

Focus on Agriculture inside this section

Plain & Valley

Covering Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba

March 2016 • Page 25



Ice fishing derby at Moosomin Lake

Ice fishermen converged on Moosomin Lake from across Southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba on March 5 for a Telemiracle ice fishing derby sponsored by the Moosomin Kinsmen Club.

Above: People fishing on Moosomin Lake as temperatures climbed to 10 above.

Left: Carson Baily was the big winner of the day, winning \$2,300 for the largest fish and winning an ice auger for catching the first fish. In back are Kinsmen Jonathan Nosterud, Clayton Powlyk, and Ryan Thorn.

Below left: Jeffrey Skappel of Wawota was enjoying the ice fishing derby with his family.

Below: People came to the ice fishing derby from across a wide area, including Sierra Pasap from White Bear First Nation.



Today's
ENTERPRISES LTD.
Furniture & Electronics
27 Railway Ave. Redvers, SK
306.452.6309

New Spring Arrivals

NOW
IN-STOCK!



JTL FORCE 360 FEATURES

Smooth Wall

Corrugated

Smooth Wall Features:

- Extra Heavy Bin all the way up. No 14 gauge steel in these bins!
- Site Glass at three levels
- Sandblasted & painted with 2 part polyurethane
- Manway
- Chute Handle located for easy access
- Extra Wide Base is plenum
- Vented Flange Lid (27" opening)
- Roof Vent
- Integrated Aeration
- Lid Opening Handle
- Fan Transition situated for easy install of fan
- Large Capacity holds up to 6,350 bushels

Corrugated Features:

- Roof Vents
- Inspection Hatch
- Level Indicator at two levels
- Extra Heavy Gauge Steel
- Integrated Aeration
- Extra Wide Base is plenum
- Chute Handle located for easy access
- Manway
- Fan Transition situated for easy install of fan
- XLarge Capacity holds up to 12,000 bushels

Additional Callouts:

- Outside Chute Handle
- Inside view of the aeration hopper.
- FARMER Tested PAMI Proven
- INNOVATION AWARD Winner (Agri-Trade 2012)
- Install your fan on easy access fan transition.
- Lid opening handle.

the FORCE 360 LINE

Smooth Wall & Corrugated Grain Bins

THE FORCE 360 LINE

The patent pending, master engineered JTL Force 360 line has incorporated the skid and legs into a very efficient and effective aeration system that give the bins a superior advantage.

EVEN AIR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Mounted on a broader, one piece skid, the fan draws air into the skid, pushes it up the legs and into the bin through a series of outlets strategically placed along the face of the cone. PAMI (prairie Agriculture Machinery Institute) reporting shows a very uniform flow of air through the entire bin. By incorporating the existing infrastructure of the bin into the aeration system we have been able to eliminate some of the costs and inconveniences associated with more traditional aeration systems.

This wider skid formation is an excellent plenum for the aeration system, while providing a more stable foundation for the bin to stand on.

NEW SERVICE - Floating & Custom Spraying



This brand new service will offer an affordable painless way of applying your granular fertilizer, seed herbicides and micro-nutrients. Enjoy less bulk demand and simplicity during your busy harvest and fall season. We can focus on getting the seed and or fertilizer in the ground.



Redfern

FARM SERVICES LTD.

Ask about our Winter Booking Program

VIRDEN, MB

Lane Wanless
Certified Crop Advisor
204.851.4816

Syd Robbins
Certified Crop Advisor
204.851.5852

Ray Charles
204.851.0570

Ryan Elliott
Certified Crop Advisor
204-851-1668

FCC surveys farmers: Survey shows strong appetite for risk management

In a business influenced by changing weather and volatile markets, only about one-third of Canadian producers and agribusiness operators have a formal risk management plan, according to a recent survey by Farm Credit Canada (FCC).

However, the vast majority (96 per cent) of those surveyed also said they use various risk management strategies—such as cash reserves and contracts for guaranteed prices—to protect their business against unforeseen circumstances and events.

“The good news is most producers are in a solid financial position to withstand short-term impacts from changes in the weather or the markets,” said Corinna Mitchell-Beaudin, FCC’s chief risk officer.

“There’s also a strong appetite among producers to learn more about various risk management strategies and to bring them together into a comprehensive risk management plan for their business.”

In fact, 35 per cent of respondents who reported not having a plan said they have thought about creating one and many are turning to their financial institutions for information and advice on how to protect their business from unforeseen events. Those who do have a plan say changes in commodity prices (52 per cent), a drop in quality and/or quantity of product (43 per cent) and tax implications (43 per cent) top the list of risks to mitigate.

The top five strategies used to mitigate risks, include cash reserves in a savings account, off-farm income, investments outside the farm operation, contracts for guaranteed commodity prices and assets that can quickly be liquidated.

The survey also showed farm operations and corporations with more than \$500,000 in annual sales are more likely to have a formal risk management plan and had an expert assist in creating the plan.

“A risk management plan ensures measures are in place to allow producers and agribusiness operators to react quickly and appropriately to individual or multiple risks,” Mitchell-Beaudin said.

“We encourage producers to have a risk management plan that pulls together mitigation strategies already in place, as well as identifies key risks and available solutions to manage these risks should they emerge in your business.”

Mitchell-Beaudin recommends producers and agribusiness owners engage expert advisors, as the growing complexity of agriculture can present different risks that require more complex solutions.

FCC offers a wide variety of free learning opportunities to help producers make effective business decisions. For more information on FCC and to register for various events, visit www.fcc.ca/exchange.

FCC’s Risk Management in Canadian Ag survey captured the views of more than 1,100 FCC Vision panelists, who are mostly primary producers. Based on the sample size, the survey has a margin of error plus/minus three per cent, 19 times out of 20.

By sharing agriculture survey results, FCC provides solid insights and expertise to help those in the business of agriculture achieve their goals. To learn more about the FCC Vision Research Panel, visit www.fccvision.ca.



double
diamond
FARM SUPPLY

Offering full line of crop protection products, bagged seed, bulk seed, dry fertilizer, and agronomy services.



Alameda, SK 306-489-0048

**Farm/Commercial Buildings
Post Frame/Stud Frame**

Post Frame/Stud Frame Buildings
ANY SIZE
Designed, supplied and built on-site.
Overhead doors, bi-fold doors, insulation,
lining, concrete, floor heat and drains

Custom Metal Cladding
Sales & Installation

UNRAU BUILDING SUPPLIES
Quality Construction • Over 20 Years Experience
Call, Text or E-mail Rod Kliever
204.747.4042
klieverbuildingventures@gmail.com

Unreserved Public Farm Auction
J&C Robinson Farms Ltd.
Weyburn, SK | March 31, 2016 - 10 am

2010 Case IH 535 Quadtrac & Flexi-Coil 5000 57 ft w/4350

2011 Case IH 8120

Miller Nitro 2200HT 100 Ft

2012 Kubota M126

2010 Westward M150 40 Ft

AUCTION LOCATION: From WEYBURN, SK, go 21.5 km (13.4 miles) South on Hwy 35, then 1.6 km (1 mile) West on Radville Grid, then 0.8 km (0.5 mile) North. Yard on West side. GPS: 49.4696000, -103.8705389

A PARTIAL EQUIPMENT LIST INCLUDES: 2010 Case IH 535 Quadtrac - 1995 Case IH 7240 MPWD - 2012 Kubota M126 MPWD - John Deere 3130 2WD - International 560 2WD - 2005 Kubota B7800 4WD Utility - John Deere DAntique Utility - 2011 Case IH 8120 Combine - 2012 MacDon FD70 40 Ft Flex Draper - 2010 Westward M150 40 Ft - 1995 Freightliner T/A - 1975 International 1700 Loadstar Tag/A - 1981 Ford F350 Service Truck - 1993 Doepker 36 FT/A Grain Trailer - Flexi-Coil 5000 57 Ft Air Drill AD-110520 - Case IH 5600 Cultivator - Brandt 7000 70 Ft Heavy Harrows - Leon 3000 Series 2 Rock Picker - Miller Nitro 2200HT 100 Ft High Clearance Sprayer - Worksaver 3 Point Hitch Spreader - Westfield MK130-71 Plus 13 In. x70 Ft Grain Auger - Land Pride 72 In. 3 Point Hitch Finishing Lawn Mower - Qty of GPS Equipment ...AND MUCH MORE!

For up-to-date equipment listings, please check our website: rbaction.com

Jeff Robinson: 306.842.5507 (h), 306.861.7116 (c), j.rob@sasktel.net
Ritchie Bros. Territory Manager –
Kevin Ortt: 306.451.7388 800.491.4494

rb RITCHE BROS.
Auctioneers

Focus on Agriculture

CAHRC working on farm labour shortage

On February 9, the Agriculture and Agri-Food Labour Task Force (LTF) and Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) partners were joined by officials from four federal departments to discuss critical labour shortages in agriculture and its effect on industry growth.

The meeting was part of the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Workforce Action Plan (WAP) designed to address issues, impacts and solutions related to the pervasive labour shortages facing the Canadian agriculture and agri-food industry. The meeting was an unprecedented collaboration of representatives from the 67 WAP partners along with officials from Employment and Social Development Canada, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Statistics Canada.

"The Council believes that the best way to address the labour shortages in primary agriculture and agri-food processing is through collaboration," explained Portia MacDonalD-Dewhurst, CAHRC Executive Director. "We had a clear willingness among all parties to talk and work together to find solutions. The Council is very pleased with today's outcomes and will continue to work diligently to find solutions."

The meeting opened with a virtual farm tour of more than a dozen farm and ranch operations from

across Canada. Each producer-speaker explained their commodity-specific issues arising from labour shortages, the economic repercussions it is having on their business and the long-term damage it will cause to the future health of the industry and Canada's economy.

"The virtual farm tour was an important component of today's meeting because most of our government colleagues are not familiar with the day-to-day demands of the agricultural and agri-food industry and the impacts worker shortages have on businesses in this sector. The session helped them get a better idea of what we are talking about, why it matters, and how their department can help," explained Mark Chambers, Co-chair of the LTF.

Highlights of the meeting included an update on the foundational research and recruitment activities being conducted by CAHRC with industry partners – including reaching out to new Canadians and incoming refugees. Concerns were raised about the need to ensure a strong and stable workforce for the industry in order to ensure a stable supply of food products for the Canadian and world markets. With pervasive shortages being experienced throughout Canada, industry representatives stressed the need for support from international workers. Discussions turned to the need to streamline the permanent residency process

for foreign workers who are willing and skilled at agricultural and agri-food labour. The meeting concluded with an overview of the Workforce Action Plan.

In follow-up, the government officials have been invited to join producers and the agri-food industry at the CAHRC-

hosted "Growing the Agri-Workforce" summit, March 14 – 16 in Winnipeg where the latest labour market information about the sector will be released and the industry's future viability and success will be discussed. Additionally, farm tours for civil servants are being planned by CAHRC and the Canadian Federa-

tion of Agriculture to help develop greater understanding and awareness of agricultural issues, particularly related to labour.

"Before a problem can be fixed, it has to be understood," said Mark Wales, Co-chair of the LTF. "We have now facilitated a connection between industry and a network of

the people who can make meaningful changes to address the agriculture and agri-food labour shortage issue. Government understanding and support of WAP is a key component to its successful implementation. This meeting has been an important step toward finding solutions."

MG I
maple greenlite inspection

2016 GREENLITE REPAIR PROGRAM
PRICING IF BOOKED BY MARCH 31, 2016:

4WD TRACTORS

REGULAR \$1745
SAVE \$750
\$995

FOR SALE

1994 Ford Versatile 9680: With Triples, 4 Rear Hydraulics, Rebuilt Transmission, New Brakes, New Coupler, all done June 2014. 5800 hours. Not used in 2015.

20013 SeedMaster 50-12 Drill: On Board 1000 L Liquid Tank. Also 2003 Bourgault 5350 Cart and 2012 Pull Behind CB 1600 Liquid Tank. Will sell cart separately.

PHONE 306-468-4908
OR 306-421-1021
RAMONA QUINN - QUINN FAMILY FARM LTD.

NO PAYMENTS NO INTEREST FOR 120 DAYS

MUST BOOK BY MARCH 31ST
WORK TO BE COMPLETE BY APRIL 30TH

MAKE SURE YOU CAN KEEP COOL AS THE TEMPERATURE KEEPS RISING! CALL MAPLE SERVICE TODAY ON

AIR CONDITIONING CHECK UP

NO PAYMENT NO INTEREST TERMS AVAILABLE
GUARANTEES: No repairs made without Customer authorization. • Inspections include a detailed quotation on needed repairs. • Priority Service given in season of use in event of breakdown of a GreenLite repaired unit. • Replacement Machine will be made available in season of use if repair cannot be completed within 24 hours. Applicable only to failure of repairs made by Maple Farm Equipment as result of GreenLite Inspection. Offer valid from March 1, 2016 until March 31, 2016. *Dealers are free to set individual prices. Additional dealer fees may apply. Financing on approved John Deere Financial credit only. See dealer for details. Limited time offer which may not be combined with other offers. Discounts or other incentives will be available for cash purchases. By selecting the purchase financing offer, consumers may be foregoing such discounts and incentives which may result in a higher effective interest rate.

WWW.MAPLEFARM.COM

BALCARRES 306-334-2492	FOAM LAKE 306-272-3345	PRECEVILLE 306-547-2007	WYNARD 306-554-2536	YORKTON 306-783-9459	MOOSOMIN 306-435-3301	RUSSELL 204-773-2149
---------------------------	---------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------	-------------------------	--------------------------	-------------------------

VIEW OUR FULL LINE OF EQUIPMENT AT WWW.MAPLEFARM.COM

Beef exports up

Canadian beef exports were up 1.4 per cent in volume to 322,343 tonnes and 15 per cent in value to \$2.23 billion in 2015, according to Statistics Canada's final trade data for the year.

The increase was achieved despite several market restrictions following the February 2015 bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) case and lower monthly volumes in the second quarter.

A strong rebound in August as trade resumed supported the final volumes.

This, along with a weaker loonie supporting export competitiveness internationally and domestic prices, resulted in a very different year in Canada versus the United States (U.S.) where exports were down 11 per cent in volume and 12 per cent in value for numerous reasons.

The U.S. remains Canada's top market, accounting for 71 per cent of total beef exports.

The major shift was in Mainland China (10%) which jumped to second place while Hong Kong (3.3%) dropped to fifth, Mexico (6%), Japan (4.4%) and the Middle East and North Africa (1.2%) round out the top six export destinations with all other markets accounting for less than one per cent.

Exports to the U.S. were up 3.7 per cent in volume to 230,197 tonnes and 16 per cent in value to \$1.57 billion despite larger protein production, disruptions at west coast ports for a portion of the year and a stronger Greenback all contributing to large supplies.

The projected increase in U.S. beef production and continued challenges with the U.S. dollar will pressure trade in 2016.

Exports to Asia saw robust growth with direct market access for Canadian beef.

