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Rocanville firefighters selling hot calendars as a fundraiser

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## 43 other prizes offered, valued at more than \$5,000: Local businesses giving away \$15,000

Local businesses are getting together to give away more than \$20,000 in prizes in the World-Spectator and Plain and Valley's

Spectator and Plain and Valley's 2019 Christmas Giveaway. The main prize is \$15,000 to reward one lucky shopper for shopping locally this Christmas

The winner will receive a chequebook and can spend their prize money at any or all of the

participating businesses.

They can spend the prize money any way they want, pur-chasing anything from any of the businesses taking part in the pro-

The draw will be made on Thursday, Dec. 19 and the winner will get the good news just before Christmas.

before Christmas.

There are also 43 other prizes valued at more than \$5,000 in total to be given away in the World-Spectator and Plain and Valley 2019 Christmas Giveaway. Shoppers can enter at 47 locations in seven communities across the area.

This year there are participating businesses in Moosomin, Esterhazy, Rocanville, Virden, Esterhazy, Rocanville, Virden, Whitewood, Redvers, and White Bear First Nation. The 43 secondary prizes in-

clude:

- A Stay and Play Package from Bear Claw Casino at White Bear First Nation.
- A remote control car from Bumper to Bumper in Rocan-
- An Elle quartz bracelet from Kassie's Jewelry in Moosomin.
  A food processor and utensils from Esterhazy Home Hard-
- A selection of local honey from Longman Apiaries Maryfield.
- A Bowflex Upper Cut from Flaman Group of Companies in Moosomin.



Kara Kinna and Kevin Weedmark with some of the prizes from the World-Spectator/ Plain and Valley Prize Vault that will be won as part of the World-Spectator Christmas Giveaway, as well as the \$15,000 grand prize. Turn to pages 36 and 37 for a full list of participating businesses and secondary prizes.

- A Pixie Mood bag-in-a-bag
- from Kari's Kloset in Moosomin
- A Smart Home package from
  The Wireless Age in Esterhazy.
   A Dakine travel bag and pencil case from McPhail Travel in
- Moosomin.

   A \$400 gift certificate from Today's Furniture and Electronics in Redvers.
- A set of three lamps from Mullett's Home Hardware in Moosomin.
- A T-Fal Optigrill from Virden
- Home Hardware.

  Two \$150 gift certificates from Cork and Bone in Mooso-
- \$150 in gift certificates from Tim Hortons in Moosomin and Virden.
- A \$100 gift certificate from Zaylie Furniture in Moosomin.

And many more. Turn to pages 36-37 in this issue of Plain and Valley for a complete list of participating businesses and sec-

ondary prizes.
World-Spectator and Plain and Valley publisher Kevin Weedmark said he is proud of the local business community for stepping up and supporting the promotion.

"This promotion has always been about rewarding local shoppers for supporting the lo-cal businesses, and the fact that so many local retailers and other businesses support promotion shows that they are working hard to serve their customers

"The first year we held the car draw, which the \$15,000 draw evolved from, we had no idea if we could do it or not. We threw the idea out there to businesses in the area, and the response was overwhelming. In no time we had enough support to be able to offer a substantial prize," Weedmark said.

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World-Spectator/Plain and Valley Publisher Kevin Weedmark presents the \$15,000 grand prize to the last four \$15,000 winners -Nancy Campbell, Tawna Bartley and Desiree Neville across the top of the page, and Corinne Lewis immediately above

# Businesses giving away \$15,000

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"The car draw was a success, but I think this promotion is even better. The grand prize winner each year receives a book of special cheques they can use at the participating business-es. That will ensure that the money the winner receives will stay in the local area.

There are all sorts of other prizes as well. It's really a great way of rewarding people for shopping lo-

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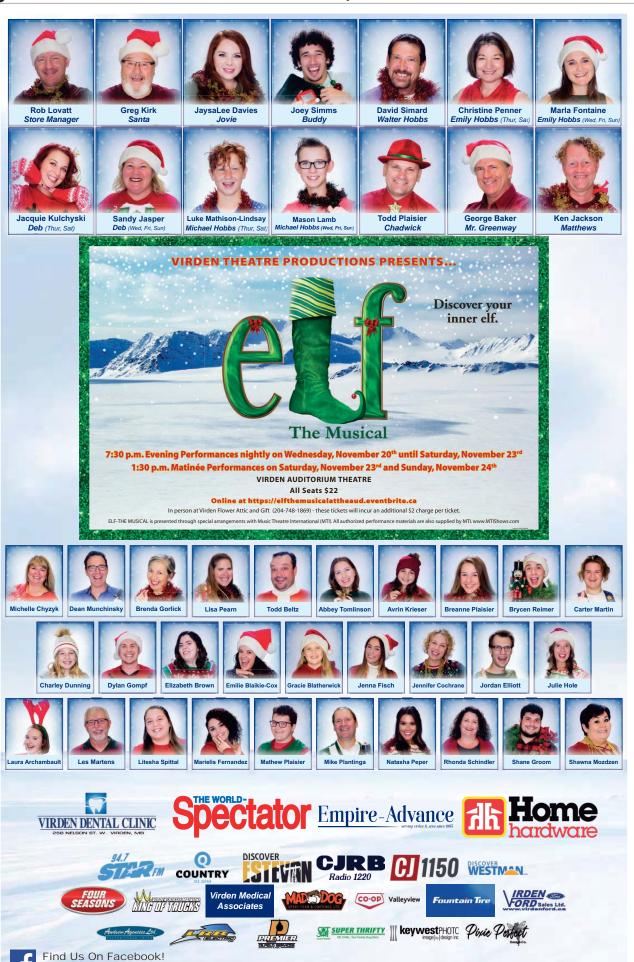
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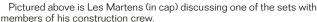
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Pictured above is Murray Davies building a revolving door at his shop.

