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A scene from Living Skies Come Alive in 2016

Kim Poole photo



Canada versus China at International fireworks competition at Moosomin Lake on August Long

Living Skies Come Alive goes international

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Every August long weekend, the skies come alive over Moosomin Lake. For the last several years the Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks Competition has pitted two fireworks companies against one another.

Each puts on their best show—one on Saturday night, one on Sunday night—and a panel of judges selects the winner.

The fireworks shows are unlike anything else on the Prairies. Timed to music, carefully choreographed, the fireworks shows are a different calibre than anything else on the Prairies.

The fireworks weekend has grown over the years, with thousands of people taking in the shows each night.

The competition will take on an international flavor for the first time this year, with Canada taking on China in the first international fireworks competition at Moosomin Lake.

The fireworks competition is planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6 at Moosomin Regional Park. CanFire Pyrotechnics from Winnipeg will do the show Saturday night, and FireShow from China will do the show on Sunday night—a show that will include some fireworks that have never been seen before in Canada.

Layne McFarlane and Laurie Renneberg of the fireworks committee at Moosomin Regional Park said they are happy with how the weekend has grown over the years, but they're expecting this year's fireworks shows to move the fireworks competition to the next level.

"Each year we try to improve it and make the show better and different, with the belief that if you leave it the same you lose the attractiveness," said McFarlane. "Last year was the first year we brought in entertainment to fill in the interval between supper and when the fireworks start. We had Eli Barsi and Amy

Nelson last year and this year it will be Stuck on Red on the Saturday and the Back 40 Drifters on Sunday night."

Renneberg explains that CanFire Pyrotechnics of Winnipeg, a competitor in the Fireworks competition for the last several years, brought up the idea of bringing a competitor from China and offered to help with the logistics and government permission to get container loads of fireworks and the competitors from China to Moosomin Lake.

"I think it's going to be a very different show," she said. "Canfire says it will be unlike anything we have seen before. I think it is going to be phenomenal."

McFarlane says many people return to the fireworks competition year after year.

"One year I walked from camper to camper visiting with people, and the story I heard from person after person was that they came three or four years ago for the day and watched it, and have come back every year since. They enjoy the show, they enjoy the park, and they want to be here. They have a camper, they have friends with them under the canopy and they are just visiting and enjoying themselves."

Renneberg said people come from a huge area to see the fireworks shows.

"They come from B.C., and from the States so it's getting to be known out there," Renneberg said. "Camping wise, people just used to come for four days, now they are coming for a week."

The event brings in between 6,000 and 7,000 people most years. Last year there was a paid attendance of 7,153 over the weekend, and the committee hopes the event will attract more people this year.

It takes a lot of work to put on the fireworks show, with 75-100 volunteers involved each night.

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Bear named WHL Defenseman of the Year

Seattle Thunderbirds defenseman Ethan Bear has been named the WHL Defenseman of the Year. The announcement was made at the WHL Awards Luncheon at the Deerfoot Inn in Calgary.

Bear is from Ochapowace, where he grew up playing hockey from the time he was a young age.

Bear, the Western Conference nominee for the Defenseman of the Year Award, had 28 goals and 42 assists for 70 points in 67 games this season. In 264 career games over four seasons Bear has 66 goals and 126 assists for 192 points.

Bear was selected by the Edmonton Oilers in the

fifth round, 124th overall, in the 2015 NHL Draft. He signed a three-year entry level contract with the Oilers on July 2, 2016.

Bear was named a First Team Western Conference All-Star for the second consecutive season on March 22.

In an interview after the award, Bear said it felt good to receive the honor.

"There are a lot of great d-men in this league and to be able to be recognized as the top, I worked really hard for this and it's a really special feeling," he said. "To have my family here to celebrate with me it's a very great honor."

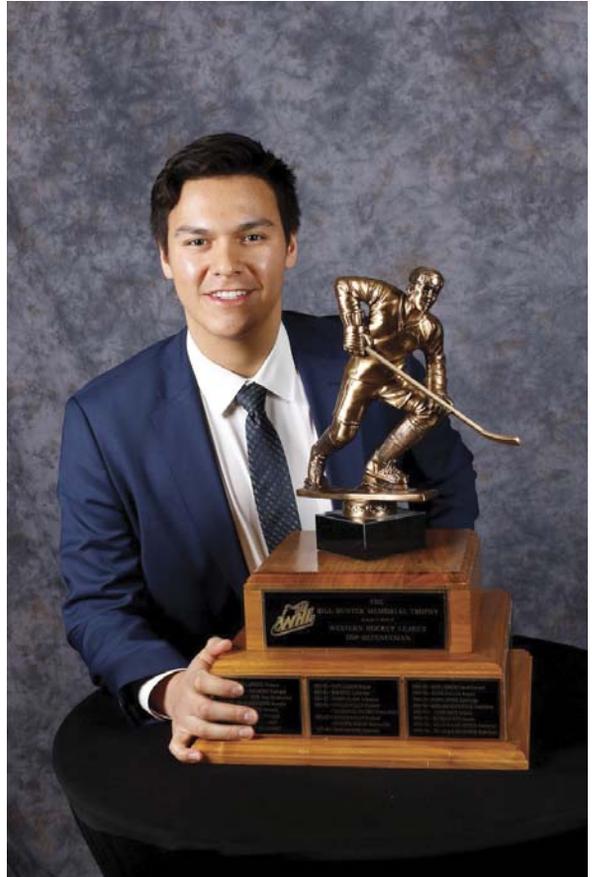
Bear credited his team

and coaching with his success.

"I think my teammates, and my coaching was a huge part of it," he said. "They put in a lot of work. We worked hard as a team and the coaching staff really helped me a lot. I can't thank them enough. They made it really easy on me and all I had to do was really just play and I didn't have anything to worry about and that was really nice."

The Thunderbirds are currently battling the Regina Pats in the WHL championship. Bear said he expected a tough series.

"They are a good team and we are going to have to control their speed," he said. "They have a lot of fast players and they like to play on the rush. I think this year we just have to play our game, not overthink anything, just keep playing, just like the past series. Don't let anything get too far ahead of us. It's a playoff series and if you lose one, you just get back on the horse and get back at it. It's going to be very intense we're all looking forward to it."



Ethan Bear with the trophy for WHL Defenseman of the Year.

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"If anyone wants to volunteer even an hour or two, it certainly helps," said Renneberg. "It's not hard work. Volunteers can sign up at a volunteer sheet at the store or call the park and give their name on the answering machine or staff."

McFarlane says he hopes some people who have never seen the fireworks competition before take in this year's shows.

"Moosomin Lake provides a unique opportunity to set the fireworks over the lake," he said. "You have the reflection of the water and the sound ricochets off the banks as the fireworks go off. It hap-

pens to be a great place to do it. It's always been a great place to see fireworks, it's always been a great weekend, and for anyone who hasn't seen it before, this is the year to see it, with China coming."

Renneberg says she expects the international component will attract more people. "Even before they committed we had interest from people asking where they can get tickets," she said. "It's always been good, but it should be amazing this year."

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In Maryfield Rink fundraiser brings in around \$12,000

BY KARA KINNA
A fundraiser for the Maryfield rink held on Saturday, April 15 raised around \$12,000—money that will be used to repair the rink's roof.

The fundraiser consisted of a Texas Hold'em tournament, auctions, raffles, a comedian and dance.

"We think we've raised in excess of \$12,000 so we were very, very happy with it," says Barb Swallow with the Maryfield Rec Board.

"We had small numbers for the cards, only 53 out of 80 spots, but that still netted us close to \$2,000. Every little bit we did just helped. Then we ran the big raffle and our net off the raffle was approximately \$2,200 and then we had silent auctions and Chinese auctions, and then we had the comedian and the dance. We didn't quite have a big enough crowd to cover the expense of that but that brought people to the rink who then turned around and spent money

on the auctions. It was a whole combination of things that contributed to the whole total.

"We were really quite happy with it. The comedian was fabulous, very, very good, and The Old 21 played for us and they are just such an easy listening band. Over all we were fairly pleased with it."

Swallow says the fundraiser helped a lot in moving the rec board closer to their fundraising goal.

"It certainly helps us out a lot," she says. "It looks like at this point in time we still need about \$38,000. As a rec board we have some funding we can commit to the project."

Swallow says the rec board will put some of its

savings toward the project and is hoping to raise much of the rest through grants and corporate donations. The rec board has already been approved for a Canada 150 grant which is paying half the cost of the project, which will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

"We've got lots of applications out there," she says. "Through the community here and the fundraiser we've raised probably in excess for \$40,000 just from donations that have come in right here and from the fundraiser."

Repair work on the rink roof will start shortly after June 10 with the goal of having it finished by the time the Maryfield Fair rolls around in July.

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Strays That Can't Pay on intake freeze

Animal rescue group says funds desperately needed, starts monthly sponsorship program

BY KARA KINNA

A local animal rescue is on an intake freeze due to an influx of animals in need and a lack of adequate funding.

Strays That Can't Pay, based in Southwest Manitoba, has been on an intake freeze since March 23.

