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**STREETHEART**

At left, talented photographer Kim Poole captured this photo of a previous fireworks competition at Living Skies Come Alive at Moosomin Lake on the August long weekend. Above and right, Streetheart and Rock Candy will perform at Rockin' the Park in Esterhazy to close out the summer.



**ROCK CANDY**

## Event-filled summer coming up

2019 will be an event-filled summer across Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba. You might want to note these major regional events on your calendar now:

**26TH ANNUAL MOOSOMIN RODEO  
BRADLEY PARK IN MOOSOMIN  
JULY 5 AND 6**

Moosomin's 2019 rodeo takes place Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6.

The Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association and Moosomin Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned rodeo takes place both days, with rodeo action Friday and Saturday evenings.

The weekend also includes entertainment, wild pony races, the Moosomin Rodeo Idol talent competition, the Moosomin Firemen's Pancake Breakfast on the Saturday morning, and the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce parade at 10 am Saturday.

**87TH ANNUAL MOOSE MOUNTAIN PRO RODEO  
KENNEDY, SK  
JULY 20 AND 21**

The Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo is the only professional rodeo in Southeast Sas-

katchewan and one of only a few pro rodeos on the prairies, with many competitors coming from the Calgary Stampede.

The 87th annual Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo in Kennedy, Sask. will take place from July 20-21.

The weekend will kick off with beef on a bun Saturday over lunch at the Friendship Centre and a parade on Main Street at noon. A demo derby will follow the parade. There will also be a trade show from noon to 8 pm Saturday.

The rodeo grand entry will be at 5 pm and from 2 pm to 2 am there will be entertainment in the beer gardens. On Sunday there is a pancake breakfast starting at 9 am followed by cowboy church at 11 am. The rodeo grand entry will be at 2 pm, and there be a roast beef supper and demo derby following the rodeo.

**LIVING SKIES COME ALIVE  
INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS COMPETITION  
MOOSOMIN REGIONAL PARK**

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AUGUST 3 AND 4**  
The Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition is the largest annual event in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba, attracting as many as 12,000 visi-

tors to Moosomin Regional Park to watch international-level fireworks shows.

This year it's Canada versus the Philippines, and the local Filipino community will be involved, providing entertainment on Sunday afternoon before the Philippines Fireworks show

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 are shot off across the lake from the main beach, so they are reflected in the water of Moosomin Lake.

"We're really excited about having the Philippines come this year," says Laurie Renneberg of the organizing committee.

"We have a very large Filipino community in town. We're hoping to get them involved as much as possible as part of our fireworks committee."

**ROCKIN' THE PARK  
ESTERHAZY REGIONAL PARK  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

Esterhazy will host the first ever Rock-

in' The Park on Saturday, August 31.

Canadian rock legends Streetheart will headline Rockin' The Park, and they are joined by hard rockers Snake Oil, party band Rock Candy, and up-and-coming local band The Firm.

2019 sees the return of Streetheart to playing live shows after a two year hiatus to mark and honour the passing of lead vocalist Kenny Shields in 2017. Original founding members Daryl Gutheil and Ken "Spider" Sinnaeve along with Jeff Neill will be joined by Paul McNair (Harlequin) on lead vocals and David Langguth (Kim Mitchell/Nelly Furtado) on drums to reignite the songs and legacy of one of Canada's most iconic rock and roll bands.

Since the band's inception in 1977, Streetheart produced a string of hits that includes Under My Thumb, Here Comes The Night, Hollywood, Tin Soldier, What Kind Of Love Is This and Action.

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# This area all about diversity

A few weeks ago I sat in on a planning session with some consultants who are working on an Official Community Plan for Moosomin.

The consultants were looking for input from various individuals about the town's future direction.

Ultimately, under the direction of town council, an community plan will be produced touching on the town's priorities, and the zoning bylaw will be updated to reflect the priorities in the community plan.

Early in the session the consultants went over the town's vision statement.

The town's current vision statement is: "A progressive and diverse community committed to continued growth, Moosomin will be a destination of choice for families and business."

Part of the process the consultants led us through was looking over that vision statement and focusing on what some of the concepts mean to us.

There was some discussion around the word diversity and what it means in the context of Moosomin—diversity of population, diversity of the local economy, diversity of opportunity.

