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## Nutrien Lanigan optimistic about future following Phase 1 mill start up

■ Daniel Bushman

With a successful start up to its Phase 1 mill exceeding expectations and the addition of numerous staff, Nutrien Lanigan is not only seeing its production increase but the mine west of Lanigan is well-positioned for the future.

Shutdown since 2013 combined with not a lot of ongoing maintenance during that period, when Nutrien Lanigan received the green light to accelerate its Phase 1 mill, General Manager Rob Jackson shared the mine not only reached its accelerated start up target date but it was well-ahead of the planned 2024 schedule.

In order to ramp up to successfully commence Phase 1 mill operations, a number of initiatives first had to occur. Recruiting and training teams to operate the dormant mill, maintain equipment and support increased underground production levels, Jackson indicated it was a large undertaking. "This included our local HR team, the central HR recruiting team and many site support staff to interview and select candidates. While recruiting at an accelerated pace we continued to focus on hiring a diverse workforce and specifically advertised for female and Indigenous applicants for all positions including operators which have traditionally been under-represented. This remains a focus for Nutrien and the Lanigan site. We also ramped up our training departments both underground and surface to train all the new hires to the same high standards we have developed over the years."

As for the mill itself, some of the experienced supervisors and operators from Nutrien Lanigan's Phase 2 mill were brought in for the Phase 1 mill operations to provide knowledge to support both facilities. "I cannot give enough credit for all our existing employees for their demonstration of care and taking the time to support all the new employees that were hired all across site."

Utilizing site maintenance crews and a few key service providers to ensure the equipment in the Phase 1 mill was ready to go, it allowed the company to proactively make repairs or replace parts before operations started up. "For example there are hundreds of valves and controls that are part of the mill design," shared Jackson. "We methodically went through

each of these to test that they would open/close and function as designed. They were replaced as necessary."

With a number of items completed on Nutrien Lanigan's checklist before accelerating production, underground, the mine plan was adjusted to support the added tonnes required to supply the two mills. This meant activating some borers that were not planned to be utilized in 2022. "We also ramped up our teams to allow for the assembly of new borers that will be delivered in 2023."

Undertaking a lot of work in an effort to make plans for capital investment to support the mine ramp up, site project teams spent a considerable amount of time ensuring everything was ready. "Fortunately, at Nutrien we update our five year plan every year and had a good idea what was required for the new production rates and were able to just bring the plans forward."

Ahead of schedule and with safety its top priority, Nutrien Lanigan was able to rapidly start up its Phase 1 mill, joining the Phase 2 mill operations. Jackson said the move now allows the company to flex its capacity when the market requires additional tonnes. "Nutrien Lanigan is one part of a large network of potash mines and starting Phase 1 mill opens up further production capabilities for site and the network."

Explaining that starting up Phase 1 was always the plan for Nutrien Lanigan, Jackson added the company has placed a tremendous focus on continuous improvements around safe, high quality, low cost and reliable production. "It is exciting as it gives us a great amount of flexibility in our operating strategy between the two mills. The whole site is proud of our accomplishment in starting Phase 1 successfully and most importantly safely! We have many long-term employees at site and they welcome our new hires and do what they can to ensure everyone is set up for success."

Being able to start up the Phase 1 mill not only meant more production but an increase in jobs as well. In 2022 approximately 65 positions were added and with internal teams receiving promotions to new roles and attrition, in the end, Jackson said Nutrien Lanigan hired and trained more than 100 people.



Pictured: mill wet screening at Nutrien Lanigan with employee Jordan Lenuik, Mill Operator.  
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In 2023, approximately 40 more positions will be created to support the increased production rate. "We are still recruiting many positions as our immediate focus in 2022 was operators to operate the mill and underground borers. Long-term support for the increased production rates will require more maintenance support, engineering, safety, and technical support positions. We are currently actively recruiting for heavy duty mechanics,

industrial mechanics, mill operators, mine operators, project engineers, etc. Nutrien Lanigan has a great team and there are exciting times ahead and many opportunities no matter what your background may be. Anyone interested should check out our job postings that are updated all the time."

As more people are being brought in, Jackson said the plan in 2023 is to continue (see page five: **NUTRIEN**)

# Local hockey player drafted by WHL's Cougars

■ Daniel Bushman

With a love for the game and a goal to compete at the highest level, Lanigan's Ethan Hamilton was selected during this year's Western Hockey League prospects draft. Held Thursday, May 11, hockey players from across Western Canada were chosen by teams in the WHL including the Prince George Cougars who selected Hamilton in the fifth round.

Drafted 15th in the fifth round (103rd overall), Hamilton who suited up for the Humboldt Broncos U15AA last season said it was exciting to see his name called. "It has been one of my goals for a long time so I was very happy to be selected."