Strays That Can't Pay Inc. is a registered non-profit rescue that works primarily with the First Nations Communities in southwestern Manitoba. The group's main focus is injured animals and the overpopulation of stray dogs and cats. The charity has been active for five years now.

But at the end of March, the group had to start turning animals away.

"Unfortunately, we have experienced an influx of animals that have required extensive medical attention resulting in a shortage of funds to continue our mission," the group says.

"In less than a week, three unwanted stray dogs, two dogs in need of medical care, twenty-six unwanted cats (multiple pregnant), and a mom with six newborn kittens have all been turned away. The crucial spay/neuter program has been suspended, and the waiting list is growing everyday."

The group says it has a goal of raising \$20,000 and has started a monthly sponsorship program as well.

"Strays That Can't Pay has a goal of raising \$20,000. This will pay off the tremendous debt we have acquired as well as medical procedures that are currently on hold," according to the group. "To tackle this Strays That Can't Pay has chosen to implement different approaches, which we have not attempted previously. We have implemented a monthly sponsorship program, which will provide a monthly flow of donations. We are also re-evaluating monthly budgets, and creating new support policies."

Alicia Hoensen, the founder of Strays That Can't Pay, says the costs the program faces on a regular basis can be staggering.

"Our vet bills average \$10,000 a month. Our budget for this upcoming year is \$128,000. That's including animals that we network to other rescues. If we actually paid the bills for every animal we took on, our average would be around \$15,000 a month," says Hoensen.

"We put the freeze on March 23. And what that means is any healthy animals we are contacted about, we put them on a wait list for them to come in. The risk we have is them dead or disappearing by the time we get back.

"That's hard to deal with because usually when we get a call we go in the same day or in a day or two and try to get someone to meet us part way and get the animal that's surrendered."

Hoensen says the group currently has a large num-



Strays That Can't Pay currently has 73 animals in its care—21 dogs, 29 cats and 23 kittens. The charity currently has an intake freeze until it can raise more funding.

ber of animals in its care.

"We have 73," she says, "21 dogs, 29 cats (two pregnant), and 23 kittens. We average about \$200 to spay and neuter and vaccinate them. Over the next few months that will be \$14,600.

"We have about \$6,000 of veterinary expenses that we have on hold—animals that need surgery that are not urgent. We have about \$3,000 in expenses for fuel and transport costs that we haven't paid to our people for almost three months. And we have a reserve spay neuter program as well that's on hold right now for almost a month."

Strays That Can't Pay works primarily with four reserves in Manitoba. While the group takes in animals that are not wanted or tries to provide medical care for injured or sick animals, it also does its best to prevent animal health issues or rising animal populations on the reserves. Hoensen says the group regularly holds vaccination and deworming clinics, and also has a spay/neuter program where animals can be taken in, spayed or neutered and then returned to their owners. If the animals are pregnant, the group will allow the female to have its litter, keep the puppies or kittens, then spay the female and return it to its owner.

The group collects as much as the animals' owners can pay, and tries to cover the rest of the costs itself through donations. It also has worked in conjunction with some of the reserves to fund some of the clinics it holds.

The charity got started after Hoensen began offering to drive people's animals to the vet for them in order to help animals on the reserves access veterinary care. Since then it has grown to be a full-fledged animal rescue.

Hoensen says the reason Strays That Can't Pay is under financial pressure now is because people are becoming more educated about them.

"We are changing the way people are looking at animals," she says. "Since we've started helping we

now get calls when people actually hit a dog with a car.

"The vaccination clinics are quite popular as well.

"More people are learning about us and more people are wanting their pets fixed, which is great, awesome, but it's tough because when a dog gets

hit by a car we are getting a call now and animals are getting surrendered. Before we started helping a few years ago those animals would just die or be crippled the rest of their lives. We pull in a lot of animals that would normally just suffer the rest of their life until they die or just

heal crippled."

While Hoensen is happy that people are turning to them for help, she says the financial strain has become too much.

"We have launched a Canada Helps campaign for monthly donations. We have about 5,000 people following our page, and if

we can get 10 per cent to donate \$10 a month that would be \$5,000 of revenue coming in every month.

"But we can spend that in a weekend. A couple months ago we brought in five animals Friday night to Sunday afternoon. One cat was found practically dead in a pasture, a dog with head trauma came in Saturday, we had to put him asleep Sunday, and Sunday we got a call about three dogs poisoned and that was about a \$5,000 weekend.

"Now we are to the point where we had to do something different which is why we launched our monthly donation campaign.

"We are at a \$1,000 a month of guaranteed money coming in. If we can get that up to \$5,000 that would relieve a lot of pressure. If we can get that up to \$10,000 we'd be dancing and singing. It would be wonderful."

Hoensen says it feels terrible turning animals away.

"There is guilt, there is a feeling of hopelessness and a feeling of helplessness," she says.

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Broadview Buffaloes headed for hall of fame

The Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Association are proud to announce the selection of the Broadview Buffaloes, 1936-1938, Baseball Team, to be inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame, Team Category, Saturday, August 19, 2017, at Battleford, Saskatchewan.

This was a very unique, powerhouse baseball team in Saskatchewan that research indicates as the first fully integrated team in Western Canada, perhaps Canada, and this, 10 years before Jackie Robinson burst onto the major league scene.

The team started as an all white team in 1934 known as the Broadview Red Sox, then played exhibition and tournament games through 1935. In 1936, they began importing African Americans from south of the border and during 1936-1938, several African Americans were on the roster along with the talented locals.

In 1936, the beefed up Red Sox won three major tournaments. The June 11 Broadview Annual Sports Day Tournament saw the Red Sox blank the Moose Jaw Athletics 5-0. In the July 1 Moosomin Dominion Day Tournament the Broadview Red Sox defeated Virden, Manitoba 9-3. On July 22, at the four-day Yorktown Tournament, the Red Sox defeated the host team 8-4. Also, that year, the Red Sox downed the famous House of David barnstormers from Benton Harbor, Michigan, in a game played at Indian Head, Saskatchewan. The next day, the Regina Leader Post ran the story, "Broadview trims House of David. Red Sox win 6-inning game by 8-5 count—Miller, Broadview's dusky pitcher, occupied the mound and at no time during the game was he in trouble." The paper was referring to their outstanding African American pitcher Jimmy Miller!

Then by 1937, the team changed their name to Buffaloes and joined the elite Saskatchewan Southern League,

where they won the pennant with an 8-1 record. More tournament wins were: May 24-Grenfell, Buffaloes beat Grandview, Manitoba 11-7; June 18-LaFleche, Buffaloes defeated Glasgow, Montana; June 22 Broadview, Buffaloes defeated Northgate, North Dakota 9-1; July 5, Lemberg, the Buffaloes bounced Grandview, Manitoba 12-2, and July 31 at the Regina Tournament the Buffaloes crushed Regina 17-1.

By 1938, the Buffaloes were making a name for themselves outside of Saskatchewan. On July 13, 1938 the Winnipeg Free Press reported, "Big Ball Series for Moosomin. A baseball classic of note is scheduled for Moosomin Park on July 14, when the cream of western senior ball teams meet in the \$300 tournament. The Northgate Yankees from across the international line are known as one of the smoothest clubs in the northern states. The Broadview Buffaloes with colored players from the Southern States, are a mighty machine that is tops in the Saskatchewan Senior League right now."

The buffaloes did not win that tournament but came in third. They did, however, win the tournaments in Broadview, Watson and Norquay, as well as defeating the powerful Grover Cleveland Alexander House of David team twice, 4-3 on July 5, and 5-4 on August 2. The next day they defeated the all white, minor league San Antonio Missions, a single "A" affiliate of the American League St. Louis Browns, 3-2. On August 12, the Buffaloes beat the coloured House of David 5-3 in 10 innings. The team took the Southern League Pennant again, with a 16-5 record.

After the 1938 season, the Broadview Buffaloes disbanded. Their run was over. What a run!

Some of the prominent local prairie men on the team were Bus Conn, Chris Edwards, Roy Scheppert, Dick Webb, Harold Horeak, Mack Sinclair and Kitchie Bates. Some of the African Americans other than Jimmy Miller as mentioned earlier, were Gene Bremer, Lionel Decuir, Red Bogueille, George Alexander and Sonny Harris.

All members of this team are deceased.

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K3 shafts hit potash level in February • Mine now being developed outward from bottom of shaft

Mosaic marks a milestone at Esterhazy

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The Mosaic Company welcomed special guests to the Saskatchewan Potash Interpretive Centre at Esterhazy on Wednesday, May 3 to mark a significant milestone on their multi-billion dollar K3 potash project.

For the past five years, Mosaic and its shaft sinking partners, Hatch and AMC, have worked to complete two production shafts near Esterhazy.

On February 16, 2017 at 3,350 feet below surface, the shafts reached potash.

The Mosaic Esterhazy mine was first developed in the early 1960s—the first shaft hit potash in 1962.

Two mines have been developed at Esterhazy—K1 and K2. In 1985, the K2 mine started experiencing brine inflow, with saltwater seeping into the mine from water bearing formations above the potash seam. The problem has been managed for the last 30 years.

