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Kevin Weedmark photos

## Kipling hosts second Filipino Fiesta

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A large crowd filled the Kipling Community Centre for the second Filipino Fiesta on Saturday, October 5.

Kipling's Filipino community served up a feast of traditional foods from the Philippines, and performed more than a dozen dance numbers including traditional dances from the three main regions of the Philippines—Luzon, the Visayas, and Mindanao. The evening also included some information on how Kipling's Filipino community came into being.

Elainy Cacho told the crowd that people have been asking when the event would be held again, since the first Filipino Fiesta three years ago.

"Every year since the first Fiesta, I've been getting a lot of inquiries on when we were going to do it again," she said. "It takes a lot of time and resources to make this event happen, so I've always said 'maybe next year.' After three years we have Fiesta 2, and the crowd is just overwhelming.

"Part of the proceeds from this event will go to the Kipling Food Bank and also to our public library."

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# Sask. residents can get lab results, health records online

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Saskatchewan residents can now see their laboratory test results and other health records online anywhere, anytime.

Rural and Remote Health Minister Warren Kaeding launched MySaskHealthRecord—a secure website that gives eligible Saskatchewan residents quick and easy access to their personal health information.

“This is a game changer, giving patients the information they need to play an active role in their health care,” Kaeding said.

“Some provinces that offer similar programs have delays built in so that people have to wait to see their own personal health information, and some provinces only provide limited lab results or require people to have a family physician in order to sign up.

“Saskatchewan is leading the nation with the rollout of MySaskHealthRecord. Our program gives people access to their lab results, plus other important health information, as soon as it’s available.”

“Today’s announcement is the result of years of work and testing by eHealth Saskatchewan, TELUS Health and collaboration with our health system partners,” eHealth Saskatchewan CEO Jim Hornell said. “Everyone involved in this project shares a common goal—improving patient care. We’re proud of the role we played in creating an innovative and beneficial program that truly puts patients first.”

## Public demand

In an interview with the World-Spectator, Kaeding said the change comes in response to public demand.

“Our residents were asking for a bigger say in their healthcare, and there were opportunities that were out there,” he said. “Other provinces have gone down this path, certainly not to the same extent that we’ve gone here in Saskatchewan. Basically, our folks were asking for it.”

He said a wide range of health informa-

tion will be available online.

“What will be available to them, provided by the SHA, would be any medical imaging tests that are done, any of the clinical tests, so blood work, any kind of tests that have been requisitioned, hospital visits, ER visits, dates, times, places—all that would be included. Then the patient also has the opportunity to include information off of a number of devices—from the Garmin, Fitbits, glucose monitors and sleep monitors. They can also put in a lot of their own information like height, weight, weight gain, those kind of things.”

## More to come

He said additional information will be added next year.

“Immunization records and prescriptions will be added we’re hoping by the end of next year,” he said.

Kaeding said Saskatchewan’s system will include more information than other provinces, and will provide it as soon as it is available.

“We are actually the leader when it comes to what we’re offering,” he said. “Some provinces offer a limited amount of test results. Some have a significant delay from when the test results are received to when they are available to the patient. We are actually the ones that are providing the most information in real time to the patient.”

## Platform has taken time

Kaeding said it has taken a long time to bring the platform online.

“There is a lot of technology involved,” he said. “To get all that information placed on a platform is a big undertaking. The security part of it is significant. That is definitely information you don’t want in the hands of anyone else but yourself.”

“We actually had a provider advisory committee that helped consult with what was going to be included in this format,

so we had folks from oncology, pathology, general practice, family physicians, nurse practitioners and then we had just over 1,100 residents of the province that were trialing this over the last two years.

“I’m certain that this will certainly generate interest I believe globally because we are really one of a kind when it comes to what we’re offering.”

## Open to all

MySaskHealthRecord is open to Saskatchewan residents who are 18 years of age and older.

To register, residents will need a valid Saskatchewan health card, plus a Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) driver’s licence or SGI photo ID card.

Residents who register will have quick and easy access to their personal health information, including laboratory test results, medical imaging reports and clinical visit history, including hospital admissions.

Residents will also be able to add their own personal information to track and generate reports; set medication and ap-

pointment reminders; and upload information from health devices such as wearable activity trackers.

“Congratulations to Saskatchewan for taking this big step to give residents online access to their personal health information,” Canada Health Infloway President and CEO Michael Green said.

“Patients and the health system will see significant benefits from things like fewer unnecessary phone calls and less time taken off work for routine medical appointments.

“More importantly, greater access to information empowers patients to be more active participants in their care, and that can result in better health outcomes.”

## Information secure

All personal health information in MySaskHealthRecord is safe and private. Residents who sign up will only be able to access their accounts through a highly secure, personalized login.

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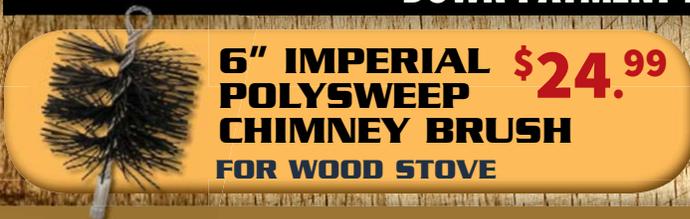
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Above is the dance floor full of people with a band on stage.

# 12th Esterhazy Monster Bash coming up Oct. 26

BY KARA KINNA

Fresh off the heels of the successful Rockin' the Park Music Festival on the August long weekend, Esterhazy is planning to rock out again on Saturday, October 26 with its 12th annual Monster Bash featuring two bands over one fun night.

This massive Halloween dance is a labour of love for organizers who have seen the event bring in hundreds of people each year and raise money for various community groups over the years. This year's event will raise money for the Esterhazy Recreation Fundraising Association (the group that hosted Rockin' the Park), and for the Esterhazy High School Senior Drama Club.

Nicole Knezacek with the Community Charity Committee is the main organizer of the event, which brings around 400 people through the door each year.

She says the event originally got started as a fundraiser and has stayed that way through the years.

"Twelve years ago, my kids were young and my friends' kids were young and we wanted to renovate a room in Stockholm

hall so that we could have playdates and things like that," she says. "They were nice enough to let us renovate it, but we needed money, so we decided to put on this cabaret, and since my husband and I are in a band, Rock Candy, we decided to put on this cabaret and put the money towards the renovation."

"So that's how it started. I love Halloween more than I love Christmas," she says with a laugh.

"I get different organizations from the community to help with certain portions on the day of the event, and then they get the proceeds. So over the years there have been many different local organizations that have benefited from the proceeds."

Knezacek says she was shocked by how much support the event got the first year they hosted it.

"Right from the start, we were blown away, it was such a success," she says. "There were just over 300 people for the first one and 98 per cent of the people dressed up. It was incredible and it has grown from there."

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# EMHA bid submitted to SHA for Male Midget AAA franchise in Estevan

Estevan Minor Hockey Association (EMHA) has—through a committee comprised of Chad Farr, Kraig Warner, Blake Jamieson, Greg Hoffort, Ron Areshenkoff, Nathan Johnson, Brad Robinson, Doug Martens and Chad Jesse—prepared and submitted an extensive proposal to the Saskatchewan Hockey Association to apply for a male Midget AAA hockey team based in Estevan to commence playing in the 2020-2021 season.

This bid, if approved, will allow dozens of high-level student-athletes from the South East area of Saskatchewan to stay closer to home to play Midget AAA hockey, as well as providing significant community benefits.

“There have been discussions to get a male Midget AAA hockey team in our South East zone for a while now, but SHA is now taking a fresh look at the teams in its Midget AAA league and is asking each of the current teams to reapply, along with inviting other interested communities to submit a proposal,” says Chad Farr, Chairman of the committee.

“I was part of the committee for the female Midget AAA Gold Wings program based in Weyburn and WMHA has now reciprocated with its full support of a male Midget AAA hockey team for our South East zone based in Estevan.”

He elaborated on the support and team effort by stating, “I can’t say enough about the committee members in terms of their commitment and expertise



to get to this submission stage. Also, given that this is a community undertaking, our proposal was very strong with respect to its overall community support from the City of Estevan, the Estevan Comprehensive School, the other Minor Hockey Associations through-

out our zone, our proven volunteer base in the Estevan area, and from several former local Midget AAA players now playing in the WHL and NHL.”

“I am very excited for minor hockey in the South East area of Saskatchewan,” commented Kraig Warner, President of EMHA.

“If we can garner a male Midget AAA franchise based in Estevan, it will do so much for our area of the province: it will allow for a solid team in the area, rather than seeing anywhere between 25 and 45 fifteen- to seventeen-year-old boys move elsewhere in the province every year to play Midget AAA hockey. It should provide a more convenient affiliate system for both the Junior A teams in Estevan and Weyburn, it will provide additional hockey entertainment out of our first class Affinity Credit Union facility and it will infuse significant financial benefits to the hotels, restaurants, sport stores and busing segments of our economy.

“Two of the requirements that we had to demonstrate in the proposal were strong and sustainable Bantam AA and Midget AA hockey programs, which we have and will continue to have, as well as support from the Minor Hockey Associations in this zone, all of which were great in their positive responses. I couldn’t be more pleased with our proposal.”

The Estevan Midget AAA Bears hopes to be awarded a male Midget AAA hockey franchise sometime this fall.

## 12th Esterhazy Monster Bash coming up Oct. 26

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“We get a lot of out-of-town people. The name has spread far and wide.”

“We bring two quality bands in so we always have two live bands playing, and we have costume judging, and I’m grateful for all the donations. We give out cash prizes. This year it’s going to be close to \$1,700 in cash prizes.”

This year’s bands are Mascara and Buckshot.

“Mascara is a band out of Regina, they have been together for quite some time, they are very seasoned professionals and they play Top 40 and pop,” she says. “They’ve actually played our cabaret a few times over the years and they are definitely a crowd favorite.”

“And Buckshot is more

country rock and it features Tyler Lewis. He’s a friend of ours, and he was one of the finalists in Canadian Idol three years ago, and he just has one of the biggest voices I’ve ever heard and I love it.”

“I always try to get more entertaining and enthusiastic bands. Because with this cabaret, you don’t have to be reserved. You walk in with a costume and you’re on the dance floor the first song, and everybody there is just there to have a great time.”

Knezacek says she’s excited to be donating the proceeds to the Esterhazy Recreation Fundraising Association and the Esterhazy High School Senior Drama Club this year.

“I always like to spread it around, and the Esterhazy Recreation Fundraising As-

sociation is the one that did Rockin’ the Park. I just think it’s a fantastic organization because it’s going back into our community to help our recreational sports.”

“And with the Senior Drama, I always like to get some youth organizations involved. Of course they can’t be there that day (no minors are allowed at the event. But in past year’s I’ve got them to do the cleanup on the Sunday.”

“I pick organizations I feel deserve it. They are working hard, and we fundraise for everything nowadays, and it’s nice to get a little boost.”

The event is a lot of work to organize each year, but Knezacek says she loves the results.

“You have to have a passion to keep it going this long because it is a lot of work,” she says. “My friends and I start decorating three days before the actual cabaret. Why do we do it? Because we love Halloween and I love seeing the faces of the people that enjoy it!”

