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At left, Chief Evan Taypotat of the Kahkewistahaw First Nation speaks to media at the kickoff to construction of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project in Saskatchewan for 2018. At right, Al Sawatzky, Construction Manager, Line 3 Replacement Program with Enbridge Pipelines and federal Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale watch as pipe is loaded up for the Line 3 replacement. All of the pipe for the Line 3 replacement was made by Evraz in Regina.

Enbridge Line 3 construction kicks off

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

As bulldozers scraped topsoil on the Enbridge right-of-way and pipe was stacked on trucks, everyone from federal and provincial ministers to First Nations leaders to chamber of commerce reps got a look at the start of construction on the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement in Saskatchewan for 2018.

The largest project in Enbridge's history, the Line 3 replacement will generate an estimated 9,175 jobs in Saskatchewan, financial spinoffs and business opportunities for communities along the route, and hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue for the province. It is estimated that 24,494 temporary full-time equivalent jobs will be created during the construction phase across Canada.

The Line 3 project is creating economic opportunities for First Nations, with more than \$120 million spent to date with First Nations, including contracting and labor, training, capacity building, and sustainability initiatives.

White City is the base of operations for Spread 5, from Regina to Glenavon, and Moosomin is the base of operations for Spread 6, from Glenavon, Sask. to Cromer, Man. "The Line 3 Replacement Program is a major pipeline project to move western resources to export markets,"

said Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. "It represents \$5.3 billion in private sector investment in Canada and will create thousands of jobs. It was approved by the Government of Canada because it is in our national interest. The construction of Line 3 is great news."

"This project is the best news the energy sector has seen for many months," said Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve McLellan. "The people working on it and those who live along this pipeline project have some very positive days ahead. We applaud Enbridge for their efforts to get this approved, and in getting it started in such a positive manner."

"The Line 3 Replacement Project undertaken by Enbridge will have a significant, positive impact on Saskatchewan's economy," said Saskatchewan Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre. "It is expected to generate over 9,000 direct and indirect jobs in our province, along with over \$1 billion in GDP and approximately \$184 million in tax revenue. This economic activity is vitally important to the energy sector, as well as to the people and communities involved. President Obama once said 'The world needs more Canada.' We say, the world needs more Canadian energy and resources."

Enbridge has made aboriginal engagement a priority, and two First Nations chiefs as well as Metis Nation of Saskatchewan president Glen McCallum shared their thoughts at the event on Monday, August 20.

"Safeguarding the land is paramount for our people," said McCallum. "This means ensuring proper technology and safety practices are in place. We know these lands and we know what is needed for responsible development. As Line 3 is replaced, through our engagement efforts with Enbridge we are able to participate in procurement and employment opportunities."

Chief Evan Taypotat said Enbridge took a very different approach to this project than to previous projects.

"I was raised by a man by the name of Chief Denton George. Chief Denton George was opposed to this pipeline," he said. "He was opposed to it because Ochapowace First Nation didn't have a say in anything at the time. If you look at the records from the early 2000s, Chief Denton George picketed on this pipeline. I stand here today as a chief that supports this pipeline based on the fact that Enbridge came to my nation. We went back to them in Calgary and we worked out a deal that was good not only for Enbridge, but for my people as well."

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Kevin Weedmark photo

Federal public safety minister Ralph Goodale snaps a photo of work on the Enbridge right-of-way with his phone.

Enbridge Line 3 work kicks off

Continued from front
 "Today I think of three band members from my nation who are working on this line—Benji, Jared, and Jory—three men that are making money today because of this pipeline," said Chief Taypotat.

"I'm a firm believer that jobs equal money, money equals opportunity, opportunity equals breaking the cycle.

"There are approximately 20 band members working on this line today, earning a paycheque.

"I'm one of those Canadians that's lucky enough to say I live paycheque to paycheque. To some people that's funny, because many people live beyond that. But where I come from on Kahkewistahaw, people don't even live paycheque to paycheque because we don't have the jobs that pay like that.

"Enbridge Line 3 is a springboard for some of our band members. It's not going to be here forever, but we're going to use Enbridge Line 3 as a springboard for some of our band members to feel what it feels like to get \$2,400 bucks in your pocket every two weeks, because our people from Kahkewistahaw don't necessarily feel that.

"There may be backlash from my people to me standing here today. That's the reality of it. I wish I could wait around for the government to honor treaty and help my people grow and prosper, but if I did that I'm pretty sure I would be waiting into my next lifetime and the next, and I'm not going to do that.

"So for us, Kahkewistahaw chose to get in front of business, in front of industry as opposed to standing off to the side.

"For the last 150 years, our natural resources have been taken and we've had no compensation for it. For that reason, Kahkewistahaw chooses to participate in Line 3 under the strict environmental regulations they put in place.

"As long as they honor that, Kahkewistahaw will endorse Line 3."

In an interview with Plain and Valley, Chief Taypotat said he believes

"Jobs create money, money creates opportunity, opportunity represents breaking a cycle. Jory's little son that he has, a two-year-old kid, he's going to have hockey skates. He's going to have a baseball bat bought for him. He's not going to be sitting at home not doing anything. He's going to have opportunity to be something in life because of a little bit of money. That should be the opportunity that all Canadians have, but unfortunately on First Nations it's not always like that."

—Chief Evan Taypotat

Enbridge's approach was different this time because attitudes and the political dynamic are changing.

"Canada understands that we are traditional territory," he said. "My people lived in this area for thousands of years. The day and age of just coming and taking from Indian people, First Nations people is over. We have to be consulted and if we aren't consulted, chiefs like myself will stand up and say not a chance."

He said there are people on both sides of the debate in Kahkewistahaw.

"Anything you do in a democratic society, there will always be people against what you do," he said. "At the end of the day I was elected to make opportunity, to create jobs. And like I said, the three guys that I mentioned today that are working, they are not against it. They are going to end up making \$24, \$28, \$32 an hour. That's pretty darn good where I come from."

He said the economic opportunity will make all the difference in the world for his people.

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"That should be the opportunity that all Canadians have, but unfortunately on First Nations it's not always like that."

Chief Todd Peigan of the Pasqua First Nation said he was happy that Enbridge was willing to engage with First Nations and to listen.

"Since 2014 until now, Pasqua First Nation has witnessed and been part of Enbridge's commitment to Indigenous people by providing procurement opportunities, training and employment," he says.

"Enbridge, in partnership with Pasqua First Nation and other First Nations in the Qu'Appelle Valley, have developed the Qu'Appelle Valley Water Protection Stewardship . . . to protect those waters Line 3 traverses.

"This is to ensure not only the First Nations, but the general public, that those pipelines are run with due diligence and that there are no breaches, and if there are breaches, we would be involved with the remediation.

"In terms of traditional monitoring, we have identified a number of sites that are historical to First Nations and Indigenous groups. Enbridge co-operatively developed an action plan and partnership with Pasqua First Nation to protect those sites. There are sites on Spread 4 that the construction does not go towards because we have identified those as sacred areas that cannot be interrupted. That is the commitment Enbridge has made to First Nations.

"The procurement, the training and the employment are real benefits at the First Nations level.

"I encourage First Nations to sit down with Enbridge. If you have conflicts, work them out. Because we all need to benefit from this pipeline."

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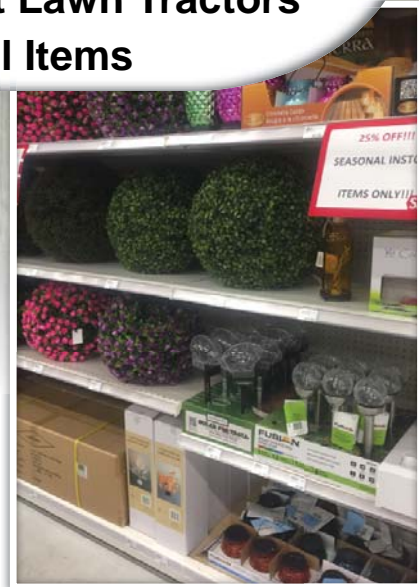
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Accommodations needed for pipeline workers

BY KARA KINNA

With the first workers for the Enbridge Line 3 replacement starting to move into the Moosomin area, and construction set to ramp up over the next few months, Enbridge and Banister, the contractor overseeing the pipeline replacement, have made it known that they are looking for accommodations for the workers who are moving into the area and looking for short-term stays.

According to Joanne Bradbury of Enbridge, each individual will choose a location and a budget that suits them. She says Enbridge does not arrange accommodations for the crews working on the pipeline, however they do pass on any information that they do have about available accommodations.

Because workers are bussed to the pipeline right-of-way each day from the yard site in Moosomin, she says there will be a big need for accommodations in Moosomin, however some people will also likely stay in other nearby communities.

"Some folks would be more than happy to stay outside of Moosomin while others will want to stay in Moosomin, simply for the fact that they have to get to the yard every day," she says.