The town adopted "Strength through Diversity" a couple of years back.

Moosomin and this entire area always have been very diverse.

In recent years we have seen many new immigrants from the Philippines, from Honduras, from Korea, from China, from India, from South Africa, and from Ukraine.

Our Filipino immigrants were welcomed with open arms and have become an important part of the community. We have some Filipino-owned businesses, and this summer the Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks Competition at Moosomin Regional Park will feature Canada versus the Philippines, with the local Filipino commu-



Kevin Weedmark

nity participating, serving food and showing off some of their culture.

Our Honduran community has also become an important part of the community. One of the consultants had heard what the community had done to help Victor and Lesi and their family—seeing our community rally around and help this family stay in Canada had an impact on a lot of people far beyond Moosomin.

Likewise our other new immigrant groups—there are business owners from among all the immigrant groups—have become fully part of our community, and they have made our community better.

For the last three summers we have had multicultural celebrations. We have had participation from the Philippines, Honduran, Korean, Indian, South African, and Ukrainian communities at those events.

For two years we had a Ukrainian Gala in Moosomin featuring Ukrainian dance and food prepared by our new immigrants.

This area truly celebrates diversity, and that's nothing new.

When I first came to Moosomin I was surprised by the diversity of the communities around the area—the French communities of St. Lazare and Bellegarde that work hard to preserve their francophone culture, the folks in the New Finland area that keep alive many of the Finnish traditions, from the saunas they all have to the giant bonfires in midsummer, the Hungarian communities of Bekevar and Kaposvar, the Mennonite community of Kola, Manitoba, the Hutterite colonies, just to name a few.

A few weeks back I listened to a sermon in Hungarian at the Bekevar church then enjoyed a lunch of chicken paprikash, a Hungarian specialty.

I have visited the Hutterite colonies which are part of our wider community—see the article on page 21 about the Plainview Colony's win in the pork competition at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair. They are donating the prize money to Moosomin's South East Integrated Care Centre.

I have been shown the Moose Mountain Medicine Wheel on the Pheasant Rump First Nation and participated in a sweat lodge at that First Nation.

I was presented with a Metis sash by the Metis community at St. Lazare in appreciation for our coverage of some of their Louis Riel Day events. The Metis history in this area goes back to the 1700s, as Metis communities sprang up around Fort Ellice (near what is now St. Lazare), Fort Esperance north of Rocanville in the Qu'Appelle, and Fort John a little farther up river. I have in my office the transcription of a journal kept by one of the people at Fort Esperance in the 1790s—it provides a fascinating glimpse into life in this area more than 200 years ago—the accidental discharge of a musket causing injury, people getting lost in blizzards travelling between forts in the winter, Mandan people travelling 10 days to Fort Esperance to trade furs for tobacco, the long canoe journey from Fort Esperance to the Forks at Winnipeg.

Most of the groups that settled here remained permanently part of the area. One that there isn't much left of is the Jewish settlement west of Rocanville and north of Wapella that started in the 1880s and lasted to the middle of the last century. One of our readers in England (yes, we have readers in England) recently sent me a book on the history of the Wapella Jewish settlement. A photo shows a healthy congregation celebrating the Jewish new year at Wapella in 1911. A lot of people may not realize that the Bronfman family—who later made their fortune with Seagrams—first settled in this area when they came to Canada. There is still a small Jewish cemetery in the area of the settlement, and Barish Lake is named after one of the families.

The point is, this has always been a very diverse area. People have the idea that in the past rural communities were more homogenous, but they have always been very diverse, in the future they will become even more diverse, and that is something to celebrate.

