



# Plain & Valley

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## Bear, Haubrich take fourth at Nationals

BY KARA KINNA

Two local skaters—Shallen Bear, 16, from Whitewood and Marty Haubrich, 17, from Dubuc—were overjoyed with their results at the 2019 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in New Brunswick from Jan. 14-20 after the pair earned fourth place in the Novice Pairs event.

The pair had only been skating together for eight months when they qualified for the event after taking fifth place at the Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

At nationals, the pair ended up with 96.42 points after performing their short and long program in a competition with nine other pairs.

Not only had the pair only been skating together for eight months, but neither Haubrich nor Bear have previous experience in pairs skating, and for both of them, it was also their first time at nationals.

"I've done ice dance before but this is the first time for pairs," says Marty. "And I've done singles my whole life until this year," adds Shallen.

Despite that, the pair went into nationals with a degree of confidence after their placing at the Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton.

"We expected to do just as good as we did at the Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton, which was fifth," says Shallen.

"We just kind of wanted to go out and do what we could," says Marty.

"Our goal was to give the best performance we could with what we had," says coach Patty Hole, who coaches the pair out of the Virden Figure Skating Club, and who has previous experience coaching pairs competitively after taking local



Shallen Bear and Marty Haubrich skating at Nationals in New Brunswick where the pair took fourth.

skaters Rudi Swiegers and Paige Lawrence to the Olympics in Sochi in 2014.

Despite being coached out of Virden, Shallen is a member of the Whitewood figure skating club and Marty a member of the Esterhazy figure skating club.

The pair say they were proud of their skates after coming off the ice at nationals.

"After the short program, I think my face said it all, I was just so excited to be putting out what we could do," she says.

"I was kind of relieved just to get the first one out of the way, get it under our belts. I just took it all in and just realized how much fun it was out there," says Marty.

Patty says she knew the pair could do well at nationals.

"I had their goal set for them to do that, it was just a matter of whether other teams got better or if we also got better to catch up, which is what kind of happened," she says.

The pair says they were thrilled with their fourth place finish.

"We were really excited just because it was our first nationals and we kind of exceeded our expectations, so we were just really enthusiastic about that," says Marty.

"I was happy with it considering we were the fifth place ranking (in Edmonton)," says Shallen.

"They were pleased with their skates, and they did what they could, and then the bonus was actually staying up in fourth place, which was a huge bonus," says Patty.

Patty says when she took the pair on as coach, she wanted to see them be push hard and be competitive.

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Although carbon tax is not yet in place

# Carbon tax rebates start with 2018 tax returns

Saskatchewan and Manitoba residents will be able to claim rebates from the carbon tax for 2019 when they file their 2018 taxes this year, even though the carbon tax doesn't come into effect until April of this year.

Starting in April, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be subject to a carbon tax on natural gas and electricity production, to be collected from producers and distributors.

The cost—starting at roughly four cents a litre on gasoline and 12 per cent on natural gas—will be passed on to consumers.

A rebate of roughly \$600 in 2019 (rising to just above \$1,400 in 2022) is being provided at tax time to a family of four in Saskatchewan (\$305 per single adult or first adult in a couple, \$152 for the second adult in a

couple or the first child of a single parent, and \$76 for each child under 18).

A smaller rebate will be offered in Manitoba, because there is less expected impact, because of the amount of hydroelectricity produced in the province. There, a typical family will receive \$339 with their tax refund this spring—\$170 for a single adult or the first adult in a couple, \$85 for the second adult in a couple or the first child of a single parent, and \$42 for each child under 18.

In both provinces, those living outside of metropolitan areas, because of geography and lack of transit access, will be given an additional 10 per cent.

By allowing residents to claim the 2019 rebate in the 2018 tax year, the federal government is essentially allowing individuals to claim a rebate on a tax that has

not yet come into effect.

"Imagine how that works," said Environment Minister Dustin Duncan. "I really don't understand the logic of submitting rebates to individuals across the country before you actually pay the tax. I thought you paid the tax and then the rebate money comes from that—so again, this shows it's not a climate change plan, it's a taxation plan."

The Saskatchewan government has previously accused the federal government of "vote buying" with the rebates.

Duncan warned people should be concerned because businesses will largely be paying the carbon tax, but it is unclear what benefits or rebates they will receive as a result.

But that doesn't mean he won't be taking the money—which is not tied to income, but based on household size—when he files his taxes this year.



"I don't know, I suppose I will be, yes, that's a good question," he said, when asked if he would claim it. "I actually hadn't thought about it that way. I think people can decide what they can do with their tax."

Prior to imposing the tax on Saskatchewan, the federal government committed itself to returning "all of the money" collected from a carbon tax back to residents, and putting its backstop into effect on Jan. 1.

But the start date has been pushed back four months, to allow affected governments and industries to prepare, with 90 per cent of all the money being returned directly to Canadians affected by it.

The remaining 10 per cent will be handed out to small and medium-sized businesses, schools, hospitals and other organizations that can't pass on their costs from the carbon tax directly to consumers. Details of that program are not yet available.


Ottawa required all provinces to put a minimum price on pollution of \$20 a tonne of emissions by Jan. 1. Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and New Brunswick did not and will be subject to Ottawa's plan, which anticipates collecting more than \$2.3 billion in carbon taxes.

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## \$5.5 million in funding for livestock research announced

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced more than \$5.5 million in funding for 34 livestock and forage-related research projects through Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) and the Strategic Field Program (SFP).

The ADF and SFP are supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture by the federal and provincial governments.

"Our government supports the growth of an innovative, competitive, and market-oriented Canadian agriculture sector," MacAulay said. "This funding will allow for vital advancements in agricultural research that will support new discoveries in our live-

stock and forage industries that will benefit farmers, producers, and agribusinesses in Saskatchewan and all across the country."

"By funding research here in Saskatchewan, we're not only committing to the biosciences sector, we're investing in the future of our producers and agribusinesses," Marit said. "ADF support is granted to projects that focus on areas of concern to Saskatchewan producers, and by supporting this research we're investing in the future of our industry."

Support from the ADF is awarded on a competitive basis to projects that create future growth opportunities and enhance the competitiveness of the industry.

Projects funded through the ADF have gone on to create new knowledge and technologies that benefit farmers and ranchers, food processors and agribusinesses. From enhancing



biosecurity, to improved vaccines, to breeding forage varieties beneficial for Saskatchewan soil, the projects supported through the ADF aim to improve Saskatchewan agriculture.

Under the SFP, funding is available for rigorous field level demonstrations and/or the evaluation of targeted practices and technologies, which will support extension delivery while advancing the objectives of

the industry.

The initial project supported under this program will be confirming guidelines for beef cattle consumption of sulphate in drinking water. The research is being conducted at the University of Saskatchewan's Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.

"This project is exactly the type of work the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence is designed to

support—tackling the challenges of the agriculture sector," University of Saskatchewan Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence Director Kris Ringwall said. "The research will provide clear and meaningful results that are science-based. Livestock producers, by incorporating the new guidelines into their operations, will be expanding their management options and, in turn, increasing the livestock sector's revenue."

