. Bursaries will be awarded in February each year going forward while academic based scholarships will continue to be awarded in conjunction with the graduation ceremonies. We are always looking for new partners and donors to assist with the success of Southeast College students. More information can be provided by emailing communications@southeastcollege.org



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Dumont Technical Institute (DTI)

DTI provides quality education, training opportunities, and services to Saskatchewan's Métis



- Liaison with sponsoring agencies such as GDI Training & Employment, Education and Training Incentive, and Student Financial Assistance
- Referrals for student assistance
- Career counselling

2025-2026 Course Offerings:

- BUFFALO NARROWS**
- Mental Health & Wellness (Yr 2)

- ÎLE-À-LA CROSSE**
- Adult Basic Education
 - Mental Health & Wellness (Yr 2)
 - Practical Nursing

- LA LOCHE**
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- MEADOW LAKE**
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- ONLINE**
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- Continuing Care Assistant
- Multi-Sector Safety Tickets

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- Health Entry Training
- Multi Sector Safety Tickets
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Class 5 Driver Training

Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) is the adult education and skills training entity of Gabriel Dumont Institute. Established in 1992, DTI provides quality education, training opportunities, and services to Saskatchewan's Métis. With the philosophy "Learners Come First," DTI has been instrumental in helping reshape the lives of Métis individuals and communities. DTI continues to prioritize Adult Basic Education, Health, Industry/Trades, and Business training.

DTI is proud of its partnerships and direct links to employers that help Métis learners obtain solid employment. DTI has made giant strides over the years to help

meet the needs of Métis learners through curriculum enhancement and Métis-specific programming; working co-operatively with other institutions and agencies to improve Métis participation and success in the education system; and ultimately developing a skilled Métis workforce that will meet local, regional, and national labour market needs.

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USask Nursing

USask to offer nursing education in 10 Saskatchewan communities

By KYLIE KELSO,
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UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
COLLEGE OF NURSING

"I found this to be such a great opportunity to attend the University of Saskatchewan (USask) and have access to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program right in my community of La Ronge," says USask College of Nursing BSN student Leandra McLeod.

McLeod is completing her third year of the BSN program at the USask College of Nursing distributed nursing site in La Ronge.

Since 2012, USask College of Nursing has been offering the undergraduate BSN program at a number of locations throughout Saskatchewan.

Currently, students can complete their entire BSN degree in Saskatoon, Prince Albert, La Ronge, Île-à-la-Crosse, Yorkton, Lloydminster, North Battleford, and Muenster.

Beginning September 2025, students from Swift Current and Weyburn will also have the opportunity to complete their entire nursing degree in their community.

"We listened to the people of Saskatchewan and over the last two years announced our expansion to four additional locations in the province where students previously did not have access to the BSN program," said USask College of Nursing Dean Dr. Solina Richter (DCur).

"It is important our program offering is inclusive of rural and remote areas of Saskatchewan.

When the students at the distributed nursing sites complete their nursing degrees, they will help to fill unmet registered nursing workforce needs in rural Saskatchewan. We are decreasing the like-

lihood of these communities experiencing a registered nursing shortage, as the students will likely practice in the community once becoming licensed."

"Becoming a nurse was something I knew I always wanted to do, but as a single mother, moving away from Prince Albert to complete my nursing degree was not realistic," says USask College of Nursing student Desiré Hoare, who is finishing her fourth year in the BSN program at the USask Prince Albert Campus.

Both McLeod and Hoare say the opportunity to learn where they live has been a wonderful experience.

"The small class sizes in La Ronge and the additional help you get from instructors when needed means there is a lot of one-on-one time," says McLeod. "I would recommend the BSN program to anyone who has an interest in healthcare."

It took McLeod six years to take the leap, but watching a number of peers go through the BSN program in La Ronge ultimately motivated her to apply.

The College of Nursing Learn Where You Live model has proven successful at distributed sites like La Ronge and Île-à-la-Crosse. Since the first students entered the BSN program in La Ronge and Île-à-la-Crosse, 68 nursing students have completed their degree in northern Saskatchewan.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to study nursing in Prince Albert," adds Hoare.

For more information on the University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, please visit <https://admissions.usask.ca/nursing.php>.



University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing student Leandra McLeod from the La Ronge distributed nursing site.

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University of Saskatchewan College of Nursing student Desiré Hoare at the Prince Albert Campus.

