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The Seed Hawk production floor at Langbank

## Pat Beaujot named to Ag Hall of Fame

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Langbank's Pat Beaujot has been named to the Saskatchewan Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Beaujot will be inducted on July 30 in a ceremony at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon.

He doesn't know who nominated him. "Whoever nominated me has done it pretty quietly," he says. "I didn't know I was nominated until I got a call that they were going to announce the nominees and I was one of them."

Beaujot says he is proud to be named to the hall of fame.

"I was pretty honoured," says Beaujot, whose name is synonymous with Langbank's Seed Hawk manufacturing.

"I felt really honoured, and surprised. I've been in the business for a long time and it's good to be recognized."

"I've got a lot of friends that have done lots in the industry and for the industry, so I don't know if I deserve it completely, but I've been in the business a long time and I've done my best to promote soil conservation."

Beaujot says that soil conservation is the reason behind what he does.

"My whole career, soil conservation has been my passion, right from the start," he says. "I've always felt that I've been more interested in soil conservation than I have been in selling iron, and I think our staff and our customers see that in me and they know that, to me, business is more than just selling a piece of equipment."

Why is soil conservation important to Beaujot?

"I grew up in the '70s on the farm, and back then it was half summerfallow, half wheat basically. Mom and dad bought a piece of land just across the road from our house and there was a really sandy spot in it. In the spring and fall, if it was at all bare, it would blow on a windy day, and it would stress dad out—it wasn't very nice to watch."

"As I got into high school I really liked farming and agriculture, and you would hear people talking about soil erosion and how we were turning the prairies into a desert the way we were farming."

"When I went to university it really hit home. I ended up mostly taking soil science. Dr. Don



Pat Beaujot

Rennie was head of soil science at the time and he really taught us how damaging summerfallow was, and tillage, and that if we didn't change our practices we would destroy the soil by the end of the '70s. We had destroyed about half the organic matter within the soil from when we broke the land."

"The good thing about Dr. Rennie was he taught us that if we started to grow crop year after

year, continuous crop instead of summerfallow, and we started to use fertilizer to do that, and leave the stubble standing, we could stop all this destruction we were doing, and actually improve the soil. That was really revolutionary at that time. It's common now, but back in the late '70s and early '80s that was pretty unusual. Most people actually got emotional about it and insisted that they needed to summerfallow. They would get worked up about that."

"I came out of university with a real passion for soil conservation. Guys like Dr. Rennie and Les Henry really taught us that we need to do something about it, and I think the industry in general by the mid to the end of the '80s felt the same way, that it was pretty obvious that something had to be done."

"After I learned about soil conservation, when I saw a black field, totally exposed to wind and water erosion, it looked like an open wound in the earth to me. I could see that this was just not the way it was supposed to be. Every time wind or heavy rain came along you'd lose a bunch of topsoil, and I knew that couldn't

be good."

Beaujot began his career working with a fertilizer company.

"When I got out of university I worked for Simplot, and spent eleven years working with them," he says. "Part of solving the problem of summerfallow was to learn how to use fertilizer properly and grow your crop year after year and stop summerfallowing."

"In 1986 my brother and I took over mom and dad's farm, and I really wanted to switch to no till."

"We did what we could with the equipment dad had. He had an old air seeder and we switched to somewhat less tillage."

"At that time Roundup was just coming off patent, so it was becoming more affordable to actually spray instead of till. That changed things significantly."

"It was so dry in the late '80s and early '90s, and such poor grain prices, that everybody was looking for ways to spend less money. And so the movement was on across the whole Prairies. My brother was an engineer, and I was an agronomist and I thought we've got to try to find a tool that can do this."

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# Fleming to recreate historic elevator

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Six years after arsonists burned Saskatchewan's oldest grain elevator to the ground, there is only bare ground at the former site of Fleming's Lake of the Woods elevator.

But that will change this summer, when a steel framed structure will rise in place of the original elevator, and the familiar outline of Fleming's historic elevator will once again dominate the small town's skyline.

The plan is to build a frame for the replica elevator out of drill stem, and grids of 2x4s to which metal plates can be attached.

"We haven't confirmed the size," says Fleming Mayor Phil Hamm, who was involved with the effort to preserve the former elevator.

"We're not sure if we can make it full size or not. We're in the process of talking to contractors and a welder. It may have to be downsized a little because of the material we're working with. We will put screw piles in the ground, and will weld the lengths of pipe in place.

"We're going to attach 3x8 metal panels and will have them as close to the original color of the elevator as we can.

"The top part, the cupola, we will build on the ground, and lift it up and weld it on."

Because of the materials being used, Hamm said he isn't sure if the replica can be built to the exact dimensions of the original.

"If we have to scale it back from what it was, we want to keep it in proportion, so we're going to get an engineer to assist us with that," said Hamm. "I believe the main part of the elevator was 40x40, and it was 55 feet high. We're going to go with the dimensions of the former elevator and just see what the contractors that are advising us have to say, taking into consideration the material we have to work with. We have an architect who is willing to provide us with some advice.

"If we reduce the size, we would have to ensure that all the proportions are the same."

The town of Fleming owns the site

where the original elevator stood and the replica will be built on the same site.

"We've got the plans at the town office, so we can make it very similar to the original," he said.

"We're going to have a ceiling put in on the ground floor. We have some museum items, we thought we would put the items in there. We think we will get more donations once people know we have some place to display them.

"We will have electricity in the building, and we'll finish it off nice inside.

"The building will include the drive through and the office, so it will have the appearance of what we lost."

With volunteer work and donated equipment, Hamm believes the replica elevator can be built very inexpensively.

"We're doing as much as possible with donated equipment," he said. "I'm thinking it will be \$25,000-35,000."

Tony Huggard is chairing the building committee, and Clint Blythe, and Joe Tschetter are also on the committee.

Hamm said he believes the replica elevator could take shape this summer.

"We think we can do it this summer—that's what our plan is anyway," he said. "We want to raise a bit more money first. We're hoping to raise about \$15,000."

The idea for the replica elevator has been kicked around for a while, said Hamm.