Thinking there was a chance he might get drafted, Hamilton who had chatted with scouts from various WHL clubs during the year shared he did not know for sure if

any of the teams would select him. Keeping an eye on the WHL draft online, a number of Hamilton's teammates also had their names appear throughout the day.

"I was very interested to see where they were going," shared the forward adding since he was also drafted a lot of people have reached out to congratulate him. "That is very appreciated."

Heading into his draft eligible year, Hamilton was hoping to make an impact in 2022-23. Collecting 14 goals and 13 assists in 21 games, the Lanigan product was having a great season until he broke his collar bone in January during a game in Saskatoon. "I was out for over six weeks

and then re-injured my collar bone a few weeks later. That put me out for the remainder of playoffs. Our team won the U15AA Provincial championship and I watched the final games from the sidelines. I was happy we won but still wished I could have been on the ice with my team."

Considering how many games he was able to compete in, Hamilton felt overall he did okay but added he thought he would have done better if he could have continued the year injury free. Despite only playing for part of the season and just six games in the playoffs, a postseason in which he scored five times, that ended up being enough for the Cougars to



- image from Cougars' Facebook page

select him.

The WHL club which drafted 11 players over eight rounds (five of them forwards) felt their selection process went well. On the team's website, Bob Simmonds, Cougars' Director of Scouting stated: "We are quite satisfied with how things went. We managed to get several guys we targeted and who were projected at certain spots. We believe we checked every box, we added skill, skating, and scoring so we are really

looking forward to seeing all these guys at camp in the fall."

Excited about what the future holds and attending camp in Prince George come fall, the 15-year-old Hamilton shared a number of people have been big supports during his journey. "My parents for sure, and my grandparents too as they help me get to my practices and come to watch my games. My coaches, most recently Dean Beuker and Lee Hamilton, who have coached me off and on since I was six. Also many other team and skills coaches along the way like Jordan Trach and Troy Walkington have taught me a lot. My trainer Miranda Knaus has also been a huge help to me the last year or so."

Planning to be a mainstay with the Cougars down the road, as for the upcoming year, Hamilton has signed with the Saskatoon Blazers U18AAA team. "I will be playing and going to school there next year. I'm hoping within a few years I will be playing in Prince George when I'm ready to take the next step."

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# RCMP Report

## Suspect apprehended after truck stolen

With the assistance of Police Dog Services and officers from Craik, Watrous, Lumsden and Traffic Services, a suspect was located and stolen vehicle recovered Wednesday morning, May 24.

On May 23, RCMP asked for the public to keep an eye out for a stolen white 2009 Dodge 2500 truck with Manitoba plate KZW783. RCMP said the vehicle was driving erratically on Hwy. 11 near Lumsden and located north of Lumsden by officers, but the suspect fled. With a sighting near Chamberlain at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 by a motorist, Craik RCMP patrolled Hwy. 11 but did not locate the suspect.

At 9:38 a.m. May 24, RCMP issued a notification through the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory that the suspect was walking on Hwy. 2 north of Penzance trying to flag down a ride and to not pick the suspect up.

Officers from Craik and Watrous were dispatched and the person was eventually apprehended and stolen vehicle recovered. The RCMP thanks the public for the tips and sightings.

## No injuries after car backs into Main Street business

Watrous RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision on Main Street in Watrous during the afternoon Thursday, May 18. The driver of the vehicle was backing up across the street from Nina's CT Specialties before losing control and missing the brake. Going across Main Street and onto the sidewalk, the rear of the vehicle went through one of the windows of the business. No one was injured and no charges will be laid.

## RCMP warn of counterfeit US currency

The Humboldt and Lanigan RCMP would like to advise the public and local businesses of an increased number of complaints where suspects are using counterfeit United States currency to pay for merchandise.

It is recommended that business owners and/or the public insist that merchandise be paid for in Canadian currency or with a valid

credit card that the card holder's name can be confirmed with a piece of valid photo identification. Also, any incidents of suspects attempting to use counterfeit United States currency in Humboldt/Lanigan jurisdictions are to be reported to their local detachment.

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## RCMP CTSS conducted safety check stops over May Long Weekend

The Saskatchewan RCMP's Combined Traffic Services unit conducted a proactive road safety initiative in and around the communities of North Battleford, Glaslyn and Turtleford throughout the May long weekend (Friday to Monday). In total throughout the weekend: 96 tickets were issued; 243 warnings were issued; 25 inspection tickets were issued for vehicle equipment violations (a compliance order until the issue identified is rectified); 50 mandatory alcohol screening demands conducted resulted in two, three-day licence suspensions; one person was charged with impaired driving; two vehicles were impounded; three charges for having open alcohol in a vehicle; one charge for a minor in possession of alcohol; 20 unregistered vehicles identified; 10 unregistered trailers identified; 14 people charged for having a suspended licence/no driver's licence/driver with only a learner's licence; and 43 vehicles taken out of service until issues identified (for example: brake lights are not working) can be rectified.