The ADF projects supported this year will examine a variety of areas of interest to producers, including: developing enhanced biosecurity and animal welfare measures for livestock in transit by improving the design of the trailers they are transported in, determining if ear-tip necrosis in pigs is an infectious disease and monitoring post-fire recovery of forages on native grasslands.

In addition to funds committed by the federal and provincial governments, the ADF is also supported by industry groups and other organizations. Livestock and forage projects are also receiving more than \$320,000 from the following organizations: The Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association, the Saskatchewan Pork Development Board, Alberta Beef Producers, the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission and the Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission.

"These investments will benefit the beef sector, and a prosperous beef sector will help grow Saskatchewan's economy," Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association Chair Rick Toney said. "We want to build upon the industry's competitiveness by advancing beef and forage production methods through research and innovations."

## Record \$12 million for crop research invested



Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced more than \$12 million in funding for 44 crop-related research projects through Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF) and the Strategic Research Initiative (SRI).

The ADF and SRI programs are supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture by the federal and provincial governments.

"Our government is investing in programs that support the innovative and sustainable growth of the Canadian agricultural sector," said MacAulay. "This funding in crop research will provide Canadian farmers, producers, and agribusinesses with the knowledge and technologies they need to compete globally and boost their bottom lines."

"By investing in crop-related research, we're

investing in the future of Saskatchewan's agriculture industry," Marit said. "The projects we're investing in today consist of a variety of fields of study, including herbicide resistance, pest control, crop breeding and much more. Not only do these projects enhance our industry by creating more opportunities for producers and agribusinesses, they cement our province as a leader in agriculture research."

ADF support is awarded on a competitive basis to

researchers looking to examine areas of importance to Saskatchewan producers. A few of the project topics include: developing a weed control system for herbicide resistant wild oat in wheat, enhancing the extraction of vitamins from canola crush co-product, establishing resistance to fusarium head blight in wheat, improving protein and seed quality in peas and determining the ideal seeding date for quinoa.

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Meighen Haddad LLP

P.O. Box 397 Melita, Manitoba R0M 1L0  
Attention: Karen Beauchamp

#### PROPERTY:

- SW ¼ 4-7-28 WPM Exc all mines and minerals (161 acres) Municipality of Two Borders
- Mix of pasture and cultivate. Creek runs through it and quarter section is fenced except for 50 acres.

#### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to Raymond Mispelon at 204-877-3630.
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2019.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 deposit cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be refunded.
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on a date no later than April 8, 2019, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payments are made following acceptance of tender.
4. All mines and minerals will be reserved from any Transfer.
5. Land is in the Torren's Title system.
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Attention: Karen Beauchamp

### PROPERTY:

- SE 1/4 5-8-28 WPM excepting Road Plan 2546 BLTO and all mines and minerals
- Cultivated land, fenced with a dug out. Road access from highway 256
- Surface lease(s) form part of the transfer and will be assigned to the Purchaser

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to Evelyn Ediel at 204-257-9807 or edevedel@icloud.com
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 15th, 2019.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 deposit cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be refunded.
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on a date no later than March 22, 2019, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payments are made following acceptance of tender.
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Meighen Haddad LLP  
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Attention: Karen Beauchamp

### PROPERTY – In the Municipality of Two Borders:

- Section 3-6-28 WPM exc mines and minerals (589 cultivated acres in the section)

### PROPERTY – In the Municipality of Pipestone:

- W ½ 8-8-26 WPM exc mines and minerals (285 cultivated acres in the section)  
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Tenders can be received on individual quarter sections or received for packages of land.

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to Allan Brown (204) 522-5087.
2. Tenders must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on March 1, 2019.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 per quarter section deposit cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be refunded.
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on a date no later than April 12, 2019, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payments are made following acceptance of tender.
4. All mines and minerals will be reserved from any Transfer.
5. Land is in the Torren's Title system.
6. Successful bidders will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2019.

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Attention: Karen Beauchamp

### PROPERTY – All in the R M of Two Borders:

- NE ¼ 32-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals
- SE ¼ 32-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals
- NE ¼ 27-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals
- NW ¼ 27-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals
- SE ¼ 33-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals
- SW ¼ 33-4-29 WPM exc mines and minerals

The preference is to sell all of the land as a package. If Tenders are received on individual quarter sections they will be considered but preference to be given to Tenders for the entire land.

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to Barb Higgins (204) 757-2397.
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2019.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 per quarter section deposit cheque payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be refunded.
4. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on a date no later than March 29, 2019, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit paid may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payments are made following acceptance of tender.
4. All mines and minerals will be reserved from any Transfer.
5. Land is in the Torren's Title system.
6. Successful bidders will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2019.

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Attention: Karen Beauchamp

### PROPERTY:

- S 1/2 31-4-27 WPM exc mines and minerals, in the RM of Two Borders – to be sold as a half section
- Section 36-4-28 WPM exc mines and minerals, in the RM of Two Borders – to be sold as a section
- The S ½ 31-4-27 WPM should receive a separate Tender and Section 36-4-28 WPM should receive a separate Tender. If Tenders are received on individual quarter sections they will be considered but preference to be given to Tenders for the blocks of land.

### CONDITIONS OF TENDER:

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property and not on the above or any other particulars or representations made by or on behalf of the Seller. Inquiries should be directed to chg\_hotels@live.ca .
2. Tenders must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2019.
3. Each tender must be accompanied by a \$1,000.00 deposit cheque per block of land, payable to Meighen Haddad LLP. Deposits accompanying unaccepted bids will be refunded.
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# Crop research investment

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The SRI is a new program starting this year with the goal of providing targeted funding to advance strategic priorities within the industry. Projects are expected to go beyond the scope and scale of work normally undertaken in ADF, pursuing innovative research that will address complex challenges facing the industry.

This year funding has been awarded to a project that will increase the quantity and quality of protein in the smooth yellow pea while advancing crop breeding technologies.

In addition to funding provided by the federal and provincial governments, projects supported through the ADF are also receiving \$3.6 million in funding from the following partners: The Western Grains Research

Foundation, the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission, the Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission, the Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission, the Prairie Oat Growers Association, the Alberta Wheat Commission and the Manitoba Wheat and Barley Growers Association.

"ADF provides a great forum for producer groups to collaborate and co-fund agricultural research that improves agricultural systems, varietal development and agronomic practices," Western Grains Research Foundation Board Chair Terry Young said. "Producers are committed to investing in agricultural research, and partnerships like this one with ADF helps leverage the investment we as producers are making in research."

# Brad Tomms charged with Virden murder

On Tuesday January 15, 2019, at approximately 12:30 am, Virden RCMP responded to a report of a stabbing at a residence located on Queen Street West in the community of Virden.