"If you are an early bird and you have no issues with getting up half an hour early so that you can get on the yard and get on the bus to get out to the right-of-way by 7 am, then you're laughing. But if you're someone who likes to sleep, then you are going to want to stay in Moosomin because it just gives you that much more time.

"We recognize that with approximately 800 people trying to find a place, not everybody is going to be in Moosomin, they are going to be all over the place. The focus is all over. The further out you go from the core, which is Moosomin, the odds get less and less, but I think within close proximity they will still be fine.

"The other thing is, we can't say anything about duration of stay or rate, because everyone's budget is different, some folks have a particular skilled trade that they only need accommodations for a very short period of time and some will stay on longer."

So what kind of accommodations are workers looking for? That can vary depending on the person, but Bradbury says it's almost always important that the accommodations be furnished.

"Most will be looking for fully furnished rentals," she says.

She says some people are willing to share accommodations and amenities with others, while some people like their privacy.

"Everybody is different. Some people want their own space, their own kitchen, and other people don't mind sharing. I think the ones where there is a little bit more privacy will go first."

The other option, she says, is allowing some workers to park their RVs and stay, but she stresses that's only okay if it's okay with the community.

"Some guys have trailers and if they are allowed—we don't want to irritate the municipality—but if they are allowed to have a camper in their yard, sometimes people will say you can put your camper in my yard. But you have to be careful with that because some municipalities don't like that. We are careful with that, we don't want to be encouraging local people to break their own bylaws."

According to Enbridge there are a variety of workers on this project. Many will be looking for short-term stay options (four to six months maximum), although some workers will stay on for longer. Enbridge recommends that rental rates align with whatever the rental market calls for in each community or region.

Most workers on the project will be looking for all the rental amenities consistent with a 10- to 12-hour workday.

For those who have a space to rent, the following information is helpful:

- Name of community and province
- A summary of your rental (Example: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 TVs, washer-dryer, plug-ins for winter, etc.)
- Availability dates
- Contact name, e-mail address and phone number
- Any specific preferences or requirements

Once Enbridge has the information, they will add it to their listings, which are shared with the crews in the area. If a project worker is interested, they'll contact the person offering the rental directly.

Bradbury says people who have accommodations to rent can email projects@enbridge.com, or they can refer to the ad from Banister at the bottom of this page and contact Joe at 307-807-7812.

Moosomin Housing Authority providing accommodations

With a high vacancy rate in their family housing units, Moosomin Housing Authority has decided to provide some housing units for pipeline workers.

"They obviously have to pay the maximum rent, but we've provided a designated number of houses for them," says Sheilagh

Garrett, manager of the Moosomin Housing Authority.

"Right now we've got six homes (designated) and we have a couple of vacancies coming up—people who are moving out—so if we don't get any family applications before more Banister workers come in, we will give them to Banister. But that's the maximum because we want to make sure we have enough homes for anybody who needs them and who they are designated for."

Garrett says the six designated homes have already been spoken for.

"One house already has Banister people living in it and they are rented as needed as Banister moves in, so we have another one going September 1, another one going October, and then a couple more in November," she says.

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Accommodations needed for pipeline workers

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Garrett says the MHA board made the decision to provide accommodations because the vacancy rate in Moosomin is so high right now.

"We had over 20 family units that were empty and a couple of them had been empty for almost two years," she says. "So the board discussed it, and we thought this would be a good way to temporarily fill some homes over the winter and help a little bit."

Filling the houses helps taxpayers, as the pipeliners not only pay rent, but also cover the cost of utilities which would be a cost to the housing authority if the houses were vacant.

"The thing is, now businesses are hiring some employees for restaurant and hotels, so we've had more applications for low income people too," adds Garrett. "So that's the spinoff of this—we have people who are needing low income housing also applying and we're reaching capacity again, which is wonderful."

There have been 16 new applications for social housing in the last month.

Saudi Arabia has given the federal government the perfect opportunity to reopen discussion on the most important national infrastructure project that never happened in Canada.

With Saudi Arabia engaging in a full economic assault on Canada—selling Canadian investments and holdings in Canadian dollars, banning Canadian agricultural imports and telling Saudi citizens in higher education to leave Canada and return to Saudi Arabia—and then reassuring Canada that it will continue to sell us oil, this is the time to look again at a project that could solve several problems.

Energy East would provide an inexpensive, reliable way to get landlocked Western oil to market. It would solve the dependence of Eastern refineries on imported oil, it would open up a bottleneck restricting development in the Western Canadian oilfield, and it would reduce the discount at which Western Canadian crude is sold to American buyers because there are no other options.

Saudi Arabia has a "firm and long-standing policy" that petroleum supplies are not influenced by political considerations, Khalid al-Falih said in a statement meant to reassure Canadians that Saudi oil would continue to flow to Canadian ports.

Time for a serious rethink on Energy East Pipeline



Kevin Weedmark



After Canada criticized its human rights abuses, an agency tied to the Saudi government tweeted this image of an Air Canada plane heading for the CN tower—a clear reference to the 911 hijackings carried out by Saudi citizens. Why would we want to buy oil from these people?

"The current diplomatic crisis between Saudi Arabia and Canada will not, in any way, impact Saudi Aramco's relations with its customers in Canada."

But why in the world would Canada want to buy oil from a country that is trying to trash our economy, especially when we have oil in the ground in Western Canada that could easily meet Eastern Canadian needs, if only there was a way to get that

energy east.

The Energy East Pipeline would be an incredible boost for the Canadian economy. Not only would it boost the energy industry in Western Canada, it would be a boon to Evraz, which specializes in producing pipe for pipelines, and it would mean a construction boom across the country.

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Imagine the impact of a new project across the country, from Alberta to New Brunswick.

The Moosomin region would benefit greatly from Energy East had it proceeded, as Moosomin was slated to be the onramp to Energy East for Bakken oil, with a feeder pipeline from Cromer, Man., another pipeline from Williston, North Dakota to the Moosomin Compressor Station, and a 1,050,000 barrel tank farm at the Moosomin Compressor Station.

Saudi Arabia is not a friend to Canada. Amnesty International has done a great job of profiling the growing list of injustices that plague the country.

Christia Freeland was responding to the detainment of Raif Badawi and the recent arrest of his sister Samar Badawi, along with several other women who have been jailed for pushing for more civil freedoms, including former Canadian student Loujain al-Hathloul.

If Saudi Arabia doesn't want to trade with Canada anymore, it's an incredibly stupid move on their part in the long term. They purchased the former Canadian Wheat Board, now G3, specifically to assure themselves of a supply of grain.

The other thing the Saudis seem to want to buy from us is military equipment that has been used to help create the world's worst humanitarian crisis and even used against civilians in Yemen.

Canada's major import from Saudi Arabia is \$2.2 billion worth of oil every year that goes to the Irving refinery in Saint John, New Brunswick—the very refinery that would have been the endpoint of the Energy East Pipeline.

The current dispute with Saudi Arabia is exactly the sort of reason why I and many others argued that Energy East is vitally important for Canada.

TransCanada backed away from Energy East after the federal government imposed ridiculous new rules taking into account downstream and upstream emissions from every drop of oil going through the pipe—emissions that are still there with every tanker of Saudi crude coming to Canada.

It's time for the government to rethink its approach to Energy East.



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The plan for Energy East, which included a major component at Moosomin, was abandoned by TransCanada after the federal government changed the rules for approval.

Saudi dispute revives talk of Energy East

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Canada's opposition leader says Ottawa's escalating diplomatic dispute with Saudi Arabia over human rights is an opportunity to become more energy independent.

Conservative leader Andrew Scheer says the dispute with Saudi Arabia, from which oil is imported to Eastern Canadian refineries, is an example of why we need to get the conversation around energy independence going again—and source a replacement for Saudi oil.

"We continue as a country to purchase large amounts of oil, which supports the Saudi regime," says Scheer. "We don't believe that should continue." Instead, he says Canada should look again at construction of the Energy East pipeline.

"We don't have an alternative to foreign oil in many Eastern markets," he says. "That being said, a signal that this government would invite Energy East back to the table could do a lot in the medium and long term. I don't expect that will happen, the Liberals killed that purposefully."

Scheer, however, says the government's insistence that Saudi Arabia release jailed civil rights activists is appropriate, adding Canada should continue to stand up for human rights around the world.

He says the Conservatives are willing to work with the government to resolve this, noting his shadow minister for foreign affairs has been in touch with foreign affairs minister Chrystia Freeland on what the next steps will be.

Between 2007 and 2017, Statistics Canada figures show that Canada imported a total of \$20.9 billion of Saudi Ara-

bian petroleum oils. For context, this is almost precisely what Canada spends on its military per year.

It's also way more than the expected \$15.7 billion cost of the Energy East pipeline.

On average, in recent years, Saudi Arabia supplies about 10 per cent of Canada's oil imports.

Canada, in turn, is responsible for buying roughly 1.5 per cent of total Saudi oil exports.

