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Mian and his son plant onion seeds in Pakistan. They are among those who benefitted from Foodgrains Bank programs after flooding destroyed their home and fields.



Ramatou received a life-saving food ration through a Foodgrains Bank-supported project in Niger. Last year the Foodgrains Bank distributed over 40,000 tonnes of food to people in need around the world.

Harvest of Hope

Local project for Canadian Foodgrains Bank

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A group of young local farmers are going to be taking some time away from their own farming operations this growing season to help the people who need it most.

The farmers will be growing wheat and oats for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, which supplies Canadian food aid to projects in developing countries.

Nicholas Heide is one of the farmers who is involved in the project.

"We were talking about it in November, thinking it would be a good thing to do, but we didn't have any land for it.

"It was a few of us farmers who started talking about it. There's Derek Smart, Dale Smart, Ron Dietrich, Cory Enns, Kevin Whelpton, Jared Hebert, Ernest Rushton, and my little brother Joseph Heide. Me and Derek have talked about it lots, and last fall we got a few others talking about it.

"My dad used to do one on our farm north of Moosomin about 10 years ago.

"I'm farming now, and I thought I wanted to do that someday, but I didn't think it would be this quick."

Heide and many of the others involved are very young and just

getting started on their farming careers. Heide started helping on his dad's farm when he was just a boy, but has been farming on his own only since 2010.

"I've just been getting going farming—I thought maybe this year there won't be a flood," he says with a laugh.

Why do a group of young farmers want to put the effort into a Foodgrains Bank growing project when they are still building their own operations?

"It sounds like a big project, but for the amount of time it takes out of my day, in the middle of summer, to do 275 more acres, it's not that hard to do and it helps a lot of people. It's a way to do some good."

Part of the reason the project is going ahead this year is that some land came available to rent next to Highway 8 between Moosomin and Rocanville—a highly visible location.

"Guy Shepherd found it," Heide explains. "It used to be some of my dad's old land. A guy from Alberta owns it now, so we're renting it."

The crops will be planted on two quarters of land. The farmers plan to seed 145 acres of wheat, and 130 acres of oats.

The farmers believe their growing project will make a big differ-



Nicholas Heide

ence in a lot of lives.

If all goes well, the 275 acres could produce \$80,000 of revenue, which will be matched four to one by the federal government.

Heide says the plan is to make the growing project an annual event.

"We want to try and keep

something going for many years to come now," he says.

The local committee is in the early planning stages of the growing project.

"We've got a letter we'll be sending out to local business and implement dealers," Heide says. "We need everything from crop inputs to labor to cash to make this work."

There may be a public event tied into the growing project. "We would like to do a harvest barbecue, but we haven't got to those details yet," says Heide. "It would be cool to have a lot of farmers come in and take it off in one day."

The weather may be a concern for the project. "I just hope for the best," says Heide. "It's looking like it's going to be wet, but all we can do is hope."

The one thing Heide isn't worried about is the people to help with the project. "I don't think it'll be hard to get volunteers," he says. "We've got the farmers on the committee who are willing to put a lot of work into it, and everyone we've talked to about it has thought it's a great idea, so I'm sure there will be lots of support."

"We've been getting a good reaction. People ask lots of questions, and they're saying they

will support it. It's been really cool."

Jim Cornelius is executive director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. He said in an interview Friday that projects like Moosomin's growing project are the lifeblood of the organization.

"These projects are vital to the Foodgrains Bank," he said. "Almost half of donations come in via these type of projects, and the visibility they provide for us in communities contributes to the other donations. They are essential to our work."

The Foodgrains Bank has more than 200 growing projects across Canada, and there will be six or seven new projects this year.

"They're usually someone who has seen it or was involved in it somewhere else," says Cornelius. "They'll often be in touch with our regional co-ordinator. Their job is to provide encouragement and support for these local groups. The initiative usually comes from one or two people who say 'we could do this in our community.'"

More people are taking that attitude, as over the last five years donations to the Foodgrains Bank are up about 40 per cent.

Who are the people organizing these growing projects?