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and Ukrainian. STM also now offers five certificate programs distinct to campus.

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Brandon University has a 125-year history of high-quality academic programs, combined with a constantly growing support system that helps today's students put their best foot forward as soon as they step on campus.

A friendly and welcoming group of student leaders greet new students when they arrive for orientation, and the helpful faculty and staff are with them every step of the way, including academic assistance, career counselling, Student Accessibility Services, personal counselling and cultural resources such as the Indigenous Peoples' Centre. A recent addition to BU's supports is the AI and Bee

Wagner Indigenous Student Transition Program, which helps students adjust to university life through mentorship, academic check-ins and guidance from Knowledge Keepers.

"We're a smaller university than many, but we prefer to look at it as being the right size for many new students, who want to step up to post-secondary education without being overwhelmed," said Leanne Barcellona, Director of Recruitment and Retention at BU. "The students can really get to know each other and their professors. Many stay with us right through until completing their undergraduate degree, and some are with us even longer as they advance to one of our graduate programs."

Located on a compact but full-service campus at the heart of Manitoba's second-largest city, BU offers its 3,500 students a wide range of options to prepare for their future careers. Students can choose from 19 undergraduate programs, six graduate programs and four certificate programs in the Faculties of Arts, Education, Health Studies, Science and the School of Music. Additionally, many established professionals further their careers by studying offerings such as the Master of Education and Master of Psychiatric Nursing programs, which they can pursue part-time while they work. For those looking for something else, there are 19 available pre-professional programs, where students can start at BU before moving seamlessly into their specialized program at another university.

Aiding in career preparation are built-in practicum in Education and Health Studies, as well as the Co-op program, which allows students to earn while they learn by mixing in paid work experience between academic terms.

Enoch Ouskun, who was a Co-op Business student and participant in the Indigenous Student Transition program, began an articling position with an accounting firm following his graduation last year, and he credited the people of BU with helping him reach his goals.

"The professors and staff were all wonderful people, and whenever I need help with anything, be it understanding a concept, getting office time to go over questions, or anything to do with deadlines," he said. "They were always helpful and understanding."

Brandon University also has robust research programs, allowing students to gain real-world experience working on meaningful projects, even at the undergraduate level. Right now, undergraduate BU students are working on projects such as cancer detection and treatment, environmental stewardship, quantum computing and green energy production.

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Medicine Hat College

Business pathways start at Medicine Hat College

Taylor Hicke chose Medicine Hat College (MHC) for its small size, welcoming community and proximity to his hometown of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, but the connections he made and the opportunities he had led to his decision to stay.

"The biggest highlight of my experience was the relationships I was able to build through my two years at MHC," says the Sport & Event Marketing and Management graduate from the School of Business.

"Some of my instructors became mentors and that was a big part of my success within the program."

MHC's School of Business is deeply connected to Southeast Alberta, providing real world learning experiences for students across all of its programs.

In addition to specialty programs like Sport & Event Marketing and Management and Service Dog and Canine Management Studies, the school offers a robust Business Administration diploma program with majors in accounting, financial services, management and marketing, plus pathways to further education like degrees and professional designations.

A diploma in Administrative Office Management and certificate options for Administrative Office Professional, Advanced Accounting, Intermediate Accounting and Marketing (new for Fall 2025) are also available.

As Taylor discovered, students in MHC's School of Business don't just study. They engage in immersive experiences, learn directly from seasoned industry professionals, delve into real company case studies, and, in select programs, participate in transformative

workplace integrated learning.

For Taylor, that meant hands-on group work to create marketing campaigns for local businesses, provide support for sporting events, and fundraise for community causes.

Now Taylor is putting his education to work as a member of the marketing team at South Country Coop's Business Support Centre.

"My studies at MHC really prepared me for my career and everything I am doing on a daily basis like marketing plans, sponsorship and graphic design," says Taylor.

He also continues in his role as basketball game night lead for Rattlers Athletics, utilizing his event management skills and keeping him connected to MHC.

"We're here to help students discover their passions," adds Dr. Morgan Blair, dean of the School of Business and Continuing Studies.

