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Make the Move to Moosomin

Moosomin looking for new residents in Alberta

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin's economic development committee is working hard to get the word out that Moosomin is a growing community where entrepreneurs can build a successful business.

The latest step in the effort is an advertising campaign in Alberta, to try to attract entrepreneurs to Moosomin.

Economic development committee formed

Councillors Ron Fisk and Jason Miller co-chair the town's economic development committee.

Fisk says that fostering economic development is a goal that spurred him to run for council.

"That was my main reason for getting on council," he says. "Jason thought it would be a good idea to work together and he is the co-chair of the committee. We got some business people from town to join us to make up the committee.

"The news is getting out there that Moosomin is looking for economic development. The word is spreading. We're getting interest all the time. We get phone calls and inquiries.

"One thing that we did accomplish was coming up with a proposal for a tax incentive for commercial construction, which went to council and they approved," adds Bill Thorn, a member of the committee. "We thought we needed some sort of incentive to be in the game. We will see how it works out—at least it's a start."

"Right now we're building a foundation to build on," added Miller.

"Being on council the term before, and seeing what has happened out by the Co-op and Celebration, you have got some serious resources in taxpayer money tied up in the infrastructure and that is something that we start to garner our return for the taxpayers in town. When you see what has happened over the last few years you see there has been a lot of development, and the infrastructure is there for more."

Massive potential for development

Miller says Moosomin has a lot of potential for development.



- Moosomin is a growing community in **Southeast Saskatchewan**
- We need entrepreneurs, business owners, tradespeople and professionals to **grow with us**
- Moosomin's **diverse economy** is based on potash, agriculture, manufacturing, oil and gas, pipelines and tourism
- **Billions of dollars** in new investment in potash mining in the region
- **\$66 million** in new construction in town and RM of Moosomin in last five years
- **\$17 million** in new construction in 2016 alone
- Moosomin leads the region in population growth with a growth rate of **10 per cent** in the last census
- Our provincial government and local governments are **open for business**
- Moosomin has **tax incentives** for new commercial construction

Come Grow With Us!



Above, the current advertising campaign for "Make the Move to Moosomin." The World-Spectator donated design on the ads and an advertising campaign has begun in Alberta.

"Some of the reports and stats from the government indicate that Moosomin is leading in every key indicator when it comes to population. When you look at the vacancy rates and the values of properties and homes, where other places may have turned south, we have maintained and grown during times of recession and some economic stagnation in the wider area. I don't think I would use the term recession proof to describe Moosomin, but we have a mix of industries here that allows us to maybe weather the storm a little better."

Unique location

What makes Moosomin different than other communities in the region?

"Location is a major factor," says Fisk. "Our location along the Trans Canada and Number Eight highway is excellent. We have the potash just to the north and the oil industry all around us, and agriculture has been stable for years."

Thorn agrees that Moosomin's location is key.

"I think we are far enough away from Brandon, Yorkton, Regina, and Estevan," he said. "We are the centre of a natural trading area because of our geography and we can take advantage of that."

"The cities don't draw everybody out on the weekends," says Miller. "People are motivated to shop here and shop locally and we can compete with a lot of the bigger centers in that regard."

Idea for Alberta advertising campaign

Bill Thorn came up with the idea to advertise Moosomin in Alberta.

"I talked with a friend in Brooks who said he was so impressed with the looks of our community. He said it seemed to be so vibrant and growing compared with Brooks. He said their community has businesses closing on a regular basis and I'm sure that is happening in other parts of Alberta and it just seems that there has got to be people out there that are looking for an opportunity, and Moosomin might as well be the place if they want to start. That is my thinking why we should be promoting out there."

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Above: From left are Ovide Mercredi, bronze artist Ken Frederickson, and Bill Shurniak, the founder of the Shurniak Art Gallery, with Frederickson's bronze piece "Fly Fishing" which was purchased by Shurniak to be part of the gallery's permanent collection.



Right: Ken Frederickson with "Fly Fishing."



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Gallery show a major success

A gallery show for Wawota bronze sculptor Ken Frederickson at the Shurniak Art Gallery in Assiniboia on October 1 was a huge success, with the show attracting the largest crowd that has ever before been seen at the gallery.

Frederickson displayed a number of his bronze pieces in conjunction with the poetry of Ovide Mercredi, a poet, artist, and well known First Nations leader. Mercredi's poems were displayed together with Frederickson's bronzes. A number of Mercredi's First Nations artefacts were also on display.

Lots of family and friends from the Wawota and Moosomin areas attended the show, many of them sitting on the floor or standing, as people packed into the gallery to see the show.

It was Frederickson's first gallery show. One of Frederickson's signature pieces, "Fly Fishing" depicting two eagles battling for a fish, was purchased by Bill Shurniak of the Shurniak Art Gallery to be added to his permanent collection.

More than 118 people attended the opening. The show will be open until November 25.

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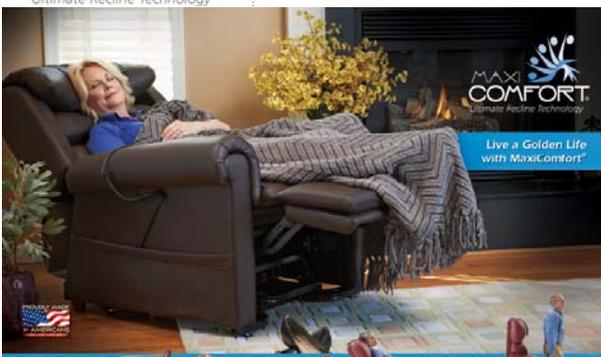


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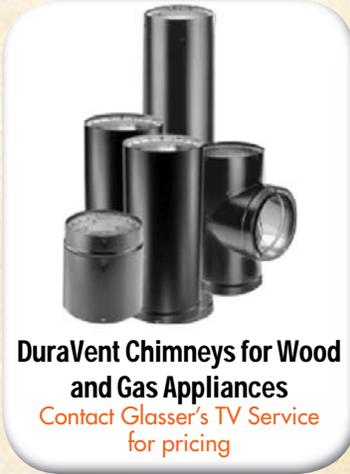
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Goals for campaign

What would the committee members like to see from the campaign?

"It would sure be nice to attract three or four entrepreneurs that would be interested in setting up a business up here in town, hopefully in retail or light industrial or anything like that at all," said Thorn.

"I think there are a lot of opportunities for retail businesses in Moosomin.

"One of the untapped areas where there's lots of potential is byproducts from agriculture that are not being used to advantage—with everything from soybeans to livestock, there is something you can do better with it and do it here. There's potential to process more here, and reduce shipping raw product as much as possible. Barley and oats are a good example of the products which can be processed and milled and actually put into a final product right here if we wanted it to be."

Moosomin has a lot to offer

What does Moosomin have to offer? Why would people want to pick up and move to Moosomin, Saskatchewan?

"The main thing is our geography," says Thorn. "Being on the Trans-Canada Highway is one of the main advantages to this community and on the main line of the CPR, which is helpful particularly for processing and ag parts."

"I think there are some advantages. We have a lot of upside for the growth side. We have an excellent health facility here, we have lots of doctors (there are now 11 physicians at the Moosomin Family Practice Centre), we have good schools, we have the college."

"I think maybe we have a better set up here than some cities."

Miller agrees. "In Moosomin, there is a great chance to make a comfortable living in a non-city atmosphere. I would say Brooks is a lot like us with its proximity to the highway and location. They have lots of oil guys, they're a big ag centre, they had some value added ag businesses there, and for whatever reason they have fallen on bad times."

"If you look at the provincial government, some of the stuff coming out of Alberta is not always rosy. Our government here really is more business friendly and I would like to think we are a little forward thinking like that in town."

"Here we recognize that businesses are what make communities tick and that makes a big difference. I know Moosomin is a good place to be in business."



Above, the cover of "Make Saskatchewan Home" from 2008, which was organized by the Gateway REDA, designed by the World-Speciator and printed as a 10-page section of the Calgary Herald.

Stats show more opportunity

The committee members say the data shows that there is more opportunity in the Moosomin area than there is in some parts of Alberta right now.

"The data backs it up," says Miller. "If you look at employment figures and growth rates, you see some high unemployment rates in some areas of Alberta, and nega-

tive growth. There is more potential for someone to be successful here because we have everything going in the right direction. The data is there."

Committee members believe in development

The committee members volunteer a lot of time to try to bring new businesses to Moosomin.

Why do they put in that effort? "The cost of everything in town is gradually increasing for maintaining our infrastructure," says Fisk. "The only way to keep that at a minimum and make it fair for everybody is to have more people share in development by getting more businesses in town, getting more homes and spreading the cost around and keeping it down. So economic development is important to the future of our town, and I'm happy to do my part."

"To me it boils down to the standard of living," says Miller. "If you have a bunch of people in a town or a group setting taking responsibility and contributing to your community and being active members of the community, things are better, your facilities are top notch, things are cleaner, crime is down—everything has got a positive effect when people are doing well—and you have momentum. I think we are moving in the right direction in Moosomin right now, and anything we can do to add to it just adds to the momentum."