"Tony Huggard and Bernard Pranke have been talking about it for awhile," said Hamm.

The idea has been discussed at joint meetings of the various organizations in Fleming, and has had strong support.

"We're trying to have the organizations in Fleming united," said Hamm.

"Instead of having the Communities in Bloom committee meeting with five or six people, and the Fleming Community Organization with five or six, and the heritage group with five or six, we thought let's all meet together.

"It's been working well. We had 13 out at one meeting, and 11 out at another. It gets discouraging with five or six trying to take care of the hall and half a dozen trying to do something else.

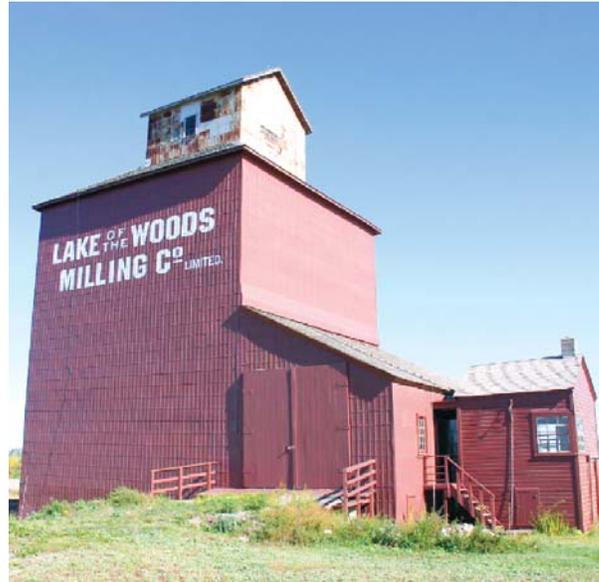
"It's better when the community acts together.

"Everyone in the community is getting behind this. People are very excited. I have had some people who haven't been attending the meetings saying they will gladly help out. People think it looks barren without the elevator there, and this is

a way to recognize our heritage."

Anyone interested in helping out can make a donation to the project through the town of Fleming.

Cheques can be made to the Town of Fleming elevator project and mailed to Town of Fleming Box 129 Fleming Sask S0G 1R0



## Replica elevator to be built

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Steven has strong ties to Moosomin constituency being the 5th generation of his family to reside there.

Steven has extensive experience in the domestic and international agribusiness fields. He has worked on four continents as a consultant in agricultural management and policy development. Steven has also worked as an advisor on International trade and market access. He lived in Europe for nearly a decade, where he was the managing director of livestock based enterprises and as a management consultant to help companies grow and solve strategic challenges with the transition to a free market economy, particularly in post-Soviet countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He communicates in four languages, facilitating his participation in international roundtable discussion panels and he is a recognized speaker at agribusiness related events. Steven is also actively involved in his family's custom grazing and livestock business near Wolseley.

Steven is also very involved with his community as a member of the Wolseley Community School Council, Glenavon Agriculture Society, the Southeast Saskatchewan Social Services Appeal Board, and he sits on the international committees of both the Canadian Western Agribition and Canada's Farm Progress Show.

Steven and his wife Candace have a twelve-year-old daughter, Emma.



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### Warren Kaeding

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Warren received his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan in 1985 and worked as a territory manager for Hoechst AG from 1986-1996. From 1986-2011 he was also owner/operator of Wagon Wheel Seed Corp., a large pedigreed seed farm, located in Churchbridge.

Warren has held the position of Executive Director for the Sask Farm Stewardship Association, Advisor to the Agriculture Development Fund, Crop Inspector with Maxcor Ventures, and Business Development Rep for Input Capital. He is also involved in his community as a Lions member, Chair of the local economic development board, elder in his local church, was a member of the Community School Council and was an official and coach with local minor hockey and baseball.

"The Saskatchewan Party represents the ideals that I have grown up with in the province. I believe that the Saskatchewan Party government has the proven track record and vision to continue the growth of our great Province," he said of his decision to run for the Saskatchewan Party.

Warren and his wife Carla, have two sons who are professional engineers.

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# PotashCorp Rocanville has solid future says Long

BY KARA KINNA

Speaking at the February Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting, PotashCorp Rocanville GM Larry Long said that PotashCorp Rocanville has a long life ahead of it, and could soon be the largest potash mine in the world, and one of the largest mines in the world when it comes to all commodities.

Long was invited to speak at the Chamber meeting to discuss PotashCorp's plans to bring staff laid off in New Brunswick to the Rocanville mine after PotashCorp closed its Picadilly mine in Sussex, New Brunswick.

Long said he had worked in mining for years—from diamond mines to potash—and was the mine superintendent and general manager at PotashCorp's Allan mine before being asked to take on the job of general manager at Rocanville.

He said the mine at Rocanville is in the final stages of its expansion—converting the old service shaft into a production shaft—and that the project is due to be completed by October of this year, with between 150 to 200 workers on site consistently during the conversion, and a peak of up to 400 workers over the summer months.

Long said people often don't realize how big the Rocanville mine really is.

"Right out your back door, you have one of the largest underground mines in the world, not just in potash, but in all commodities," he said.

Long said PotashCorp Rocanville was getting prepared for its Canpotex run coming up in the first half of 2017, which is a major undertaking.

"I went through a major Canpotex run in Allan. You are setting up for an event that lasts for four months. We have to have everything prepared and commissioned for the expansion and we want to maximize the Canpotex number we are given when the run is done," he said.

"It's significant because if we get more of the sales for us and PotashCorp in general, it means we are fending off more layoffs."

Long said that they expect 40 to 50 per cent of PotashCorp's production to come from Rocanville after the Canpotex run, meaning between 5.2 and 5.5 million tonnes of potash being produced out of the Rocanville mine.



PotashCorp Rocanville GM Larry Long

This prompted Rocanville Rec Director Jamie MacLeod to ask what Long thought the life expectancy of the Rocanville mine to be.

"I can comfortably say 120 to 150 years, but it's going to be more than that for sure," he said. "It's a huge unitized area. In the area we have now, there's a lot of empty space we haven't even touched yet."