Upon arrival, officers located two men who were involved in an altercation with each other, a 22-year-old man from Virden and a 27-year-old man from the Canupawaka Dakota First Nation. Both men were

transported to hospital with serious injuries.

Bradley Kenneth Tomms, 22, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault and Uttering Threats. He was remanded into custody for a court appearance scheduled in Brandon Provincial Court.


RCMP were advised on January 16 that the 27-year-old succumbed to his injuries sustained in the assault. The next day, Bradley

Kenneth Tomms was arrested and charged with Second Degree Murder and

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<b>Saturday, April 20, 2019</b> <b>Small Animal &amp; Bird Sale</b> REDDERS, SK - SALE STARTS AT 10 A.M.	<b>Saturday, June 1, 2019</b> <b>Household &amp; Antique Sale</b> for Estella Taylor CARNOUFF, SK - SALE STARTS AT 10 A.M.

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Permission to attend on the lands to view buildings and facilities may be obtained from Nigel Jeanes (204) 441-0465 or [info@kirkellafarm.com](mailto:info@kirkellafarm.com).

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18 MONDAY	CLOSED - LOUIS RIEL DAY	
20 WEDNESDAY	REGULAR FEEDER SALE	9 A.M.
22 FRIDAY	BRED COW SALE	11:30 A.M.
25 MONDAY	BUTCHER SALE	9 A.M.
27 WEDNESDAY	PRESORT FEEDER SALE	10 A.M.

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4 MONDAY	BUTCHER SALE	9 A.M.
5 TUESDAY	BONCHUK SIMMENTAL BULL SALE	
6 WEDNESDAY	REGULAR FEEDER SALE	9 A.M.
8 FRIDAY	BRED COW SALE	11:30 A.M.
10 SUNDAY	REBELS OF THE WEST SIMMENTAL BULL SALE	
11 MONDAY	BUTCHER SALE	9 A.M.
13 WEDNESDAY	PRESORT FEEDER SALE	10 A.M.
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# TFSA quick tips – 2019

### Tax-free benefits

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### Opening a TFSA

Any Canadian resident who has reached the age of majority in their province can open a TFSA. The age of majority is 19 in Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon and Nunavut. In all other provinces, it is 18.

Bear in mind that you need to have a valid social insurance number to open a TFSA.

### Making contributions

Contribution room accumulates every year starting at age 18, and can be carried forward indefinitely.

You can contribute to your TFSA irrespective of your income and can continue contributing even when you're re-

tired—it's a lifelong plan.

As of January 1, 2019, you can contribute an additional \$6,000 to your TFSA to benefit from tax-free growth. With the contribution room from 2009 through 2019, you will be able to contribute up to \$63,500 to grow tax-free.

### Making withdrawals

You can make tax-free withdrawals for any reason, unlike a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP).

Plus, the amount you withdraw is added back to your available contribution room the following calendar year.

Remember that you have to wait to re-contribute any amounts you have withdrawn in any given year until January 1 of the following year. Otherwise, the Canada Revenue Agency may assess excess contribution penalties.

In addition, any income or capital gains earned on over-contributions could be subject to 100% tax. There is no requirement to make withdrawals at or by a certain age. As a result, you can let your investment earnings continue to

grow tax-free.

### Flexibility

You can use your TFSA to meet a wide range of financial goals, including:

- building long-term wealth through the tax-free growth of your investments;
- generating tax-free retirement income to complement your RRSP or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF);
- funding major purchases;
- providing emergency funding.

### Smart tips for your TFSA

• Help a child or grandchild fund their education above and beyond their Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) and/or family trust.

• Shelter some of your taxable capital gains, dividends and interest currently being earned in a regular taxable account.

• Expand your retirement savings beyond your RRSP.

• Earn tax-free income on surplus RRIF payments you don't need immediately.

• Take advantage of family income splitting to reduce your overall tax bill by gifting amounts from your bank account to your lower income spouse or adult children to contribute to their own TFSAs.

• In provinces and territories where it is permitted, consider naming a beneficiary on your TFSA to avoid probate.

• Consider naming your spouse as successor holder (instead of beneficiary) on your TFSA to simplify administration upon your death.

*Submitted by Gord Webster with RBC Wealth Management Dominion Securities.*

## 5 tips to maximize your RRSPs

Starting off a new year on the right foot should always include reviewing your financial plan for the future. Often times the start of a new year is looked at as RRSP (Registered Retirement Savings Plan) Season, however smart planning will guide you to year-round savings instead of last-minute stress.

"Smart planning starts with regular deposits, every payday through pre-authorized transfers" suggests Tayona Johnas, VP Wealth and Marketing, at Sunrise Credit Union. By contributing manageable amounts, automatically through your financial institution, it takes away the stress of remembering. As well it helps to build your nest egg that much faster.

Starting your path to retirement savings can feel overwhelming so we have come up with some tips on getting started and how to get the most out of your RRSPs.

1. Just start! When it comes to

RRSPs the earlier you start saving the more time you have to gain interest on your investments. Contact your financial institution to set up an appointment right now. You'll be glad you did.

2. Maximize your contributions with smaller, more frequent deposits. Does the idea of putting aside a large sum each month feel too stressful? Why not do weekly smaller amounts? The final dollar amount will be the same in the end, but the smaller increments will feel easier to swallow when you're getting started.

3. Invest your refund! It can be tempting to use a tax refund to splurge on a bigger ticket item, but we recommend turning that refund into savings for your future. Deposit it into your RRSP and watch your money grow.

4. Resist the temptation to withdraw (early) from your RRSP. Taking money before your retirement from

your RRSP results in an even larger loss down the road. The money you have put away now can earn interest and grow throughout the years, giving you that much more in your retirement years.

5. BONUS: Did you know your RRSP contributions can also be used towards a down payment on your first home purchase or furthering your education without penalty? Both of these programs are offered through the federal government as the Home Buyer Plan and Life Long Learning Plan.

This year when you review your financial plan be sure to think about our tips, and if you haven't started your own RRSP contributions, make sure to set up a meeting with your local Sunrise branch and start saving for your future. Do the work now for the payoff later.

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# Wheat Congress to put USask in the spotlight

BY HENRYTYE GLAZEBROOK

There's something innately calming about the sight of golden wheat swaying in the breeze. And yet, for someone like University of Saskatchewan (USask) researcher Dr. Curtis Pozniak (PhD), that pastoral image is positively electric with potential.

Pozniak points to the sequencing of the wheat genome, which has picked apart the grain's very DNA to produce a blueprint of its structure, as just one of many recent advancements in the flourishing field of wheat research.

"From a research point of view, it's a very exciting time because we can use this as a resource to really delve into the genetic makeup of wheat and what makes it tick," Pozniak said. "What makes wheat, wheat. How does it work, how does it resist pests, and how can we use that information to yield or improve nutritional quality and human health?"

It's these kinds of breakthroughs that make Pozniak so enthusiastic to chair the local organizing committee of the International Wheat Congress, which will host its inaugural conference in Saskatoon from July 21-26, 2019. The event, which expects to draw upward of 700 scientists from around the world, was created by dovetailing the International Wheat Genetics Symposium and the Wheat Symposium into a single, more robust gathering.