Exports to Mainland China increased 381 per cent in volume and 534 per cent in value to 32,869 tonnes valued at \$255 million in 2015.

This was driven by the Chinese government's anti-smuggling campaign that saw more direct shipments.

Exports to Hong Kong were cut in half (down 59% in volume and 56% in value) to 10,784 tonnes valued at \$88 million.

The increase to mainland China more than offset the decline to Hong Kong, resulting in a net growth to the region.

Overall, China and Hong Kong represented 14 per cent of total exports up from 10 per cent in 2014.

Exports to Japan were down 24 per cent in volume to 14,384 tonnes and 9 per cent in value to \$93 million.

Japanese beef imports have been negatively impacted by the devaluation of the yen and poor economic performance reducing both consumption and total beef imports.

Imports

Beef imports in 2015 were steady in volume and up 9 per cent in value at 203,983 tonnes valued at \$1.6 billion.

The U.S. remains the largest supplier with 59 per cent of market share despite an eight per cent decline in volume.

Australia maintained second place with 20 per cent of market share as volumes increased by 18.6 per cent to 41,569 tonnes in 2015 with continued large slaughter under persistent drought conditions.

New Zealand was the third largest supplier with 12.6 per cent of market share with volumes rebounding 56 per cent from the lows in 2013 and 2014.

Overall, non-NAFTA imports increased 14 per cent to 83,175 tonnes surpassing the annual quota level of 76,409 tonnes for the first time since 2002.

Trade balance

Canada's net beef trade balance continues to improve from the 2012 lows and was up four per cent to 118,359 tonnes in 2015.

While net trade volumes remain below the 10 year average, net values have surpassed the 10 year average over the last two years. In value, Canada shifted from being a net importer in 2012 (-\$164 million) and 2013 (-\$69 million); back to being a net exporter in 2014 (\$1.9 billion) and 2015 (\$634 million).

SERVICE INSPECTION SPECIAL

2WD/MFWD Tractor Inspection \$450

Mower Conditioner or Baler Inspection \$225

OR

Book your Tractor and Haytool Together FOR ONLY

\$500

NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE

BOOK BY APRIL 15, 2016

CNH INDUSTRIAL GENUINE PARTS



MAZERGROUP

- Arborg | 204-376-5600
- Portage | 204-857-8711
- Brandon | 204-728-2244
- Roblin | 204-937-2134
- Crystal City | 204-873-2480
- Shoal Lake | 204-759-2126
- Hartney | 204-858-2000
- Ste. Rose | 204-447-2739
- Killarney | 204-523-4414
- Steinbach | 204-326-9834
- Moosomin | 306-435-3610
- Swan River | 204-734-9361
- Neepeawa | 204-476-2364
- Winnipeg | 204-253-2900

© 2016 CNH Industrial America LLC. All rights reserved. New Holland is a trademark registered in the United States and many other countries, owned by or licensed to CNH Industrial N.V., its subsidiaries or affiliates.

WWW.MAZERGROUP.CA

Borderland Co-op Bulk Petroleum

Moosomin • Rocanville • Whitewood • Maryfield • Surrounding Area

BULK UP YOUR STORAGE AND SAVE!

Increase your farm storage and fill up early while the prices are low!

To book your tank delivery or for more details contact
Mike at 306-435-4004 or m.rotteau@borderlandcoop.com

We have lots of 300G, 500G, 1,000G and 1,250G Fuel Tanks in-stock

1,000G Single Wall Tanks \$1,799.99

FREE DELIVERY

3 year 0% interest payment plan available *O.A.C.

Tank and Pump combos available

Borderland Co-op Mike Rotteau: 306-435-4004
Box 1410 Moosomin, SK S0G 3N0 www.borderlandcoop.com

Borderland Co-op

Moosomin • Rocanville • Whitewood • Maryfield • Surrounding Area

BORDERLAND CO-OP'S BIGGEST OIL SALE OF THE YEAR!

SALE DATES: MARCH 14 - APRIL 30, 2016

	10 + 20L	110L	205L	1000L
DMO Gold 15W40	3.70/L	3.60/L	3.50/L	3.45/L
Trans Hydraulic	3.60/L	3.50/L	3.40/L	3.30/L
Sonic Blue Guard Grease			case price \$25.99	
Sonic Moly Guard SL Grease			case price \$33.99	

3 YEAR AVERAGE OIL EQUITY HAS BEEN OVER

10% OR 40¢

PER LITRE

Moosomin Home Centre
306-435-2642

Rocanville Home Centre
306-645-2152

Whitewood Home Centre
306-735-2414

Focus on Agriculture

Pat Beaujot named to Ag Hall of Fame

Continued from front

"There were many small companies trying to find ways to do it, but there wasn't really anything that could seed shallow accurately enough, and that was the key. We had such cold, wet soil in the spring that the crop wouldn't come up quickly enough if it was just left with stubble on it. If we could seed shallow accurately, it would allow the crop to emerge quicker. Before that, we were taught to seed wheat an inch and a half deep. If we did that in no till, it would take forever to come up. If we could switch to seeding it half an inch deep, it would come up ahead of the weeds. But the seeding equipment back then wasn't accurate enough—it had terrible depth control."

So how did he build his first air seeder back in 1992?

"There was my brother and I and a guy named Brian Kent who was a machinist. We kicked it around. I knew we needed to side band the fertilizer, I knew we needed to get a lot more accurate with the seeding and pack it at the same time. The three of us were kicking around how this was going to happen."

"My brother was trying to think of ways to have sections of the machine float or follow the ground better, and Brian Kent suggested why don't we have each other independent. My brother figured out if we put a hydraulic cylinder on each one it would do what we're looking to do. One thing led to another and my brother built a small opener prototype and it looked good, so we said let's build a machine and seed our farm with it. If it worked, I knew everybody in the industry was looking for something better, so I thought here's a business opportunity for us if we can do it right."

How quickly did the group go from a prototype to production?

"We basically built that first one for the farm only. We got it built by the spring of 1992, and seeded our farm with it and it worked fairly well. We had some fixing to do, but it worked. I was pretty excited about it. I knew that the market was ready for something like this, and it wasn't going to be the big companies making it, because they were selling tractors and cultivators and everything else, so none of those guys were all that excited about no till, believe me. So I quit my job. I had a really good job with Simplot, but we decided if we were going to make this work, I was going to have to sell them, because I was that type of person, and my brother was more of the design and build type, and the same with Brian Kent."

"We agreed to form a company that spring and called it Seed Hawk. I hit the road with the opener and a table top display and

went to every show I could. I sold five machines that winter, and we built six—one new one for ourselves and the five we sold. We put a lot of sweat equity into it and we didn't expect much out of it."

"We built 15 for the spring of '94 and it just kept growing from there. We only had two hired people for a few years. It was just three couples who did most of the work at first, and it grew from there."

Did he expect the company to grow as quickly as it did?

"Maybe I was naive, but I thought we had something really exciting, and I pictured it getting big fast, to be honest with you," says Beaujot.

"There are tens of thousands of farmers on the Prairies, so we didn't have to get everybody's business, we just needed a small part of it. I knew the industry was ready for something, and I knew if we got it right it would take off. It took a little longer than I thought, but you're asking farmers to spend a lot of money on some company they've never heard of or seen before."

Is he happy with the way the company developed?

"I was quite happy. It was a struggle when we had to split with my brother, but that happens in business. When you have a family business, whether it's farming or equipment, that can happen. It was a difficult time when we split up in 2002. At that time, Brian Dean became my main partner in the business—he was one of our first employees. But since that happened we've grown a lot, and we've done it the way we wanted to do it."

Pat's brother, Norbert Beaujot, went on to form SeedMaster, another air seeder manufacturer, then Swedish implement manufacturer Vaderstad purchased 49 per cent of Seed Hawk and opened up new markets for the company.

"To be able to partner with Vaderstad was great," says Pat Beaujot. "In 2006, we formed that partnership because they wanted to bring our product to other parts of the world and we weren't big enough and didn't have the resources to do that. That turned into a great partnership."

How has that changed the business?

"They really helped us get into Australia and eastern Europe and they helped us with expansion," says Beaujot. "They owned 49 per cent of the company in 2006, and from that year to 2013—which was when we sold the rest of the company to them—we had grown eleven-fold, so it really did help us. We did some right things in there, too, but their support and their backing helped us grow quickly."

"After the split with my brother I think we did a few other things right. In

2004, right after we split up, we started working on a large tank because I knew that farmers were trying to put all their seed and fertilizer on at the same time and they needed bigger capacity. The largest tanks out there at the time were around 400 bushels. When we decided that we were going to build our own tank, we designed an 800 bushel tank—it was double the size of John Deere's biggest one. It turned into one of the best moves we made, because it really attracted a lot more people to us. We were able to improve our distribution because we were able to attract dealers. We had equipment dealers coming to us asking to handle our product, and that's a great position to be in. Before we were selling everything direct, which is not going to let you grow too fast. That big tank line really helped us."

"The next thing we did for the industry was section control technology, which we introduced in 2008, which was a part of our tank line development."

"When we were able to take an 80-foot seeder and shut off 10-foot sections of it and lift the openers on 10-foot sections, so farmers didn't overlap when they were seeding with big equipment, that really changed the whole industry again."

"I think after the split up we were still innovating and bringing new things to the market that were helping farmers quite a bit."

"I think we've been leaders in the industry in many ways."

The company is up to 200 employees after a series of expansions.

"This last partnership

with Vaderstad, where they bought the rest of the company, I am happy with that. The reason it happened was they've got some products that would fit the North American market, such as the corn market in the midwestern U.S."

"They want to build those products at Langbank. We're just working on developing a North American version of their planter and I think that's going to help grow our business quite a bit as well."

"We wanted them to build it here, and they agreed, but they said they wanted to own a controlling interest in the operation. That had been the long-term exit strategy, but the timing seemed right, and it seemed like the right thing to do for the community and the staff."

"Those developments will drive the next expansion. In the meantime our own product line is still driving most of the business. Vaderstad are great people, they're from a small town in Sweden and they think much the same way as we do."

"They're a good company and they really think long term so they will keep investing in the facility and in the people in Langbank."

Is it tough to run a company the size of Seed Hawk in a community the size of Langbank?

"We've got a lot of great communities around us. Langbank's only got a handful of people, but because there's Kipling, Whitewood, Moosomin, Wawota, Kennedy, and Broadview close by, we can do it—we've got people coming from all those places."

"I've been asked a lot

about running the business from a rural area, and I've always felt that people don't leave rural Saskatchewan because they want to, I think they leave because they have to—find a good job. If we can offer good jobs here lots of people will stay."

"We've attracted a lot of people to come here and work. Obviously some of the types of people we needed we had to bring in, and sometimes that's hard, but once you get someone here they start to really appreciate the area we have with the lakes and valleys to the north and south."

"If we had built near Regina we wouldn't have the room to grow, and we'd be paying millions of dollars for every extra piece of land we wanted, whereas now we're on a full quarter-section that we bought, and it's easy to grow."

"Part of what makes me feel good about everything is we did do this in rural Saskatchewan, and we've kept these communities alive and growing. That makes me feel good."

What does Beaujot see in the future for Seed Hawk?

"We've got a great innovative staff and they all want to grow, so I think we'll see that growth continue," he says. "The new products we have coming from Sweden are going to help us a lot, too. We set up a division in Eastern Canada and in the U.S. to start setting up dealers and growing."

Beaujot says he feels he has accomplished what he set out to do, to encourage soil conservation.

"It feels pretty good," he

says. "I've been very fortunate to work in a field I'm passionate about my whole life, and to have success. I don't need an award to tell me I've been fortunate and had a good career."

"Our staff has been fantastic. I wouldn't be getting this recognition if it wasn't for my partner Brian Dean, if it wasn't for the staff we've been able to employ."

"I was taught a long time ago to surround myself with smart people, and good people, and we have that. They're very innovative. That's kept us growing."

Has it been tough to keep that culture of innovation alive as the company has grown?

"As you get bigger, coming up with something new is more challenging," Beaujot says. "You can't change as fast when you're big, and it's a higher risk when you're big. You introduce a new product line and if you make some mistakes it can cost you a lot of money."

"When you're working for an innovative company it sounds cool but it is challenging, because change is not easy."

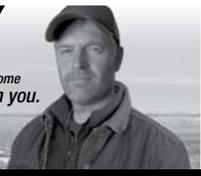
"Our production staff is always looking at changes, and our sales staff is selling something new. A lot of our staff put long hours into dealing with new products, but once we get an innovative product out and it works, we grow our market share, so everyone knows why we do it, but it's not as easy as it sounds."

"Our staff really does rise to the occasion."

"They're kind of like me, they're proud of what we do."

FLAMAN

In the field, on the road, or at home we are right there with you.



Smoothwall Westeel & Meridian Bins

Versatile bins perfect for grain, seed & feed.



Multi Purpose & Grain Max Bins

BUILT TO MOVE. BUILT TO STORE.

- Heavy duty construction
- Structural steel legs and bracing
- Smooth wall. Seamless interior for safe & easy unloading
- Powder coated inside and out for years of corrosion and abrasion resistance
- Aeration ready
- Complete With sidewall and roof ladder
- Standard 25' top opening

We won't be beat on service or price.
Call us today 306.435.4143

Yorkton 306.783.1689

Moosomin 306.435.4143

Swan River 204.734.9999

flaman.com

Two Way Radio Communications

Farmers - Truckers - RM's - School Div - Fire Dept

Save fuel, time and wages with good radio communications.

- Complete systems, add-ons, portables, antennas, towers
- Tune-ups, repairs, parts
- We have Midland 4 Pin Mics



RONALD COMMUNICATIONS

1-800-797-7234 radios@ronaldcom.ca

Russell MB 204-773-3038 Yorkton SK 306-786-4200

We provide radios and service to more than 2500 farms, serving the Prairies since 1980.

PREMIUM QUALITY MOBILES - \$395

CALL IN AND USE PROMO CODE: *SPRING16* FOR ANTENNA DISCOUNT WITH RADIO

PREMIUM QUALITY FULL POWER PORTABLES - \$275
with easy care lithium batteries and rapid chargers

Focus on Agriculture



Farm and Food Care Saskatchewan is trying to update the image of farmers by updating images of farmers it makes available to media and the public.

Group trying to update image of farmers

When you think of a farmer, do you picture an older fellow in his bib overalls, carrying a pitchfork?

If so, a visit to Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan's new online image bank is definitely in order.

Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan (FFC SK) is part of a national initiative to connect consumers with farming and food. The group represents thousands of livestock, poultry, crop and horticulture producers across the province, and works with agriculture partners, associated businesses, government, chefs - all those who are passionate about food and farming.

"Our objective with our new image library is twofold," said Adele Buettner, CEO of Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan (FFC SK). "In addition to providing our members with photos for their communications efforts, we also want the media and public to use this collection. Ultimately, we're trying to help non-farmers better understand modern farming and put a face to the farmers and ranchers who grow today's food products."