Long said that PotashCorp Rocanville and Mosaic Estehazy are mining one of the nicest potash deposits in the world, which makes the two mines low cost producers.

He said one of the reasons they had to close down the New Brunswick mine was the cost of production.

"New Brunswick was a very high cost producer. A lot of it was in the inflow in the original mine. It cost a lot of money to manage that water. The new mine at Picadilly was two kilometres away, but it has very

different geology—the ore bodies on the east coast are very complicated."

Long said production from the closed Picadilly mine would come to Saskatchewan.

In early February, PotashCorp held a job fair in New Brunswick in hopes of attracting laid off employees to the Rocanville area.

"There is strong interest in some of the folks moving out to Saskatchewan," he said.

"We had 66 people sign up for interviews who put Rocanville as their first choice."

Long, who hails from New Brunswick, said he knows it's a big decision for some of the employees there to make the move, but he thinks the area would be a good fit for many of them.

"I think for some of the younger folks it's an opportunity to keep their career going with PotashCorp. They have very good employees, as we have very good employees here in Saskatchewan. I think they'll find it like I did, that the people's values out here in Saskatchewan are very similar to those in New Brunswick. It will just be a lot flatter and a lot drier than what they're used to in New Brunswick."

Long said many of the people looking at making the move are younger people with families.

"Most of the people I've interviewed are on the younger side and are already married and have young kids."

"The economy on the east coast in general, it's just

not as robust as it is out west here. So I think for some of those families who are willing to do the same thing that my wife and I did 20 years ago, they may go where the opportunities are and the opportunities are here. They are good employees and I would say they are going to be good members of your community here if they come here.

"We're going to certainly try to make things as easy as possible to try to have that transition to come out west. I think there's an opportunity for them and I think there's an opportunity for you folks."

Before the expansion at PotashCorp Rocanville, the mine employed approximately 350 employees.

Long said once the expansion is fully complete there should be around 750 employees working at the mine.



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# Davidson looking forward to NHL draft



Dawson Davidson is in his second season with the Kamloops Blazers.

BY KARA KINNA  
Moosomin's Dawson Davidson will be eligible for the NHL draft this spring, and he says he's confident he has a shot at being drafted if he continues to play the way he can.

Davidson, 17, is in his second season as a defenseman with the WHL's Kamloops Blazers. In 43 games he has earned 25 points, with four goals and 21 as-

sists this season. "It's been going really well, we've really come together as a group and have put together a couple of good wins," says Davidson. "Individually I thought I had a pretty good year and have put out pretty good numbers."

"I'm putting up a lot better than I was last year and I'm really happy with my place so far, but there's

always room for improvement. I keep trying to get better every day.

"I don't think I'm doing better than I expected to, but I'm doing what I expected to do."

Davidson says his first goal is to make the playoffs with the Blazers, and second is making the NHL draft.

"First and foremost is to make playoffs. We have made playoffs the last couple of years. So to make playoffs is the first goal and then just getting drafted would be the second goal. It's something that I have looked forward to my whole life and for that to become a reality would be pretty amazing."

How much of a shot does Davidson think he has at the NHL draft? "I think I have a good chance," he says. "I'm pretty confident in myself and I think if I play the way I can and do the right things, I think that I could get drafted. It all depends on how I play."

Davidson says in order to be drafted, he needs to be a standout player. His mid-term ranking was 197. In recent years the NHL has drafted 211 players. "You have to do some-

thing special, you don't want to be a player that blends in. Whether you're a good skater, you're a good shooter, you have to do whatever you can, and you've got to do it better than everyone else. And you have to be consistent and not take nights off. Because if you take a night off and someone is watching you, they might think that's how you play all the time. Consistency and being special would probably be the two biggest things."

"There are so many good hockey players in this league, you've really got to go above and beyond. When you're a D-Man you

can't just stay at home, you've got to try and put up decent numbers. I try to be special and I try to use my skating to my advantage, I try to use my hockey IQ to my advantage and try and know how the team works."

Davidson says he'd be happy to be drafted by any team in the NHL.

"I mean obviously going to a team like Winnipeg would be awesome—some- where close (to home) like that. But any team would be unbelievable," he says.

Davidson says the draft is always in the back of his mind, but he tries not to focus on it too much when he's on the ice.

"I try not to while I'm playing, because when you get too focused on stuff like that it's just going to mess with your mind and you're not going to play hockey well. I try not to think about it too much, but obviously in the back of my head it's there because it's something that's so special."

Davidson says he's enjoying his second season with the Blazers—a team he will likely be with for a few more seasons.

"I'm really enjoying it, we have a great group of guys this year, and the best junior hockey coach in the league. It has been a great organization and I'm having a lot of fun."



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# Local players help win football championship in Texas

BY KARA KINNA

Three members of the Moosomin Generals football team helped Saskatchewan win the championship at the Texas School of Football International Tournament and Showcase in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas from February 19-21.

Dalton Grant from Moosomin and Calvin Murphy from Wapella were both chosen to be part of the South Saskatchewan Selects U14 football team in November, and Nathan Raymond from Redvers was chosen to be part of the U16 South Sask Selects team.

The South Sask Selects team travelled to Texas for their fourth year of competition there, with both the U14 team and U16 team coming home with the championship this year. It was the first time a Sask Selects team has won a championship at that tournament.

Calvin Murphy, who played football with both the junior and senior Generals last season, says the first step was to simply make the Sask Selects team.

"We had to go to Moose Jaw on November 21 and 22. It was a two-day tryout. The tryout went really, really well. The next week I got an email and it said that I had made the Sask Selects team, and so then I went back and we had practice every second weekend," he says.

180 players tried out for the U14 team with only 45 being chosen.

Murphy says he wanted to join the Selects to increase his skills as a player.

"I just went there for skills and when I got called back, I decided I would be on the team," he says.

Murphy says they were told that playing in Texas would be a challenge.

"We heard before that the teams down there were really, really good. We had no idea how it was going to be. It was my first time and the coaches said it was going to be real football. It's no more Saskatchewan football, this is Texas football. We played by U.S. rules. That was my first time

playing U.S. rules. It was a little different. There were a few new rules you had to learn but nothing major."