## The making of Elf the musical

BY LAURA WRIGHT

Buddy the Elf will soon be singing and dancing his way across the stage at the Aud Theatre in Elf the Musical, and crowds will once again marvel at the stunning costumes, the breathtaking sets and the extraordinary talent of the performers. But what does it take to produce a show of this calibre?

It starts with an idea. Musical Director /Producer Michelle Chyzyk is busy months, sometimes years, in advance deciding on a show and securing the rights to produce it. Once that is done, the call goes out for auditions. Performers from all over Manitoba and Saskatchewan are eager to be part of the cast of one of the Virden Theatre Productions shows, not only because they are aware of the quality of the productions, but also because of the caring and supportive environment created by the performers and crew.

Once the cast is in place, an army of volunteers gets to work. There are sets to be built, props to be created or found, costumes to be sewn, advertising and promotion to be done—the list goes on and on.

list goes on and on.
Costume mistress Joyce
Davies has been dressing actors for many years, and her attention to detail is second to none. Some performers could have as many as five costume changes, and it is Joyce's job to make sure that each outfit fits perfectly and conveys the character's personality. With the help of the staff of the Costume Closet, she carefully chooses costumes for each performer. She spends hours consulting with seamstresses Shirley Welch and Jean Anne Overand who have been tasked with the job of creating unique custom-made wardrobes for many of the actors, including Buddy and the elves. The result is a colourful feast for the eyes!

The Aud Theatre stage is

The Aud Theatre stage is small and the wings even smaller, so the set designers have to be very creative when creating the sets for our productions. The imaginative geniuses behind the sets for Elf, Murray Davies, Les Martens and Dean Munchinsky, have once again outdone themselves, bringing the North

Pole, New York City, and Macy's Department store, complete with revolving door, to Virden. The sets have almost become performers in our shows, gliding, moving and twirling on the darkened stage to reveal yet another scene. Les Martens heads up a construction crew of about 10 people who have volunteered their time to make the jaw-dropping sets audiences look forward to seeing.

seeing. Kathy Welsh is the creative props lady who misses no detail; if the scene calls for a red telephone, there will be a red telephone, A scene needs a four-foot tall candy cane? Kathy will find it. Nothing short of perfection is good enough.

How do people find out about these productions? The promotions and advertising committee is busy posting on social media, putting up posters, distributing table top advertising to restaurants and businesses, and creating ads and writing articles for local print media. Led by Lynette Grumpelt, this team works hard to get the word out about our productions.

People have asked, "What does Virden Theatre Productions do with all the money they make from their shows?" The fact is there isn't that much money to be made. A show like Elf the Musical will cost upward of \$30,000 to produce; the rights alone can be as much as \$15,000. Add in the cost of renting the Aud for two weeks, hiring the light and sound crew, bringing in a professional choreographer, purchasing the materials for the sets and costumes, buying advertising, having posters and other promotional materials printed, and there's not much left when all the bills are rid.

bills are paid.

Virden Theatre Productions is lucky to have many volunteers who donate their time, but they are also thankful for the support of its sponsors who help offset some of the expenses incurred. We are so fortunate to receive financial support from businesses that recognize and appreciate the importance of a vibrant arts community, as well as the synergies that can be generated by bringing people to town to see a show like Elf the Musical.

From start to finish, producing a musical in Virden is a labour of love, and when the performers hit the stage at the end of November, from start to fin-

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## MNP expert says every business should have a cybersecurity plan

In the wake of a cyber crime in which between \$400,000 and \$500,000 was stolen from Pipestone KinAbility Centre in Moosomin (see story on page 12), World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Sam Smagala, a cyber security expert with MNP about what local businesses and organizations can do to protect themselves from cyber threats.
The full interview follows:

#### How common are cyber security threats for businesses in Canada and what can businesses do to protect themselves? How common are incidents like this?

There are two possible ways somebody can access payroll. It's either a hacker finding a vulnerability at some point along the perimeter to be able to get in and then directly accessing the payroll and com-promising the system that approach, or through a business email compromise.

Another term for it would be whaling.

The National Cyber Threat Assessment from 2018 identifies that as a very prominent threat against small, medium, and even large businesses.

I know from my personal experience, in the past two or three years that I have been doing this, I've heard of hundreds of these types of attacks, and this is just within my own circles. Personally I've dealt with even

own circles. Personally I ve dealt with even more than I can count at this point. From my perspective it is extremely prominent, and the reasoning is that it is super easy to do and companies and orga-nizations haven't really done anything to

#### Would an attack like this be as common as a ransomware attack?

I would say it is split equally. If you're look at data breach versus ransomware versus business email compromise, ran-somware and business email compromise are definitely the most common

#### Are there certain types of businesses that are more vulnerable or certain sizes of businesses?

In theory larger businesses should be able to protect themselves better against this because they have a more mature security focus.

The smaller and medium businesses probably are more susceptible because they are shorter on staff.