"The idea was to marry those two groups together so that the geneticists get to hear from the agronomists, the agronomists get to hear from the geneticists," he said. "You get this more cohesive group that better represents the whole value chain of wheat, all the way from basic research right to economics and production."

Although full programming has yet to be announced, Pozniak said that a unique approach to speaker selection is being taken to ensure a greater degree of geographic, gender and age diversity.

"We'll be selecting speakers for our program based on a blind peer review of submitted research papers," he explained. "It doesn't matter if you're a senior professor or a student, everyone is going to be judged in a way that ensures that the best science is represented."

The congress will also offer ample opportunity for visiting researchers and producers to explore the agricultural facilities available to USask students, staff and faculty, with side meetings held on campus before and after the event itself, as well as through tours of USask's Kernan Crop Research Farm.

"Given the global significance of wheat and the importance of wheat to the Canadian and provincial economy, having the event hosted here will certainly bring a lot of focus and attention to the wonderful ag research that we have here on campus and the state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure that we have to support our research," Pozniak said.

What's most important to Pozniak, however, is the chance to get some of the brightest minds in the field together under a single roof, to share ideas, explore new avenues of wheat research and gain unexpected new footholds in the understanding of one of the world's most important sources of food.

"Wheat provides twenty per cent of calories and proteins for people in the world. A lot of people don't know that," Pozniak said. "A lot of wheat is grown in countries that are poor, so the work that we do as scientists will not only benefit western Canadian producers but also benefit producers in Third World countries where wheat production can be limited by any number of constraints."

"Anything we can do as scientists to improve yields, disease resistance and overall quality and nutrition, will go a long way to help global food security."



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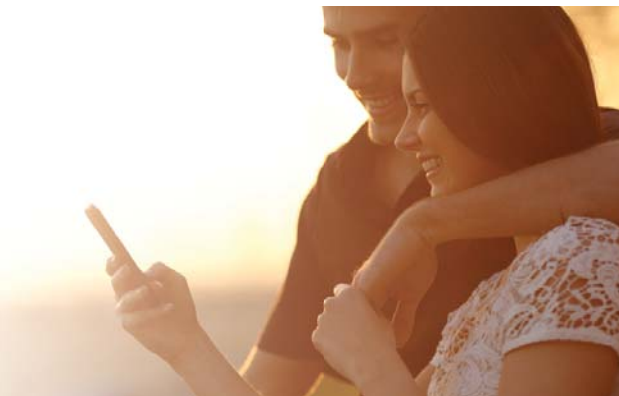
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# SE College partners to offer well control course

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This course is an alternative to the Second Line Blow out Prevention course that local oilfield drillers and rig supervisors were previously required to travel to Alberta to take.

The IADC WellSharp Drilling Supervisory course is essential training for those working in wellsite supervisory roles and for office-based personnel that are primarily involved in the operational decision-making process and/or well design. It has been recognized by both the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors


(CAODC) and The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). The course is designed for anyone working in a supervisory role and involved in the well design and operational decision-making process of drilling, such as a Drilling Supervisor, Superintendent or Company Man, Tool Pusher, OIM, or Rig Manager.

"We are pleased to be able to bring this course to our Estevan Campus. By bringing the course to the participants, it cuts down on time and expenses for both the companies and their employees," explains Larry Heggs, Business and Program Consultant with Southeast College.

"We are always looking for new opportunities to help our local business to be more efficient with their training dollars and this course is an example of the work we are doing."

Registrations are currently being accepted for this five-day program starting February 25. Interested course participants are encouraged to visit [www.southeastcollege.org](http://www.southeastcollege.org) or call 1-866-999-7372 for more information.

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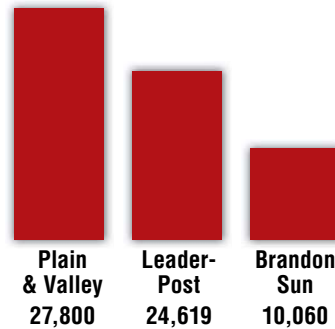
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# Majority see lack of new pipelines a crisis

The majority of Canadians say the lack of new pipelines is “a crisis” and half say the Trudeau government has been doing too little to build new capacity.

Data from the Angus Reid Institute released January 16 that shows six-in-ten Canadians say the lack of new pipeline capacity constitutes a “crisis,” while half say the Trudeau government has done “too little” to ensure new capacity is built.

This latest polling finds Canadians polarized along regional lines, with residents of Alberta and Saskatchewan overwhelmingly taking the view that the situation is a crisis. Where British Columbians are divided, Quebecers take an opposite view.

## More Key Findings:

- Oil and gas are chosen as a critical industry by two-thirds of Canadians (65%) – the highest total among seven industries canvassed
- Seven-in-ten (69%) say the country will face considerable impact if no new pipeline capacity is built.
- Canadians are less likely to say an impact will be felt at the provincial level (58%) or within their own households (35%).
- Half of Canadians (53%) say they support both the Energy East and TransMountain pipeline projects.
- One-in-five say they oppose both (19%), while a handful support one or the other in isolation.

The highest numbers of Canadians say agriculture (47%) and oil and gas (46%) are industries that should receive more federal attention, well ahead of the third priority: technology and IT (28%).

Canada’s oil reserves rank among the top three globally, and the industry was responsible for approximately 11 per cent of gross domestic product in 2017.

## Does Canada have a pipeline crisis?

The theme that has dominated the news cycle in Canada over the past year has been the cost and benefit of new pipeline construction. Proponents of construction argue the inability to build new capacity is hurting investment, production, and ultimately the Canadian economy.

The argument that the inability to build new pipelines is a serious problem, even a crisis, is one that resonates with most Canadians in the current climate. Indeed, every region other than Quebec agrees with this sentiment, though B.C. residents are divided close to evenly:

A majority of residents in all provinces outside of Quebec say that the restriction of new pipeline capacity would have either a major or considerable impact on their own province’s economy. Nearly all Albertans say this (96%), while majorities agree everywhere else:

The two projects at the centre of the pipeline debate in recent years have been the TransMountain pipeline expansion that carries crude and refined oil from Edmonton to Burnaby, B.C., and the Energy East pipeline, which has been proposed to carry oil products from Alberta east, as far as New Brunswick.

The \$15.7 billion Energy East project was cancelled by TransCanada in 2017 largely due to delays in the approval process and changes to the rules on approvals, asking pipeline proponents to account for all upstream and downstream emissions from all hydrocarbons carried through the pipe. Some now hope to revive it.

While each project has its own bureaucratic hurdles and challenges, a majority of Canadians (53%) say they support both. This, compared to one-in-five (19%) nationwide who say they oppose both. A handful of Canadians support one or the other, while another one-in-five (17%) say they remain unsure:

The outlier on this issue is Quebec. Support leans heavily in the direction of building both pipelines in every region outside of that province. Inside, a plurality oppose both projects (36%).