Knezacek says the cap attendance at the event at



Some of the wild costumes at the Esterhazy Monster Bash in a past year.

around 400 people each year just so the hall doesn’t get too crowded, especially since everyone is in costume.

“We decorate every inch of this huge hall. We like to keep it around 400 people because if you get any more than that you can’t move around with costumes. We spread out tables more to get in with the costumes.

And just the way it’s laid out, it seems to work.”

She says people come from around the area for the Monster Bash.

“We do have a lot from out of town, and I’m so grateful for that,” she says. “If they are thinking about it this year, bring your friends!”

The Monster Bash takes place at the SN Boreen

Hall in Esterhazy, and people must be through the doors by 10:30 with their costumes to be considered for a prize. Doors open at 8:30 pm and the event is for those ages 19 and older.

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**Future journalists**

Fifteen members of MacLeod Elementary School's Journalism Club and their teachers visited the World-Spectator office last Tuesday, where Editor Kevin Weedmark gave them a tour and explained the history of the newspaper, which just turned 135 years old. The first issue was published October 2, 1884. The students will be writing articles for the newspaper over the school year.

**Virden Theatre Productions presents Elf the Musical**

The audiences who attend the musical theatre productions at the AUD Theatre have come to expect a professionally staged shows from the Virden and District Chorale. For the past number of years, audiences have been delighted by shows like "Footloose," "Grease," the awe-inspiring and uplifting "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Gershwin's "Crazy for You," the hilarious "Legally Blonde," and last year's smash hit, "Mamma Mia."

This year proves to be no different—apart from one thing, Virden and District Chorale now has an official musical theatre division known as Virden Theatre Productions, but be assured, that is the only change. The quality of the performances is still second to none, the singing and dancing still exciting, and the costumes and sets are still stunning. The phenomenal backstage crew of past productions remains intact with so many

passionate local volunteers planning the costumes, sets, hair and make-up, etc., and with the new state of the art sound and light system in the AUD theatre, audiences are guaranteed a memorable evening—or afternoon—of entertainment.

So, what's in store for audiences this year? The charming and delightful Elf the Musical makes it way to the AUD stage November 20-24, just in time for Christmas. Performances take place at 7:30 pm Wednesday through Saturday, with matinee performances at 1:30 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

Artistic director for Virden Theatre Productions, Michelle Chzyk, has once again assembled an amazing cast of talented performers from all over Westman for a show that is guaranteed to become a family favourite.

If you're not familiar with Elf, it is based on the 2003 movie of the same

name starring Will Farrell. As a baby, the orphaned Buddy, crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is accidentally transported to the North Pole. There, he is raised by Santa and befriended by the elves, totally oblivious to the fact that he is actually a human. Eventually, his enormous size and inability to successfully make toys cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy sets off for New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Learning that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

The show is funny and heart warming, and is sure to be loved by young and old alike. Tickets for Elf the Musical are on sale now at <https://elfthemusicalattheaud.eventbrite.ca> or in person at Flower Attic and Gifts in Virden.

Once again, in conjunction with Elf the Musical, Virden Theatre Productions is pleased to host "Get Your Elf On" Ladies Night, Wednesday, November 20 at the Legion Hall in Virden. Doors open at 5 pm, with entertainment happening from 5:30- 7:15 pm. Tickets for Ladies Night are \$55 and include: a premium reserved ticket to Elf the Musical, food and beverages, a fashion show by Shari Lyn Fashions, door prizes and raffles. This year, there will also be photos with our very special Santa and prizes for the best ugly Christmas sweaters! There are a limited number of tickets to this very popular event, and they are available at Flower Attic and Gifts. Groups of six or more people can reserve table space, once they have purchased their tickets, by calling or texting Laura Wright at (204) 748-5136.

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# Petrie shares his music with seniors

BY SARAH PACIO  
GRASSLANDS NEWS

Music is powerful; it can evoke a range of emotions. Caregivers and researchers agree that music can be especially helpful for people with dementia and other medical issues.

Local musician Bob Petrie has developed a resource that he hopes will bring encouragement to seniors as they face these challenges.

Petrie has played the accordion since he was 14 years old but had little time to devote to music until he retired in 2005. Without the daily demands of a large farming operation, he was finally able to pursue his hobby.

Since then, Petrie has been using music to bring joy and comfort to residents at nursing homes in Broadview, Whitewood, Esterhazy, Montmartre, Regina and elsewhere. In addition to sharing tunes at long-term care facilities, Petrie also plays for anniversary or birthday parties and community events, and has even recorded two albums. His performances are



Pictured above is musician Bob Petrie. Petrie aims to bring joy and comfort to seniors with his music.

unique because his custom-made accordion enables him to mimic the sounds of other instruments such as the saxophone, guitar or piano.

"You pick out the electronic voice that you want, and then you pump air through the bellows and it opens and closes the reeds to blend the accordion

sound in as well," Petrie explained. "It sounds like two or three instruments, if you do it right."

Petrie recognized that some patients at the long-

term care facilities were unable to attend his concerts but would still enjoy listening, so he thought of a way to share his music with them. Using songs he

had previously recorded for his two albums, Petrie prepared an mp3 player featuring familiar tunes like "Harbor Lights," "Red River Valley," and "You are my Sunshine."

Over the last two and a half years, he has distributed 20 of the gadgets to facilities around the region. A healthcare worker at one of the nursing homes acknowledged the positive impact that the soothing melodies had on patients and suggested Petrie make the mp3 players available to a wider audience. Petrie agreed that there could be seniors not yet eligible for long-term care but who would enjoy hearing the songs and is now selling the device to individuals in the community.

Each mp3 player costs \$75, which includes a set of ear buds and 22 songs that play continuously for eight hours on a fully charged battery. A set of regular headphones is available for an additional \$25. Anyone interested in purchasing a player for themselves or a loved one, can contact Bob Petrie at 306-696-2556.



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One of nine branches closed:

# Final day for Conexus Spy Hill branch

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
It was the end of an era in Spy Hill Wednesday, October 2 as the Spy Hill branch of Conexus Credit Union closed.

The branch was one of nine Conexus closed Wednesday.

The credit union at Spy Hill had its start at a meeting on June 17, 1950, when community members and the provincial co-operatives department met and decided there was a need for a credit union at Spy Hill.

The closure was announced by Conexus earlier this year.

Jacques DeCorby, executive vice-president, retail banking for Conexus, said the vast majority of employees in affected branches will continue working with Conexus in other locations, and he said the credit union is still working through disposition of the buildings.

### Lots of interest in branch buildings

"We went through the RFO (Request for Offers) process and we are working through making decisions and basically working through the applications that were submitted. We haven't communicated with them yet," said DeCorby.

"There has been interest in the buildings, so we're really happy with that. What we wanted to do was give the community the opportunity to submit their proposals for what they would like to see the building to be used for. It is a little different from what we've done in the past.

"In the past we put them up for tender, but we just thought it would be a great opportunity to give the communities an opportunity to think about how they could use it (for the betterment of) the community in whatever way. We

are really happy with the proposals we got. We got good interest in the building and we are taking a bit longer than we thought we might, and that's a good problem because we had some really good proposals that made the decision harder then we thought it would be."

DeCorby said there was varying interest in the buildings in different communities.

"We had interest across the communities," he said, "some that had none to be honest with you, some that had one, and many that had more than one. We are just taking our time to make sure that we are very thoughtful about which proposals we want to accept."

"All of the buildings have been very well maintained, so they're good buildings. We're hopeful that all of them will have a new use that will provide great value to the community."

### Most employees staying with CU

DeCorby said the majority of employees at the closed branches will be staying with Conexus.

"The vast majority are going to be working with us somewhere else, most in the same capacity, while some are moving on to different jobs. That was the intent and that is what we communicated to members.

"Oftentimes in a situation like this the first question is 'what is happening to the staff?' which is incredible. It has always been that way that there is a concern for the staff because our members build a really strong bond with the staff. I'm always grateful when that is the first question that comes from members.

"Our approach was to take a very individualized approach and sit down



The owners of C. Duncan Construction, longtime credit union members at Spy Hill, got a photo with staff at the Conexus Spy Hill branch on its last day of business last week.

with each of the employees and understand what their interest was going forward, then to do as best as we could to find a solution to retain them, and the vast majority are moving into basically the same role in the same capacity in a different location, and there are a few that are moving into different roles."

### Options offered for members

DeCorby said Conexus has been working with the

credit union members at Spy Hill to try to find options for them going forward.

"My ask throughout this was that nobody gets left behind and not to give up," he said.

"This was a tough decision for us, and we understand how impactful this is for members. It's a change for members and it requires us to ask them to sit down with us and work through their unique situation so that we can help them.

"I'm 99.9 percent sure that in every situation we could find a way to help them continue with us and maybe even access more convenient services. It's not all about online mobile banking either. There are lots of different ways that we can help make payments, receive payments or income, so from the outset the process was to identify as best as we could anybody that would be impacted by this, to give them a heads up as early as we could.

"The community information nights were part of being there in the community to share more about the 'why' but ideally it was to start those one-on-one conversations with members about what is their

situation and how do we transition through this.

"My ask of all of the staff was committing to try and reach out to everyone that we could but also understand that there is still a lot of emotion wrapped up in this, and members go through the different stages, and some were quicker to be willing to sit down and talk with us about different options.

"Even this morning we had a bit of a debrief and my ask was nobody gets left behind, and even though yesterday was the last day the branches were open, we continue to try to connect with members and help them transition through this."

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# Whitewood youth burnt in accident

By ELAINE ASHFIELD

A young man from Whitewood received serious burns from a campfire recently, and is sharing his story with others to help educate people. Ironically, the accident happened during Fire Safety Week, Oct. 6 to 12.

Jaxon Finkas, the 16-year-old son of Kristen Finkas, attends school in Whitewood and is employed at the Whitewood Co-op hardware store. He is a member of the Army Cadets in Melville and at the time of the incident, Jaxon was with friends at a going away bonfire.

"There was a plastic water bottle of gas and he squirted it into the fire and it caught the bottle on fire," Jaxon's mom told the Herald Sun.

"He dropped the bottle (which was burning) and without thinking, he stepped on it and it exploded, setting him on fire."

Jaxon was smart enough to remember to stop, drop and roll, which he did to put the fire out, while at the same time the other kids were pouring their water and pop on him to try to extinguish the flames.

"He took his pants off right away because of the burning. That's when he and Blaze (his cousin) called me and I told him to go to the house," Finkas continued.

Finkas says she raced out to the farm where the bonfire was being held. They got his clothes off and another parent drove to the hospital while she sat in the back with Jaxon, trying to give comfort from the pain he was experiencing.

Once at the hospital in Moosomin, Finkas said "he was in so much pain that the first and second doses of morphine didn't work. They had a really hard time getting the intravenous (IVs) in because he was in

shock. "He was shivering and tensing up in pain. He was in so much pain ... And he was so scared."

"I don't think I've ever been so scared in my life."

After two doses of fentanyl, Jaxon finally received some relief from the pain. STARS airlifted him to the Regina Trauma Burn Unit and his mother made the long drive to Regina by car in the middle of the night so she could be at the General Hospital so Jaxon wouldn't be alone when he got there.

It took three hours to clean the burns and dress them. "It was horrible," says Finkas. "He was so strong through all of that pain."