They are using the same technology that the big companies do, but if they are short-er on staff, they're not able to get ahead of the curve so to speak because they are fo-cused on developing and getting larger and do not necessarily have the mature security mindset that is necessary for preventing and mitigating these kind of attacks.

#### What are the first steps that a small

business should be taking?

The best approach for this is just to become familiar with cyber security and the different threats that are out there. S

pecifically, businesses should have a cybersecurity expert come in and talk to them about threats and cyber security and get a

bit of a plan and an approach in place.
One of the things that we do would be a maturity and threat risk assessment. If the organization is interested in improving their cyber security posture and contacts us, we go in and talk to them about industry accepted frameworks, specific controls they can use based on their business opera-



tions and objectives

tions and objectives.

Then we help them go forward and implement those controls and try to help them improve their preparedness.

Once someone has been hit by something, if they've been hit by ransomware or something like that, is there anything that they can do at that point? Can they call in help to deal with situations like that?

I think the majority of the conversation that we are having is dedicated to small and medium organizations, assuming they don't really have the staff to have dedicated instant responders. They are just primarily focused on administrating and maintaining the environment. So when these instances do happen, they still have to maintain and administer the environment. They don't have the time to actually respond to it in

nave the time to actually respond to it in a certain degree, so that is why you have third parties come in and help them out. In terms of what they can do, aside from calling in third parties to help them out, priority number one is actually have preparation in place.

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If an organization doesn't put the preparation time into developing back up plans and procedures for their systems and they get hit with ransomware there is no com-

ing back.

An organization that has put in the time and preparation into developing a back up and restoration plan, then they are able to come back from an incident a lot quicker or even have no damage at all other than the response time that people are actually backing up and restoring systems.

In what proportion of cases of ransom-ware or whaling are organizations able to get their systems fully restored and retrieve any funds that may have been taken? Is it in a minority of cases or a majority of cases where people are able to fully recover from it?

It really depends on the situation because there are so many dynamics involved.

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Number one is the organization—is preparation a priority? Number two is the attackers—what they were able to do and what are their intentions?

In terms of how often organizations are able to rebound from ransomware and business email compromises, in most cases their operations still get back up and run-ning. In some cases they don't—they outright fail and just close up shop and people get their resumes out.

That does happen in some cases, but for the most part they're able to deal with it by delaying production or delaying their objective because obviously they have a huge and significant hit in their objectives.

So some are able to recover, but they are

setting themselves way behind and losing a competitive advantage

Are there any stats on how much cyber crime is growing as a threat? I'm looking at a report that says 19 percent of surveyed businesses in Canada report having been hit by ransomware.

And those are just the ones that the Canadian government knows about. There is a lot of stuff that still goes unreported. You may be familiar with the data privacy laws that came into effect November of 2018. Those require organizations to report privacy-related breaches, so if they think that information was stolen but they don't have to report ransomware, if they believe that no information was actually stolen, there is no requirement for that.

#### With companies like MNP, is cybersecurity becoming a bigger focus? I imagine 10 years ago MNP didn't have a cyber threat division.

I think you are absolutely bang on there. I know that our cyber division came into affect about three years ago or so. Dealing with cyber incidents and doing cyber security such as penetration testing and risk assessment came into MNP about three years ago. I think you are definitely right where a traditional accounting firm or consulting firm didn't used to deal with this, but they realize the importance of helping out their clients with cyber security and I think that is why they brought us on board.

# If you have one piece of advice for a typical busy small business owner who doesn't even think about cybersecurity, what is the first thing they should do to

prepare themselves just in case?

That is a very difficult a question because there are a lot things they should be doing. The first thing is to have someone come in and talk to them about cyber security and

and talk to them about cyber security and just give them the information.

That is a good starting point, to have someone come in to talk to them and get a feeling for cyber security in general if they haven't even thought about it before.







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### \$400,000 to \$500,000 taken:

# Cyber attack hits Moosomin's Kin-Ability Centre

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
The Pipestone Kin-Ability Centre is working closely with Moosomin RCMP to recover stolen funds following a cyber attack on the agency's payroll system discovered on October 1, 2019.

Pipestone KinAbility is a non-profit organization providing support services to adults with cognitive disabili-

The attackers gained unauthorized access to acquire hundreds of thousands of dollars, used for general opera-

tions and wages for KinAbility employees.

"As soon as we learned of the breach, we contacted the RCMP and took immediate steps to ensure no further withdrawals could occur," Pipestone KinAbility said in a news release.

"We also took steps to ensure that our employees would be paid on schedule, and to maintain our normal course



of operations.

"As the RCMP continues its investigation, we are reviewing the security features of our systems to defend against similar attacks in the future. Employees have been

advised of this incident.

"We are hopeful that the RCMP's investigation will lead to arrests and the recovery of these funds.

"As a non-profit organization providing support ser-

vices to adults with cognitive disabilities, these funds enable us to provide employees with support services, pro-

grams and opportunities to live their best lives.
"We appreciate the assistance of the RCMP and we remain grateful for the ongoing support of our community." According to Moosomin RCMP, the amount stolen was between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

"It was just shy of half a million dollars," said Sgt Scott Fefchak of the Moosomin RCMP. "The investigation is ongoing and we are working to arrest the individual or individuals involved.