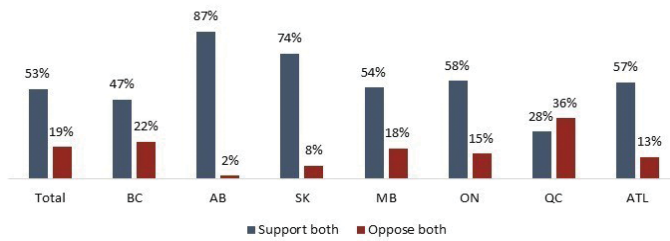
Divisions emerge when looking at the role of the federal government in the ongoing pipeline saga. A significant proportion of the population—about half—say that the government has not done enough in order to procure these projects and ensure their completion. TransMountain, in particular, has been a source of difficulty for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, after the federal government stepped in to purchase the pipeline to ensure its expansion. The project has since re-entered the National Energy Board review process.

The rest of the population is divided into two groups—those who say the government has been too aggressive in pushing pipeline development (27%) and those who say the approach has been hitting the right marks (23%). Notably, the proportion of Canadians saying the government has not done enough is considerably higher in Alberta, and lower in other regions. In Quebec, half (48%) say that Trudeau and the Liberals have been doing too much on this issue.

## Bonk sees disconnect between public opinion, federal government

“As you can see, there is strong support across Canada, with the exception of Quebec, for the construction of new

What is your overall view on these two pipelines?  
TransMountain and Energy East



pipelines,” says Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk. “What we seem to have now is a disconnect between what people want and the path the federal government is taking. I don’t think they realize the importance of the oil economy to Western Canada. Along with that is the fact that we need to free up some rail space. There is no safer way to transport oil than through pipelines.

“One of our biggest concerns in Saskatchewan is getting our raw products to market. By increasing pipeline capacity, it would free up a lot of rail capacity to move our products, such as potash and agriculture products.

“From the stance of the provincial government, we’re very supportive of our oil industry and pipelines and supporting our workers in Saskatchewan in the oil industry, as well as the workers at Evraz where they make the pipe for pipelines.

“It shows they are proud of their livelihood. They’re proud of their vocation. We produce some of the most ethically and sustainably produced energy products in the world, and we do an excellent job of it. We have leading edge innovation and technology. It’s something we should be proud of. I don’t understand why the federal government would penalize us for that. I think people are proud of what they do and how hard they work, and we should be there to support them.

“These protests will hopefully bring awareness to the situation so other parts of Canada that aren’t as dependent on resource revenue for income will see how important it is for our part of Canada. I hope that by bringing attention to it, it will highlight the differential we are seeing for our oil, where in Eastern Canada they are paying a premium for American oil while we are selling our oil at a discount.”

He said the only solution he sees is a change in government at the federal level.

“If there is a change in government, we will definitely see some positive steps towards new investment in our pipeline and energy sectors. With our current government I’m not as hopeful because of some of the issues with Bill C-69. But hopefully the federal government will take heed

of what’s happening with these protests and realize this is a very significant issue.”

## Economic tensions, geographic divisions

The pipeline divide is a potent example of the geographic segmentation prevalent across many facets of Canadian life today.

On a host of issues Canadian society is fragmented. Alberta, and to an extent Saskatchewan, represents a distinct voice within Canada, one in which not only politics and policy, but values, differ significantly from those of the rest of the country.

While the current contours of the divide have emerged in the last decade or so, questions about western alienation from the rest of Canada are not new.

Residents of Alberta and other western provinces have long felt hard-done-by when it comes to federal policies, including—but not limited to—economic policies and management of the oil and gas industry.

In 1991, 58 per cent of Canadians living in the four western-most provinces told the Angus Reid Group that they believed Ottawa’s policies had hurt their province’s economy over the preceding years. Only five per cent felt their province had been helped economically by the federal government.

Today, little has changed. If anything, those in the four westernmost provinces are more aggravated by the current federal government than they were back then.

That said, not every province in Western Canada has moved in the same direction on this question over the years. In 1991, Manitoba was much more likely to say the federal government had hurt its provincial economy, and Saskatchewan was less so. Today, the reverse is true.

Likewise, Alberta and B.C. shared similar perspectives on this issue in the early 1990s, but have moved in opposite directions—B.C. slightly and Alberta greatly—since.

## Does the West have enough influence?

In the context of fractious battles over pipeline construction, the question of the west’s economic and political influence within Canada is a contentious one. Generally, Canadians feel Western Canada’s influence on the country’s economy and politics is either about right or too small.

There are big divides on these questions between those living in Ontario and points east, and those living in the four western-most provinces.

Residents of western provinces—led by Alberta and Saskatchewan—tend to feel their region has too little economic influence and political power.

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# Katelyn Koury, charged by Moosomin RCMP, facing more than 200 charges

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Katelyn Jane Koury, who was wanted by Moosomin RCMP for theft and fraud, is now facing more than 200 charges after her arrest in western Saskatchewan in December.

Katelyn Koury, 34, and Dustin Purvis, 37, were arrested at a hotel in White Bear, Saskatchewan (the hamlet of White Bear near Kyle in Western Saskatchewan, not the White Bear First Nation) in December and are now facing more than 200 charges in connection with alleged acts of fraud and identity theft in Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Koury was wanted by Moosomin RCMP for two incidents in December—use of a stolen credit card in Moosomin (the card had been stolen from a vehicle in Broadview) and theft of a vehicle in Wapella.

A couple in Wapella sold Koury a truck and received what they thought was a certified cheque. The cheque had been stolen from a vehicle in Treherne, Manitoba.

Moosomin RCMP listed the truck as stolen, which led to the couple's arrest.

Koury and Purvis are charged with 74 counts by the Saskatchewan RCMP, but are also facing 165 charges from the Ontario Provincial Police, which originated from central and northeastern Ontario. Police said the couple have no

fixed address.

Charges include theft of mail, theft, forgery, misuse of credit card, unauthorized use of credit card data and fraud exceeding \$5,000.

"I would say it's unusual to have two people with this many charges. I've never seen it in 20 years," said Cpl. Rob King, a media relations officer with the Saskatchewan RCMP.

While the couple faces several types of charges, King said a common trend in the list of offences includes the theft of mail, which was then allegedly used to steal the identities of victims.

Officers in Kyle and Swift Current began investigating after arrests at the White Bear Hotel in White Bear, a hamlet about 90 kilometres northwest of Swift Current, on Dec. 18.

Police had received a report from the public that a couple was at the hotel seeking food and lodging, and claiming they had no identification or money.

The pair was initially arrested for possession of the stolen vehicle that was from Wapella.

Police said those charges turned out to be "just the tip of the iceberg."

Police had to work to identify the suspects and conduct an inventory of items found inside the vehicle.

The RCMP's Kyle detachment is now processing 200



Security camera shot of Katelyn Koury using a stolen credit card in Moosomin.

pieces of evidence in connection to the charges from inside Saskatchewan alone.