A plastic surgeon will do an assessment and meet with them for a treatment plan. It is believed that the burns received to his ankles, legs and face are second degree burns.

"We will gladly share our story," Jaxon's mom said. Hopefully parents will talk to their children and others about the dangers of fire and gasoline and what to do if they are ever in any situation with fire. By sharing their story, possibly it will help prevent another person from being injured.

At press time, it was unknown what the treatment will entail or how long Jaxon will stay in the burn unit. Donations are being collected at Conexus Credit Union for the medical expenses and for expenses incurred by his family during his recovery. Cheques are to be made to Jaxon Finkas Medical Expenses or if anyone would like to e-transfer a donation, text 306-735-7875 for instructions.

Jaxon's mom, Kirsten Finkas, resides at Round Lake. She is employed in Moosomin but is on leave at present. Jaxon is the grandson of Pat and Boyd Metzler of Whitewood.



Jaxon Finkas before and after the accident.



## One of nine branches closed:

# Final day for Conexus Spy Hill branch

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### Working with businesses

DeCorby said Conexus is working with business members at Spy Hill to meet their needs without a branch.

"There are lots of ways we can help businesses process cheques. Clearly the biggest challenge becomes cash and so the degree to which they feel compelled that that is the way they want to do business it becomes more difficult to help them transition through this, but there are lots of different alternatives and solutions that we can help them work through to make it less impactful. That's from a transactional point of view.

"From an advice point of view, I would say on the business side for years we have been mobile."

"Our business advisors have been working with members in their space or outside the branch for years, so it shouldn't be as impactful for the businesses. From a consumer point of view that's also the ask

that I have of our team, is doing what we need to do to make sure that our teams are as mobile as they possibly can be.

"That is a commitment that I made in Spy Hill the night I was there, to say you don't always have to come to us from an advice point of view, if there is an opportunity and it works best to accommodate you by us coming to you, we will do that. As much as they want us coming to see them, we are outfitting our team so they're able to do that."

### No further closures planned

DeCorby said there are no further planned closures of Conexus branches at this point.

"I can guarantee you there isn't a list out there right now, but we are constantly reviewing all our channels, not just the branches.

"Take our contact centre for example. In March of 2017 we extended the contact centre's hours. We're

now open Sundays, which we started about a year and a half ago, so we are constantly looking at our channels and making decisions about making them more accessible, but making changes to our channels. That's something that we will continue to do with the branches going forward.

"So as of today there are no plans. Can I say

there never will be again? I can't commit to that, but it is something that we are constantly reviewing. We are taking feedback from members every time we do this because this isn't the first time that unfortunately, we've had to do something like this as well as trying to make it better and less impactful for members as we go forward."

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Female employment increased by 4,200 (+1.6 per cent) and off-reserve Aboriginal employment increased by 4,900 (+10.7 per cent). Month-to-month employment also rose by 600 jobs from August 2019.

The unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent in September (seasonally adjusted), down from 6.3 per cent a year ago. Saskatchewan had the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the country (tied with Ontario), below the national average of 5.5 per cent.

"Saskatchewan experienced record highs in terms of employment in

the month of September, in spite of external factors contributing to ongoing economic uncertainties," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy

Harrison said. "Our government will continue working hard to ensure Saskatchewan people have the ability to work and contribute to the growth of our

great province."

Other September highlights include:

- An all-time high was recorded for the working-age population (891,200),

and a record high for the month of September for labour force (588,600);

- Major year-over-year gains were reported for educational services up

3,900 jobs, manufacturing up 3,600 jobs and other services up 3,200 jobs; and

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## Employment Opportunity



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

In a partnership between the Town of Moosomin and R.M. of Moosomin No. 121, the Moosomin Economic Development Committee is now accepting resumes for the position of a Part-Time "Economic Development Officer" (EDO) (with possibility into the future, of hours increasing to full-time status).

Reporting to the Economic Development Committee, the EDO is responsible for overall function of Economic development. In general, this includes office duties, attending and facilitating meetings, budgeting and financial reporting, identifying and pursuing opportunities for economic development, assisting individuals and/or businesses with developing business plans, and promotional activities, with the complete job description available online at [www.moosomin.com](http://www.moosomin.com)

The desired candidate will have relevant post-secondary education with a minimum of (2) years of administrative experience in a related economic or business development position. This experience shall include related aspects of budget control and demonstrate effective communication skills. Ability to analyze financial statements and business plans. Knowledge of municipal (zoning regulations), provincial and federal legislation (ie. codes, etc.), as it pertains to development of property.

A valid Saskatchewan Class 5 drivers license is required, and applicant must also provide a Criminal Records check from the R.C.M.P., acceptable to the committee.

Interested persons are asked to submit a complete and current resume with references, and expected salary, until October 25th, 2019, however, this time period may be extended until such time as a suitable applicant is chosen.

The Economic Development Committee thanks all those that apply, however, only candidates being considered for the position will be further contacted.

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Note that resumes/applications will be received until November 8th, 2019, however, this date may be extended until a suitable applicant is chosen. Applicants who advance to an interview stage, will be required to provide a Criminal Records check from the R.C.M.P. acceptable to the Town.

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# Plan the Perfect Party!

There are a few easy steps to planning the perfect Christmas party.

## 1) Plan early

Christmas is a busy period, the busiest of the year for many people when it comes to social events, so calendars fill up fast. That means you want to get a date pencilled in as early as possible.

Send a 'save the date' email to everybody as soon as you've decided. At this stage it doesn't matter if you don't know any details about the party, it's more important to get as many people to the event as you can.

## 2) Set a budget

The size of your budget will have a huge impact on the type of Christmas party you organise, determining everything from the food and booze to the entertainment and choice of venue.

Allocate the budget by what is most important to your group. Leave some money aside as a back up. Unexpected costs can always crop up with any size of event.

## 3) Decide on the type of party

There is almost endless variety when it comes to the type of Christmas party that you can plan. Do you have the budget to accommodate husbands, wives and partners? Are you organizing a custom Christmas party or working with a caterer, bar or restaurant? Are your guests active people who would enjoy the activities at the PotashCorp Sportsplex or the Curling Club, or partiers who would love to visit over a few drinks at Isabela's Bar and Grill?

## 5) Book the venue

The earlier you book the venue, the better – unsurprisingly, good venues go quickly. No matter how prepared you think you are, there is always someone out there even more organized.

Venues of all sizes are available in the area, from booking a

table at the Arlington Hotel in Maryfield or T's Restaurant in Virden to hosting an event at the Moosomin Legion or the Redvers Golf and Country Club to hosting a party for up to 175 at the Moosehead (which also provides its own DJ for large parties booked upstairs) to booking a party for 700 at the PotashCorp Community Hall. If you have checked out a few possibilities, once you have made your decision, formally confirm the location and release any alternative venues on hold.

## 5) Come up with a theme

The theme is the heartbeat of your event and should be integrated throughout every aspect of the night. Some popular ideas include traditional Christmas, vintage, 60s, 70s, 80s, winter wonderland, or film inspired. If you want to go all out decorating in a holiday theme, check out the decor at Right at Home Decor.

## 6) Make a plan for the food

Food is a key part of any party and can easily be incorporated into the theme you choose. Don't feel like you have to stick with turkey. In this area we have a wide range of options, from pizza, salads and appetizers from TJ's Pizza to the wide range of options at the Witch's Brew in Moosomin, to Kim's great cooking at the corner Kafe to the fine dining options at T's Dining and Lounge in Virden, to Ken's amazing Chinese food at the New Fortune Family Restaurant in Rocanville to great pizza and pasta at Boston Pizza in Virden.

If you are handling the food yourself, you can check out the options at Moose Mountain Meats in Wawota, and if you're looking for an appetizer platter, you can talk to Borderland Co-op Marketplace in Moosomin.

There are options for every budget. KFC in Moosomin will cater to your Christmas event starting at only \$7.25 per person.

## 7) Planning the drinks

Decide on whether you're going to pre-order drinks or pay for what is consumed on the night. If you are concerned

about spiralling costs or making sure that everybody gets their fair share from the bar tab then you could narrow down the choices available or organise drink tickets to be given to the guests so that the budget isn't blown on Jäger bombs within the first hour.

## 8) Choosing the music

If you're planning a larger party, you will want to hire a DJ, musician or live band or put together a Christmas playlist to make sure you have music playing.

Coordinate between the venue, DJ and band to ensure you have all the equipment required. For a smaller scale event, an iPhone hooked up to the in-house PA or a decent stereo system might be all you need – just make sure your speakers are loud enough.

## 9) Extra ways to enhance your event

Sometimes little changes can make all the difference. You want your event to be enjoyable, pleasant and memorable for all the right reasons. Here are some ideas for those little touches to help your event stand out:

Hire a photographer. Many people will doubtless be snapping away on their mobile phones but hiring a professional will give you much better quality pictures and visual reminders of the event.

Put together goody bags. These should be filled with genuine goodies that your guests will actually enjoy, so go for popular treats such as chocolates and wine.

## 10) Ask for feedback

Your Christmas party is all about ensuring that your guests enjoy themselves. Find out what guests enjoyed about the event and what they didn't, this will help you to organise an even better party next year.

It can be a lot of work to organize a Christmas party, but what a great reward to see your guests enjoy a truly great party! We hope these pages help you plan the perfect Christmas party this year!

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# Cork and Bone a homecoming for Slugoski

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

After a couple of decades spent working in the food service industry in Western Canada, Jarrod Slugoski has come home to Moosomin to set up his own restaurant.

Cork and Bone is located on Broadway Avenue in Moosomin, at the former site of the Korner Kafe.

Slugoski had been working at Walliser Stube, a Swiss-German themed restaurant at the Chateau Lake Louise.

He said the idea for Cork and Bone came up when he was visiting family in Moosomin and realized that many people head out of town for meals, to places like Maryfield, Kenosee, and Virden, and thought Moosomin could use another dining option.

"I didn't realize at the time, but I was kind of moving toward the end of my time in Lake Louise and I was starting to want to move on," he says.

"I've always had a plan of moving forward and taking what I've learned, and what I've earned, from Lake Louise. Walliser Stube was an interesting restaurant, the menu would change as different chefs came through, but it was a lot of veal chop, schnitzel, chateaubriand, cheese fondue, chocolate fondue. It was a unique restaurant and everyone staying at the hotel wanted to come there.

"I worked my way into that restaurant. I was working on a team that had 75 years of Fairmont experience. It was a really great learning experience. But being a single dad with Oliver, and being 11 hours from family and friends, it got to be a lot."

He decided Moosomin would be a great place to set up a restaurant and started looking into it. He was looking at another restaurant in Moosomin when the Korner Kafe came up for sale.

"As soon as I walked in, I saw what it is now. I knew exactly what I wanted to do in there.

"I went to Community Futures Sunrise. Upon talking to them, I realized I wouldn't have to work with a bank for financing, I just needed to work with them, and that was great, because they are very community minded. They don't have the same rules and restrictions and scariness that comes with taking out funding from a bank.

"I'm so happy I got together with them. They have been very kind, and they understand where I'm coming from. They like my business plan and they could see my vision, and they see it as an opportunity to put something like this into Moosomin. At the end of the day, it's all about building the community.