"We had to work really hard to get us to where we were to make the team and then win the championships. We had to work as a team. It was just really fun."

"On our first game, we blew them out and then the other games were really close."

"It was the first time the U14s have won the championship for the Sask Selects, so that was pretty cool."

"The coaches were pumped, all the Canadian fans were really happy. I've never won a championship and it was amazing to feel."

Murphy says the entire experience was a benefit to him as a player.

"It's a team sport, so you have to work together as a team and play hard. It was a great experience. I've learned so many more skills and met new friends and it's going to help me out for senior football this year coming up."

Dalton Grant, who was also on the U14 team, says he missed a chance to try out for the Sask Selects last year so he decided he better try out this year.

"I had an opportunity to last year and I didn't. I went to something else instead. So this year I just decided to try out and I made it," he says.

"I didn't expect to make the team so I didn't really expect to go to Texas."

"It was kind of a shock."

Grant says he had no idea how the Saskatchewan team would do at first.

"At the start I wasn't really feeling too confident because our team didn't really look that great, but by the last practice I thought we were going to do really well."

He says strong coaching was a factor in their success.

"Just really good coaching and lots of commitment on their part and making sure that we were better players than we were when we started."

A few things about Texas were a surprise.

"The size," he says. "There were lots of big guys down in Texas compared to what I'm used to. Because usually I'm the big guy, but down there I was pretty small."

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# Moosomin Dental Centre changes hands

BY KARA KINNA  
Moosomin Dental Centre has changed hands. In January, Dr. Deryl Dangstorp took the clinic over after purchasing it from Dr. Rob Austin, who owned and ran the clinic for 31 years.

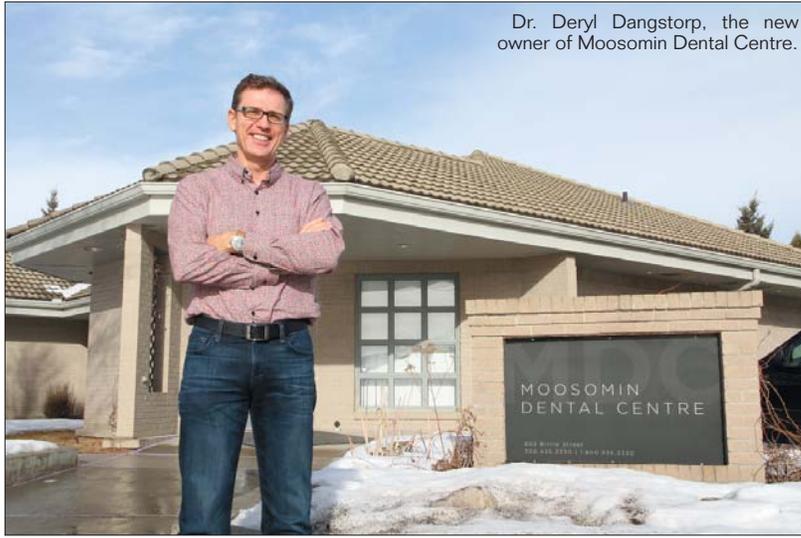
Dangstorp, who lives in Regina, is the owner of Dangstorp Dental, and has three clinics in Regina—Northgate, Lakeshore and Emerald Park. Moosomin is the only clinic he owns in a rural area, but he says he's no stranger to small-town life and no stranger to Moosomin.

Dangstorp grew up in Redvers where his family still owns and runs Redvers Agriculture and Supply. As a youth, Dangstorp worked with Moosomin dentist Dr. Ken Metzger as a summer student one year.

"I knew this was a really good office and was really busy because a lot of my friends and family from Redvers would come here," says Dangstorp. "I'd always sort of been looking at it and thinking about it. And Moosomin has really grown in the last 10 to 20 years. It's a good size town now, it has lots of services, and it seems to be growing nicely."

"I had been coming down to Moosomin quite a bit when my parents both used Moosomin hospital. Every time I came down I noticed the town was growing."

"I thought I'm from a small town growing up, our family still runs a business in Redvers and



Dr. Deryl Dangstorp, the new owner of Moosomin Dental Centre.

I know how a small town operates. I found out Rob was looking at retiring and selling the practice, so I came down and met Rob and thought it would be a really good fit with the rest of my offices, and I had the advantage of knowing the area well, growing up here. It's sort of like a full circle. I'm back to where I started going to the dentist.

"Rob's office is very well run, it's a beautiful building and has very, very good staff—they are nice, they are friendly. One thing that encouraged me

to go ahead with this is having such a good team. They are all from the community, they know the community, they've been in the office for a number of years, they are very experienced, and it makes my job of running the office much easier."

Dangstorp says not a lot will change at Moosomin Dental Centre, but he plans to add more services wherever possible so that people in the Moosomin area can access more services through the Moosomin clinic instead of having to drive to the city.

Dr. Austin and Dr. Kurt Olafson will continue to provide dental services, and a new dentist, Dr. Bruce Edwards joined the clinic a few months ago.

"What I'm hoping to do with the office here is keep it doing what it's doing, and maybe bring some of the things we're doing in Regina here," says Dangstorp.

"Dr. Edwards brings some additional skill sets—he can put implants in, he can do a lot of oral surgery, he can do wisdom teeth extractions, he can do IV sedation.

"Having different offices allows us to co-ordinate and continue education with our staff together, even when it comes to trying out a new piece of software or equipment."

"Rob has a wonderful dental lab here, which we will integrate with the rest of my offices. There's certain things this lab can do, and instead of sending things out to Calgary, if we can, it will come to Moosomin."

"My goal would be to bring some specialties here rather than have people in Moosomin and

the surrounding area have to drive in to the city. I'm hoping that I can get an orthodontist to come down here. Dr. Edwards is going to provide a lot of services that are going to save people trips to the city, and they can work out of here."

"And that's really good for the people in the area because Regina is two hours one way and if you have to go two or three times to get something done, it's a lot of time. So we're going to attempt to bring the services here."

Dangstorp says he is also hoping to bring another dentist on board at the clinic at some point.

