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Kristjan Hebert: Local farmer to tell agriculture's story to the world at COP28

Kristjan Hebert, President of the Hebert Group, will head to COP28 in Dubai next week because he wants to let the world know that agriculture can be part of the solution to climate change, not the villain.

Hebert, who operates a grain and oilseed operation in southeast Saskatchewan, will speak on a number of different panels highlighting the work that's being done, some of it on his own farm, to help Canada's ag industry on its path to net zero.

The UN's Climate change conference aims to bring together leaders from government, business, NGOs and social organizations to help find concrete solutions to the pressing issue of climate change.

Hebert was invited by Premier Scott Moe to be part of the 40-member Saskatchewan delegation which includes several resource-based industries such as agriculture, mining, energy and forestry. He says his goal is to promote both Saskatchewan and Canada's agriculture industry as a whole.

Hebert Grain Ventures is one of 52 Saskatchewan organizations and companies that will be part of the Saskatchewan Pavilion at COP28. Others include the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Nutrien, Mosaic and the Canada Alliance for Net-Zero Agriculture (CANZA), among many others.

"It is such a critical time for Canada's agriculture industry, I couldn't sit back and watch these discussions happen from afar. Canada's farmers need a voice; we grow healthy, low-carbon crops for the world. We also sequester carbon in the soil and are a big part of the solution, yet that never seems to be the story we hear coming out of these meetings," says Hebert.

Canada's agriculture industry is being called upon to increase food production while, at the same time, making progress towards net-zero targets. Hebert says agriculture and agri-food industries have the opportunity to be at the centre of this movement while helping Canada achieve its 2030 and 2050 climate targets.

The collaborative efforts of government, business, academics and farmers are moving this research in the right direction. Hebert's farm is part of the Canadian Alliance for Net Zero AgriFood (CANZA), a pilot project underway to study and design a Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) framework to help farmers get paid for carbon they sequester. CANZA will be announced at COP28 on December 10 with representatives from Canada's Smart Prosperity Institute and Royal Bank.

Another key theme for Hebert is the economic viability of sustainability efforts and technologies.

As an accountant and agricultural finance expert, Hebert is well aware of the associated costs of implementing new practices and scaling them across many acres.



Kristjan Hebert

"We can't go green if we're in the red," he says. "Our challenge is to keep pushing forward towards a net zero carbon economy, but it needs to make economic sense. We can't crater the industry in the process."

In addition to events with CANZA and the Saskatchewan delegation, Hebert will also participate in events as a representative of the Global Farmer Network, of which he is a lifetime member.

Knowledge sharing with other farmers from more vulnerable countries will be crucial to helping the world achieve fewer emissions.

"There are farmers in Africa and India who still don't know about the benefits of low till practices. The onus is on us to share our knowledge and teach others about what we've learned and help them along this journey," he says.

Here are the panels Hebert will be participating on:

- Dec. 6 - CANZA - Sustainable Agriculture for the Americas Pavilion
- Dec. 8 - CropLife International - "Working together to improve climate resilience on farm" - Sustainable Agriculture for the Americas Pavilion
- Dec. 9 - Saskatchewan Agriculture: Sustainable Food Production - SK Pavilion
- December 10 - Climate Smart Farming, CANZA Announcement - SK Pavilion

Editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Hebert about COP28. The full interview follows:

Tell me first of all how this came about? How did you get selected to be a part of the Saskatchewan delegation?

I think part of it was that our farm got chosen to be the first pilot project for CANZA which is Canadian Alliance for Net-Zero Agri-food, so I've been doing some collaboration with the U of S, RBC Royal Bank, Loblaw Companies Limited, McCain Foods, Maple Leaf, and Nutrien on a project there, which then led down the path of COP28. I've been in lots of discussions with the Saskatchewan government and specifically the Ag Minister and the Premier around what I see as the opportunities of Saskatchewan agriculture and Canadian agriculture.

I think, to be honest, we do a bad job globally telling everybody how good we are at it. We can improve, but I always feel like that's the story getting told globally. That's probably how it all got started, was those conversations.

Tell me more about the pilot project and what it's all about.

So really we're trying to create an MRV framework around carbon offsets, insets and emission reduction. We were doing a study with the U of S around soil samples that we have going back to the early '90s and we can use current sampling methods and obviously a bunch of computing power that's significantly more powerful now than it was back then.

We did a bunch of hand-dug samples this fall to start figuring out exactly how much we've been able to improve organic

matter and the methods through which we've done it through management so that hopefully we can come up with a simple MRV framework for farms in western Canada to be able to sell carbon—whether that be through an offset, an inset or management practices that reduce emissions.

So how do you go about trying to scale that or spread that to other farms?

The first is kind of to get the framework done on our farm and that's just because we did focus pretty heavily on collecting all of this data and verifying it. Then secondly, obviously, it has to go out to a whole bunch more acres. The first step was to get the framework built around the data we have and then widespread pilots on a bunch more acres to verify it across soil zones and regions. Each region is going to have specific practices that work there—it's not a one-brush across the country.

So what's the main point that you're going to try to get across to people at COP28?

You'll see here in the next day or two, the Global Institute of Food Security is going to release a report to show really how much more sustainable Saskatchewan and Canadian agriculture is compared to many of our competitors or partners around the world.

So my story is, let's make sure that we focus on everything that we're doing right. Zero till adoption in Western Canada leads the world and it's one of the biggest things when it comes to sustainability. So let's tell our story and be proud of what we've done—obviously we can be innovative and find out new ways. The cool part about Seed Hawk, SeedMaster, Borgault—all of those original zero till drills were made in Saskatchewan.

That was a pretty big change when farmers went to zero till. Why was it adopted so easily here and why did you have people tinkering in places like Langbank trying to move it forward?

I think we've always been pioneers and innovators in agriculture and we grow really big crops on ten inches or less of rain, so we knew that we needed to conserve moisture. Now the great side benefit of that is that we've grown organic matter and done great things for our soil in the 30 or 40 years since it's been adopted. But at the same time, we need to tell that story globally and we need to continue to innovate. To our own government, we need to know that we should be rewarded for how good we've done up until now and I call that a payment for ecosystem services. Where right now anything in the world of carbon that we talk about federally is like, "Congratulations for what you've done in the past but there isn't going to be any benefit to it—just what you do in the future."