"This was a cyber attack on a payroll system and it was







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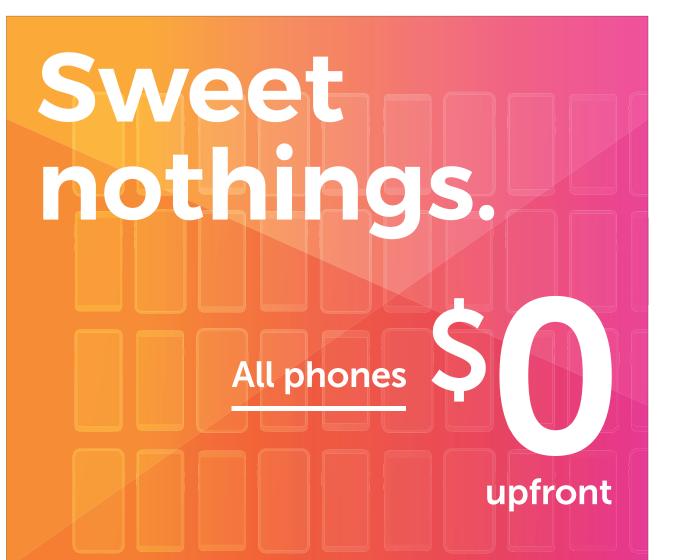
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"Quick passage of this legislation dem-onstrates how important it is to further protect our youth from vaping," Health Minister Jim Reiter said.

Over the next months, the Ministry of Health will proceed with the necessary supporting regulations to address both the restrictions on vaping and vaping products and the enforcement. New signage prohibiting vaping will be made available for public buildings, retail locations and school properties.

It is anticipated that The Tobacco Control Act amendments and supporting regulations will be in force in early 2020.

Introduced on November 5, the amendments in Bill 182 will:

-restrict the sale of vapour/e-cigarette devices and products to individuals 18

years of age and older;
-prohibit the display of vapour/e-cig-arette products in a retail business where young persons have access;

-restrict the use of vapour/e-cigarette products in and around public buildings, including schools and school grounds, in

the same manner as our provincial tobacco legislation;

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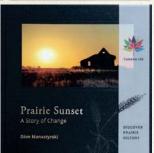


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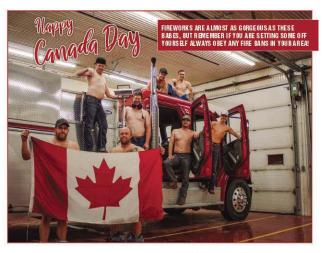
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The February and July photos for the Rocanville Fire Department's 2020 calendar. The calendars are being sold as a fundraiser for the Rocanville Fire Department. The calendars are available from Decker's H20 and Spirits to Go in Rocanville and at the World-Spectator in Moosomin. The calendars were designed and printed at the World-Spectator.

## **Rocanville Fire Department** selling 2020 calendars as a fundraiser

Firefighters usually advise people to stay away from things that are hot, but the Rocanville Fire Department is hoping people pick up their 2020 calendar, full of the fire-men showing off their

Janelle Kurbis brought up the idea for the calen-dars. "I've always wanted to do a calendar for the fire department. I thought it would be a lot of fun," she said. "It didn't take a lot of

arm-twisting to get them

"I let them know that I would co-ordinate the whole thing, so they thought they would be silly not to do it, and I agreed.

They were a little shy when we started with the pictures, but they warmed up as the evening went on and it turned out to be a

really fun night.

"I just thought we would try it, and I thought they would sell really well, and they have been. I knew it would be a good



way to make money, and the more they can sell the better—it will be good for the department,'

Barb Rudniski said the

whole project came to-gether very easily.

"Janelle Kurbis ap-proached the fire depart-ment and asked if we would do these calendars.

"Keeli McGonigal took the photos and Janelle Kurbis did everything else. She had all the props and she organized every-

thing.
"We don't have a fundraising target, we just want to raise as much as we can to put into our equipment." Rudniski said that

when the idea of the cal-endars came up, it took a little bit of convincing to get everyone on board.

"It took a couple of hours of discussion but they agreed," she said. "It

was quite a fun evening."

The calendars are available at Decker's H20 and Spirits to Go in Rocanville and also from any Rocan-

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## Maguire says ag issues a priority following election

tion, Kevin Weedmark spoke with Larry Maguire, the MP re-elected in Brandon-Souris. which includes the Elkhorn, Virden, and Kola areas. The interview follows:

#### What is your take on the election results?

Obviously it went very well for us here in our area. We are very pleased with the work that my team put in here, and I'm honored to have the support of the constituency here in Bran-don-Souris, and the way they turned out for us this

It was a lot of hard work but it certainly paid off, and I think it shows the concern the people have over the Liberal govern-ment not only in this riding but all of the Western Canadian ridings.

I think they sent a strong message, strong enough that the Liberals have to take note of the things that will keep our country run-ning and keep people in

In every one of the four ridings in southeast Sas-katchewan and southwest Manitoba, the Conserva-tive vote increased be-tween 13 and 18 per cent in this election. Why do you think the Conserva-tive message is resonating so much in this area?

I think it's all about jobs. It's all about the fiscal accountability that the peo-ple believe in in this region. They know you have to run government somewhat like you run your home or your business. Sooner or later if you're going to go into debt you have to have a plan to get out of it and this

government has no plan.

The Liberal government has added \$71 billion to the debt in four years. We've got the highest debt in Canadian history and the Prime Minister keeps talk-ing about the debt to GDP ratio, but if interest rates go up 1%, his theory is blown out the water. If we were in such a good economy why aren't interest rates going up? They're not. The prime minister is keeping the interest rates low so we can find people to invest in Canada

We have seen since the election that Husky Oil has laid off 600 people in Calgary and Maple Leaf is

laying off 400 across Canada in the food industry as

Our economy is good, but it's not nearly as strong as it could be and we are spending the future gen-erations' livelihood.