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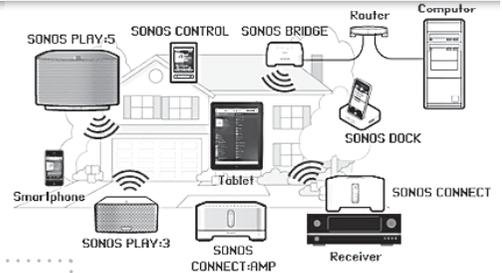
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Harvesting grain for the Foodgrains Bank in Swift Current.

Foodgrains project will need volunteers

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"Our experience is that it's people that recognize that they've been unusually blessed," says Cornelius. "They've had a chance to grow up in a country where there's peace and opportunity and a stable government, and they recognize how fortunate they are.

"They also recognize they have a responsibility to others and an ability to impact other people's lives.

"They decide they can do something to help someone else."

Cornelius says he is continually inspired by the volunteers who run the local growing projects.

"Sometimes running an organization like this, problems can arise, and you can get discouraged. If that happens to me, I just go out and meet with some of these groups. They're so committed, they're trying to do what they can to help, it just fills you with adrenaline.

"You think, 'this is the basis on which we can build a better world.'"

Heide says the local group wants to

make the growing project an annual project.

"We're hoping it will become an annual event," he says. "We want to do this as long as we can, and hopefully make it into a bigger project some day."

He says everyone is welcome to become involved in the growing project.

"We want it to be a community project," he says. "We want everyone to feel like they can be involved."

Cornelius points out that in many communities across Canada, Foodgrains Bank growing projects have become annual traditions.

"You have committed people who have been doing this work for decades, people are faithful and say this is something they can offer up. It becomes a community building project as well. This is something people can do together that helps build a better world."

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On Saskatchewan highways: Moose on the loose can wreak havoc

BY VANDA SCHMOCKEL

"It happened so fast. You're on top of them before you even know it." Last December, Harvey Presber was driving into town to see a hockey game from his home outside Naicam.

About three miles from his destination, traveling at roughly 90 kilometers per hour, he hit a moose.

The massive animal smashed in his windshield, took out his grill and headlights, flipped over the roof, and mangled the front and back doors on the driver's side in the process. His car was a complete write-off.

On the bright side, he did walk away with a souvenir.

"I felt something on my lap," Presber said. "It was a piece of broken antler."

He's lucky to be alive, but his close encounter was far from unique. It seems everyone knows someone who knows someone who has had a near miss with a moose—or worse.

This is an increasingly common story in parts of the province that never used to see moose at all. In November and December of 2012 alone, SGI reports there were 98 collision claims involving moose, costing \$263,000.

Moose are making themselves known in other ways too—specifically with crop damage.

They now regularly find their way into farmers' fields—causing fence damage along the way—and have



Moose have become more and more prevalent on the prairies over the last 15 years due to a number of factors.

developed a taste for canola, flax, and field peas.

According to Ryan Brook at the University of Saskatchewan, this type of moose activity so far south in the province is a very recent development.

"Historically, moose were considered a boreal forest species, so really they weren't commonly seen out on the prairie or farm land," he said. "But just in the last 15 years, there's been a real dramatic increase in the number of moose in farmland areas."

So, why are we seeing so many moose on the loose?

"It could be related to climate change," Brook said. "Certainly, 15 years ago, Saskatchewan was a lot drier than it is now. We're seeing a kind of wet swing in the last five years, which is going to help with shrubs and wetlands, which moose feed in."

Brook also pointed out that hunting habits have changed in recent decades.

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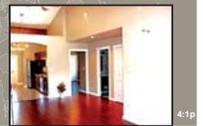
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Thousands expected at Old Tyme Harvest for Hunger

Langenburg harvest bee will use antique threshing machines

BY CHRIS ISTACE

Harvest on the farm generally means hard, seemingly endless work.

But on Aug. 24, one harvest will be unlike anything seen for decades, not only for its work—specifically how the work will be completed—but for the amount of fun it's expected to be.