"While we were waiting for financing and waiting for a designer, my Mom and I were talking about what we wanted to do inside, and we ended up doing the work ourselves, which in my opinion is the best thing that could have happened, because I built a wonderful working friendship/relationship with my Mom. I've learned more about my brother, and moved from being a brother to being a friend, and having a new relationship with my Dad and Yvonne. Once you're an adult you develop a new relationship with your parents. It's been great to be close to family again.

"My friend and partner Joel Sopp has been doing a great job with the marketing. My friends and family all contributed something toward making the restaurant what it is now.

"Your work with the community, building the community was a really big selling point for me to move back to Moosomin. I saw the shop local campaign in the Spectator where you had all the local businesses and how many jobs they add to the community. That really impressed me. That's what it's all about. That community focus is what I remember as a child and I want to give that to my son too. I just happen to have a skill set that allows me to open up a business and be part of this community. And maybe that's why I was so welcomed when I came back, people are always reminded here how important local businesses are."

## Plans in the works since 2017

Slugoski started working on the plan for the restaurant in late 2017.

"It's exciting to be starting this. I've always had the idea of doing this. I didn't want to do this for someone else forever. You get to a point where you have to move on to your own ideals and how you want to present the model of service to some-



Jarrod Slugoski is excited about opening his new restaurant, Cork and Bone, in Moosomin.

one.

"There were positive and negatives in my life that led to this decision, but this is absolutely the best decision I've made in my life. For Oliver, it's great. He gets to be around his grandparents any day he wants now. He's just thriving, being in a community where everyone knows him."

Moving back to Moosomin hasn't been a big adjustment.

"I lived on a mountaintop, so driving to Brandon is the same distance as driving from Lake Louise to Canmore. If I drive to Virden, that's like driving to Banff. Driving to Regina is like driving to Calgary. And actually I timed it—for me to walk from my place where I'm living on Broadway to the door is the exact same amount of time it took me to walk from my apartment to my place of business at Lake Louise.

"I'm a little nervous. I think there has been a massive build up of expectation. We want to do a very good job, but I'm wondering what people's expectations are. Everyone thinks of it as a fine dining restaurant. It may feel like that, but people think of that as expensive. It's not meant to be expensive, it's meant to be experience dining, which is the evolution of dining now. People are savvy, people have travelled, you have a lot of smart diners out there, so it puts a lot of pressure to meet those expectations. People seem to be excited about our restaurant, there's a bit of a buzz, so that's good to see."

## Staff in place

Slugoski has his team in place for Cork and Bone. "I have my whole team in place now. Rod, our chef, was working in Waskesieu, and looked like a good fit. Brad is the second in command, he lives in White-wood. Charlie is a dad with two kids. He was a manager of the Jollibee chain. As a happy accident, the staff is very diverse and everyone has a good skill set to bring to the table."

Slugoski said he learned a lot in the process of opening the restaurant.

"Everything came together. I went into it being very naive in terms of how much time it takes to get things completed, and how one thing leads to other things. For example I decided to raise the drop ceiling to give the room more height, but then there's a lot of wiring and stuff under there that needs to be cleaned up, so everything took a little longer than we expected. I learned a lot as we got things set up."

## Hopes for restaurant

What are Slugoski's hopes for the restaurant? "I want to educate people that an evening of food and beverage can be just as much fun as going out and having a couple of drinks with your friends, or going out and having late-night coffee. I'm just offering another alternative. I think

people will be happy to have an alternative place to go and have dinner. Dining doesn't have to be formal anymore, it's more about getting together with people and enjoying yourselves.

"I'm happy to be able to provide another option for people. If this is going to be the town that grows over the next 25 years, I just want to be part of it."

He said he has had a warm welcome back to the community.

"Moosomin is so open to new things. It's fun to see the way the town has expanded. It's pretty liberal in the way it has opened its arms to so many new things. Everyone I've met and talked to has been very positive and wants me to succeed," he says. "People seem to want to be part of what I'm doing. It's still a little surreal seeing people again after so long. I've taken Oliver around and shown him a few of the places I used to go, and the things I used to do when I was growing up—it's nice to be able to do that. I get a rush of nostalgia when I walk into a place like the Moosehead, because I used to spend a lot of my summers there, and walking back into the high school."

He said setting up the new business has been an amazing experience. "I never thought I would be a painter and a contractor and a carpenter, but it was nice to

see how everything came together," he says.

The menu will feature locally sourced ingredients.

"It's a smaller menu and it's based on what's available from Fletcher's because they are just beginning their commercial offering. For the people of Moosomin, they will be able to come often and see that the menu is always changing and evolving.

"I like the idea of the menu always changing because people won't just have their two or three favorites and that's it—they will always have new things to try. If my kitchen is as engaged as I hope they will be, I want to offer three-course meal offerings on weekends for special events, and special menus."

The restaurant will feature a wine list that Slugoski hopes will grow over time. Wine tasting events were held to determine what wines are popular locally.

Cork and Bone will be open Monday to Friday for lunch and dinner, but will be open weekends for parties and special events. Reservations are recommended.

Slugoski says he considers himself lucky that the opportunity for the restaurant came up and he was able to move home.

"I'm really fortunate, my home town where I grew up, I got lucky and there was an opportunity here. I'm so fortunate."

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# McLellan sees many business issues this election

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce president Steve McLellan says there are many business issues he would like to see the parties address in the federal election, and the Chamber has been working hard to get that message to the party leaders.

"We circulated to the leaders our 'Vote Prosperity' platform," he said. "Market access is still the number one issue," he said. "It's a critical issue for us. We need to be able to get oil east and west and we need a regulatory environment that encourages that, and we need federal leadership to make sure it happens."

"Indigenous engagement is also a huge issue for us as well as an opportunity for Saskatchewan as a province. We need clarity around duty to consult so that it's not a burden for economic partnerships."

"Intergovernmental cooperation is important for Saskatchewan and every province. We're hopeful that whoever wins will find a way to find common ground and forget their party stripes and remember their federal or provincial responsibilities. We need our federal and provincial governments to be able to work together. Anything from mental health to addictions to Indigenous engagement to health care to infrastructure have provincial and federal components, so they need to make sure they can work together and move forward."

He said that expanding trade deals to include more countries is also important.

"Market diversification is critical," he said. "Agriculture needs access to more global markets. That's absolutely critical."

"We have become too reliant on the U.S., China, and India markets. Those are the big three globally, and I get that, but we also need to find other markets, like the old mixed farmers did. If they weren't making money in pigs they were making money in chickens and if they weren't making money in chickens they had other revenue streams. With our exports, we need to develop more revenue streams."

"We need trade deals, and we need more money for groups like the Saskatchewan Trade Export Partnership to get to those markets."

He said he would also like to see the parties come up with a plan to treat regions fairly in economic diversification funding.

"In innovation support, all regional economic development agencies across the country are not treated equally," he said. "The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in the east, for example, gets a lot more funding per capita than Western Economic Diversification. We need consistent support across the country and we're not getting that now."

He said taxation is a big issue for businesses.

"On taxation, we've called, with the Canadian Chamber, for a Royal Commission to review our tax system to make sure it's more streamlined, it's more

productive, focused on enhancing both productivity of business and individuals by not being regressive. We shouldn't be taxing growth. We've got decades and decades of patchwork tax law that makes no sense. Make it simple.

"Lastly, we think there needs to be work done on workforce development, Employment Insurance and all the work that it's done needs to be much more focused. Good work has been done but there are federal rules that don't make much sense for Saskatchewan and quite frankly we're not getting our fair share of the EI dollars on any metric."

He said the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has been meeting with candidates and party leaders to highlight the issues it thinks are important this election.

"I've met with Andrew Scheer, we've met with Ralph Goodale many times, we've circulated the 'Vote Prosperity' platform to all the federal leaders as well as to some of the candidates we thought would have some influence on their party platform."

"There are new rules this year from Elections Canada. You couldn't buy advertising without registering which is a bit convoluted, so we're not doing any advertising this election, but after the election, we will be in Ottawa with other chambers and representatives of Saskatchewan business meeting with the ministers, the prime minister, the people in the PMO. Whether it's a Liberal or Conservative government, there will be new people in some of the senior positions and we will be extensively engaged with the new government soon after the election."

He said he believes the federal parties are paying attention to business issues.

"They are paying attention to business. The Conservatives have just announced they will roll back some of the income



Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve McLellan

tax changes that the Liberals made last fall, and that's very encouraging. The Liberals haven't been as directly engaged. They've offered a program for business startups and grant funding

and things like that. We're a bit lukewarm to that. The Liberals are very concerned about the environment, as are we all, however I think they think businesses won't vote for them because of our

disdain for the carbon tax. People just want different things done, not the carbon tax right now."

What is the single most important thing McLellan would like to see from politicians this election?

"The single most important thing is they start to respect the intelligence of the voter," he said.

"The rhetoric we've seen, the messaging around why the other guys are terrible has come to an all-time high, and I think it's disrespectful. It's disrespectful to the intelligence of Canadians. It's disrespectful to each other, but they clearly don't care about that. We should have a law that says no candidate can speak about what the other party did or is doing, they can only speak about what they are doing themselves."

"I believe you have to treat candidates as applicants to a job. When someone comes in and applies for

a job in your company you don't let them tell you how bad the other candidates are, they can only talk about their own qualifications and why they're able to do the job well. Every MP is applying for a job. Let's let them talk about how good they're going to be and what they would do in that role, not how terrible the other candidate is."

"We've gone so far on that, we have parties spending all their time talking about what the other guys did wrong instead of what they're going to do to set it right. That's the only thing that really matters."

"If there was one thing I would tell all of them, it's clean up the rhetoric, be more positive so you can engage the people who are disengaged from the electoral process, and treat the Canadian people with a degree of intelligence much higher than they are doing today."

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# Ethan Bear given a chance to shine with Oilers

Ethan Bear of Ochapowace First Nation has made the Edmonton Oilers roster this fall and averaged about 20 minutes of playing time a game in the first six games of the season, up to Oct. 14.

Bear, just 22, played a career-high 23:52 on 28 shifts Thursday, October 10 in New Jersey. It was his play behind the Oilers net, stripping the puck from a Devil and sending a quick pass to Connor McDavid, that set up Edmonton's first goal of the game.

"He's such a smart player, very confident with the puck," said fellow D-man Darnell Nurse. "With that confidence and his patience, he's stepped in and played great so far. It's been fun. As we play more and more together we get more comfortable as a pair. He's done really well so far."

Bear never expected to be counted on to hold up half of Edmonton's top blue line pairing, but he's holding it up well so far.

"I can't be complacent or satisfied, I still have to work on my game and help Doc (Nurse) out as much as I can," Bear said, adding he isn't sure what clicked for him on the ice.

"I really don't know, honestly. Just staying composed maybe, working hard, staying focused, making sure I'm ready every practice. That's really it."

He credits his time in the AHL (89 games of it over



Ethan Bear in action with the Edmonton Oilers.

two years) for helping him grow into the player he is now.

"Just the experience," he said. "There are good players in the minors, too. You get put in different situations and you experience different plays and from your mistakes, you learn that you can't make those mistakes again, especially up here. I think just playing games, honestly."

Opportunity knocked for Bear on Sept. 25, when Oilers head coach Dave Tippett, from Moosomin, approached Bear at a pre-season practice.

"I skated up to him this morning. I said, 'Knock,

knock. Opportunity waits,'" Tippett said.