This is the biggest debt Canada has ever been in and this government is now planning on running on \$25 billion deficits a year, not \$10 billion like he promised.

He promised the budget would be balanced in 2019.

He spent the \$20 billion dollars, the growth in the economy that took place plus another \$19.8 billion deficit dollars as well.

They are not fiscally responsible and the people in this region believe in that.

Secondly he's done nothing to build pipelines in Canada. He spent \$4.5 bil-lion dollars of Canadian taxpayers' money to purchase a pipeline that he said he would sell off in two months, but two and a years later he still has it and hasn't even made an attempt to sell it off and we still don't have pipelines

If you want to clean up the environment in the world, you have to think globally. Greenhouse gases don't know boundaries,

only politicians do. You have to think outside the box, which Andrew Scheer was doing for this election, with technology, developing and export-ing it worldwide, which is a great advantage for us given the free trade agreements we have already signed in the world.

Other countries are envious of the position we are in being able to sell to the U.S., CETA, all the Europe-an countries in that agree-

an countries in that agree-ment and the 11 countries in the Pacific Rim.

No one else has that capacity to export with the advantages we have, which were put in place by which were put in place by

the Harper government. We need to make sure we use technology to reduce greenhouse gases, not something like the carbon tax, which is just taxing them in one pocket and then giving it back to them in the other. That's not the way to control greenhouse

Why didn't the Conservative message resonate

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Brandon-Souris MP Larry Maguire's riding includes the Virden, Elkhorn and Kola areas.

somewhat better in On-

tario and Quebec? Quebec has difficul-Quebec Quebec has difficul-ties with wanting to move pipelines through their province and under the St. Lawrence River, even though there are seven pipelines running under there at the current time.

We need to be processing more, we had a platform of making Canada energy self-sufficient by 2030, and we could do that very eas-

ily.

But Quebec seems to be concerned about that.

I also think that as much as oil is a huge part of our economy out here and the manufacturing that comes from it, I don't think the people in Eastern Canada relate to how many jobs are created in Eastern Canada from our oil industry.
They see it as an Alberta

and Saskatchewan situa-tion and probably don't even realize that we have oil in Manitoba right along the Saskatchewan border in my constituency as well. They don't seem to relate to the idea that there are a lot of jobs made there, even in the auto industry, from products that are made from petroleum.

all about jobs. We need to make sure we continue to let them know how important Western Canada is to the Canadian econo-

Did you think the People's Party would have more of an impact in our

No I didn't.

The reason is people know what happens when

you split the vote.

People in the Prairies knew that every vote that the People's Party gets comes from the Conservative Party. They care with the People's Party They care with the People's Party They care with the Prairies and the Prairies when the Prairies were the Prairies when tive Party. They saw what happened in Alberta when you end up with and NDP government because of a split vote.

We had that situation in Manitoba for many years as well and certainly it's happened in Saskatchewan as well. People knew who the opposition was in this election, and in Western election, and in Western Canada it was the Liberal government because they have not acted in good faith in regards to devel-oping our industries. They haven't put the programs in place to allow the in-dustries to develop them-selves. Private industry will create these jobs if the will create these jobs if the situation is right.

What do you think the

next term will be like?

Minority governments
don't usually go longer don't usually go longer than 18 months to two years. We have to see solid results, not just talk anymore. The PM spoke about getting together but he spoke on that before and he's lied in the area before. There was no concession in his speech on election

I think iust like Premier

ticulated, we need to see results as opposed to more talk and I think the message was sent loud and clear that when you lose a cabinet minister of the qualities of Mr. Goodale in Regina as the Liberals did, it sends a strong message back to Mr. Trudeau that people are fed up with the type of government he has en leading.

The economy, jobs and trade are the things that can help create the revenue we need in Canada so we can enjoy social programs, health care, and education.

We need to be able to export our natural resources so we can keep taxes rea-sonable and maintain our standard of living.

You increased your vote total from 50 per cent to 63.5 per cent this time. What do you think made the difference in Brandon-

Souris?
The Liberals found candidate three and a half hours east of here, an hour east of Winnipeg. The NDP had a young lady who is going to university here who has lived in Victoria and a few other places but has only been in Brandon for a couple of years. My experience as a provincial politician for 14 years and the hard work we've done for the last six years trying

to communicate with evto communicate with everyone in the constituency has paid off, but people were fed up with the Liberal government. We had many Liberals tell us at the door they voted Liberal last time but they would not be doing it again. The Liberals lost over 10,000 votes in this constitu-ency. A lot of those who said they will not be vot-ing Liberal again are Blue Liberals, who are fiscally accountable, responsible people who voted Conservative this time because they know the government does not have a plan to balance the budget until 2043. A 23-year plan to balance the budget is not a plan, it's a hope and a prayer, and it wasn't working from those

What is your top priority now that you are heading back to Ottawa to rep-

mg back to Ottawa to represent Brandon-Souris?
With the disastrous harvest, the priority is to watch very attentively as watch very attentively as to what happens with Crop Insurance and how the AgriStability and AgriRe-covery programs are go-ing to work for the disaster that has taken place here. We also have thousands of acres of potatoes that still aren't up in my constituency and that's a disaster for our potato industry which came off of thousands of lost acres of potatoes last year. Other than that, it's to get trade back in place, because all the jobs in this re-gion depend on the export of grain, livestock and oil.