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Alex Froese, from the Manitoba Burrowing Owl Recovery Program, presented a Burrowing Owl for everyone to see.



Above left and right: A Burrowing Owl named Bindi was brought to the dinner where everyone had a close-up viewing of the rare bird.

Nature Saskatchewan sponsors dinner at Moosomin Armoury

BY ALVIN NIXON

There was a great turnout for the dinner and information session sponsored by Nature Saskatchewan on the evening of Wednesday, November 29 at the Moosomin Armoury.

After a delicious meal, program coordinators from Nature Saskatchewan, Emily Putz, Grace Pidborchynski, and Ashley Vass spoke to the crowd about conservation efforts happening around the province to protect plant and animal species and their habitat.

Nature Saskatchewan president of the board, Lorne Scott from Indian Head, spoke briefly about the work of the organization and described some of the educational books and publications that are available.

The audience learned about bat populations and studies being done in the Cypress Hills from bat specialist, biologist

Dana Green.

The star attraction of the evening was Bindi, a Burrowing Owl in the care of presenter Alex Froese. Everyone, especially the young kids in the audience had an opportunity for a close-up viewing of the rare and beautiful little owl.

Alex Froese, with the Manitoba Burrowing Owl Recovery Program, studied the owls while completing her masters research. She says the bird count dropped to ten (10) in Manitoba in 2012.

She began the recovery project in 2013 to reintroduce the population back to the southwest portion of Manitoba. The program also researches owl habitat, reproduction and survival, and educates the public about the species.

So far, she has helped hatch and reintroduce about 120 owls back into the wild.

The evening wrapped up with a pre-

sentation by Emily Putz on the Monarch Butterfly, its life cycles, and the habitat required for the butterfly to do well in Saskatchewan. Also the audience heard

about various threatened plant species and how to identify them. Other animal and bird species that are at risk or endangered were also described.

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School division agrees to sell land to Play Fair for \$1: Daycare looking at site on school grounds

Continued from front

Miller said she was surprised the approval came so quickly.

"I wasn't expecting it to happen so quick. I was very surprised. I'm sure that us all coming together at the Chamber meeting helped."

The daycare board is planning an approximately 8,000-square-foot building.

Because they will be building on the school grounds and will have access to the school playground, the daycare will not need as much outside space.

The board is estimating it will need about 1,400 square metres in total for the yard, building and parking.

The board is ready to move onto the next steps.

"This week we'll be meeting with Jay (Hamilton of South Prairie Design) so we'll get going on a high level concept and budget because we have to have that submitted to the government by the end of January. So that's really the key thing, now that we have the location picked out, is getting the design and budget put together. We'll also be putting together a building committee this week. Then we need to start coming up with a plan for funding and staffing—the two big things. Funding to construct and then staffing and resources once it opens. Those will be the next on the list."

"Hopefully we'd be able to start building early next year. We'll have to work with the school division on timing and what makes sense because maybe we won't want to start construction until school is out, so we'll have to work with them and see what that timing looks like. Then



Play Fair Daycare plans to build its new daycare on the south corner of the MacLeod School grounds.

hopefully a year to construct and I would say that we could aim to be open late 2025. The government is saying that we should be open in 2026 so I think we have quite a bit of wiggle room and once we have the design nailed down, hopefully the construction is pretty quick."

What does Miller think will be the most challenging part of the project?

"I think the initial time of getting everything into the government to release the funding is going to be tight—that's a really

tight timeline.

"Also we don't know what the total cost of the building is going to be, but it's going to be a significant amount and we're going to have to raise the funding for that, so that will be a challenge. I think we still need to overcome the hurdle of property taxes and what that looks like with the town, and then probably staffing will be our next big issue to sort out."

The building committee is coming together.

"I, myself, have project man-

agement experience so I'll be on the committee. Terri will be representing the daycare side of things and making sure that the design functions for what they need. We will have someone in charge of project controls that has tons of accounting experience and project control experience. Tyler Thorn has committed to join the committee as well. Someone from the Economic Development Committee will be joining. We want Samantha Campbell on the committee because she's very good at getting grants and

that side of things, so we're hoping that she can help us out with that. Then we're hoping to get one more from the mine who has major project experience and lots of contractor experience."

The government funding for the 90 spots includes \$900,000 for capital costs. The daycare will be fundraising to fill part of the gap between the capital funding and the cost of a new building.

"We want to fundraise as much as we can, but we will be able to take out a mortgage, and we will be able to cover that because for our current building, our mortgage is almost paid off. So we will be able to support another mortgage or whatever that looks like, but ideally we would fundraise as much as we could."

She said it feels good to be starting to plan a second daycare building after working toward it for a long time.

"We're just really excited," she said. "Honestly, it's been a long time coming and I feel like we've been waiting on the list for so long that now we finally have the spots it's kind of kind of been like a whirlwind that everything is coming together."

"We know that there's a huge need for it in the community and our wait list has been extreme for a lot of years. Coming out on the other side of Covid, it's only increased."

"So we know that there's a need for it and there's not a lot of other options in town in terms of at-home daycares. So we're hoping that we can fill the gap and we're really looking forward to it. I know we've heard from a lot of people now and everyone is really excited."

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ECE Accelerated program coming to Elkhorn

Assiniboine Community College will offer an Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma program in Elkhorn starting in February 2024.

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"This program is a great option for those who are new to the field of early learning as well as current Child Care Assistants working in early learning centres. It's a huge benefit to students that they can earn an income working in a centre while they work toward becoming a certified ECE," said Karen Hargreaves, Dean of the School of Health and Human Services at Assiniboine. "We're proud to offer this in Elkhorn so that those living in the community and region have an opportunity to advance their career in early learning close to home."

This ECE program in Elkhorn was made possible as part of an \$11.4 million investment from the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada to expand ECE training at Assiniboine.

Students interested in this program may also qualify for a tuition reimbursement available through the Province of Manitoba, meaning not only can students earn while they learn, their tuition may be covered as well.

"This increased investment in early childhood learning is an important step in increasing access to this training and encouraging new people to enter and stay working in this field. A career in ECE is not only fulfilling, but also an important piece of our social and economic fabric," said Hargreaves.