Bear had 31 points in 52 games last season for the AHL's Bakersfield Condors.

He didn't get into every game because of a shoulder injury. Bear also says he didn't take his conditioning seriously enough until this summer.

"Just trying to take care of myself away from the rink. When I'm here, make sure I'm focused and ready go to," said Bear, who got into 18 games for the Oilers at the end of the 2017/18 season.

After Tippett's message, Bear burst through Tip-

pet's figurative closed door and grabbed his fate by the reins, exploding onto the scene with two goals and three blocks to highlight a solid two-way performance in the Oilers' 5-3 win over the Winnipeg Jets in a pre-season game.

Not surprisingly after that, Bear made the roster.

In one of his best games so far, Bear posted an assist and two blocked shots in the Oilers Oct. 12 4-1 win over the New York Rangers.

Bear grew up at Ochapowace First Nation

watching his older brother play hockey with the OCN Blizzard in the MJHL.

Coached by his dad through minor hockey, Bear spent much of his childhood at the rink and credits his family with his love of hockey and his success.

He says it was always a dream of his to play higher level hockey, and that dream came within reach in 2015 when he was selected 124th overall in the 2015 NHL Draft by the Edmonton Oilers.

Bear played 18 games with the Oilers in the 2017-

18 NHL season, earning one goal and three assists that season.

Oilers coach Dave Tippett was born and raised in Moosomin and has been an NHL coach since 2002 after a playing career from 1983-1995 that included the Hartford Whalers, Washington Capitals, Pittsburgh Penguins, and Philadelphia Flyers.

Tippett coached the Houston Aeros, LA Kings, Dallas Stars, and Arizona Coyotes before becoming the head coach of the Edmonton Oilers this year.

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# The Sound of Music coming to Moosomin

Four performances of the musical are planned for November 8-10 in Moosomin

BY KARA KINNA

The Conexus MCC Centre in Moosomin will be alive with The Sound of Music this November.

Creative Vision Productions will present four productions of The Sound of Music November 8, 9, and 10 at the Conexus Centre. (See ad on page 12 for ticket purchase details.)

This marks the fifth musical produced by Creative Vision Productions, which has presented Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Les Miserables, The Music Man, and Into the Woods.

The heart and soul of Creative Vision Productions are Sandra Poole and Sherrie Meredith, and this year, Raven Wood, one of the original founders of the group along with Sandra and Sherrie, will also be helping out from Brandon, Manitoba with set design.

A lot of children are involved in the musical.

"The Sound of Music has lots of kids in it and a wonderful nuns' chorus of beautiful singing, and it's different," says Sandra. "We haven't done much showcasing of kids."

"I love that The Sound of Music is a classic," adds Sherrie. "I don't know anyone who doesn't know The Sound of Music and it has an

appeal to young and old, and I think that it will be fun to try and put our own spin on the classic piece of theatre."

The pair say that they are looking forward to involving a lot of local talent in the performance once again.

"We're always looking for crew," says Sandra.

"We need people on stage and behind stage, and there are sets to build, props to find, desserts to organize, and we have people that we do call on and are really great, but we want to add to the family whenever we can," says Sherrie.

As always, with productions of this size, the pair say the more hands the better.

"I would say it takes close to 100 people to pull it all together, and there is the band too and all the backstage people," says Sherrie. "I would say close to 100, especially if you include all the people that so generously donate desserts and all those facets as well."

While the show takes place in November, spring and summer is when all of the prep work gets underway.

"On my end of things, I meet with the people that are on set design and we get started with that in the spring

so that we have the summer to start getting the pieces that we need," says Sherrie.

"Our costume people are always on us," says Sandra. "We need to tell them in January what our show is, because they want to dream. As do our hair and makeup people. They love to know so that they can dream and put their own spin on it as well."

"Often we practice with soloists over the summer," says Sherrie.

"Then on my end, I look at the band scores," says Sandra. "Sometimes I rewrite parts because some things call for French horns and we don't have them, so we rewrite it for trumpets. I just want to make sure that whatever voicing we have in the band we have community members that can do that. Sometimes I rearrange things."

"We do all the planning in the summer so that we hit the ground running in the fall."

While it's a lot of work to put on productions of this size, both Sandra and Sherrie say it's totally worth it to be involved.

"We have kind of formed a community over the years, and a community of people who love to perform or sing

or who love to act, and it just gives them another opportunity to do that," says Sandra.

"I think it's fun, it's a great creative outlet, and it allows us to showcase all of the talent that is in this area," says Sherrie. "It is amazing. It

blows me away every time, and the fact that it is all here—like the band is here, the singers are here. We're not hiring out of universities or anything like that. This is raw, and it's genuine, and it's amazing."

"I really feel that is a drawing card for a community," adds Sandra. "For the people who want to come and see it, because they know these local people and they are like 'I didn't know you could do that.'"



Cast members rehearse for The Sound of Music at a practice on Monday, October 14. The Sound of Music is coming to Moosomin November 8, 9, and 10 with four performances at the Conexus MCC Centre.

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The curling rink where keynote speakers presented. Craig Kielburger is on stage.

# Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference held in Watrous

BY SHAYNA ZUBKO

The 2019 Saskatchewan Student Leadership Conference (SSLC) was held in Watrous, Sask. A thousand students from around the province and over 150 teacher advisors descended on the town and Manitou Springs Resort. Eleven students from Esterhazy High School from grade 8-12 were in attendance. The theme of the conference was "Take Action," a message to the youth of Saskatchewan to show kindness and make positive change in every way possible around them.

The beginning of the conference was a fun-filled day of getting students introduced to their host town of Watrous via a parade down Main Street which was closed for the thousand-plus participants. Then students saw their first keynote speaker, Houston Kraft. Houston is a professional

speaker, leadership consultant, and kindness advocate who speaks at schools, conferences, and events internationally. He is the co-founder of Character Strong, an organization that works to create more compassionate cultures in schools and communities. Houston shared a message of encouraging kindness through sharing compliments and random acts of kindness.

Tyler Durman was the second keynote speaker who offered his wisdom through laughter and storytelling to the audience. Again, it was a message of kindness, shared through a story of a public speaking experience where in order to gain unity and combat racism and indifference, he used one student as an example to have others understand kindness. The powerful message shared with students asked them

to take action and show others the kindness they themselves want to feel.

Students were able to participate in breakout sessions that included succulent planting, swimming, drama, self defence, leadership building or photography.

Craig Kielburger is one of the founders of a family of organizations dedicated to the power of WE, a movement of people coming together to change the world. The WE charity organization has worked to develop schools and colleges to lift people out of poverty. Craig discussed what it means to take action with the students and to have them work together to create positive change in the world. Craig's story is inspiring, since he started working to create change as a 12-year-old. Since then, over 1,500 schools have been built and one million people were lifted out of poverty.

The very last act of the conference was to have students and advisors participate in acts of community service. Students were divided into different groups based on the colour of their t-shirts and then sent throughout the community of Watrous which had hosted them for three days. Community service included cleaning off gardens for the food bank, washing windows, picking weeds, painting benches, raking leaves, visiting senior citizens and writing them cards. The elementary school students also benefited from the community service, as 150 leadership students matched up with the 150 students of the school and together as partners made a craft. The community overall was thrilled and excited to have students give back to those who hosted them and was a great example of how to "take action."



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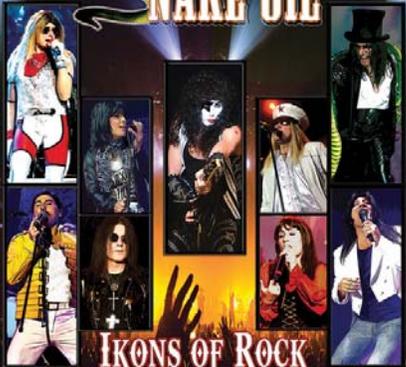
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"Rooster," he said. "Name's Joe."

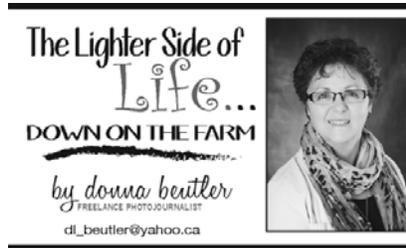
It was our first night back on the farm this fall —our son and his family's farm to be technical— where we often stay in our camper during harvest. It was late August and after our first day in the field, having combined a whole 23 acres of peas, we had settled into our temporary home just before the rain started to fall.

"Joe? A rooster?" I said. "There are no roosters here!" Yeah, well apparently that spring chick order for 26 laying hens included a little surprise in the form of a rooster, one that starts crowing early in the morning, as roosters tend to do. Since I am a guest on the farm, I did not suggest chicken and dumplings for supper. I suspect however that my daughter-in-law has maybe wondered the exact same thing.

With any luck, we hoped, the weather would smarten up and we would be back harvesting soon, and though our camping spot is not quite like the one we had at the lake over the summer, we are comfortable enough—the view not of lake and trees but rather the barn and corals. But it's a good view because it reminds us of the life we so love. Did I say love? Possibly that word wasn't how we were quite feeling after rain shut us down on each of the two or three harvest days that we had over a 10-day stretch.

"Wow," I said to our twin grandsons (now eight) one evening, "two days and 100 acres, not good for this time of year." Without missing a beat, two voices responded with the same exact words at the same exact time: "Three days. 120 acres." "Men of few words, just like their dad," I thought to myself. "Well, that puts us at nearly 5% complete," I said as they told me where they had been combining and on which days they had been riding along with their dad. All I could think of was that I haven't even done my first meal-in-the-field yet and the days are getting very short.

The twins gave a slight re-cap of the day, happy I think to be on the farm and not at school. "Grandpa plugged his combine, he's been down all day" one said. "Semi broke down too," said the other. "Had to get Uncle's grain truck," they continued, "and the auger broke" they



said. I must have had a bit of a pained look in my face at all this depressing information but they quickly assured me, "it was our auger, though, not Grandpa's." I laughed. An auger down is an auger down but they did their best to make it sound not so bad.

With the intermittent rain and no need to run from town to the farm as often, I needed some things to do to fill up my days, though my days were a little crazy with seven kids around during the latter part of August. One was in a cast, one was sick with the flu and one was a tad homesick for mom. Some farm wives might find themselves in the kitchen creating make-ahead freezer meals for the field or perhaps baking up a storm. Me? I gravitate more readily to my shop where my saw and tools await me or to the yard to undertake some project I have envisioned. This of course between diaper changes, snack times and several reminders to tone it down so the neighbours don't report us.

On this particular day, with seven children underfoot, I decided to cut a two-foot square of lawn, six inches deep, out of my backyard lawn, ready for the installation of fire bricks for an eventual fire pit. I was pleased with the result and threw the strips of sod into the kids' wagon with a plan to finish laying the bricks the following day and dispose of the sod strips.

The next morning, in the calmest voice ever, I heard my husband say (as he pulled back the curtains), "Why is there a hole in our lawn?" I'm thinking he is probably pretty used to me doing my own thing because he had

zero reaction other than to ask the question and exit the house, headed for the field. I am almost certain he didn't even hear my answer.

The story of the lawn sort of progressed from there. The grandkids, unbeknownst to me, took the strips of sod that I had not yet disposed of and laid them side by side on the slide platform of the play centre.