Regina police are also now investigating possible links to recent instances of fraud in Regina.

The RCMP said Regina police will consider any evidence linking the suspects to similar crimes in Regina that

have not yet been solved.

It may be possible that even more crimes in other provinces could be linked back to the couple. The RCMP said investigations into other possible incidents in Manitoba and northwestern Ontario are ongoing.

Other charges the couple

are facing from Ontario include dangerous driving, fraud, possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance and many more.

The couple's next court appearance will be in Swift Current in Provincial court via closed-circuit video on Feb. 13.

The Saskatchewan charges against Koury and Purvis are:

- Obstruct Police Officer - Section 129(a)
- Fail to Comply with Recognition - Section 145(3)
- Theft Under \$5,000 - Section 334(b)
- Theft, Forgery, Misuse of Credit Card - Section 342(1)
- 2 x Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5,000 - Section 354(1)(a) - for stolen truck
- 9 x Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5,000 - Section 354(1)(a) x9
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- Unauthorized Use of Credit Card Data - Section 342(3)
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# Gun play, tar and feathering, and other stories

Joan Champ is an online blogger and historian whose blog "Railway & Main: Small-Town Saskatchewan Hotels" has featured a number of historic hotels in Saskatchewan. Here she shares some of the more colorful stories about a few historic hotels, some of them local.



## Accidental Shooting at the Aneroid Hotel

In December of 1914, Constable Buck of the Royal North West Mounted Police was in Aneroid on business, staying at the Aneroid Hotel. Newly married just two weeks before, Buck wanted to visit his good friend Bertrand Gossett who worked at the hotel. The two men were both from nearby Vanscoy. Once he was off duty, the policeman went into the hotel bar to see Gossett, who was working as the bartender. Gossett asked his friend if he could see his gun. Constable Buck took off his belt and holster and laid them on the bar. As he took his gun from its holster and passed it across the counter, the gun discharged. Gossett fell to the floor behind the bar, killed instantly by a gunshot wound to his head.

## The 'Rabbit Cafe' at the Bulyea Hotel

Hans Johnson built a hotel in Bulyea in 1906. It was situated close to a popular bluff that was full of "an endless supply" of rabbits. Johnson's daughters used to stand out on the doorstep of the hotel with 22 rifles and pick off rabbits for fresh meat. "The oldtimers used to relate how rabbits showed up on the menu disguised in so many ways that they were never quite sure what they were eating," the Bulyea history book says. The Bulyea Hotel's dining room got to be referred to as the Rabbit Cafe.

## Tar and feathering at the Lengen-burg Hotel

On a warm Saturday evening in early August of 1937, Henry Jackson went swimming with a married woman, Mrs. Mary Ann Berger, owner of the Langenburg Hotel. When they returned to the hotel, the two were accosted by four masked men who began smearing Jackson with tar. Jackson, "advanced in years," fought back, ripping the mask off one of the men. Mrs. Berger, who was in her late 50s, went into the hotel and emerged swinging a heavy club. The four men fled, and were later charged with aggravated assault. The hotel, once called the Imperial, had been built by Mary Ann's husband Richard Berger, who died in 1916. Mary Ann, who had four children from her marriage to Richard, never remarried.

## Rum runners at the Cadillac Hotel

Robert and Annie Stanley bought the three-storey Cadillac Hotel in 1920. As Prohibition was in full force in Saskatchewan, the Stanleys turned the dining room into a general store. The former bar became a warehouse of the store. The Stanley's son Robert Jr. recalled that running the hotel was a real adventure. "Rum runners from the States came up through the prairie trails from Montana and stayed at the hotel. They loaded their cars [with bootleg liquor] and set off for the south, usually on a Sunday morning. I remember one of the bootleggers in particular would arrive with his wife and a couple of children who would act as a camouflage for the liquor. He was a fantastic jazz piano player. When he was in town the word soon spread and it was a night for dancing. Then came word that he had been killed in a gun battle with revenueurs [U.S. federal revenue agents involved in liquor law enforcement]."

## Off the rails in Redvers

In 1936, when P.R. and Sadie Johnson bought the King's Hotel in Redvers, the place was closed and boarded up. No sooner had the couple cleaned the place up and reopened the hotel for business, then a disaster—or perhaps a windfall—occurred. On May 2, 1936, one mile west of town, a freight train jumped the rails. Twenty-three cars left the track, killing one of the many hobos who rode the rails during the Depression years. Within hours, scores of railway men from the eastern and western divisional points (Souris, Manitoba and Arcola) arrived to clear the track. As a result, the King's Hotel was full to capacity for several days, with many of the railway men sleeping on the floor. The Johnson's hotel business was off to a good start.



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# Bear, Haubrich take fourth at Nationals

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"My expectations when I took them on was that if we are doing to do it, we are going to do it. I'm a bit of a drill sergeant. They had to do a lot of things and they did everything I asked of them. I think it was just the trust between the team and myself, knowing that they were going to put that kind of effort into it, and they did see results."

"I've been there before. If you do your job, they are going to reward you for what you are doing, and they did their job. We

couldn't have asked for any more. Now they know with more time they can be a lot better. That's the next goal in the next four weeks. There are only five teams at the Canada Games, but they are all the top teams, so to get any spot moving from fifth up will be a huge challenge for us, but that will be our goal."

The pair have been chosen by Saskatchewan to represent the province in the Canada Games, which are being held in Red Deer from Feb. 15 to March 3.

Patty says next year, once the pair qual-

ify to skate as juniors, their opportunities open up.

"That's it for novice, and then they will step it up to the junior ranks, and that's when the games begin," she says. "There's lots of opportunity for them up there once they get going."

Both Shallen and Marty say they want to take pairs skating as far as they can—with skating on Olympic ice as the ultimate dream.

"That's always the goal in my mind, just to take it as far as we can go and really just

live the life. Just ride it all the way," says Marty.

"Skating has so much to offer," says Shallen.

The pair know that they have their work cut out for them, but they love their sport. "I think it's just the fact that you can push yourself to limits that you probably wouldn't otherwise be able to do and think you would be able to do," says Marty.

"I like that I can show my personality off on the ice as well, and I just love performing," says Shallen. "It's always fun."



## The Kitchen island

Well we are finally getting over the holiday season, and we have done lots of visiting, travelling, reminiscing, and gathering in the last few months.

During this holiday season I am sure you, as everyone does, ate way too much. There is always lots of new experimental dishes to try and the good old traditional ones—including tons of turkey and stuffing to gorge yourself with! I definitely did fill up on that, but a great part about being Ukrainian (besides being smart enough to wait for the Boxing Day Sales—who's laughing now?) is that we get to celebrate even more! You know what that means; even more trips to the kitchen (sheesh, enough is enough, right?)

I am sure with all the time you spent visiting and



Shannon Houff

munching around the kitchen island you've realized just how vital a part of your kitchen the island really is! For those of you doing a new build or considering a kitchen reno, I promise the addition of an island to your room will be the most enjoyed piece in your new kitchen.