Interested applicants should visit assiniboine.net/ece-mentorship for more information.



ECE II Becky LeBlanc with students in the Assiniboine Early Learning Centre.



Westman RCMP Report

BY CST. SETH LANDRY

52 calls for service

During the week of November 19 to November 25, Westman RCMP received a total of 52 calls for service. Some of these calls were 17 traffic files, two Firearms Act files, one Mental Health Act, three suspicious persons, three break and enter files, three mischief files and one failure to comply with order file.

Impaired driver and threats

On November 19, RCMP received a dispatch of an impaired driver and possible weapons in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. RCMP arrived on scene and located the impaired driver. The driver was also prohibited from driving by a court order.

While RCMP were on scene, a second file was reported involving the arrested male driver reporting the driver had a BB gun and was threatening to shoot homes in the community. The driver was charged with operation while impaired, operation of a vehicle while prohibited, using imitation of a firearm in the commission of an offence and failure to comply with undertaking conditions. The male was transported to Virden RCMP detachment and was released on a court issued release order with a December court date.

Fine for unregistered vehicle

RCMP were patrolling on Highway 256 near Elkhorn, when police observed a vehicle traveling at a slow speed.

Police conducted queries on the licence plate and discovered the vehicle was unregistered. Police conducted a traffic stop and the driver was fined for driving unregistered \$298 and driving without motor vehicle liability insurance \$672. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Driving while prohibited

RCMP were patrolling on Highway 256 near Elkhorn, when police observed a vehicle recognized to them as possibly belonging to a male that is prohibited from driving. Police conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and confirmed the driver's identity. The driver was arrested for driving prohibited and released on a February court date. The vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded for 30 days.

Disqualified driver was speeding

On November 20, RCMP were conducting patrols on Highway 259 near Virden when RCMP observed a vehicle speeding traveling 124 km/hr in a 90 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and determined the driver was disqualified from driving. The driver was fined for driving disqualified \$672 and speeding \$495. The vehicle was towed and impounded for 30 days.

Driving 37 km over the limit

On November 22, RCMP were conducting patrols on Highway 83 near the RM of Two Borders when RCMP

observed a vehicle speeding, traveling 137 km/hr in a 100 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was fined \$535.

Person sleeping in a business

RCMP received a report of an unknown person sleeping in their business. The person had food and property with them. RCMP attended and spoke with the male. The male left on their own accord. RCMP concluded their involvement.

Driving 40 km over the limit

RCMP were conducting patrols on Highway 259 in the RM of Wallace when RCMP observed a vehicle speeding, traveling 130 km/hr in a 90 km/hr zone. RCMP conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle and the driver was fined \$573.

Victim locked in bedroom

RCMP received a report of an assault in Sioux Valley Dakota Nation. RCMP attended and spoke with the victim. The victim reported she was locked in a bedroom and held there against her will for extended periods while being assaulted by her boyfriend. The male was located and arrested by RCMP. He was charged with forcible confinement, assault with a weapon two times, assault and uttering threats. He was released on a court issued release order with a December court date.

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South East Cornerstone School Division

Cornerstone Board resets for another round

BY NORM PARK

She's back.

In spite of some health-related but short-lived absences, the board of trustees of the South East Cornerstone Public School Division have given Audrey Trombley their unanimous support when it comes to her leadership credentials.

The veteran school board member/leader was given a whole hearted vote of approval by the board members during their annual organizational meeting in the division's head office conference room in Weyburn on November 22.

Trombley who represents Sub-division 5 that includes Fillmore, Stoughton, Midale and Macoun first led SECPD as chairwoman following amalgamation of provincial school divisions in 2005. She served in that capacity until 2009 and then had terms of vice-chair until 2014 then reassumed the leading role in 2014 to present.

Jim Vermeersch (Sub-division 2, Arcola, Carlyle, Manor, Maryfield, Wawota), was also acclaimed to the role of vice-chair for a second consecutive year as both he and Trombley were nominated and unop-

posed during the re-organization of the board membership committees.

Both Trombley and Vermeersch expressed appreciation of the support they received at the conference table and within the board's activities during the school year.

The board also passed their indemnity rate schedule that is \$275 for a full day of representative work or \$137.50 for a half-day of work (four hours or fewer) with an hourly interspersed rate of \$40 for such things as conference calls or other SECPD deployments. The trustees also receive one per diem per month for preparation with an additional amount for the chairwoman in recognition of the added time required of that job.

Travel compensation is computed monthly using a base of 43 cents per kilometre that varies according to a target set at the pump on the first day of each month.

Compensation for meals while engaged in SECPD business also remained the same at \$15, \$20 and \$30 for breakfast, lunch and supper respectively with lodging rates set at market or \$30 per evening

if the trustee is using personal/private lodging.

Committee appointments were also approved with Vermeersch, Kevin Keating and Jim Henderson being selected for the audit committee. Henderson was named to the Saskatchewan School Boards Association public section, while Michelle DeBruyne was appointed to the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association AGM as the division's representative with Megan Schick as alternate.

The ad hoc committee for the rebuild of Estevan facilities were Estevan represen-

tatives Eric McCrimmon and Kevin Keating while Jim Vermeersch, Tami Scott and Devona Putland were named to a similar committee to oversee the ongoing drive for new Carlyle facilities.

The board budget managers will be the chair and vice-chair, Trombley and Vermeersch and the government and human resources committee members are Norma Hewitt-Lendrum, Tami Scott, Schick and Putland.

The bargaining appointments with observer status only will be the chair, vice-chair or Eric McCrimmon as alternate.

Welwyn News

Phyllis Harper

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Murray Swanson and Bill James enjoyed pre-game festivities and the Grey Cup game in Hamilton, Ontario over the weekend. They flew to Winnipeg on Monday. They met up with a few Rider fans from Bug Tussle on Saturday night. A great weekend trip!

Cathy Johnston flew to Edmonton last week to visit Alejandro Luchoni, Montana Johnston, and her grandkids. Lee went up to visit on Sunday and to bring Cathy home, returning on Wednesday.

Get well wishes to Irene O'Reilly who was a patient in Moosomin Integrated Health Facility.