Saudi Arabia has become a more important source of foreign oil for Canada in recent years.

As recently as 2010, Saudi Arabia ranked as Canada's fifth largest supplier of foreign oil (behind Algeria, Norway, the U.K. and Kazakhstan). Now, Saudi Arabia is second only to the United States.

All of the Saudi oil imported into Canada in 2017 and 2018 came through New Brunswick, which only has one oil import facility: The massive Irving Oil-owned Saint John refinery.

Between January and June of this year that refinery has imported \$1.8 billion of Saudi oil—roughly \$10 million per day. The amount of U.S. oil entering the refinery, for comparison, is equivalent only to about \$3.8 million per day.

Unlike most Canadian refineries, Saint John has no access to a pipeline; every barrel of oil it processes either comes by tanker or train.

(The oil train that caused the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster, in fact, was headed to the Saint John refinery).

"We source crude oil from all over the world for our refinery in Saint John, N.B.," a spokesman for Irving Oil

said. And whenever someone is seeking out oil from the world market, it's not unusual that a lot of it is going to come from oil-rich Saudi Arabia.

While Canada imports foreign oil at world prices, it exports much more oil to the United States at discounted prices.

On paper, Canada could become energy self-sufficient tomorrow.

Every day Canada produces about 3.9 million barrels of oil, and uses less than 2 million barrels.

A study this year from the Canadian Energy Research Institute even calculated that energy self-sufficiency might reduce emissions.

University of Calgary professor and Suncor Energy chair Harrie Vredenburg has been raising the question for years, even before the Energy East Pipeline debate got into full swing in 2014.

"Had the Energy East pipeline gone through a couple of years ago, and not been blocked by Quebec, then the oil would, if not be completely flowing by now, it would be very close to flowing from Alberta," Vredenburg said.

The project was shut down by TransCanada last year. It would have seen an estimated one million barrels of oil flowing each day from the western provinces to the east by converting an existing natural-gas pipeline into an oil pipe. The infrastructure has been transporting natural gas for decades, he said.

Vredenburg said he was puzzled by the cancellation.

He said if Canada stopped producing oil, the country would have to be supplied by regimes like Saudi Arabia, which has a history of human-rights abuses, he said.

Vredenburg related the situation to consumers' aversion to "blood diamonds"—minerals procured through rebel or security-force activity in parts of Africa that may perpetrate human-rights abuses. Back in 2014, Parliament began debating the Conflict Minerals Act, which required Canadian companies to practise due diligence in the mineral trade. The act was eventually defeated, but Vredenburg said it sparked a desire among Canadian consumers for ethically sourced diamonds. Local businesses reacted, he said, and as a result "the Canadian diamond industry is now seen as an exemplary industry as having the best human rights."

Canada could seize this opportunity to build more infrastructure, becoming a country the world could rely on for ethical oil, said Vredenburg.

"It makes a lot of sense for Canada to take control of its own destiny and say, 'We're not going to be at the whim of the crown prince of Saudi Arabia and we will use our own oil,'" he said.

Many environmentalists argue that Canada should wean itself off oil completely, but Vredenburg counters that won't happen. Instead, Canadians should pressure oil companies to produce cleaner energy, he said.

If oil production were to be halted, "that oil would be supplied from other less attractive places than Canada," he said.



The tank farm at the Moosomin Compressor Station that was part of the proposal for the Energy East Pipeline.

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Why most Canadians support carbon tax fight

Recently, the Angus Reid Institute published a new national public opinion poll indicating that seven out of 10 Canadians believe the Government of Saskatchewan was right to challenge the Trudeau carbon tax in court, while two thirds of Canadians believe it should be the provinces—not Ottawa—that determine the appropriate path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

A few weeks ago, Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced that Ontario would support Saskatchewan's legal challenge of the Trudeau carbon tax by seeking intervenor status in our government's reference case at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal.

In declaring his support for Saskatchewan, Premier Ford was unequivocal, stating that Ontario would use every single tool at its disposal to challenge a carbon tax that would make life unaffordable for families and put thousands of jobs at risk.

Before that, Prince Edward Island confirmed it is preparing a climate action plan that does not include a carbon tax or a cap and trade system.

PEI Environment Minister Richard Brown said: "If the objective is to reduce carbon in the air, and we have a plan to do that, then why do we need a tax?"

No doubt other provinces are asking the same question, as Ottawa's September 1 deadline for carbon pricing proposals approaches.

So this is the situation we find our nation in:

- Two or perhaps three provinces are in compliance with the federal carbon pricing plan
- Two provinces are challenging the plan in court
- And a number of the remaining provinces and territories will not be in compliance come September

The federal government would be well advised to take a step back to reassess and consider the withdrawal of its one-size-fits-all carbon tax and adopt a more collegial approach to addressing climate change.

This was the approach Prime Minister Trudeau espoused in March 2016 when he met with Canada's Premiers in Vancouver to discuss climate change.

In Vancouver, the Prime Minister declared a willing-



Premier Scott Moe

ness to work with the Premiers "in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration".

Soon afterward, Ottawa unilaterally imposed a carbon tax, in a betrayal of those warm sentiments.

It's time the federal government stepped back and took another look at what the provinces are actually doing to combat climate change.

In Saskatchewan, we have released a climate change plan—Prairie Resilience—that will lead to a real reduction in greenhouse gas emissions without a carbon tax that would cost our province's energy intensive, export-oriented economy \$4 billion over five years.

In Saskatchewan, we are in the process of doubling our renewable power to 50 per cent of our electrical generating capacity, in part by working with First Nations on innovative projects.

We have invested more than a billion dollars in the world's first commercial power plant with a fully integrated post combustion carbon capture system – the Boundary Dam 3 project (BD3).

BD3 has captured more than two million tonnes of carbon dioxide—the equivalent of taking 500,000 cars off the road.

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) has been identified as a crucial technology to reduce emissions by the United Nations, the International Energy Agency and a number of environmental groups.

Saskatchewan is a world leader in advancing this important technology. This should be recognized by the federal government.

We are devising an offset system that will recognize

our province as a carbon sink and a research leader in agriculture.

Carbon intensity in agriculture has been reduced in part because of research undertaken in our province, in genetics, agronomy, and in zero till technology that sequesters carbon in the soil.

In Saskatchewan, we manufacture air drills and export them to Russia, Kazakhstan, throughout Europe, the United States and Australia.

These Saskatchewan-made air drills are reducing greenhouse gas emissions around the world.

At home, more than 70 per cent of our land is cultivated using zero till technology.

Meanwhile, the production of pulse crops in Saskatchewan has soared, from 400,000 acres in 1990 to six million acres today.

We are one of the world's leading exporters of lentils, peas and chickpeas, crops that fix nitrogen, use less fertilizer, and therefore have a lower carbon footprint.

Saskatchewan's agricultural soils are an enormous carbon sink, sequestering millions of tonnes of CO2 every year.

This, too, should be recognized by the federal government.

As should the millions of tonnes of emissions offset by Saskatchewan uranium used to produce nuclear power in the United States and Asia.

Saskatchewan industries—Canadian industries—are more environmentally responsible and operate more sustainably than many of their competitors around the world.

If we really want to lower emissions, we should encourage Canadians to purchase sustainably-produced Canadian products.

And we should give the provinces the freedom to develop climate change policies that actually work, without a federal carbon tax.

This opinion piece was submitted by Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe



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BY KARA KINNA

Most people wouldn't expect to find an 18-hole mini golf course, blaster bumper boats, human foosball and ziplines in the middle of the country in Southeast Saskatchewan, but those are just some of the things located on the farm of Tannis and Scott Lovell, who run Angel Acres FunZone, a rural amusement park located on their farm northeast of Carnduff.

Angel Acres has opened for its third summer, and has been growing every year. It has blaster bumper boats that squirt water, mini golf, kids and adult ziplines, a bouncy castle, a sand pit with a play structure, human foosball, beach volleyball, and a concession with a slush machine, drinks and frozen treats. There is also a picnic area where people can have birthday parties and barbecues.

"Since we expanded this year it's going crazy," says Tannis Lovell. "This year we went full out, adding the boats, the beach volleyball, and the adult zipline."

"We just started out with a little bit at the beginning. We had the bouncy castles, the kids ziplines, and then bubble soccer. The bubble soccer balls didn't last very long and we wanted something bigger and better. We were out of town a little bit so we thought let's get something that will help people cool off, and that's when we thought about the bumper boats."

"There is something for everyone, for all ages, from three years old and up. Last weekend we had some seniors that were on the adult zipline!"

Tannis says the addition of things like the human foosball has been a hit.

"We host bachelorette parties. One group, they wanted to do the mini golf and human foosball, and they went into

the human foosball and stayed there all night, they had a blast!

"We added beach volleyball this year, the adult zipline and an in-ground pool for the bumper boats."

She says there has been a real increase in the number of people who are coming out to their farm to go to Angel Acres.