# Jansen

Louise Shannon

We finally got a little rain but those thunder boomers were so close they shook the whole house. My kitty was scared to death.

Thanks to the people helping me with my yard.

I hope some of our children win a scholarship offered by the Kin Clubs of Jansen.

We keep praying for the people who are not well.

Happy birthday to Angel Liebrecht and Tynell Mack.

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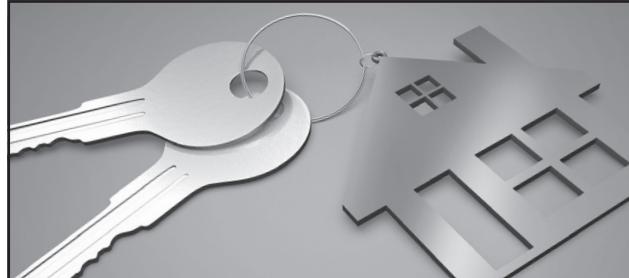
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Wow on everything turning green. It is so nice to see! What a mixture of weather. At least there is no snow, but that wind can take a holiday anytime.

We had an amazing day for our 30th year of garage sales. It was awesome to see so many people out and about. Visiting was so nice and the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs that the travel group made sure hit the spot. Missed seeing some of our regular shoppers. I hope you are all well. We are looking forward to the fall garage sales.

The reading program at Viscount Central School is underway. The great-grandmas and their reading buddies are joining together Wednesdays to visit and read. Kindergarten orientation is happening for the new Kindergartens in the middle of June. What an exciting day that will be.

Soon it will be June and all the schools will be preparing for the end of the school year. Ball games are happening and children are out riding their bikes, which is so nice to see. Our Community in Blooms committee has planted the planters around town. Right now they look nice and in a month or so they will be beautiful and full of colour.

The Viscount Childcare Centre held a jerky in a box fundraiser. We bought and we were not disappointed. The jerky is fantastic and we have enjoyed it! The Viscount Travel Group had a bedding plant fundraiser and the plants are amazing. Such different fundraisers now a days. It is always nice to support and try something different.

Have a great week and enjoy all the outside that you can. Soon it will be fall then into winter.