In 2009, Mosaic announced the first stage of its expansion program, including the sinking of the K3 shaft, with a scope of 2.7 million ore tons.

In 2015, Mosaic changed the scope of the project, accelerating the second phase of the project, including an overland conveyor system to transport ore from K3 to the K2 and K1 mills. Once K3 is in operation, the mine will be able to deliver 6.3 million tonnes of product, or 19 million ore tonnes per year.

There will be a transition of underground mining operations at K1 and K2 to K3, eliminating the need for the costly brine management at Esterhazy and substantially lowering Mosaic's cost of production.

"K3 is the foundation of Mosaic's future for potash production in Saskatchewan. Not only will it be a world-class operation, it drastically reduces our cost and risk profile," Joe O'Rourke, Mosaic's President and CEO said at the event Wednesday.

"This milestone marks a literal 'turning point' for the project, moving from vertical shaft sinking to horizontal mine development.

"The Esterhazy mine will be a legacy of Esterhazy and a legacy of Saskatchewan for a long time to come. Today, we're here to celebrate the next 50 years.

"When I first joined Mosaic, the potash business unit had an idea that we really needed to set ourselves up for a world after brine inflow and for the next 50 years of production here at Esterhazy. From day one, this has been a critical piece of moving Esterhazy forward. I've been very supportive of this project. I take great personal ownership in the fact that we're doing it and we're taking that risk for Mosaic. I'm so proud of the progress and so proud of the people who have worked on it over the last seven or eight years now. Very recently we actually hit potash at Esterhazy K3. This is the foundation of our future. Not only is it the foundation of our future, but it will drastically reduce the cost and the risk of this area because it does eliminate the brine inflow risk.

"We have a long and proud legacy here. For more than fifty years, we've managed to overcome great challenges and find success underground in Esterhazy. We're ready for the next fifty and beyond," adds O'Rourke.

Mosaic VP of capital and engineering Gerry Couture explained the progress on K3.

"Construction began in 2010 with construction of the surface facilities, including the impressive 380 foot tall north headframe that houses two of the most advanced hoists in the world—one for people and equipment, the



At the event in Esterhazy Wednesday: From left, Hatch CEO and President John Bianchini, Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville, Cathay Wagantall, Mosaic Senior Vice President, Potash Bruce Bodine, Mosaic President and CEO, Joc O'Rourke, MLA for Melville-Saltcoats Warren Kaeding, and Mosaic Vice President, Capital and Engineering Gerry Couture

other one for potash ore. The towering walls of the headframe were poured in one continuous pour of concrete that lasted 19 days. And while the headframe attracts lots of attention, what we have constructed underground is even more incredible, starting with the headframe foundation that extends 50 feet below the surface and sits on a massive array of piles. Managing water as we sank the shaft through various geological formations was a constant challenge for the project. Large refrigeration plants operated on the site for several years to create frozen walls around both of the shafts. These walls were required to hold back the water-bearing Blairmore formation. And while freezing was under way, we started shaft sinking. Galloways, which are 100 foot tall multi-level structures, were installed in the shafts for people and equipment to work from. The galloways were suspended from the surface and were lowered as sinking progressed.

"As the shafts were sunk, the permanent shaft liners were installed. The liners are constructed from concrete and steel and are up to four feet thick. They are designed to withstand the pressures of the geological formations. Once we got below freezing at 1,600 feet, we relied on grouting to control water from the Bakken and the Souris River formations. This involved drilling downwards and outwards from the bottom of the shaft and injecting grout to seal the porous rock.

Finally, in February, we reached the potash deposits in the Prairie Evaporite formation. This marked a literal

turning point for the project, as we moved from vertical shaft sinking to horizontal mine development. In the next year we will develop the mine, and complete the commissioning of the hoists and the north headframe. That will be done just in time for completion of the overland conveyor, which will move potash ore from K3 to the K2 mill, 12 km away. In subsequent years we will continue to develop the mine to increase capacity and construct additional surface infrastructure, including a production headframe and a conveyor to K1.

"From day one, safety has been the highest priority of the project. There are many inherent challenges with this work from 380 feet in the air to 3,350 feet below the surface, the vast majority of our work has been vertical, over a very small footprint. We brought in world class experts and contractors to make this project successful. Almost 6,000 people have worked at the K3 site to date. "It has been my great privilege to be part of this project."

Mosaic handed out a total of \$150,000 in grants to three local community organizations Wednesday.

Three \$50,000 grants will support projects at the Esterhazy High School, Langenburg Activity Centre and recreation facility improvements in the community of Churchbridge.

Mine development and installation of the overland conveyor system to transport ore from K3 to the current K1 and K2 mills is currently underway. Work on the project is expected to continue into 2024.



Emily Weedmark photos

The K3 mine is in the early stages of development at the base of the shaft. Reporters travelled 3,350 feet underground to the potash mining level in the lift at left to see the early stages of development at the mining level.

Art show reflects Griffin's struggle with Lyme Disease

BY KARA KINNA

"These aren't your grandma's quilts." Those words were spoken often at the art show held by Susan Griffin on Saturday, April 8 in Moosomin.

Griffin's show—called "50 Yarns of Lyme - The Lyme Disease Series"—featured a collection of 50 fibre art pieces meant to portray

her journey and struggle with Lyme Disease as well as express the healing benefits of creating art. While all of the pieces incorporated fibre of some sort, the connection to traditional quilting began and ended there. Some of the pieces were three dimensional, others resembled sculptures, and others used quilting tech-

niques to express searing emotions like rage or painful emotions like despair. Others focused on the joys of healing or on the physical impacts of being afflicted with a disease.

Griffin says she was affected with Lyme Disease after being bitten by a tick 15 years ago, but after a visit to the doctor recovered

fairly quickly. Four years ago she was re-infected but found the effects the second time to be much more physically debilitating. The result was that she could no longer quilt.

Griffin knew that she needed to get back to her old self and began working on a series of tiny fibre art pieces.

"The reason I started doing that was to relearn all those skills," she says. "I went with the small size—the prayer flag size. I thought it was something I could start with."

In the end she made 26 small pieces that reflected some of the different methods of healing that can be used to help with the effects of Lyme Disease.

But Griffin wasn't done. She went on to produce 24 more pieces, some of them quite large and quite extensive, reflecting her journey and healing process. Everything from traditional quilting techniques, to using string and gauze, to pressing dried leaves and berries to fabric to create colors were used in the process.

Griffin says the entire body of work is not so much about having Lyme Disease as it is about how art can help a person heal.

"For me, when I get into my art, my body is in a more relaxed state and the healing went better and the treatments took and worked better that way," she says. "So I think I healed much quicker because of my art and I think that's the main thing I wanted to show at the exhibit— not so much



Susan Griffin with a triptych she created representing her lowest point (the slug) in her struggle with Lyme Disease, the struggle to get better (being caught in a spiders web in the centre piece), and her highest point, her healing, represented by the dragonfly at top.

the disease—but about how art can get you through that. "There were a lot of people that said they can relate to that. They didn't have

Lyme but they could relate to that. They have gone through different diseases and stages in their lives. That made me feel good because whenever, as an artist, your art brings them to tears or reminds them of something, that tells you that you got your message across.

"My particular journey was with Lyme, but art can help you with whatever journey you're on or trying to overcome."

While Griffin has made fibre art before, the Lyme Disease series was something new to her.

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Has winter been hard on your lawn? Don't panic. The first thing to remember is not to rush outside and start work on the grass when the ground is still soaking wet. The time to get out the leaf rake and pick up all the debris is when you can walk on the grass without sinking in.

Make the most of a beautiful day to remove any protective covering from your trees and shrubs. Cut back dead and damaged branches, being careful not to damage the buds. Remove annuals, prune

perennials and clean your rockeries if you didn't get around to doing these chores last fall. Go gently, taking care not to trample on perennials that are already beginning to show. Add compost (and some soil, if necessary), and cover your beds with a good layer of mulch.

You may have noticed that field mice or other rodents have made furrows across your lawn. There may also be patches of grass that are completely dried out. To ensure that weeds don't take over all

the bare spots, aerate your lawn and sow grass seed as soon as possible. A tip: use quality seed. Better to pay a little more than end up with a bag of seed that may contain weeds.

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Understanding hardiness zones



Hardiness zones are geographical areas in which a given category of plant can successfully be grown. The concept was first developed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and countries around the world have since adapted the system to their own territories. But while hardiness zones can be quite useful, both for the casual gardener and the agricultural world, the model is far from perfect.

Hardiness zones are largely decided on a given plant's ability to survive in each zone's lowest winter temperature, without factoring in summertime data or snow cover. As a result, two areas that have similar winter temperatures but vastly different amounts of snow — or summers that have nothing in common — can end up in the same zone.

With so many variable factors, hardiness zones aren't always true to reality.

Furthermore, climate change is an unpredictable force that modifies weather conditions around the world, which means that hardiness zones are always evolving. In 2012, the USDA updated its map of hardiness zones in the U.S. to reflect the warmer weather of the previous three decades, but even this newer data will likely be obsolete before long.