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Canadian Mennonite University

CMU students connect to global project



Dr. John Brubacher, Associate Professor of Biology at CMU

By DR. JOHN BRUBACHER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Near the end of a research leave that I spent at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, I had the opportunity to train as a partner instructor in the Tiny Earth program that's headquartered there. This

program, launched in 2018, is a microbiology lab curriculum being pursued by a growing international network of students and instructors. The program's goal is to "studentsource" the discovery of new antibiotics—one avenue of response to the emerging crisis of antibiotic resistance in disease-causing

bacteria. Tiny Earth is the brainchild of one of my scientific and pedagogical heroes: Jo Handelsman, a soil microbiologist and director of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery at UW Madison.

The 17 students in my Microbiology I course in winter of 2023 worked with me to integrate Tiny Earth into the lab curriculum for that course. The basic idea is straightforward. Students isolate pure strains of bacteria from a soil sample. We used about a quarter teaspoon of humus from the woods just south of the Director of Student Life's residence on the CMU campus. Each student assembles a library of about 20 strains of soil bacteria and screens these strains for antibiotic production by growing them on lawns of "tester strain" bacteria. The tester strains are non-pathogenic relatives of species that have been identified by the World Health Organization as pathogens of critical concern. From these screening experiments, students identify soil isolates that inhibit the growth of one or more tester strains: those isolates are producing something that is acting as an antibiotic.

Over the semester, the students learn the microbiological skills and techniques that are stan-

dard for an introductory microbiology course. But they learn in the context of doing real science, asking questions that no one knows the answer to, and seeing where their observations lead them. Students are engaged and empowered by participating as scientists in a project of genuine public interest. Studies of such course-based undergraduate research experiences routinely demonstrate the

benefits of this discovery-based approach.

The following iteration of Microbiology I, plus three biology students who continued the project in independent-study courses this past fall, have so far identified nine strains of interest from local soil. The likelihood of any of these nine being the source of a new antibiotic is quite low, but the growth of the Tiny Earth network around the world

greatly increases the odds of discovering something useful. Along the way, students may also gain a new appreciation for some timeless theological lessons, about the beauty and complexity of small things, and of the need to use the gifts of the soil reverently and wisely.

For more information and updates on Tiny Earth, see tinyearth.wisc.edu



Dr. John Brubacher with students studying microbiology. Brubacher has worked with students to identify nine strains of interest in part of the international Tiny Earth research network.

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USask College of Education

Diving into teaching: An Olympian's journey

For as long as she can remember, Sydney Carroll has wanted to be like her mother and represent her country in the Olympic Games. Thirty-two years after her mother Mary competed for Canada in diving in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, Sydney followed in her footsteps this past August at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris as a member of Canada's national artistic swimming team.

A student in the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan (USask), Sydney is also training to become a teacher. Learn about how she balances training and school in the middle years stream of the Bachelor of Education program.

Why did you choose this career path?

I chose this program since I aspire to be a teacher one day and give children

the same amazing opportunities that I received while I was in school.

When considering different universities, what made you choose the University of Saskatchewan?

I chose USask because it was so supportive of my life – both in and outside of school. While I was training for the Olympics this summer in artistic swimming, the advisors and professors were very supportive and helped me navigate online options since the training was very heavy and was located in Montreal.

Was there a specific event, class, or project that changed your perspective on your field of study?

I have found the Education Learning Communities, which are led by Peer Mentors, to be such an amazing opportunity

to meet new people, learn more about the teaching profession, and know what to expect for the years to come within the program. Having this time scheduled each week has been so helpful and definitely makes the Education program here at USask special.

How would you describe student life on and off-campus?

Student life both on and off campus is so fun! I was used to doing online school for the past three years, which was great, however, being able to have in-person connections is so much better. Making friends and talking to new people each day is what makes school so much fun and enhances my education experience.

Are you part of any student groups?

I am a part of USask Rec Dodgeball and

Basketball! This is my first year participating (and I am not very strong at either), but it is one of my favourite activities outside of school. I definitely recommend joining a rec sport league, it is lots of fun and there is no prior skill required! It's a great way to meet new people and have fun while exercising.

What advice would you give to future students based on your experience?

Based on my experience, my best advice is to never doubt yourself, throughout all areas of your life. We are constantly putting limits on ourselves without even realizing it, but no goal or dream is too big; go for it!