Wawota News

Myrna Olson

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Morley and Joan Hamilton attended the wedding of their oldest granddaughter, Alexis Thompson on November 18. Alexis married Lane Newell at the Prairie Place Hall in Arcola. Many family members and friends attended the celebrations on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Frank Gray of Moosomin passed away on October 28 at the age of 83 years old. He was married to the former Audrey Wilson who was the daughter of Les and Inger Wilson of Wawota.

The Wawota School Creative Arts Group travelled to Regina on the 19th of November. Twenty-one students and parents attended the Cirque Musica Holiday in Wonderland.

Congratulations to DJ Anchor (Tristan Meyers) of Saskatoon and a former Wawota resident who teamed up with DJ Nick Lovin' for four hours on Tailgate Radio in

Nashville, Tennessee to contribute to the American Thanksgiving celebrations.

Members of the Wawota Public Library Book Club met at The Village Inn last Monday. They discussed their latest read, Swimming Lessons by Claire Fuller. Various opinions were shared and different points of view were discussed.

Our family received some sad news last week. We were informed of the passing of Nola Mowbray on November 18. She was 86 years old and had spent the last three months in Deer View Lodge. She was the oldest child of Denton and Grace Brehaut and a sibling to Wayne, Myrna Olson and Grant (deceased). She was predeceased by her husband Bud, and is survived by her children, Roy, Ron, Donna and Janet, their partners and families. Her funeral service was held at the Wawota Town Hall on Saturday, December 2.

VIEWPOINT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ceasefire won't help

Dear Editor:

Who wouldn't want a ceasefire? Ending war is always good, right?

Well, no.

Right now, in parliament and across the country, we see people wrapping themselves in the flag of peace, calling for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. This is a simplistic, smug approach that fails to understand reality.

As we have seen in war after war since Israel disengaged from Gaza in 2005, the terrorists use every moment of peace not to build a free Palestine, but to plot the next attack on Israeli civilians. Every one of these wars—all the lives lost, both Israeli and Palestinian—are a result of the genocidal, Jew-hating, Iranian-backed terrorist regime of Hamas. For any hope of peace, Hamas must be destroyed.

A ceasefire will not do that. It will merely give Hamas time to regroup, replenish

its weapons of war and return to kill, rape, behead and kidnap again.

Those who sanctimoniously call for a ceasefire and imagine themselves humanitarian advocates of peace should be ashamed of themselves. Their strategy will not bring peace. It will bring more years of violence and death for both Palestinians and Israelis.

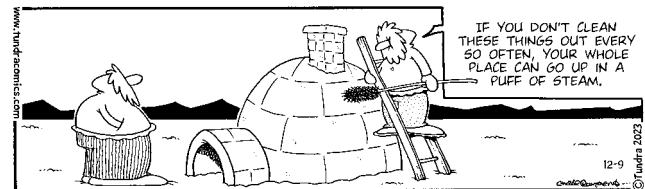
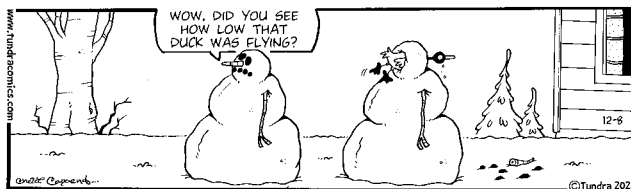
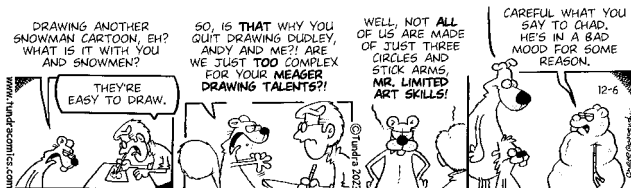
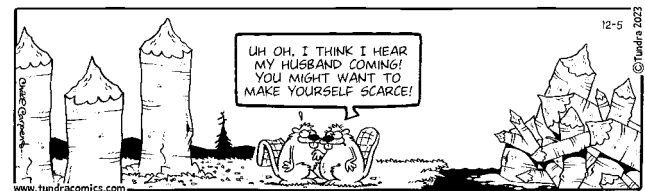
The naïve calls for ending this war before Hamas is eliminated are symptoms of well-intentioned people blundering into atrocities. To use an historical analogy that people would do well to refresh themselves on, we need a Churchill right now, not a Chamberlain.

We do not get to call ourselves "pro-peace" or "pro-Palestinian" when our word and deed grants Hamas the right to continue killing Arabs and Jews.

Pat Johnson,
Director, Upstanders Canada

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Chad Carpenter





Back Row from left, Tanner Neyedly, Cole Davis, Mitchell Newton, Brayden Walker, Tucker Duff, Karsten Bondoc, Walker Rickards, and Coach Jarret Walker. **Front row from left,** Jaxon Gogol, Jano Louw, Evan Knezacek, and Brody Giroux.



The Warriors during the final championship game.

Esterhazy boys win volleyball provincials

BY SHAYNA ZUBKO

The Esterhazy High School Senior Boys Volleyball team brought home gold on the weekend of November 25 from the 3A Provincial Championship tournament in Unity, Saskatchewan.

The team had a successful season, building on their years of high school training and competition, ending the season with their most successful run thus far this high school season. They finished the season with an overall record of 53 wins, six losses and four ties. The team's run to the gold medal final had them go undefeated three weekends in a row, finishing as Conference Champions, Regional Champions, and finally as 3A Boys Provincial Champions.

However, the story doesn't start there—it started with many of the same boys working together as a team in Grade 7. As the years passed on, they worked harder and developed the important skills needed to be a successful team. Last year was when this team began to see more and more victories on the court. They earned a spot at provincial playoffs last year too, but came short of a medal.

This year, they knew they had a good shot at being champions. "We knew we had the right parts to be a good team," says Coach Walker.

It meant an extreme amount of dedication, and as Noelle Sapieha, mom to player Jaxon Gogol says, "They had one end goal in mind—provincial gold. To do this, it meant sacrificing almost every Friday



The Warriors celebrating their victory.

and Saturday. Weeknight practices. Early morning serving practices before school. Over 300 hours of living and breathing volleyball. These boys dedicated these hours while keeping up with their school work, their jobs, their family and other commitments."