This year will host the inaugural Olde Tyme Harvest for Hunger near Langenburg, a fundraising event being promoted as "the world's largest harvest bee using antique threshing machines." The project will see 140 acres of winter wheat grown and reaped for the benefit of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Organizers hope to attract between 2,500 and 5,000 people to the late-August event.

"There have been numerous foodgrains bank projects in the region, but not in this line," said Old Tyme Harvest for Hunger spokesperson Warren Kaeding. "Those are generally a cooperative with a bunch of local producers working together. None of them that I know of are really this big of an extravaganza. We're terming it an olde tyme threshing festival."

Kaeding said they are hoping to garner 60 bushels of winter wheat an acre off of the 140 acre plot. Most of the produce will be harvested by antique threshing machines and steam-powered engines owned by operators from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and, possibly, a few from the United States. A handful of threshers will come from Ken Mack, a Langenburg-area farmer who has hosted threshing demonstrations in the past.

Some of the wheat will be brought in by conventional combines as a demonstration of the products being sold by sponsors of the event.

All told, Kaeding expects 8,400 bushels of wheat will be harvested and thousands of dollars will be raised for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Much of this will be matched by the Canadian Government through the Canadian International Development Agency, which provides up to \$25 million in matching funds to help with the bank's programming.

"We would also like to motivate local farmers to donate

to Foodgrains on their own at their respective elevators," Kaeding said.

There's more to the Olde Tyme Harvest for Hunger than a massive threshing demonstration, however. There will also be demonstrations on binding and seeding.

"We may even try to get a horse-drawn seeder to show how things were planted back then," Kaeding said.

The day will include other attractions, as well. Attendees can see vintage farm equipment - including steam powered machinery - a trade show, food booths, musical entertainment and shows containing Ukrainian and Square dancers. Organizers are also growing and constructing a corn maze for children to lose themselves in.

"And we're not going to charge a fee to get in. We're hoping people will be open to donating when we pass around a grain bag to collect money," said Kaeding, who added that funds are also being raised through sponsorship packages being sold for \$250 per acre.

Kaeding expects the day will require up to 200 volunteers drawn from communities in a 30-mile radius of Langenburg.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank - a Christian organization made up of 15 churches and church-based agencies - is marking its 30th year of fighting hunger around the world. The bank accepts grain and money to provide assistance to people with immediate food needs; improve food security to third-world communities by promoting effective agricultural techniques and livelihoods; and promote proper nutrition to people living in communities in need.

The bank also lobbies government for policies that help eliminate world hunger and promotes the issue among Canadian residents.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank has worked on projects in Mexico, Central America, Brazil, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Since its inception in 1983, the organization has distributed more than 1.1 million tonnes of food to hungry people throughout the world.

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The Saskatchewan government is putting extra resources into attracting recently graduated physicians to rural Saskatchewan communities and improving patients' access to physician services.

The Rural Physician Incentive Program will provide \$120,000 in funding over five years to recent medical graduates who establish practice in rural communities of 10,000 or less. "Recruiting doctors to rural areas and keeping them once they're here is a huge priority for our government," Premier Brad Wall said. "We've had some really solid success, increasing Saskatchewan's overall physician supply, but there are challenges in rural communities. This program will help improve pa-

tient access to physician services in rural areas."

"I've heard firsthand from many rural residents that physician services are a serious concern," Rural and Remote Health Minister Randy Weekes said. "This is another way that we're working to keep our commitment to address health care needs in smaller communities."

Eligible physicians will receive a payment at the end of each year of practice, with payments gradually increasing over the five-year period. Wall announced the new program at the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities annual convention in Saskatoon.

"We are very pleased the provincial government has developed a

program aimed specifically at increasing the number of physicians in rural Saskatchewan," SARM President Dave Marit said. "Municipalities work very hard to recruit and retain their local doctors, and we believe this new program will provide a strong incentive for medical graduates to consider rural practice."

Newly graduated doctors typically finish studies with a large debt load due to their many years of education. The incentive is designed to help ease that financial burden. "The incentives in this program will benefit patients by addressing the critical shortage of family physicians in rural Saskatchewan," Saskatchewan Medical Association President Dr. Janet Shannon said.