Learn more about the College of Education's programs at admissions.usask.ca



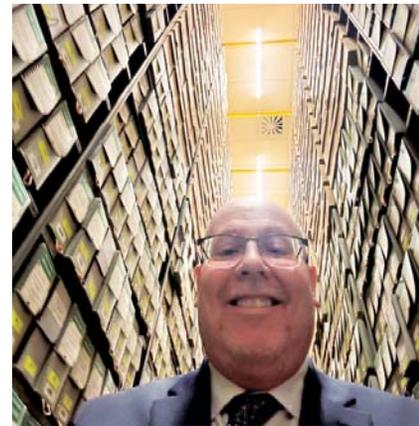
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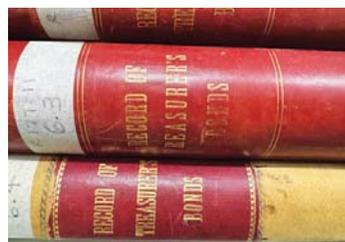
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At top, scenes from the installation of the Lieutenant-Governor (thanks to Ashley Bocek for some of those pics!), above and above right, scenes from the kickoff to Black History Month in Saskatchewan, left, right, and below, scenes from the celebration of Saskatchewan Archives Week.



The ups and downs of being an MLA

In my role as Member of the Legislative Assembly for Moosomin-Montmartre, every day is an adventure, every day is exciting, there are high points and there are low points.

Last week was no exception as the high points included being officially appointed Legislative Secretary for the Ministers of Health and Rural and Remote Health, attending the installation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, speaking for the government at the kickoff to Black History Month in Saskatchewan and at the kickoff event to Saskatchewan Archives Week and the 80th anniversary of the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan.

And the toughest part of the week was the tragedy at Carry the Kettle First Nation, which is in my constituency.

I reached out to Chief Scott Eashchappie following the quadruple homicide on his nation, and on Wednesday afternoon, myself, the Minister of Policing and Corrections and the Minister of Government Relations had a conversation with Chief Eashchappie and during that conversation I offered whatever help we can provide as his Nation recovers from this tragedy. My thoughts are with the people of Carry the Kettle as they work through the aftermath of these four tragic deaths.

Report from the Legislature

KEVIN WEEDMARK
MLA for Moosomin-Montmartre

New role working with health

I am excited to begin my new role as Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Rural and Remote Health and Addictions.

I met with Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill and Rural and Remote Health and Addictions Minister Lori Carr on Tuesday. I will be taking some duties off their hands, starting with sitting in on stakeholder meetings with them, then handling some stakeholder meetings for

them, and attending announcements and taking media questions for them.

The health file is large and complex, and I am enjoying learning about it already.

There are a few initiatives in health coming up that I will be part of and I am happy to be making a contribution in this area.

My other duties with the government use my organizational skills (my role as Deputy Government Whip), my managerial skills (Board of Internal Economy, House Services Committee and Caucus Management Committee) and my knowledge of business and economics (Cabinet Committee on the Economy and Standing Committee on the Economy).

In addition to those six roles, this new responsibility, my seventh role, takes me into a new area, navigating the complexities of the health system and one area I will be particularly working on is health care recruitment. This is very different than the other six roles, and between all those roles and working for my constituents, my days are always full and always interesting!

Feel free to reach out to my office at office@kevinweedmark.ca, 306-435-4005, or stop in at 622 Main Street in Moosomin.

Ethier recognized with Coronation Medal

McNaughton vice-principal Jordan Ethier recognized for his contributions

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Ethier believes education is built from community and relationships between teachers and their students, and feels his Métis culture has influenced those values and his teaching style.

"To me, good leadership and true education is rooted within community and relationships. It is not this idea that students are these empty vessels that we have to fill with knowledge because we know everything and they know nothing, and it is not just practicing skills like we are some training camp to produce effective workers. Instead, it is about building human capacity, about connecting students with themselves and their community, about me connecting with students on a relationship level and doing that within the context of bettering the wider community whether that be Moosomin or Southeast Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan in general, or the Métis Nation.

"I think that is a very Indigenous worldview, that is very much in Métis teachings of what education is and of what leadership is and so that is one example of how the lessons I have been taught through my family show themselves in my professional life."

Métis Identity based on cultural stories and values

Ethier explains he believes the cultural stories and values is what makes him Métis and his children Métis.

"To me, what forms my identity is not something I am just connecting to because it is heritage. It is not something I reach back in my family tree to grab, but each generation of my family has been Métis. It is not like there is some five-generation gap. It is not so much that it is important to me in a heritage sense, but it very much is who I am. It's the lessons I have been taught, the values I hold.