The bottom line is that hardiness zones are useful tools when it comes to choosing plants adapted to a certain area, but they should be taken with a grain of salt. Find out what your area's hardiness zone is, and do your own research to see how accurate — or not — the assessment actually is.

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The importance of curb appeal

My dad always said, "You never get a second chance to make a first impression, so make it good." That is so true for so many situations. So if you are considering selling your home or you just want to take some pride in your investment, the front of your house is the place to start!

You want people to do a double take when they see how inviting and beautiful your front entrance is! It sets the tone for what is expected beyond the front door, so you want it to impress! You are in luck, because there are a few easy and inexpensive ways to spruce up your front entrance.

To start, wash your face! Give the stucco, brick or siding at your entrance a quick wash down with a power washer or long brush and reveal the bright surface that has been hiding under those cobwebs and dust all winter long!

Give your front door a face lift! Painting your front door is one of the cheapest ways to increase the interest and attractiveness of your home. A fresh, bright door and maybe a nice adirondack chair or bench beside it is so eye catching!

Bring the area to life by adding some plants and flowers in planters or beds. Planting annuals in colorful pots



adds color and makes your home appear fun and cheerful or for a more formal look, tall ornamental grasses in matching urns adds a really intriguing and beautiful touch! This allows you to let your personality shine through!

Maybe you have never had the need to have fancy numbers on your house, but take a minute here and consider the aesthetic appeal given the relatively low cost. Perhaps mount them alongside a new mailbox and a welcome sign above the door for the finishing accent. It creates such a homey mood.

All of these tricks will greatly help to spruce up your entrance space but last and most importantly, pay extra attention to simple yard maintenance. Trim those hedges, cut



that grass and pull some weeds! A neat, tidy, well manicured area is the number one thing that will attract people to your front door.

All in all, just take some pride in your home. It truly is satisfying when it is all done. Til next time, it's that girl Shannon saying, "If you don't have time to do it right... when will you have time to do it over?"



Tips for a state-of-the-art kitchen

Does your kitchen need refurbishing? Would you love to create a cutting-edge decor worthy of a decorating magazine? Draw on as many of the 2016 trends as you like and turn your kitchen into a beautiful — and functional — room that's ideal for dreaming up mouth-watering meals for family and friends. Gasps of admiration, guaranteed.

CLEAN LINES
With its cool colours and clean lines, the 2016 kitchen has the esthetic of a laboratory, but in a good way. Islands, cabinets and countertops have smooth, gleaming surfaces on which a bare minimum of objects are placed. Similarly, storage space is optimized so all

the things you don't have an immediate use for can stay out of sight. The key word: minimalism.

NOSTALGIC COLOURS
Add pale touches of colour (mint green, pale pink, baby blue, lilac or butter yellow) to neutral kitchens. These pastel shades from decades past are making a comeback this year, while the vintage trend is increasingly popular. Purity, softness and comfort are the magic ingredients for a user-friendly kitchen where everyone loves to hang out.

COPPER
After stainless steel, gold, chrome and bronze, designers are now going crazy over copper. To give your kitchen a modern-yet-warm feel, integrate a few

elements with a copper finish or even better, solid copper. This year, copper cabinet handles and knobs, light fixtures, faucets, utensils and even appliances blend perfectly with anthracite, brown and ivory tones.

CUSTOM ISLANDS
Today's kitchen island is no longer used exclusively for preparing meals. Now it has

been transformed into a multi-purpose element that's used as an extra table or for storage. To be really up to date, furnish your kitchen with a model that has been custom designed and made by a professional. What's the ultimate island in 2016? A brightly coloured one (bottle green, orange, electric blue) standing in the centre of a kitchen de-

corated in classic shades of gray, white, black or beige. "wow" effect!



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How to discourage cats from visiting your yard



To keep cats away from your garden, plant some garlic, onions, lemon thyme, geraniums or lavender.

Does it seem as though all the neighbourhood cats have turned your backyard into their very own meeting place? Are you faced with the problem of cats eating your plants or using your flowerbeds as giant litter boxes? Here are

some tips that will help you keep cats away from your yard without hurting them.

- Sprinkle your garden with citrus peel or pepper, or cover the soil with a thin layer of coffee grounds or human hair. Cats don't like these smells.
- Set up some aluminum plates that will bang together in the wind.
- Cover the soil with rough mulch, branches or small stones.
- Plant types of vegetation that cats hate, such as garlic, onion, lemon thyme, geraniums or lavender.
- Install a sprinkler system with a motion detector — cats hate getting wet.
- Protect seedlings by covering them with chicken wire or a trellis.

You could also create a "cat zone." Organize a small corner of your yard especially for your four-legged visitors by planting some catnip well away from your flowerbeds. This perennial is easy to grow and attracts cats, who love to lick, chew and rub against it. As a last resort, you could use a repellent containing piperine and oil of black pepper, which is readily available in stores. This kind of product should be used with care, and you should always follow the manufacturer's instructions to the letter.

Tips for installing an acrylic shower



Installing a modular shower is a renovation project that anyone can do.

sure the plumbing is suitable. If you're replacing an old shower, everything will already be in place, but if you're installing a shower in a new location, have the drain and water supply pipes installed by a licensed plumber.

Now it's time to install the base of the shower. These are usually fairly flexible, but the better quality the shower, the thicker and more solid the base. Make sure the subfloor is level. Cover the surface where the shower base will be located with mortar, taking care not to put any down the drain. While the cement is still wet, cover it with a sealing membrane. Place the base of the shower on the wet cement, pushing it gently into the cement and making sure it's level. Anchor everything firmly and wait about 24 hours for the cement to harden.

Putting in a shower stall is a great way to give your bathroom a facelift. Even with a little help from a plumber, you'll still be proud to show off your newly installed acrylic shower.

The first steps are to determine

the location of the shower and choose the model you want. To install a modular shower, ensure that the walls the unit will be in contact with have studs every 40 centimetres and are reinforced in the middle. Next, make

The only thing left to do now is to install the walls and door according to the manufacturer's installation instructions. This is where you'll need the licensed plumber again, as you need to have all the fittings properly installed. And there you go: a beautiful new shower.

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Overflowing closets, cupboards and drawers?

Tradition holds that the chore of cleaning out your home should be done in the spring; we're all familiar with the routine of de-junking closets and scrubbing cupboards. But it can seem as though the job is never done if your storage space is poorly organized and your cupboards are always overflowing. If this is finally the year you're setting your mind to get rid of the mess, here are a few tips to help you.

First of all, try not to let your feelings get in the way. Remember that the goal is to make your closets, cupboards and drawers visually appealing when open and much easier to access. Start by placing everything that needs sorting out in the middle of the floor of a room that doesn't get much use. Ask yourself the following questions about each item:

Is it in good condition?
Do I have other, identical objects?

Was it stored in the right place?
Is it useful to me?

Does it have sentimental value?

If an object is broken and can't be repaired, throw it out immediately. Put it in the garbage or take it to a recycling centre. An object is no longer useful or you never use it? Give it to someone who needs it more than you. You have two or more identical items? Keep the one you feel is in the best condition. An object was stored in the wrong place? Simple! Put it in the right place.

Sentimental value

Are you brought to tears at the thought of getting rid of a trinket that reminds you of your grandmother? Then ask yourself why you keep it hidden away in a closet. If you can't bring yourself to get rid of it, give it pride of place in your

home instead. On the other hand, if hundreds of youthful love letters are cluttering up half your closet, you could always scan them and store them on a CD so they take up less space.

One out of two

Of course, it can be difficult to get rid of items that you think are still useful or ones that bring back good memories. However, you can make it easier on yourself by using the "one out of two" trick. With this approach, you keep one out of any two items you're hesitating over, whether they're items of clothing, books, photographs, toys or decorations. That way, you only keep those that really matter to you.

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Three common wall hanging mistakes to avoid

When it comes to hanging decorative wall ornaments, there are certain rules to follow in order to create a cohesive effect. Here are a few mistakes not to make.

1. Hanging mirrors at the wrong height.

Before you drill holes in a wall to install a mirror, perform height tests with the members of your household. Everyone should be able to admire his or her reflection — not just the tallest person in the house. Conversely, if you have to kneel down to check your hair before you leave, you're still off the mark. Experts recommend placing the centre of the mirror approximately 1.5 metres from the floor; the same rule applies to framed photos and art.

2. Covering an entire wall with frames.

If you see a blank wall as an invitation to be covered with myriad photos and artworks, know that doing so dilutes the unique character of each piece and creates a confused, disorganized blob. To create the perfect gallery wall, assemble your pictures and artwork and place them on the wall, leaving about ten centimetres of space between each one.

3. Following these three outdated rules.

Always group decorative accessories in uneven numbers. Never have more than three types of wood in one room. Don't mix different styles. Have you read and heard these three guidelines so many times that you're afraid to sidestep them? Have no fear — you aren't making a style blunder if you ignore any of these rules when installing mirrors or frames. After all, being bold is on trend.