"In the past, during the week it would be slow and you might see the odd person trickle in throughout the day, but now we are open at 1 pm and people are there. Last night they were there until 8 o'clock. It was constant."

"This summer we have been way busier. And of course we get the odd person saying 'are you going to add on?'"

Tannis says people are starting to come from as far as an hour or more away.

"If the weather is hot and people are around we are busy," she says. "And we are centrally located. We are half an hour from Oxbow and Redvers, we now are getting some people from the States. We've had lots of Estevan people come out. Melita we've had, and that's about 45 minutes."

What inspired the Lovells to start Angel Acres Fun Zone?

"Ten years ago we lost our little boy," says Tannis. "He passed away—he was two. We thought to help us with our grieving, let's get something in memory of Evan. And we also thought there isn't much stuff around Carnduff to do for young kids or families, so we just sat at our table one day and Scott, my husband, and I thought "what can we name this?" And we thought Angel Acres. We are in the country, we are on a farm, and Evan is our Angel."

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Above: Human foosball.



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Above: The Asham Stompers performing.



Right: Ukrainian dancers wowing the crowd.

Ed James photos

Have bus, will travel and learn

Retired teachers head to National Ukrainian Festival

BY ED JAMES

One of the very special things about Canada is the unique and diverse cultural it has. From coast to coast we have a wonderful variety of cultural lifestyles that have come to this country from all over the world. The various groups have brought us different foods, music, clothing styles, language, and traditions to build a cultural "mosaic" for the rest of us to enjoy if we take the opportunity.

Every year a group of retired teachers in the Westman area of Manitoba plan a summer road trip to broaden their horizons. These trips can be cultural, musical and historical events, and sometimes a mixture of all three. This year 45 members of the group headed out for the Canadian National Ukrainian Festival, held south of Dauphin at the Selo Ukraina Site.

The concert site is built into the side of a hill, with lots of great seating from all angles of the huge stage. On top of the hill are smaller stage areas, food vendors, gift shops and, as a seniors group, the all important abundance of washrooms!

On the smaller stages there were a variety of younger and new dancing groups who performed and were judged on their skills and performance. I watched a few of these and was impressed with the thoroughness of the judges who not only pointed out the strengths and weakness of the groups, but often put down their notes and demonstrated various techniques.

On the upper levels of the site there was a variety of every type of Ukrainian food you would like to try, and places to sit and enjoy it. There were also a number of gift shops selling a wide selection of traditional and new Ukrainian gifts, artwork and clothing. At the bottom of the hill there is a whole other site to visit. If you were concerned about the walk down and back up the hill, there were shuttle vehicles for those who are perhaps getting a little long in the tooth! In fact, it is worthwhile mentioning that every staff member and volunteer I met at the site went out of their way to help you or to answer your questions. (Where are the washrooms?). It would start with the volunteers who came on the bus to put on our wrist bands and the personal greeting given to us by the official host of this year's event.

At the bottom of the hill is a recreation of a traditional Uk Village, with re-actors to show you the old skills and techniques. These included traditional music, framing techniques, arts and crafts, and, my favorite, the baking of bread in the traditional large round clay ovens. If you were more adventurous you could go over to the Cossacks camp site where they were busy cooking traditional dishes over an open pit fire, with free samples for the asking. The smell of the wood burning fire just added to the mood and made the food taste better!

Now it was time to go back up the hill to the main stage area for the afternoon show. Since this is the 50th anniversary of the festival, you could be sure that they have worked all of the technical problems out of the performances to give you a great show. It was a very hot day so we came prepared with water, hats and sun block to enjoy the event.

Two of the items that makes for a great performance are a good sound system and an even better MC. The MC that day, despite the almost 30 degree temperature, had the energy and stage presence that was a perfect match for the two hours of entertainment. If your foot was not tapping or your hands clapping, you might want to have your hearing checked!

The dance groups, singers and band offered a mixture of traditional and new Ukrainian music and dance. You had such groups as the famous Shumka Dancers, the Zirkauk dancers and the dancing Cossacks to name a few. These various acts came from Ukrainian communities all over Canada. The colorful costumes and dance steps were like a rainbow at time as they flew across the large stage.

But there was more! To further demonstrate the cultural diversity of Canada there were special performances by The Asham Stompers from Winnipeg, Manitoba. These were a group of dancers of all ages who performed a high energy

jig and square dance. Their mission is to recapture and preserve the history of the Métis people through the Red River Jig mixed with traditional square dance routines now known as the Red River Dance.

Once they hit the stage the floor boards were rumbling with rhythms as they performed group and individual dance sets. The crowd were elated by their dance steps and costumes, and from the side of the main stage you could see the other dancers cheering them on with applause and cheers. They brought with them a very accomplished old-time fiddler who did an 11 minute version of "Maple Sugar" and "Orange Blossom Special" that the dancers burned up the stage with as the tempo got faster.

All too soon the day trip was over as we headed back to our welcomed air condition bus that our organizer Kel Smith had arranged as we headed back through the beauty of Riding Mountain Park.

My day had started off at 6 am and I got home by 10 pm, but the long day was worth every moment with hundreds of photos and memories of some of the unique cultural events I had seen that day. We have so much in this country to be thankful for with our rich cultural mosaic, the way I see it! BUDMO!! (cheers in Ukrainian).

Ed James is a retired teacher from Elkhorn, Manitoba.




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Fairmede Church being restored

BY KARA KINNA

Plans are in the works to restore the Fairmede Church, which was built in 1910 and is located in the Fairmede District, southwest of Moosomin.

The Fairmede District was formed in 1883 when the first settlers arrived.

"The Fairmede Church gives us not just a spiritual connection to our past, but also a historical connection," says Rhonda Hall, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fairmede Agricultural Society. "Churches were the centre of worship, and also of most other community events. This is part of our community heritage and also our Saskatchewan heritage."

Hall says the church has a long and important history to the area.

"In 1910 the southeast corner of Section 11-13-1-W2 was chosen as the site for building a church and for a cemetery. In the spring of 1910 work on the church was started," she says. "The men of the congregation hauled the materials and the contract for the building was given to MD Hamilton of Wapella.

"Early in August work was finished and on August 20, 1910 the church was opened and dedicated for service. Rev. John Laycock of Moosomin officiated. The Fairmede Ladies Aide purchased the furnishings, and the church and stable cost \$2,000. This church was a Methodist church at that time.

"After the union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in 1925, the Congregational Church of Earlswood and the Presbyterian Church united with the Fairmede congregation which was then called the United Church of Fairmede.

"In 1930 a full sized basement was built, consisting



Above: The Fairmede United Church as it stands today.

of dining room, a kitchen and coal room. In 1985 the church was moved off and the old basement was replaced with a new one.

"Our little church is the centre of our community. The building itself is sound but there are major repairs that need to be done. First we are moving it to a new foundation close to the present church, as the basement is beginning to have structural issues. Secondly we must reshingle. Thirdly some plaster and painting work needs to be done inside—three major items that are costly.

"It is our hope that others will appreciate our little church as much as we do and may find it in their hearts to help us restore it. We are requesting monetary donations. Large and small would be appreciated. We are able to provide income tax receipts for any donations given."

Hall says it's important to restore the church.

"I think it's a tribute to our forefathers, the pioneers who put it there," she says. "It's in sound shape, it would be a shame to lose

it in this day and age of everything new. We're losing a lot of these types of heritage sites."

Hall says the church is still used for services. A service is held there annually during the Fairmede Fair, and the church is available for weddings and interdenominational services.

She says she estimates repairs will cost a minimum of \$20,000. Hall says they hope to have the church restored by the next Fairmede Fair in July.

"If we can get everything done this year that would be good," she says. She says some possible ideas for fundraisers have been discussed, and they are also hoping people come forward with donations to help with the restoration costs. A Fairmede United Church Restoration Fund has been set up.

Hall says anyone looking for more information can contact her at 306-739-2114, and those looking to make donations can send them to the Fairmede United Church Restoration Fund, Box 440, Wawota, SK, S0G 5A0.



Above: A black and white photo of the church in the 1940s.

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The Moosomin Generals Girls in a game against the Melville girls in May. This was the first ever Midget girls football game played in Saskatchewan. This fall the Moosomin girls will have three other teams to play against in Southeast Saskatchewan. Although the league doesn't have a name yet, Generals GM Jason Schenn says it's a start.

Kim Poole photo

Girls football league formed

Games start in September

BY KARA KINNA

The Moosomin Generals Girls football team will have a league to play in this fall after three other communities in Southeast Saskatchewan stepped forward with girls teams of their own.

Moosomin, Regina, Melville and Yorkton will all be a part of the league, and although the league still doesn't have a name, games will start this September.