"I am not Métis because of my great-great-grandfather or something. It is because of who I am. The way I explain it is my children are Métis 100 per cent, not 50 per cent. My son is 100 per cent my son, but also 100 per cent a brother, we understand that you can be a whole something and a whole of another. It is whether or not you are something, we are not dog breeds that are 50 per cent something and 50 per cent another. So, for my children, what makes them Métis and what I hope becomes important to them as adults, are the lessons and stories, and values, and cultural connection that I teach them now because they're being raised in a Métis household.

"Yes, they are Métis because of heritage, but also because of the lived experience right now. It is important to me for the same reason. I am Métis because my father is Métis and I was raised in a household with those values, that cultural connection, those stories, the fact that my grandmother could speak Michif that kind of stuff. It is important to me because of the cultural connections, the community, the values, the stories, and then the heritage.

"To me, although the heritage is cool and learning about how my great-great grandparents fought in the Northwest Rebellion—that makes for a connection to history that is cool, but that actually is not the most important part of Métis identity for me, it is the lived part."

Part of Manitoba Métis Federation

Ethier is a citizen of the Manitoba Métis Federation.

"That has also actively guided me with what I do with the Métis Nation now. Because that's what is important to me, I try to be involved in formal Métis political organizations like the Manitoba Métis Federation, so in their 'Beyond Borders' events—they are like local initiatives for MMF (Manitoba Métis Federation) citizens that live outside Manitoba for the Ratification of the Red River Self-Government treaty or micro-participation in community-based Michif language revitalization and education programs because it is not just a heritage thing, but a lived experience so I try to be as involved in it as I can."

Importance of Red River Métis

Ethier explains the importance of the Red River Métis and the group's crucial part in Western Canadian history. "One of the reasons why Red River Métis as a distinction is so important to me is because the Red River area is the beating heartland of the Métis. When a people becomes a people, that new identity and common community that is formed is called ethno-genesis like the beginning of the people. Well, the ethno-genesis of the Métis is in the Red River and that is really important to recognize

because there is often this mistaken belief—especially in the settler society—they mistakenly believe that a Métis person is just somebody with Indigenous or First Nations heritage and European heritage. So my grandmother was Cree and my grandpa was French Canadian and therefore, I am Métis and that is not true—that is not what it means to be Métis, it doesn't mean to be mixed it means to be connected to that historic Red River community in Manitoba.

"The Red River Métis then spread throughout Western Canada and down into the Northern States as well. There are lots of contributions, from facilitating trade partnerships and trade routes especially for the buffalo road trade, they worked in the Red River Métis as a political organization and really brought Western Canada into Confederation.

"Manitoba came into being because of the 1869-1870 Red River Resistance Movement. Louis Riel is considered a Father of Confederation because he is the Father of Manitoba, because of the political strength of the Métis Nation. So, whether you look back to the fur trade or look into more recent Canadian political history with Confederation, the Métis in Western Canada have been both a cultural and political backbone of Western Canadian history and therefore, Canadian history."

Teaching Indigenous history in school

Ethier believes it is important to teach Indigenous history in school to recognize the Indigenous lands we all live on and the historical sacred agreement of the treaties. "It is important to teach Indigenous history for several reasons. If I was going to try and distill it down to two or three points, the first reason why it is most important to me is because we live on Indigenous land and so these are the traditional territories and homelands of these Indigenous people including the Métis Nation, and so living on this land, we should all have an awareness of who the peoples are for whom this is their homeland, and the history of the land.

"That is what I think is the primary reason of why it is important, but secondly, it goes back to things like the treaties and the treaties being a sacred covenant building a relationship between Indigenous people and settlers.

"If you are going to have that mutually beneficial relationship on this land, then there has to be mutual understanding and the settler society is much more quickly and readily understood because it is the society in context of which we live.

"We live in Canada, we live and breathe Canada, but the Indigenous people have, traditionally, not been at the forefront. They have traditionally been pushed aside or been an actively oppressed group.

"In order to have mutual benefit you have to have a mutual understanding and there is really a deeper understanding of the settler society than there is of the Indigenous peoples. So that is the second reason to form that foundation of understanding so we can live in mutual benefit on this land."

Indigenous curriculum development

Ethier has taken on a role in reviewing curricula as part of an advisory group. The group focuses on updating information and adding Indigenous groups' perspectives.