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- Steel
- Aluminum

- Wicker
- Ceramic
- Resin
- Polyester
- Rattan
- Glass

Designed to combine functionality, durability and elegance, bistro sets are available in a variety of styles (rustic, urban, minimalist, etc.) to fit every homeowner's needs. Before you head to the stores, however, make sure to properly measure the space where you intend to set up your furniture. It would be a shame to find *the* perfect ensemble, only to realize that it doesn't fit on your balcony!

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Five tips for a healthier home

1. ELIMINATE DUST

Dust contains a variety of contaminants that can harm the health of your family, especially children and people with asthma. That is why vacuuming, dusting furniture and cleaning bedding thoroughly should be done on a regular basis. A tip to remember: to eliminate as much dust as possible from a carpet, vacuum each square metre of surface for at least one minute.

2. THROW OUT EXPIRED FOOD PRODUCTS

Inspect the contents of your fridge and freezer twice a month and throw out any food products that have passed their expiry date. By the way, did you know that most meat should be eaten within eight months of freezing? When it comes to your fridge, it is best not to wait for bad smells to show up before you clean.

3. USE AIR PURIFYING PLANTS

Whether you have a green thumb or not, stock up on plants that are known to improve the air quality in homes. Here are the best choices:

- Spathiphyllum, an elegant plant that produces pretty white flowers.
- Sansevieria, commonly called "mother-in-law's tongue."
- Philodendron, a plant with exotic foliage often used by florists.
- Ivy, an exceptionally vigorous creeper.

- Ficus, a plant that absorbs heat and releases moisture.

- Dracaena, a very resistant plant also called "dragon tree."

- Chlorophytum, a common species often referred to as "spider plant."

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To boost your air quality, choose at least two or three species and place them in every room of your home. A professional horticulturist will be able to tell you how to care for them properly.

4. LOOK AFTER ALL APPLIANCES THAT CIRCULATE AIR

Call in a professional to inspect and clean all the heating, cooling and air circulation systems in your home. The kinds of appliances that should be serviced regularly:

- air conditioner
- dehumidifier
- air exchanger
- furnace
- hood
- humidifier
- heat pump
- fan



Eliminate dust, stock up on plants, sort out food items: there are many ways to create a healthier home.

5. DISINFECT SURFACES

Just because your walls, floors, furniture and appliances look clean, it does not mean that they really are. Most contaminants are invisible to the naked eye, so take the precaution of cleaning all surfaces using a suitable product. Don't forget the doorknobs!

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Every region in North America has its own specific weather quirk, whether it's freezing winters, scorching summers or heavy rainfall. It can be a daunting task to plan a garden when Mother Nature is so unpredictable, so

here are some plants that will survive every season's tests.

1. PEONIES

You could forget entirely about these beauties in your garden and they'd still probably find their way back year

after year. Even if mould or weather gets the best of them in the summer, you can still expect an encore next spring.

2. DAYLILIES

These cheerful yellow flowers can withstand extreme temperatures, which explains their popularity from coast to coast.

3. HOSTAS

You know the ones: these green, leafy plants require virtually no maintenance and are native to almost every region of North America.

4. HOLLY

Holly is often associated with Christmas time, and for good reason: it looks great all winter! With more than 400 varieties, you're sure to find a type of this berry-yielding plant that suits your garden.

5. TULIPS

These perennial bulbs are very easy to grow and care for. There are endless varieties, and thus tulips can be grown in many different colours and sizes. Gardeners delight in picking their hardy spring flowers. Plant bulbs in the fall and enjoy the show for many years to come!

So, no more excuses — wherever you live, grab a shovel, put on some gloves and get planting.

Cleaning your stainless steel surfaces

The sleek design of stainless steel can give any kitchen a stylish and contemporary look. The problem is, these surfaces are prone to showing fingerprints and water stains, which can sometimes be difficult to remove. However, there are a few simple steps you can take to keep your stainless steel appliances, countertops and sinks shining like new.

Give them a regular cleaning

Although resistant and durable, time and overuse can deteriorate the condition and appearance of stainless steel. However, this metal won't wear as a result of too much cleaning, so remove spots and smudges as soon as they appear. Routinely cleaning these surfaces will go a long way in keeping them looking great.

Keep that shine

Water spots can be cleaned with some warm water and a clean cloth. Make sure to properly dry the sur-

face to prevent additional water stains from forming. A nylon scouring pad will come in handy to re-move any food residue in sinks or on countertops. Use a mild abrasive free of chlorine and iron to eliminate light surface scratches. Deeper scratches, on the other hand, can be repaired with a good professional polishing.

What not to do

Simply put, stainless steel and bleach do not mix. Using cleaning products that contain bleach can cause rust to form and the steel to corrode, so avoid them at all costs. This goes for all cleaning products that contain harsh and aggressive chemicals, such as hydrochloric acid. Salt and white vinegar can negatively affect the metal's surface over time, so use them sparingly. Finally, avoid using metal sponges, brushes and scouring pads as they'll leave unsightly scratches on your surfaces.

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The ABCs of vegetable gardens



A garden doesn't have to be huge for you to feel the pleasure and pride of growing your own vegetables. In fact, if this is your first attempt, it's best to start small. A smallish rectangle, measuring 2.5 metres by 1 metre will do the trick. It can even be smaller if necessary. Sun is the most important factor, so be sure to choose a spot that receives at least six hours of sunlight a day.

Another essential element is water. Having ready access to water is necessary if you don't want to wear yourself out carrying watering cans back and forth. Vegetables require frequent watering, especially at the beginning of the season and during dry spells.

When preparing ground for a vegetable patch it is important to check the quality of the soil. If it is loose and well-drained you can simply

remove any grass and dig 5 centimetres of compost and natural fertilizer into the existing soil. If your soil is heavy and contains clay, however, try the following fail-safe method: place eight to ten layers of newspaper over the entire surface of your patch in order to suffocate any grass or weeds. Next spread 30 to 35 cm of garden soil on top and mix in 5 cm of compost and fertilizer. Lastly, dig a 15 cm channel all around the garden to provide drainage.

You've got sun, water and earth, but now what about the vegetables?

First of all, it is important to know that seeding times vary from one region to another because of differing climates. You're going to have to be patient if there is still snow on the ground. Make the most of this time to choose which vegetables you'd like to grow. A small tip: for your

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The soil must be kept moist while seeds are germinating. For seedlings such as tomatoes and peppers, which you may have purchased at a garden centre, do as the farmers do and wait for the last full moon in May before planting them and be wary of the risk of a late frost.

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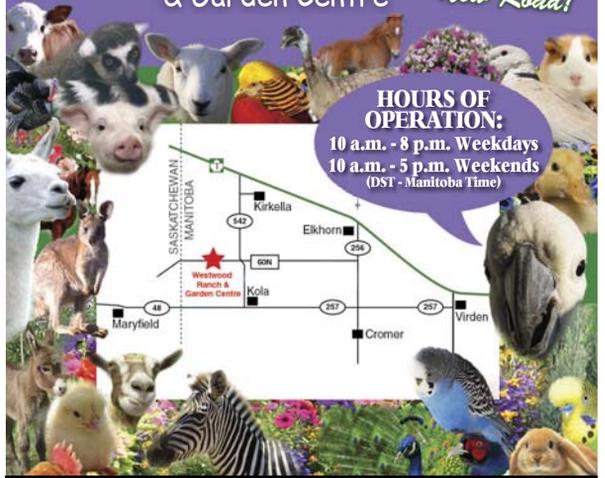
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Work was being done on Borderland Co-op's Murray Newman Field last week. Shale will be installed on the diamond this spring, and the Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex will be developed next to the ball diamond.

Outdoor Eventplex ready for July: Lots of improvements under way at Bradley Park

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
On Thursday, July 6, To kick off the reunion/rodeo weekend, an Elvis impersonator will perform on a stage at Bradley Park, with people watching from a deck area and a lawn. There may be a ball game taking place at the baseball diamond next to the stage. The stage isn't there yet, the lawn isn't there yet, the deck is under construction and the ball diamond was being dug up last week. A lot of work will be done at Bradley Park between now and the Moosomin School Reunion July 6-9. The site is being prepared for the Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex immediately west of the Potash-

Corp Sportsplex. "The eventplex will be our feature park in town," says rec director Mike Schwean. "We'll seed it to grass, the trees are going in Monday, that area is going to look really nice. It'll be a fantastic place for events. Eventually I would like to add some playground equipment in there. When people come on July 6, I think they'll be very impressed—it should work well for the show on July 6, and the town will do their rodeo barbecue there on July 7, and it should be a really good place for a barbecue or a picnic. We haven't really had a park where you can sit down and have a picnic, so this

should be well used." At the north end of the site will be a 14 by 30 foot permanent outdoor stage. There will be a large lawn south of the stage, ringed by trees. The deck at the back of the Sportsplex is being extended and will overlook the park and the stage. The area will be decorated by the "flower trees" built by the town crew—large tree shaped steel frames that hold flower pots. Tim Hortons donated \$7,000 from the 2016 Smile Cookie campaign to help develop the park, and have committed five years of Smile Cookie proceeds to the park.