"The hardest part was keeping it together over a long three-month season," says Coach Walker. "As a coach, the best part, besides winning, was to see not only improvement in volleyball skills, but also in the players' maturity. As our season progressed, the players became more resilient. As a team we were able to shake off bad plays that earlier in the season would

have often derailed us and cost us a set."

The team showed grit, determination and hard work throughout the entire provincial tournament. They finished first place in their pool after round robin play, and then dominated in the quarter-final. The semi-final was one of their toughest moments of the season.

"In the semi-final third set we were down 7-3 to Valley Christian Academy (Osler) after splitting the first two sets," Coach Walker says. "We kept playing our game and managed to come back and win 15-12 which earned us a spot in the Provincial Final against Assiniboia."

"After an amazing first set win 25-11, we

got down 5-0 then 11-6, and then 14-7 in the second set. The boys stayed calm and poised. We kept attacking and eventually came back again to win 25-21, becoming the first volleyball provincial champions in Esterhazy School history."

"It felt surreal to win," says Grade 12 player and Captain Evan Knezacek. "It felt like a dream until we had the whole school cheering us on [Monday]." The school held a surprise celebration of the team's victory and huge accomplishment on Monday afternoon by gathering together and reliving the gold medal moment.

"I want to say thank you to Mr. Walker and to Chris Gilchuk for coaching. Mr. Walker put in countless hours throughout the entire season. For example, during a tryout that some boys went to, Mr. Walker sat for hours to figure out this one rotation we were stuck on. Not only that, he reviewed hours of game tape to figure out new plays for us to use in games."

"This Provincial Championship Gold Medal was two years of hard work and dedication," Coach Walker says. "We travelled, practiced and played volleyball for over 325 hours this season. The season is a grind and I am proud of how the players worked hard to improve their skills, how much fun they had as a team, and that they displayed good sportsmanship."

To win provincial gold for the first time in a school's history, is a major accomplishment. It is easy to say they made their families, coach, school, and community proud.

Right: The Warriors being recognized at EHS Monday after their provincial win.



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Kristjan Hebert to tell agriculture's story

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So I think that's kind of handcuffing your leaders in agriculture. So I want to tell that story.

My definition of sustainability is that we need to leave the land, the financial statements, the community and the industry in a better state each generation. So land, obviously everybody agrees with and that's where sustainability comes in, but as a farmer, if I do a bad job of taking care of my land, the only people I'm actually harming is my grandkids, which I don't think anybody wants to do. If we're not financially stable, we can't do it. It's really tough to go green if you're in the red.

Communities are very important—how are we going to have people work on farms if nobody wants to live in rural Saskatchewan or rural Canada? So those are all things that we need to focus on.

The last piece is, there's billions of dollars in the ESG and climate space and I truly believe that if you put billions of dollars in the same room as smart people, great innovation can come out of that. If we don't put some people from agriculture in that room, we'd better not be surprised if it goes against us.

So I'd like to go be in the room and tell everybody what we're doing and how agriculture, in my mind, can be the solution that they're looking for when it comes to climate—not the villain. I think right now you hear a lot of villain stories, not solution stories.

So is there a lot of good data available on how farming practice on the prairies contributes to carbon sequestration? Is there data on that or does it make a big difference farm to farm on the individual practices?

Regionally it is very different. I have good friends in Ontario that grow corn and beans and it's really hard to zero till compared to a canola/wheat rotation. I have good friends in Brazil, if they don't have a cover crop, it's the worst thing they

could ever have for their soil but they also don't have eight feet of frost and three feet of snow. We do have a pretty good white cover crop. The U of S and the Global Institute of Food Security both have some really good data on it. APAS has done some research on it. Back in 1981, we were definitely an emitter and now it's showing Western Canada somewhere between a four and a forty million metric ton sequester and that's just a change in management practices. It's things like zero till, treating our nitrogen, sectional control and variable rate technology that's all come in and that we've implemented, not only to be better business people, but because it truly is better for our soil.

Why do you think Saskatchewan is different? Why do you think that things like zero till have been adopted so quickly—what is different here than other places?

Part of it is definitely soil type and crop mix, but you and I see it even in the town of Moosomin, that Saskatchewan is based on rural roots and we're problem solvers. We're not complainers in general and so I think we spent a lot more time trying to find solutions instead of complaining to others that they need to bring us solutions. We do a good job of that as a province, we do a good job of that as a region, as a community and as an area. That's really what Saskatchewan does. We do find a way to work together to make things better and it leads right back to agriculture when it comes to the innovation we've seen in history.

What kind of opportunities are you going to have at COP28 to take that message to the world?

Well originally I think I was supposed to be on four panels, but I looked at my schedule this morning and I think I'm up to nine or ten. I'm on panels for both the province of Saskatchewan but also the Canadian Pavilion, so for the Government of Canada. I'm on a couple for Crop Life

International and the panels are all from sustainable agriculture and innovative agriculture—I'm really starting to see a trend on natural resources banding together to tell the story globally. The data that you're going to see come out in the future is that Saskatchewan and Canada have some of the most sustainable crops, potash, oil, natural gas etc. I think it's a huge opportunity for us to say that it would be wrong of us to limit our output of natural resources to the world, because there are a lot of places in the world who emit way more than we do, so I think that climate activists need to focus on global emissions, not specific countries.

We need to tell that story and I think it needs to be told, not just in front of Saskatchewan people and not just in front of agriculture people. So that would be the reason that I've decided to go to COP28 because it's a world crowd. There's a lot of people in government and in finance, that tend to make a lot of the decisions for all industries, and in Saskatchewan we export the majority of everything we make, and so if we don't spend time talking to our clients and our consumers we aren't going to have revenue. So I think we have to spend some time doing it.

Why make yourself available and why take the time for something like this? You're taking time off of your own operation. Why give your time to something like this? Why do you do it and what's your motivation?

I've always believed that there's value in network, in knowing people and knowing people from all around the world and in learning at these events from other people that are doing interesting things.