There are so many functional and fashionable uses with an island that a few blogs may be necessary to cover them all.

So let's start with the functional purposes. For people like myself with a smaller sized kitchen, a moveable island is simply a blessing! The new food prep surface is so nice, as before I had to do my chopping and mixing hunched over a small countertop with my back to everyone in the kitchen. Now I am a part of the conversation—not to mention all of the extra storage space for those pesky utensils that I don't want on display or the water bottles and lids... how can a family of four accumulate so many? Yikes!

Lucky for me, with the flip up edge and wheels, my girls can pull up a stool and help me out in the food prepping and it gives us a couple of extra seats when we have people over! We can move it over to wherever we need it! The island also provides the perfect spot to set food for a buffet style meal—very handy when you have a bunch gathered around the table.

Now for those of you who are blessed with spacious kitchens, all of the above benefits are great, but in a more



open kitchen, to have a prep sink, a dishwasher, and many other appliances in the island (which we will explore one day) definitely opens up the possibilities for unique kitchen cabinets. It allows the possible introduction to open shelving units, which is a great trend right now, or many other decorative touches that make your kitchen stand out!

One of my favorite changes that the island makes in a space, is that it helps to centralize things and brings in the focus of the room. It cozies it up!

Now is when the fashions and trends come into play, and I'll leave you hanging till we meet again!

So till next time, it's That Girl Shannon saying, "The islands I have on my mind right now are the ones where they serve margaritas. I might have to make one for myself at MY ISLAND!"



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# Redvers receives \$100,000 grant toward pool

## Federal grant leaves \$80,000 left to fundraise for zero entry pool project

**BY KARA KINNA**  
A \$450,000 project in the town of Redvers just got a major boost after the town received word that they will be receiving a \$100,000 federal grant toward their zero entry swimming pool project.

The town was approved for the Enabling Accessibility Fund for small projects component, which provides funding for eligible capital projects that increase accessibility for people with disabilities.

Redvers Rec Director Alicia Stewart says she was blown away when she found out the town has qualified for the maximum amount of \$100,000.

"I was over the moon excited," she says. "I've never received a grant for that amount and I got the email earlier that morning that said we were approved, but it didn't give us the amount and it said in there that they would call us some time in January and let us know exactly what was going on."

"So the lady phoned that afternoon and said we will send the cheque out for \$100,000, and I went 'excuse me?' And she was like 'yeah, for the full amount.'"

"It was very exciting. I never in a million years thought I would get it. I was hoping obviously to get that, but it's big."

"The full amount of the grant that you could get was \$100,000, but a lot of the grants say 'up to' and you don't always get that full amount. I was hoping for \$10,000 if anything, just some small portion, so when she said \$100,000, I was like 'excuse me, do you want to repeat that?'"

"I was kind of like a kid in a



A digital rendering showing what the Redvers pool upgrade will look like with its zero entry beach, making it easy for people with disabilities to enter the pool.

candy store. "I wasn't expecting to get the whole amount and I was hoping for a small piece of the pie. And for some \$100,000 maybe isn't that big, but for our small town it's huge!"

The town of Redvers is undertaking a major upgrade to its swimming pool. The project started in the fall and should be complete by July 1. The town is

planning to change the liner in the main pool, then take out the toddler pool and add in a zero entry beach where the toddler pool was, joining the two pools together. A few splash components will be added into the beach area as well.

By adding the zero entry beach area, it allows people with disabilities to access the pool, which is why the town

qualified for the Enabling Accessibilities Fund.

"We did get a great letter of support from the Redvers Activity Centre (for people with disabilities)," says Stewart. "With having the Activity Centre in town I think that was a good push for the grant because we have so many individuals in Redvers that live with disabilities every day."

"Right now they end up travelling to other facilities because they can't use our facility. A lot of the individuals can't get in and out of our pool, so this will actually enable them to be able to use our own facility at home instead of travelling."

Stewart says the Redvers Rec Foundation had already raised a lot of money for the \$450,000 project, but the \$100,000 grant means that the rec foundation may not have to borrow money from the town and RM now in order to complete the project. With the grant, she says that leaves about \$80,000 left to fundraise.

"Our total budget for the project is \$450,000 so we've managed to come up with a large portion of it, but with this extra \$100,000 we are \$80,000 short, which in the grand scheme of things is quite doable now," she says.

"So it's very exciting because the town and RM have backed us 100 per cent in that if we don't come up with all the funds they will give it to us as a loan. But with this, that helps so enormously that we should be able to come up with a few more thousand dollars to make it easier for everybody."

"We have a few major fundraisers coming up, and with those fundraisers I'm thinking we should almost be able to push ourselves up there without any backing from the town and RM. It would be great."

"It's great they are going to support us and help us with the project, but if we don't have that lingering overhead for the next 10 years trying to pay that off, it's way nicer."

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# Six new officers join Sask Highway Patrol

Six new officers join the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol after graduating from its recruit training program last month. The new recruits will join detachments in Regina, Lloydminster and Prince Albert.

"Highway patrol officers are providing valuable support to the RCMP and municipal police services," Highways

and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. "We are pleased to add six new officers as they will improve response times for emergency calls and the valuable service the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol provides."

The Saskatchewan Highway Patrol is made up of special constables with the authority to enforce the Criminal Code,

federal, provincial and municipal statutes relating to road transportation and the licensing, registration and operation of vehicles.

Officers have completed extensive training in tactics for 911 calls, such as clearing a house of suspects and high-risk vehicle stops. Officers have also received training in dealing with people with mental health issues, in addition to learning the Criminal Code and the requirements for the collection and control of evidence.

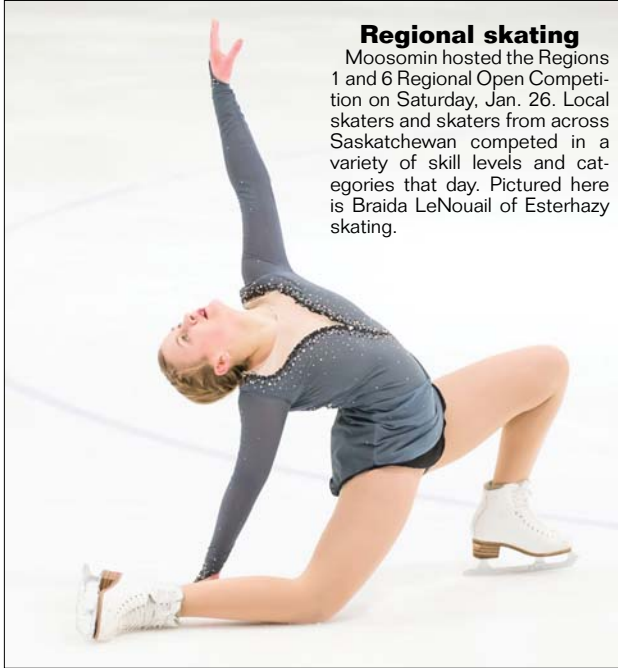
Commercial vehicle enforcement remains the primary responsibility of the Highway Patrol. These uniformed officers have the authority to stop trucks and complete vehicle weight and safety inspections, enforce speed limits and other rules of the road. However, the of-

ficers will be responding to emergency calls and enforcing traffic safety laws, to support their role on the Protection and Response Team (PRT).