Last week crews were working on improvements to the outdoor eventplex and to the baseball diamond at the northwest corner of the park, which will now be known as Borderland Co-op's Murray Newman Field. Shale will be installed on the baseball diamond. **Continued on page 4** **Continued from front** Another big improvement at Bradley Park will be the addition of more parking. And the plan is to increase the amount of parking at the site by developing a new parking area south of the outdoor rink and east of the concession. The new parking area will be 200 feet by 400 feet. "The baseball diamond we've dug up the infield and we have put in the pea gravel and the shale will be here next week. Improvements to ball diamonds and the football field are continuing. "The Kinsmen were working on the weekend.

They've got their lights done, they've got their booth done, they've got their stairwells done. It'll be ready to go in a week's time. "The Moosomin Generals are expanding their facilities so they are self-contained with showers and change rooms. "The soccer guys will be working on their diamond in the spring, to get it seeded and growing. "Then we'll pull out two backstops and move them into different locations, so we will end up with two baseball diamonds and five fastball diamonds or kids diamonds. The "There's something going on at every facility out there. Many of the improvements at Bradley Park over the last few years have been taken on by different groups—the Moosomin Moose made improvements to Guinness Field, the Moosomin Elks have made improvements to

their diamond, the Kinsmen have been working on improvements to the Kinsmen diamond, the Kinettes have put in a playground, the Moosomin Generals have built an impressive facility from scratch over the last five years, and the Moosomin Rodeo Committee is building new bleachers for the rodeo grounds this year. "It's great to get different groups taking responsibility for different facilities in the park. It's great for the groups to take on a project, and once they're invested, they take some pride in the facility and want to keep it up. "Now we have different groups taking responsibility for different facilities within the park, and everyone is doing a great job of improving their facilities and keeping them up. The town's fortunate to have so many different groups so invested in the park. I hear from other towns all the time asking how we do it." The park is used by large numbers of people each summer. There are 300-400 kids involved in soccer, 100-200 involved in football and a similar number in minor ball. Schwean estimates 750 kids are involved in minor sports on the playing fields at Bradley Park in this summer. As well about 500 kids took swimming lessons at the Moosomin pool last summer. The town built the PotashCorp Sportsplex at the park, which opened last year and has been very busy since it opened in the fall. "We're up \$170,000 since we opened at the Sportsplex," Schwean says. There is no comparison between Bradley Park now and what it was 30 years ago. "When I moved to town the baseball diamond was really nice and the Elks diamond was decent. What's now Guinness Field had been let go, and the Kinsmen diamond wasn't really there. The south end was slough and bullrushes from the track back. The rodeo ground wasn't even there. "There was the rink and a few diamonds and that was it. The bowling alley came in the mid-90s and the convention centre in the early 2000s."

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Moosomin Regional Park has been named Park of the Year by the Saskatchewan Association of Regional Parks. There have been many improvements to the park in recent years, and it hosts the massive Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition on the August long weekend. Emily Weedmark took this aerial photo of the lake in the summer of 2016.

Moosomin Regional Park named Sask Park of the Year

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin Regional Park has won the top provincial honor for a regional park—it has been named 2017 Park of the Year by the Saskatchewan Association of Regional Parks.

"The Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association gives a Park of the Year award every year," said park manager Wayne Beckett.

"You need to submit your application and see if you make the cut. We made a lot of improvements over the past year, so we submitted our proposal. The criteria is that your park has to have made significant changes over the past years or overcome obstacles. We have got a lot of positive feedback from patrons so we thought we would take a shot. We got the award at the AGM and the minister of parks, recreation and culture was there and gave us the award."

There have been a lot of changes and improvements at the park over the years.

The Living Skies Come Alive fireworks show is an ongoing event that gets bigger and better every year. This will be the eighth year the regional park has hosted the event. Last year the park had just over 7,000 people through the gates.

"Compared to other parks and the events they put on, this is head and shoulders above what anyone else has done," said Beckett. "It has become a camping destination for a lot of people. They plan their summer get-together and reunions around that weekend. When we open up for bookings on March 1, that is the first weekend to be gone. The park is packed for that weekend."

The park has also put a lot of work into beautification, with improved tree trimming and the addition of flower beds.

"At the front corner we have a big new flower bed. It will be our new attraction with a giant lily that was donated to us which was made by Ken Goodman of Goodman Steel," says Beckett. "Carol Fawcett is our lead on flower

beds and she has an idea to make that a very attractive spot. That will be a focal point when you come into the park."

Other improvements include the addition of six new campsites at the site of the former Scout cabin, the addition of a pickleball court, and the addition of a disc golf course.

As well, Beckett points out, "we have added a new swimming platform, and we made our marina bigger. We have made a lot of improvements on the hiking trails. We've just been trying to make it more of an attractive park and more enjoyable."

More improvements are planned for this summer. A new toll booth and park office is being built at the entrance to the park, the park board will be running the store itself this year rather than contracting it out, and soft ice cream will be added to the store.

The park board is also planning to add some new picnic shelters. Across from the store there will be a covered shelter there with a cement floor and barbecue for people heading out for the day to have a picnic. The park is also building a portable covered stage that can be used for the fireworks weekend and other events through the summer.

Beckett believes the future has unlimited potential for the park. "There is potential for a driving range, mini golf, kids BMX bike track, and there are other events that could be held out there with that stage. The more we offer for people to do out there the more they will want to come out and camp there."

Beckett says it was an honor to receive the award. "It's very satisfying to see our hard work recognized," he said. "The board works really well together. There's a good bunch of people on there. It was nice to be recognized in front of all of our peers."

Regional Park Board chair Chris Davidson said he believes the range of amenities at the park and the Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition are big factors of the reason the park has been recognized.

"The Saskatchewan Regional Park Association come out and do accreditation inspections where they look at all your facilities and amenities. Our park has a lot of amenities—we've got fishing and swimming, hiking trails and ball diamonds, and now pickle ball courts.

"The fireworks show is a big part of it. It started out when there was a guy from Windhorst who worked for a Regina fireworks crew. He started doing it, then we turned it into a competition, and now it's going to be an international competition between China and Canada, so it's grown into quite a thing. It's grown into a bigger event than we ever thought."

He said the big project the park has been raising money for through the years.

"We've got our new water treatment plant all engineered and ready to go. We've been waiting on the federal government. We've had an application in there for over two years for a grant to help finance it, and it hasn't come. We might have to move forward on our own. We're looking at somewhere between \$300,000 and \$400,000, and we've got a big chunk of it set aside already. We've been raising money for it for the last number of years. We might have to move forward on it this year."

Davidson said it feels good to receive recognition at the provincial level. "We never thought to apply before, and this year we did and we won. It's nice to get that recognition for what we're doing."



Provincial honor for Moosomin Regional Park

Members of the Moosomin Regional Park board of directors were presented with the Saskatchewan Park of the Year. From left are Moosomin Regional Park board members Dave Renneberg, Layne McFarlane, Bob Mullett, Wayne Beckett, Chris Davidson, and Laurie Renneberg, Saskatchewan Minister of Parks, Culture, and Sport Ken Cheveldayoff, and Saskatchewan Regional Parks Association chair John Froese.

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Living with Lyme Disease

Some of the pieces of artwork on display at Susan Griffin's show "50 Yarns of Lyme - The Lyme Disease Series." Griffin's work used mixed media, ranging from gauze to yarn and paint and the dyes of crushed leaves and berries. Gauze was often used to depict the brain fog caused by Lyme Disease.

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"The quilts that I have done for competition always have a theme or some kind of background," she says. "I believe all of my quilts have some kind of a message. It isn't always as obvious as this exhibit. This exhibit wasn't even done originally to share. It was for me—my way to record what was going on."

So why did she share it in the end? Griffin says she was inspired and encouraged to share her work by other artists at a gathering called Art Quilt Campus.

"You are removed from everything else and you are surrounded by artists. It is a great place to go," she says. "I sort of looked at it then and talked to them and they said 'you have to get the message out, that art helped you heal and other people can use that.' And that is when I thought to myself I probably needed to do that. I found it was so close to me and doing it in my home town you are exposing yourself. I struggled with it for a little bit and then when I came home and finished that trip I thought 'you know I think I should.' I hadn't really shown any of the pieces to anyone. I had kept them to myself. It was encouragement of the other artists. The reason you need to do it is because they are pieces that speak."

The reaction to Griffin's show was overwhelming. Over 125 people attended the show the Saturday she held it.

"I was blown away by the reaction of the people that came out to it," says Griffin. "I have a lot of gratitude to the people who came out and supported me and the reaction was a lot more intense than I thought it would be. I'd take people aside and see the emotion and see the tears. You see the recognition in their face or they tell you how much it affected them. It is probably the highest compliment an artist can get. It is very encouraging that I found a genre that I can touch people that way."

Griffin says anyone who feels they need to turn to art as a way of healing or expressing themselves shouldn't let anything stop them.

"Just go for it," she says. "I really believe everybody has the ability to be an artist. We all are artists at heart. This world is so full of stress and if you can find something you can do—any type of art—we need to do that just to be healthier."