Buettner noted that as FFC SK membership continued to grow and represent such a wide array of crops and livestock, it be-

came apparent that there is a distinct shortage of modern images of not only the different agricultural commodities, but especially photos which include producers at work with their families, their crops and their animals.

Over the past year, FFC SK has worked with farmers, photographers, member groups and database specialists to capture more than 2,000 new images of farmers and ranchers at work in different areas and sectors around the province.

The online searchable database has been organized into categories such as 'Families and Kids', 'Farmers at Work', 'Fields and Crops', 'Farm Animals', 'Saskatchewan Food Products' and others.

Find the new online image library on the FFC SK website:

farmfoodcaresk.org/photo-gallery

"Today, more than ever, people want to know where their food comes from. They want to understand how their food is grown, and be reassured that what they eat is produced with care," Buettner said. "Our image bank is just another way that getting to know farmers helps people get to know their food."

HAMMOND REALTY
Saskatchewan's
Ag Real Estate Professionals
Alex Morrow
Fort Qu'Appelle, SK
306-434-8857
Alex.Morrow@HammondRealty.ca



HammondRealty.ca
Acres of Expertise.

CK Series

It eats Chores for Breakfast



KIOTI SAVINGS EVENT

choose:
0% UP TO 60 MO* OR **UP TO \$2700* CASH BACK**
(tractor, loader & backhoe)

There's a lot to love in the CK2510. Such as the industry's simplest maintenance and an ultra-quiet, low vibration, environmentally friendly Daedong diesel engine. Learn more at Kioti.com or stop by and take a test drive.

Kioti.com

RX Series

KIOTI SAVINGS EVENT



0% UP TO 60 MO* OR **FREE LOADER**
OR **UP TO \$6300* CASH BACK**
(tractor, loader & backhoe)

The RX Series is a feat of human engineering. It delivers fuel efficiency and low emission output without sacrificing power. Plus, it comes with one of the highest lift capacities in its class. There's nothing in the world, or anywhere else, quite like it. Learn more at Kioti.com or stop by and take a test drive.

Kioti.com

Universe Satellite...

Your Kioti Tractor Dealer

520 Railway Ave, Rocanville, SK, S0A 3L0
(306)645-2669 | www.universesatellite.com



Focus on Agriculture

What's in your soil may affect what happens on top of your soil



BY SHERRI ROBERTS
WEYBURN CROPS SPECIALIST

As a new planting season approaches, decisions regarding what crops will be planted and where they will be planted are being made.

A wide pool of scientific literature is piling up on the connection between a healthy population of arbuscular mycorrhizae in your fields and increased yield. Arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi form a close interaction with plant roots. Studies show they improve the uptake of nutrients such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Zinc and Copper in soils that are deficient in these elements.

Data also exists which indicates that the pathogen protection benefits of AM fungi might be as significant as the nutritional benefits to many plants. Crop rotations will affect AM species diversity and some studies also show certain pesticides can have a detrimental effect on AM and interfere with nodulation formation.

The number of different AM fungi spe-

cies varies with the type of crop and the crop rotation. Crops that belong to the Brassicaceae (canola), Chenopodiaceae (quinoa) and Caryophyllaceae (buckwheat) families do not form associations with AM fungi.

It has been suggested that including non-mycorrhizal crops in rotation might affect the concentration and viability of indigenous AM fungi in soil thereby affecting the growth of AM-dependent crops following in the rotation.

It has been reported that both the growth of corn including shoot weight, grain yield and AM formation were enhanced when the previous crop formed mycorrhizae. On the other hand, canola has been reported to inhibit AM fungal growth. AM fungi colonization of flax was 3.5% larger after wheat (a highly mycorrhizal crop) than when canola was the previous crop. Seed yield of flax was increased by threefold when grown after safflower versus a flax after flax rotation. Continuous monocultures can both decrease populations of AM

spores as well as shift the AM species composition of the community toward species which may not be beneficial to the crop. Studies done on corn and soybeans both indicate that certain AM fungi species that become numerous with continuous monocultures may contribute to the yield declines over time noted for such crops.

The percentage of roots that are mycorrhizal is low in young plants but later increases to a high level.

In soybean the rapid increase in mycorrhizae begins as the third trifoliate leaf becomes fully expanded and continues until about 8-12 days before flowering in field-grown plants, and until early pod stage in plants grown in controlled environments.

Inoculum of AMF exists in soil in three forms: spores, soilborne hyphae and colonized roots.

The presence of non-mycotrophic plants, such as members of the Cruciferae, (such as canola) decreases the inoculum of AMF.

As AM fungi form these beneficial relationships with live plant roots, studies have shown following land substantially reduces their numbers. In fact, this reduction has been shown to be as great as forty percent with just one season of fallow.

If you have additional questions in regards mycorrhizae, please contact your local Regional Crops Specialist or the Agricultural Knowledge Centre.



FERNDALE
SEED FARMS
ROCANVILLE, SK

2016 PEDIGREED SEED

<p>CWRS WHEAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAC Brandon *NEW • CDC Plentiful • CDC Utmost VB • AC Carberry • AC Harvest 	<p>SWS WHEAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Andrew - SOLD-OUT 	<p>YELLOW PEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abarth - SOLD-OUT
<p>WHITE MILLING OATS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC Ruffian *NEW 	<p>RR2Y SOYBEANS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSC Reston • NSC Vito • NSC Moosomin *NEW 	

• Early Payment & Volume Discounts Available
 • Seed Treatment & Inoculation Services Available





Please contact us for specific variety information or to place an order

Farm: 306.645.4423 Bale's Cell: 306.435.9275 Baryn's Cell: 306.435.6631



Bio
AGRONICS

Soil Smart SOLUTIONS®

Bridging the gap of science to practical on farm use

38 years experience on SK. soils

BioAgronics is working with farmers in your area



We offer a crop input program specific to your soils and farming operation.

Dealing with issues of moisture management, hard pan, salinity, disease, etc.

It's not just about N P K S

Healthy Soils = Healthy Crops = Healthy Profits

David Herperger
Senior Field Advisor

306.745.8032

www.bioagronics.com

FREE CHILDREN'S TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE
Children 12 and under, available until Sunday, March 27





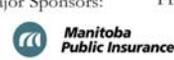
MARCH 28 - APRIL 2

Wednesday, March 30
Credit Union Family Day
with Toopy & Binoo

Thursday, March 31
BMO Kids Day
with Fred Penner

SHOW JUMPING • HEAVY HORSES • BARREL RACING • HACKNEY • SCRAMBLES
ROYAL FARM YARD • ROYAL PETTING ZOO • AG-TIVITY ZONE • TRADESHOW

Major Sponsors:

Produced by:






ROYALMANITOBAWINTERFAIR.COM

rb RITCHIE BROS. Auctioneers®

26 of 100+ Upcoming Public Unreserved Agricultural Auctions



Grande Prairie Auction Site - March 14 & 15



Saskatoon Auction Site - March 21



Lethbridge Auction Site
March 24



Regina Auction Site
April 5



Grande Prairie Auction Site
April 14

Keller and Sons Farming Ltd.



2013 John Deere 4940 120 Ft
Brandon, MB - March 17

J&C Robinson Farms Ltd.



2011 Case IH 8120
Weyburn, SK - March 31

Privey Investors Group Inc



5

665

2 Parcels of Real Estate near Wadena, SK & Moose Jaw, SK
Regina Auction Site - April 5

Emerald Ventures Inc.



2004 New Holland TJ375 & New Holland 5T830 44 Ft
Winkler, MB - April 7

Lisa-Ag Farms Ltd.



2009 John Deere 4730 100 Ft
Lampman, SK - April 8

Tableland Grain Farm Ltd.



2003 Case IH STX375 & 2003 Flexi-Coil 5000 57 Ft w/3450
Estevan, SK - April 9

Murray McHntyre Holding Ltd.



2009 John Deere 9770 STS
Crystal City, MB - April 11

Wayne Knoblauch



1992 John Deere 8760
Griffin, SK - April 11

Sterling Brothers



2013 John Deere S680
Pilot Mound, MB - April 12

Brian & Patti Northeast



2007 John Deere 9220 & 2008 John Deere 9430
Oxbow, SK - April 13

Herb & Marian Ransome



2005 New Holland CX840
Crystal City, MB - April 14

Edward & Cathy Dureault



2005 John Deere 9760 STS
Wolseley, SK - April 16

Zerr Farms



2004 John Deere 9760 STS
Qu'Appelle, SK - April 18

Mervin Stotski



2012 John Deere S690
Gilbert Plains, MB - April 19

Ryz Farms Ltd.



2013 New Holland SP240R 100 Ft
Dauphin, MB - April 20

Barry & Donna MacPherson



2009 New Holland CR9070
Montmartre, SK - April 21

Christensen Farms Ltd.



2009 Massey Ferguson 9695 & 2006 Massey Ferguson 9690
Ste Rose du Lac, MB - April 21

Doud's Repair Ltd.



2007 Case IH SPX4420 100 Ft
Radville, SK - April 22

Mischa Klug



2002 Caterpillar Lexion 470
Killarney, MB - April 22

Dennis & Donna Holt



1997 John Deere 9600
Regina, SK - April 23

Ted & Julie Mansuy



2009 John Deere 7330 & 1997 MacDon 5000 16 Ft
Parkman, SK - April 29

Call for a **FREE** Spring Auction Guide

rbauction.com | 800.491.4494

Focus on Agriculture

Students from Campbell Collegiate in Regina were introduced to agri-business through a recent partnership between the school and the Farm Credit Corporation.



FCC takes ag to urban students

Farm Credit Canada (FCC) and Regina's Campbell Collegiate recently partnered in an innovative pilot project to introduce urban high school students to career opportunities in agriculture.

Dubbed the FCC Agri-Biz Case Study, 65 students spent a month last fall listening to various agriculture business leaders and visiting their operations before breaking up into teams to participate in the "Making the Case for Agriculture" marketing case study competition. Judged by a panel of industry experts, the winner went on to execute their case study before the entire school, exposing students to the wide variety of career opportunities in agriculture.

"I think it was a real eye-opener for a lot of students who may have envisioned agriculture as simply the little red barn on the prairies," said Todd Klink, chief marketing officer for FCC, who credits many in the industry for their generous support of the project.

"Many students were unaware that

agricultural career options extend well beyond the farm gate and into many areas, such as food science, veterinary, biology, economics, business and finance. It's sometimes hard to fathom how many people are connected – directly or indirectly – to this industry," he said.

The winning team's project, called "AG-ing," was a powerful, upbeat and fun idea based on the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge concept. But instead of using ice water, the AG-ing involved breaking plastic eggs – labelled with agricultural career options and filled with shampoo – on the heads of students and teachers.

"What better way to learn about the business of agriculture and related career options than having tangible career options flow over your head?" said Campbell business teacher Jordan McFarlen, who collaborated with Klink on the project. "It's not only a clever and engaging marketing strategy, but it also generates interest and awareness among students in the various agriculture career options."

To publicize the event, the winning team hung posters around the school, created a social media campaign and invited the industry judges and others to participate in the AG-ing. As a bonus, the Saskatchewan Egg Producers donated 15,000 eggs to the Regina Food Bank in recognition of the event.

Prior to the project, students who participated in the case study competition were surveyed on how much they actually knew about one of the key sectors of Saskatchewan's economy. Only three of the 65 students had some connection with agriculture and almost all admitted they hadn't thought about a career in the industry. None of the students understood the breadth and depth of the industry outside primary production, nor did they realize how agriculture impacts the Canadian economy.

"I think we made a significant difference in how students view agriculture and their overall understanding of the many related career opportunities," McFarlen said.

For FCC, the project complements Ag More Than Ever, an industry-led cause to improve perceptions of agriculture in Canada.

"Changing perceptions of agriculture takes time and many people working together," Klink said. "It's our responsibility as part of this great industry to reach out to young people and show them the opportunities and our passion for the industry."

It's estimated that one in eight jobs in Canada are in the agriculture and agri-food sector. Only time will tell if the Campbell project will attract fresh faces to the business of agriculture, but McFarlen maintains it certainly had an impact on the students who participated in the project, as well as the students who took part in the AG-ing event.

"Maybe not all of our students will end up working in agriculture, but they will certainly have a greater appreciation for the industry that works every day to put food on their tables," McFarlen said.



From the wicked windchills of winter to the humid hazy days of summer ...

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE INSULATION THAT OFFERS YOU MORE!

MORE SAVINGS

- Reduce your heating system by 30-40%
- No condensation problems
- Mice and rodent resistant
- Higher R value per inch

MORE COMFORT

- Excellent acoustics – a quieter environment
- A draft-free environment
- WallBAR in-wall and attic insulations

MORE SAFETY

- Fire resistant
- Does not impose a health risk
- No "possible cause of cancer" labels
- First building product to carry the "Environmental Choice" logo

Lifetime Guarantee • Fast & Efficient • Free Estimates

NOT ALL INSULATION IS EQUAL!

Investing in a quality insulation product results in long-term benefits and savings.

You only have one chance to get it right!



PRAIRIE INSULATION

See us at the Can-Cell Industries Booth

March 17-20 - Regina Spring Home Show
June 15-17 - Regina Farm Progress Show

Contact Ferrel Horn – Wapella • Moosomin – 306-435-2420 • 306-435-7778

ROSS TAYLOR AUCTION SERVICE

PL# 909917

Estate Farm Equipment Auction Estate of Daryl Kay

Maryfield, SK

To be held at the farm located 3 miles north of Lincoln Farm Supplies at Maryfield, SK.

Friday, April 15th at 11 a.m. CST

TRACTORS: 1986 JD 8450 w/ 18.4R38 factory duals, 4 remotes, return line, 1000 pto, 5960 hours; 1982 JD 4040 w/ 2 remotes, 20.8 x 34 rubber, quad, 6562 hours; JD 2020 gas w/ 48 loader; Ford 8N w/ 3 pth

TRUCKS: 1994 Ford F150 2 wheel drive 5 speed V8 with 225,000 kms; 1980 IHC F1954 tandem diesel w/ 200,000 km, 12R22.5 rubber, 13 speed Fuller w/ 20' Canadee box & hoist, roll tarp

SEEDING AND TILLAGE: Morris 900 air seeder, 40' w/ rubber packers and Morris 7240 tank SE # 7240401462

HARVEST EQUIPMENT: 2004 RotoThresh 9790 SP combine w/ 4000 Swathmaster header, chopper, hopper extensions, 1100 threshing hours; MF 760 diesel SP combine V-8 hydro with approx. 3000 hours. With Melroe pickup

Plus a full line of farm machinery, shop equipment and recreational



For information call Ross Taylor Auction Service
204-877-3834 or Toll Free 877-617-2537

FOR FULL LISTINGS AND PHOTOS VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.ROSSTAYLORAUCTION.COM



Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd.