"I think you always have to move ahead," said Thorn. "If you are not moving forward, then you're probably falling back. There isn't a plateau where you stay at. You kind of work your way up, and if you decide I don't want to move anymore, you won't stay at a plateau, you will move backwards. You always have to be looking to grow and improve because the alternative is not what anybody wants. It takes work to continue to grow. It is a challenge."

History of promotion in Alberta

This isn't the first time Moosomin has promoted itself in Alberta. The Moosomin-based Gateway Regional Economic Development Authority and other REDAs in the area joined together for "The Last Cattle Frontier," which promoted affordable farmland in southeast Saskatchewan to farmers in southwest Alberta.

In 2008, the Gateway REDA co-ordinated a project called Make Saskatchewan Home, aimed at people in southern Alberta, featuring stories of tradespeople and business owners who had already made the move from Alberta, and focusing on opportunities with the expansion of PotashCorp Rocanville.

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So what can you expect on a river cruise? First of all, the ships are much smaller than ocean vessels, particularly in Europe, where the size is restricted to fit into locks and sail beneath low bridges, and parts of Asia where they have to navigate shallow waters. Typically they will not carry more than 200 passengers on board. River cruises visit a new port each day and passengers can visit up to four European countries in a week. Itineraries are port-intensive with a busy program of culture-rich shore excursions—mostly included in the fare but some optional as well.

All meals are included on board as well, with many ships offering com-



plementary wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, plus unlimited tea and coffee. Some lines are all-inclusive and, in addition to an open bar, they also cover gratuities. The crew shops locally so the meals offer fresh food and

local cuisine. Entertainment is low-key—with the major attraction being the passing scenery and ports of call. Often times, evening shows consist of local entertainers.

Staterooms tend to be smaller than oceangoing vessels, but they are not short on home comforts. Some cabins have French balconies and walkout verandas, along with stocked mini-bars, and suites with butler service. If you're on a budget, the lower deck cabins have fixed windows but still provide a view, albeit at water level.

When it comes to sailing, inland waterways are very calm and flat, so seasickness is never an issue on a river cruise. Do keep in mind that river cruises are not well suited to wheelchair users or passengers with severe mobility issues. Most ships have elevators, and some have adapted cabins, but

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Living Skies Come Alive

Fireworks weekend raised \$150,000

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The 2017 Living Skies Come Alive International Fireworks Competition on the August long weekend was the most successful fundraiser in the history of Moosomin Regional Park, raising net proceeds of \$150,000.

Layne McFarlane of the fireworks committee said he couldn't believe how much the event made after all the income and costs were calculated.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "In other years we've had \$40,000 to 50,000 at the end of the day. We've been pleased with that, but the total this year is just incredible."

"We will go forward and we'd like to think we can be successful with our fireworks, but we don't expect it to again reach that level. But that \$150,000 is a tremendous benefit to our park."

He said the plan is to continue with the annual fireworks competition.

"We had a fireworks committee meeting, and the recommendation of our committee to the board will be to proceed with fireworks once again," he said.

"I think it would be our desire to have an international competition again."

Volunteers are always a challenge, McFarlane said.

"Getting enough volunteers is always a challenge, and the larger the event, the more volunteers you require."

"There has been discussion about in-

cluding community groups to assist with specific duties on the weekend as a way of broadening the base of volunteers for the event."

"We will have to change how we organize it. Because it has grown, we need to have more supervisors or co-ordinators to better manage all the people and vehicles and campers."

He said he was happy to see the high attendance and the impact on the community.

"Something that became very evident this year is the impact on the community," he said. "Restaurants were busy, a lot of hotel rooms were rented, grocery stores were busy, and other stores were as well, and that's a very positive spinoff of this event."

"It feels great to be part of something that has become such a success. After the event is over it's a great relief, but we're very proud and pleased with how the event has evolved."

The park had been earmarking proceeds of the fireworks for the water treatment plant.

"It couldn't happen at a better time for us, with the water plant that we've just entered into an agreement for."

"We will spend approximately \$650,000 to have the water plant developed, and we will put \$350,000 down."

"That \$350,000 is an accumulation of net proceeds from the fireworks over the

last eight years."

"Because it was such a success this year, it basically allowed us to pay half of the cost of the water plant up front. For a small park, it's quite a challenge, but the fireworks provided a great boost."

Peter Palmer of CanFire, the Winnipeg company that represented Canada at the International Fireworks Competition, said he is happy to be associated with such a successful event.

"I think it's awesome," he said.

"It's a win-win for everyone—for the audience that sees a great show, for the park to raise money, they can use that money for infrastructure now."

"Now they know what's possible, and going forward they and they can decide whether they want to continue on with an international or a regional competition."

Palmer said it was exciting to be part of the international competition this year.

"It was a wonderful experience for our crew to be part of it. Your only other option to work with a Chinese team would be to go abroad—to go to China or Europe or wherever these competitions are. Even if you did go, if you're not invited to compete you're just a spectator. Being able to work with the Chinese crew and their script and their logistics, it's like having a backstage pass."

Palmer has been competing at Moosomin Regional Park for more than five

years."

Palmer said the word is getting out far and wide about the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition.

"Because of all the publicity this summer, another park in Saskatchewan asked us about doing something similar, and it has brought attention from as far away as Quebec and Ontario. People are saying they've heard about it."

Palmer says he loves his job and finds firing off fireworks more of a challenge than his previous career—flying a commercial airliner.

"It's a challenge every day," he said. "I used to fly commercial jets and I left that to do this."

"This is more challenging day to day by a factor of five or more."

"After 10 years of flying jets, it's the same checklist, the same thing over and over, it's very routine, and you want it to be routine because you want flying airplanes to be uneventful."

"By contrast, this, every day is a new challenge. We produce over 100 shows a year, so we're constantly on the move, on the go, meeting government restrictions, site restrictions, working with committees, working with fire departments, and then new fireworks coming in. I'm just leaving back to China and I will be there for four to five months working on research and development of new products for 2018 and beyond."

After NEB changes rules

TransCanada cancels Energy East

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

TransCanada Corp is pulling the plug on its Energy East pipeline project.

The company had asked the National Energy Board to suspend its review of the project for one month after the federal government changed the rules, asking the company to account for all upstream and downstream carbon emissions from any hydrocarbons that might flow through the pipeline.

On October 5 it announced it is totally cancelling the project. Moosomin was an important part in the Energy East proposal.

TransCanada has planned to build a massive tank farm at the Moosomin compressor station, a feeder pipeline from Cromer to Moosomin, and a separate pipeline, the upland pipeline, from Williston, North Dakota to Moosomin.

"After careful review of changed circumstances, we will be

informing the National Energy Board that we will no longer be proceeding with our Energy East and Eastern Mainline applications," chief executive officer Russ Girling said.

"We appreciate and are thankful for the support of labour, business and manufacturing organizations, industry, our customers, Irving Oil, various governments, and the approximately 200 municipalities who passed resolutions in favour of the projects."

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen said that the news is disappointing, although many expected the outcome when TransCanada asked for the review of the project to be suspended.

"There was always the hope that this wouldn't be the final outcome," he said. "Obviously it's a sad day for Moosomin, for the oil industry, and it's a sad day for uniting Canada. It is unfortunate that they decided to do that. Deep down we probably knew it was going to happen based on what this government has done to change the rules as they go along. That is what they have done—they have changed the rules as the game was played."

Kitchen said the end of the Energy East Dream is a result of the government's lack of support for the oil industry.

"It clearly shows this government's lack of support and for the oil and gas industry, its lack of showing confidence in the industry. As you know, and everyone should know, it is that confidence in the industry that allows people to invest in it and when that investment is not there then it's going to hurt Canadians, it's going to hurt my riding and the people that are in it. We went through an issue where all of the sudden the price of gas went up in the east when we had the issue with the hurricane because there was lack of oil supply here, but by their actions the government is showing more confidence in foreign countries like Venezuela and Saudi Arabia that do not abide by the same standards we have and we live by. We have the highest standards in the world, yet they will bring that oil to create gas and then they wonder why their gas prices go up."

"The whole concept here was to provide Canadian oil and be self sustaining instead of importing foreign oil and oil coming from leaders of regimes that don't comply with the same human right standards that we do, and we see that as good for Canada, and to now have that taken away it is going to be hard. This would have injected \$55 billion into the economy

which now is going to be lost, and that is not just in Saskatchewan, that is in Quebec and the Maritimes where a lot of the new jobs would be created. It would have helped sustain our economy and created jobs here, but there would have been a lot of new jobs in the eastern part of Canada and those are going to be lost now. The people that this Liberal government talks about helping, the middle class, they're not helping, they are going after them, they are going after them here and in their recent proposals for the tax changes. It is a huge attack on the middle class, on Canadians. They are hurting the very people they say they are trying to help."

Kitchen sees the federal government as attacking rural Canada.

"The policies of this government are pushing everything into urban Canada and they are not showing any support for rural Canada and that is unfortunate," he said. "We are hearty people. We will persevere and go forward. But there are going to be some big challenges that are going to affect us. The carbon tax that they are proposing will be in place basically in three months. It is going to another economic hit to our constituents."