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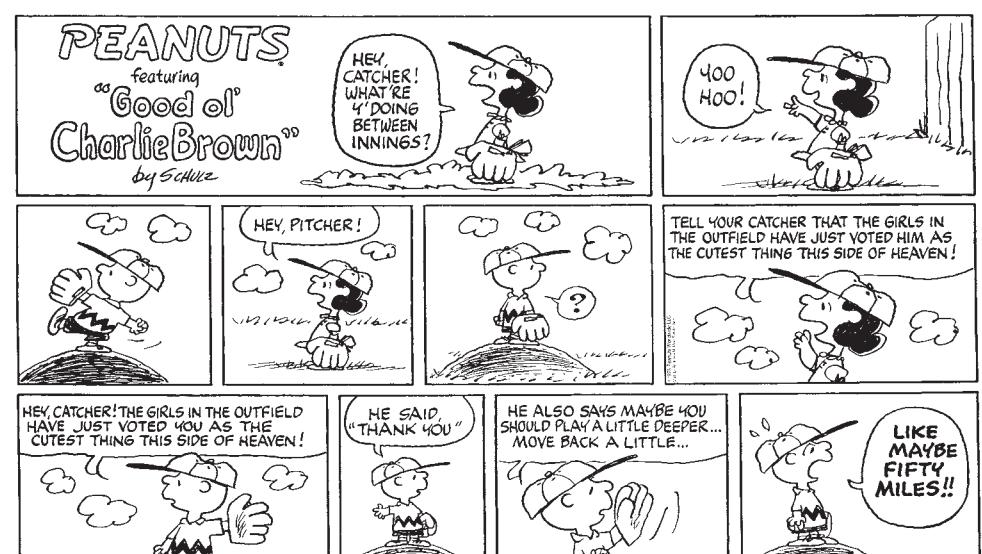
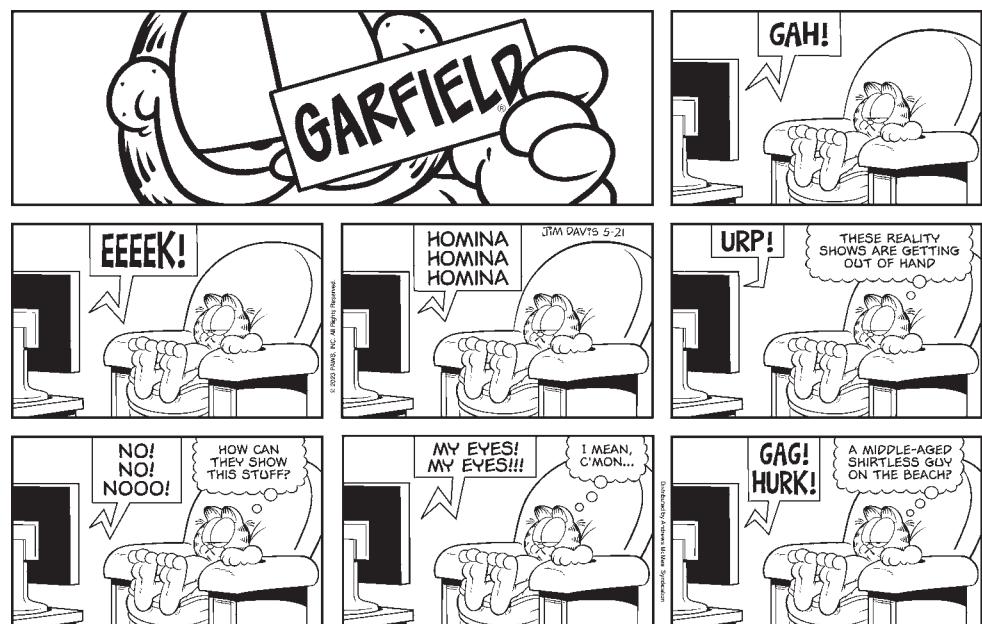
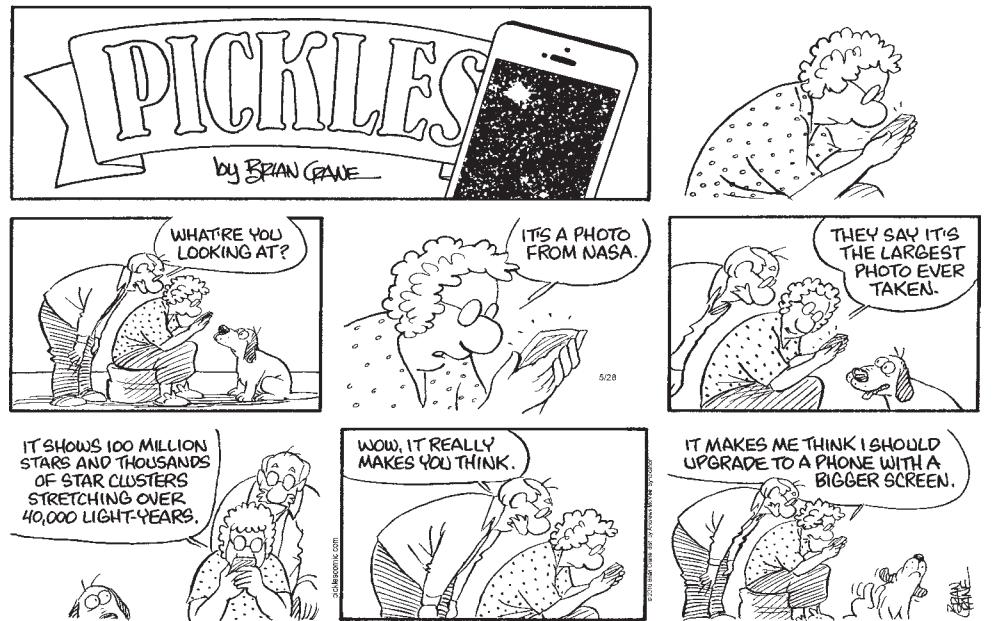
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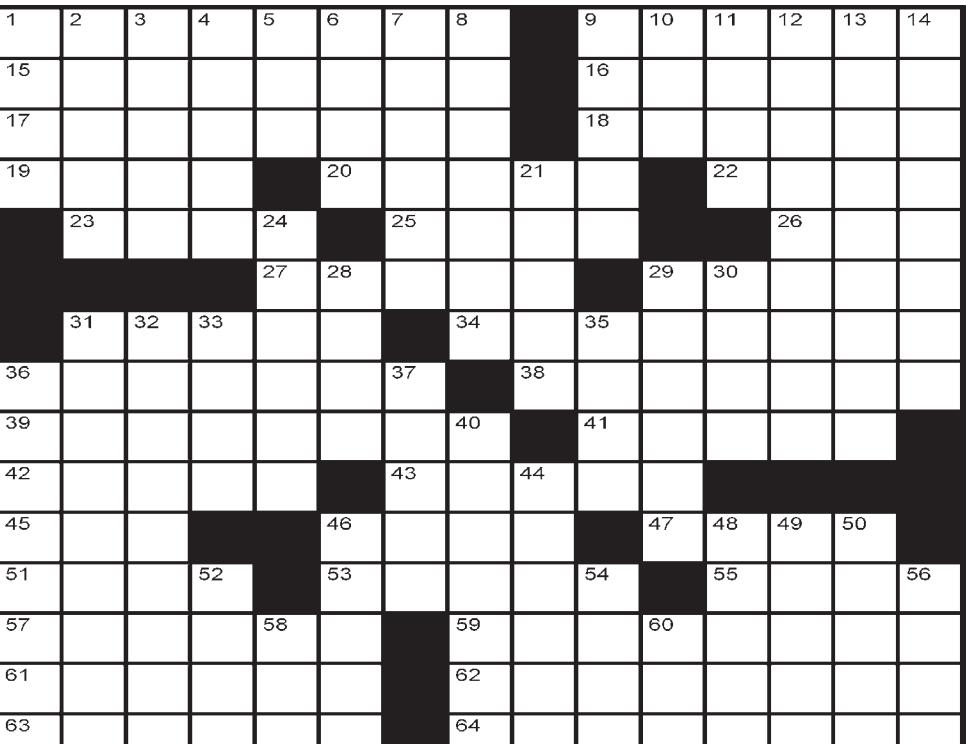
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<b>CROSS</b>		<b>DOWN</b>	
1	Fine way to discourage cursing?	45	Minor criticism
9	Decides one will	46	Differ
15	Whopper	47	Mystical emanation
16	Like many absentee ballots	51	Handling the issue
17	Peephole positioning	53	Like krypton or xenon
18	Instinctive	55	Take to ___ (criticize)
19	Port or Riesling	57	Reacts to hyperinflation?
20	" ___ we all?"	59	Partook
22	Clock radio switch	61	Dined at Denny's, say
23	iPod that lasted seven generations	62	For all to see
25	Volkswagen SUV	63	View from Port Sudan
26	Bambi's mother, e.g.	64	"You betcha!"
27	Rene of "Get Shorty"	<b>DOWN</b>	
29	Quick growth period	1	Dish with meat and vegetables
31	Took on, as an employee	2	Entry point
34	Nice "Nice to meet you"?	3	Justice Kagan