Secondly is that part of my job is to ensure that the industry and our operation can have success for generations to come. I always joke that I want to give the kids the opportunity to go to Harvard but I want to build something cool enough that if they get a job offer from Goldman Sachs and

Facebook, that the Hebert Group is on the kitchen table beside it. If they decide that they don't want to do that, it's fine, but if it's not even in the running, then that was my fault.

That means that I have to have some focus on the industry and not just on our own operation. I'm pretty proud of what Canadian and Saskatchewan agriculture do and I've been pretty humbled with some of the opportunities I've had when it comes to speaking about it globally, and I guess it just kind of feels like a bit of onus is on me when it comes to the next generation, not only on our farm, but in our industry too.

If we all just sit back and complain and not do anything about it, then nothing changes. So the easiest thing to do is not complain and go do something about it and hope that others follow.

How do you evaluate the success of something like this? How do you know if, "Yes I made an impact" or "Yes, that was worthwhile."

There's the fundamental ways and hopefully—we've got crazy ideas that one day we can sell containers of barley directly to some country that I met at COP28 and they can take a picture of the Q code on the side of their beer can and see my kids running through my crop. That shows directly into revenue.

Secondly though, I think it's just that today's business world is getting smaller and smaller the way that technology and the internet works and we can have direct access to our customers and suppliers. So hopefully we have a number of companies and governments that agree with our message for both the province and for our operation and that leads to them thinking about us in future endeavours which hopefully opens doors. Some people think I'm crazy, but the movie Fields of Dreams was "If you build it, they will come." And sometimes you just gotta have a dream and enough guts to follow it.



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In the photos above are two current projects supported by Canadian Baptist Ministries—one in Lebanon providing emergency food assistance, at left, and the other in Rwanda providing agriculture training and inputs.

Harvest of Hope gives \$8,500 to Food Share

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In response to these challenges and to sustain long-term food security in these areas, this project will work through Farmer Field Schools (FFS) and Village and Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) to promote conservation agriculture, gender equality that seeks to improve women's involvement, influence and leadership in agriculture, and work with local stakeholders to improve agriculture marketing and access to agriculture inputs. Over three years, the project aims to work with and reach 2,240 households (approximately 14,195 individuals).

RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY IN NGOMA DISTRICT
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Poverty, drought and land degradation in rural areas can lead to insufficient food supplies. Households cope by selling off assets, harvesting immature crops, purchasing food on credit, and reducing food intake. This project aims to reduce these coping mechanisms by improving food security through training and support on a conservation agriculture plus approach. Farmers will be trained on integrating soil fertility measures and diversifying food production as well as working to improve post-harvest and marketing strategies to improve food avail-

ability year-round and income-earnings. Over the three years, the project aims to benefit 1,200 households (5,520 individuals).

This project aims to increase immediate consumption of food and reduce hunger by providing vulnerable Syrian refugee and Lebanese families with nine monthly food boxes. Each month households will receive one or two boxes (amount depending on household size) of food consisting of rice, spaghetti, bulgur wheat, tuna, sardines, chickpeas, beans, lentils, oil, sugar, tomato paste, salt and flour. The project plans to reach 7,691 people (1,831 households) with this assistance.

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Aubrey Sidoryk singing



Dylan Bruce with the yoyo tricks



Hunter Tripp doing a comedy routine with help from Josh Flaman on drums.

McNaughton's Got Talent

From singing to dancing to yoyo tricks to comedy to drawing and film—McNaughton High School students proved that they have loads of talent during McNaughton's Got Talent last Wednesday evening. A panel of judges assessed each of the performances and had only positive things to say about each student's unique talent.

Kara Kinna photos



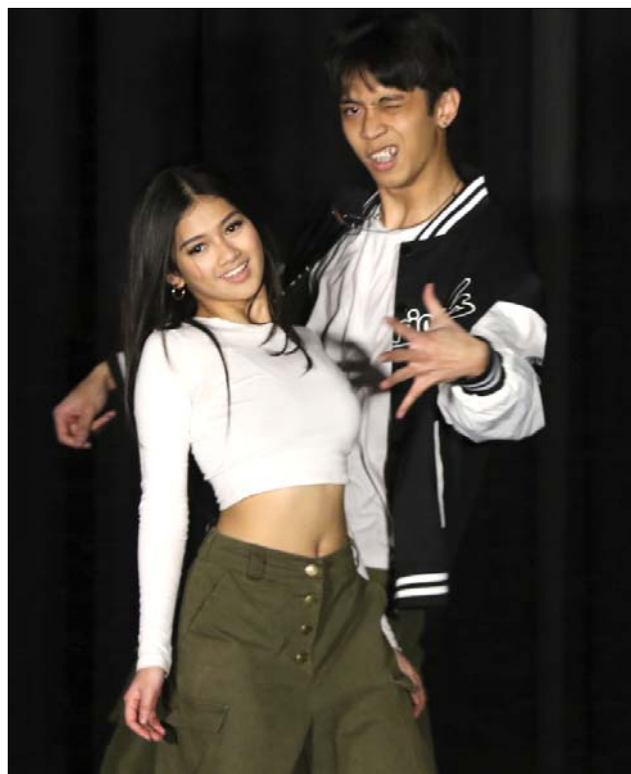
Heinztein RayRay singing.



Reaghan and Julia McConnell performing Wagon Wheel.



Mr. Schwean and Mr. Fredlund showing off amazing portraits of themselves created in pencil by Daman Singh, at right.



Andrei Ayala and Nicole Rodriguez doing a dance routine.



Tess Bolton, above, and Saveigha Ursel, below, performing at McNaughton's Got Talent on Wednesday.



Above: Olivia Brooks singing

Below: A still from a claymation film called Fender Bender shown at the talent show



Serious assault in Grenfell

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Police have arrested a Regina couple after a recent assault in Grenfell left one man seriously injured.

Just after 10:15 pm on Nov. 22, Broadview RCMP responded to the call initially to break up a fight.

"Investigation determined there was an altercation between a group of individuals," said RCMP in a media release. "An adult male was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious.

Fortunately, the entire event was captured on video, which greatly assisted police in their investigation. RCMP did arrest two people involved in the altercation on the Cowessess First Nation during the following day.

Kyle Wood, 30, of Regina was charged with one count attempted murder. Tracey McNabb, 25, also from Regina, was charged with single counts of aggravated assault and uttering threats.