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#### 84.4 per cent vote Conservative in Souris-Moose Mountain

# Kitchen's vote total second highest in Canada

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Robert Kitchen was re-elected Member of Parliament for Souris-Moose Mountain with the second highest vote total of any candidate across Canada in the federal election.

Kitchen won with 84.4 per cent of the vote, second only to Damien Kurek in Battle River-Crowfoot in east central Alberta, who won with the highest percentage in all of Canada, with 85.5 per cent of the vote.

In the last election, Kitchen had the 17th highest percentage of the vote, and he was aiming to get to number one in this elec-

"The guy I was trying to beat was Kevin Sorenson in Battle River-Crowfoot, He had the highest percent-age in 2015," says Kitchen.
"He was at 81 per cent that time. That was the number I was aiming for—to get to that number and hopefully beat him. Kevin retired but the young guy who took over snuck by me a little

Kitchen savs he believes his high voté count is due to the fact that Conservative policies hit home with most people in the riding. "I think there are a lot of issues that are really

pertinent to our constitu-ency," he said, "the issues in agriculture, the issues in energy and resources, whether it's coal, whether it's power, whether it's oil and gas or potash, those are the big issues that we are concerned about. Our platform and the things we have been talking about resonate very well with my constituents. I think that's the factor behind it.'

Kitchen said he heard a lot of strong support from people across the riding

people across the riding during the campaign. "I heard a lot of support on the doorstep from a lot of people, but I looked at myself as being in last place. Even when I heard that from people, I still con-sidered myself to be in last place and I made sure I got out there and talked to every constituent that I could and got to every community that I could get to—and I put on close to 12,000 kms going around the riding. I got around to most places

"Getting to talk to people was what I think helped to get people out to the polls. It's always good when you can meet people face to face and answer their questions and let them know you will

be there for them.

Kitchen said he wasn't worried about the impact of the People's Party or other challengers in the race.
"I wasn't worried about

any of the challengers," he

"I give credit to those op-ponents. They stepped up and put their name on the line. They stood up for the values that they believe in and the opinions they beand the opinions they be-lieve in and they tried to express that as best they could. I have a great deal of respect for them doing that. That's what makes this country such a great country, that we have the ability to do that.

"Each and every one of us can stand up and talk about the things that are important to us. For me, the best part about it was that the messages that I was saying and my leader was saying resonated so well with my constituents

Why does he think the Conservative message didn't resonate better Ontario and Quebec, where the Conservatives didn't make the breakthrough they needed to form gov-

'That's a tough question to answer. The issues we have with the Prime Minister right now did not stick with people in the east. The SNC Lavalin scandal, the blackface, it just didn't

stick with people.
"I think what's being missed is that we went from 97 seats to 122 seats. That's a 25 seat increase. The Liberals lost 25 seats No one is talking about that. That's the one thing the mainstream media is missing. We actually did very well in this election and actually won the most and actually won the most votes. That's the good thing that happened in this election. I wish the main-stream media would talk more about that."

Kitchen says he doesn't know if Justin Trudeau will govern any differently now that he has been reduced to

a minority government. "I was disappointed when the Prime Minis-ter got up, purposely in-terrupting the leader of the opposition as he was speaking, and breaking protocol which has always been observed in the past, I was very disappointed in that.

"The fact that when he talked. he did not talk about unifying this country and recognizing that with what the Bloc achieved in



Robert Kitchen plants a lawn sign in Moosomin before the election.

Quebec and the fact that there is not a Liberal in Saskatchewan or Alberta, we have a divided country.

"The fact that he didn't acknowledge that, didn't mention that, that to me speaks for who this guy is. When he should be talking about keeping this country together and unifying it, and recognizing the divi-sion, he's not talking to us about that."

How does he think the Prime Minister will manage the minority situation in the House of Commons?

"That's a good ques-tion in terms of where this Prime Minister will go with things. I suspect the Prime Minister is going to try and make all kinds of deals to try and protect himself and he's going to cave on many different issues. We need to be, as an opposition, focusing on making sure he doesn't sneak by with things the way he loves to

do. "And "And catching him on the things that he's been caught doing—eth-ics scandals, SNC Lavalin type scandals that are out there—we need to make certain that he ceases and desists with that kind of behavior."

What's will be Kitchen's first priority back in Ot-

"My first priority is to get the message out that we have been saying here in Saskatchewan to the rest of Canada. I need to make certain that the rest of Canada truly understands what's going on in this part of the country. And they don't. They don't see the challenges that we have. They see jobs being created in Ontario with govern-ment money but they don't see the trials and tribulations that we are having

out here and the fact that

we are losing jobs. "The bottom line is that we have lost over 100,000plus jobs here in the oil and gas industry.

"When you have a PM that says he is protecting jobs, why is he not protect-

ing jobs here?"

Kitchen said he isn't second guessing the campaign or wondering if anything could have been done dif-

could have been done dif-ferently.

"I don't engage in look-ing back and wondering what we could have done differently," he said. "I look at moving forward and the positive messaging that we put out there. As we talked about in the campaign, helping Canadians, help-ing them get ahead, put-ting more money back in their pockets, those are the things I focus on. "I truly believe, and I

said it at the debates, that it's the economy that's the big thing here. People need to understand that the economy is the number one issue we need to be focusing on, not for just now but also for my kids' future and my grandkids' future, for your grandkids' future. That part is not being focussed on. The economy is being destroyed in the West."