36	Grapefruits' kin	4	Wrench variety
38	Ravi who played at Woodstock	5	GPS suggestion
39	"Easy-peasy!"	6	Morning brew
41	Teenage anxiety	7	Forewarns
42	Dante's love	8	Set free
43	-frutti	9	Skips over
		10	Peter who never grew up
		11	Oldest Belcher daughter on "Bob's Burgers"
		12	Sure things
<b>13</b> Petty retaliation		<b>40</b> Absolute bliss	
<b>14</b> Length of a Canadian measuring stick		<b>44</b> Early movie star Power	
<b>21</b> High times?		<b>46</b> Spectacular view	
<b>24</b> Threat ender		<b>48</b> Wombs	
<b>28</b> Thick Japanese noodle		<b>49</b> Under the ___ (unnoticed)	
<b>29</b> Twain of country music		<b>50</b> Comment to the audience	
<b>30</b> Hungry feeling		<b>52</b> General chicken	
<b>31</b> Brief moment		<b>54</b> Busker's income	
<b>32</b> Words of exhaustion		<b>56</b> Word before "high" or "deep"	
<b>33</b> Caboose		<b>58</b> Popular day for tacos: Abbr.	
<b>35</b> Exchange messages		<b>60</b> Rapper Lil ___ X	
<b>36</b> Lounge with live music			
<b>37</b> Inapt anagram of "Santa"			