"At the moment, the curriculum that I am part of the advisory group for is called Native Studies. That is the name of the curriculum right now and they'll likely have a new title when the new curriculum comes out, but it is called the Native Studies Advisory Group. All of the high school social studies curricula are going through renewal and have been for the past almost 10 years and as they are being renewed—especially now this Native Studies one—a lot of the information in it is outdated and the perspective is quite colonial, so the provincial government has been trying to get insight from a number of different people from different capacities to improve these curricula."

"There are elders from other Indigenous Nations, there are people of different ages, some teachers, some language keepers, people of different context, and so my contribution has to always been to provide feedback from the Métis Nation and the Red River culture specifically.

"So, if we are talking about stories, we were talking about should there be outcomes to sharing specific Indigenous stories?

"And I talked about what that could look like through

a Red River lens and there was an Anishinabe elder explaining how difficult that would be to do because some of their stories are not to be shared at different times of year, they are only supposed to be shared in the winter, or not just anybody could share these stories—they are culturally important.

"We all get together and talk about what values we think are important and need to be in the curriculum. We talk about specific questions and what they could look like and what challenges there may be. These advisory groups are put together for each of these curriculum renewal phases so history would have one, social studies, if they ever get to geography. At the moment, we are focusing on Native Studies."

He says the provincial government reached out to groups in the province to see who may be interested in renewing curriculum through an Indigenous lens.

"The provincial government reached out in 2021 to several different groups, and one of the groups they reached out to were school divisions. They asked the Southeast Cornerstone School Division if they had anyone in mind for this, and the division asked me, and I said I was very interested. So I put together a little CV explaining who I was, what I have done, and what I know, and submitted that to the ministry and they asked if I would be willing to join."

King Charles III Coronation Medal

Ethier says he was shocked and it was a complete surprise to be nominated for this award.

"It was an absolute shock and that is genuine. I didn't know I was nominated, and I still don't know who nominated me. I have the write-up, Dr. Robert Kitchen, our MP of Parliament, sent me the dedication or tribute, but it is what they read at the ceremony, and it highlights my work in community volunteerism, education with a focus on Indigenous education and then my work with the Manitoba Métis Federation. Those are the three areas it focuses on. It was very unexpected and a true honour.

"I became a teacher ultimately for community and relationships. I worked my way through university working the oil rigs, I had the opportunity within other areas, and I left my plan of pursuing the path to be a history professor to become a teacher, and as I said it was for community and relationships, and the Métis Nation is important to me personally. It is a huge honour and I accept it with pride. It actually feels like I got an award for doing what I do in a way which reminds me why I do it."

He says he never expected to receive an honour such as this one.

"It wasn't something I thought of as a possibility because I do this stuff for students or for the community of Wawota, the community of Moosomin, or the Métis Nation, so to get recognition feels good because it is affirmation for the hard work I have put in, but no it wasn't a thought in the slightest. When I got the phone call it was 100 per cent a surprise."

Future contributions to education

Ethier has many goals and aspirations looking ahead into his future.

"I always try to learn and grow and seek out new opportunities. Looking back, I was the Principal in Maryfield and ultimately the reason I chose to accept that one-year position was because it was a new community to make new connections and learn new things in a slightly different role. I want to challenge myself and learn new things, but going forward I want to keep contributing in the areas I am working in. I want to hopefully inspire lifelong learning and a passion for curiosity in my students, I want to continue to volunteer and work within my community, whether that be in Wawota or opportunities in Moosomin, and then I want to continue to work with Métis culture and formal political Métis organizations whether that be the Manitoba Métis Federation or with local Michif language education initiatives, but that is all ultimately what I want to contribute.

"If I could fast-forward what I want to be remembered for in my profession are those things. That I cared about my community, relationships as an educator were what was most important to me, and that Métis culture and the Métis Nation is the foundation of who I am, and I try to give back to that community how I can, whether that be through political engagement or cultural education or advocacy."

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They also contribute to activities such as pollution remediation and greenhouse gas reduction.

Energy Systems Engineering (ERSE)

Energy Systems Engineering (ERSE) is a broad category of engineering that deals with energy production, transportation, and storage in the most efficient, eco-



nomical, and environmentally friendly manner. It covers the conventional and unconventional forms of energy, including fossil fuels and sustainable energy resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, and nuclear, etc. The interdisciplinary skills developed through the program facilitate the seamless transition into the future shape of energy. Energy systems engineers take the lead on sustainability and resolve highly complex energy problems our society faces.