"It's basically a loose collection league right at this point," says Jason Schenn, the GM of the Moosomin Generals who spearheaded the creation of a girls team in Moosomin this past spring. "Traditionally the competitive side of girls football, for what

little there is, is generally spring because a lot of the coaches coach year-round because there are higher demands in the fall with the other programs. But everyone is trying to make a go of this, so we got some good coaches that are focussed on making something happen and they are making time to make it go.

"It's been something I've been pushing on for a long time and finally the right ears are hearing it and people are starting to give it a go. I've been reaching out wherever I can.

"Some of it's been happening organically. We've gotten a lot of visibility in Regina with the Regina Riot and the Riders over what we've been doing. It naturally landed

in their neighborhood where they were, and they started to think well we should get off the pot and do something. They reached out to me as well and we talked about it and they ended up having somebody who is a fantastic coach who is going to lead that program for them.

"The fellow who is going to be heading up the Regina Minor is coach Ryan Hall and he has been the head coach for Campbell there for the last five or six years. He literally wrote the book on coaching Canadian football. He's a teacher, a football fanatic, a great coach, he's led Campbell to the provincial championships in their program. He's moved schools this year and he's not going to be taking on the program at that school, so he's going to take on the girls football and try to get that going there. They are going to have some good coaching there so they will be competitive there.

"John at Melville, he's a good coach too, so he'll have a competitive team just like he did in the spring.

I expect any of these groups to be competitive."

Schenn says all four of the teams are brand new teams.

"There are going to be some of the girls on these teams that have played before. We have the five on our team that have been playing with our programs for a long time already. The same in Regina Minor, there are going to be a few who have played in the regular program. And Melville has their girls who have been playing for one spring season. A few of the girls playing on Melville are from Yorkton, so they will have that experience to take over to Yorkton.

"It will be a good start."

Schenn says he's hoping that the league will inspire other communities to think about starting girls football programs.

"Now that there are four teams out there that are actually doing this, now what it's going to take is those girls that are actually playing or wanting to play in these other communities to start bugging people and saying 'why not us?'" he says.

"And that's what's going to be the push to get some of those other coaches and program leaders to say 'okay why not, let's do it.'"

"Interest is always the first piece of the puzzle. We found that. It's like any fire, it takes a spark to get it going."

Schenn says games for the new girls league will be played through September, and while no playoff format has been decided on yet, the coaches involved are still in discussions about that.

"There are lots of things to sort out," he says.

"We're pretty excited, I can't wait to get them going. We're doing some skills nights right now just to let kids try out different positions and focussing on one thing at a time."

He says any girls who didn't sign up for spring football and who still want to play can join the team and be part of the league play this fall.

"If there is anyone who missed out on the spring who wanted to play, by all means they can get on our website and find out more info or contact me or come out to our skills nights we are doing on Tuesday nights through the summer here at 6:30 pm.

"Then we will be getting into full practices the last week of August, and then our season starts."



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Redvers pool upgrade starting Sept. 1

BY KARA KINNA

The town of Redvers is undertaking a major upgrade to its swimming pool, with construction on the pool starting on September 1, after it closes for the season on August 25.

"We are changing the liner in our main pool and we are taking out our toddler pool and adding in a zero beach entry where the toddler pool was, and joining both pools together," says Redvers Rec Director Alicia Stewart. "It is going to be close to the same size, but in the entrance of the beach entry there are going to be a few splash components as well."

Stewart says the project got started around four years ago when the rec foundation began initially fundraising for a splash pad, but it turned into a larger project.

"About four years ago we decided to start fundraising for a splash pad. We raised about \$100,000 and then it kind of fizzled out," she says. "Our whole committee kind of fizzled out, but the money was still sitting there. Two years ago our health inspector came in and told us our liner is coming to the end of its life, so that kind of started everyone's gears turning."

"So then we decided to talk about a pool liner as well as the splash pad, but our toddler pool is giving us so much grief each year as well. There are so many things that need to keep being maintained and fixed every year. We decided to put all the ducks in one basket and go big or go home."

Stewart says the idea of the splash pad and zero entry



A digital rendering showing what the Redvers pool upgrade will look like.

pool—which allows people in wheelchairs or with mobility problems to enter the pool easily—worked well together.

"It is definitely better for accessibility, but with the whole splash pad part of it, it works out well because we had that money sitting on the side for a splash pad, so this way we could use that money for the components in a splash pad but not have to give it its own separate location," says Stewart. "So it fits right into the whole design of what we're looking at, and with the zero beach it is way better for accessibility. With the Redvers Activity Centre here, they actually travel to other towns to use their pools because most of them can't get into our pool. There are about 35 clients there and maybe half of them can come

here." The estimated cost of the entire project is \$450,000, and the rec foundation currently has \$256,000 for the project.

"We are continuing fundraising," says Stewart. "We're still looking for different grants and hopefully donations. Part of the project is going to start this fall, and we have that part fully funded already. It's some stuff that happens in the spring that we're still looking for more funding for."

Stewart says the project is being backed by the town and the RM of Antler, and the Redvers Rec Foundation has also put \$100,000 toward the project.

"This year all of the other organizations that would even think about going to ask for money (from the Rec Foundation) decided that the

pool project was top priority, so nobody else asked for anything and we received \$100,000 from the Rec Foundation," she says. "And then the town and RM both have decided that they would give us an interest-free loan to cover the rest. Then we will fundraise to pay that back. So our fundraising is never going to be long term for this project, but it is nice that we know we have a start date and we're actually going to see it happen."

Stewart says demolition work at the pool will start on September 1, followed by work by Western Recreation.

"The first part of the project is to take out the toddler pool and level it out. Then the cement will be poured for the zero beach entry," she says. "That will happen this fall, and they will prep the

pool for the new liner, but we're not taking the old liner out until spring, otherwise it will leave a big gaping hole there and you never know what is going to happen to the pipes and everything else underneath."

In the spring, the project

will be completed with the installation of the new liner and the splash pad. "It will be one big liner that joins both pools. And then we will install the components for a splash pad and basically start it up," says Stewart.

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Her daughter Mckenzie is helping her run Angel Acres this summer and into the fall.

"At the beginning of September I decided to be home schooled. I wanted to stay home and help with the fun zone and it's been going good," she says.

Tannis's mom Mary, her husband Scott, her eight-

year-old daughter Rayah (who collects the mini golf balls), and one of their neighbors down the road, Shannon, also help run the amusement park.

"At our school, me and Rayah, we are the only people who can say we have a funzone in our yard," says Mckenzie.

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Above left and right, Tim Hovdestad and Marilyn Klinger harvest beets in the Food Share community garden. Right: Tim Hovdestad, Marilyn Klinger, Samantha Campbell and Trina Brace at the community garden.



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Moosomin Food Share growing a garden for clients

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Clients of the Moosomin Food Share are receiving fresh vegetables in their food hampers this summer, thanks to the efforts of Food Share volunteers who are growing a garden to help those who need the Food Share's services.

The space for the garden has been donated by Sharpe's Crop Services, as has fertilizer and a water tank to keep the garden watered.

Flaman Group of Companies donated the use of a rototiller to work up the garden in the spring.

Organizers are hoping someone will come forward with some well-rotted manure to add to the garden in the fall. Volunteers have been doing all the work in the garden.

Volunteer Marilyn Klinger grows zucchini and spaghetti squash in her home garden for the food share.

People also donate produce from their own gardens, from lettuce to zucchini to rhubarb.

Volunteers were out picking beets and other vegetables in the food share garden recently to include in the July food hampers.

The food share board is hoping that clients will help out with the garden as well.

Tim Hovdestad, one of the volunteers, says there is a simple reason why he volunteers his time growing vegetables for the less fortunate.

"I like gardening, and I like food, and I thought

this is something I can do to help. I think it's great if we can grow food right here to help people.

"We've had lots of support," he adds. "Sharpe's has been very supportive and generous providing the space for us, and the support they have given. They have said we can use more space if we need it."

So far this year Food Share clients have received lettuce, peas beans, and beets out of the garden.

The carrots will be ready for next month, then potatoes and onions.

The Food Share received a small grant to help get the community garden under way. "We were wanting to explore different options with the Food Share, and we came across this grant where we could apply for a little bit of funding," says Trina Brace.

"We applied, and we didn't get the full amount, but it really helped us," adds Marilyn Klinger.

The food share board is hoping that clients will help out with the garden as well.

"It's a step toward getting the people who are receiving hampers to participate in it—helping to grow their own food," says Trina Brace. "That's the direction we're hoping to go in."

About 40 families receive hampers each month, and there are seven or eight emergency hampers between the monthly distributions.



Above, Blaire Campbell samples some of the peas.



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Fireworks weekend attracts 9,500

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The 2018 Living Skies Come Alive International Fireworks competition attracted 9,500 people to Moosomin Regional Park on the August long weekend and, while not all the bills are in yet, appears to have raised about \$75,000 for the Regional Park.

Organizers are happy with the way this year's event went.