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## **Themeless Sunday 36** *by Craig Stowe*



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operating both Phase 1 and Phase 2 with target production forecasts included in both mills moving forward. "We have been flexible in how we operate the two mills and different rates to match the demand."

With Nutrien Lanigan remaining a hub of activity, Jackson shared, "We are always looking to make improvements and have many projects ongoing. In the mill we have teams including our process engineers, control room supervisors, operators and frontline trade teams investigating ways to optimize plant reliability and performance of both mills."

Underground, there is also a lot of work for 2023 as teams adjust the mine plans to accommodate new equipment being assembled. Required infrastructure is being installed below the surface like conveyors, electrical support and communication networks and teams underground are also working on the borer tele-remote project and have the system installed on four machines so far.

"This is an exciting collaboration between every department working underground plus our central engineering and IT teams. The utilization of the technology is continually improving and this reduces the exposure to our operating teams from the active mining face."

Jackson also shared the engineering for Nutrien Lanigan's loadout, railyard and product storage expansions over the next few years is also ongoing in 2023. "This is all in addition to our normal annual maintenance shutdown which takes place in Q4 of this year with many sustaining projects planned."

Proud to mark a milestone at the Lanigan site later this fall, Nutrien has indicated they will be adjusting their ramp up plans based on market conditions. Adding Nutrien Lanigan is well-positioned to ramp up when the network requires the additional tonnes, Jackson said, "In the meantime we will continue to focus on our operational excellence program. We are also proud to celebrate 55 years of operation this fall. We are proud of our shared history with Lanigan and all the surrounding communities and look forward to the decades ahead."



Pictured clockwise from top left: mill flotation with employee Jordan Lenuik, Mill Operator. Nutrien granular product being dispatched. Nutrien mill centrifuging. - photos courtesy Nutrien Lanigan

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# The Mosaic Company reports First Quarter results

## ■ media release

The Mosaic Company reported net income of \$435 million, or \$1.28 per diluted share, for the first quarter of 2023. Adjusted EPS was \$1.14 and Adjusted EBITDA was \$777 million. Gross margin was \$670 million.

"Mosaic delivered another strong first quarter," said President and CEO Joc O'Rourke. "While fertilizer prices have pulled back from last year's peak levels, they remain constructive. At the same time, North American fertilizer demand has accelerated as growers are being incented to maximize yields."

### Highlights:

- First quarter revenues totaled \$3.6 billion, down eight percent from the year ago period, reflecting the impact of lower prices somewhat offset by higher volumes. The gross margin rate in the first quarter was 18.6 percent, down from 36.7 percent in the year ago period.

- Net Income in the first quarter totaled \$435 million, compared with \$1.2 billion in the year ago period. Adjusted EBITDA totaled \$777 million, compared with \$1.5 billion in the first quarter of 2022. Cash from operating activities totaled \$149 million and free cash flow totaled \$191 million.

- Potash operating earnings were \$402 million in the first quarter, compared to \$563 million in the prior year period. Adjusted EBITDA totaled \$474 million in the first quarter, compared to \$651 million last year. The last of Esterhazy's thirteen underground miners is expected to enter service in the second half of 2023. With production now sufficient to meet current market demand, the restart of the Colonsay mine has been deferred to the second half of 2023.

- Phosphate operating earnings were \$266 million in the first quarter, compared to \$493 million in the prior year period. Adjusted EBITDA totaled \$382 million, compared to \$632 million in the first quarter of 2022. Segment results reflected the impact of lower prices, somewhat offset by

higher volumes. Production returned to normal operating rates in February of 2023.

- Mosaic Fertilizantes operating earnings were negative \$32 million in the first quarter, compared to positive \$187 million in the prior year period. Adjusted EBITDA totaled \$3 million during the quarter, down from \$233 million in the first quarter of 2022. Destocking of high-cost raw materials and distribution inventories impacted results, but that is now largely complete. Looking ahead, margins in the segment are expected to return to more normalized mid-cycle levels beginning in the second quarter of 2023.

- Mosaic recognized earnings from equity investments of \$31 million. In February, Mosaic received a \$25 million dividend distribution from the MWSPC joint venture in Saudi Arabia.

### 2023 Capital Allocation Strategy

The company remains committed to its capital allocation strategy:

- Mosaic returned \$608 million to shareholders during the first quarter of 2023 through share repurchases and dividends. Mosaic continues to expect to return largely all of 2023 free cash flow to shareholders.

- The company expects to refinance \$900 million of long-term debt that matures later this year.

- Total expected capital expenditures in 2023 remain unchanged at \$1.3 to \$1.4 billion. Growth investments include the expansion of MicroEssentials capacity at the Riverview facility, construction of the new Palmeirante blending and distribution facility in Brazil, construction of a purified phosphoric acid test plant in North America, and extending production from the Taquari potash mine in Brazil.

### First quarter segment results

Net sales in the Potash segment totaled \$907 million, down from \$1.1 billion one year ago. Gross margin was \$413 million compared to \$579 million for the same period a year ago, as lower pricing was partially offset by lower royalties and Canadian resource taxes. Gross margin per

tonne was \$216 compared to \$323 in the prior-year period.

Total potash production was 1.9 million tonnes, down from 2.2 million tonnes in the prior year period, reflecting the impact of idled production at Colonsay. Sales volumes totaled 1.9 million tonnes, up from 1.8 million tonnes in the prior year quarter. MOP cash costs were \$81 per tonne, in line with the prior year period.

Sales volumes in the second quarter are expected to be 2.0-2.2 million tonnes with realized mine-gate MOP prices in the range of \$325-\$375 per tonne. Shipments in the second quarter are expected to reflect a higher percentage of lower-priced export sales.

### Market Outlook

Grain and oilseed markets are expected to remain tight through 2023 and likely beyond. The disruption to Ukraine's agricultural production caused by war, coupled with reduced fertilization and sub-optimal weather in major growing regions like the Americas, Europe and China, threaten global agricultural production. This suggests that global stocks-to-use ratios, already projected at 25-year lows, will remain under pressure.