Kitchen says he can see only one way in which Energy East could move forward—if a Conservative government is elected.

"I'm hoping that TransCanada will try to re-apply once the Conservatives form government," he said. "We hope that they will further advance this. This is a nation building project and it would create thousands of jobs all across the country and so I'm hoping that we will see TransCanada reconsider."

Kitchen said the end of Energy East brought out strong emotions for him.

"When I was in practice I considered my patients as family," he said. "Now that I am a member of parliament I consider all of my constituents my family. I get passionate in the sense that I am upset, I'm mad, I'm angry that someone treats my family with such disrespect and that is what I see here. That makes me very angry. That builds in me when I see it and the more angry I get. There are many different emotions I feel and it can bounce all over the place at times. I feel that this present Liberal government has no regard for rural Canada, they do not know what goes on in rural Canada, they assume that everything that we do in two minutes away and we have access to every benefit that is there, and we don't. To turn around and make policies based on big city issues versus rural issues, it really has a big impact on us."

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SaskPower plans \$3.7 million building in Moosomin

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
 SaskPower is planning a \$3.7 million new building in Moosomin. The building permit was presented at Moosomin town council's meeting on Wednesday, September 27. The building will be located in the Eastgate Business Park. The building will replace the current SaskPower building, but the equipment yard will be maintained at its current site.

SaskPower plans to demolish the current building and use the space for additional material and equipment storage at the existing site. The new building is designed for eight staff, and will include office and shop areas, and a maintenance bay. The building will be located on Celebration Drive in Eastgate Business Park. The SaskPower building is one of three major buildings now or soon under construction in Moosomin. The other two are Mazergroup and the new Moosomin

Dodge dealership. Mazergroup is planning a new 25,000 square foot building on the North Service Road, facing the Trans-Canada Highway. Construction is under way on that project. Once the Mazergroup building is completed, the Dodge dealership will be built on the former Mazergroup location on Highway 8 North. Currently Whitewood Dodge has an off-site sales office at the Mazergroup location.

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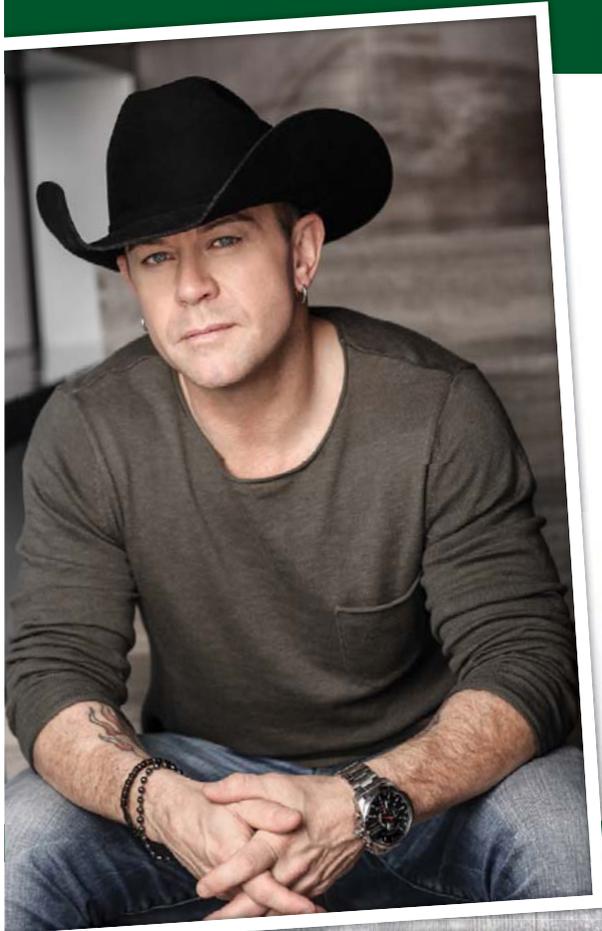
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Biggest potash mine in the world:

PotashCorp celebrates Rocanville expansion

BY KARA KINNA

PotashCorp celebrated the successful completion of its Rocanville mine expansion with an event at the Scissors Creek mine site near Rocanville Thursday, Oct. 12.

The company's largest potash expansion—which took nine years from announcement to completion—has more than doubled the mine's capacity, from 3.0 million tonnes annually to 6.5 million tonnes.

According to PotashCorp, Rocanville is the company's lowest cost mine and a key part of the company's future.

The centerpiece of the \$3 billion expansion is the first new potash shaft built in Saskatchewan in nearly 40 years.

The new shaft, sunk 1,123 metres into the ground, is dedicated to moving people and materials into and out of the mine.

The old service shaft was converted to a second production shaft, allowing for expanded production.

The project also included construction of a new mill, a new 500,000 tonne storage facility (the size of several football fields), a new office building and a range of other infrastructure elements.

The footprint of the PotashCorp Rocanville mine, including the underground mining area, is now approximately the same size as the city of Saskatoon.

"We're now officially the largest potash mine in the world, with our official Canpotex number being 6.51 million tonnes," PotashCorp Rocanville General Manager Larry Long told a large crowd of people gathered at the Scissors Creek site to celebrate the completion of the expansion on Oct. 12.

"My career hasn't always been in the potash industry, I've also worked in the hard rock industry and I'm pretty sure we're not only the largest potash mines in the world, but I think we're probably one of the largest rock moving operations in the world, period. So it's something we all can be proud about, all the people involved in getting us to this point—our employees, everyone."

PotashCorp President and CEO Jochen Tilk spoke at the celebration. He said the PotashCorp expansion is an incredible accomplishment in more ways than one.

"This is a significant achievement for our company. It's a significant achievement for all of us," said Tilk.

"I joined this company over three years ago... To be here today and celebrate with you all together the achievement of building a brand new mine, an expansion, the



The headframe at PotashCorp Rocanville's Scissors Creek site, which is the tallest steel headframe in the world.

shaft with all the metrics that are so impressive, makes me very, very proud. I think it's an incredible accomplishment.

"Next month we will mark 10 years since the three billion dollar Rocanville expansion project was first announced. Ten years ago this, where we sit here today, was an open field. But we knew that below this ground there was a lot of potash that we could mine economically. So this decision was based on a tremendous vision.

"We began excavation in 2010 and we broke through the underground mine workings in 2015.

"That makes Scissors Creek the first new shaft that was sunk in the province of Saskatchewan for nearly 40 years. The last shaft that was sunk prior to that was 1979 and that was the Lanigan shaft.

"Imagine what that means for the expertise. People don't sit around for 40 years and say 'give me a call when you sink a shaft.' It is an expertise that is so challeng-

ing, so unique, and there were challenges along the way, quite a few. There were numerous water bearing formations that we had to get through that we knew about. It was a very complex project that required a lot of technical expertise. So completing the new shaft was a great accomplishment for our employees and our contractors who helped us.

"The project also included a new storage building, with 500,000 tonnes of capacity, new rail infrastructure, and new loadout capacity, and a new underground conveyor system to move the potash from the ore body to a production facility.

"We installed enough conveyor belt underground to run from Rocanville to Yorkton. So when you make that drive, imagine that next to that road would be a conveyor belt all the way.

"We also completed a new headframe, the world's tallest steel headframe and one of the tallest structures in Saskatchewan.

"These are all impressive comparisons, but it's a reflection of all the work that you have done and that you have participated in.

"While that was underway we were also building a new mill to accommodate expanded production capacity. That new mill now has the capacity of 1,300 tonnes. And the old mill has the capacity of 1,100 tonnes per hour, which means together approximately 2,400 tonnes of potash that comes out of those two mills, how many trucks that is, how many trainloads per hour. It's phenomenal.

"Our motto is that we help nature provide, we feed the world because we provide one of the most important nutrients, and if Rocanville is number one in the world as a potash producer, then by extension we are number one in feeding the world with this most important nutrient.

"So with the two mills now we have one great flexibility which means we can now perform maintenance on one of them while continuing to produce with the other one. And that ability to continue operating through shutdowns is an added flexibility that Rocanville now has, which will make it even more productive.

"Given the sheer size and scope of the project, there were times when 1,800 contractors were on site. Not only were all of these structures built, but it was done safely. In spite of the large number of people and the wide range of construction activities that were underway at any given time, the expansion was done without incurring any serious injury or fatality. That to me is the major accomplishment of this, that we have done all of this without harming one person.

"Arriving at where we are today, it's not just a huge milestone but it's an incredible milestone for PotashCorp and all of our partners. We remain globally competitive. We are more efficient because now overall our costs are lower and we have been able to optimize our outputs with high quality, easy to access ore.

"Results speak for themselves. We have reduced our cash costs, from \$136 per tonne in 2013 to \$86 a tonne in the first half of this year. That is unbelievable if you think about it, not quite half but close.

"That helps us to position ourselves very successfully in difficult market conditions. And even though market conditions have improved, we have improved our position in a very competitive market.

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PotashCorp celebrates Rocanville expansion

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"We also have the flexibility to meet the increasing needs of our customers. This year we realized that momentum was there in the market, we noticed that demand was increasing.