"My goal in time will be to find another young dentist to come to Moosomin. I think it will be attractive. Moosomin offers a really good lifestyle, especially for families," he says. "Over time with the area that this clinic serves, it would be nice to get another dentist in."

Dangstorp says he will be in Moosomin on a regular basis to touch base with his staff and the dentists. He says he looks forward to supporting the community as much as possible.

"The one thing I know from being from a small town is that you support local, whether it's the local hockey team or the local businesses," he says. "You get your supplies and your goods from the local suppliers as much as you can. Anything I can get done locally, I will get done locally."

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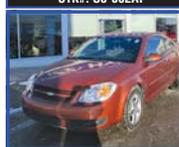


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# Austins thankful for years in business

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Dangstorp says Moosomin's diverse economy is one of the reasons that prompted him to invest in the area.

"You still have agriculture, but you've got service along the corridor, you've got the mine, it's still very much mixed farming in this area. You have the hospital, you have a significant number of doctors, so it's a well established centre for health care here," he says.

"I looked at the diversity of the economy in the area and I thought it was very secure. You are not relying on one commodity or one sector."

Dr. Rob Austin says he is happy that someone with ties to the area has purchased Moosomin Dental Centre.

"Maggie and I feel very fortunate to have been able to pass on our life's work to someone who has ties to this area of the province. We are confident Dr. Dangstorp will do great things as relates to dentistry for Moosomin and the surrounding communities," he says.

Austin, who started practicing as a dentist in Moosomin 31 years ago, says he is nothing but appreciative for his 31 years in business in Moosomin.



Rob and Maggie Austin in the garden beside Moosomin Dental Centre.

"We would like to express our deep appreciation to the people of Moosomin and surrounding communities for their support over the past 31 years," he says. "Maggie and I feel very blessed to

have been able to live in such a vibrant part of Saskatchewan.

"Our daughters have said on numerous occasions how lucky they feel to have grown up in the same community for all of

their childhood and adolescent school years. Many of the classmates they started with in Kindergarten were there with them receiving their grade 12 diplomas.

"Some have asked 'why retirement now?' There is

no easy answer. I have always longed for having the opportunity to 'just do dentistry' and possibly now for the next little while I may get that chance.

"In the past 31 years there have been remarkable ad-

vances in the field of dentistry. Years ago when people talked about the 'good old days,' dentistry was not included in the discussion. Although dentistry can still be a challenging experience for some, the advances in techniques and technology have gone a long way in helping more people see the dentist in relative comfort. Digitization of x-rays has made dentistry safer along with safer anaesthetics, new filling materials, computer assisted design for fabrication of crowns and orthodontic models. These are just some of the innovations in the last few years.

"I am envious of those entering the field of Dentistry now because the delivery of care is not only safer and better, but is becoming much easier to provide.

"As for our plans going forward at this time we have nothing definite. Maggie is very busy getting the paperwork in place for obtaining CRA charitable status for the charity 'Kids in Ghana.' I am looking forward to helping out in the community in any way possible, have coffee with friends and pretending at times to be a farmer with the land around Pine Corner."

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### Ryan Bender concert raises \$3,000 for Telemiracle

Moosomin's Ryan Bender performed in concert at the Moosomin Community Theatre Feb. 23, and raised \$3,000 for Telemiracle. Ryan and his band—Chris Istace and Lorne Frape—also performed at Telemiracle and took with them the donations they raised in Moosomin and at a second concert in Wawota. Bender has been blind from birth, but discovered early on that he had a talent for music. It was one of his first times performing a concert in front of a large crowd.



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# First ever Pinoy invitational basketball tournament held in Moosomin

The first Invitational Pinoy Basketball Tournament was hosted by Pinoy Moosomin Community Inc at McNaughton High School from Feb. 20-21.

Teams from Moosomin, Carlyle, Virden, Oxbow/Camduff, and Hamiota competed in the tournament, as did a team of McNaughton High alumni players simply named "The Other Guys."

Teams battled for top spot in a number of games held over two days.



Participants swear the Oath of Sportsmanship at the opening ceremonies on Feb. 20.



Carlyle took top honors at the first-ever Moosomin Pinoy Invitational Basketball Tournament Feb. 20-21.



The team named "The Other Guys" took second place at the first-ever Moosomin Pinoy Basketball Tournament.



Virden took third place at the first-ever Moosomin Pinoy Basketball Tournament.



Above: Ziane Cuz of Oxbow was having fun at the Pinoy basketball tournament.

Left: A Moosomin player shoots for a basket.



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Left, Tyler Thorn and Tyler Michael in front of Celebration's body shop. Right Tyler Michael with the electronic controls on the paint booth.

## Celebration now an SGI Elite accredited body shop

A new accreditation from SGI should help Celebration Ford serve its body shop customers better.

Celebration's body shop has earned SGI's top accreditation level.

"We are now an SGI Elite accredited body shop," says owner Tyler Thorn.

"The most important change that comes with this designation is that we are now an SGI Authorized Appraisal Station. This means we can now perform appraisals on behalf of SGI. Customers no longer have to wait to see an appraiser."

That means less time between a customer bringing in a vehicle after an accident and driving it home after the repair.

"The SGI appraisers are only in Moosomin one day per week, so in the past, a customer had to wait a week or two to get an appointment to have their vehicle damage appraised," explains Thorn.

"That is no longer the case as we can perform the appraisals every day of the week. In many cases, we can have the customer's vehicle in and repaired quicker than they could traditionally get in to have

their vehicle appraised.

"This new initiative is great for the customer as it can really speed up the repair process, it shortens the amount of time they are without their vehicle.

"If you have a crash today, within a few hours potentially we could be doing an estimate on your vehicle, take the pictures, send it in, and usually have an approval within 24 hours. That means we can get the parts ordered, start disassembling it, and have you fixed and back on the road by the end of the week.

"The whole thing speeds up the repair process for the customer. Their vehicle isn't tied up as long."

As well, the process of filing supplemental claims once a repair is underway is much quicker. "We can do the supplements on the computer now," says body shop manager Tyler Michael. "We don't have to wait for anybody to come and look at the hidden damage."