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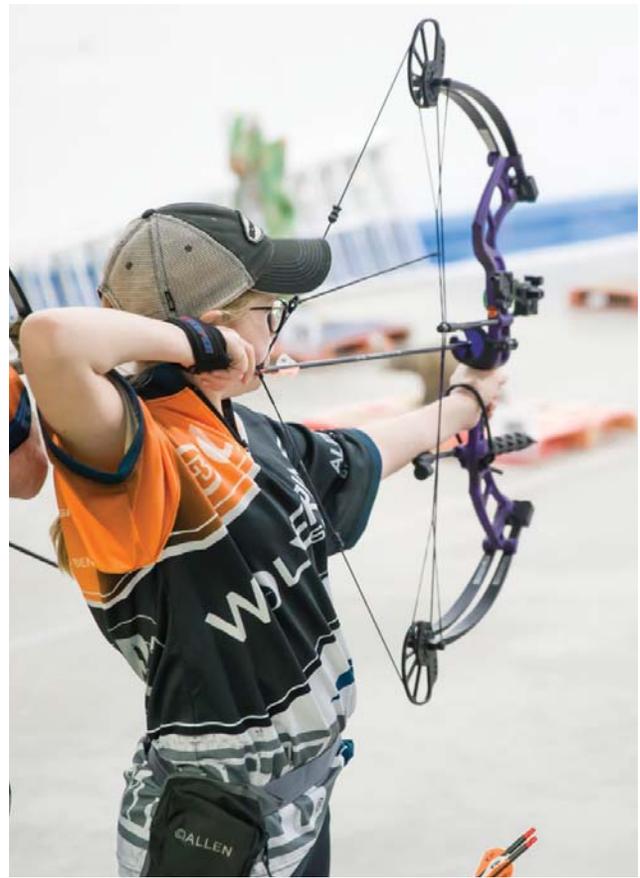
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Jim Anderson (seated on fence) instructs Charla Moore on communicating with her horse during a recent training clinic at a Stockholm-area ranch. The clinic was attended by several Saskatchewan horse owners, including Moore, who traveled from Weyburn to attend the week-long clinic.



Jim Anderson of Irvine, Alberta instructed horse owners on communicating with their horses during a clinic held at the Sabre Quarter Horse Ranch near Stockholm during the week of April 14.

# Jim Anderson holds clinic in Stockholm

BY DONNA BEUTLER

When it comes to communicating with horses, no one knows it quite like Jim Anderson of Irvine, Alberta.

Anderson recently spent a week at the Sabre Quarter Horse Ranch south of Stockholm where he held a week-long clinic attended by several Saskatchewan horse owners who wanted to learn how they too could ensure their horses were very confident with them.

Anderson is a full-time clinician who travels across Canada and into the United States to teach people how to communicate with horses.

"I travel from Nova Scotia across to the West Coast most of the year, with the exception of half of December and January," Anderson said. His home base is a ranch located just off the Trans Canada Highway at Irvine which is just west of the Saskatchewan-Alberta border.

Anderson, who formerly trained and showed horses, has been conducting clinics such as the one at Sabre Quarter Horse Ranch for the past five years. In the years when Anderson showed horses, he specialized in reining.

"It's a process," Anderson said in an on-the-ranch interview on April 18, "where we learn to signal our horse with a pleatype signal.

"We set it up so the horse looks for the signal. We apply a pressure—the answer is release and reward."

Anderson said that just like we as humans don't like to be 'nagged' on, horses too shouldn't be 'nagged' on.

"If the horse feels it is too much, it won't look for the answer," Anderson said, ex-

plaining that as a person gets confidence with a horse, they develop a relationship with it.

"Horsemanship is about getting people to recognize the fears that horses have," Anderson went on to say, "and then building confidence."

On this particular day at Sabre Quarter Horse Ranch, Anderson works with small groups of three horse owners and their horses.

Though he sometimes brings his own horse to a clinic, depending on where that clinic is being held, on this trip he does not have his own horse.

Anderson teaches four disciplines: baseline horsemanship; liberty horsemanship; reining; and obstacle.

During a liberty horsemanship training session during this particular clinic, the owners' horses were free—no ropes, no halter. The owners guided their horses through various steps by communicating with their horse.

"As the connection between the rider and the horse gets stronger," Anderson said, "a good partnership is formed."

It's obvious from Anderson's demeanor and from his instruction during the training session that Anderson has a passion to show others how to make their connection with their horse better and stronger.

Between on-hands instruction and verbal instruction from atop his perch on a corral panel in the riding arena, Anderson gently coaches and directs.

It's easy to see that horses are more than a way of life with Anderson and that his passion for the art of horsemanship runs deep.



Linda Kerr of Yorkton was one of three horse owners who attended the April 18 afternoon training session held by clinician Jim Anderson at the Sabre Quarter Horse Ranch. The objective of the training sessions is to get the horse confident with its trainer.