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UPCOMING AUCTION SALES

Allen Faye - Bankend, SK
Thursday, April 18, 2013 - 10:30 a.m.

Directions: 4 S to Gilbert Road on Hwy 35, 4 E, 1/2 North Contact: 306-272-7274 or 306-543-3102

TRACTORS: 2002 2310 Buhler Versatile Tractor; 12 speed PS, 20.8x38 factory duals, 330 hp, 4 hyd, differential lock, 2304 hours — MINT; 1994 Versatile 846 Tractor 4WD, 4 hyd, 18.4x38 factory duals, 3964 hours — Excellent; 1999 Case IH CX 100, diesel, 3 point hitch, 2 PTO's, 3 hyd, differential lock, 18.4x34 tires, 2800 hours; 1979 Deutz 130-06, cab, air, protector TI deluxe cab, Leons 767 FEL, duals, 6489 hours — Real nice; 1967 Case 730, square fenders, gas, 707 FEL, P steering (306-675-4588)

COMBINES: 1989 2388 Case IH SP Combine; Hydra, 2506 engine, 2127 rotor hours, hopper extensions, long augers, rake up pickup, chopper, spreader, auto header — excellent (25% down, interest free balance on or before August 15, 2013); 1992 Case IH 1880 SP Combine; Chopper, headers, long auger, hopper extensions, hydro, 2400 hours, recent new rotor Nice (25% down, interest free balance on or before August 15, 2013)

SWATHER: 1997 #2930 30' Premier Turbo SP Swather Macdon 960 header, 3 way swath, pickup reel, Leveling wheels, large rear wheels, 2 speed hi/low, 1500 hours — Real nice (25% down, interest free balance on or before August 15, 2013)

TRUCKS: 1985 GMC General Diesel; 20' box, hoist tarp, tandem, 13 speed Fuller Detroit silver 92, 385 HP Engine Good. Serial # 1GDT9E43FV625969; 1973 GMC 3 Ton C-65; 16' steel box, hoist, tarp, V8 5x2, 46,000 miles. SERIAL# CCE673V141007; 1973 Chev 3 Ton, 16' steel box, hoist, tarp, 633, 5x2 transmission (306-475-4588)

SEEDING: Bourgault #8800 48' cultivator with air package, harrows, spoons, and 2003 Bourgault 5250 tank, 250 bu, 3 compartment — Excellent

TILLAGE: Morris #8900 35' Cultivator; harrows, floating pitch, with anhydrous package — Real Nice; Morris 32' Vibreshank good harrows; Leons 36' rodweeder, multiplex, harrows

HARROWS: Morris Wrangler 11 Harrow packer bar — real nice; Flexcoil system 82, 70' harrow bar, good harrows

AUGERS: 2007 Wheatcraft 8x46 Auger, Robin 25 HP ES Motor with wheatcraft bin sweep on self propelled mover — Mint; Sakundik HD 7-1600 51' Auger, electric motor; Sakundik 7x45 auger with bin sweep, like new Kohler 15 HP motor; Westfield MK-100-61, 10x60 mechanical swing a way, excellent; Malco PTO auger

STONE PICKERS: Degelman 3 bat stonepicker; Degelman 3 bat chain stonepicker; Degelman 14' stone rake

SCRAPER: Leon #900 9/1-2 Yard Pusher scraper (upgraded to large front tires) — Excellent

SPRAYER: Brandt OFI000 8' sprayer; autoflo, foam markers, wind cones, chemical mixer — Real Nice. Plus misc equipment, vehicles, shop

NOTE: Allan is retiring. Machinery is above average to excellent shape and shedded. All major equipment is one owner and low houred. This is one of the best sales in the area. Internet Bidding 1:00 PM.

Jerald and Edith Armbruster - Melville, SK
Tuesday, April 23, 2013 - 10 a.m.