The body shop at Celebration does a lot of collision repair work, painting, glass repair and replacement, and spray in

boxliners. And while Celebration is a Ford dealership, the body shop can work on any make and model of vehicle—last week, a variety of vehicles including a combine and a semi were in for body work.

"People often think that because we're a Ford dealership our body shop can only work on Fords, but we can work on anything," says Tyler. "Whether it's body work or installing accessories like mud flaps, running boards, lift kits, toolboxes and back racks, we can do the work, and we can do it on any make or model."

The body shop draws customers from an area of about 100 km in each direction from Moosomin, and that radius has been expanding over the years.

A brand new 6,000-square-foot body shop was built as part of the new Celebration Ford dealership built in Moosomin in 2014. At that time a new paint matching system and full downdraft paint booth were installed, which allows painting of several vehicles a day with an accurate paint match and a perfect finish.

Celebration has also invested in new

equipment in the body shop so they can work with aluminum as well as steel.

"We've upgraded our equipment so we can work with aluminum body panels, since more and more cars have aluminum body panels now," says Thorn. "Of course the new F-150 is aluminum, but a lot of vehicles have aluminum panels now."

Celebration has a fleet of new Ford courtesy vehicles to provide customers with alternative transportation while their vehicle is in for repairs.

Celebration is an authorized dealer for Quik Liner spray-in bed liners and can install spray-in liners in all makes and models of trucks. "The Quik liner product has also been applied to other vehicles to protect them . . . things like trailers and ATVs," says Thorn. "It is a very durable product that can protect all types of equipment."

Thorn said he is proud of the SGI Elite accreditation. "We're proud to have earned this accreditation from SGI, and we work hard every day to earn our customers' business," he said.



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**Regional College, Regional park working together**

**Heavy equipment course to be offered at Moosomin**

BY TERRI EGER

A growing demand by students has led to an increase in courses offered at Southeast Regional College in Moosomin. This spring marks the first time a Heavy Equipment Operator course will be offered at the local campus.

"We have offered the course for a number of years in Indian Head, Weyburn and Assiniboia and it's been extremely popular," said Tracy Page, Campus Manager. "We had a lot of interest from the local area and were drawing a number of students from Manitoba as well, so it made sense to offer the class in Moosomin."

Running from April 20 to May 20, the 200 hour course is a Saskatchewan Polytechnic-accredited course offering theoretical and practical learning. Students will receive four safety certificates including St. John's First Aid/CPR Level 'A' & AED and Ground Disturbance Level II. They will also receive two heavy equipment operator tickets on a dozer, excavator or motor grader, according to Page.

While the class time is important, the course includes practical skills in operating the heavy machinery on a project. As the college prepared to offer the course, a number of organizations in the community were contacted asking if they had a suitable project.

Moosomin Regional Park came on board as a partner, making the course possible. Work at the park will consist of widening the main road at the toll booth to three lanes which stretch 500 feet long.

"It's a project we've been thinking about for a long

time," explained Park Manager Wayne Beckett. "This will give us two incoming lanes so campers can register in one lane at the booth and not hold up traffic that is coming through with a pass." A third lane will once again be dedicated to traffic exiting the park.

The college will provide the equipment, supervisor and instructor for the course while the park supplies the land base, dirt, gravel and fuel.

"It's a win, win situation," said Beckett. "We get a project completed at a low cost and they get the training they need."

A maximum of six students will be admitted to the class which has already received 11 applications. Reg-

istrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis, however verification of prerequisites is required. Students must meet an English Language Proficiency qualification, have a valid Class 5 Driver's Licence and payment must be secured. Cost of the course is \$10,900 including tuition and materials. Individuals collecting EI benefits may have the opportunity to access funding to cover some or all of their tuition.

Due to the popularity of the course this spring, Page expects the course to continue.

"We are hoping we can run it each spring," she said. "If learner demand is there and we can secure partner projects we may be able to run the course in the fall as well."

**Candidates meeting in Moosomin**  
**Four candidates to attend**

All four candidates in the Moosomin constituency have confirmed that they will participate in the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce candidates meeting in Moosomin on Tuesday, March 15.

The four candidates are Steven Bonk of the Sask Party, Ashlee Hicks of the NDP, Kate Ecklund of the Green Party, and independent Trevor Bearance.

The chamber of commerce organizes candidate meetings during federal and provincial elections to give chamber members and local residents a chance to meet the candi-

dates running for office.

A provincial election is expected to be called this week, and will be held April 4. There is no incumbent in the Moosomin constituency as long-time MLA Don Toth has retired.

The candidates meeting is set for 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at the Canalta Hotel on Lake Avenue.

The meeting will run through the lunch hour and lunch will be provided. Candidates will have an opportunity to make opening statements, and questions will be taken from the floor.

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# Kitchen speaks up for Energy East in House of Commons

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Souris-Moose Mountain MP Robert Kitchen has spoken up for Energy East in the House of Commons.

The MP asked a question of the government during debate on a Conservative motion to show support for Energy East.

The Conservative motion failed, as all Liberal and NDP members voted against it.

"Souris-Moose Mountain is a riding in Saskatchewan where the pipeline will go. The pipeline is coming through a community called Moosomin," Kitchen told the House of Commons. "Moosomin is supposed to get a receipt and delivery terminal, otherwise known as a tank farm, which will accommodate 1.05 million barrels of oil. In the two-year process of building this tank farm, there are projected to be 150 jobs, which will come from local welders, builders, and construction. I would ask the member if he could comment on where he sees other losses in the industry as this progresses?"

The motion was defeated.

"The Conservative Party put forward a motion to support Energy East and encourage the country to support it, to stand up for this project" Kitchen said in an interview Tuesday. "It's one we believe is right for the industry, and it's right for Canada, because it creates jobs all across the country, and it's the safest way to move the product. It's 99.9 per cent safe. We were just trying to say let's support this and get behind it."