"For the reasons we see demand picking up we have every reason to be optimistic about the future. Global demand is growing at about 2.5 to 3 per cent a year and we estimate that demand will be 62 to 65 million tonnes, reaching an all time high.

"Think about that—2.5 per cent of 65 million is about 1.5 million tonnes a year. That's a lot of volume. And people tend to forget that.

"And you of anyone know how hard it is to just produce another million tonnes a year. If it were easy everyone would do it. However we are set up for that, we can meet that demand and I think that's planning for the future and that's where the potential is here.

"We're grateful for the men women who have worked so hard on the expansion.

"I want to finish by saying what a bright future we have. This has been a good year for us. This is a great moment to celebrate it and I think next year will be an even better year."

PCS Potash President Mark Fracchia also spoke at the celebration.

It has been a ten-year journey, and every journey has to start with the first step, and for us that first step was the announcement of the expansion pretty much ten years ago. And ten years goes by very, very quickly when you have as much activity on a site as we have here. So this has been a long journey, and I'm sure I share this feeling with everybody involved that it has gone by extremely fast.

"I think most of us ten years ago would have looked at this day thinking it may never come, and it came much sooner than anybody felt it would.

"We are glad to be here, we are glad to get to that part of that journey and go on with optimizing this operation. That single event, that announcement of the expansion, set in motion a number of events that have had an extremely positive impact not only for Rocanville but for the communities.

"When you think about the infusion of people, the jobs, the economic activity in the area, especially around that period of 2008, 2009, 2010 where things slowed down because of an economic downturn, the activity never slowed down here, it just kept on going. That is something we are feeling today, all of the result from that additional economic activity."

Fracchia said there were 1,800 contractors working on site at any given time.

"The project took about 4.5 million person hours to complete and during that period we had a lost time frequency over the entire project of .17 for 200,000 hours worked, which is really class leading for any construction project let alone a project this size," he



People at the celebration could sign up for a mine tour and were taken down the shaft at Scissors Creek. Above, people in one of the mine tunnels at the bottom of the shaft.

PotashCorp Rocanville expansion facts

- 6.5 million tonnes nameplate capacity following the expansion
- Rocanville is expected to deliver approximately half of PotashCorp's production in 2017
 - Mill capacity is more than double pre-expansion level
 - More than double the number of employees pre-expansion
- Headframe is 350 feet, one of the tallest structures in Saskatchewan
 - 3685 feet is the depth of new service shaft
- 184 is the number of Blairmore rings used in construction of the new mineshaft
 - 500,000 tonnes is the new warehouse storage capacity
- There are 300 km of electrical cable running through the new facility
 - There are 130 km of conveyor belts installed underground

said. "And the best part of that, we had no life threatening or life altering injuries during that period which is really something, that is a testament to the effort that everybody put in each and every day. So for us that is really what made the project a success. That was the icing on the cake, and if it weren't for that I don't think we would be talking about the project in the same way."

Fracchia said he is also proud of the expertise that went into the project. "The fact that we hadn't sunk a shaft in Saskatchewan since 1979 meant that the expertise was essentially gone. Most of the people who were involved in sinking mine shafts for potash were either retired or deceased unfortunately, so that expertise had left," he said. "To a large extent our teams had to relearn that expertise, relearn that knowledge along the way as we were sinking the Scissors Creek shaft. And the shaft itself of course is sunk to the depth of 1,100 metres, which is put in perspective is not only over a kilometer in depth—most have you have seen the CN Tower, it is about 1,800 ft in height—and it is about twice that distance, but into the ground. So you can appreciate that it takes quite a bit of effort it. Is a complex task to make that happen."

Fracchia said the other challenge was tunnelling over to the shaft from the Rocanville site.

"We decided to tunnel from the west end of our mine. We had a distance of about 13 km, tunnelling two parallel rooms toward that mine shaft. The first challenge is to make sure we are going in the right direction. And when we got there the next challenge was to line across to connect these two parallel rooms, and to do so right underneath where the shaft was being sunk.

"In a mining environment we don't have the benefit of GPS, we can't look on Google maps and get us to the right place. Our technical teams used a seismic method developed by the University of Saskatchewan to essentially triangulate that distance, that location by listening to the blasts from the shaft sinking operation and pinpointing where that signal was coming from so that we could mine right underneath the shaft.

"Believe me it's a very complicated process and we were so relieved when we hit the bullseye, we essentially mined right up to that point and our accuracy was 1.8 feet away from where we predicted.

"While all of this underground work was occurring there was a lot of work going on above ground. We converted our old service headframe to a production headframe, but the key thing is that we did so over

and around and above the existing headframe. We installed a new hoist and then when it was all sent during the shutdown period. We moved the old headframe from underneath and just connected the shaft to the new headframe. And that was something that hadn't been done before. It's unique, it's a first in the mining industry and we did it right here."

Fracchia said the effects of the expansion will be long-term. "With the expansion completed our workforce here in Rocanville has grown. In fact it's doubled. It's up to over 750 people and that's about the level we expected to be at going forward.

"Looking ahead we know the effects go beyond our minesite. This workforce means more people in the community, more jobs, more young families moving into our towns. It means continued enrollment in our schools and more money spent locally which is good for everybody in the area.

"At PotashCorp we are very grateful for the strong partnerships we have with our employees, our contractors and with our communities and we certainly don't ever want to take that for granted and we certainly don't. We know it's important to be a good neighbor, we know we can make a difference and we strive to make that difference, whether it's just creating in good stable jobs or investing in projects that enrich our communities and making them better places to live and we think we are doing that in Rocanville and surrounding areas.

"Today we recognize the hard work and skill that everyone has put in in getting us to this point, and it couldn't happen without all of you so a big thanks to all of you."

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After NEB changes rules
TransCanada cancels Energy East

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Premier Brad Wall blasted the federal government for the rule change that led to the decision.

"Today is not a good day for Canada. It is not a good day for the federation. It is a very bad day for the west," he said.

"TransCanada made the decision to cancel Energy East—but make no mistake, the reasons for it fall at the feet of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal government. They have been, at best, ambivalent about the project and then moved the goalposts at the last moment by asking the regulator to consider the impact of upstream greenhouse gas emissions.

"Imagine if something like this was considered prior to the construction of auto assembly plants in Ontario or the factories that manufacture heavily subsidized jets in Quebec or the highways and rails that transport those products.

"Former federal Liberal Cabinet Minister, and now Montreal Mayor, Denis Coderre, cheers the cancellation of this pipeline. He who leads a city that, just two years ago, used a pipeline to dump 4.9 billion litres, or nearly 2,000 Olympic-sized swimming pools, of raw sewage into the St. Lawrence Seaway.

"It is a good thing that Mr. Coderre's hypocrisy needs no pipeline for conveyance, for it would need to be very large and could never get approved for construction.

"When Coderre cheers for the end of this pipeline, he cheers for the imported oil we buy from Saudi Arabia, where women can now drive, but the public beheadings continue.

"He is cheering against an energy sector in our country that employs thousands and has paid, on average, over the last three years \$17 billion annually in taxes and royalties to Canadian governments.

"\$17 billion is enough to pay for 680 new schools, 1.8 million knee replacements and 4.25 million child care spaces. We have lost an opportunity to strengthen quality of life in Canada.

"Beyond the immediate impact, there are

other reasons to be concerned.

"A new Liberal carbon tax, new Liberal tax changes for small business (that will hurt many in the energy sector and farmers), changes to the NEB applied only to this sector and not to others, and methane regulations that will not be mirrored south of the border, with whom we must compete for job creating investment dollars.

"We have a company that committed more than a billion dollars to a project and made earnest efforts to address the concerns of the public and regulators. A company that made 700 changes to its plans as part of that response. Make no mistake, other companies' decisions to invest in Canada will be informed by this debacle.

"The expectation of course from the federal government, and some powerful central Canadian interests, is that the west will just grin and bear this latest blow to our economy and our people.

"That our taxpayers in Saskatchewan and Alberta will continue to send, without question, about \$2.5 billion in equalization payments to help support Quebec that receives \$11 billion in equalization per year and \$1.4 billion to Ontario. All of this despite the fact that low energy prices have resulted in job losses and lower revenues for the last four years.

"Something needs to change. For the west to continue on like this in our federal system is the equivalent of having Stockholm syndrome.

"The decision by TransCanada to cancel the Energy East project was made because of a lack of interest and leadership, or worse, intentional decisions and policies of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government. He should answer for this. He needs to be held accountable for this.

"His actions and his government's actions may well have some westerners wondering if this country really values western Canada, the resources we have, and the things we do to contribute to the national economy and to quality of life for all."



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Carnduff science students and educator share national experience with board members

BY NORM PARK

Their second trip to a national science fair netted Carnduff School students Leah Macfarlane and Claire Larson a bronze medal during the past academic year. They are now in Grade 11, and perhaps on their way toward being a three-time Saskatchewan representative at the national gathering of problem solvers this year, when it is staged in Ottawa.

The two students were joined by their teacher Jessica Morland for a 20 minute presentation to the South East Cornerstone Public School Division's board members who were meeting for a general public session on October 11.