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# **Moosomin Cenotaph fence restored**

Clay and Ami Leduc, along with Clay's mother Dolores Skow, took on a labor of love this summer, restoring and repainting the cast iron fence surrounding the Moosomin Cenotaph.

'As my wife Ami and I began work on the fence at the end of April it quickly became apparent that al-most 100 years of weather and wear had done extensive damage to the fence,

sive damage to the fence, which was erected in 1926 by the Girls Monument Fund," says Clay.

"The entire fence was first stripped using an angle grinder with a steel wire wheel and occasionally a crinding disk to express the grinding disk to expose the cast iron under the silver paint and to remove scale rust.

"Next, a rust converting solvent was applied to pre-vent any small left-behind deposits from growing. This solvent reacts chemically with the rust to form new metal. This process was used for all black portions of the fence with each 15-foot section taking approximately four hours to complete. There are 21 of the 15-foot sections."

He said some sections of the fence required more

"The north side of the fence required a little further care as three of the cast iron fence posts contained extensive cracking which had to be addressed before paint-ing could be done. This was done through the combined use of a dremel, chemical



Clay and Ami Leduc with the restored cenotaph fence in Moosomin.

rust conversion and an epoxy steel alloy mixture designed for use on cast iron.

"During the history of the fence's lifetime a car had crashed into a section of the fence on the northwestern portion, resulting in a replacement section being erected.

"This replacement section did not have any poppies on the front of the fence posts starting from the commemorative plaque to the north-west corner. So effectively the fence was missing half of the original front cast iron

poppies. "To remedy this, I was

able to find six original cast poppies on the back side of the fence and some pieces lying buried in the grass and soil around the fence.

"Of the 12 poppies now on the fence, five were bro-ken into three or more pieces. To repair the poppies, each had to be stripped of old paint and rust, and then had to be soaked in a metal had to be soaked in a metal acidic prep solution prior to being brazed together, painted in a protective coat-ing and then hand-painted with red enamel paint for the petals and black enamel for the center. These where each then sealed with a

gloss coat. The last three processes were applied to all 12 poppies." Clay says there have been

Clay says there have been lots of positive comments along the way. "Through the whole project Ami and I have received very positive feedback on the changes and ways are yety appreciative of we are very appreciative of all the praise," he said. "However over the course

of the project I have learned that there are a number of folks who value what the cenotaph stands for and have worked over the years quietly to ensure that the beauty and tranquility in a place of remembrance is



Some of the poppies adorning the fence, above, were recreated from fragments, below



preserved.

He said he saw the project as a living act of remembrance, making a sacrifice of his time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

And he said complet-ing the project has given him a new appreciation for everyone who has helped maintain the cenotaph and grounds over the years.
"Thank you to all the Roy-

al Canadian Legion members who in years past have maintained the grounds," he said.

"Thank you to the Town of Moosomin for taking on the grounds keeping from the Legion and allowing me to pursue this project. Thank you to Sheena Metzger and company for snow blowing the sidewalk in front of the the sidewalk in front of the cenotaph and thank you to Kelsey and Tess Nagy for planting the flowers this year and last year. "The best way to remem-ber the sacrifices of the past is to give of yourself in the



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## **New group home in Estevan**

On Nov. 8, Government Relations Minister and Estevan MLA Lori Carr, on behalf of Social Services Minister Paul Merriman, celebrated the grand opening of a new group home in Estevan.

The group home, operated by Estevan Diversified Services, will support three former residents from Valley View Centre, and one person with emerging needs from the community.

"Our government is happy to welcome

"Our government is happy to welcome four people to their new home today," Carr said. "I'd like to thank Estevan Diversified Services for the valuable work they do in supporting people with intellectual disabilities in our community."

Estevan Diversified Services has been supporting people since 1990. The government provides Estevan Diversified Services with more than \$3 million annually to help support people with intellectual disabilities. The agency operates four

group homes, a group living home, a supported independent living program and a

day program.

"This new group home means so much to our agency and to the people we serve, as it allows us to widen our services and better support individuals who have higher physical needs," Estevan Diversified Services Acting Executive Director Trisha Salmers said. "This is not something we were able to do under our current residential services. As always, we are very thankful for the support we receive from the ministry, as well as our community."

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This new group home supports the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy by creating residential services for people with disabilities. Saskatchewan residents and communities that have done work that aligns with the Disability Strategy are encouraged to share their accomplishments using the hashtag #SKDisability.



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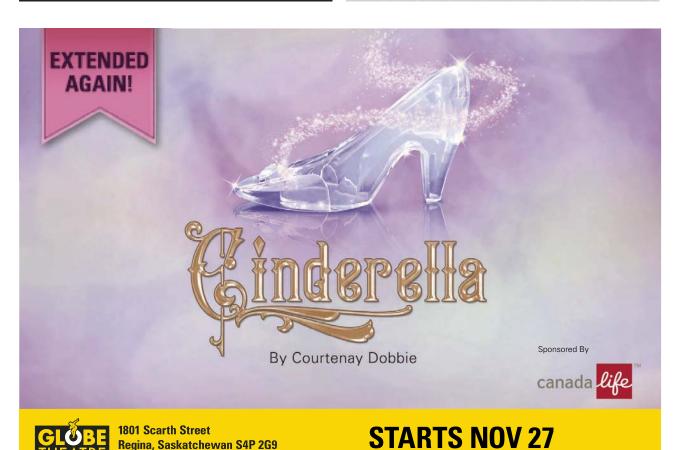
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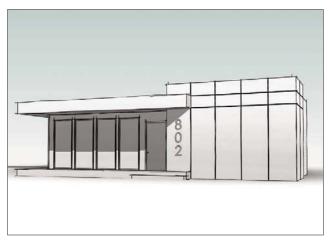
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A rendering of the new office for South Prairie Residential Design in Moosomin, left, and owners Jay and Carmen Hamilton with construction under way, right.