Anderson grew up with horses right from an early age and credits his parents for instilling in him a passion for working with horses. It was on his family's Water-ton-area ranch that he first began riding horses and starting colts.

"My mom especially was instrumental in my success," Anderson said, saying his mom ensured he worked under Ray Hunt and Tom Dorrance, well-known names in the world of horsemanship.

Anderson considers California based Bryan Neubert his mentor and was privileged to work with him after high school.

Anderson says his stay at the Ellen and Greg Frick ranch was his first and he was

pleased to have 12 students participating. This allowed him to have four groups of three people and to work one-on-one with his students.

"The facility here is great," Anderson said of the riding arena at the Frick ranch.

Ellen Frick said that they have really enjoyed having Anderson at the ranch and that she has really enjoyed learning some of his techniques and recognizing there are other dimensions to the process of horse-training.

Anderson's future plans include more horse camps and clinics. His next trip will see him traveling to Prince George to conduct a clinic there.

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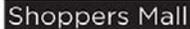
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# Construction begins on new elementary school in Weyburn

On May 10, Environment Minister and Weyburn-Big Muddy MLA Dustin Duncan, on behalf of Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant, joined City of Weyburn officials, South East Cornerstone Public School Division officials, teachers, students and community members to celebrate the beginning of construction on the new Weyburn elementary school project.

This project is a consolidation of three schools (Queen Elizabeth Elementary, Haig Elementary and Souris Elementary) and will be built at the site of the former Weyburn Junior High School, which closed in 2016. The school will be constructed in conjunction with the City of Weyburn's new Recreation and Cultural Centre, however the two facilities will be operated separately. The school and recreation centre will be joined by a shared space, which will include a kitchen, washrooms and common area.

The joint-venture facility was designed by Number Ten Architectural Group and the school portion of the facility will cost \$33.7 million. The elementary school is expected to have an enrolment of 650 students at the projected opening date of fall 2021. The school will have a resource/media centre,

full-size gym, and project zones that will allow students to collaborate on group activities. In addition, it will include a 51-space child care centre approved for six infants, 15 toddlers and 30 preschool-aged children.

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### 3 reasons to hire a professional landscaper

Do you want to turn your yard into a personal oasis? How about boost the curb appeal and market value of your home? Landscaping can do all this, but unless you have ample time, stamina and expertise, it's probably best to hire a professional landscaper to do the job. Here's what you can expect.



**1. Great ideas**  
A beautifully designed yard begins with a well thought out plan. Landscapers, also called landscape designers, can help you create a great design from scratch or embellish on ideas you already have. They'll evaluate your property and use their in-depth knowledge of terrain and design principles to make recommendations specific to your yard. They'll work with you to form a plan that suits your vision and budget.

**2. Horticultural expertise**  
Landscapers are deeply versed in horticulture. They have extensive knowledge of plant life and understand how terrain and climate impact vegetation. You can therefore count on them to know which plants, flowers, trees and shrubs will

thrive in your yard and what each one will require in terms of soil, sunlight, water and general care.

**3. Superior execution**  
An experienced landscaper will have successfully completed a large number of projects and you can be confident that they'll achieve good results with your yard too. They'll bring industry expertise to the job and know where to find the best talent and resources. Plus, they're familiar with the different problems that can occur and the pitfalls that should be avoided.

If you'd like to hire a landscaper, look for one who's experienced, certified and has liability insurance. Get ready to love your yard like never before!

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Native plants and grasses are exactly what their name indicates—plants that have historically grown organically in an area. Because these plants have adapted to regions' climates for centuries, they're perfectly suited to growing in your backyard with little help from you.



No matter what type of garden you have, native plants and grasses make an excellent addition.