"I think we made some significant improvements," said Layne McFarlane of the organizing committee. "We talked about it being a family type of event, and I think that worked out really well with the sandcastle building contest 11 am and kids activities at 1 pm. We get great reviews on the pontoon rides and the people providing them say it is so interesting because they get people from everywhere going out.

"I was speaking to Don Bradley who toured the people and they find it really interesting. Doug Bain was saying he takes people along to the see the cabins then winds around and goes across the area where they're shooting off the fireworks and runs around the beach and brings them back to the dock.

"At the lake, the front lawn is the one that faces the lake and the back yard where you pull into with your vehicle is typically the one you see from the road, so being on the lake gives you a different perspective."

Organizer Laurie Mannle said the event wouldn't happen without the volunteers.

"I just can't stress enough that the volunteers this year were awesome and smiling, and they made it great. It was just a nice weekend," she says.

"Some of the volunteers really adjusted to the particular

demands of the day," added Layne. "Whether it's a ball tournament or the fireworks or anything else, it couldn't happen without the volunteers."

Organizers said a lot more people used the bus service this year, which reduced the traffic congestion.

"Taylor's had two bus trips come out and the bus actually went out to Fieldstone. They had a full bus from Fieldstone and I think a lot of them were workers from the pipeline project here in town, so that was a nice addition," said Laurie.

The funds raised by the weekend event will help pay down the loan on the new water treatment plant at the lake.

"We haven't got all the bills in, but I'm going to say when all the bills come in I think we can comfortably say we're at least at \$75,000," says Layne. "Of course we have a \$200,000 loan on our water plant, so we know where that can go."

"Without the support of everyone who attends the fireworks, the water plant wouldn't be possible," added Laurie.

She said the support from the business community is also a big boost for the park.

"The business community was huge with all the sponsorships. We've already had people phone for next year wanting to be a sponsor," she says.

Organizers added performances by Sask Express both afternoons this year, which were attended by between 500 and 1,000 people.

What are the plans for next year?

"We need to have a post-event meeting, then decide where we go from there," said Layne. "Everything needs to be planned so far in advance. We need to have our fire-

works booked by October.

"There is always a way to improve things and maybe look at different entertainment. I know people had mentioned bringing idol contests back where people are more involved rather than just sitting and watching. We always welcome ideas if anybody has any great suggestions for entertainment."

The organizers said they heard a lot of positive comments this year.

"I heard it was really well organized this year," said Layne. "There was a couple just walking by me on Sunday morning and they said it was really well organized and they really like coming here. They live an hour north of Yorkton and this was their fourth year and they really like fireworks."

"Out of the 9,500 people that attended I bet you we had three or four complaints, so when you think of the number of people that attended that is a very small percentage, so I think that just shows that we're doing something right," says Laurie.

She said anyone with ideas on how to improve the weekend is welcome to get involved and share their ideas.

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Ethan Bear Hockey Skills Camp

Ethan Bear shares his love of hockey at home

BY KARA KINNA

The shouts of kids, the scrape of skates on ice, the sound of pucks hitting the boards and the encouraging shouts of instructors—these were the sounds that greeted the ears of anyone walking into the Chief Denton George Multiplex at Ochapowace First Nation at the end of July.

The week marked the second time that the Ethan Bear Hockey Skills Camp was held in Ochapowace, with 115 kids from around Western Canada, and even Ontario, coming out to skate with Ethan and instructors made up of his former teammates from the 2017 WHL championship Seattle Thunderbirds.

The group of instructors was impressive. They included Ethan himself, who just skated his rookie year with the NHL's Edmonton Oilers; Mathew Barzal of the New York Islanders, and the 2018 NHL Rookie of the Year; Ryan Gropp, a New York Rangers prospect with the AHL Hartford Wolfpack; New York Islanders prospect Scott Eansor with the Bridgeport Sound from Englewood, Colorado; Colorado Avalanche prospect Turner Ottenbreit with the AHL's Colorado Eagles. Nolan Volcan with the Seattle Thunderbirds; Donovan Neuls with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies; Brian Albee with the BCHL's Chilliwack Chiefs, who were the 2018 RBC Cup Champions; and Rylan Toth, the goaltender for the University of British Columbia.

The dryland instructor was Wesley Sunshine, a three-time Canadian National Team Senior Boxing Champion from 1987-1991 in featherweight and lightweight from Regina.

And then there was the man who helped put the camp all together along with Ethan—Courage Bear, a relative and close family friend who was named Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association Coach of the Year for 2017-2018, is the Saskatoon Contacts Midget AAA Assistant Coach, and who has a Kinesiology degree from University of Saskatchewan.

Giving back & going home

During four solid days out on the ice with the kids last week, Ethan Bear spoke about how the camp got going and what he wanted the kids to take away from it.

"Basically it's just the basics of being able to skate and stick handle when they are on the ice. It's the simplest skills of playing hockey. We make drills where they do stations and then at each station we incorporate a different skill that they are not even going to know they are learning," he says. "We want to focus on stick handling and rolling their wrist. And we basically just want them to have fun and enjoy it."

Although they try to cap the number of registrants for the camp at around



Ethan Bear timing players during a skating drill.

100, this year they took 115 young hockey players.

"With the amount of guys that we have and the way we run things, we were able to bring in more kids and give more kids an opportunity to learn," says Ethan.

The camp is open to anyone who wants to come out, and while some come from Ochapowace itself, others have come from as far as Edmonton, Alberta, Manitoba, and even Ontario.

Why did Ethan decide to start a hockey camp?

"It's an idea I've had for a while, when I was playing in Seattle," he says. "I just threw it out there. I told the guys I was going to have a hockey camp with or without them and if they wanted to come and join, it could be a week to see each other again and reminisce on old memories. They all liked the idea. And that's the best part for all of us is that we get to be together and hang out, and at the same time do something good for the community and for kids. It's a way of giving back."

"It's a pretty expensive camp, so if you want to be a part of it and hang out with these guys, we give every kid the right amount of attention that they deserve. It's definitely not an inexpensive camp but it's well worth it."

"I always want to give back to my community because growing up we never had anything, we always had to go out of town or go to Regina or someplace far away if I wanted to get some skills work in. And then I had this idea, and I think it's perfect. It gives kids an opportunity that not everybody gets. It's definitely one of a kind."

"It's a good school. There are a lot of skills and a lot of thought that gets put into it. Courage Bear, he thinks of the drills and tells us how we should run them and gives us a specific skill we should work on in each drill, and I think it works well. You see kids

getting better each day and it's pretty noticeable.

"He coaches Midget AAA, and he won coach of the year, and when I had this idea he was a big part

of it. I called him up, and it wouldn't be as easy as it is, and fun, without him. He definitely has a big role in this group. He's like our leader out there. He makes

sure everyone is on the same page, and the work sheets he does and all the skills he thinks of are pretty helpful for us."

Ethan says the kids at

the camp are pushed pretty hard, but the main objective is for them to realize how fun hockey is.

"I hope they realize it's hard work but it's fun. I just hope kids can have fun enjoying this game as much as we all do and they could see the competitive part of it as well as the skills part of it—but at the same time having fun is the best part."

"You see a lot of kids, on their first day, they don't like it, and then by the third day they can't wait to get back on the ice. I think the biggest thing we preach here is fun."


"I just hope they just try to play and step out of their comfort zone, because playing hockey for other teams in other places can get overwhelming. I just want them to enjoy the hockey side of it and the practice side of it and realize it's a fun sport."

"Just have fun, enjoy it, and do what you want to do. It's not scary to play with other people, it's fun. Just enjoy it, it's a good sport. Don't overthink it too much."

Ethan will be getting back to training this week.

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Ethan Bear Hockey Skills Camp

Bear shares his love of hockey at home

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"I'm going to be getting back to training once this is over, I will be in Regina. I have a few trainers there and will just be getting ready for the season," he says. "I come home pretty much every weekend. I'm only in Regina, it's not a far drive. I do my work there and then when it's done I come home."

He says people at home in Ochapowace are proud of him for his NHL career, but home is still a place where he can relax and slip into his old skin, and just be Ethan.

"They are always telling me good job they are proud of me," he says. "It's a weird process. It doesn't really hit you right away that you made the NHL, and I am who I am. Coming home here, I can be myself. I get a sense of being relaxed and stress free, so it's a good environment when I come here. Everyone here knows who I am, they know my roots, they treat me like their own, and that's the most important part. It's definitely pretty cool."

Helping out

Courage Bear plays a big role in co-ordinating the hockey camp hosted by Ethan. Although he now lives in Saskatoon, Courage grew up in Ochap and likes coming back to the community to give back and help out.

"Over 20 years ago I started getting involved in coaching when I was living here, I came back from playing junior hockey. I started running minor hockey in Ochap, so that was when I got started in coaching and went on from there."

"I grew up in Ochap, then I moved away to play hockey and then go to university, and I try to come back to be involved in the community."