The PRT has helped increase the presence of uniformed officers in rural communities in an effort to deter crime.

PRT was created one year ago to reduce crime, particularly in rural areas, by bringing together highway patrol officers, conservation officers, RCMP and municipal police officers.

PRT vehicles are equipped with Automatic License Plate Readers funded by SGI, which use infra-red technology to scan licence plates as officers drive and alert them when the plate is linked to a stolen or unregistered vehicle, a suspended driver, a reported impaired driver or even a person wanted by police.



Kim Poole photo

### Regional skating

Moosomin hosted the Regions 1 and 6 Regional Open Competition on Saturday, Jan. 26. Local skaters and skaters from across Saskatchewan competed in a variety of skill levels and categories that day. Pictured here is Braida LeNouail of Esterhazy skating.

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# Status of Redvers hospital upgraded

BY KARA KINNA

The status of the Redvers hospital has been upgraded, with the province changing the classification of the facility from a Category B facility to a Category A facility.

This change came after the Redvers Health Foundation approached the province regarding the services being offered at the hospital, and the province agreed that the hospital qualified as a Category A facility. This change was approved effective Jan. 7, 2019 by the Rural Emergency Coverage Program Committee, which has representation from the Saskatchewan Medical Association, the Ministry of Health and Saskatchewan Health Authority.

What is the difference between a Category A and B facility?

"It designates response time for the emergency department," says Greg Ottenbreit, the Minister of Rural and Remote Health. "It brings it down to 15 to 30 minutes instead of 30 to 45 minutes to a response for an emergency."

"And they do that through retention of the high quality physicians that they have there. They have three physicians able to carry on emergency services, but with the designated funding, it's better for retaining those high quality physicians to be able to deliver that service."

"There is additional funding for the hospital to cover those needs." In recognition of this faster response being required, physicians at Category A facilities receive enhanced remuneration from the Ministry of Health while on-call.

"There are designations for hospitals. Most hospitals are A hospitals. Moosomin would be an A hospital. When Redvers was closed for about five years, when it started up again they classified it as a B hospital because they weren't sure what it was going to start up and do," explains Spence Sutter, who is the chair of both the Redvers Health Foundation and the South East Medical Society—two organizations made up of local municipalities that oversee services and funding for the Redvers hospital.

"They decided to put it back up to an A hospital because it is basically doing all the services and treatments that are required by an A hospital."

"And there are certain things that are required, and that is on-call and emergency care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and that the doctors have to be within 15 minutes of the hospital—they have to be accessible."

"So if you had our doctors driving out from Estevan or Weyburn to here, they wouldn't be considered close enough to do on-call or for emergency services."



The Redvers Health Centre

"The other thing that comes into play is the B hospitals aren't paid as much for the services in the emergency care or in the hospital."

"It basically has nothing to do with clinic or clinic fees, but if there is an emergency and someone has to come in through the hospital, through the emergency for minor or major care, the services actually done by the doctors in an A hospital are actually paid a little more than in a B hospital."

Sutter says this helps with retaining doctors.

"It's also good when you are hiring doctors in rural areas. Smaller centres have a hard time retaining doctors because they are not classified as an A hospital and don't have the services there. This makes it a little better."

"I think it's significant in the fact that they are recognizing it as an A hospital for long term services that are offered here. If the doctors come up with a service that they want offered here, they will have more of a chance of getting it in an A hospital."

The status change hasn't changed any of the services at the Redvers hospital. The upgrade reflects the consistency and reliability of the current services offered at the facility, and does not result in any additional funding to the facility nor any enhancement in hours of operation. The hospital was already offering 24-hour emergency services, which is what prompted them to approach the Minister of Rural and Remote Health about having the hospital's designation changed.

Minister Ottenbreit came to Redvers to tour the facility on September 29.

"Quite often communities will make their way into Regina to visit with us here and bring forward some of their concerns or requests, and we don't always like people having to come see us. It's good to get out and see people in their home towns," says Ottenbreit.

"That's one thing we strive to do

through my office is to do community tours, whether it's in the north or rural area, to go see people not only in their homes but also to see the facilities, talk to front line workers, and tour the facility so we have a better understanding of the facility and the challenges and successes they are having."

"We did a tour of the facility (in Redvers), we went and visited out there. One of the other things we talked about was challenges with EMS and EMS coverage, which the rural areas we know are having those challenges, which is why we are right in the middle of restructuring EMS and how it's delivered in the province."

He said Redvers requested the change from a B to an A hospital, and the Ministry reviewed it.

"They had initially requested the change. Through my office we met with them and acknowledged the request and worked with our partners within the ministry and health authority to make sure that we could initiate that change and deliver the services."

"Basically the change was made to fulfill their request and it has to be based on the requirement of the community as well. The numbers are showing us they did have a solid case for requesting the change and it was acknowledged as a reasonable request and it was fulfilled."

"I think it's quite significant. They already have a pretty good response time, but being constant and having an even quicker response should the need allow, I think it just gives them confidence in the system. But also I think from our perspective, it shows that I think they feel that they are being heard, they are not being neglected."

"Years in the past we saw a constant pullback of services throughout rural Saskatchewan and in the north. That's one reason why former Premier Brad Wall decided to make a designated office for Rural

and Remote Health, to focus on some of those needs, because we do have a lot of rural and remote population."

"We want to focus on the needs of communities, whether it's physician recruitment and retention—this is one example of an initiative that will help that—and whether it's enhancing services, enhancing facilities, construction of new facilities in rural Saskatchewan, not closing facilities but actually replacing some rural facilities, enhancing services, attracting more professionals."

"We have over 900 more doctors in the province, a lot of those practicing in rural and remote areas, 3,700 more nurses of all designations, about 800 more front-line workers in long-term care throughout the province, so this is one way to continue that commitment to rural Saskatchewan, to make sure they know that services are being either sustained or approved, and to continue to pay attention to those needs throughout rural Saskatchewan and continue to commit to improving the system."

"They (Redvers) are a full emergency room delivery. The big thing is recruiting and retaining those physicians. It's pretty hard to sustain those levels of service if you have a constant turnover of physicians. But if we know they are happy there, they are fairly compensated for the service they are provided, they are more apt to hang on to them and they are going to be able to deliver those services and respond."

The Redvers Health Centre operates with three full-time doctors who share the on-call services. The centre is an integrated facility that includes acute care, 24-hour emergency service, long-term care, occupational and physical therapy, public health, home care, a medical clinic, lab and X-ray services, counselling and mental health services.

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