Historically elevated crop prices coupled with fertilizer pricing that has moderated from the post-Ukraine-invasion spike justifies a return to normal nutrient applications. In North America, sentiment has improved significantly from the second half of 2022, and spring nutrient application rates are trending toward normal levels. In Brazil, an attractive fertilizer-to-soybean barter ratio suggests a significant recovery in fertilizer shipments in 2023.

For both potash and phosphates, supply constraints remain. In potash, Mosaic expects annual shipments from Belarus will be down 5-6 million tonnes from pre-sanction export rates. In phosphates, China's exports are expected to see only a modest recovery from the recent lows in 2022 but remain well below shipments seen in 2021. In both phosphates and potash, the fundamental tightness in global markets is expected to persist well into 2023 and likely beyond.

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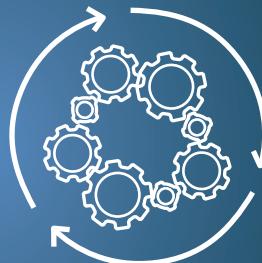
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# Nutrien Lanigan utilizes tele-remote technology

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The potash industry has seen numerous near misses and, unfortunately, some serious injuries and fatalities when operators are working on an active mining face in recent years. That's one of the reasons that potash operators across the province are implementing tele-remote technology – an innovative solution to help improve operational and safety processes in underground mining. Staff members from Nutrien's extensive network of six potash mines have been working together on developing the technology and recently Nutrien's Lanigan's potash site used this technology to successfully mine a production wing without a single person entering the area, enabling a step change in the stress relief mining process. After over 50 years of mining at Nutrien, it is the first time a wing has been cut with no people present. (see page nine: **NUTRIEN**)

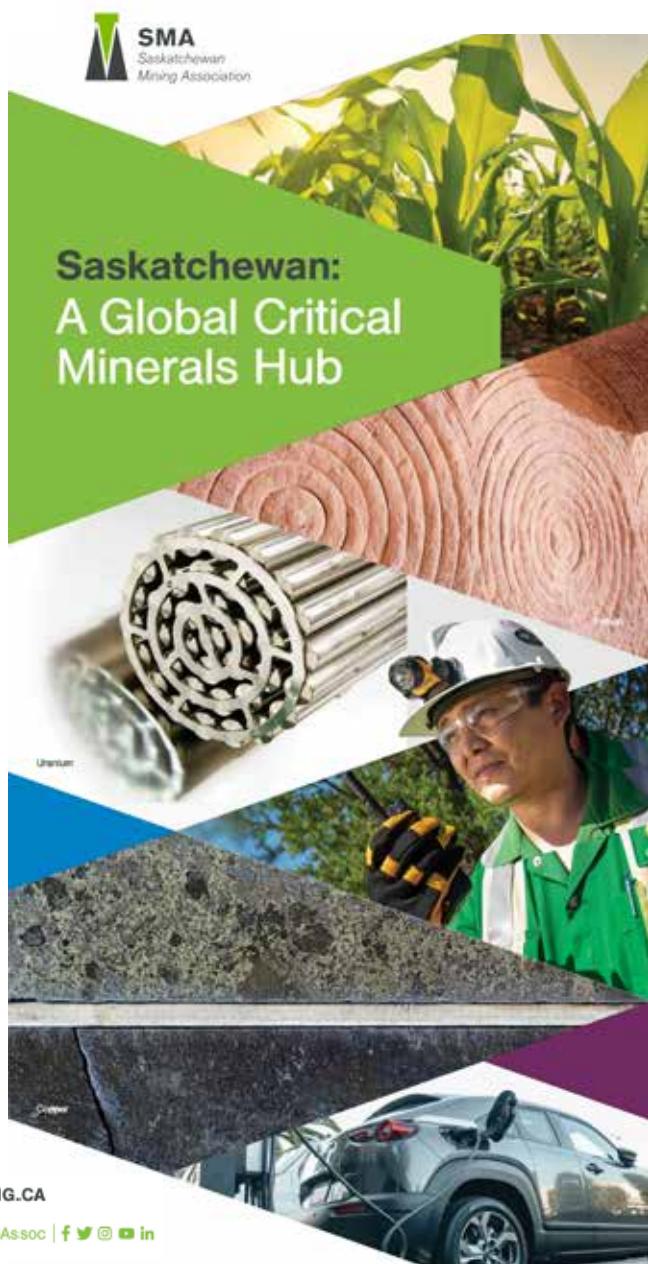
"Collaboration between the sites has been instrumental in Nutrien's success when developing and implementing tele-remote/automation technology across the potash business unit", says Owen Gunther, Automation Project Lead, Lanigan. "This collaboration has allowed us to develop at a strong pace and replicate proven solutions."