Meet your Valleyview Co-op Agro Team



David McAulay
Agro Division Manager



James Rolfe
Petroleum Division Manager



Wayne Matthews
Hardware Manager - Virden



Susan Chapman
Agro Centre Manager
Pierson



Brad Hunter
Agronomist



Joel Boulton
Jr. Agronomist



Derek Fenty
Farm Equipment Sales Rep



Dave Dryden
Feed/ Animal Health
Sales Rep



Russ Kontzie
Petroleum Supervisor



**Third Party
Financing
Available**



Bins & Farm Equipment

Valleyview Co-op has the largest bin inventory in South-western Manitoba, offering a wide variety of Meridian and Westeel bins, bin accessories and augers. Delivery, set up, and financing available.



Petroleum

Our 2016 Spring Bulk Fuel Delivery Program is on now! Order our EP 3000 Premium Summer Dyed Diesel fuel and don't pay until May 30, 2016. Offer ends April 30, 2016. Ask us about our 0% interest tank program!



Crop Protection

High Clearance Spraying
Custom Floating Application | Aerial Spraying Services
Field Scouting | Soil Sampling
Fertilizer | Chemical | Seed



Feed & Animal Health

Valleyview Co-op proudly provides nutritionally complete, balanced feed and top quality care products.

Focus on Agriculture

Foodgrains Bank commits \$3 million to nine projects

Over 25,000 people in nine countries will benefit from nine projects totaling \$3 million committed by Canadian Foodgrains Bank in February.

The projects are being implemented by Foodgrains Bank members ADRA Canada, Emergency Relief and Development Overseas (ERDO Canada), Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, Mennonite Central Committee Canada, Presbyterian World Service and Development, and World Renew, in collaboration with their local partners.

One project, through Foodgrains Bank member World Renew, is responding to El Nino-related drought conditions in Indonesia. On the island of Sumba, where many households depend on small-scale agriculture for their livelihoods, the drought has resulted in significant crop failures.

Families have been reducing the number of meals they eat per day, decreasing portion sizes, selling assets, and taking out loans in order to cope.

Working through their local partner the Christian Church of Sumba, World Renew is responding by providing monthly rations to 805 households for six months. The project is worth \$387,000.

Another project, through Foodgrains Bank member Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada (EMCC), is responding to the El Nino-related drought in Ethiopia where 10 million people are at risk of extreme hunger.

Through their local partner the Ethiopian Kale Heywet church, the EMCC is responding with a project worth \$88,000 that is providing emergency food to 1,500 drought-affected people each month for

four months.

Other projects committed in February include:

- A food assistance project in Honduras through Emergency Relief and Development Overseas, totaling \$79,000 and benefitting 2,020 people.

- An agriculture and livelihoods project in Mongolia through ADRA Canada, totaling \$233,000 and benefitting 3,000 people.

- An agriculture and livelihoods project in South Sudan through World Renew, totaling \$418,000 and benefitting 4,200 people.

- A food assistance, agriculture and livelihoods, and nutrition project in Afghanistan through Mennonite Central Committee Canada, totaling \$1,331,000 and benefitting 6,400 people.

- A food assistance project in Colombia through Mennonite Central Committee Canada, totaling \$47,000 and benefitting 625 people.

- An agriculture and livelihoods and food assistance project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through Mennonite Central Committee Canada, totaling \$391,000 and benefitting 7,500 people.

- An agriculture and livelihoods project in Guatemala through Presbyterian World Service and Development, totaling \$86,000 and benefitting 1,600 people.

- A food assistance and agriculture and livelihoods project in Ethiopia through Mennonite Central Committee Canada, totaling \$481,000 and benefitting 1,600 people.

- A food assistance project in India through Mennonite Central Committee Canada, totaling \$1,900,000 and benefitting 47,000 people.

T BAR K RANCH

8th Annual Bull Sale - On The Ranch
April 7th, 2016 at 2 p.m.



Kevin & Kim Dorrance
Phone: (306) 739-2944
Cell: (306) 577-9861
Box 389 Wawota, SK
www.tbarkranch.com

▶ 31 Red Angus Yearlings
▶ 20 Red Angus 2-Year Olds
▶ 13 Horned Hereford Yearlings
▶ 14 Horned Hereford 2-Year Olds
Call for DVD & Catalog of Bulls

11 miles West of Wawota Highway #48,
1/2 mile North on Highway #9, East Side

127 Years in the Business!

Unreserved Public Farm Auction

Keller and Sons Farming Ltd.

as authorized by receiver of Ernst and Young

Brandon, MB | March 17, 2016 · 11 am



2007 John Deere 7630



2013 John Deere 4940 120 Ft



5 of 8 - 2008 Kenworth T800



Caterpillar 320L



2006 Caterpillar 930G



2006 John Deere 7220



2 - 2006 Kenworth T800



2013 Lockwood ACS-8



2008 Milestone MSD592



2 - 2008 Doepker

AUCTION LOCATION: From BRANDON, MB, go 6.4 km (4 miles) West on Hwy 1, then 0.8 km (0.5 miles) South.
GPS: 49.87895000, -100.0443917

A PARTIAL EQUIPMENT LIST INCLUDES: 1997 John Deere 9400 4WD Tractor - 1992 John Deere 8960 4WD Tractor - 1992 John Deere 8300 MPWD Tractor - 1989 John Deere 4955 MPWD Tractor - 2007 John Deere 7630 MPWD Tractor - 2006 John Deere 7220 MPWD Tractor - 1984 John Deere 4650 2WD Tractor - 1981 John Deere 4440 2WD Tractor - 2006 Caterpillar 930G Wheel Loader - (2) 2010 John Deere 326D Skid Steer Loaders - 2000 Caterpillar 246 Skid Steer Loader - Champion 720 Motor Grader - Caterpillar 320L Hydraulic Excavator - (8) 2008 Kenworth T800 T/A Truck Tractors - 1993 Mack CH613 T/A Truck Tractor - 1997 Volvo VE Sleeper T/A Truck Tractor - 1996 Volvo VE Sleeper T/A Truck Tractor - 1980 Ford L9000T/A Boom Truck - 1996 Western Star 4866AF T/A Lube Truck - 2002 Ford F450 Dually Service Truck - 1999 Ford F450 Service Truck - 1998 Chevrolet 3500 Extended Cab 4x4 Flatbed Truck - (2) 2006 Kenworth T800 T/A Potato Trucks - (2) 1995 International 9200 T/A Potato Trucks - 1985 International F1954 T/A Potato Truck - (2) 1987 Ford L9000 T/A Potato Trucks - 1984 Ford L9000 T/A Potato Truck - 1986 Ford CL9000 COE T/A Potato Truck - 1979 Mack T/A Potato Truck 2007 Chevrolet 2500HD Crew Cab Pickup - 2003 Chevrolet 2500HD Crew Cab Pickup - 2008 Chevrolet 3500 Crew Cab Pickup - 2006 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup - 2004 GMC 2500HD Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup - 2009 Ford F350 Crew Cab 4x4 Pickup - 1997 Ford F250 Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup - 2007 Ford F150 Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup - (2) 2008 Doepker 28 Ft Super B Grain Trailers - 2004 Castleton 28 Ft Super B Grain Trailer - 2000 Trinity 48 Ft Tri/A Potato Trailer - (5) Eagle Bridge 45 Ft Tri/A Potato Trailers - (2) 1984 Loadmaster 40 Ft T/A Potato Trailers - 1984 Doonan 40 Ft T/A Grain Trailer - 1999 Doonan 48 Ft T/A Step Deck Trailer - 1981 Trailmaster 4000 US Gallon T/A Tank Trailer - 1979 Fruehauf 42 Ft Tri/A Nork Tank - 2009 Tarnel 19 Ft T/A Equipment Trailer - 2004 Norberts 25 Ft Tri/A Goose-neck Equipment Trailer - 2008 John Deere 1890 42.5 Ft Air Drill - 2013 John Deere 4940 120 Ft High Clearance Sprayer - Harrison 4008 8 Row 36 In. spacing Row Crop Planter - 1988 John Deere 1973 4 Row Potato Harvesters - Spudnik 6400 4 Row Potato Harvester - (2) Logan YLDB Yield Pro 8 Row Potato Hillers - Spudnik 9080 8 Row Potato Hiller - (2) Double L 831 Telescopic 36 In. Potato Bin Pliers - Double L 861 42 In. Potato Bin Plier - 2013 Lockwood ACS-8 Air Controlled Separator - (2) 2012 Milestone MSC60 Potato Seed Cutters - 2008 Milestone MSD592 Debris Eliminator Star Sizer Sorting Table - 2008 Milestone MSD572 Debris Eliminator Star Sizer Sorting Table - (2) Double L 866 6 Row Potato Windrowers - 2012 Brandt 13110 HP 13 In. x 110 Ft Mechanical Swing Grain Auger - Farm King 1395 13 In. x 95 Ft Mechanical Swing Grain Auger - 2003 Brandt 840 8 In. x 40 Ft Grain Auger - Westfield 1207-46 7 In. x 46 Ft Grain Auger - J&M Mfg 1151 Grain Storm 1150s Bushel Grain Cart ...AND MUCH MORE!

For up-to-date equipment listings, please check our website: rbauction.com

Ritchie Bros. Territory Manager -
Steven Perrin: 204.573.0993 800.491.4494



Focus on Agriculture

The changing face of the cattle industry

The cattle sector has always been one willing to change and adapt, at least since I was a youngster and paid attention to such things.

In my case, while not in the cattle business, I did attend many livestock shows from the time I was old enough to carry a show cane until the present day when I still attend a few in my role as a reporter.

What that means is I grew up through the exotic breeds invasion which forever changed the cattle sector.

The arrival of Charolais were the first I recall, the big white cattle being dramatically different from the existing British breeds in Canada—Hereford, Aberdeen Angus and Shorthorn.

British breeds were just emerging from an era of belt-buckle-tall cattle. I can remember pictures of champion animals that barely came to the waists of the showmen in the late 1950s and into the 60s. They were cattle suited to an era that was gone.

There was a recognition that cattle should be bigger, and exotic breeds such as Charolais arrived to “grow” cattle.

The early arrivals caught attention and the stage was set for a long list of breed arrivals: Simmental, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Saler, Chianina, Meuse-Rhine-Issel, and Pinzgauer, among many.

Each year a new breed seemed to be the buzz at shows such as Canadian Western Agribition. I recall one year stickers all over the barn with “Chianina Can,” even before the breed arrived on the scene.

Some of the breeds on the list above may not seem familiar. That is because, while in general exotics caught on and changed the sector, not all breeds found favor, some arriving with a moderate splash and disappearing quite quickly.

While the exotic influence was dramatic, it is not the only development which has had its effect on cattle.

Efforts through the years have also been placed on creating what are in their simplest terms traceable hybrids, with some becoming “official breeds.”

The Hays Converter is a breed of cattle native specifically to Alberta. Named for Harry Hays, the agriculturalist and politician who developed the breed, it was the first pure breed of cattle created in Canada. Work on breeding the Hays Converter began in 1959, and it was officially recognized by the Canadian beef industry under the Canada Livestock Pedigree Act in December of 1975. Senator Hays wished to create a cattle breed that would be based solely on production, and as such would mature to market weight as fast as possible, according to Wikipedia.

“Hays chose three particular breeds of cattle in order to achieve the optimal breed of cattle. He achieved this by combination crosses of Holstein cattle on Hereford cattle and Brown Swiss cattle . . .

“Once the crosses began, Hays selected for the traits he wanted, and any offspring that did not make the cut in one way or another would have their tails docked and were



Calvin Daniels

shipped off to a processing plant. Once all desired traits were achieved in the offspring, the breed was closed off to mating with any outside breeds. By the time the breed achieved pedigree status in 1975, it had achieved all of the traits Hays had hoped it would. These traits included high growth rate, sturdy build, good carcass quality, easy calving and excellent milk production.”

Bringing different breeds together to create a new one is not new. It was the way Lacombe pigs were developed in Canada, as well as Canadian and Rideau Arcott and Outaouais Arcott sheep.

And again in terms of cattle “The Canadian Speckle Park is a breed of cattle native to the Canadian province of Saskatchewan. It is one of only a few beef cattle breeds developed in Canada. The latter half of the breed’s name derives from the characteristic white, black and grey spots and patches of color that it’s known for,” noted Wikipedia.

“The Canadian Speckle Park is one of the newest cattle breeds, having been officially recognized by the Canadian government in 2006. A breed association was formed in 1985, and exports of Canadian Speckle Park to the U.S. and Australia have occurred.

“Work on breeding the Canadian Speckle Park began in the 1950s with the crossing of a roan Shorthorn heifer to a Black Angus bull. The spotting became a dominant trait in the offspring, and the beginnings of a new breed emerged. Descended solely from British beef breeds, it is naturally polled and inherits many of the characteristics of popular cattle like the Angus.”

Similarly, the Brangus breed was developed to utilize the superior traits of Angus and Brahman cattle. Their genetics are stabilized at three eighths Brahman and five eighths Angus.

“A review of the development of the Brangus breed would take us back beyond the founding of the American Brangus Breeders Association in 1949; however, registered Brangus descends from the foundation animals recorded that year or registered Brahman and Angus cattle enrolled since then. Much of the early work in crossing Brahman and Angus cattle was done at the USDA Experiment Station in Jeanerette, Louisiana. According to the USDA 1935 Yearbook in Agriculture the research with these crossed started about 1932,” noted www.ansi.okstate.edu

And now similar work appears to be taking place in cre-

ating what is being called the Durham Red.

The American Shorthorn Association introduced the first 100 per cent British breed composite when it allowed the registration of Shorthorns crossed with Red Angus.

So far only a few hundred Red Durhams have been registered through the American Association, but again it shows a willingness to work on creating genetics which are felt to take the cattle sector forward.

It is not likely that Durham Reds will have near the impact of the importation of exotics, any more than has Hays Convertors or Speckle Park, but they do show the sector being active in looking for new genetic packages to improve the industry.



Local commercial hauler offering custom grain hauling with newer model tri-axle trailer, 32 tonne capability.

Flat deck trailer also available for moving hay or equipment.

Prorated and legal for travel across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

If you want affordable, courteous and professional service, call Larry & Dora at First Light Motoring Ltd.

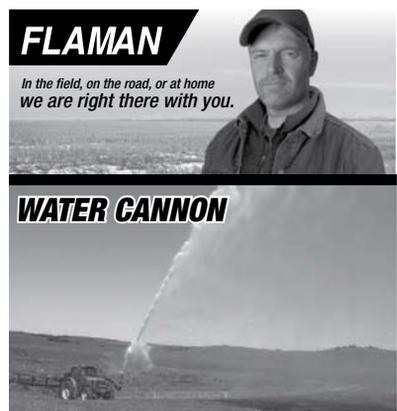
Serving All local areas! Call for a quote today!

We also operate a repair shop. Anything from minor repairs to major overhauls.

We have an Electronic Service Tool to service most makes. Certified Technician on duty.