- Native flowers, trees, shrubs, grasses and groundcovers all create natural habitat and provide food sources for local wildlife. Some examples include: Saskatoon berry, dogwood, willow, sage, wild blue flax, coneflower, crocus, gaillardia, wild columbine, and aster.
- Purchase from a native plant supplier to ensure you receive quality plants that are actually native to the prairies (and not simply horticultural varieties).
- Before planting exotic species (plants that are not from Saskatchewan), consider if there are native alternatives that provide similar qualities.
- Do not grow invasive or aggressive plants that have the potential to take over your garden and spread throughout your community.
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you know you really wanted the one they showed in the brochure, the beautiful blue one with the saddle leather seats. You really did just sign your life away for the next five years, spending \$50,000 on a SUV, or \$90,000-plus on a truck for something they had in stock...? What... That's crazy!! When you are investing that much money, why not wait and get what you really want? It would make



Shannon Houff

a skilled professional that can show you all of your colour options and help you put things together, you will be very happy you did. From figuring out how you fill his wish list with a big puffy Michelin man chair in the same room that your sleek, stylish sofa is going to go, we can make different configurations really suit your room. Going custom is the way to make you 100% satisfied in your finished look. It also makes the end result unique to YOU... And isn't that what we all want? Something that is YOURS?

We can help you coordinate and complement that beautiful new flooring that you just put in, or the custom cabinetry you just chose, by finding just the right stain for your new dining room furniture or a solid wood bedroom set with an upholstered headboard. Custom choices make it all flow together and create balance in your home.

It can also let you sleep better when you know you

really want that exact sofa and chair that you sat in at your neighbors' at the game last weekend, and all we have to do is pick a different cover. They will never find out!

So 'till next time, it's That Girl Shannon saying:

“Knowing what you want can be a challenge,

but getting what you want is..... priceless!”

Shannon Houff is the own-

er of Front Porch Interiors, Furniture and Design Store in Wawota, Sask.



It always amazes me that people will sit down to buy a new vehicle, and wheel and deal on the options and price. They say we have the tan with the black, or the white with the grey, and you pick one. Once it's all said and done, and you go ahead with the purchase, but in your heart

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## 5 signs it's time to replace your siding

Siding is one of the most important parts of your home's exterior. Not only does it protect the structure from the elements, it also showcases your house's style. While you may wish your siding would last forever, it will eventually need to be replaced. Here are a few signs you need new siding.

- 1. **Visible damage.** Numerous things can damage siding including dirt, the weather and moisture. If only a few panels are affected, you might be able to replace them. But if the damage is widespread, you'll need to replace the whole thing.
- 2. **Peeling paint indoors.** If you have water damage on your interior walls, it might mean that your siding is no longer effectively keeping moisture out of your home.

- 3. **Your bills have increased.** Siding plays a big part in insulating your home. If you notice a drastic change in your bills, your siding may have an air leak. In this scenario, your heating and cooling system works extra hard to regulate your home's temperature, which ultimately results in costlier utility bills.

- 4. **Mould or mildew.** Fungus or mould in or near the seams of your siding may indicate water infiltration.

- 5. **It looks faded and old.** Replacing your siding can drastically increase your home's curb appeal. Among home renovations, new siding has one of the highest returns on investment.

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## How to choose the right fertilizer for your lawn

Every lawn requires its own unique blend of nutrients to thrive. This fact is reflected by the many varieties of fertilizer on the market. If you want healthy grass, it's important that you choose the type of fertilizer best suited to your particular lawn.

Understanding fertilizer labels The key information on a unit of fertilizer is contained in a chain of three numbers separated by dashes. These numbers, often referred to as an

NPK ratio, typically appear on the front packaging.

Fertilizer numbers indicate the percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium the fertilizer contains — in that order! These are the main nutrients your lawn needs and they perform different functions.

Nitrogen promotes plant growth and makes your grass greener; phosphorus promotes root growth and potassium builds strong cells within the plant tissue.

Selecting your fertilizer

The fertilizer you add to your lawn should supplement what's lacking in the soil. For instance, if your soil lacks nitrogen, has ample phosphorus and almost enough potassium, you might choose a fertilizer marked 34-0-4.

To find out what nutrients your lawn needs, pick up an inexpensive soil test kit at a garden centre. If you want a more detailed evaluation, get a lawn care professional to perform one.



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## It's all in the stone

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There are many reasons why natural stone terraces have remained

a popular choice among homeowners for so long. First and foremost, stone is a robust material that requires very little maintenance. Forget about repainting or re-staining each year! Next, because every stone is unique, it's very possible to create an original patio design that won't go unnoticed. In fact, landscaping experts, as well as companies specialized in the manufacture of natural stone, can skilfully create real works of art. For a sophisticated

design, natural stone carved with a guillotine offers a clean-cut finish, while stone cut by hand is ideal for those more rustic projects. The installation of natural stone is in itself a creative process that requires exceptional attention to detail.