The pair appeared in Yorkton Provincial Court on Nov. 24 and also appeared in Broadview Provincial Court last week.

Broadview RCMP are continuing their investigation with the assistance of the provincial RCMP General Investigation Section, Forensic Identification Services, File Hills Police Service plus members from the Moosomin, Fort Qu'Appelle, Indian Head and Esterhazy RCMP detachments.

Anyone with information that might assist in the investigation of this incident can call Broadview RCMP at (306) 696-5200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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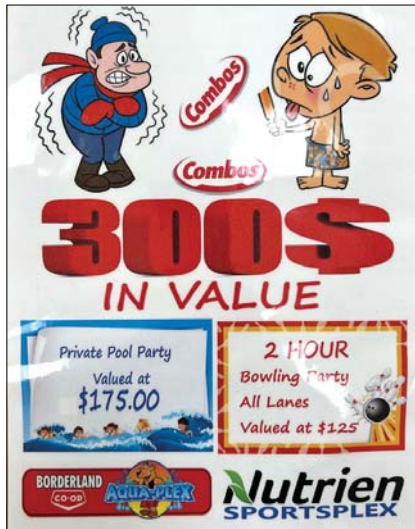
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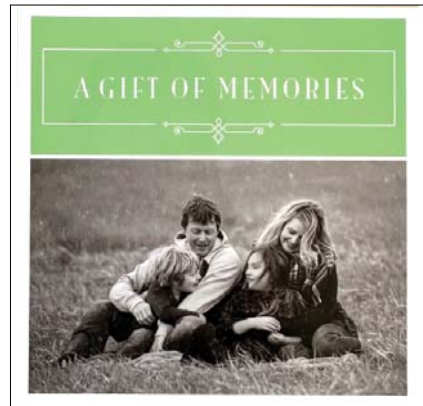
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An original painting by Jacqui Beckett



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On auction until December 9

The following items were part of the silent auction at the Moosomin Legion during Moonlight Madness and will continue to be auctioned online until December 9 on the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Proceeds from the auction will go toward a new visual arts centre being developed in Moosomin.



An original painting by Doug Brolund.



A boys and girls Christmas gift basket donated by Wendy and Terry Lynd.



History is written by great men and women and this case is no different. Congrats on the first ever Borderland Bears goal to this stud of a player!

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From left: Dr. Vijay Prabhu (Family Physician/Area Division Lead SE9), Tamara and Tara Brock present an update of events since the last town hall meeting in February, and Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison.

Oxbow town-hall updates resident on local healthcare

Two new doctors welcomed at Galloway Health Centre

BY RYAN KIEDROWSKI

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Concerned residents filled the gym at the Oxbow Memorial Hall on Nov. 20, anxious to hear the fate of local healthcare in their community. With frequent service disruptions in the emergency room and two doctors leaving town last year, many in attendance still had questions about what will happen to the Galloway Health Centre in Oxbow.

A similar meeting was held back in February in an attempt to assuage fears of the worst, and last week's meeting was a progress report on what has transpired since that time.

"We are sure some of you are wondering what has happened since our last town hall, which was held on Feb. 21," began Tamara Brock, reading from a status report. "You may be aware of some of the changes, but maybe not aware of all that has been happening since we last met."

In an effort to keep public in the information loop, a Facebook page was established after the February town hall.

"We felt that there should be a centre of information to come with our responses from the town hall, as well as a place to post any further information that would be relevant to the public," Brock said. "This is where you can find responses that we've received from the last town hall, the contact information for the various groups, disruptions, emergency services and other information."

She also pointed to the combined efforts of the Galloway Health Centre and Oxbow Health Care Auxiliary, which resulted in the reopening of the family area in the multi-purpose side of the facility, plus the donation of a new recliner in the palliative care room "for a loved one to be more comfortable during their stay."

Brock also shared that meetings between the Saskatchewan Health Authority, local municipalities, the Galloway Trust Committee and Southeast Healthcare Recruitment & Retention group have been positive.

"We have met three times now," she explained. "And the communication between our groups has been open and respectful."

Some big changes from those meetings included the reinstatement of Dr. Nic Botha, the inclusion of Oxbow in the Saskatchewan Rural and Remote Recruitment Incentive Program, and travelling nurses being added to the staff at the facility until levels improve.

"We are improving communication between SHA and our community," Brock assured. "There is some positive progress and we are all working together towards the same goal."

Sheena Grimes, Director of Primary Health Care SE9, was next at the podium to provide an update from SHA. Her first order of business was to share the positive news of two new doctors starting their practice in Oxbow.

"We are very fortunate that we have been able to fill the physician positions in Oxbow," she said. "Dr. Kaur and Dr. Hussain have now started their practice. We are also continuing our Registered Nurse recruitment, we were awarded three permanent full time RN positions as a result of the Health Human Resources Program. This will enable us to ensure that we have two RNs scheduled for all night shifts going forward."

Grimes explained that with the three permanent positions being posted, an internal shuffle occurred that saw some temporary positions ascending to full-time roles and ultimately leaving vacancies in the wake.

"What this means is that we are still recruiting," she said. "We do have two contract nurses that are in place right now."

Oxbow has been able to recruit one healthcare worker from outside Canada, whom Grimes explained should be ready in the New Year.

"One other success that we have had is as a result of the Philippines recruitment initiative, we've been able to secure one recruit from the Philippines, who will be starting their preceptorship in December and it should be ready to go by end of January," she said. "Our goal, which I think is the



Erin Goodfellow, SHA Director - Workforce, Planning and Employment Strategies, spoke on recruitment.

same purpose that everyone in this room has, is to get our ER open 24/7. So we're going to be working on staffing stabilization, continue to recruit registered nurses, work hard to retain the physicians that we do have in the community, and then we're going to be working with some progression to 24/7 physician coverage."

Grimes also spoke of the virtual physician program, which she stressed is an interim solution for physician shortages and not meant to replace a doctor.

"The virtual physician program really started as a way to help maintain emergency care in communities that were experiencing service disruptions with physicians," she said. "It's a way to make sure that the emergency rooms remain open and operational. The SHA started the virtual physician programming in Porcupine Plain in the beginning of July and then in Oxbow starting August 1. This initiative utilizes the 811 infrastructure that's in place."