The two young women earned the right to advance to the national fair that was held in Regina this past year, by capturing top honours at regional and provincial science fairs. Their first foray into the Canada Wide Science Fair environment had occurred a year earlier, when they were in Grade 9 and had earned a trip to Montreal as their province's representatives.

Over 400 young participants are greeted at the Canada Wide Science Fair, said Morland who explained how educators in the science field stir the scientific and problem solving minds while improving their procedures and practices. "When things don't work, then they reconstruct through reasoning and seek scientific findings from elsewhere," said Morland.

The girls went through extensive analysis and graphing and Morland added that, "I actually like it when I don't know the answers to their questions either. So they become the experts and learn things I don't know. Yes, I like that because it means they are seeking options."



Above from left: Leah Macfarlane with Claire Larson and teacher Jessica Morland provided a presentation to the Cornerstone board regarding their experiences at the Canada Wide Science Fair.

These paths of self-directed learning experiences continue well beyond the classroom as experiments find homes in workshops, garages and basements in homes where even more tools can be deployed to find answers.

"They choose topics they're passionate about," said Morland. Or, sometimes they discover an interest along the way, she said. "The Canada Wide Science Fair atmosphere drives and pushes them and that desire goes beyond just the awards,"

Morland added.

The two Grade 11 students said their inquiry-based learning was motivated by their curiosity and they have pursued science fair goals since Grade 7.

Morland said she has developed ideas for other teachers who may want to get further involved using the Smarter Science sources.

While the two students spoke about the excitement and social benefits of the national fair, Morland pointed out the

awards portion isn't to be dismissed either since it involves tens of thousands of dollars in prize money as well as valued scholarships.

Leah and Claire's fact-finding and problem solving desires were fuelled by their intense interest in such things as soil and plant sterilization and more recently an exploratory venture into the world of Alzheimer's disease and how those afflicted with it respond to digital perceptions. They conducted tests for connecting visuals to the brain and how the client reacts to colours and how their response times are affected during the early onset of Alzheimer's Disease. The genetic markers drew their attention, they said, since family members have been afflicted in the past.

The two related in a light hearted manner how their early science fair experiments led them into basic observations with pianos or rotting fruit and eventually took them into exploring the effects of subliminal imaging in advertising.

The two girls provided some detail about how they spent a good deal of their time practising their seven minute presentation and how they handled a 10 minute questions and answer session followed by another, shorter, presentation and Q and A.

In conclusion, Morland noted the two young scientists were not only clever, but they also knew how to be observant and responsive to what they were seeing and experiencing.

The Carnduff trio was thanked by board Chairwoman Audrey Trombley and given a round of applause from the appreciative board members who were obviously impressed by the work ethic and the passion for science that had been displayed.

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Rocanville Thrift Store donates \$10,000 to Health Care Foundation

The Rocanville and Community Thrift Store made a \$10,000 donation to the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation on Oct. 3. The money will be used for lift slings for long-term care at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, and for any other areas where the need is the greatest. The money was raised with proceeds from the thrift store's sales.

Right from left are Irene Norton, Joyce Surridge, Wendy Lynd accepting the cheque on behalf of the Health Care Foundation, Celeena Bunz, Penny Yung presenting the cheque, Vivian Sveinbjornson, Daryl Fingas accepting the cheque on behalf of the Health Care Foundation, Eileen Etherington, Linda Bock, Myrna Harrison, and Willa Clarke.



Thrift store has donated over three quarters of a million dollars

BY KARA KINNA

On Oct. 3 Rocanville and Community Thrift Store made a \$10,000 donation to the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, marking one of the many donations the thrift store has made back to its community and the local area over the years. Over the years the store has raised and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"The thrift store will be celebrating its 21st anniversary in November, and over the years and we've raised well over a quarter of a million dollars that we've donated completely back to the community," says Penny Yung, the secretary of the thrift store committee.

The thrift store has donated to causes of all kinds, and in the last few years has decided to keep a separate medical fund as well for donating to medical needs.

"Every month when we have our meeting, anyone on the board who knows of anyone who is ill can suggest we donate to them," says Yung. "We are thinking mainly cancer patients, but we will donate to people who have had their house burn down, a child that's been going for hospital treatments or surgery—something serious. Those are the kinds of things that we look for for donations every month."

"Also we donate to just about everything in town. All of the sports facilities have gotten donations, the playground, the fire department—just about anything that's in town we've donated to, to help them keep running."

The \$10,000 donation to the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation is the third time the thrift store has made a donation of that size. The first time it was to equip a palliative care room at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre when it was new, and the second time was to STARS air ambulance a few years ago.

"Over the years we've given to the hospital, the long-term care ward, our medical clinic here in Rocanville," adds Yung.

So why is the thrift store so successful at raising money? "I can only say what people have said to us," says Yung. "Our prices are the lowest in the area and we've kept our

prices pretty much the same through the years. We put a financial statement in our community calendar once a year when our books are audited, so people know where the money goes, and that's important to them, to know that we're all volunteers and the money goes back to the community. We keep the store clean and we try to help as many people and facilities as we can. So I guess those are the reasons we are successful."

The thrift store has no paid employees. There is a board of about 12 people, approximately 35 people who work in the store itself on a volunteer basis, and numerous other volunteers who do other jobs for the store.

"We have one fellow who comes in and cuts rags for us all the time, we have other men who come and take our garbage," says Yung. "Anything that we don't use in our store, we donate to Community Living. We have a seacan in town that we use for storage, and then their truck comes out from the city about four times a year and picks up what we have stored there. And we have working couples that come and move those bags for us to the seacan. So we have a number of different volunteer jobs."

"We're just trying to involve anyone we can give a chance to, to come volunteer."

Why do they do it?

"I think it's kind of self feeding because everybody sees how much good it does, and maybe they've been effected by it in some ways—somebody in their family may have gotten a donation, or a friend and they just want to give back. And in a month they (the volunteer workers) may just have to be in the store three times, so it's not overwhelming."

Yung, who has been with the thrift store board for 10 years, says the store also serves a real need in the area.

"It's just so helpful in this time of people working from paycheque to paycheque. They can come and we can provide clothing to their children. We do provide to the food bank. We're just trying in lots of ways to help people out. It may just be for a short time. It might be that they need help monthly. It's just such a neat place."

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Karyn's story

One woman's story of how she survived the '60s Scoop, Residential School, and the Prison for Women in Kingston, and finally found her freedom



Left, Karyn, a '60s Scoop and residential school survivor, enjoys riding and walking alongside her gentle horse, a horse that continues, she says, to bring healing and comfort to her.
Right, the gates to the former Lebreton residential school, the last residential school to close its doors.

BY DONNA BEUTLER
Evenings were always the hardest. Karyn (not her real name) spent her evenings swinging on the outdoor swings near the residential school she had been taken to, wishing and praying that her parents would miraculously drive up and take her and her siblings home.

Karyn kept on wishing, but it would be a long time before her mom came for her. As loneliness and questions about what was happening overtook her, her only solace was that four of her siblings were in the same place—a residential school not far from the only home she had ever known, that of her First Nations family—a family of 14 ripped apart by a system that left them broken, isolated from family, and unsure of what was happening to them and most of all, why it was happening.

There was little solace in having her siblings nearby however, because for the most part they could seldom offer each other comfort in times of distress as they were often kept apart.

There were times they could be together though, and Karyn remembers how her older sister and her tried very hard to stay close—often swinging together during those

time in her life. It was during the '60s that Karyn and her siblings were picked up from their home on a Qu'Appelle Valley area reserve in southeastern Saskatchewan by a man and two women, presumably from Social Services Karyn believes, and taken to a residential school. They went with just the clothes on their back. No bag. No suitcase. No sentimental items to hang on to. "What is happening?" Karyn asked herself. "Why is this happening?" she wondered.

Taken from home at five
Karyn, now 53, had no idea what was going on or why she had been taken from her family. She was about five years old at the time, she thinks.

"We were so afraid of what would happen," Karyn said of the fears she and her sister had.

"Everything was very regimental (at the residential school). We had to get up early, the nuns would force us to take pills. Maybe they were vitamins, I don't know," she said. "If we cried or didn't take the pills, we would be disciplined," she said of her time at the residential school (approximately two or three years).

"We had to put our aprons on and we were marched down to a common room. There were no chairs; we just had to stand there until breakfast was called. We weren't allowed to talk to others; we just had to sit there and eat."

Tears overwhelmed Karyn as she recalled a day at the residential school when she was sick, and her brother came over to her and tried to comfort her.

"They grabbed him," she said as she told the story. "The look in his eyes was one of helplessness." She was taken to her room where she spent the next couple of days. "You couldn't do anything," she said of her brother's attempted intervention. "I got used to the physical, the yelling," Karyn added, "but not the emotional."

One day, after being at the residential school for about two or three years, her mom arrived. She recalls a priest being there that day.

"My mom told us kids we were going with her. I was ecstatic," Karyn recalls. Finally, she was going home.

Not all well on the home front
But all was not well on the home front either. When Karyn and her siblings arrived home, one of her older sisters was sitting at the table, crying.