Directions: 25 miles East on #15, 1/2 South on Grid #629 or Junction #16 and #15 - 8 west, 1/2 south (Bredenburg)/Contact: 306-744-2438

TRACTORS: 2000 JD 9200, 4WD, 20.8x42 factory duals, wheel weights, 4 hyd, 12 speed, 4000 hours — excellent; 1999 JD 7210, FWA, 4200 hours, 3 point hitch, JD 740 self-leveling loader, grapple, bucket, joystick, 18.4x38 tires — excellent; 1996 Case IH 7210, 2WD, 3 hyd, 18 speed shift, 5000 hours, one owner — nice; 1974 Belarus 2WD, hyd, cab

SEEDING: Ezra-On 7350 34' air drill with Ezra-On, on row packers with Morris 7180 140 bu tank, hyd, auger — real nice; IHC 28" 7200 hoe drills with transport; IHC 24" 6200 press drills; U-Haul fertilizer seed tank 220 bu on 12 ton trailer

COMBINE: 1983 MF 850 SP Combine, 6 cyl standard, 372 engine, chopper, pickup, 2900 hours, shedded, with or without 24' straight cut header, MF 850 for parts

SWATHERS: Case IH 8820 25' PTO Swather, bat reels; NH 18' Pro Swather bat reels; 15' Versatile own hyd

TILLAGE: Case IH #5800 33' Deep Tillage; harrows, real nice; IH #645 25' vibrachisel harrows; Case IH #45 32' vibrashank with harrows - real nice; IHC #645 18' vibrashank; JD C20 24' vibrashank

DISCS: JD #220 20' tandem disc; CCIL #100 2-1/2' discers, martin hitch, complete

TRUCKS: 1987 Chev 70 Series, 427 V8, 5x2, 16' box, hoist, tarp, 10x20 rubber - good; 14' truck box trailer, hoist, dual wheels; 1985 Ford half ton

STONE PICKERS: 2 — Degelman rotary with clutches, ground drive; Leon 3000 rotary, ground drive

HARROWS: Morris 52' time bar; 60' allied diamond hyd bar — good

AUGERS: Sakundik 40x7 13 HP Honda; Brandt 34x7 Kohler ES motor

SPRAYS: Brandt 60' 850 gallon poly tank, foam markers; Summers 60' sprayer

EXCAVATING: 3-1/2 yard pull scraper, 2 wrap stone digger, Fork type rock picker; Leon 8' dozer

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Report slams Manitoba flood forecast system

A new report says the Manitoba government relied on outdated technology and inexperienced forecasters as it faced record flooding in 2011.

The independent review, led by civil engineer David Farlinger, says the province used an outdated forecast model that did not adequately take rainfall into account.

The review also says the data system was so old, forecasters were doing some work by hand.

The report says overall, the province responded well to the flood once it happened, but the forecasting was lacking.

The province's chief forecaster had re-

tired and his replacements had between six months and three years of experience.

Emergency Measures Minister Steve Ashton says the government is already putting new equipment in place and is hiring more staff.

Ashton says some of the other recommendations are more expensive and will have to be considered.

Those include a call for an extra outlet on Lake Manitoba and a new reservoir or diversion channel along the Assiniboine.

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**25
APRIL**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Entertainment: Soloist Myron Weibe
12:30 pm
Blind Driver Corporate Obstacle Challenge - Timed Heats

Reps in attendance:
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**23
APRIL**

12:30 pm
Blind Driver Corporate Obstacle Challenge - Timed Heats

Reps in attendance:
Wheatheart Manufacturing, Twister Bins, Batco Manufacturing

**26
APRIL**

11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Entertainment: Local band The Volcanoes
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Eastgate Business Park:

Earthwork starts for new development

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
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After 30,000 cubic yards of clay are brought in to alter the landscape, what has been a farm field for 130 years will become Moosomin's newest development—Eastgate Business Park.

The earthwork going on now is to prepare the site of the first business to be built in the development, Celebration Ford.

Work will start on the building this May, and a year from now the new 25,000-square-foot dealership should be open, directly

west of Borderland Co-op.

Tyler Thorn of Celebration Ford says he had his sights set on the property at the corner of the Trans-Canada Highway and East Access Road.

"Because of the visibility and the traffic, this is where we wanted to be," he said. "We knew we wanted to be on the highway, and we looked at other locations, but we kept coming back to this one."