The success of this project started with Nutrien's Culture of Care where everyone is empowered to lead, collaborate, challenge and trust. This vision enabled Nutrien to succeed by focusing on the following three pillars: People, Process and Technology. Through extensive collaboration between sites, Nutrien developed technology that enabled them to change the way they operate. Countless hours were spent ensuring that the process uses the technology in the safest and most efficient manner possible. Nutrien worked with the people directly impacted by the



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The reopening of the McArthur River mine in northern Saskatchewan allowed for increased production volumes of uranium, while gold saw the highest production numbers in over 30 years with a record 136,000 ounces extracted from the

Seabee mine. The potash industry achieved record value of sales and record production, stepping up to alleviate global food insecurity concerns due to geopolitical instability that continues to impact global supply. The potash industry in the province has committed to continue to invest in increased production to meet global demand.

"These numbers show what a powerhouse Saskatchewan has become at supplying the world with minerals," Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said. "The success of our natural resource sector directly influences our quality of life in Saskatchewan by providing jobs and revenue for social services and infrastructure, like highways, hospitals and

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(from page seven: **NUTRIEN**)

change in process and technology by guaranteeing that the technology provides the people with the appropriate tools to perform their jobs safely and efficiently in this new way of operating. There was constant collaboration and commitment between each of the potash sites, strong alignment from the front line to senior leadership, engineering, operations, Next Generation Potash, IT teams and cross-network collaboration among autonomous mining operations teams. By coupling these three pillars together and investing in a dedicated site team to support the three pillars, the Nutrien potash team was positioned for success.

**About tele-remote technology and how it improves safety**

Operational processes were also positively impacted, and productivity increased, due to the fact the equipment can operate seamlessly through breaks and shift changes through the new operating strategies.

**Key technologies**

Of course, there were challenges to implementing the tele-remote technology, but the team was able to successfully overcome them by using the following key technologies:

• Ventilation Technology that enables Nutrien to continuously mine without personnel having to be in the active mining area and hang traditional line brattice ventilation.

• A complete re-think on borer trip conditions enabled remote exception handling and alarm acknowledgement to eliminate the need for operations to enter the hazardous location to resolve fault condition.

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"This achievement illustrates Nutrien's dedication to its Culture of Care and also demonstrates that Nutrien's potash business unit can safely and effectively mine any pass in a stress relief mining environment without requiring people to be at the active face," Trevor Berg, Senior Vice President, Potash Operations. "This advancement significantly improves the safety of the operators by reducing exposures, while increasing overall productivity. This is a safety success story where we have truly changed the way we operate mining equipment."



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# Local performers headed to provincial event in Regina

■ Daniel Bushman

Recommended by the adjudicators at this year's Lanigan and District Music Festival, four District Festival winners will be competing in the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association's Provincial Finals Competitions June 1 to 4.

With the SMFA established in 1908, Ryan Doromal, Jeneieve Melin, Geri Lon Valdesimo and Molly Evans will be attending the annual event in Regina next month where they will compete for a portion of the \$40,000 in prizes awarded during the competition.

Performances in all disciplines from Saskatchewan's affiliated District Music Festivals like the one from Lanigan will be heard. The Provincial Competitions will be held at the Conservatory of Performing Arts and Darke Hall.

Judges for the competitions are: Piano - Jacques Després, Alta.; Voice - Dr. Christianne Rushton, N.S.; Canada West Voice - Dr. Chris McRae, Sask.; Strings/Guitar/Chamber - Dr. Sasha Weinstangel, Ont.; Woodwinds/Brass - Jennifer Tenford, Sask.; Musical Theatre - Gail Hakala, Ont.; Spoken Word - Lorna Batycki, Sask.; and Choral - Dr. Joan Heels, Ont.



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## Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

### Breakfast in a Pan

#### Ingredients:

1 package bacon  
12 eggs  
1 cup shredded cheese (we like swiss but any cheese is good)  
1 carton dehydrated hash browns (rehydrate according to package directions)  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
1 can mushroom pieces (or 1/2 cup cooked and cooled fresh mushrooms)  
salt and pepper (about 1/2 tsp. each)

#### Directions:

Preheat your oven to 350°F. Rehydrate the hash browns. I usually buy the small square cartons of hash browns. In large frying pan, fry the bacon until crispy. I often cut the bacon slices into quarters, then cook. Sauté the onions and mushrooms in some of the bacon fat (drain off most of the fat first). Beat the eggs and milk in a large bowl until it is well combined, about two minutes. Add the hash browns, then the bacon, cheese, onions and mushrooms. Stir this well. Pour into a 9x13 sprayed pan. I often top this with chopped chives and a little Parmesan cheese. Bake about 40 minutes. Check for doneness by inserting a knife in centre, if it comes clean it is done. If you do not have bacon on hand, then the packaged bacon bits (real bacon) can be used - about 1/2 cup.

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