Griffin says the art show was the last step in her healing process.

"I think it's really supported my recovery," she says. "This was kind of the final step. I'm glad I did it now."

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Sharpe's new blending plant completed at Moosomin

BY KARA KINNA

Sharpe's Soil Services has completed a major new investment in its Moosomin plant. The company's new fertilizer blending plant is up and running.

The \$2.8 million plant began operation on May 3. It replaced the blend system that has been in place since 1995. The new system blends at a rate of 300 metric tonnes per hour compared to the old system, which blended at 60 tonnes per hour. A semi can now be loaded in about five minutes instead of 20 minutes. The new plant will also allow Sharpe's to include more products into its blends.

"It gives us the flexibility of introducing more varied products into the blends than we were able to do before. We can blend up to eight macro nutrient products and up to three micro liquid or dry products into the system," says Chris Davidson, general manager of Sharpe's in Moosomin. "We were kind of limited on the micro side and we could only do about five macro nutrient products out of the old plant."

Davidson says the speed of the new plant will be its biggest asset.

"The biggest thing is speed. The old system was just getting too slow," he says. "Trucks are getting bigger and rates per acre are getting higher and we were having a hard time keeping up so we felt we needed to do this to keep up with demand."

"The demand is there and you have to keep up with the times. If you're not going forward you're going backwards."

Davidson says Sharpe's has been planning on a new fertilizing blending facility for a few years now.

"We've been working on a plan for it for a couple of years. We've known we've needed to improve our facility here for a while and just weren't exactly sure what system we wanted to go with, so we spent some time with three different suppliers trying to determine which was the best for what we needed to do and settled with this system we have here now."

"It's fast and there are no more line ups and it has very

accurate blending and everyone is quite happy.

"Some of these guys are half done seeding already and will be done in another week—it's moving along quite good here."

"We definitely had a bottleneck problem with the old system, it was too slow."

Construction on the facility began last fall.

"They poured the cement last fall and built all the

equipment over the winter and started putting it together in February," says Davidson.

"They did a good job and it looks like it's a fine piece of equipment."

"The biggest thing is it's speeding up our blending time and that's what our customers needed and that's what we're going to give them."

A grand opening for the new facility will be held June 1.

A truck loading up at the new fertilizer blending facility at Sharpe's Soil Services in Moosomin.



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Tips for perennial forage fertility

BY: LORNE KLEIN,
FORAGE SPECIALIST
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Livestock producers are more commonly inquiring about the economics of applying commercial fertilizer on mixed alfalfa/grass hay fields to increase yields. This is largely driven by recent high land prices and rents. Producers now want to grow more tonnage on the acres they already have.

It is common knowledge that commercial fertilizer applied on five year and older hay fields and pastures that have previously not been fertilized or heavily manured will virtually always increase yield. When you purchase and apply fertilizer, you are essentially buying extra feed. The bigger question is whether fertilizing is the economically best option of buying the extra feed.

Other options of increasing feed supply are renting pasture or hayland, harvesting annual crops as greenfeed rather than combining, and buying feed products (grain, pellets, forages, crop residues). The



Ministry of Agriculture has a Feed Value Calculator that helps producers determine the economic value of these feed sources, based on the nutrients they contain.

To assist with the ferti-

lizer decision, there are general rules. On previously unfertilized perennial forages, the grasses will normally be lacking nitrogen and the legumes will normally be lacking phosphorus.

The yield response of grass to nitrogen fertilizer is relatively constant and predictable. This applies over a relatively wide range of soil nitrogen fertility levels, unless the soil has an unusually high nitrogen pool. Examples of unusually high nitrogen potential would include land with a history of very high manure application, or the area immediately below where a hay bale had been grazed within the last two years. The yield increase of grass dry matter per pound of nitrogen applied is highly dependent upon soil moisture and rainfall after application. The averages for the soil zones are:

Brown Soil Zone: 10-15 lbs grass/lb N applied

Dark Brown Soil Zone: 15-25 lbs grass/lb N applied

Black Soil Zone: 20-30 lbs grass/lb N applied

The current price for ni-

trogen is in the range of 50 cents per pound. Excluding application cost, and using a yield response of 20 lbs grass per pound of nitrogen applied, it would cost \$50 to grow an extra ton of grass dry matter (2000 ÷ 20 = 100 lbs N required. 100 lbs X 50 cents/lb = \$50). With very good moisture conditions and a yield response of 30 lbs grass per pound of nitrogen applied, it would cost \$33.33 to grow an extra ton of grass dry matter.

The yield response of alfalfa to phosphorus fertilizer is somewhat less predictable. It is quite dependent upon the pool of phosphorus in the soil. For example, phosphorus at 20-25 ppm is considered optimum. A highly deficient soil testing at 6 ppm or less will have a greater response to phosphate fertilizer compared to a soil at testing at 12 ppm. The only way to determine what levels you

have is with a soil test. As a general guideline from a 2015 survey, Saskatchewan soils average 15 ppm.

When you purchase commercial fertilizer, you are buying phosphorus (P) with the phosphorus content expressed as percent P₂O₅. A pound of added P₂O₅ can produce anywhere from 0-70 lbs or more of alfalfa dry matter, depending upon initial phosphorus levels in the soil. For most alfalfa/grass hay fields that have not had fertilizer added, a conservative estimate is 30 lbs of alfalfa forage produced for every pound of P₂O₅ applied. Phosphorus fertilizer is currently in the range of 45 cents per pound of P₂O₅. Using these estimates it would cost \$30/ton to grow the extra alfalfa.

An equally important reason to apply phosphorus fertilizer is to maintain the legume in the stand for nitrogen fixation. A mixture with 50 percent alfalfa and 50 percent grass produces roughly the same as 100 percent grass fertilized with 125 lbs nitrogen per acre every year.

When in doubt, fertilize on low fertility fields with phosphorus to at least the level of removal. A ton of alfalfa/grass hay removes about 10 lbs of P₂O₅. You can maintain or build the soil phosphorus pool by adding the same or more phosphorus as fertilizer or manure.

If you decide to apply fertilizer, stake out test strips across a representative area of the field. Leave at least one check strip with no fertilizer, and double back on another strip to double the rate. This will show you the yield response and whether or not the fertilizer was a good investment, and whether you have applied an adequate rate.



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Pulse extension a relief for Sask farmers

Canadian pulse growers should be collectively exhaling a breath of relief after a recent announcement that access to the market in India will continue.

There had been indications of rules being tweaked in that country which would have been an impediment to pulse exports from this country accessing the critical Indian market.

India had granted a series of exemptions since 2004 to an import regulation regarding mandatory fumigation of imported crops, in recognition of Canada's cold climate. The end of the current exemption on March 31, 2017 had threatened to disrupt trade by adding significant costs to preparing exports for the market.

At first blush the rule changes seemed a tad short-sighted given the amount of pulses Canada has exported there in recent years, although the changes did correspond with a better crop in India, so it was as much about protecting domestic farmers as anything.

Or, at least it gave that impression to domestic farmers. But things have apparently been smoothed over, at least in the short term.

A three month extension to the current fumigation pro-



Calvin Daniels

ocol is in effect from April 1 until June 30. Pulse exports currently in transit or which will arrive on or before June 30, 2017 will not require fumigation in Canada.

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade, recently issued the following statement on securing continued access for Canadian pulses to India.

"Following representations to the Government of India and visits to Delhi earlier this month by both ministers, Canada has secured continued access to the Indian market for Canadian pulse exporters," detailed a joint press release. "... This new exemption means that Canadian pulse

exports leaving Canada on or before June 30, 2017, will not require fumigation in Canada. We will maintain ongoing trade while officials on both sides continue to work towards a long-term, science-based solution."

Finding a solution to the impasse was important given the market's importance to the Canadian pulse sector.

In 2016, pulse exports to India were worth over \$1.1 billion and accounted for 27.5 per cent of Canada's global pulse exports.

In Saskatchewan the extension, which hopefully allows time for a more permanent solution, is particularly important.

As Canada's leader in pulse crop production, Saskatchewan's 17,000 pulse growers produce 99 per cent of Canada's chickpeas, 84 per cent of Canada's lentils and 49 per cent of Canada's dry peas.

The government of Saskatchewan welcomes the extension to India's pulse fumigation exemption, which will maintain uninterrupted access for Saskatchewan pulse crops to the important Indian market.

Now the work for a longer term deal must get underway to protect the industry here in Canada.

New loan program for ag entrepreneurs

BY TRUDY KELLY FORSYTHE
Evan Hegedys, 31, operates a cow-calf operation with his wife Tonya, 27, an hour north of Calgary, Alta. He will calve over 1,000 head this spring and breed 1,350 heifers this summer, so he is familiar with the expense of growing a farm business.

"We have purchased and rented enough land to locally grow the feed for our herd, as well as some grain that we harvest," he says, adding that for the last couple years they have been custom feeding their calves.

"Initially, we started custom haying to maximize our equipment, now we do hay/straw brokerage and deliveries as well."

Hegedys is optimistic about the future of agriculture.