Celebration needs six acres for its new dealership, but purchased the entire 33-acre parcel of land in order to move ahead with the project, with the plan of subdividing the parcel and selling the rest.

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Tyler and Bill Thorn look over the new Eastgate Business Park on the Trans-Canada Highway at Moosomin. Celebration Ford will be the first business in the new 33-acre development.

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- 2000 JD 566 round baler (done 8521 bales)
- 1999 NH 1475 – 14' haybine w/ 2300 Series header
- 2004 Buhler 12 wheel V rake
- 2002 Leon 425 bus. Spreader
- JD Model R manure spreader
- 1997 Highline 6800 bale processor
- NH 1000 sq. bale picker
- 17' Kushel hammer mill
- 1989 Ford F800 w/ 16' box, 474

- diesel only 63,686 kms
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- Easy Load tote tanks
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The program provides engineering and technical assistance to municipalities while sharing the cost of permanent and temporary flood prevention works.

"As Saskatchewan readies for

a significant spring run-off, our government is committed to supporting its citizens and communities faced with potential flooding," Cheveldayoff said. "Since 2011, the government of Saskatchewan has provided \$25 million to assist in the construction of 580 permanent works across the province. Investing in community-driven mitigation efforts creates protection from flooding not only this spring but in years to come."

The EFDPR covers 100 per cent of costs for engineering assistance

and purchase of sandbags by local governments.

The program also reimburses individuals for 85 per cent and communities and businesses for 75 per cent of the cost of approved, permanent flood protection works built to provide protection from imminent flooding in 2013. These include projects like berms, culverts and lift station work.

The program will also cover 50 per cent of the cost for temporary flood protection measures such as purchase of sand for sandbags and

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Projects must be approved by the WSA in order to qualify for funding.

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Government holds line on education property tax

Premier Brad Wall announced that the government will hold the line on education property tax in 2013.

The overall value of property in Saskatchewan has increased 67 per cent over the past four years, from \$58 billion in 2009 to \$97 billion in 2013, thanks to Saskatchewan's strong and growing economy.

Wall said while that's good news for property owners, it could have meant

significant property tax increases if the government had left the education property tax rates unchanged.

"A few weeks ago, Government Relations Minister Jim Reiter said that our government would take a close look at the impact of this huge increase in property values on property taxes," Wall said. "Today, I am pleased to announce that despite some significant pressures on our provincial budget, we will hold the

line on education property taxes in 2013."

Wall said that means education tax rates will be reduced significantly in this week's provincial budget to keep the overall impact on property taxes revenue-neutral in terms of re-assessment.

"That means some property owners will still see their taxes go up because their assessment went up more than average, while others will see their property taxes

go down," Wall said. "But overall, we are holding the line on education property tax mill rates."

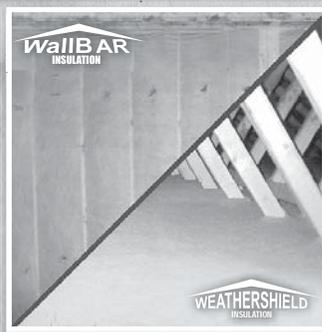
Wall said that with a growing population and increasing school enrollments, the government may have to look at adjusting the education property tax in the years ahead.

"When our government

took office, the education property tax funded about 60 per cent of K-12 school costs with the remainder being funded by the government of Saskatchewan," Wall said. "In 2009, our government delivered the largest education property tax cut in Saskatchewan history. As a result, education taxes now fund about

35 per cent of K-12 school costs.

"We will want to sit down with SUMA, SARM and SSBA and hear from Saskatchewan people in advance of next year's budget on how we go forward in terms of the need for financial support for increasing enrollment and education infrastructure demands."



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Earthwork starts for new development

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The development will have a road running through it—Celebration Drive—from East Access Road to Saunders Road.

"We bought the land in April of 2012, and we've been working on plans ever since," says Thorn.

Tyler's father Bill Thorn has been helping bring the project together, which has involved long hours of meetings with architects, engineers, and suppliers.