"I've known Ethan's family and we are related, and Ethan just reached out knowing that I was involved in coaching. I guess it made sense that he's on the playing side, I'm on the coaching side, we just con-



Edmonton Oilers player Ethan Bear working on a drill with some young hockey players.

nected to put the camp on. "I lay out the lesson plans for the week and have progressions built in—how we want to start the week and what skills we want to have in the camp—and then I build the drills around that and I have our group leaders run stations and individual skills. I just try to lay out the framework that we work with to make sure we are accomplishing something, that there are objectives, and we are not just

going out blindly."

Courage says it's important for the kids at the camp to be able to connect through hockey and role models like the instructors there.

"Hockey is a big sport in our community, and also the ability for Ethan to come out and work with the role models on the ice is key—being able to see people have success, and what sport can give them—not just hockey, but sport in general, the opportunities

it brings, and the friendships.

"So I just think it's good from a role model perspective and just to keep kids active."

"The group we've had the last couple years are committed to the broader objective of the clinic and they see the value of it. Not only do the kids get something out of it, but the players get something out of it from working with the kids."

He says he sees a real improvement in the kids at the camp.

"I think each day you look for a little bit of improvement. If the kids take something small out of the clinic, then I think we've accomplished something. You see the improvements through the week, so I think that's rewarding. Plus just the confidence they gain and getting to hang out with their friends and work together, I think

it's an overall positive experience for all of the kids.

"We don't want to leave anybody behind, we hope that all of the kids are enjoying themselves."

"I think the friendships that they develop are important, because there are kids they don't know. But the other important thing is to see what you can accomplish if you put your mind to it by skating with these guys that are role models and play at high levels. There are life lessons—coming, applying yourself to get better in a specific thing and then applying that in your life as you go on, whether it's work or a sport."

What does Courage think about Ethan's commitment to give back?

"I can't say enough good things about what he does to give back," he says. "It's pretty special. You don't have to do it, right? I'm pretty proud of him."

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Shepherd wants to be first major

BY KARA KINNA

There have been lots of new crops grown on Saskatchewan soil over the decades, but Justin Shepherd is breaking new ground by growing hops for beer at JGL Shepherd Farms southeast of Moosomin with the aim of being the first major hops grower in the province.

Hops are a finicky, work-intensive crop that require very particular infrastructure, manual labor and manual oversight in order to grow properly. So why grow them?

Shepherd says it's all about being on the forefront of a growing market.

"I was living in Colorado and I wanted to come back to Canada," he says. "Living in Colorado there were a huge amount of craft breweries there so I just saw how popular they were. I would say they are 20 years ahead of where Saskatchewan is on how many craft breweries there actually are and how consumers drink it and like the local flavors. I just saw the opportunity—there was nobody growing hops in Saskatchewan."

"There is a very good craft beer scene starting, it is definitely growing, so to me it was easy. We grow so much great barley here, how do you compliment it?"

"We looked at starting a brewery, and it wasn't feasible at this point, and then we said maybe we could put in some hops. Because I was moving back from Colorado I had three or four months last summer I could spend at the farm and build trellis and do a lot of the infrastructure work, so the farm is starting to take shape now."

"The main thing with hops is the infrastructure up front, building trellis. Our trellis is 18 feet high, so every year you have to go out and restring them, you have to hang new string from the top cables (hops wind up the string, and to harvest them the string with the plant is cut off each year). We have 18 feet strings for the hops to grow up every year. Thankfully hops are a perennial with a 20-25 year life span."

"We built an acre and a half of trellis using metal drill stem because we are sort of in a tree deficient area so it is really difficult to get lumber like they use in other major hop growing regions. We used drill stem, put that in the ground, and there is about a mile of cable over top of these poles, and that supports the strings that hold up the hops each year."

"They do require a lot of water so we have drip line irrigation. We have an irrigation shed, and we can put fertilizer through the system, so it makes it really convenient. We can just irrigate everyday and the hops really like that."

"But it's been a huge learning curve because nobody grows hops in Western Canada. There is some in B.C. and a few in Ontario. The major regions like Washington or Oregon State, they basically grow them in sand on a desert



Above: Justin Shepherd with this year's hops crop

because hops don't like surface water. They don't like humidity because they are very disease prone, so it has been a huge learning curve figuring out how to get fungicide on the plants. They're very intensive when it comes to inputs, they need a lot of attention, scouting fields, and there are a lot of bugs that can damage them. It seems like they're doing their best to get damaged or die throughout the year and you are just trying to keep them alive."

Shepherd's first hop crop was planted last spring and this will be his second crop.

"The first year hops don't do very much because they are just establishing a root system," he says "so last year we had a very limited harvest. I think we had about 10 pounds total. We divided those into small bags and sent them to all the breweries in the province just as a sampler to say 'hey we exist, there is a Saskatchewan hop farm.'"

"It takes three to four years for hops to fully mature and get a full crop off

of them, so we are still two or three years away from them being fully mature and putting on a full crop and getting a full yield."

Shepherd says if he can grow hops successfully and expand his operation, he would be the only major hops grower in Saskatchewan.

He says there are lots of unknowns with growing a brand new crop in a climate it's never been exposed to.

"We have no idea how they will react," he says. "What happens if we get hail next week, would they survive it? Would they just curl up and die? I don't know."

What have been some of the biggest challenges so far?

"The biggest issue has been too much moisture," he says. "I made the decision to go with just black dirt instead of planting grass around them. Grass holds humidity which causes diseases, but the black dirt does not drain water very well, so when we had a big rain the water just pooled and sat in the

yard, which is really awful for the growing plants to be sitting in water. So that has been the major challenge, getting water away."

"We've decided we're going to have to plant grass to take up extra moisture on top."

Harvesting the hops is another work in progress for Shepherd. Last year the

hops were picked by hand. This year Shepherd bought a harvesting machine for them, but his hops crop is so small compared to the ones grown in other regions of the world, that the only harvester he could buy that was small enough for his crop was made in 1972.

"Last year we picked

them by hand, which is a ton of work," he says. "With help from mom and dad, aunts and uncles, and grandparents, it was a real family effort. But this year we have a harvester. It is built in Germany, it's from 1972, so it's a classic. It looks like an old threshing machine, but there is no small harvesting equipment for hops anymore."

"We are putting more hops in, we are expanding, but that is a slow process. It will be next year in the fall before we actually plant them, because we have to prepare the land and we're going to do a lot more work up front and make sure that the land is in the proper shape before we plant them as opposed to going back and trying to plant grass between the rows."

Even though it has been a lot of work, Shepherd says his second year crop is already looking much better.

"The second year plants look a lot healthier. They are a lot taller, they are 18-20 feet high," he says. "They look really, really great just because we've handled them better. So I think going forward we will just keep doing better and learning what doesn't really work for our climate."

Shepherd says the aim is to grow a consistent crop each year.

"That is a big thing for breweries, the quality. Growing good quality hops is going to be a definite challenge for us each year but that is how we will retain brewers who are interested in the product. It is one thing to have a local product, it is another thing for it to be quality. The quality side is just as important as any yield we get off there because if we don't have good quality, no matter how much we grow, nobody will buy it."



Above: The old harvester that will be used for this year's harvest.

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Shepherd is growing eight different varieties of hops, including four varieties that are most commonly used.

Is there a market for Saskatchewan hops? Shepherd says yes.

"My goal in all our advertising is to say that now you have the ability to make a Saskatchewan beer," he says. "Our market is Saskatchewan, we haven't looked at other breweries in other places. Even if we are 15 acres we could sell everything in Saskatchewan and that is definitely our goal. They are all using Saskatchewan barley. Since they are already doing that it would be so nice for them to be able to say their beer is all Saskatchewan."

"I think there is lots of potential. It doesn't take many hops to actually make beer, so I think in Saskatchewan, if there were 40 or 50 acres grown, that would be probably too many. It doesn't take much to get an over supply but we're nowhere close to that."

Shepherd says his second-year hops are already sold.

"This fall I would say we are definitely sold out. So we have to grow the hops now for what I promised," he says.

"We've talked to all the breweries in the province,

they all have shown interest and want to talk about it. The bigger breweries take more hops to do one batch, so it's difficult with our size to produce enough for even one batch for them, but over time we would love to see every brewery in the province use some of our hops."

Despite all the initial work growing hops, Shepherd says this isn't just a hobby or an experiment—he plans to make a profit on his crop once it's established.

"Each plant produces roughly a pound," he says. "Hops, when you harvest them, are about 80 percent moisture and you have to dry them to about eight per cent, so if you harvest five pounds you only end up with one."

"So it seems like a very small amount of product from each plant. It's definitely not grain farming."

"Price wise it's okay, we are not in an oversupplied global market. We look at globally what hops are selling for and then we just tack on a small premium. But obviously if we had a huge global oversupply then the price would go down and we would have to follow that trend downwards as well. We are exposed to lots of risk, there is no futures market, there is no crop insurance there is no real insurance programs



Above: The hops as they start to grow up the strings. The plants must be trained to wind up the string each year, and wind in a specific direction.

at this point. "I started this with the intention of turning a profit. It's a business and it's goal is to return a profit. Just because of how long it takes the plants to mature, it is a three or four years before you can break even. So you have to have people willing to finance you for three or four years because you won't make money in that time period."