"The Conservative caucus stood behind it 100 per cent," Kitchen said. "Unfortunately the Liberals and the NDP voted against it. The 10 Conservative members for Saskatchewan all voted in favor, and three of the four other members did not. One unfortunately wasn't there because of the incident in La Loche."

He said the motion brought the issue to the fore. "It was great to see. We spent all day



Robert Kitchen

debating and presented a number of good arguments on why we believe it's the right way to go. We were able to ask questions in support of that. I had

the chance to ask a question, asking what do we say to the people of Moosomin when we're dealing with an issue where we're dealing with the tank farm that we would have here."

Kitchen says it's hard to pin down the government's position on Energy East.

"It's hard to read how the government is seeing it," he said. "They're not saying anything. They're just saying we need a further review of the project and they've created a process to do that. That review is going to delay things, obviously, and the proponents are going to have to deal with that. And how long it delays it we don't know."

He said Energy East is a big issue for him personally and for the Conservative caucus.

"We will keep pushing the issue because it's important for the oil and gas industry. It's important because we need to

move the product. Still in the east, 80 per cent of their oil is coming from foreign suppliers. Why we're not using our own oil makes no sense to me. It creates jobs here by moving our oil east, it creates jobs in the east, it means that the oil is being bought from Canadian suppliers, not foreign suppliers.

"We talk about these countries that violate human rights, and yet we'll buy their oil. It just doesn't make sense to me."

He said Energy East and the Moosomin tank farm that would be part of it is important for Saskatchewan and especially southeast Saskatchewan.

"You look at the riding we're in, we have lots of resources, but we don't have the ports," he said. "We can't ship it overseas. It's not like we can just airlift it out of here."

"We need to move it by road, or by rail to those ports, or we move it by pipeline. Pipeline is the safest way to move oil, and that frees up more room on the rails for our farmers to move their grain and to move the product in our potash mines."

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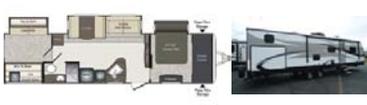
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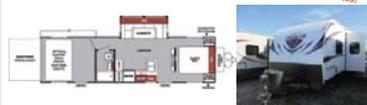
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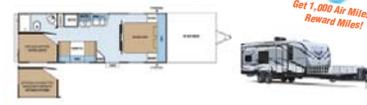
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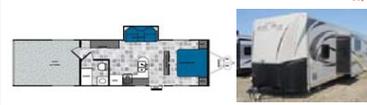
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# Rocanville pool hits the reset button

Major repairs completed, staffing issues dealt with, board looks forward to fully operational season

BY KARA KINNA

After a few rough years, the Rocanville indoor pool will be up and running normally this season, and is looking forward to a swim season without any issues.

Major repairs at the pool have been completed and the pool board has found enough staff to keep the pool fully functional for the entire season. On top of that, a number of new people have joined the pool board with plans to fundraise and host events at the pool on an ongoing basis.

The board is hoping the pool will be open in April, and stay open until the end of October or even into November.

Kristy Nelson is one of the new board members. After moving to Rocanville from Saskatoon, she says she thought it was important to get involved with the pool.

"I have kids and they enjoy using the a pool. We were also new to the area. Having an indoor pool was a comfort we were used to having in Saskatoon," she says.

"There was a need for new board members and I just felt that my time would be well used there because I want my kids to have an indoor pool and access to lessons and all the fun that goes along with having an indoor pool."

The pool struggled with a number of major mechanical and maintenance issues for a few years, but Nelson says all major repairs were completed last year. For a number of years, the cost of those repairs hobbled the pool's ability to operate fully.

"The repairs were very, very expensive," says Nelson. "Not having enough money goes hand in hand with not being able to offer all the school lessons and swimming lessons."

With repairs finally completed, the pool board is now looking to the future.

"We feel we have a solid core of staff who are ready to come back now," says Nelson. "We are going to talk about offering

some programs like junior lifeguarding, so that will hopefully get these kids interested and involved and enticed to become a lifeguard. I know that's a program they've had in the past that has been successful.

"We have secured another instructor for lessons. That's going to help bring more dollars in through lessons and make the pool some money. So obviously that helps with operating costs.

"We're really looking into offering some more fun activities. Last year there was a sleepover at the pool, that was really successful. We're looking to do a swimathon in June.

"In May the pool is going to be at the market at the Rocanville museum doing a fundraising barbecue and we are also going to be selling tickets up to the May 21 draw date for two Rider season tickets. That's something we are really excited about and hopefully we will be able to sell a lot of tickets to raise some money for the pool. We're also hoping to have some sort of toonie swim after the market, or something as a little grand opening for the season."

The only large indoor pool in the area, Nelson says it is used by a number of communities, especially for swimming lessons. Children from other communities—such as Elkhorn and Wapella—rely on the Rocanville pool for their swimming lessons.

"It's a life skill for kids to know how to swim and we hope to reach as many kids as possible," says Nelson.

Nelson says having some new people step up as board members has made a big difference in breathing new life into this major facility. The board went from three to seven members, but Nelson says more members are still welcome.

"We've got a few new board members which is great but more board members would be welcome," she says. "It's a



People enjoying the Rocanville pool after it opened last spring.

really great group. We work together really well. For a long time there were just three of them and they are the ones that had to deal with these repairs and all these issues. We hope we're past our challenging period and we will definitely look forward to having a successful season."

Having more board members means the ability to do more fundraising, and Nelson says the next big project for the pool board will be replacing the liner in the pool.

"We feel like that will complete the vision and really refresh the look of the pool and brighten it up," she says. "Also, with replacing the liner, our heating costs will be reduced, so it can only benefit the pool."

Nelson says the community has been nothing but supportive when it comes to getting the pool back on track.

"At Christmas we had a bake sale that was really well supported in the community and we had prizes donated to do a couple of baskets and we sold tickets on that," she says.

"Our next major fundraiser is the Rider tickets, and then we are looking into doing something like a polar bear swim when it opens. A swimathon has been talked about as well. There are lots of great ideas floating around and we hope to get more of those finalized at the next meeting."

Nelson says the pool board also wants to make it clear that the pool is there for everyone in the area.