Located in Cromer, MB • 204-556-2482

Larry: 204-856-9933 (cell) • Dora: 204-871-3494 (cell)



The Ultimate Slough Pumping Machine
Dries out the sloughs & pot holes fast and efficiently

- \$800/day
- Recommended HP 100 PTO
- 1250 US Gallons/min. with 270 degree arc
- Can irrigate approx 4 acres
- 83' length in transport, 100' field position
- 8" Suction
- Water throw up to 350'
- Hydraulic side boom swing
- Self priming in 2 minutes

Yorkton 306.783.1689
Moosomin 306.435.4143
flaman.com Swan River 204.734.9999

Farm Boy Realty Corp.
 Broker: Guy Shepherd
 NE 1 13 31 w1 RM 121 P.O. Box 1484
 Moosomin Sask. S0G 3N0
 Ph. 306-434-8857 fax 306-435-3428 guy@farmboyrealty.com
www.farmboyrealty.com

Farm Boy Realty Corp.

FBR is a full service ag-land brokerage located at Moosomin Sask. established July 2015.
 In 8 short months FBR has listed and sold 13 farm properties totalling 73 quarters of land plus 3 acreages with residences. This in a slower and tougher market—now that’s performance!!

We have depleted our inventory and need new listings to market!
 If you are thinking of selling your farm now would be a good time to start the listing and marketing process. We have the resources to provide up to date market values of your property.

Selling and achieving your market goals takes time, effort and hard work—give a Farm Boy a call today and get started in achieving a successful farm sale!
 All inquiries will be kept confidential!

CALL or TEXT
 Guy 1-306-434-8857
guy@farmboyrealty.com

Put a Farm Boy to work for you today!

Put a Farm Boy to work for you today!

www.farmboyrealty.com

Focus on Agriculture

APAS sending youth to CFA meeting

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) Board members and five young farm leaders will be attending the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) Annual General Meeting as part of an APAS development curriculum to encourage the next generation of producers to take on leadership roles with financial support from the Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program through Growing Forward 2.

"The Government's Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program allows potential young individuals to better understand the skills, knowledge, tactics and strengths of being a leader in the farming community," says Norm Hall, APAS President.

"As one generation retires, the farming commu-

nity needs to find individuals from the next generation to come to the forefront and take up the leadership challenge. It is essential to ensure our industry is well represented and I see this program has been a great step to ensure that succession occurs."

Successful applicants must be involved in farming, be under the age of 40 years and have demonstrated an interest in farm leadership.

As part of the Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program (YLMP), the participants are to be mentored by knowledgeable, experienced farm leadership individuals.

Five of the APAS Board of Directors has been paired with the program participants.

The majority of the YLMP program runs over the win-

ter season.

Each mentee chose an APAS Policy Committee to understand grassroots concerns and how they are the foundation of farm concerns to be forwarded to key decision makers. The mentees have been or will be attending APAS Annual General Meeting, APAS Board meetings and CFA Committee, Annual General and Board meetings. The mentees will also be involved in meetings with Federal Ministers, MPs and with current and former farm leaders at the provincial, national and international levels.

"APAS was extremely pleased with our involvement with the 2014 mentees," says Hall.

"Being involved in the 2015 YLMP program provides APAS a chance to improve APAS' program

and more importantly, to encourage more youth to come forward and provide new ideas, ingenuity and energy. The bottom line is for mentees to better understand leadership and apply that knowledge to farming organizations.

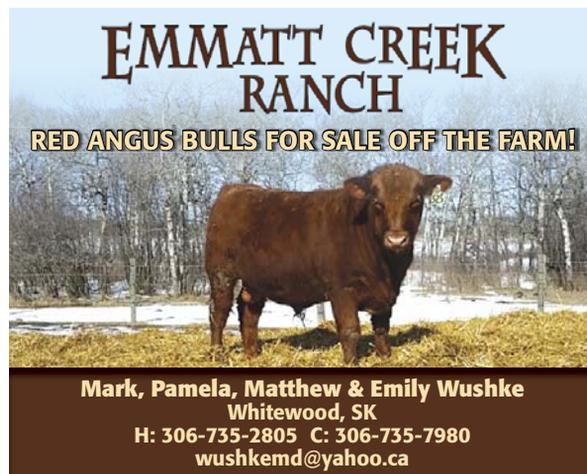
"That is the strength of this program as leadership succession is vital to ensure agriculture and its producers are well served in future years."

The 2015-16 APAS Youth Leadership and Mentorship candidates are Devin Harlick from Eastend, Daniel Ottenbreit from Grayson, Matthew McKinnon from Eatonia, Daryl Fransoo from Meota and Spencer Maxwell from Nipawin.

APAS Mentors are Todd Lewis, Dorothy Weetman, Don Connick, Mickey Palfy and Jeff Simpson.

The project is made possible thanks in part to the

Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program, which provides funding to industry associations in Saskatchewan to co-ordinate and support mentorships between young producers and industry leaders. The Youth Leadership and Mentorship Program is one of Saskatchewan's Growing Forward 2 programs, which are funded jointly by the federal and provincial governments.



EMMATT CREEK RANCH
RED ANGUS BULLS FOR SALE OFF THE FARM!

Mark, Pamela, Matthew & Emily Wushke
 Whitewood, SK
 H: 306-735-2805 C: 306-735-7980
 wushkemd@yahoo.ca

Reach 23,800 households in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba when you advertise in Plain and Valley

Call Kara or Barry at 306-435-2445 or visit www.plainandvalley.com

Justin Cleaver, Dip. GISET
 AGRIT-TREND® Geo-Coach®

Cell: 1.306.743.3300

jcleaver@AGRI-TREND.com

Celina de Kock
 AGRIT-TREND® Agri-Coach®

Cell: 1.204.821.5818

cdecock@AGRI-TREND.com

Professional. Agricultural. Coaching. | www.AGRITREND.com



38c

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Agronomist

Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. is now accepting applications for the position of Agronomist. As a member of our AG Team of agri-business professionals, the position will take a lead role in partnering with producers in the Virden and Pierson, MB area, assisting them in finding innovative solutions to help grow their business.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Develop and implement a grower-customer communication plan, providing our customers with relevant, timely, accurate information on agronomy, products, and services available at the Co-op.
- Provide agronomic information and guidance on seed, pest identification and management, and where applicable, crop nutrition, so our grower customers can make informed decisions.
- Deliver on-field activities such as scouting and soil testing where required and communicate results effectively to grower customers.
- To efficiently facilitate the resolution of product inquiries between our customer and supplier.
- General Health and Safety.
- Continue both personal and professional development.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree or Diploma in agriculture or related field
- Candidates should be registered, or eligible for registration, with the respective provincial Professional Institute of Agrology
- Ability to work both independently and as a member of a highly motivated team
- Must be creative and resourceful
- Must have the ability to effectively communicate, both orally and written
- Hold a valid Driver's License
- A Certified Crop Advisor designation is considered an asset

The Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd. as part of the Co-operative Retailing System offers a comprehensive salary and benefits package, with excellent opportunities for advancement.

You're at home here.



Valleyview

FORWARD A DETAILED RESUME TO:

Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd.
 Box 550 Virden, MB R0M 2C0
 Email: valleyv@mts.net
 Fax: 204-748-3436
 Website: valleyview.coop

We thank all applicants for their interest; however only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

31c

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Crop Inputs Manager

The Co-operative Retailing System (CRS) is a unique, multi-billion dollar organization based on the fundamental principles of co-operation. It is comprised of a network of approximately 250 autonomous retail co-operatives across Western Canada along with their branch operations, and Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL). FCL is the wholesaling/manufacturing arm of the CRS, which provides the retail co-ops with a range of products and services. Valleyview Consumers Co-op invites applications for the position of Crop Inputs Manager. The Valleyview Consumers Co-op provides agronomic service from two Crop Protection sites located in Virden and Pierson, Manitoba and has a trading area that encompasses all of southwestern Manitoba.

Reporting to the Agro Division Manager, the Crop Inputs Manager is responsible for marketing seed, fertilizer and crop protection products to new and existing customers. Duties will include leading the agronomic team in providing advice to customers; managing product inventories; ensuring proper handling and storage of crop inputs products; managing financial aspects for crop inputs within the department. The successful candidate will also show strong leadership skills as the successful candidate would be responsible for a staff of agronomists, junior agronomists and other seasonal staff. The successful candidate will possess strong organization, controlling and interpersonal skills, with a customer focus. Strong technical competency requiring an Ag based degree or diploma or equivalent of at least two years' experience. Preference will be given to Ag Inputs sales experience and good knowledge of Ag chemical and fertilizer.

Valleyview Consumers Co-op offers a competitive salary, a comprehensive benefits package including a signing bonus, excellent opportunities for advancement and the opportunity to work with one of Western Canada's most successful organizations.

You're at home here.



Valleyview

FORWARD A DETAILED RESUME TO:

Valleyview Consumers Co-op Ltd.
 Attention: Agro Division Manager
 Valleyview Co-op Ltd. Box 550
 Virden, MB R0M 2C0
 Email: valleyv@mymts.net
 Fax: (204)748-3436
 Website: valleyview.coop

31c

Focus on Agriculture

No free lunch with cage-free eggs

Today's food consumers increasingly challenge firms and farmers to change their production practices, but the evolution carries costs.

One of the first challenges to 21st century agriculture was how to define and label organic food. According to a report by Statistics Canada, in 2011 less than two per cent of Ontario farms are organic, but organic farming still receives a great deal of attention.

Fast food firms McDonald's, Burger King, Tim Hortons and others recently announced plans to use only

eggs from cage free hen housing systems. The Egg Farmers of Canada followed with its own announcement that the use of conventional cages often referred

to as battery cages will end by 2036.

Presumably fast food firms have assessed the situation and decided any loss of business due to increased egg prices will be offset by the competitive advantages of marketing their eggs as cage free. Or perhaps they are willing to absorb any increase in the cost of purchasing cage free eggs in order to maintain their customer base. We also assume that the Egg Farmers of Canada disallowed future use of conventional cages because they believe that is consistent with good farm practices and their long term marketing strategy.

But there is no free lunch. Research suggests that the alternative hen housing will push up egg prices, although this may be a small price to pay for production practices that enable hens to pursue natural tendencies like perching, nesting, spreading their wings, etc.

So the new standards governing production practices could enhance the well being of some consumers and improve animal welfare for hens.

However, we must recognize that the gains and losses associated with these changes will not be uniform.

Some consumers especially those with strong concerns about animal welfare may benefit greatly. Others, less concerned about animal welfare, may still find themselves paying slightly higher prices.

Some egg farmers may make timely and profitable adjustments to their production practices. Others may not be so fortunate.

Even the hens' welfare will vary. Some hens will enjoy the new freedom to roam but others may fall victim to attacks from other hens that would have otherwise been caged.

We all have a stake in the outcome of the emerging discussions around animal welfare and agricultural production. As these issues are resolved, some members of society have more information and focused interests than others. The challenge is to ensure that those who are affected have high quality information about the tradeoffs they face when confronted with conventionally produced eggs and eggs from alternative housing systems. Quality information is needed all along the supply chain, from the farmer to the end consumer.

Recent research conducted by Professor John Cranfield demonstrates the importance of information on the kind of tradeoffs consumers face each day at the grocery store.

In his research, one set of consumers received scientifically validated information about the positive and negative consequences of alternative hen housing systems. The other set of consumers did not have this information they only received a description of the different hen housing systems. The preliminary findings suggest that there is a premium for cage free eggs in both cases. Interestingly, however, when consumers had information on the positive and negative consequences of alternative hen housing they were willing to pay relatively less for cage free eggs than consumers who did not have this information.

Twenty first century agriculture is evolving and animal welfare will likely remain an issue. The system that emerges will be at its best if the evolving preferences, standards and rules are accompanied by increasing efforts to provide an informed understanding of the tradeoffs involved.

This effort is a priority for academics and relies, in part, on our ability to communicate effectively on the issues. Stay tuned as the industry continues to evolve.

Brady Deaton, Jr. and John Cranfield are professors in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph.

**Brady Deaton
John Cranfield**



Come cheer on the Virde Oil Capitals in the first round of the 2015/2016 MJHL Playoffs!

The Caps will meet the Winnipeg Blues in the post-season for the first time in franchise history!

GAME DATES:
Game 1: Friday March 11th 7:30 (Tundra Oil & Gas Place)
 Game 2: Sunday March 13th 7:00 (MTS Ice Plex)
Game 3: Tuesday March 15th 7:30 (Tundra Oil & Gas Place)
 Game 4: Thursday, March 17th 7:00 (MTS Ice Plex)
Game 5: Saturday, March 19th 7:30 (Tundra Oil & Gas Place) ** If Necessary
 Game 6: Monday, March 21st 7:00 (MTS Ice Plex) ** If Necessary
Game 7: Wednesday, March 23rd 7:30 (Tundra Oil & Gas Place) ** If Necessary

TICKETS:
 Adult - \$14.00 • Senior (60+) - \$12.00 • Youth (6-17) - \$7.00

WAYS TO PURCHASE:
 • **IN PERSON:** At Tundra Oil & Gas Place: Hours: 9:00-5:00
 • **PHONE:** Call 204-748-4848 and reserve your tickets
 • **ONLINE:** At oilcapshockey.showare.com



Organic Producers Association of Manitoba Co-operative Inc.

Offering professional organic certification services to customers in Western Canada

- Established in 1988
- Provides credible certification system.
- Distribute information to producers, processors, and handlers regarding techniques, standards, and procedures.
- Promote and provide education on organic systems.
- Annual farm tours and member get-togethers.

Mission Statement
To promote organic food production and consumption

123 North Railway Avenue
 Box 279, Miniota, MB R0M 1M0
204-567-3745
 opamcertification@mymts.net
 www.opam-mb.com



SMALL MOTOR SERVICE



FERRIS®

Pre-Season Special
 Book a 2016 Ferris Zero-Turn Lawn Mower and receive a **FREE** Kiwi Kayak (Lobo Model)



*Not exactly as shown

Sales & Service for Ferris Lawn Mowers
Jeff LaRose
306.224.4513
 jlarose@sasktel.net
 Kipling, SK



Plain & Valley
 Covering Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba

Don't miss your chance to advertise in the next issue of Plain and Valley!
 Distribution Date: April 8
 Deadline: March 30

Elections Sask needs staff for election day

BY ANDREA JAENEN

With a provincial election coming up, Elections Saskatchewan is making preparations and hiring staff for the election.

The provincial election is coming up on April 4, and the provincial agency is taking more of a role in hiring this time.

"This is the first time we've done this approach of outreach ahead of time and getting people on the list. The last election was in 2011, and we know from hearing from the returning officers from back then that they spent a lot of their time on hiring and recruiting," says Tim Kydd, a spokesperson for Elections Saskatchewan. "This time we want to take some of the pressure off the local returning officers so they can focus on running a high-quality election in their area. We're helping with the hiring and recruiting by having this 'Express Your Interest' list that we've been working on and adding to over the past year.

"We need over ten thousand workers for the April 4 election," he adds. "April 4, election day, is really the last day to vote, and it's the day we count ballots. Anybody can vote during the five days of advance voting

March 29 to April 2. And we will also need a few people in the local returning office for the month of March. But the primary need is that workforce of 10,000 people on April 4."