"On a project like this, you have to get used to the pace everyone works at," Bill says. "In the car business we're used to moving fast, but when you have a complicated project with a lot of people involved it can move at a different pace. It's not always as fast as we would like, but we want to do it right."

The earthwork is focusing on building up the corner where the dealership will be built first. Work on the building will start May 1.

"We want to get the building site up to the level they need it at—if it's a wet spring, at least they can work on the building," says Tyler.

He says he is looking forward to moving his business into a building with room to grow.

"In terms of building space, we're going from 15,000 square feet under three roofs to about 25,000 square feet all under one roof, which will be a big improvement," says Tyler.



This rendering shows what the new Celebration Ford dealership will look like on the corner of the Trans-Canada Highway and East Access Road in Moosomin. The dealership will be located directly west of the Borderland Co-op gas station.

"In terms of lot space, we're now working on 1.5 to two acres, and we'll have six acres available at the new site. We'll have more room for staff parking, we'll have room for more inventory, we'll have room for more customers.

"Just the parking alone will be a big improvement," he said.

"Right now parking is a big problem, by 8:15 a.m. there isn't a parking spot anywhere around here."

The new location will give the business room to grow.

"Between the body shop and the service shop, the new shop will be double the capacity," says Thorn.

"As long as we can staff it, we should be able to

grow into it."

What are the biggest challenges for a building project this size?

"There are so many people involved," says Tyler. "Trying to gather all that information together into one, when everyone has a different opinion on the right way to do it, trying to decipher the information, just co-ordinating all that information into one, it's a big job."

"It takes a lot of time," adds Bill. "We had three meetings with telephone and technology people yesterday looking at networking and phones. That took eight hours."

There have been some inquiries from people inter-

ested in building in the new development.

"We've been getting a few inquiries, and we think that will only increase once we get going. We've had one person in the development business talk to us, we have had lots of people talking about it."

Celebration should be moving into the new development within a year.

"We've been using March 1, 2014 as our move-in date," says Tyler. "We're still using that as our target date. I think all this snow is going to slow it down a bit, but that's still our target."

Under a development agreement with the town of Moosomin, the Thorns will build Celebration Drive and will install water and sewer

on the new development, and the infrastructure will become the town's property once it is completed.

This is the first time the town has had such an agreement, and both sides say they are happy with it.

"The town has committed to running the services to the property line, and we were really pleased with the town's infrastructure commitment," says Tyler. "They've been very good to work with."

Mayor Larry Tomlinson says the agreement works well from the town's perspective as well.

"I think it will work well," says Tomlinson. "It takes us out of the land business, so it makes it easier for us."

While building a new

dealership and an entire development complete with water and sewer and roads, the Thorns are also looking to sell their current properties along Broadway Avenue. One property has been sold already.

Bill says he's always thinking about the project.

"What I think of on a daily basis is, a year from now we won't have to worry about things like where to park."

Tyler says he's looking forward to moving the business into the new building.

"I think this will take it to the next level," he says. "We're almost maxed out. If we do any more business we need more space."

He also said the scale of the project has altered his perspective.

"When I think back, when we started planning this, we would be thinking of how many thousands for this how many thousands for that."

"Now we're talking millions—it's going to be a million for this, a million for that."

Bill hopes the new development will attract a few businesses that will take Moosomin to the next level. "There was a time a few years back when the town took a big leap ahead, and I hope that's going to happen again," he says.

"I think Moosomin is geographically situated so favorably to be a centre. We're just far enough away from the cities."

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Moose a growing danger on Saskatchewan highways

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 "I talked to a producer not too long ago who said, on the farm that he and (his family) live on, there used to be 91 people by the end of the 1800s. And all of those people would have had large families—and a lot of people with guns.
 "So there are a lot of factors at play. Habitat is changing. And moose seem to be adapting—it certainly shocked me to learn that moose are eating field peas, canola, and flax. That's quite a unique situation in and of itself."



Moose are becoming a growing problem on Saskatchewan highways.

Brook and his colleagues at the U of S have recently started a study to track the moose to better understand their patterns of movement.