"We want to make the pool fun, exciting and inviting," she says.

"In May the theme of our market (at the museum) is culture and diversity. We are hoping to invite some of the different cultures from the community to the market and inform them about the lessons and what the pool has to offer and then invite them to participate in a swim."

"The pool might seem intimidating to a newcomer. But swimming is a life skill. It's a safety thing."

Sue Sadler will be going into her third year as the manager of the Rocanville pool this season. She says she can't wait for a season that will focus more on what the pool has to offer than on managing repairs.

"We had so many mechanical issues constantly making us close our doors—from boiler issues to the plumbing—but we've replaced that all, so that's really good," says Sadler.

"We've got a basis of staff now and so that's good and there are more upgrades we'd like to do, but for now we've replaced all the lines for the tank and our boilers are new, we have a new filtration system—everything should fire up like a dream."

Sadler says they couldn't have done it without community support.

"The community was great as far as the repairs—we did a lot of fundraising," she says. "The mine was able to pitch in too, and the RM pitched in. The community supporting us that way has been phenomenal."

"As far as staffing, I think that for a while the pool was just so unreliable and for kids wanting to get jobs, it just wasn't reliable enough for them. Now word has spread that we have done the lines and replaced the boilers and I think it kind of brought interest, and a few of kids who would come lane swimming in the morning decided they would start work at the pool.

"I am very excited. It's going to be so easy this year. I'm always trying to fix something there and I may not have to do that this year. I don't know what I'm going to do. It will be good."

Sadler says they will try to hold a special event at the pool at least once a month to bring new people in to use it as well.

Nelson says the importance of having the pool in the community should never be underestimated.

"It promotes recreation," she says. "Any gathering place in the community promotes a sense of community and we want to be viewed as a welcoming facility for anyone who participates in fitness or lessons or just family fun time."

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# Texas championship a first for Selects

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"You have to do more moves and better stances and get their hands off you quicker before you can go and make the play."

Grant says he enjoyed the atmosphere. "I liked it a lot. It was just different compared to what I was used to. Everybody seemed really into it. Here not as many people like football and there everyone was into football and really liked it."

The U14 team won the championship against a Texas team called the Longhorns.

"In the first two plays we scored two touchdowns—and then they caught up to us, and by the half I think we were only winning by a touchdown," says Grant. "By three minutes left in the fourth we were winning by three touchdowns, and then we put our second strings in and they scored two touchdowns so we put our first string back in."

He says Saskatchewan ended up winning by about 10 points.

"It felt really good to put in all the work we put in. That was the first time the Selects had ever won a championship down in Texas so it was a pretty good feeling."

"They'd been going to it for four years and this was the first time the Selects had

been in the championship."

Grant says it was a good experience for him as a player.

"It just gets me out there, more people get to see what I do. I get to be a better player."

"I think I'm probably going to try out next year but for the U16 team."

This is the second year attending the tournament for Nathan Raymond from Redvers. Raymond played with the U14 team last year in San Antonio.

"Last year the U16 team won the tournament and the U14 team I was on last year sadly lost in the semifinals, but fought hard the whole way through," he says. "And the U12 team last year lost every game but had a great experience and learned tons."

"I was on the U16 team this year and I think we won because a lot of us from the U14 team last year moved up in age group and kept practicing all of the values and skills we learned from last year. We also had a great defense."

"I also think we had an amazing O-line this year and I was very proud to be a part of it. It all starts with the O-line and we dominated the entire tournament. Those are a few of the reasons I think we did so good this year in Dallas."



Above: Calvin Murphy, Nathan Raymond and Dalton Grant with the trophies in the background.



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# Montmartre students come to the rescue



Above: Mrs. Wendy Weichel, far left, with her Grade 7 Montmartre School class



Montmartre School principal Cheryl Blomquist high-fives Grade 7 student Rachel Holzapfel as Sam Chittenden looks on.



**Christalee Froese**

Grade 7 students can usually be identified in the schoolyard as the gangly group of pre-teens who are more focused on their peers than on world issues.

Not this group of middle school students.

After reading a poem about the underprivileged, the Grade 7 class at Montmartre School decided to focus their efforts on making their immediate world a better place.

"Our ELA unit was about building a better

world and we decided to pick a project to help people in our community," said Grade 7 student Nolan Pankratz.

Teacher Wendy Weichel pointed the 23 students in the Grade 7 class to Montmartre's Adopt-a-Family Christmas program that delivers gifts and Christmas dinner to local families.

"We chose this project because it was a relatively simple one with a great impact," said Weichel.

The Grade 7 class set out

with the goal of collecting some non-perishable food items to add to the Christmas supper food hampers that are delivered to families a few days before Christmas. The program canvasses the community for receiving families and accepts donations from local citizens to try to ensure that all children in the town of Montmartre have gifts and food at Christmas time.

The program has been in operation for six years with 15 families being helped. In 2015, the need in the community spiked, as five families with a total of 13 kids, were identified to receive gifts and food hampers.

Volunteer program coordinator Crystal Dusyk said she was worried

that the needs could not possibly be met as such a large number of families had agreed to be part of the program. But, that's when that gangly group of 12 and 13 year olds came to the rescue.

While the Grade 7 class was just hoping to raise some non-perishable food items to contribute to the cause, the grand total of their efforts was 450 pounds of donated items which came in the form of food, cleaning products and self-care products like soap, toilet paper and paper towel.

The response from the community exceeded all of the class's expectations.

"We thought we might get 100 or 200 pounds but when we ended up with 450 pounds we were sur-

prised and happy," said Emma Brenner, a Grade 7 student.

Student Sam Chittenden said he and his classmates were not only surprised at the generosity of the community of Montmartre, but they were also shocked to find out that there was such a great need.

"We were surprised because we thought our town was small and we thought everyone could afford food," said Chittenden.

Mrs. Weichel agreed that the exercise was an eye-opener for everyone involved, herself included.

"I helped deliver the food to the families and was able to see how appreciated it was," said Weichel. "It was very emotional and there were lots of tears and hugs. There was also a lot of shock because people couldn't believe how much food and Christmas presents they were receiving."

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