"There's a positive outlook," he says. "There is a lot of room to see land values increase and I see profitability in the next 10 years as long as interest does not go crazy."

Loans help

Chad DeBot, 34, operates DeBot & Sons Ltd., a third-generation cash crop, vegetable and seed corn farm in Wallaceburg, Ontario, with his father Dennis.

He knows loans can help since one helped him purchase his first parcel of land in 2013.

"We had previously rented this parcel and the owners at the time were aware of our good stewardship practise which made them more than happy and I was able to receive financial assistance from FCC," says De Bot.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to grow my business through the Young Entrepreneur program and would definitely recommend this to young farmers."

Young Entrepreneur Loan

Recently young entrepreneurs in the agriculture retail, manufacturing and food processing sectors have had access to a new loan program.

Farm Credit Canada announced the Young Entrepreneur Loan last month to provide financing up to \$1 million per qualified applicant, under age 40.

"It's a positive program for sure," Hegedys says. "A lot of young farmers aren't

going to be new to the business. They likely grew up in it, but if not, this is going to be a valuable tool."

FCC agrees access to capital allows businesses to take advantage of new opportunities and grow the economy.

"By providing specialized loans for young farmers and entrepreneurs, we are helping the next generation get established and contribute to Canada achieving its full potential as a leading food supplier worldwide," says Michael Hoffer, FCC president and CEO.

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Choosing seed treatments

BY LYNDON HICKS, P.A.G.,
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Choosing a seed treatment starts with knowing your seed quality and the conditions you will be seeding into. Good germination and vigor are still the number one priority. Seed treatments can provide protection from some diseases and insects but do not improve the quality of the seed. In other words, seed treatments do not make dead seed germinate or won't make bad seed good!

Deciding whether to use a seed treatment or not is the first step. Some conditions where seed treatments have been shown to be beneficial are: seeding early into cold soils, high level of seed borne disease, seed with mechanical damage such as cracking, and seeding into fields with seedling disease issues from previous year(s) or potential insect problems. If you have good quality seed and are seeding into warm soils with no expected pathogen or insect pressure then you may not see a benefit from seed treatment.

It is extremely important to know what level of disease is in the seed you intend to plant. If you're planning on using common or bin-run seed, a seed test is going to be a valuable piece of information for you... even more so this year with the high level of diseased seed across the province. For pedigreed seed you will be provided this information. Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

has guidelines for seed borne disease for both cereals and pulse crops.

These guidelines will make recommendations whether to use seed treatments or source different seed based on disease levels in your intended seed lot. With *Fusarium graminearum* for example; anything over 5% it is recommended to find another seed source. If another seed source is not available... a seed treatment would be strongly recommended.

With total *Fusarium* spp. you can get away with higher levels BUT it is still recommended to use a seed treatment once levels get over 5%. As total *Fusarium* spp levels approach 10% or higher... consider another seed source.

Once the decision to use a seed treatment has been made then you need to choose which one or is best. For this you will need to know what pathogens or insects you need protection against. With soil borne pathogens that cause seed and seedling diseases you may not know which pathogen will be present and most damaging each year. The pathogens involved can include *Fusarium* spp., *Pythium*, *Rhizoctonia*, *Aphanomyces* as well as *Colliobolus sativus*. *Fusarium* continues to be a challenge across Saskatchewan making it a safe bet to assume is present in the soil.

Pythium and *Aphanomyces* are particularly well adapted to wet, waterlogged soils and are less affected by temperature while *Rhizocto-*

nia thrives under cool, moist early-season conditions. These are just general guidelines as it is difficult to predict which organism may be more prevalent in your soils and most seed treatments can provide protection for all most of the organisms mentioned.

Other diseases that can be controlled by seed treatments include seed-borne *aschochyta* in pulses, smut, bunt and seed-borne septoria in cereals, as well as seed-borne blackleg and *alternaria* in oil-seeds.

Knowing your field history and seed disease levels will help with the decision whether protection from one of these diseases is warranted.

For insect protection there are many product options that can provide protection from wireworms in cereals and pulses to flea beetles and cutworms in canola and

mustard. If you had problems with any early-season insect in the past or suspect high pressure this year then you may want to opt for a seed treatment with the added protection.

There are a lot of products on the market so the choice can be difficult. Besides using a product that is registered for control of the disease or insect you are interested in; there are a couple other factors to consider. The first being application method. Some products are only available to commercial treaters while others BUT it is registered for control of the disease or insect you are interested in; there are a couple other factors to consider. No matter which you choose all products need to be applied properly assuring good coverage of each and every seed. Ease of application of the product is also worth considering.

Seed treatments are a good choice if you are seeding early into cool wet soils. It is

added insurance to get your crop off to a healthy start. Remember that seed treatments are only effective if applied at the recommended rates and with good coverage. They typically provide protection for up to 21 to 28 days

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Figure 1: Saskatchewan's crop receipts and farmland values have grown together

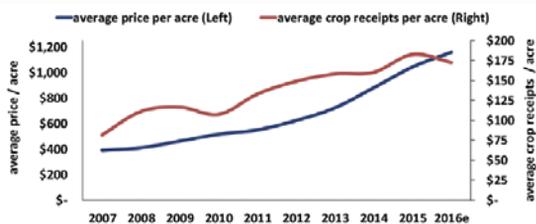
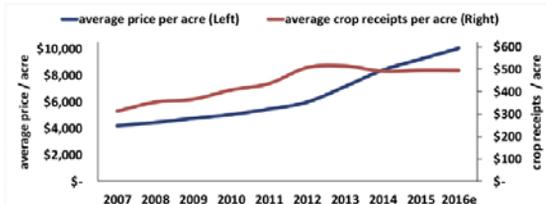


Figure 2: Ontario's crop receipts stabilized as farmland values continued to strengthen



Crop receipts matter to farmland values

BY LEIGH ANDERSON
The 2016 FCC Farmland Values report indicates Canadian farmland has continued to increase in value. Saskatchewan and Ontario values to illustrate the different relationship crop receipts have with farmland value growth rates across the country. Understanding the link between crop receipts and land values tells us how some values have strengthened—and why their strength may also ebb.

and production growth resulting in the second-largest crop in history (91.7 million metric tons). As a result, 2017's crop receipts should also grow slightly. Increasing global supplies of three major crops (corn, soybeans and wheat) pressured commodity prices in 2016. Buffered by the low loonie however, producers here didn't face the price drops U.S. producers saw. Corn, wheat and canola were on average 10% lower than the five-year average, and Ontario soybean prices were about the same as that average.

tween crop receipts and farmland values isn't static. Saskatchewan's farmland values have generally tracked crop receipts over the last ten years (Figure 1). On a per acre basis, the average price of farmland outgrew crop receipts in 2016 when weather impacted the quality and harvest of several crops in western Canada. AAFC estimates Saskatchewan crop receipts declined 5% in 2016.

Ontario offers a different picture (Figure 2). Crop receipts peaked in 2013, and have remained relatively stable since then. Farmland values continued to climb in response to different pressures.

CROP RECEIPTS AND FARMLAND VALUES: MONITOR THEIR MOVEMENTS
Crop receipts aren't the only driver of farmland values. That relationship also evolves over time, as it has recently given a strong

demand outlook for Canadian agricultural commodities and the environment of low interest rates. But crop receipts are key.

TWO WAYS TO STRENGTHEN CROP RECEIPTS

Productivity growth can help absorb potential price pressures from growing global supplies. Being efficient should provide the flexibility to face different market conditions in the future.

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 <p>2013 Ford Escape STOCK# 7T062A SEL • New Tires • 97,000 kms</p> <p>\$18,929 \$141 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2015 GMC Denali STOCK# 7T053A Like New • PST Paid • 35,000 kms</p> <p>\$48,862 \$352 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2013 Ford Taurus STOCK# 7T081A SEL • AWD • 84,000 kms</p> <p>\$18,937 \$142 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2011 Ford F-150 STOCK# 6T250A New Tires • 5.0L • 155,000 kms</p> <p>\$18,749 \$158 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2011 Ford Escape STOCK# 7T083A Limited • One Owner • 4WD</p> <p>\$9,906 \$99 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2015 Ford Fiesta STOCK# 7T055A Auto • New Tires • 55,000 kms</p> <p>\$9,999 \$77 BI-WEEKLY</p>
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 <p>2013 Ford Edge STOCK# 7T141A One Owner • Limited • AWD</p> <p>\$20,940 \$163 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2015 Ford F-250 STOCK# 7T139A Local • Lariat 6.7L</p> <p>\$47,877 \$346 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2013 Ford Edge STOCK# 7T134A 27,000 kms • SEL Appearance</p> <p>\$24,991 \$184 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2012 Ford Escape STOCK# 7T106A One Owner • XLT • 97,000 kms</p> <p>\$11,352 \$99 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2015 Ford F-150 STOCK# 7T1078A 28,000 kms • Lariat • Sport</p> <p>\$38,994 \$299 BI-WEEKLY</p>	 <p>2015 Ford F-150 STOCK# 7T137A Local • XTR • Heated Seats</p> <p>\$35,880 \$277 BI-WEEKLY</p>
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