The three options in the University of Regina's Energy Systems Engineering degree program are complementary to each other, and, as a whole, the program trains future engineers to be part of the transition to the future energy sector that addresses climate change. Here's how:

- The Petroleum Engineering option contributes to the responsible extraction of underground oil and gas.
- The Sustainable Energy

Engineering option focuses on developing renewable energy resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, hydro, and nuclear.

• The Energy Transportation and Storage option works on energy distribution, conversion, and storage systems essential for sustaining the increasing energy demands.

The Petroleum Systems Engineering (PSE) program experienced declining undergraduate enrollment since the oil and gas industry's downturn happened in 2015. The Energy Systems Engineering program covers a broad category of engineering disciplines that deal with energy production, transportation, and storage. The Energy Systems Engineering program aims to serve the U of R's strategic plan to "commit to climate action through development and research initiatives, as well as ecological and economic sustainability through responsible stewardship of the land and resources."

Restructuring to Energy Systems Engineering was necessary to address the challenges that the PSE program was facing. The inclusive meaning of "energy" allowed the current petroleum-focused curriculum to expand and incorporate more format of energy (such as wind, solar, nuclear, etc.). The resulting room for adjustments enables adapting to the fluctuating energy market sensitive to unforeseen social or political events.

No university in Canada offers an energy-related curriculum as comprehensive as the proposed Energy Systems Engineering program.

The Energy Systems Engineering program targets to be the principal supplier of competent much-needed engineers to the national and international energy industry.

"I appreciate the Faculty's forward-thinking approach to developing this new Energy Systems Engineering program,"

said University of Regina President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jeff Keshen in 2022 when the program was announced. "This program aligns perfectly with our 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, All Our Relations: kahkiyaw kiwah-komákaninawak, which includes a commitment to climate action through education and research initiatives, as well as a commitment to ecological and economic sustainability through responsible stewardship of the land and resources."

"The energy landscape not only this province, but nationally and even globally is rapidly changing and as a Faculty we need to be proactive in our programming to ensure our students have the skills and training they need to be successful in this increasingly demanding field," said Dr. Phillip Choi, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. "No university in Canada offers an energy-related curriculum as comprehensive as the proposed Energy Systems Engineering program."

"As students, we see ourselves as being responsible for the preservation of our planet by creating sustainable, clean energy while continuing to understand the importance of the oil and gas industry," said Bailey Armstrong, President of the Regina Engineering Students' Society. "It's exciting that the Faculty is taking the lead in adapting to the evolving energy sector by creating a diverse and unique program that will certainly be intriguing to students who want to be at the forefront of that change."

Energy Systems Engineering graduate programs are going through approvals with the expectation to launch in Fall 2025.



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Instructors at Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s School of Business and Entrepreneurship embrace the concept and are expanding opportunities for students to connect their program learning with partner organizations, business and industry before they graduate.

Academic chair Kirsten Downey has been tracking applied learning initiatives in the school and is pleased to see such variety across a wide range of courses.

“All of our students should have the chance to take the concepts they learn from their instructors and apply them to see actual results,” she says.

Ashley Hatley, who teaches marketing, guided her class on a market research project initiated by the City of Moose Jaw. “Students presented their findings to City of Moose Jaw representatives in early December,” reports Hatley.

“The project gave students an in-depth look at economic development opportunities and then allowed them to practice presenting what they learned in front of an actual client.”

Human resources instructor Genelle Payant connected her class with Thunder Creek Rehabilitation Association. Without dedicated human resources expertise, Thunder Creek’s job descriptions were out of date. Students created new job descriptions and used them to write job postings.

Executive director Chad Topp was pleased with the work, saying, “The ideas and drafts we received helped us to make attractive and enticing postings. We

had been using job descriptions as postings, and this project helped us understand how the two are different and what makes for a great job posting.”

Payant notes she has done similar exercises in the past but this was the first time working with a real organization. “Knowing they were working with an actual client made it exciting for the students as they knew they had to deliver,” she explains.

Instructor Megan Moulding’s business insurance students had an opportunity to work with Saskatchewan Insurance Professionals. Students took turns staging a social media takeover, where they created videos about an insurance-related topic or about themselves and why they chose insurance, then posted them to the organization’s social pages. “The students really enjoyed the assignment and used a lot of creativity,” shares Moulding.