Elections Saskatchewan is reaching out ahead of time to acquire staff where it is needed. Moosomin is an area where staff is in great need, says Kydd.

"In Moosomin, we need close to two hundred people and we have fewer than 100 right now. Moosomin is a pretty big constituency, it covers as far west as Frances, and all the way to the Manitoba border, and then it goes up just before Wawota," he explains. "What we're doing differently this time compared to 2011 is we've been reaching out and getting people to sign up well in advance over this past year. Overall we have more than 7,000 names who have signed up and expressed their interest to work in the election. But we have a few pockets where we are behind, and Moosomin would be one of them."

There are four main jobs to fill throughout the days of advance voting and election day.

"They're all paid posi-

tions. We have primarily four positions that we're looking for on election day and on advance voting days. One of them is an Information Officer, so that person greets voters at every place and makes sure they bring idea with them," Kydd says.

"The second position is a Registration Officer—we are just moving now to a permanent voters list in Saskatchewan. We have 90% of eligible voters on our list today—which is 815,000 eligible voters in Saskatchewan. So for the ten per cent who aren't on the list, they can still vote, but when they come to vote they have to go to the registration table to register where the Registration Officer is.

"Then the two primary jobs that we have are Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk. Those two people work hand-in-hand at each poll the entire day guarding their ballot box," he adds. "They're responsible for handing out bal-

lots, for crossing names over the voters list as people show up, making sure that ballots that are marked get

put into the box, and then after the poll is closed at 8 p.m. on April 4, they count the ballots in their box. So

they don't let the ballot box out of their sight the whole day."

Continued on page 47

31c



SASKATCHEWAN green PARTY

Kate Ecklund is your Green Party of Saskatchewan candidate in the next provincial election. She believes a better Saskatchewan looks like:

- **Provincial anti-bullying legislation** that would give teachers and parents a guide on what to do in bullying situations.
- **Setting minimum standards in senior citizens homes** would ensure the wellbeing of people today, but also safe guard for the future. A provincial wide policy would be created with a monitoring program.
- **Child-care costs need to be regulated.** One parent, and two parent families are struggling with high and irregular daycare costs of upwards to \$750/child per month. More help directly to daycare facilities is needed from the government, whether it be through facility subsidization or other forms.
- **Energy East pipeline** should only be considered if the primary goal of it is to get all **Canadians off foreign oil and using Canadian resources.**
- **A 1-800-oil-spill emergency response number** is necessary for quick detection, efficient shut-off and reclamation.
- **Agricultural draining needs to be regulated,** with the greatest value being put on those wetlands which recharge groundwater. **A provincial map needs to be created** in order to reduce hostilities between neighbors during wet years and to slow algae growth in the Qu'Appelle River system.



Elect Kate Ecklund as the next MLA for the Moosomin Constituency!
 Contact her for Lawn Signs, to join the Campaign
 or to Ask Questions at KateEcklund@live.com



THE WAY TO ELECTION DAY

ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 4, 2016
 8:00AM-6:00PM (8:00AM-5:00PM) 4

COORDINATE THE VOTE

- 1 Chief Electoral Officer
- 61 Returning Officers
- 10,000 Polling Stations
- 815,000 Eligible Voters

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian Citizen
- 18 Years Old
- Residing in Saskatchewan
- Not on the Electoral List

THE CALL TO VOTE

27-34

1,700

5,000

50

OTHER WAYS TO VOTE

- Home
- Mail
- Mobile



EXTREME GLASS LTD.

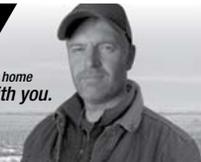
Automotive Repair or Replacement • Residential & Commercial
 PVC Windows & Door Replacement • Store Fronts • Mirrors
 Safety Glass • Custom Cut Glass for Equipment
 3 Season Sunrooms

640 Frontage Rd, Virden, MB • 204-748-3619

31c

FLAMAN

In the field, on the road, or at home
we are right there with you.



Lease for
\$352/mth
for 5 years

On Special!
SALE \$18,995

Norbert Manufacturing
2016 20' x 7.5' Stock Trailer



This trailer is loaded with a ton of upgraded options including:
 Rear Loading/Unloading LED Lights, Exterior Switches For External
 & Internal Lights, 2 x 7000 lbs Axles, Sliding Window Covers
 & Features Norberts Newest Fleet Color, Charcoal Brown.

**COME DOWN AND HAVE A LOOK OR
CALL 306.435.4143 TODAY!**

flaman.com

Yorkton 306.783.1689
 Moosomin 306.435.4143
 Swan River 204.734.9999

Time for a new roof?

How about a Metal Roof!





HEBERT
metal roofing and exteriors

commercial • industrial • agricultural • residential

Ironwood Shakes

**Standing Seam
Snap Lock**

- Will increase the value of your home
- Free Estimates
- 50 year transferable warranty
- Comes in a wide variety of colors
- No exposed fasteners

Serving Southern Saskatchewan
No Job Too Big or Too Small

Blair Hebert
Phone: (306) 435-7472



31c

RIMFIRE RIFLES



PN: TS11002746 **\$1349.95**

TACTICAL SOLUTIONS X-RING 10/22° - VANTAGE SLATE STOCK



PN: TS11002784 **\$1178.95**

TACTICAL SOLUTIONS X-RING 10/22° - HOGUE TAN STOCK



PN: RUB11182 **\$375.00**

RUGER® 10/22° - KRYPTEC RAID CAMO - STAINLESS STEEL



PN: CZ1624565TD22LR **\$599.00**

CZ 455 STD .22LR - EURO STYLE BEECH STOCK ADJ REAR SIGHT



PN: MOS37022 **\$243.75**

MOSSBERG 702 .22LR - DUCK COMMANDER MAX5 CAMO

WOLVERINE SUPPLIES

P (204) 748 2454 E SALES@WOLVERINESUPPLIES.COM ... CHECK OUT COMPLETE SELECTION ONLINE! **WOLVERINESUPPLIES.COM**

PHOTOS ARE FOR REPRESENTATION AND MAY NOT ALWAYS BE EXACTLY AS SHOWN - PRICING SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Don Toth looks back on his career

When the 2016 provincial election is called shortly, it will be the end of Don Toth's career as an MLA.

Toth is the longest serving MLA in Saskatchewan, having been first elected almost 30 years ago—in the 1986 provincial election.

In his final days as MLA Toth sat down for an interview with World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark to discuss his career.

Tell me how you first became involved in politics.

Andrew Bruce is a neighbor of ours and he was the first to put the seeds in my mind. He called me up one day and said, "Would you like to come to a political meeting with me?" And I said "Oh, sure Andrew I'll go." So any time there was a constituency meeting I'd hop in the car and go with Andrew, and the next thing I know I became the president of the association, but at that time there was no real thought in my mind of getting involved in public life, other than helping the candidate out.

We worked hard to get the first Conservative candidate elected, and I just kept up my involvement. Then, in the fall of 1984, a gentleman came up to me and asked if I would take his position on RM council and I thought 'you know I could probably do that. Everyone should at least do a little bit to serve their community.' So I accepted that position. Then in the spring of '85 we had different people twisting my arm to seek the Conservative nomination. We had an MLA, and we kind of shrugged it off and didn't think much of it until Don and Betty Adair arrived in the yard one day and I happened to be cleaning out a hog barn. Don comes up to the door and he says "I got a better job for you." So we went in the house, sat down and had a coffee. Don and Betty were quite involved in the Conservative association and Maryfield was part of the Moosomin constituency back then, so I got to really learn to appreciate them. The fact that they took a good part of their day—it's an hour from Maryfield to the farm, but they came to see me and I said to my wife after they left, "If Don and Betty thought that hard and thought that they should come and see me then maybe we need to give it a little more thought."

So I called Barrie Davidson in Moosomin. I got to meet him and thought he'd have some advice. Barrie said "You need to run for us." That's when my wife and I really thought 'you know if that's where people are we need to give it some thought. If this is serious, then we need to prepare ourselves.' I chatted with my wife Lois and my parents and we decided to take the shot and the rest is, well, history. We were elected in October of '86. There was an actually significant increase in the Conservative plurality in this constituency in the early '86 election over '82. But you have to know that from '75 the Conservatives had generally been slowly building and gaining trust of the people.

What was it like being a newly elected MLA?

Well, it was quite a new experience, it was something a little mind boggling. There was a fair bit of anxiety, because I was quite familiar with the farming operation and I knew what I was doing, and all of a sudden I'm elected to go into the legislature. It's quite an honour to be able to sit on the floor of the chamber and realize, "Man, I've got a lot more responsibility here than I actually anticipated."

The phone starts ringing, people are looking for assistance, and you're sitting on the floor and you've never really participated. I remember the first time I had to speak, I actually was given the privilege of being the seconder of the first throne speech. And I'm speaking away and I hadn't really spoken a lot before and you think well, half an hour to forty-five minutes that's quite a bit to put together. And then it's getting near the hour of adjournment for the day and I get this note that appears on my desk that says "Keep going." I said all I wanted to say, so all of a sudden for another 15 minutes I had to wrack my mind and start pulling things out just to speak the clock out to get to the supper hour.

Did you have a mentor or get some advice from veteran members when you were first elected?

When we were first elected there was a period where previously elected MLAs would set up a couple of sessions and say "Okay this is what you're going to see, this is what you're going to experience, and this is how to prepare yourself."

Previously elected members would say, "okay this is what we went through, this is what we recommend, this how the post functions, this is how you function on the floor and this is what you should and shouldn't do when you're speaking so you're not called to order." Like everything else it was trial and error. You learn as you go.

You have served both on the government side and the opposition benches. Which side is more fulfilling to be on?

I'll tell individuals, if you're in opposition, don't look at that as the worst place you can be. You actually learn more on the opposition benches than you do on the government's side of the house.

Why is that?

The simple reason is our parliamentary system doesn't allow for private members to have a lot of say on the government side of the house, because at question period all the questions are directed at the minister. When you get into committees it's all directed to ministers, it's not really directed to private members. We have what you call Private Member's Day and that's when private members can get up and speak, but that isn't very long.

What we've done in Saskatchewan now, we do have what we call the seventy-five minute debate, and that starts off Private Member's Day, so it's actually a debate. The first person who gets the motion, whether it's a government or opposition member, gets fifteen minutes. And then after that it's back and forth for ten minutes, and then there's a ten minute question-answer period. Very seldom does it get to a vote. You run out the clock. But that's about the only way a government member gets to have at least some opportunity to speak on the floor, whereas in opposition, you get all the time. The opposition is there to hold the government accountable, so they get the time in the house. There's also a lot more research you do in opposition, and you always have the floor.

When I was first elected I wondered why government members couldn't get up and ask a question. Now you don't want to put your ministers in a difficult position but if a government member would stand to their feet, the opposition would just get hostile. Because they would say, "Why is a government member standing? You're taking away from our time to hold the government accountable." Because it's their role to hold the government to account, the opposition generally has the opportunity to speak.

What are the main differences you found between government and opposition?

When session is on, the opposition actually has the greatest participation. Government members are obligated to be in the chamber to ensure that core number is maintained, but can't participate a lot.

There are lots of times you could get more accomplished sitting in your office than catching up with constituent business, because on the floor in the chamber you don't really have that access. You do have more access now because of technology. Your constituency assistant can send a note to you that this constituent is called with this issue. You pick that up and sometimes you have a minister sitting beside you who happens to be the minister you want to check with. You move yourself to the back so you're not seen as interfering in the debate on the floor. And you can say, "I just had this issue raised with my constituent, can you chat with your staff and see if they can get some information for me."

When I was first elected, you had to wait until session was over for the day and get back to your office, and a lot of times you've got a supper break from five to seven, who are you going to catch in the office after five? So it took a little more time. Nowadays with the new technology you can actually get things accomplished, and you can feel like you're accomplishing something versus just sitting there, reading up on issues or reading a book to fill in some time.

I enjoyed opposition, I enjoyed the participation and the ability to get up and quiz any one. That was a lot more fulfilling than sitting on the government side.

You've increased your share of the vote in each of the recent elections—I think you got 77 per cent of the vote in 2011. Did the election campaigns get easier each time?

The toughest election to run in was the '91 election. The NDP had a local candidate and had an active campaign going, and the big challenge there was the fact that people were looking to vote for change.

The Devine government had been in power for a few years, and people were ready for a change. So you're fighting that, even though this riding has never voted NDP. That was one election where a lot of NDP candidates were elected simply because of the sense that it's time for change.

Do you think people judged the Devine government

fairly?

You know, people basically through the years have judged centre-right governments, like Conservative governments, as not being caring or really just looking after the wealthy or the well to do, or the higher up, and not being really concerned about the issues around health care or people living on assistance, or people who have special needs.

I think if you took a very careful look you would find there was probably more done for people in need of assistance. For example, look at people with disabilities. This community (of Moosomin) had Bryant House built, the first house for people with special needs. That was the first initiative taken to house people with special needs in communities versus being locked up in an institution.

Sarcan was started up in those years. I don't think Grant Devine and the Conservative government got the recognition that they should have got for what they did, like actually putting money and programs in place to help those who definitely had a need. You'll find since 2007 money has been put into a lot of community-based initiatives, rather than government setting up a new agency. Prior to 2007 we said "Why don't we work with the community-based organizations that are already out there." And so a lot of the initiatives the Saskatchewan Party has done when it comes to assisting those in need have been with community-based organizations where they put more money in the hands of people with disabilities.

So going back to '91, it was hard to understand, but there was just the sense that the government wasn't caring. You were fighting that when you were out on the campaign trail.

What have you learned from the campaigns you have been involved with?

I remember once door-knocking in Regina, and Regina was an awful hard place to knock on doors. But this is after we formed the Sask Party, and we knocked on one door and a gentleman came to the door and his wife was right behind him, and he said, "Not interested. I'm not voting for you. Just on my way out the door, I'm going to go get some pizza for supper."

Continued on the next page

WELCOME



Mainline Motors in Birtle would like to welcome

TJ DUNCAN

to our team!

Birtle Mainline motors would like to welcome TJ Duncan to our team. TJ is a Rosburn resident with three years of sales experience. He has recently moved back home to put down roots in a more rural setting. Mainline is excited to have TJ on board and we all look forward to working with him.





VIRDEN - BIRTLE
MAINLINE MOTORS
THE KING OF TRUCKS

Mainline Motors • Birtle

St. Claire St. • Birtle, MB • R0M 2C0

Tel: (866) 435-2455
Fax: (204) 842-3398
Toll-Free: 855-347-8509
E-Mail: info@virdenmainline.com

March 1 - 31

15% off

All Furniture & Accessories

Don't be an April Fool!

25% off

Get your furniture order in before April 1

Selected Dining Room Sets

Save up to 30% off

We offer In-Store or At-Home Consultations



Service, unique products and help with putting it all together . . .
That's the difference WE MAKE!