Their father and one of their brothers had been injured in a stabbing incident.

This was a pivotal moment in the family's life—they locked up their house and moved to Regina.

Life in the city was a troubling time for Karyn and her family.

Karyn's mother began drinking and their home life became chaotic—with fights and people constantly coming over to the house.

Alcohol was a constant and Karen, at the tender age of seven, was often left alone to care for her younger siblings, locking them in a bedroom to keep them safe while she scoured for empty pop bottles to turn in to buy milk.

Her father, with whom she was very close, tried hard to keep the family together, working and trying to care for the children.

He would always assure them that everything would be okay.

But his assurance was short-lived and Karyn's last memory of her dad is an extraordinarily sad one.

Her parents were arguing and her mother left the house. Karyn's dad made her promise not to follow him to another room, but eventually she did, only to find him sitting in a closet, totally unresponsive.

His eyes were closed and his feet weren't touching the ground, Karyn recalled.

Her screams brought her brothers to the room. Her father had hung himself.

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'All hell broke loose'

"When Dad died, all hell broke loose. It was just chaos," Karyn said. "When I was younger, Mom was loving and affectionate. After Dad died, she drank more and more. There was no physical or sexual abuse in our home, but nothing was right. I went to school, but irregularly," she said of her early school years in Regina.

If life after her father's death was hell, soon life would get even crazier for Karyn and her family.

In what is known today as the '60s Scoop,' Karyn and an older sister and her younger brother and sister were taken from their family to a foster home.

Their photos were put in the paper.

They were being put up by Social Services for adoption. "That first foster home was hell. If we didn't comply with 'the rules,' we were beaten. Our foster dad was sexually abusive; our foster mother was physically abusive," Karyn said of her life in foster care.

"What bothered me was if my siblings were getting beaten, I couldn't help them. My older sister tried to shield and protect us and she took the brunt of the sexual abuse. When she left at 16, she made me promise not to let him (their foster dad) touch the younger ones. I knew what she meant. But once she (her older sister) left, I took the sexual abuse.

"Many nights we didn't sleep," Karyn said of those dark and terrifying nights. "We wrapped ourselves up like cabbage rolls in our blankets," praying that that would keep them safe from the sexual abuse. It didn't.

Their life on the dairy farm they lived on meant working hard but thankfully it also meant being well fed and having free time to roam the fields and make tree houses and do the things children love to do.

At the same time, they were 'kept in their place' and they understood that they weren't really part of the family.

"We weren't allowed to eat with our foster family in the dining room. We ate in the kitchen, separate from them." Their foster family's children were older and had already left home except for one—a son. This was someone who she couldn't protect her younger brother from. It was a long six years there.

"Though I learned lots about the farm there, I constantly wondered why I had been taken from my family."

Runaway

"When I was 12, I realized I needed to get my younger siblings out of there," Karyn said. "I packed warm clothes for my brother and sister and myself and ran away—three times. When Social Services spoke to my foster family, all I heard them say was that I was nothing but a trouble maker. Even my pleas to the social workers went unheard. They didn't believe me and oh, the fear I felt when I told them. I knew I would get it after."

On Karyn's third attempt, she and her younger siblings were picked up by a police officer.

She begged him not to take them back to their foster home but he began to drive in the direction of their foster home.

"I was heartbroken as he headed in that direction," Karyn said as she recalled that day.

"Suddenly he spun the car around and took us to a safe house in Regina. I was so thankful he believed us. The people at the safe house were so happy to see us. Kids there were happy and smiling. They bathed us and gave us clean clothes. I thought to myself, 'this is a new beginning.'"

Karyn and her two siblings were at the safe house for a few days before Karyn was placed with a new foster family. By that time, Karyn, just 12, was an angry child. Her new foster parents, however, were very loving and caring and her new foster mom would always encourage and support her.

"We went to church every Sunday," Karyn said of life with her new foster parents. "I always prayed and I knew there was a God. I was the only First Nations kid in my school and there were racist kids there. I wanted to run away. But I stayed, excelling in lots of sports."

Karyn's foster parents are now gone, her mom having passed away just this spring, but one thing was certain, they always encouraged her and supported her all through her life.

Karyn was ecstatic to have her younger brother and sister come to live at her new foster home but it didn't last. Her foster mom could see that Karyn wouldn't allow her to be a mother to her siblings and soon her siblings were sent to other foster homes. Karyn also had foster siblings and to this day, her four foster brothers and one foster sister keep in touch.

Feeling locked up

Karyn says her years in the foster system left her always feeling locked up. What she really wanted was to be free.

And even though her foster parents never drank, fought or argued and she had a good home life, she still wanted to 'be free.'

At 15, Karyn left home. It was the late '70s and Karyn fell into alcohol, partying and theft.

When she was caught stealing, she was sent back to her foster family.

But everything had changed. She had seen the darker side of life and her mom told her she had a choice to make.

That's when Karyn decided it was time to see her biological family. Social Services took her to the city, to the home of her older sister. Finally she was back with her real

family.

Being back with her real family, though, was not all sunshine and roses.

There were no rules and the house was often full of people drinking and partying.

Karyn went to school but there was no one offering her guidance. Often there was little food.

"I would phone Mom and Dad," Karyn said of her foster parents. "They wanted me to go to school, to college, but no one was going to tell me what to do because I was free now."

Karyn got her first job as a dishwasher at 16.

Her biological mother was often drunk or hungover. They didn't really know each other at all. Eventually, Karyn got her own apartment.

"I met my first husband when I was 16; he was 25," Karyn said. "By the time I was 22, we had had three children. We were on social assistance and he was drinking a lot. I tried to keep him sober for five years but then I began to feel helpless and that feeling of having no freedom hit me again. I left him."

Karyn was just 26 at this time and, still on social assistance, began to steal clothes for her children. "I couldn't afford the things I wanted for them," she says.

Downward spiral

A downward spiral began. Karyn was caught stealing but wouldn't make her court appearances.

She started drinking and at the same time as she felt free and able to do her own thing, she also felt lost. But whatever freedom she thought she had was gone—she was sentenced to six months in jail.

While in jail she tried to escape, took a guard hostage, and started a riot.

"Shackled, handcuffed and padlocked, I was flown from airport to airport until I reached Ontario and was placed in the Prison for Women in Kingston," Karen said, recalling walking through the airports shackled.

"My husband had our children but they were taken away from him and placed in foster care. Even though I felt so defeated, I didn't get into prison stuff like drugs and drinking. I prayed that God wouldn't let anything bad happen to my children. And then I got a lawyer to get my children out of foster care and into the care of a social worker friend of mine."

Once released from prison, her social worker friend told her she needed to sober up.

A new start

It was 1990 and Karyn went to a Saskatchewan detox centre, got her kids back and met her second husband.

"Things were good. My husband, the first Native man I ever dated, was going to university. He had his own apartment, his own car, his own food," Karen said.

She went back to school and was so happy to have her children back. "The values Mom and Dad (her second foster parents) taught me were what I taught my children. When my husband and I started having problems, I felt such emptiness. I hated evenings. I felt so lonely in the evenings, just like the evenings when I used to sit on the swing at the residential school. I couldn't sleep in darkness and still to this day I sometimes can't sleep in darkness. I remembered the sexual abuse from the residential school and wondered, 'where is my freedom?'"

Karyn was, in her own words, stubborn.

No man was going to tell her what to do.

She simply didn't want to worry about a man.

Her drinking started again after seven years of sobriety. By now she had a fourth child to care for and she was trying desperately to keep it all together.

Her parents encouraged her to get herself together. At this point in her life, back on social services, she asked her husband to care for the children and she went back into detox, leaving when she began drinking again.

"I brought the kids to where I was living," Karyn explained. "We had a good life. I sobered up, got a job. But still, I didn't feel free."

When Karyn began drinking again, she sometimes drank their food money and soon her children were back in her husband's care.

Alcohol and drugs

Before long, Karyn wasn't just abusing alcohol, but drugs too.

The father of her fifth child was a cocaine dealer, and one night, after "all hell broke loose," Social Services took her youngest child from her.

The baby was just one month old.

"I fell apart," she said of those dark days. "I just couldn't get it together. That's when I prayed, 'Dear God, stop this roller coaster. I don't care what you do, just stop this.' God answered my prayers," Karyn said with a bit of a chuckle. "I tried to rob a confectionary but I couldn't even do that right."

Karyn was charged with armed robbery and sentenced to four years for that and drug charges.

While Karyn wondered if she would ever get her life straightened around, the start of healing didn't begin until she went to a healing lodge and began to speak about her life and all that she had been through.

She knew she had to quit running and to start dealing with her past.

Finally Karyn got honest with those who were trying to help her and more importantly, she got honest with herself.

'My faith saved me'

"Every morning, we had a talking circle where I started being open and honest. It didn't matter anymore what had happened," Karyn said.

"Even though I was in jail, I started getting a sense of freedom. I have seen some horrible things in life; I've seen the dark side of life, but my faith in God saved me. Even in my dreams and my nightmares, I always was able to call on God. I may have been angry and very hurt, but I have a big heart," she said.