Grimes walked through the process of the virtual physician visit, starting with when a patient presents to the emergency room. The on-duty nurse would triage the patient, then call the 811 HealthLine to connect with an ER-trained physician.

"The plan could either be treat and release, treat and transfer or treat and follow-up so that the follow-up would be an appointment with their family physician the next day," Grimes said. "This is strictly a temporary measure and has been implemented to address those interim periods of no physician coverage and we are still dedicated to maintaining and recruiting and retaining the physicians that we have in the community."

Another SHA representative—Erin Goodfellow, director of Workforce Planning and Employment Strategies—outlined some of the key points of the provincial Health Human Resources Action Plan and how it relates to the situation in Oxbow. She expanded on the Filipino healthcare worker recruitment plan, giving an update on some of the numbers to date.

"So far, there's been 411 conditional offers extended to Philippine recruits, and 85 of those are already in a nine-month bridging program," Goodfellow explained, adding that at the end of August, a 14-week bridging program began that saw 50 recruits actively involved. "So that'll allow us to get the Filipino recruits to Saskatchewan and working a lot faster."

Goodfellow also pointed to the successful recruitment of 710 new graduates retained in the province since Dec. 2022, plus the continued increase of rural and remote positions.

"So far, 210 positions have been hired to the 250 rural and remote positions that have been put in place by the government to stabilize staffing in rural and remote communities," she said. "Oxbow also was part of that initiative where positions were used to be able to get your second RN on nights."

At one point in the evening, Dr. Nazneen Hussain was acknowledged with her credentials read and a welcome to the community for her family. Dr. Jagot Kaur was on shift

while the meeting took place, but would have received the same warm welcome.

Community voices concerns

As the floor opened to a general question and answer session, some of those in attendance stressed the need for services and gave examples of their own recent interactions with the healthcare system in Oxbow.

One such voice was an emergency responder who told of an incident just the day before the town hall meeting.

"I don't think people realize how dire condition we're in," they began. "I went on a call yesterday south of Carnduff. I did get permission to discuss this. That call was six miles from Carnduff's base. From the timing of the phone [call] to 911 to when we had that guy on the STARS landing pad was 109 minutes. I don't think the community understands: we're in trouble."

Others shared their frustration in the limited notice of the Nov. 20 meeting, that they were simply not made aware.

"At different times, I've said 'how did you find out about these meetings?' I was still told 'on Facebook'," said one lady. "Not everybody has Facebook, not everybody has a computer. You gotta maybe advertise more places than that. This is the first meeting that I knew was happening."

Brock answered the question, acknowledging the limitations of effectively spreading word to the masses.

"We understand that Facebook isn't the best option," she said, adding that posters were placed around Oxbow. "But unfortunately, right now, that's the only thing that we can come up with, where we can reach a lot of people. We are very open to any suggestions."

Fran Paszkowski—a self-proclaimed "frequent flyer" at the Galloway Health Centre—related her experiences in Oxbow as compared to other hospitals in Regina. Pleased with the care she received in Oxbow, Paszkowski noted "we're so lucky to have this hospital." She also raised the importance of the entire community rallying together to support it.

"We need everybody on board because we're an aging community," she said.

The meeting was unfortunately cut short due to a sudden power outage with the hall soon filled with points of light courtesy of cell phones, floating like lanterns as everyone navigated their way outside.

Cannington MLA Daryl Harrison was also part of the panel assembled to answer questions, made up of Goodfellow, Grimes, Dr. Vijay Prabhu (Family Physician/Area Division Lead SE9), and Prince Albert-Northcote MLA Alana Ross. He emphasized how the quest to find and keep doctors in a problem not just found in Oxbow.

"It's an ongoing effort and we've certainly increased our training seats, recruiting hard and we're offering some incentives to stay and work in the province—specifically in rural areas," Harrison said. "It is certainly made nationwide, but it's also across the U.S. as well."

He pointed to neighbours south of the border in Bismarck, ND as also having issues with attracting RNs in their community.

"So they are in demand; it is certainly a good career path," he concluded.

Daryl Harrison

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Ten years ago, 2013:

Kendra Kay shot her first music video for her song "It Was" set to be released in 2014. The rising country star lived in Elkhorn, Manitoba and was 16 years old at the time.

The Rocanville Thrift Store raised \$3,000 for disaster relief in the Philippines through donation collection and by donating all their funds made for a week to the cause. Kathy Brown on behalf of Red Cross accepted the donation from Eileen Etherington, Penny Young, Myrna Green-Wicklund and Irene Norton from the thrift store committee.

Fifteen years ago, 2008:

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The organizing committee would like to express our gratitude for your continuing support and incredible generosity in our mission to take a bite out of hunger. The 2023 Growing Project is complete, and together we raised nearly \$45,000! The project to-date has now cleared \$620,000 over the past 10 years!

This year's project proceeds will be going towards food security initiatives both near and far. Locally we've all experienced food price increases and supply chain challenges, and Harvest of Hope proceeds are helping to support the local Food Shares for Moosomin and Rocanville. These organizations are seeing increased operating costs, fewer donations, and higher demand for their help. Globally, significant events like the pandemic, droughts, and wars have put pressure on already delicate food supply systems where people are now not able to get enough to eat. There are a projected 828 million people around the world who are experiencing hunger, 98% of these people live in developing countries, and 80% of people displaced due to these events are living in countries affected by long term hunger. Through our association with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank we are able to help with emergency food assistance all around the world, including inside Ukraine and neighboring countries harboring refugees, as well as in Africa, and the Middle East.

Thank you to the numerous farmers, businesses, and leaders in our community who continue to generously work the field and support the Harvest of Hope with inputs, seed and equipment time, or logistical items to make the project go every year. Your demonstrations of compassion, care, and community spirit are truly humbling. It is because of your continued support that we can together benefit those who truly are in need, show them that they matter, someone cares for them, and they are not alone. We are forever grateful for the impact you've helped make in the fight against world hunger.

Sincerely,
The Harvest of Hope Project Committee

**For more information or to partner with the Harvest of Hope for 2024,
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