Wawota, SK
(306) 739-2722
www.frontporch-interiors.com

Open Wednesday - Friday:
10 a.m. - 12 Noon & 1p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Don Toth looks back on his years as



Longtime Moosomin MLA Don Toth

Continued from page 43

"I said, 'Okay, that's fine, thank you very much. We're just letting everyone know that this is what we're prepared to do, and we're willing to do and we're not going to skip a house trying to guess whether or not you'll vote for us.'"

really a time where I wasn't happy to be involved with politics. And following the '91 election for example, after that our plurality increased. And what I've appreciated even in '91 is knocking on doors. A lot of people didn't vote because of the political climate of the day. Most people said,

"We're walking away and he got in the car and took off. In the meantime, his wife comes running across the lawn and she says, 'My husband doesn't know that I don't vote the way he does.'"

So there again, knocking on doors you find out some very interesting things. Stephen's found out too since he's been a candidate, part of your role as a candidate for your party is you don't just spend time in your own riding, but you help others out. You're just expected, especially where harder ridings are. I appreciated that, I've always felt that those of us who happen to be running in ridings where we tend to have some very strong support, we should be given some time to help those because they put their name on the ballot hoping to support the party, know that they may not even have a shot at getting elected. When I would knock on doors they would have wanted to send me someplace where we would have a real good chance, and I'd see this poor person who put the name to the ballot in a riding where we didn't have much chance, and I said, "They need a little encouragement," and I would go door-knocking for them.

You were in government when you were first elected. Did you ever consider leaving politics, say when the NDP went into government?

You know, there was never

"I'm not going to vote for you this time, but it's not that I'm not happy with what you've done for us."

I came close to not running in 2011. I thought I've been at it for a while, but people asked be to run again. The thing that always kept coming to my mind is the number of times you didn't have the opportunity to do some of the family things you like to do, or you'd like to get away on a holiday for a bit.

Were there some sacrifices involved?

Well you know when I was first elected, I said to the folks that my faith is a priority in my life. My family is priority number two. And then my responsibility to my constituency.

But what I appreciate about this riding—and it came from even people I know didn't vote for me—say I'd be at something like a wildlife dinner, and someone would say, "Why weren't you at our dinner last week?" And I'd say that I always said my family was a priority, my wife always takes my kids to hockey and it was my turn to take my kids to hockey, or my daughter to soccer or ball. I never had one person say, "No, you should have been at our dinner." Most people said, "Well you kind of told us that, and we appreciate the fact that your family is a priority. And you probably had to sacrifice some family time." And I said, "You're right."

So there were some family sacrifices, no doubt about it.

Were the sacrifices worth it?

You know, I've enjoyed my time in public life. Even today, I'm still coming across people who say, "we wish you would stay around."

If you can quit, and people still feel that they would love to have you as their MLA, I think you've done your job well. This constituency, the people here I think have some very strong moral values, and if you can show that you got some values, you will have their support, but you can't speak it, you've got to live it.

I think people understand why I'm not running again, though. I know it's time for me to enjoy family a bit more. We've got grandkids now and we want to spend some time with them.

What do you look back on as some of the highlights of your career in politics?

First of all, the fact of what we've been able to do with people who have disabilities, who are physically and mentally challenged. Here we help those who need the help, people who are struggling without a job and through the welfare system, and even putting in the special income program, I'm really glad we were able to do that.

As far as the constituency, the fact that you have the hospital in Moosomin here. I said in my final speech that I have to give thanks to a few cabinet ministers, and the first one I started off with was John Nilson when he was the Minister of Health in the NDP government. I said, "Thank you, John. You could have said no but you realized there was a need in Moosomin and you gave the go-ahead. So thank you very much."

I'm also proud that highway 8, and 48, were rebuilt. I had lobbied for that for years. By the time the construction from number 9 to the Manitoba border started that wasn't in my constituency anymore. That doesn't matter, we completed that.

Just seeing what happened with the expansion of the potash industry in this constituency, and the oil activity. And while we're in a down-turn right now, it's going to bounce back.

Over the years there are going to be highs and lows. There's a new hospital in Kipling. That section of highway that took a long time to get built between Kipling and number nine—there was no excuse for it, the ministry didn't feel like it was a priority. We had a minister, Wayne Elhard, who was the minister of highways, he said to me one day, I think it was the end of July or early August, he said, "We're going to go drive on these highways that these MLAs have been talking about." And he calls me and he says, "Now I know why you called that a goat trail." He was the one that said to highways, "We're finishing that, there's no reason why that stretch should not be finished." And before we even got to doing a tender on it he had been removed from the ministry.

How do you see your role in the formation of the Saskatchewan Party, looking back on it?

After the '95 election the Conservatives were supposed to be wiped out, but we ended up electing five and the Liberals had 11. They were fairly new, and I'm not sure they had a lot of information as to how house procedure work. We would listen to them, and we were able to get in lots of times on debates, so we were able to stand up and they'd be listening to us. And we got into discussion sitting in caucus and we said, "You know we could probably work with a number of members on the Liberal side. Maybe it's time to give it some thought." We met about forming one party to be a real alternative voice to the NDP. And I said, "You know what's interesting? In my constituency there have been some long-time Conservative and Liberal individuals, and I'd be visiting with them and they'd say, 'Have you ever thought of forming one party?' And I said, 'Not really, that's kind of interesting.'" In order for Thatcher to get elected a lot of Conservatives had to vote Liberal. They said, "This is the best alternative to change government." And then when Devine got elected it was vice-versa. 2007 came along, and discussions got more serious and before long there were eight of us committed to forming this new party. It was actually quite a turning point and it was an exciting time, even though there was a lot of criticism when we officially announced that we formed a new party.

CENTURY GLASS LTD.
Rae-lite Windows & Doors

Our Big Winter Sale!

Sale Extended to the end of March!

10% off & 10% off
PVC Windows & Winter Installations

PVC Window Manufacturer • Door Systems • Sealed Units
Mirrors and all Glass Products • Residential & Commercial
Ag & Heavy Machinery Safety Glass
Professional Installation and Supply

Call NOW for a FREE Estimate

Melville, SK (306) 728-2211
www.centuryglassltd.com
email: centuryglassltd@sasktel.net

Saskatchewan's longest serving MLA

"It was the right thing to do, and I guess we probably had the right people in the right place at the right time that were willing to take the initiative. It wasn't the easiest thing to do right off the bat because there were some significant criticisms of us as Conservative and Liberal members. But for a lot of people who watched politics through the years, that was the right thing to do. We just got along well with everyone. That would probably be the most exciting times in my term as an MLA. There was a lot of pride, and there was a lot of work too.

What was the toughest part of being an MLA?

I would say eighty to eighty-five percent of the time you're able to assist people with dealing with issues, and you got a pretty positive response. But there are always some that the desire that they would like to see isn't necessarily what you're able to achieve. And there were some difficult ones where you would have to say to someone, "I've done my best, unfortunately these are the guidelines we have to live by, and the circumstances we're dealing with, we can't go beyond where we're already at." Those are difficult, but it helps when you have people who say, "Well you did your best."

How did you enjoy your time as speaker in the Saskatchewan's first term?

It was challenging. When I was elected speaker we still had a fairly large opposition, and there were a lot of members who had been around for a while and they knew how the government functioned. So they were going to be as disruptive as they could be. Trying to establish some parameters to create more cordial debate on the floor, that was challenging.

There were some personal issues in the Speaker's office, so my turn as speaker was trying to bring some order to the speaker's office as well as trying to address the decorum in the house. And part of addressing the decorum, when I'd host a tea or something I'd always extend an invitation to so many government members and so many opposition members, and bring them in at the same time. I tried to give everybody the opportunity to sit down. The speaker's role is to be the independent officer, so you need to include everyone. You may represent a certain party, you may represent a certain view point, but in the chamber we also need to learn how to respect each other. And respect their right to speak.

Politics is a partisan business. Did trying to be fair to both sides ever get you in trouble with your colleagues?

I think there were some times where my colleagues were wondering why in the world I would give credit to the other side. "Why would you recognize this other member, they're the enemy?" My views were that you need to recognize

that everyone is there to represent their constituents. I said in my final speech "Everyone who's sitting on the floor in this chamber, regardless whether it's the government side or the opposition side, the electors in those constituencies felt that that person was the person they wanted to be the voice for them, so they're duly elected with the support of the public. And as members, we need to respect members on the other side regardless of their views. We may not agree with them, but they were still duly elected to be a voice because their constituents felt that they could be a voice for them."

And the other thing is, coming back to my faith, the Bible says we're supposed to respect those and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is a great country. We have the freedom to speak, the freedom to criticize, and the freedom to worship freely. And we need to recognize the fact that everybody has those rights and freedoms, and if we treat all people with respect I believe they will respect you back.

What will you miss most about politics?

Probably just meeting with people, although I'm not going to just sit at home. I might actually get out and say a little more than I was saying before, because once you're elected there's still that broad electorate that you have to represent. I can't be at everything in Moosomin, I can't be at everything in Wolsley, and then there are the bigger demands on the provincial scene. I'll miss the walking down the street and meeting people as their MLA. On the other hand that doesn't mean I can't drop into Moosomin to say hi to people. That's what I'll plan on doing, and I'll be able to do it without someone coming up to me and saying, "Oh, I've got a problem. Can you help me?"

Years from now, what will you tell your grandchildren about your time as MLA?

I remember when Saskatchewan put sexual preference onto our Charter of Rights, and the time when Bob Mitchell was the minister an I was the justice critic and I said, "Mr. Minister, I believe our Charter already gives people with different sexual preferences the same opportunities. We're to respect their choices, and it's already in there." And the Minister said, "No, we've just got to be a little more specific. That's the only thing they're going to demand." Well we've seen over the years that the demands have grown. So I'll be able to say I stood up for something of value that I believe in, and at the end of the day, we lost. But I expressed the views of a lot of people in the province. I think the greatest thing is being able to work for people, represent them, make sure that their views are heard, make sure that the challenges they're facing are dealt with fairly and properly.



Don Toth with Premier Brad Wall

What's the most important thing you learned in your time as MLA?

I would have to say just treating people with respect and doing the best you could and not making promises you know you couldn't keep. Don't make outlandish promises, just promise to do the best you can and then get out there and do the best you can. Make sure that when some-

one calls you, you return the call. Even if the final result you get in working on their behalf isn't exactly what they were looking for.

As I found out from many people, they appreciate when you do your best. I don't know if there was anyone that didn't get a call returned. Some of the calls weren't fun, but it's best to address the issue, and a soft answer turns away

wrath. You call someone and somebody's really irritated, and you want to say something back, and then you realize you should sympathize with them and listen, and you start to understand why they're calling and you offer some thoughts, and then if you think there's something you can do, you go to bat for them, and do your best to address the issue.

I learned a lot from my dad when he was the reeve of the RM. Something he had was patience galore, and maybe that helped as well. I learned a lot of times that just shutting your mouth and listening with some patience, is best.

What will you do with all your free time now?

We're going to do some farming again. We'd like to travel a bit in the winter time, and maybe spend a little time looking for a warmer location for a little bit more than we have in the past. And I'd like to be able to get out and join my grandkids at some of their hockey and other things. And we'd like to camp a bit with the kids, they enjoy camping and we really haven't been able to do that in the summer because summer's been fairly full between the farming and the other responsibilities. We'll take the time to do it now.

Any additional thoughts on your time as MLA?

I must say I enjoyed public life. I enjoyed doing what I could for people, I enjoyed meeting people and this was a great constituency to represent people in.

D&S AUTO & TRAILER SALES

Mandan • North Dakota

24 Hour Hotline 701-471-3376

Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 • Sat 10:00-2:00 • 701-663-7725

LOAD TRAIL 18'
HEAVY DUTY FLATBED

2 ea. 5200 lb. Axles, Brakes, Dowlart, Radial Tires

9900 GVW

\$2,895
\$9,900

2005 TITAN AVALANCHE
BOX18' 3 HORSE GN

Super Nice

NOW **\$7,900**

WAS ~~\$9,900~~

NEW! ~~\$11,995~~

2016 ALUMINUM SKIN 7' X 14'
ATV/CONTRACTOR TRAILER

V-NOSE

Vents, Side Door, Dome Light, Wall Switch, Stone Guard, Ramp Door, V-Nose, LED Lights

NOW **\$4,600**

NEW! ~~\$5,998~~

2015 LOAD TRAIL GOOSENECK
83"X24' HEAVY DUTY FLATBED

w/2' Dove Tail 7,000 lb. Axles

NOW **\$4,400**

NEW! ~~\$5,295~~

NEW TITAN 24' GN STOCK TRAILER

Heavy Duty Model, Rubber Mount Lights, Many Commercial Features

5 Yr. Warranty

\$10,980

1993 INTERNATIONAL
DUALITY TRUCK

w/Sleeper - Super Nova 10 Spd + Cummins Diesel Very Good Condition Stake Body w/Ball Hitch Very Good Tires

NOW **\$7,500**

WAS ~~\$12,000~~

1957 Pontiac 2 Door Hard Top Chieftain

Older Frame Off Restoration, New Interior, Original 347 V8, Auto, Extremely Nice Car

\$25,000

1968 Chevelle 2 Door Post

25,000 Original Miles On Car, New Crate 350 V8, Rebuilt Muncie 4 Speed, Body Is Super Nice, Original Interior Looks new, Drives Like A New Car

\$22,000

1939 Ford 2 Door Coupe

Show Quality Paint, New Interior, Very Strong Small Block Chev, Auto With New Floor Shifter, Tires Are Like New

\$22,000

1955 Chevy El Camino

Rebuilt Small Block Chev, Rebuilt Turbo 400 Tranny, New Wood Floor, Paint Good, Tires Excellent

\$12,000

2004 Mini Cooper S

Extremely Nice, Lady Owned, Air Conditioning, Power Windows, Power Locks, 6 Speed Manual, Body Perfect

\$8,500

1957 Chevy 2 Door Post

Recent Frame Off Restoration, Rebuilt 327, Rebuilt Turbo 350, New Interior, Vintage Air, Bottom Of Car Looks New! Show Car!

\$27,000

Focus on Agriculture

Upbeat outlook for Canadian farms

BY OWEN ROBERTS

The federal government's financial report on Canadian farms for 2015 and forecast for 2016 is clear: mostly sunny ways are ahead.

The Canadian Agricultural Outlook, released last week, estimates that when the counting is complete for 2015, farmers in this country will have realized a record net cash income of \$15 billion.

That's a six-per-cent in-

crease over 2014, which was also a record.

Crop receipts and livestock receipts are both expected to come in with two-per-cent increases for 2015, rising to \$30.7 billion for crops, and \$26.2 billion for livestock.

The average farm-level net operating income in 2015 is forecast to be \$77,287. That's eight per cent higher than it was in 2014, but it's expected to fall to just under \$70,000

this year.

Of the major commodities, only potato, vegetable, fruit and dairy farms will see increases in 2016, and those will be marginal.