The results were impressive, with one takeover post generating more than 1,000 impressions and the daily average for all student posts close to 550. “For a small organization, that’s real reach,” says Moulding.

Practicing what you have learned by doing it before entering the workforce is key to making connections, notes Downey.

Some opportunities are part of instructors’ curriculum and others are add-on opportunities that require students to apply.

Two students specializing in Sport Management were selected to travel to the 2024 Grey Cup Festival in Vancouver, where they assisted with the Sask Polytech and Canadian Football League’s Player Association (CFLPA) partnership

activation.

Robyn Dutertre and Joshua Grant helped with a kickoff party STO-24-110 Applied learning in business story where they had the chance to connect with CFL alumni and other attendees. Instructor Chelsea Jones says it was a great opportunity to work with a sports organization of that calibre.

Dutertre agrees, “Our trip to work with the CFLPA deepened our understanding of the sports industry and provided practical insights that will benefit our future.”

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LCBI High School Discovering excellence: A guide to education at LCBI High School



Education is more than academics; it is the foundation for personal growth, leadership, and lifelong success. At LCBI High School, we provide an exceptional environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. For over a century, LCBI has been a beacon of excellence, combining rigorous academics with a vibrant community to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow.

Academic Excellence

At the heart of LCBI High School is a commitment to academic achievement. We offer a diverse curriculum designed to meet the needs of every student. From core subjects like mathematics, science, and English to specialized courses in the arts, technology, and social sciences, our programs challenge students to think critically and creatively.

Our small class sizes ensure personalized attention, allowing teachers to understand each student's strengths and areas for improvement. This individualized approach fosters confidence and academic growth. Our graduates consistently earn scholarships and gain acceptance to distinctive post-secondary institutions, a testament to the quality of education at LCBI.

Faith-Life Education

LCBI High School is rooted in Christian values, offering a unique opportunity for students to grow their faith in a supportive environment. Daily chapel services, devotions, and faith courses encourage students to deepen their understanding of Christian teachings and apply them to everyday life. This focus on spiritual development nurtures a sense of purpose, compassion, and resilience in our students.

At LCBI, our school motto, "We Would See Jesus," serves as the heart of everything we do, creating an environment where students can deepen their relationship with Christ. Our faith education goes beyond teaching religious principles; it instills a strong foundation of integrity, character, and moral values that students carry with them throughout their lives. Each day, we come together for chapel,

where staff and students unite in worship and reflection. Devotions are also a meaningful part of our daily rhythm, taking place at the start of the school day and in the dorms at night, fostering a continuous relationship with God.

Our commitment to developing leaders is evident through our leadership development program, which meets twice a month to build leaders and disciples through scripture and practical application. Beyond the classroom, our service-minded culture is strengthened as we go out into the community once a month to volunteer for Take Out Wednesday, demonstrating Christ's love through action. Through these practices, LCBI equips students not only with academic knowledge but with a purpose-driven life rooted in faith.

Vibrant Community Life

At LCBI High School, education extends beyond the classroom. Our close-knit community is a cornerstone of the student experience. With students from across Canada and beyond, our boarding program creates a diverse and enriching environment where lifelong friendships are formed.

Extracurricular activities play a vital role in student life. Whether participating in competitive sports, joining student-led clubs, or showcasing talents in drama and music productions, students have countless opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills. These experiences cultivate teamwork, leadership, and a well-rounded perspective.

A Supportive Environment

Transitioning through high school is a pivotal time, and at LCBI, we prioritize the well-being of our students. Our dedicated staff create a nurturing environment where every student feels seen and valued.

Additionally, our campus—nestled in the scenic town of Outlook, Saskatchewan—provides a safe and inspiring setting for learning and growth. Our beautiful campus ensures students have everything they need to thrive.



Why Choose LCBI High School?

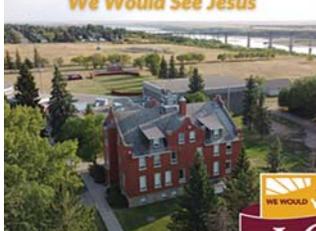
Choosing LCBI High School means choosing an education that develops the whole person. It's about more than earning a diploma; it's about building a future grounded in knowledge, faith, and community. Our alumni often describe their time at LCBI as transformative, a chapter

of their lives marked by growth, discovery, and lasting memories.

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