"Wow," I said to them when I saw their workmanship, "that looks really nice!" The entire platform, approximately three-feet square, was covered in sod. Then it struck me—how could they have had enough sod from a two-foot square to cover a three-foot square wooden platform? Indeed, they had more sod than I had ever dug out. And sure enough, as I looked across the yard I spotted a number of missing gaps of lawn, all freshly dug out. I guess you could say they're innovative if nothing else.

As I made supper that day I kept hearing a hammering sound but in my haste to make the most perfect, tastiest meal ever (as if), I paid no attention until I went to oversee the reseeded of the most recently dug sod strips. And there, to my surprise, were three youngsters hard at work hammering the sod down with three and a half inch spikes.

"This is in case of a tornado," the twins said. "Yeah, the grass will never blow away," their seven-year-old cousin chimed in. I didn't bother mentioning that the grass will simply brown off and die, though Mrs. S from next door (retired teacher) would have used it as a 'teachable moment' I'm sure—you know, about roots and growth and nutrients and such. I guess it's just as well that I didn't explain how the grass would just die because now, two and a half weeks later, that grass on the play centre is still as green as the day it was dug!

And so the days have gone by, the kids are back in school, the combines sit (mostly) idle and I am imagining the feel of the sun beating down on us, the dust blowing across the fields as the combines roll, and the grain pouring into the combine hopper. Sunsets, tailgate suppers, ride-alongs on the combine for the kids—and hope—hope for a yet-to-be-harvest, safety for my guys (well all of us and all of you farmer readers too of course), a few laughs along the way, and a journey towards my favourite word for this time of year —done!

## Buyers welcome modest growth in farmland values

BY OWEN ROBERTS  
One might think a drop in average farmland values would cause at least some grief for an ag realtor like Saskatchewan's Tim Hammond.

But that's not the case. In fact, it's not even close.

Earlier this month, FCC reported farmland values across Canada have continued tapering off during the first half of 2019.

FCC says the national average for farmland values fell from a 6.6 per cent increase in 2018 to a three per cent increase in the first half this year.

And FCC expects the trend to continue through the rest of the year.

"There might be some minor market adjustments along the way, but the days of sharp increases in farmland values have been replaced by more modest

growth," said J.P. Gervais, FCC's chief agricultural economist.

**SURPRISING RIPPLE EFFECT FROM PRICED CALMING**  
Some might expect modest growth to mean modest sales activity, too.

But at Biggar-based Hammond Realty, one of the country's biggest farm real estate companies, Tim Hammond and his eight sales agents have realized a flurry of buying activity since the price calming.

They've charted \$150 million in sales this year, with a full quarter still to go. That beats the previous record of \$140 million, and represents a significant increase over 2018, when sales reached \$100 million.

"Buyers are entering the market now that sellers have stopped testing the waters with prices," Hammond says. "Sellers are

motivated and, as a result, buyers feel like they have more negotiating power than they did a couple of

years ago when there was very little land for sale.

Back then, he says, his firm had 10 buyers for ev-

ery farm. So, there wasn't much negotiating going on.

"Now the number of buyers and sellers is more

balanced, and they're asking us to help broker a fair deal," he says.

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# USask scientist awarded food innovation prize

Leon Kochian, Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) at the University of Saskatchewan (USask), has won the 2019 Arrell Global Food Innovation Award for "global excellence in food innovation."

Adjudicated by internationally recognized scientists, the award from the Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph recognizes global research leaders who have made exceptionally significant contributions to scientific understanding that will improve food security for the planet. The award carries a \$100,000 cash prize.

Kochian, associate director of the USask Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) and a faculty member in the USask plant sciences and soil science departments of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, is internationally recognized for cutting-edge plant root systems research that aims to improve crop yields. His goal is to breed crops with healthier, more efficient root systems that can grow successfully in less fertile soils.

"This award recognizes the kind of scientific excellence that is needed more than ever to overcome the daunting global challenge of feeding 9.7-billion people by 2050," said USask Vice-President Research Karen Chad. "With Leon Kochian's research pre-eminence and leadership, supported by the Global Institute for Food Security and our dynamic food security research cluster, we are poised to provide transformative and sustainable



Leon Kochian is the Canada Excellence Research Chair in Global Food Security and Associate Director, Global Institute for Food Security at Usask.

research solutions to help feed a growing world."

As lead for the roots-soil-microbiome research area at GIFS, Kochian's work focuses on improving crop yields by understanding the interactions between roots, the soil they live in, and the micro-organisms in the soil.

"Leon's expertise and leadership in roots and soil research

is increasingly valuable in a world with a growing population threatened by critical issues of soil quality and fertility," said Steven Webb, executive director and chief executive officer of GIFS. "This well-deserved award will help shine more light on the important work he does to help improve crop yields for developed and developing nations."

One of the world's most highly

cited scientific researchers, Kochian has been elected to the Agricultural Research Service Hall of Fame and was included on the Thomson Reuters' 2018 list of the World's Most Influential Scientific Research Minds.

Kochian joined USask in 2016 from Cornell University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to lead the USask CERC program aimed at improving global food

production.

Kochian's team uses the Canadian Light Source, a national research facility of USask, and other state-of-the-art imaging tools, along with the latest computer technology, to digitize desired crop traits (known as phenotypes) and link them to specific genes in a searchable database. This innovative approach enables tailored design and breeding of root systems to specific agro-environments for crops including wheat, barley, lentils and canola.

"Saskatchewan is attracting global attention in food security research at its world-class institutes, helping to solve the challenge of feeding a growing world," said Kochian. "I appreciate this award from the Arrell Food Institute and recognize the support and contributions of my colleagues to this work."

"Dr. Kochian is the kind of scientific innovator the world needs to meet the great challenges of the 21st century to insure a safe, sustainable and healthy good system for everyone," said Evan Fraser, Director of the Arrell Food Institute. "We hope his leadership in the research space inspires many others to take on these food security problems."

The award ceremony will be held December 3 at the Arrell Food Summit in Toronto. Kochian will be featured in a panel discussing strategies needed to develop food systems to feed the world's growing population in a sustainable, healthy and equitable way.

# Hunters strongly urged to get deer heads tested for CWD

The Ministry of Environment – in partnership with the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) – is encouraging hunters to submit the heads of all deer, moose, elk and caribou harvested this hunting season for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. CWD is a fatal, infectious central nervous system disease in cervids that has no known cure.

In particular, hunters in wildlife management zones (WMZs) 9, 10, 2W, 35 (north of Highway 1, east of Highway 9 and south of Highway 22) and 37 (North of Highway 22, including Melville, Esterhazy and Langenburg areas) are strongly urged to submit all mule deer and white-tailed deer heads for testing.

Long-term monitoring sites are being established in these zones to obtain more information about the presence and spread of the disease in certain areas of the province. The ministry is hoping to collect at least 300 samples in each of these targeted zones to more accurately assess changes in the disease and help guide future management options.

The ministry is also

looking for submissions in the boreal transition zone to help evaluate CWD risk to caribou (WMZs 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 67).

"Hunters play an important role in supporting wildlife health, and submitted more than 2,000 heads for CWD testing last year," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Understanding how this disease spreads is critical in evaluating potential population impacts, and in developing disease management plans."

"The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation will manage a number of drop-off sites this year to help augment the ministry program," SWF Executive Director Darrell Crabbe said. "Monitoring CWD in the province is beneficial for hunters, and an important indicator in managing our wildlife resources."

CWD was discovered in provincial game farm animals in 1996. It transitioned to wild mule deer in 2000, and is now found in deer, elk and moose in 48 of Saskatchewan's 83 WMZs. With the help of hunters, the ministry has been monitoring the

spread and intensity of CWD for more than 20 years.

Hunters can help reduce the spread of CWD to new areas of the province by properly disposing of animal carcass waste.

It is best to field dress and quarter the carcass in the field instead of transporting it from the area

where the animal was taken, especially from areas where CWD has been detected.

Although no human case of CWD has ever been identified, the ministry strongly recommends that hunters avoid eating the meat until they receive their test results.

In addition, hunters are strongly urged not to eat,

or distribute for human consumption, the meat or other parts from animals that are found to be CWD-positive.

Prior to dropping off heads, please get your CWD Tracking Number and keep that number with you. Heads can be

submitted for testing at a number of designated drop-off locations across the province throughout the hunting season. For a list of drop-off sites and information on how to submit a sample for testing, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/cwd](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/cwd).

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**FIVE PROVINCES REPORT LOWER INCREASES**  
The FCC report said British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec showed lower increases from 2018. Manitoba was the only province showing a slightly higher increase.

Publicly reported transactions in four Atlantic provinces have yet to be reviewed and assessed.

In Ontario, Don Kabbe, general manager of Great Lakes Grain in Chatham, says weather took some of the steam out of land prices there.

"Ontario has been hit with a challenging growing season with delayed planting and less heat this summer, resulting in lower than expected crop yields," Kabbe says. "It's slowed from the high of 2011-2015."

**ONTARIO FARMERS EXPECTED PRICES TO STAY THE SAME OR RISE**  
How does all this compare to farmers' expectations?

Brady Deaton Jr. at the University of Guelph, who holds the McCain Family Chair in Food Security, polled Ontario farmers about their perceptions regarding changing farmland prices in 2019.

Almost half of the respondents thought prices would stay the same, while nearly 30 per cent



thought they would increase.

"I suspect that farmer expectations we picked up in our survey result from a general sense that the rapid appreciation of farmland values in the past must be reconciled with moderate changes in the near future," Deaton says.

For his part, Gervais urges producers to prepare for unpredictable circumstances by maintaining a risk management plan but remaining focused on the big picture.

"Demand for Canadian

agricultural products is projected to remain strong at home and abroad in 2019-20, so there is a long-term positive future in agriculture," Gervais says.

**Bottom line**  
Sharp increases in Canadian farmland values has been replaced by more modest growth. Experts say sellers are motivated and buyers feel like they have more negotiating power. Overall, producers should be prepared for unpredictable circumstances with a risk management plan.

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**Combines & Headers**

2004 Case IH 2388, s/n JJC0275308, 2015 14 ft hdr, s/n CAB006787, Swathmaster P/U, reverser, VSR, auto HHC, F&A, rock trap, auger camera, grain tank exts, chaff spreader, chopper, 30.5Lx32 F, 14.9x24 R, 1736 sep hrs showing.

2004 Case IH 2388, s/n JJC0275312, 2015 14 ft hdr, s/n CAB006791, Swathmaster P/U, reverser, VSR, auto HHC, F&A, rock trap, auger ext, auger camera, grain tank exts, chaff spreader, chopper, 30.5Lx32 F, 14.9x24 R, 1769 sep hrs showing.

2004 Case IH 2042 30 Ft, s/n CCC00013010, to fit 88 series combine, P/U reel, hyd F&A, factory transport.

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**Swathers**

2011 Case IH WD1203 30 Ft, s/n YAG663796, hds/s/n YAZB01251, factory transport, P/U reel, F&A, ctr del, Trimble Compensator, Trimble EZ-Steer auto steer, 600/65R28 F, 14Lx16.1 R, 722 hrs showing.

2006 Case IH WDX1202 30 Ft, s/n HCA041249, DHZ302 hds, s/n 152B00370, factory transport, P/U reel, F&A, dbl knife drive, Trimble Compensator, Trimble receiver, Trimble EZ-Steer auto steer, 18.4R26 F, 14Lx16.1 R, 664 hrs showing.