The exception to the generally favourable outlook is hogs. Producers experienced a 20-per-cent drop in income in 2015 compared to the previous year, and are expected to take another big hit in 2016.

The report says overall, the low Canadian dollar has improved the competitiveness of Canadian agriculture and food products in export markets, contributing to higher farm cash receipts. Compared to the American dollar, the loonie averaged 77 cents in 2015, compared to 91 cents in 2014.

Another factor working in farmers' favour in 2015 was the cost of energy. According to the report,

lower crude oil prices significantly reduced farmers' diesel and gasoline expenses. These prices are continuing to keep costs low now.

And aside from the hog situation, the rest of the bad news isn't so bad, according to the report.

While net cash farm income is expected to fall by nine per cent in 2016 to \$13.6 billion, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada says that's still well above

average - in fact, it's 14 per cent higher than the 2010 to 2014 average of \$11.9 billion.

All in, average net worth per farm is expected to reach \$2.7 million in 2016.

Looking further into the future, the report says an increase in global trade and greater demand for agricultural commodities by developing countries present opportunities to further grow Canadian agriculture.

Strong growth in Sask pulse exports recognized

Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP) will be leading a strong contingent of Saskatchewan exporters to two major international food forums - the Pulse Conclave in Jaipur, India to be held February 17 to 19, 2016 and the Gulfood Show in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) February 21 to 25, 2016.

STEP President and CEO Chris Dekker noted that the trade mission is timely given the growth in Saskatchewan pulse exports and the UN General Assembly declaring the year 2016 as International Year of Pulses.

"India purchased over \$1.5B in pulses from Saskatchewan including \$960M in lentils in 2015 - both record numbers," Dekker said. "And the UAE is the fifth largest market for Saskatchewan lentils and peas and has demonstrated strong growth potential."

The India Pulses and Grains Association expects over 800 delegates from around the world will participate in the conclave. The Gulfood Show in Dubai is now considered the world's largest annual food and hospitality show with nearly 5,000 exhibitors from 5 continents and 120 countries.

"The global food industry meets at the Gulfood Show to trade and unveil the latest tastes, trends and innovations", Dekker said.

STEP is privileged to have the Honourable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture serve as the mission lead during the India portion of the trip.

"Minister Stewart's leadership will greatly enhance our presence and will assist with the objective to maintain Saskatchewan's position as Canada's top exporter to India."

STEP is a non-profit, membership driven, government/industry partnership, designed to promote the growth of Saskatchewan's export industry.



Bobcat

One Tough Animal.

UP TO

\$8,400 CAD*

trade allowance

FOR YOUR COMPETITIVE MACHINE



Good for the purchase of a new, never-sold-before Bobcat® compact skid-steer loader, compact track loader or compact excavator. Receive your trade allowance and get a brand-new machine today! **PLUS**, your \$8,400 CAD* trade allowance can be combined with current financing and rebate offers. Learn more and see complete financing offers available at Bobcat.com/Offers

Compact Track Loaders | Compact Excavators | Skid-Steer Loaders

MAKE THE SWITCH TO BOBCAT EQUIPMENT.

Hurry in for the best selection of new Bobcat equipment.
This offer ends 4/30/16.

Bobcat.com/Offers

Authorized Bobcat Dealer

Your Bobcat Dealer In The Parkland

306.783.9459 306-782-8572 DIRECT SALES

www.maplefarm.com

*Offer expires 4/30/16. Available at participating and eligible dealers only. Offer may vary by product type, series, model and select units in dealer inventory. The trade allowance rebate is on a one to one basis. The unit traded in must be 12 years old or newer. Offers available on new equipment in US and Canada only. Some restrictions apply. Prior purchases not eligible. See dealer for details. Offer not available to government accounts, national accounts and municipal/utility bid customers. Bobcat Company reserves the right to extend or discontinue any of these programs at any time without prior notice. Bobcat®, the Bobcat logo and the colors of the Bobcat machine are registered trademarks of Bobcat Company in the United States and various other countries.

Elections Sask needs staff for election day

Continued from page 42

Those who are interested in applying will have to attend a few hours of training prior to the election.

"Every one of our 10,000 workers attend in-person training. Think of that challenge as training a person for a job—but this is a 12-hour shift you work once every four years," Kydd says with a laugh. "We still have to train everyone because there are certain ways that jobs need to be done to adhere to the legislation.

Everybody will attend this in-person training, they're held all around the province on various days in March leading up to the election. And they'll run anywhere from two to four hours depending on the training."

There is also an opportunity for groups

to get involved, with members working the election to raise money for their organization. "It can work for service groups, faith groups, sports teams, anyone who does fundraising," says Kydd.

"You can register a number of your members as a group and donate all or some of your election day pay to the charity of your choice. So really you're doubling the difference you make in your community now. On one hand you're working the election and serving democracy and on the other hand you're helping your favorite charity or cause with fundraising," explains Kydd.

"We know what a challenge fundraising is for groups now. Here's one where if you have 20 people from the same club, they work election day and if you add up

what you earn that day plus their training pay that they get, that's a pretty significant donation for a one-day fundraiser."

Elections Saskatchewan has simplified the process of signing up. "People can go to our website. There's information there on how you sign up.

You leave your name and contact information and then every day we send the list off to the local returning officer in each of Saskatchewan's 61 constituencies," he explains.

"And then they will start phoning around to people who have expressed their interest just to see when they're looking to work—whether it's just election day or if it's advance voting."

To express your interest to work in the elections, head to www.elections.sk.ca



Election material is ready to ship out across the province.

REGIONAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Plumbing and Heating

CAREY'S PLUMBING & HEATING LTD.
Residential and Commercial
306-745-2486
Ask for Mike Carey or Deb Kulovany
Box 1901 • Esterhazy SK • S0A 0X0
Fax: 306-745-2252

Custom Cabinets

ELKHORN WOODWORKS
Custom Cabinets
Elkhorn, MB
204-845-2170 elkhornwvs@gmail.com
204-851-2923 Elkhorn, MB
www.elkhornwoodworks.com

Construction

Get your projects done right & on schedule!
PRAIRIE CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS LTD.
• Custom built homes / RTMs
• Interior and exterior finishing
• Continuous eavestrough
• Decks, concrete work and home renovations
Get in touch, get a quote, get it built!
Call 306-740-7795 or 306-740-7796
Esterhazy, SK
www.prairieconstructionproducts.com

TRIPLE B Plumbing & Heating Ltd.
"For All Your Plumbing Needs"
ESTERHAZY, SK
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
• Free Estimates • Furnaces
• Boiler Installs • Air Conditioners
• In-Floor Heat • HRV Installation
OFFICE: 306.745.2974 CELL: 306.745.8769
helmezc@sasktel.net

Auction Services

Moose Mountain Auction Services Inc.
Large selection of standard sized mattresses and box springs factory direct at reasonable prices
Large quantity of 12mm laminate flooring as well as carpet
5 miles north of Kenosee Lake at Jct. Highways 9 & 48.
Tues., Wed., Fri.: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Thurs.: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. • Closed Mondays
www.moosemountainauctionservices.com 306.789.2195
Call or e-mail moosemountainauctionservices@hotmail.com for an appointment

Spray Foam Insulation/Protective Coatings

VISION COAT INDUSTRIES INC.
INNOVATIVE PROTECTIVE TECHNOLOGY
• Spray Foam Insulation
• Specialty Coating
(Deck & Concrete Floor Coating, Tank Liners, etc.)
306-740-9995
Tyler Tranberg
vc.tylertranberg@gmail.com

McNeil PLUMBING & GAS FITTING LTD.
306-452-5199
Plumbing Installation & Repair • Gas Fitting • Drain Cleaning
• Specializing in new home and commercial construction
• All plumbing services
• Certified Saskatchewan gas contractor
Redvers, SK • jason_gasfitter@live.ca

Promotional Materials

L & W FUN-AND-FABRICS
Specializing in embroidery, imprinting and apparel
LAURA & WAYNE DUNWALD
Moosomin, SK
306-435-4222
306-435-7161
306-435-7719
funandfabrics@sasktel.net

Jewelry and Goldsmithing

Your jewelry store with a full line of custom services!
CUSTOM DESIGN • PROFESSIONAL GOLDSMITHING
WATCH REPAIR • ENGRAVING SERVICES
CUSTOM LASERZING • SUBLIMATION • TROPHIES & AWARDS
Discover...
Kassie's JEWELRY
More than just a jewelry store
630 Main St. • Moosomin, SK • 306.435.2977

Auto Sales

ZORZOS AUTO SALES
BRANDON, MB.
• EASY FINANCE • NO DOCUMENTATION FEES
Phone: 204-717-9990
Cell: 204-761-3422
1740B 18th St. North, Brandon, MB
www.zorzosauto.ca

Advertising

Plain & Valley
Covering Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba
It's coming soon!
The next edition of The Plain and Valley will be out Friday, April 8, 2016
Don't miss your chance to advertise!
Call **306-435-2445** to place your ad today!
Deadline for submissions is March 30, 2016

Building Movers

CNC BUILDING MOVERS LTD.
SBMA AIR RIDE DOLLIES LICENSED & INSURED ALL BUILDING TYPES MOVED
204-851-6900
204-662-4039 • toll free fax 1-888-778-0424

Imported Foods

Moosomin Asian Food Mart
WIDE VARIETY OF FILIPINO FOODS!
• Noodles: Canton, Rice, Mung Bean, Sweet Potato, Corn Starch
• Mama Sita Sauces & Mixes
• Spaghetti Sauces
• Instant Canton & Cup Noodles
• Wide Variety of Fish & Seafood
• Longanisa, Tosino, Lumpia, Siapao
• Cookies, Cakes, Desserts
• Chips & Snack Foods
622 Main St. Moosomin, SK
Located in the Basement of the Saw Creative building
306-435-2890
OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK:
Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Custom Printing

Make sure it's professional. Make sure it's seen.
Make sure it's The World-Spectator!
We offer a wide variety of in-house print and design services!
Call today for a custom quote!
306-435-2445
world_spectator@sasktel.net
www.world-spectator.com

Vapor Shop

Stratus Vapor Shop
113 MAIN ST. • CARLYLE, SK
Mobile Unit: Will be in Wawota every 2nd Saturday from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Located at 2nd Street Eats February 6, 20 • March 5, 19 • April 2, 16, 30
Serving Carlyle, Kenosee, Arcola, Stoughton and area.
Personal, Friendly and Knowledgeable Staff
306.453.VAPE (8273)
Find us on Facebook @ Stratus Vapor Shop

WINNING DEALS!

<p>2015 Ford Edge STOCK# 5P236</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEL • AWD • 16,000 kms  <p>WAS: \$41,900 \$36,900 \$149 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford Focus STOCK# 6T030B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ST • Let's Go Fast • 25,000 kms  <p>WAS: \$24,900 \$21,900 \$89 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford F-150 STOCK# 5T164A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.5L Eco • PST Paid • XTR  <p>WAS: \$34,900 \$32,900 \$129 PER WEEK</p>		
<p>2014 Ford Edge STOCK# 5T238A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited • PST Paid • 1 Owner  <p>WAS: \$34,900 \$32,900 \$129 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2012 Ford Fusion STOCK# 3C078A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auto • PST Paid • 48,000 kms  <p>WAS: \$13,900 \$11,900 \$49 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2003 Ford Expedition STOCK# 5T189B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4x4 • 221,000 kms • Room for 7  <p>WAS: \$6,900 \$5,900 AS TRADED SPECIAL</p>		
<p>2015 Ford Expedition STOCK# 5P246</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max Limited • 19,000 kms • Room for 8  <p>WAS: \$59,900 \$56,900 \$219 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T004B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warranty to 200,000 kms • XTR • 4x4  <p>\$29,900 \$119 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford Edge STOCK# 6C084A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39,000 kms • Limited • AWD  <p>\$29,900 \$119 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford Fusion STOCK# 5P217</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15,000 kms • Auto • EcoBoost  <p>\$19,900 \$79 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford Fusion STOCK# 6C003A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Tires • Auto • PST Paid  <p>\$17,900 \$69 PER WEEK</p>
<p>2012 Ford Escape STOCK# 6T074A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XLT • Great on Gas • New Tires  <p>\$12,900 \$59 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford Explorer STOCK# 6T075A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Trade • XLT • 4WD  <p>\$28,900 \$119 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2012 Ford F-350 STOCK# 6T059B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tires • 6.7 L • Lariat  <p>\$49,900 \$199 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2010 Ford Escape STOCK# 6T030C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leather • Command Start • 4WD  <p>\$14,900 \$59 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2015 Ford Ford F-250 STOCK# 6T096A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • 6.7L • Western Edition  <p>\$46,900 \$189 PER WEEK</p>
<p>2015 Dodge Grand Caravan STOCK# 6P114</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leather • Moonroof • 19,000 kms  <p>\$29,900 \$119 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2011 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T043A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99,000 kms • New 20's • FX4  <p>\$26,900 \$109 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2012 Ford Focus STOCK# 5T220B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titanium • Auto • 80,000 kms  <p>\$15,900 \$69 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford Explorer STOCK# 6T113A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XLT • 63,000 kms • Nav  <p>\$33,900 \$139 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2015 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T122A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XLT • EcoBoost • 4x4  <p>\$35,900 \$149 PER WEEK</p>
<p>2014 Ford Raptor STOCK# 6T039A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PST Paid • 6.2L • SVT  <p>\$64,900 \$249 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford F-150 STOCK# 5T229A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35,000 kms • XTR • PST Paid  <p>\$34,900 \$138 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6P125A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31,000 kms • XTR • 5.0 L  <p>\$34,900 \$138 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T024A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FX4 • 19,000 kms • 3.5L, V6  <p>\$38,900 \$149 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2003 Ford F-350 STOCK# 6T046C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diesel • 4x4 • Crew  <p>\$5,900 AS TRADED SPECIAL</p>
<p>2012 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T099A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • XTR • 5.0L  <p>\$25,900 \$109 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T121A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.2L Boss • FX4 • PST Paid  <p>\$38,900 \$149 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2014 Ford Expedition STOCK# 6P132</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38,000 kms • Nav • PST Paid  <p>\$47,900 \$189 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2011 Ford Ranger STOCK# 6T124A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport • Auto • 2WD  <p>\$10,900 \$49 PER WEEK</p>	<p>2013 Chev Impala STOCK# 6C008A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43,000 kms • LT • PST Paid  <p>\$15,900 \$69 PER WEEK</p>



1-800-880-4533

www.celebrationford.com

306-435-3313 • MOOSOMIN, SK

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

SATURDAY: 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.



GUY WALL:
(306) 435-0215



BRENT WILSON:
(306) 434-7125



RYAN THORN: (306) 435-9508

LORNE LANGFORD: (306) 435-6046

TYLER THORN: (306) 435-7808



NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
OIL CHANGE

ONLY \$65⁹⁹



THE BODY SHOP @
CELEBRATION FORD



WE SERVICE & REPAIR ALL MAKES & MODELS!