To do this, they're outfitting the behemoth beasts with special collars that contain very sophisticated transmitters, capable of sending text messages to Brook and he fellow researchers.

"Each collar has a satellite phone built into it, and three times a day it phones us and gives us our data," Brook said. "This technology is unbelievable. From the satellite collars, we're also going to get very detailed information on how, when, and why moose are crossing roads and highways. It's a game changer for us. These collars are

giving us one location every hour, 24-hours a day, seven days a week for two full years."

In the end, the study will give the researchers a better sense of how to manage the influx of moose, and what can be done to keep them off Saskatchewan's roads and highways.

"We'll have to have good information before we start talking about what we're going to do about it," Brook said. Some of that could include better education of drivers. Brook said, at the moment, too many people see moose crossing signs with speed reductions, but don't bother slowing down.

"And there are more ag-

gressive interventions to keep moose away from roads and highways—fencing, potential use of salt or mineral block," he said.

"One of the things that's used a lot on roads is salt, and salt is clearly attractive—especially for moose. They get down on their knees, and basically start licking the roads to get the salt. So putting out mineral may actually help deflect interest in roads. I think if we identify the risk factors, we can start to target our efforts in the highest risk areas, and in the ways that are most likely to have an actual benefit.

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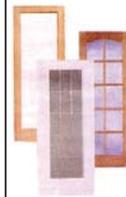
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The organizers of the Whelpton family fundraiser along with the Whelptons. Standing from left are organizers Ashely Simon, Paige Hutchinson, Tom Kerkhoff, Jace Woods, Aden Hawreliuk, Austin Johnston, Madison Reed, Dawson Davidson, Caleb Riess, Colby Holloway, and Drayson Skulmoski. Seated in front are the Whelpton family, Stephen, Mark, Kevin, Renee, and Melissa.

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
A fundraiser organized for the Kevin Whelpton family in Moosomin went better than organizers even expected, raising \$38,000 for the family.

On Feb. 27, Kevin Whelpton of Moosomin was diagnosed with Stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Within a week of finding out about the diagnosis, a group of local students had fundraising plans in place, including a benefit hockey game, a supper, a silent auction, a 50-50 draw, and t-shirt sales.

The fundraiser took place March 22.

"It went better than I

thought," says organizer Madison Reed. "It was great, just seeing how eager everyone was to help. It brought the community together. Everyone was there showing their support. I was worried we were going to forget something, but everything came together great."

The students who organized the event figure there were at least 100 people involved in the fundraiser, from those selling t-shirts and 50/50 tickets to those cooking and serving the supper to the hockey players on the ice for the benefit game.

Donations were still com-

ing in a week later.

"It feels good to be able to help them out—to help someone who needs help," says Caleb Riess.

"It feels good to be part of it," says Austin John-



ston. Ashley Simon says she is proud to have been part of the fundraiser, and is happy to see that the family is staying strong.

"When we went to their house, Kevin prayed with us and said he was just thankful to everyone," she says. "If I was in his situation, it would be hard to be so upbeat and thankful—I think that's amazing."

Overwhelming support
Kevin Whelpton said Thursday he couldn't believe the support that was shown at the fundraiser.

"It's overwhelming—the support and the love, it's phenomenal.

"Friends of Stephen's started organizing this while I was still in the hos-



Some of the students involved in the fundraiser with a \$38,000 cheque representing proceeds from the event. Standing from left are Tom Kerkhoff, Ashley Simon, Caleb Riess, Austin Johnston, Madison Reed, and Paige Hutchinson. In front are Jace Woods and Drayson Skulmoski

pital. "The day after I got home from the hospital, I heard they were planning on doing something.

"We didn't feel it was necessary but we're very grateful for the support."

He said he was shocked by how many people came out to the fundraiser. "We've been around the community and involved in different activities and organizations, but you don't realize how many people's lives that you im-

pact." "What does he have to say to those who organized the fundraiser, and those who came out to support it?"

"Thank-you very much for all of your hard work, support, and prayers," he says.

"Continue to pray for us as we go through this journey. Pray for healing and support at this time.

"It makes it easier to know that support is there, and to know that people are praying for us."



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