In 2010, Karyn went to court to get her residential school settlement.

Looking back on this experience, she says she wished she hadn't gone to court.

"I felt like I had to defend myself that I was telling the truth," she said of that experience.

This was a tough time for Karyn and others like her. She felt that because she was well dressed and appeared "fine," that they didn't see the pain that she had carried with her for so long.

Karyn was no stranger to pain and she would soon have to pull from her faith and a strength deep inside to get through the next traumatic and trying time.

Death of a daughter

Karyn, in her 40s, was devastated when she was told of the death of her 28-year-old daughter in a vehicle accident. She was mad at God and heartbroken.

Why had something so awful happened to her daughter? It was unbearable.

It was also a pivotal moment in life for Karyn because she decided to go back to school and get her education—not just for her, but for her daughter's memory as well. She was hindered in her job-seeking by her criminal record and while she sought a pardon, she came across a job that she thought would fit her perfectly—one that would take her to the very streets she had left.

At first, it didn't look promising but shortly after her interview, she got a call that offered her a great opportunity to help others.

A chance to help others

"I got off the streets," Karyn said, "and now I am back on the streets—in my job."

Her job is to help people in the same types of circumstances she was once in. "This is where I'm meant to be," she said of the work she does now. "I hear my clients tell their stories and I think, 'You're telling my story.'"

Karyn had a dream to "go back home," not necessarily to her home reserve, but to somewhere nearby. As this dream began to grow, she met someone who would eventually become her husband.

"I always thought men were trouble," Karyn said. And while her new relationship had some bumpy moments to start with, she knows that his "patience and love" have helped take them to this point in their lives—a marriage based on love and trust. "He told me to 'take the chance on love' and finally I did."

"I will never be able to fix the world," Karyn concluded, "but I am learning how to help." And the best part of it all, she says, is that "I have finally found my freedom."

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Ascene from the Ukrainian Gala last year.

Ukrainian Gala fundraiser for church restoration

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Last year's Ukrainian Gala in Moosomin was a church fundraiser with a difference.

When most people think of a church fundraiser, the images that come to mind are of a rummage sale in a church basement or steaming mashed potatoes and turkey being prepared in the kitchen of a church hall on a cold autumn night.

The Ukrainian Gala was a different event, featuring a traditional Ukrainian supper of perogies, cabbage rolls, and sausage prepared by members of the Ukrainian community, followed by a performance by the world-famous Poltava Ensemble, which consists of traditional Ukrainian dancing and a live orchestra.

The event was such a success that organizers are holding the second annual Ukrainian Gala November 17.

Funds raised are going to restoration of Moosomin's Bethel Unit-

ed Church.

The historic church is in the midst of a multi-year restoration. The bell tower has been modified, windows have been replaced, and the stained glass windows will be undergoing restoration over the winter.

"We needed to make sure the building was going to be there for years to come," says Dennis Lonsdale of the restoration committee. "It was in need of some structural restoration. Once we got some of that under our belts we're hoping to do some of the aesthetics, the pews, the woodwork. We figure the cost of the project will be about \$150,000."

Lonsdale says there have been some additional issues found as the work has been done, as often happens with older buildings.

"There have been some surprises," he said.

"So far we have done the bell tower, which was a major undertaking for us. It was getting to be

where it was a safety issue. It was starting to lean pretty good. We did some work on bringing the walls of the sanctuary back in line. The tower was leaning in, and it was starting to lean pretty good. We've done the basement windows in the church. They were in need of some work.

"For the stained glass, it took awhile to find someone who could do the quality we need and who could take on a project this big."

"Some of the leading in the windows has let go so it needs to be soldered up, and some of the glass has become loose, so it needs to be repurposed. Some of them need to be squared up a little. They've sagged over time."

"We have Friar's Stained Glass in Regina working on it."

"Outside we have a little bit of work to do on the soffits, then we would like to work on the windows upstairs, then there are the pews and the woodwork. The

pews are getting old and are starting to crack. We might need to find an expert on restoration to work on those.

"The boiler may also need to be replaced soon."

"It's almost a full-time job. Myself and Bill Thorn and Layne McFarlane head up the work, and we've had a lot of help from the parishioners. A lot of people have volunteered some time and we're very appreciative of that. We've had a lot of help from the community as well, which has helped."

The fundraising committee held two large scale garage sales

"The garage sales were really big," says Colleen Middleton of the church's restoration fundraising committee.

"That really pulled the whole community together in support," said Darlene Thompson of the church's fundraising committee.

"We seem to have the whole community supporting us," adds committee member Shirley Lind-

say.

The idea for the Ukrainian gala came about when the church had Roman Chernyk, originally from Ukraine, speak at an event. He got talking with church members, and mentioned that members of the local Ukrainian community might be interested in preparing Ukrainian food for a fundraiser.

The idea of adding the dancers to the evening came up and the plan came together.

"It was a real success last year," Lindsay says.

"We had to turn people away," adds Thompson. "This year hopefully anyone who didn't get to see it last year can get in on the action."

"I've been asked when the tickets are going to be available," said Middleton.

"I think people are really looking forward to it."

The fundraising committee has so far raised \$60,000 through fundraisers and \$80,000 in donations have come in.



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Wawota's Myers working with wheelchair sports

BY DONNA BEUTLER

What began as a passion for sport on the ball diamonds and in the curling rinks in and around Wawota, Sask. has led Lisa Myers all over the world—as a coach in the para sport community.

Myers' passion for sport as a teenager, combined with a passion to help individuals excel in physical activity has led her down a path that she may not have envisioned at one time, but one that fits her right to a 'T' and one that, she says, has completely changed her life.

"I was born and raised on a cattle and grain farm near Wawota," Myers said. "Sport was one of my biggest passions growing up."

Her sports of choice were curling, track and field and volleyball. She also competed in softball as a pitcher.

"I wasn't one hundred per cent sure what I wanted to do coming out of high school," Myers said.

"I was interested in teaching, physical activity, and health and fitness."

It was those interests that led her to the University of Saskatchewan where she entered the joint Kinesiology and Education program to get a degree in both. With that in mind, she knew she would figure out where her true passion would lie. She attended U of S from 2007 to 2011, finishing with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, with a major in physical activity.

"If I became a teacher, my focus area would be Physical Education and Science," Myers explained of her potential plans at that time. Coaching school sports would also be part of her 'teaching' plan. But, as time went on and the longer she studied Kinesiology, the more she was drawn to the personal trainer and health and fitness realm.

Myers went on to do some volunteer work with a program where she helped individuals with physical disabilities complete various workouts. She also did a practicum with the Cardiac Rehabilitation program. In her fourth year she took an adapted physical activity course and learned about recreation therapy. That's when she decided to pursue a degree in recreation therapy in British Columbia.

When Myers took the adapted physi-



Two of Lisa Myers' B.C. seated throwers, Dakoda Darling and Eddy Solla, at the 2017 Canada Summer Games. Dakoda won gold in seated discus and bronze in seated shot put and Eddy won a silver in seated shot put and a bronze in seated discus.

cal activity course, she was really drawn to wheelchair sports, in particular a program called "Bridging the Gap (BTG)." The BTG program is designed to create awareness and introduce individuals with a disability to wheelchair sports.

When Myers attended a 'Have a Go Days' presentation, she became keenly interested. 'Have a Go Days' allow individuals to try wheelchair sports. As well, sports chairs can be rented for a hundred dollars a year through a wheelchair loan program. Considering sport wheelchairs can cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$7,500 to purchase, renting a chair helps make it a much more affordable option. Once Myers saw how the BTG program worked, she moved to B.C. to complete her recreation therapy degree. She obtained her Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation degree at Douglas College in Coquitlam, B.C. after studying there from 2011 to 2014.

"After a BTG presentation by B.C. Wheelchair Sports Association (BCWSA) staff," Myers said of a demo day held during one of her classes, "I volunteered with them and then applied for a summer student position in 2012." In 2014 she

began working full-time with them as a Program Coordinator.

"When I first started volunteering, the seated throws program had just started and, given my background in throwing in high school, I started helping with the athletics group," Myers said.

"I really liked working with the seated throwers and I was encouraged to take some coaching courses."

Myers went on to become the Provincial Seated Throws Coach, coaching B.C. athletes at the Canadian Track and Field Championships and the 2017 Canada Summer Games. She also works with B.C. athletes at warm weather training camps in Florida yearly.

Myers describes para sport as a sport for athletes with a disability ('para' is to able-bodied sports). Myers is mainly involved with wheelchair athletics including both wheelchair racing and seated throws, wheelchair rugby, and wheelchair tennis.

"Para athletes face the same challenges as an able-bodied athlete," Myers explained, adding, though, that there are a couple of unique challenges. "The cost of adaptive equipment is substantially more than what an able-bodied athlete would

pay," she said. "For example, a racing chair might cost \$3,000 in comparison to a \$100 pair of running shoes."

Myers went on to explain how individuals with an acquired injury have to relearn how to do general activities of daily living so they might not be ready to try or learn about wheelchair sports.

And there are other challenges as well, such as opportunities for regular programming, especially for team sports or those in remote areas.