Shepherd says he can see 14-15 acres of hops being grown at the farm if he continues to expand.

"That would be the biggest in western Canada,"

he says. "The average size of farm in Washington State would be 400-1,000 acres."

Shepherd says harvest for the hops will probably take place between September 1 and September 15.

"I'm excited, I think the future is really bright with them, and I think the future of craft beer is really just starting," he says. "We are really just starting to drink it in Saskatchewan and appreciate it. It will change, I think, and hopefully we can just grow with that, which is my goal."



Above: Family members helping with last year's harvest, which was done by hand



Above: Last year's hops crop after being harvested and bagged.

Redvers pool upgrade starting Sept. 1

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Stewart says they hope to see the pool completed by mid June.

She says the project will be a major benefit for the town.

"This is huge," she says. "If we were to lose our pool in Redvers it would be devastating. We have people that come to Redvers for week-long lessons and come and camp here, so they contribute to your tourism,

grocery stores—they are coming and spending money in our community. It's big for the kids that come and get our season passes each year and they basically spend each day at the pool. What are these kids going to do if the pool's not here? It would be quite a change if we didn't have something like the pool here."

She says believes the upgrades at the pool will lead to higher usage of the pool.

"It will help that our toddler pool will be running smoothly, because in the new design there will be a toddler zone as well, and a lot of the time people with

the younger families end up not coming to our pool because half the time our toddler pool is not running. This way it could be accessible for everybody. It is one body of water and will be easier to maintain."

She says reaction to the project has been mixed, but some people are starting to get excited about it now.

"A lot of people are excited and then there are still those few skeptics that aren't really sure just because of the cost that's associated with it. It is kind of mixed emotions right now. I put the picture (of what the pool will look like) out on our Facebook page about a month ago and that has finally got people a little bit more excited. They actually see what

we're talking about and that it's not just talk anymore."

"The people that use our pool every day are the ones that are super excited about it."

Stewart says that now that the project is a go, fundraising must start in earnest. She says she will be doing what she can to encourage donations toward the project, and a blackout bingo event has been planned for the Redvers Curling Rink for October 6 with all proceeds going toward the project.

A sportsman dinner is also planned for April 13, 2019, and she says more fundraisers will be on the horizon.

"We would like to have it completely paid in two years' time," she says.

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Cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Mazergroup location in Moosomin. From left are Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson, Randy Tye, VP of Inventory Management, Chris Finley, VP of Parts and Service, Bob Mazer, the President and CEO of Mazergroup cutting the ribbon, Andrew Marshall, Canadian Sales Manager for New Holland, Brad Tarr, the VP of Sales and Marketing, and Wally Butler, the VP of Finance and Administration.

Mazergroup opens new Moosomin facility

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Hundreds of people came out for the grand opening of Mazergroup's new 25,000 square foot dealership on July 18.

Bob Mazer said at the grand opening that he was happy to be at the grand opening after the work that has gone into the new building.

"It was a long time coming," he said. "We did do our due diligence, and that's why it took as long as it did. I'm ecstatic with the way the facility came out. I'm ecstatic about the location facing Highway 1. I'm very happy with the new building, and I think our staff is going to blossom. It is a nice place to work for our employees, and it should help attract employees."

Besides greatly enlarging the dealer-

ship, Mazergroup has added a NAPA Auto Parts Store to the new dealership.

"It's going well so far. It's good already, and it will only get better once we settle in," said Mazer. "It brings people in the door who would not normally be coming to the building, and it helps with our staffing levels, so we can have five or six or seven parts people, which helps spread out the weekend work during harvest. There's a huge benefit there. We're not affecting people's home lives by asking them to work every second weekend. That's critical. We have to look after our people so they can have good home lives and it's not impacted by their work."

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24	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
26	Wednesday	Presort Feeder Sale	10 a.m.

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22	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
24	Wednesday	Presort Charolais Feeder Sale	10 a.m.
29	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
31	Wednesday	Presort Angus Feeder Sale	10 a.m.

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5	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
7	Wednesday	Presort Charolais Feeder Sale	10 a.m.
12	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
14	Wednesday	Presort Angus Feeder Sale	10 a.m.
16	Friday	Bred Cow Sale	11:30 a.m.
19	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
21	Wednesday	Presort Feeder Sale	10 a.m.
26	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
28	Wednesday	Presort Feeder Sale	10 a.m.
30	Friday	Bred Cow Sale	11:30 a.m.

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10	Monday	Butcher Sale	9 a.m.
12	Wednesday	Regular Feeder Sale	9 a.m.
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Farmers market doing well in first season

BY KARA KINNA
Moosomin's Farmers' Market is in its first season, Moosomin Rec Director Mike Schwean says things are going well, and he expects the market to grow. He says already plans are underway for ways to improve the market next year.

The market is held at the Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex each week on the lawn.

"I think it's been good," says Schwean. "Some vendors have done really well. The food is really popular, the crafts haven't been as busy, but I think for the most part the vendors have been happy. I think the crowds have been pretty good."

"The first market, because we had the barbecue and the music, that was the biggest one. I think it's been kind of steady after that."

The market started on June 28 and will run until October 4. It is held every Thursday from noon to 4 pm.

"This is my first year being involved with the farmers market, but I think go-

ing forward we need to add entertainment and maybe some kids stuff," says Schwean. "We've been taking notes. We've got some changes coming to the Eventplex, so next year when we do it we are going to have to set it up a little different. We are already making plans for next year."

"I think the crowds have been alright. The weather has been great."

Why did the idea to start a farmers market in Moosomin come about?

"We wanted to get some exposure to the new park," says Schwean. "We weren't really looking at it as a money maker, but as a way to get some exposure for the park and hope that people would see what was there and use it more—which I think has happened. It's worked for us in that fashion. I think there is a need for a farmers market here."

Schwean says people anticipate the market each week.

"People are starting to line up five minutes early every week," he says.

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Mazergroup opens new Moosomin facility



Karmen Davidson helps serve beef on a bun to the hundreds of people at the grand opening.

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Now that the building has been completed, Mazer said the focus is on building up the business in Moosomin.

"We've gone from one to three salespeople in Moosomin, our regional manager is coming here two days a week, and our VP of sales and our director of sales are both spending some time out here helping out, and now it's just a matter of being very diligent," he says. "If someone's looking for something, we need to be able to get it for them, and we can now, because we have some space."

"According to industry numbers, the amount of new equipment sold out of Moosomin is the same as in Brandon."

"We have a lot of room for growth, because we're in the high teens in market share—the other two guys have over 80 per cent. If we can get to 25 per cent market share we will be happy. We can make a very good business out of that. It might take some time to get there, but I know we will get there. We've got good equipment. It's not just about the equipment, but about building relationships."

"As business grows we will be adding to the staff. I'm guessing we will get to nine or 10 techs and six or seven in parts. We should end up between 15 or 20 people."

"This is the right size for the business we want to do in Moosomin."

Mazer told the crowd at the grand opening that he is proud to run a family business.

"It's a family business," he said. "The

Mazer family are the majority owners of Mazergroup, yet we have twenty-some shareholders, and about 98 per cent of them are within our organization. All of our executive are shareholders. We really are very proud to be privately owned. We're proud to be involved with our communities, like Moosomin, and we will continue to be involved in our communities. We do not move money to Vancouver, or Calgary, or Toronto—it stays within our communities. We're very pleased to be here in Moosomin, and we're here for the long term."

"We came here about 14 years ago and we didn't know at that time what to expect, and lo and behold, 14 years later here we are in a twenty-some thousand square foot facility. We didn't build it for us. We built it for you—the community and the customer base. We need to earn your business. We always will work towards that. We understand that we have to earn that business."

Mayor Larry Tomlinson welcomed Mazergroup's investment in Moosomin.

"It's a privilege to be asked to speak at this opening," said Tomlinson. "On behalf of the town of Moosomin, I congratulate Mazergroup on their new building. It's an awesome facility."

"We're very proud to have you show the confidence in our town and our surrounding communities to build a facility like this. We wish you the best in the future. I'm sure you will do very well here. On behalf of the town of Moosomin, thank you very much for investing in our town."

Andrew Marshall, Canadian Sales Manager for New Holland, also spoke. "As I look at all of you and I look at all the faces, I see the next generation of farmers," he said.

"One of the tenets of the dealership is to be where your customers are, and where they need you to be. We see proof in this

facility that the dealership is wanting to invest in this area in order to better service its customers here. Bob, on behalf of New Holland, on behalf of all of our staff, I want to congratulate you on your dedication to New Holland, to your customers, and I want to thank the customers as well for your patronage, for your business."

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