

Interview with Kathy Johnson  
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Lunch time

The challenge is for rural farms. We had two droughts the last two years and a cold year this Summer. So farmers have less money to spend which hurts the local economy, especially the main grocery store in town (coop). Also, during the last five years, our school, hospital and gran elevator closed.

But the store is a coop owned by the community and run by volunteers. What they have done before, even if they were not making money with food, they compensated with the money they made with the fuel and fertilizing sold to farmers.

External help? The Saskatchewan crop insurance. Some of the farmers that have insurance will receive money to help to pay their bills. The farmers with cattle will receive governmental funding.

The municipality has not done anything yet...