**Trucks**

2009 Mack CXU613 Sleeper T/A, s/n 1M1AW0729N004582, MP8, 485 hp, Eaton Fuller 18 spd, diff lock, A/R cab, A/R susp, 12000 lb ft, 40000 lb rears, 210 in. WB, 48 in. sleeper, alum wheels, 1,021,591 km showing.

2009 Mack CXU613 Sleeper T/A, s/n 1M1AW0739N004574, MP8, 485 hp, Eaton Fuller 18 spd, diff lock, A/R cab, A/R susp, 12000 lb ft, 40000 lb rears, 210 in. WB, 48 in. sleeper, alum wheels, 1,068,691 km showing.

1979 GMC 700 S/A Grain, s/n T17DB9V612949, 366 V8, 5x2, spring susp, 7000 lb ft, 17000 lb rears, PTO, Grainmaster 16 ft steel box, hoist, roll tarp, 73,185 km showing.

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**Grain Trailers**

2015 Maurer 38 Ft T/A, s/n 57CKG3822F5000082, spring susp, roll tarp, side chutes.

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**Seeding, Tillage & Breaking**

2006 Seed Hawk 48.5 Ft Air Drill, s/n 261575, 10 in. spacing, dbl shoot, liquid fert kit, 4 in. pneu packers, 397 bu on board tank, sgl fan, 8 in. load auger, 2 in tank cameras, Trimble auto rate, 5 sec ctrl, Devlo roto mud scrapers, blockage monitors.

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2003 Brandt SB4000 100 Ft Field, s/n 73111, hyd pump, 1350 gal poly tank, chem mix tank, foam markers, dbl nozzle bodies, fence row nozzles, rinse tank, 5 sec boom ctrl, Morac auto boom, Brandt controller, 480/80R46.

**NH3 Equipment**

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1994 New Holland 9030



2011 American 24 Ft



1976 John Deere 4430 & 1991 John Deere 535



2003 Maverick 20 Ft



1991 Prowler Regal 29 Ft

**Directions:** From **WAWOTA, SK**, at the Jct of Hwy 48 & Grid 603 go 9.5 km (5.9 miles) South, then 6.4 km (4 miles) West on Christopher Trail Road, then 6.1 km (3.8 miles) South on Cannington Lake Rd OR From **CARLYLE, SK**, at the Jct of Hwy 9 North & Hwy 13, go 11.8 km (7.3 miles) East, then 16 km (10 miles) North on Rg Rd 2015 (Cannington Lake Rd). Yard on West side **GPS:** 49.7583619, -102.1216136  
**Legal Land Description:** SE 30-09-01 W2

**Tractors**

**1994 New Holland 9030 Bi-Directional**, s/n D200785, 7414 ldr, bkt, grapple, 1 hyd outlet, 3 pt hitch, eng end: 3 hyd outlets 1000 PTO, 16.9x28, 11,758 hrs showing.  
**1976 John Deere 4430 2WD**, s/n 4430W056141R, 139 hp, synchro shift, diff lock, 2 hyd outlets, 540/1000 PTO, rear wheel weights, 11.00x16 F, 18.4x38 R, 8932 hrs showing.  
**1965 John Deere 4020 2WD**, s/n SNT223R092103R, 148 ldr, bkt, grapple, 8 spd synchro shift, 2 hyd outlets, 540/1000 PTO, rear wheel weights, 11.00x16 F, 18.4x34 R, 17,744 hrs showing.  
**1965 International 504 2WD**, s/n 12891, diesel, FEL, bkt, 4 spd, 2 hyd outlets, 540 PTO, custombuilt 3 pt hitch, rear wheel weights, 7.5x16 F, 18.4x26 R.

**Trucks & Trailers**

**1972 Chevrolet C50 S/A Grain**, s/n CCE532V131252, 350 V8, 4x2, spring susp, PTO, 15 ft steel box, hoist, roll tarp, 64,692 miles showing.  
**2003 Maverick 20 Ft x 7 Ft T/A Gooseneck Aluminum Stock**, s/n 4A2LG202X32009630.  
**2011 American 24 Ft T/A V Nose Enclosed**, s/n 5N6200L2381031199, (2) 5000 lb axles.

**Seeding, Tillage & Breaking**

**Morris CP-631 37 Ft Cultivator**, s/n 8619, 12 in. spacing, harrows, Renn 5505 35 Ft Cultivator, s/n 131314, 12 in. spacing, liquid fert kit, harrows.  
**Custombuilt 14 Ft Cultivator**, 12 in. spacing, 3 bar harrows.  
**Morris Rangler II 60 Ft Harrow Packer**, s/n 6094, (Consignment from the Estate of Robert Eisler. Contact Kevin Ortt: 306.451.7388)  
**1981 Morris 56-HDR Harrows**, s/n 1029, 10 in. tines.

**1974 Degelman R570S Rock Picker**, s/n 7033, 540 PTO.  
**Haying Equipment**  
**Morris 880 Hydraulic Bale Mover**, s/n 1173, hyd driven, RH P/U, 8 bale cap.  
**McCormick 8 Ft Hay Rake**, ground driven, side del.  
**New Holland 56 8 Ft Hay Rake**, s/n 35815, ground driven, side del.

**Balers**

**1991 John Deere 535 Round**, s/n E00535X900684, 540 PTO, monitor.  
**1992 New Holland 660 Round**, s/n 879419, 540 PTO, monitor. (Consignment from the Estate of Robert Eisler. Contact Kevin Ortt: 306.451.7388)

**Grain Bins**

**Lode King LKB1474E 1900s Bushel Epoxy Lined Hopper**, on skid.  
**Buffer Valley Ind Hopper.**

**Grain Handling Equipment**

**1989 Sakundiak HD10-1800 10 in. x 59 Ft Grain Auger**, s/n 45458, 540 PTO, reverser, hyd lift.  
**1978 Sakundiak HD7-37 7 in. x 37 Ft Grain Auger**, s/n 22318, Kohler, elec start, elec winch.  
**Prairie Built Seed Tender**, 2 compt.

**Agricultural Equipment**

**2006 Silver Lake 6 Way Hydraulic Post Pounder**, s/n 350967100D5, 540 PTO, 2 wheel, post carrier.  
**5 CY Pull Scraper**. (Consignment from the Estate of Robert Eisler. Contact Kevin Ortt: 306.451.7388)

**Custombuilt Hydraulic Feed Spreader**, hyd drive.  
**Custombuilt Skid Mounted Pit Digger**, hyd drive.  
**Truck Box Trailer.**

**Livestock Equipment**

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**Snow Equipment**

**1976 Schulte 90 In.**, s/n 1714-76, 1000 PTO, hyd chute, to fit John Deere 4430 2WD.  
**Toro 824 24 In. Snow Blower**, Briggs & Stratton.

**Recreational Vehicles**

**1991 Prowler Regal 29 Ft T/A Travel Trailer**, s/n 2EC5T28XM6548500, roof mtd A/C, sleeps 4.

**2009 Honda Rincon 680CC Quad**, s/n 1HFTE335094400191, winch, 3495 km showing.

**Other Items Include**

**Custombuilt Go Cart**, Briggs & Stratton 6.5 hp.  
 Honda EB 2200X Gen Set - LKS B25-20AC-DC 250 Amp Welder - 625 Gallon Poly Tank - (2) Unused - Briggs & Stratton Intek 206 Engines - Kohler Magnum 16 Engine - Leon 8 Ft 4 Way Blade - Portable Electric Cement Mixer - Hypertherm Power Max Plasma Cutter - Standard Modern 12 In. Metal Lathe - Shop Tools - Unused - Simoniz Platinum Series 3200 PSI Pressure Washer - Stihl 034 18 In. Chain Saw - Custombuilt 8 Ton Engine Hoist - Uni-Ram Sand Blaster - Shur-Lift 2.25 Ton Floor Jack - Fence Posts - Barbed Wire - Panels - Gates - Tires - Lumber - Shop Supplies - Lrg Qty of Power Tools - Bench Grinders - Qty of Saws - Portable Air Tanks - Custombuilt 40 Ton Hydraulic Press - Shop Master 42 In. x 24 In. Welding Table - Baler Twine - Powerlift 10 Ton Hydraulic Lift Kit - Beaver Wood Lathe - Powerfist 3 In 1 Metal Forming Machine - 1000 Lb Portable Scaffolding - Crumbliss 1995 Alternator & Starter Tester - Master 15 Gallon Spot Sprayer ...AND MUCH MORE!

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1986 John Deere 7720 & 1982 John Deere 8820



2- 1974 & 1975 John Deere 4230



1990 John Deere 4755



1996 Freightliner FL80



1986 John Deere 2360 30 Ft



3- JTL 5000± Bu & Meridian 4000± Bu

**Directions:** From WINDTHORST, SK, go 4.1 km (2.5 miles) West on Hwy 48, then 0.7 km (0.4 miles) South on Grid 616. Yard on West side.  
**GPS:** 50.1101644, -102.9009839 **Legal Land Description:** SE 28-13-07 W2

**Tractors**

1990 John Deere 4755 MFWD, s/n RW4755P005260, powershift, diff lock, 3 hyd outlets, Big 1000 PTO, 420/8SR28 F, 20.8R38 R.  
 1987 Case IH 3394 MFWD, s/n 9946348, powershift, diff lock, 3 hyd outlets, 1000 PTO, 16.9x28 F, 20.8R38 R.  
 1975 John Deere 4230 2WD, s/n 4230H026254R, 156 ldr, bkt, s/n W00158X040419, quad range, 2 hyd outlets, 540/1000 PTO, 3 pt hitch, 10.00x16 F, 18.4x38 R.  
 1974 John Deere 4230 2WD, s/n 4230H019955, quad range, 2 hyd outlets, 540/1000 PTO, 11Lx15 F, 20.8x34 R.

**Combines**

1986 John Deere 7720, s/n H00720X615248, 212 12 ft hdr, s/n H0212PB610771, chaff spreader, 24.5x32 duals F, 14.9x24 R.  
 1982 John Deere 8820, s/n 515759, 12 ft hdr, s/n 372577, chaff spreader, 30.5Lx32 F, 14.9x24 R, 5957 hrs showing.

**Swathers**

1986 John Deere 2360 30 Ft, s/n H02360X001172, P/U reel, 2787 hrs showing.  
 1989 John Deere 590 30 Ft, s/n E00590A823969, 1000 PTO.

**Grain Trucks**

1996 Freightliner FL80 T/A, s/n 1FVXJLBBXTL714348, Cummins 8.3 L Allison A/T, diff lock, A/R susp, PTO, Cancaud 20 ft steel box, hoist, roll tarp, 1,106,374 km showing.  
 1975 Ford 750 Tag/A, s/n N75FVX07881, 391 V8, 5x2, PTO, 18 ft steel box, hoist, roll tarp.  
 1975 International 1700 Loadstar S/A, s/n D0522ECA20247, V8, A/T, 16 ft steel box, hoist, roll tarp, 172,978 miles showing.