The amount of awareness of para sport opportunities is lower than able-bodied sports and many times children with disabilities, for instance, may not experience sport because of lack of opportunity or lack of awareness of teachers on how to integrate children with disabilities into their physical education classes. There can also be geographical challenges.

"The biggest difference with coaching para athletes," Myers said, "is the uniqueness that each athlete comes with. While you may have two athletes with cerebral palsy, the way their disability presents can be completely different and so you have to really look at each athlete as an individual and build upon their strengths."

From Myers' perspective, her favorite part of coaching is the problem solving that comes with working with athletes with a disability. She loves working with their strengths and function level so that they are able to perform at their best.

Myers feels that her life has been completely changed by para sport. She speaks of how the para sport community, which is relatively small, really makes her feel like she is a part of a family.

"Coaching has literally taken me all over the world, most recently as an Event Coach with Athletics Canada at the 2017 World Para Athletics Championships in July in London, UK," Myers said. "I've been able to work with individuals who are going through rehabilitation and trying sport for the first time all the way up to our Canadian Paralympic athletes."

"To me it doesn't matter what level of athlete I'm working with. I just want to do whatever I can to help them achieve the goals they've set for themselves."

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Homicide ruled out in motel deaths

Police looking for information on men's last days



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EDWARD REIBLING

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Police have ruled out homicide in the deaths of two men at the Prairie Pride Motel in Moosomin recently.
The two men had checked in to the motel on Saturday, Sept. 23.
After they failed to check out, the motel manager checked the room and found two bodies on the afternoon of Monday, Sept. 25.
Through the RCMP's investigation and the assistance of the Office of the Chief Coroner, it was determined the deaths of two men located deceased in a motel room in Moosomin on Monday are not criminal. RCMP said foul play is not being considered in the investigation at this

time.
RCMP are still waiting for toxicology results, which will take time to complete.
The men have been identified as 55-year-old Edward Reibling and 71-year-old Frederick Stockwell, both from Brantford, Ontario.
The investigation is ongoing and Moosomin RCMP are looking for any information from the public about where Edward and Frederick may have been, who they may have spoken to or interacted with in the days and weeks leading up to their deaths. It's believed the two men travelled from Brantford, Ontario to Alberta during the week of September 19-23, 2017.
After their deaths were reported in

the World-Spectator the RCMP received information from people in their home town of Brantford, Ontario that they were believed to be transporting cigarettes from Eastern Canada to Alberta.
If you have information about Edward or Frederick, please contact Moosomin RCMP at 306-435-3361 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.
"There is nothing at this point to suggest foul play, but there is a puzzle we are piecing together and the picture is becoming much more clear about what happened," said Sgt. Scott Feichak of the Moosomin RCMP.
"There is no public safety issue that we know of. Unfortunately we have to wait for various reports after a forensic analy-

sis is complete but we are looking into everything we can."
It was about 2 pm Monday, Sept. 25 when police were called to the motel where the men's bodies had been found.
The Forensic Identification Unit was called in from Yorkton, and worked with the RCMP's major crimes unit, as all unexplained deaths are treated as a potential homicide until that possibility can be ruled out.
With the need to secure the potential crime scene, interview people to try to determine what happened and work with the Forensic and Major crime units, the Moosomin RCMP called on assistance from the Carlyle, Esterhazy, Broadview, Yorkton, and Regina detachments.

Tickets on sale for Into the Woods

Tickets are now on sale for the Creative Vision Productions musical "Into the Woods."
There will be four performances of the production—one on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 pm, one on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 pm, and two performances on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 1 pm and 7 pm.
The show, which involves local cast and crew, will be performed at the Conexus MCC Centre in Moosomin.
Tickets for the show are only available by phone or email, by calling or texting Dianne Wilson at 306-434-7124 or emailing bwilson@rfnw.com.
Tickets are \$30 and include dessert, which will be served during intermission.
This is the fourth Creative Vision production. Past productions put on by the

group include "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Les Miserables," and "The Music Man."
As the productions are put on entirely by local people, tickets for the productions traditionally sell out quickly.
The two producers of Into the Woods, Sandra Poole and Sherri Meredith, describe this year's production as "a fantasy with comedic scenes and dramatic undertones."
"There are life-and-death situations and the characters come together in their time of trial, and so there is a good balance of sentimentality and humor which is really nice with this piece," says Meredith.
"We wanted something different. All of the productions we have done so far have their own flavor and this one will too."

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Legally Blonde the Musical coming to Virden

Virden and District Chorale is pleased to present this year's community production of Legally Blonde the Musical, November 22-25 in Virden's historic Auditorium Theatre.

A fabulously fun international award-winning musical based on the adored 1999 movie, Legally Blonde the Musical is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The story follows the transformation of sorority girl Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

This action-packed musical explodes on the stage with memorable songs and dynamic dances. Equal parts hilarious and heart-warming, this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Legally Blonde The Musical will take you from the sorority house to the halls of justice with Virden's sweetheart, the beautiful and talented Erin Poole as the perky and unflappable heroine, Elle Woods.

Elle appears to have it all, but her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend dumps her so that he can start getting serious about his life and attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle uses her charm to get into Harvard herself. At school, she struggles with peers, professors and former love, Warner Huntington III. With the help of Paulette, her beautician and confidante, and Emmett, Professor Callahan's teaching assistant, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Although Virden and District Chorale has only been presenting musicals for about five years, they have developed a reputation for high-quality productions that attract top quality talent from far and wide. 2014's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat featured international performer and recording artist Tara Mathew, formerly of Oak Lake, Manitoba. Moosomin's Trevor Poole, a talented tenor and comedic actor, has appeared in several productions, including Grease and Joseph. 2015's The Sound of Music was an audience favourite, and last year's Crazy for You, featuring the music of George and Ira Gershwin, was a real crowd pleaser.

This year's production will feature over 40 talented Westman performers under the direction of Michelle Chzyk.

"This show is definitely going to give audiences a fun-filled evening of quality entertainment," says Chzyk. "The cast of Legally Blonde is exceptionally strong and



A choreography rehearsal for Legally Blonde the Musical.

diverse, and the team of volunteers from the Virden and District Chorale is pulling out all the stops planning sets, costuming, etc. We are thrilled to have enlisted a large professional orchestra directed by Brandon's Brent Campbell, and a choreographer from Winnipeg, Brenda Gorlick, who is indeed one of our province's finest experts in Musical Theatre."

Other cast members include Brady Chzyk of Virden, and Grant Jackson of Souris, sharing the role of Warner Huntington III. Both these young men have much stage experience and are familiar to

Aud Theatre audiences. Cam Tataryn and Colin Evans of Brandon share the role of Emmett Forest. New to the Aud stage, but not to performing, Cam and Colin both have extensive stage experience and are talented singers, dancers, actors and musicians. Darrell Corbel, who was last seen in Virden in Crazy for You, brings to life the role of legal shark, Professor Callahan. Virden's JaysaLee Davies is the haughty, blue-blood socialite Vivienne Kensington, Warner's new love interest, and Enya Rae Wilson, also of Virden, is hilarious in her portrayal of lovelorn beautician, Paulette

Bonafonte. Also back on the Aud stage for this production, portraying Elle's first legal client, exercise guru Brooke Windham, is Brittany MacDonald, last seen as the beautiful Tess in Crazy for You.

In conjunction with Legally Blonde the Musical, Virden and District Chorale will also be hosting the "Bend and Snap Ladies Night Out" November 22, at the Virden Legion Hall. Beginning at 5:30 pm, the evening will feature a reserved seat to Wednesday's opening night performance of Legally Blonde the Musical, a fashion show by Shari Lyn Fashions, food and beverages, door prizes, and a Chinese Auction. It promises to be a fun evening, but tickets are limited to 100 guests, so act quickly. Proceeds from this evening will go to funding the many projects of the Virden and District Chorale. Tickets are available at Flower Attic and Gifts (204-748-1869).

For the first time, audience members this year will be able to purchase their tickets to Legally Blonde the Musical online. By going to www.legallyblondethemusical.eventbrite.ca, people will be able to choose and purchase tickets for any performance of the musical they wish. (Best results at select-a-seat are achieved if a desktop or laptop computer are used).

Be sure to mark your calendars and attend Legally Blonde the Musical. As director Chzyk puts it, "We have had many laughs in rehearsal, and it has been fun to watch all segments of the show being developed. This is a huge community venture and we would love to have the support from all our neighbouring communities. It has been thrilling to watch people develop each year from within our ranks—actors, singers, dancers, lighting technicians, costumers, makeup and hair personnel, props team, and sets crew. Of course, our stunning Aud Theatre really stars in our production and provides the perfect facility to complete this special event."

Although not intended for young children due to its mature themes, Legally Blonde the Musical promises to be another fun-filled, high energy and professionally done production—the kind that the atreagoers from Westman and Southeast Saskatchewan have come to expect from the team at Virden and District Chorale. Proceeds from this production will go toward future projects of the Virden and District Youth Choir and the Virden and District Chorale.

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Look for information coming soon about our fun-filled "Bend and Snap Ladies Night" on Opening Night - Wednesday, November 22nd.



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