## Work under way on architecture studio

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

An architectural design studio is under construction in Moosomin.

South Prairie Residential Design is building its office on the corner of Windover Avenue and Main Street.

"We're a custom design, drafting, and engineer-ing firm," said owner Jay Hamilton. "We've been in business for six plus years. We started out doing custom home design and we do some light commercial design and then we've gotten into some custom cabinetry and counter tops. We've hooked up with Elkhorn Woodworks and Boundary Stoneworks and we work with them to provide more detailed interior design work and finishing

and design as well." South Prairie Residential Design creates the Home Plan of the Month in the World-Spectator.

Hamilton said he has always been interested in ar-

"I chose the course right out of high school," he said. "I was interested in construction but not necessarily wanting to do the hands-on stuff for the rest of my life. So I just chose this course. I ended up get-ting a job back here in Wa-wota with C&M Homes, doing drafting and doing a little bit of on-site construction with them and within three months of working with them I was out on my own and started doing design and drafting work for them and then slowly picking up other clients or builders along the way." Having an architectural

design business in a small-

er community is very rare.
"It's unbelievable," says
Hamilton, "and it was Hamilton, "and it was never my intention. When I went out on my own I thought it would be a seasonal thing. My family farm just south of Wawota so my plan was to take over the farm. We're grain farmers so I would have the winter primarily to devote to the design and drafting and the summer

"But within probably six months to a year of going out on my own I was already more than full time. My wife Carmen was definitely interested in the design and drafting field as well so we decided that was a better fit for us to go that path. We never expected it to take off like that."

He said the business's

growth has been exponen-tial. "When we started I was maybe doing 10 or so houses maybe the first year or two or 10 projects the first year. Now, six years later, we do over 125 proj-ects a year and that is anything from custom homes to commercial buildings to renovation and that sort of thing. So it's been a huge leap. We started off in a very small little office in the of the C&M Homes building. We moved after to a bigger space in Wawo ta with three offices and a meeting room and now we are building our own space here in Moosomin.'

Why did they decide to

build in Moosomin? "We're really happy with the economic growth that Moosomin has shown over the past four or five years and we felt very comfort-able investing in the local economy," says Hamilton. "We felt secure that we

would see growth and have good exposure in the Moosomin market. We also wanted to expand our reach a little bit as well. We've built great relationships with our clients in Wawota and in the sur-rounding area. Now we would like to hopefully continue that in Moosomin and north of Highway 1 and gain some new clients and expand our service

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"We are looking at a lot of glass. It will have a very smooth, contempo-rary, clean finish and clean lines. Inside, we will have exposed concrete, wood elements and some stone. It's going to be very clean but functional at the same time. It's a smaller space and that is what we were looking for. We don't need a lot of room but we need it

to be very functional.
"That is something we like to do in our design for our clients and we also wanted to showcase that showing you don't need a huge space to meet your needs, you need it to be functional and designed properly for what you

The building will include

some display space.
"Half the office will be an open concept office space for myself and for Carmen, and the other half of the office will be a showroom that will have a full working kitchen and that will also be our meeting will also be our litering space. We're going to have full racks of stone counter top displays. We'll have handles, hardware, sinks, taps as well as a bunch of additional cabinetry, doors, stain color paint options."

The office will open early

next year. "Early 2020 we should have things on the interior wrapped up and then we will be finishing our landscaping, sidewalks and that sort of thing next spring.

walls of the new The building were going up Friday, and the roof should

The building is being constructed with an Insulated Composite Envelope (ICE) panel system that is

lighter and stronger than wood frame, goes up quick-er, is mold resistant, and is much more energy efficient than a typical wood frame system. The entire system is pre-engineered and built in their Brandon plant and shipped to the site ready to mble

"It is exciting and nerve wracking at the same time. This is our first new build that we've done as general contractors ourselves, and we're also moving into a new town. I know we have lots of family and friends there and I've done business in the area previously, but it's a little bit nerve wracking moving into a

new area, so we are nervous and excited. What does he enjoy about his work? "It's something differ-

ent every day—our proj-ects and our clients, every one is unique and we have the ability to be creative and I really like assisting our clients because a lot of them are overwhelmed or uncertain about construction, or they have limited knowledge in that field and it feels nice to be able to guide them through that process and make them feel comfortable and confident about their new proj-

ect. That is rewarding.

"It's nice to see your

works and know it is go-ing to be something that is long lasting. You leave your mark on the local ĺandscape.'

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ranges from new construc-tion to renovations.
"When we started, we were in the boom and times were really good and everyone was building." big custom homes. Now we still see lots of custom homes but we're also seeing lots or renovations and a little bit more commercial work than we did before. So it all just seems to be dependent on what's going on with the local econ-



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