**Seeding, Tillage & Breaking**

1995 Bourgault 8800 32 Ft Air Drill, s/n 822877, 8 in. spacing, sgl shoot, rubber V packers, 2155 2 comp't tow-behind tank, s/n 5940, sgl fan, 7 in. load auger, Bourgault controller, 16.5x16.1.  
 1994 Bourgault 8800 32 Ft Air Drill, s/n 822140, 8 in. spacing, sgl shoot, 2130 tow-behind tank, s/n 5387, sgl fan, 6 in. load auger, 12.5Lx16.  
 Bourgault Side Draft Elimination Kit, to fit 9200 Bourgault John Deere T0230 23 Ft Tandem Disc, s/n 024870, 20.5 in. smooth blades, mud scrapers.  
 Massey Ferguson 820 20 Ft Tandem Disc, s/n 186790148, 20.5 in. smooth blades, mud scrapers.  
 1986 Flexi-Coil S95 50 Ft Harrow Packer, s/n S95A000-F003933, 3/8 in. x 11 in. lines.  
 1991 Bourgault 28-32 32 Ft Packers, s/n WP1187.  
 1975 Crown Rock Picker, s/n 2386, hyd driven.

**Sprayer**

1996 Bourgault 540 60 Ft Field, s/n 52474, hyd pump, 540 imp gallon poly tank, sgl nozzle bodies.

**Grain Bins**

(3) 2011 JTL 5000± Bushel Hopper.  
 Meridian 4000± Bushel Epoxy Lined Hopper.

**Grain Handling Equipment**

2006 Westfield MK100-61 10 In. x 61 Ft Swing Grain Auger, s/n 174482, 540 PTO, reverser.  
 2010 Sakundiak HD8-1600 8 In. x 52 Ft Grain Auger, s/n 69479, Kohler 27 hp, mover, hyd winch.  
 1982 Sakundiak HD8-1400 8 In. x 45 Ft Grain Auger, s/n 31162.

**Sakundiak 7 In. x 45 Ft Grain Auger.**

1976 Sakundiak HD7-37 7 In. x 37 Ft Grain Auger, s/n 14535, Kohler 14 hp, elec start.  
 Sakundiak HD7-41 7 In. x 41 Ft Grain Auger, s/n 42946, Kohler 14hp, elec start.  
 1985 Walinga 510 Grain Vac, s/n MT510G8505241H5X, 1000 PTO.  
 (4) Caldwell 7 HP Aeration Fans.  
 Labtronics 919 Moisture Tester, s/n 97261.  
 Simon Day 225G 100± Bushel 4 Roll Indent, s/n W-177, aspirator.  
 Simon Day #3 Indent Rollers.  
 Clipper 498A Super 2 Screen Fanning Mill, 54x60 screen deck, 3 ph, approx 20 sets of screens.  
 Simon Day 245 Slotted Cylinder Screen, s/n 610, 7 sets of rollers.  
 Kipp Kelley D 44 Ft Bucket Elevator, 6 in. x 4 in. buckets.  
 (2) Kipp Kelley B2 34 Ft Bucket Elevator, 4 in. buckets.  
**Pull Scraper**  
 1975 Crown 6.5 CY, s/n 0805.

**Precision Farming**

Trimble EZ-Steer Autosteer, FM750 display, receiver, Terrain Compensator, wheel kit.

**Agricultural Equipment**

2012 Schutte SDX-102 102 In. Snow Blower, s/n B10210002211, 1000 PTO, hyd chute, to fit Case IH 2390.  
 2010 John Deere LA115 42 In. Garden Tractor, s/n GXA115A347694, Briggs & Stratton 19.5 hp, 377 hrs showing.  
 8 Ft Poly Tapered Swath Roller.

**Recreational Vehicles**

2012 Polaris 500 Sportsman 4x4 Quad, s/n 4XAM-H50A1CA500674, 2749 miles showing.  
 1997 Polaris Indy Sport 440 Snowmobile, s/n 3154182, 2 cyl, 3331 miles showing.

**Tanks**

Huge L Steel 2250 Litre Diesel.  
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**APAS's Todd Lewis:**

**Trade issues top of mind for farmers this election**



APAS PRESIDENT TODD LEWIS

APAS president Todd Lewis says trade issues are top of mind for farmers as the federal election nears. The World-Spectator's Kevin Weedmark interviewed Lewis last week:

**What do you think are the priorities for farmers in this election? What are you hoping to see from the parties and candidates this election?**

Certainly the trade issues are on a lot of farmers' minds with what happened with the India situation on the pulses and the Italian Durum and of course the China and the canola situation. We are hoping to see some kind of direction.

I think farmers realize these are all complicated issues but at the same time even last night during the election debate the little bit that I caught out of it, both the Liberals and Conservatives are talking about further compensation for supply management industries—poultry and eggs. They are hurt there due to trade issues and trade pact signings.

We're wondering with the meat sector and thinking that the precedent has been set that other parts of our industry as well as other industries have been compensated for these trade issues. It has affected the grain, oil, seed and meat sector as well. We would like to see some kind of plan coming forward if this is going to continue, that we'd see some compensation for our industries as well. That is some of the talk going on in farm country.

I think it ties in nicely with the business management review as well. Certainly the programs we have in place now don't have any long-term relief from these trade situations, and at the same time we are being affected pretty hard by what has happened in the U.S. with their farm policies down there and the money that is being put out to U.S. farmers is affecting our input costs and machinery costs as well. We are kind of getting it on both ends right now.

I think doing the business risk management program, we need to see some improvement there so if we do have those situations we will see some results as far as our programs being able to cover some of the costs that we incur.

**Any other major issues for farmers during this election?**

The carbon tax I think, carbon pricing. It's certainly starting to show up on farmers' bottom lines. A perfect example this fall is the grain drying, it is not exempt and the farmers will be paying more for their natural gas and propane and that is going to come right off our bottom lines and make a difficult situation more expensive.

So it's something farmers recognize and we need whoever forms the next government to recognize that these added costs are affecting farmers and it's not allowing farmers to adapt to climate change. Grain drying is a perfect example of an adaptation to climate change and at the end of the day with that added tax we've got less money in our pocket to be able to afford the technology to improve our carbon footprint.

That is just another example of where we need our politicians in Ottawa to look at what these taxes and extra

costs are, and the actual effect it's having on farmers and how we can adapt to the change of climate.

**Do you feel that the federal parties are paying enough attention to agricultural issues?**

No they are not. We haven't seen much about agriculture in the campaign so far, and we are hoping as leaders come into Saskatchewan as the campaign goes on that agriculture gets more announcements and more thoughts put behind it.

There is a number of federal programs that could help agriculture. Certainly the fuel standards that are coming forward for ethanol and bio diesel, those standards, if they do have those components they will certainly help with domestic demand and help our market do well.

I think that's another example of where we want to know where the parties stand on the fuel standards and what we can expect when the new government is formed, whichever party that is.

**Do you think there is any acknowledgment from the federal parties of the importance of agriculture?**

Well certainly when you look at the supply managed side of agriculture you can be a little cynical. Vote rich Ontario and Quebec is where a lot of that part of the industry is centered, and those seats are up for grabs, if you want to put it that way, compared to a lot of the seats in western Canada.

At the same time that may be true, but we want to see our MPs that go down to Ottawa talking about this at the caucus level or the cabinet level, and we want to make sure our situation in Saskatchewan is recognized and talked about.

We are hoping as the candidates go around to rural Saskatchewan this fall that farmers are asking these questions and we certainly expect our representatives down in Ottawa to bring some of the issues forward when they get down there later on this fall and early winter.

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Above, kids playing in the Jeepney at the Filipino Fiesta in Kipling. Below, two of the performers in one of the traditional dances.



# Kipling hosts second Filipino Fiesta

**Continued from front**  
 “Kipling District Historical Society has been there for us from day one and have partnered with us again for this event,” Cacho said.  
 “This night is not only to celebrate our culture, or to showcase our talents, but this night is for our children, too, because back in the Philippines, we are involved with these kinds of activities in school.  
 “My kids were all born here and they don’t really know our culture. We have some traditions at home, but we don’t do our dances every day, so it’s a good opportunity for them to experience our culture.”

surrounding communities like Glenavon, Windthorst and Wawota join us this year. All in all, about 31 families joined together to help.  
 “I decided on what dances we were going to do. Most of them were not performed at the first one, to give a different variety to the audience.  
 “There were two dances that were a hit last time that we re-created.  
 “I was a member of our school dance club way back in high school. I helped mostly with choreography, we searched in YouTube and re-created most dances. I also assigned team leaders to be in charge of each dance.”

**First Filipinos in Kipling in 2007**  
 “The first Filipinos in Kipling were brought by PIC Canada,” Cacho said. “My husband, Dennis, was one of the three who came in 2007. The Filipino community started growing when PIC continued their recruitment in the Philippines and then workers sponsored their families.”

**Sold-out event**  
 The second Filipino Fiesta proved to be popular. It was a sold-out event three weeks before the show, with 250 tickets sold and a long waiting list.  
 How much did the event raise?  
 “I don’t have the total amount yet,” says Cacho. “We spent a lot on costumes and props but we are donating to Kipling Food Bank and Kipling Public Library. It’s also nice to have funds ready for our future activities.”

**First Filipino Fiesta in 2016**  
 Cacho said the first Kipling Filipino Fiesta was held three years ago.  
 “In 2016, the Kipling District Historical Society invited us to showcase our culture in terms of food and entertainment during their cultural day,” she said.  
 “Filipinos are known to be music lovers and karaoke is a must at every Filipino occasion. We are fortunate to have a variety of talented individuals who are excited and willing to take part in this kind of event. Having a background in theater, I wanted it to be different, something that the audience haven’t seen before. It’s nice to experience what the real fiesta is like in the Philippines. That’s how the first Fiesta evolved.”

**Preparations started in July**  
 There was a lot of work behind the scenes to get ready for the second Filipino Fiesta.  
 “We started rehearsing in July, which was good timing for students,” said Cacho. “They had lots of time during the summer break.  
 “This was the second time I organized this event. It was very stressful and time-consuming, but very fulfilling. The last month I spent every evening on rehearsals and meetings.  
 “My number one goal was unity and camaraderie. To bring Filipinos closer despite our busy days, to make everyone feel that we are family, helping one another, a tradition in the Philippines that we wanted to show and impart to our children.”

**Community effort**  
 This year’s fiesta was an effort of the entire Filipino community in Kipling and surrounding communities.  
 “We voted for Fiesta officers, committee heads and team leaders,” explains Cacho. “From there, they chose their members. We had families from

“Hearing all the compliments and seeing our own people enjoy the night is really worth it. We are thankful to Kipling for the warm welcome. Living here for almost 12 years, I can say, this is our home away from home.”

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# FILIPINO FIESTA 2

The Kipling Filipino Fiesta 2 included a wealth of cultural dances on Oct. 5.

**Right:** The Banga (Clay Pot Igarot) Dance.

**Below:** A dance showcasing the different cultures of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

**Below right:** One of the cultural dances featuring a spitted roast pig, known as Lechon, a popular food in the Philippines.

Kevin Weedmark and Kara Kinna photos



**Below:** Members of the Filipino community post for a photo in the lobby of the Kipling community Centre.



**Left:** The Maglalatik (Coconut Shell) Dance. **Below:** Singkil (Dance of a Princess). **Below left:** The Sayaw sa Bangko (Bench Dance).



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