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## 4 ways to get your outdoor living space ready for summer



Once the warmer weather arrives, it's time to set up your outdoor living space for the season. But before you bring out the patio furniture, you should attend to these four tasks.

- 1. Wash your windows.** Clean the frames and glass, and don't forget to give the screens a scrub as well. You should also inspect the caulking around your windows and doors. If there are any cracks, apply new caulking
- 2. Get your deck ready.** Clean your patio or deck and check for loose boards or anything

else that looks like it needs to be fixed. Make repairs, then sand and seal wood surfaces.

- 3. Examine exterior surfaces.** Inspect your siding for damage and ensure your foundation is free of cracks that might have formed over the winter. If you see any peeling paint on your shutters or window frames, make plans to have them painted.

- 4. Inspect your barbecue.** Look out for signs of damage. Clear off spider webs, clean the grill and make sure animals haven't nibbled on the gas line. Once you're done with the above, it's time to set up your outdoor furniture. Give chairs, tables and loungers a good cleaning, then sit back, relax and enjoy soaking up the sun.



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Raised beds are different from planters because they have open rather than closed bottoms. Since raised beds are designed this way, they provide better drainage. Plus, the roots can extend into the ground and seek available nutrients.

Having a raised garden bed has a number of other advantages, notably:

- It provides a strong barrier against weeds and pests
- Its soil doesn't compact or erode away in the case of heavy rain
- It allows you to plant earlier in the season, since soil that's above ground is warmer and drains better

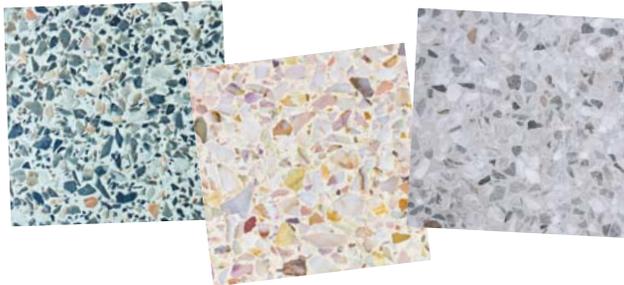
Lastly, gardening with raised beds is a great option for people with limited mobility or back problems. If the bed is high enough, you can tend to the garden without bending over.



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## Five fun and affordable ways to revitalize your home

Does your home need an update? If a full renovation isn't in the cards this spring, here are five fun and inexpensive makeover tips for reinvigorating your home.

**New accessories**  
Inexpensive upgrades such as new throw pillows on the couch, a fresh tablecloth in the dining room or a chic frame for a painting or photo will help revitalize your home.

**Rearrange your furniture**  
Sometimes changing the layout of a room is all you need to do to make it come alive again. Move your bed to the other side of the room or switch the living room furniture around.

**Update your bathroom**

Replacing accessories like the soap dish, shower curtain and hand towels can make your bathroom feel brand new.

**Switch up your lighting**  
A lamp for your bedroom or a new fixture in the dining room will shed new light on a room that's lost its sparkle.

**DIY upgrades**  
If you want new cabinets in your kitchen, try painting the ones you have for a cost-effective alternative. Consider a DIY approach to other desired upgrades for your home.

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A minimalistic approach. Kitchens have become increasingly streamlined over the years. Gone are the days of raised panel doors, excess ornamentation and crown moldings. Instead, you'll find a more European approach emphasizing horizontal lines and an obvious absence of patterns. Full-overlay cabinetry is brought to the ceiling and flat-panel doors are outfitted with basic chrome or stainless steel hardware — anything and everything to create that sleek and unadorned look.

Inspired by your tastes. You'll encounter a varied selection of cabinets when attempting to tailor the design of your kitchen to your style and needs. Melamine continues to be a popular choice for many kitchens. Installing solid wood cabinets will increase the value of any home, but they are more expensive than other materials such as veneer and thermoplastic. And color choices, while often influenced by natural light, will vary depending on your personal taste and style.

Consulting a renovation specialist is always a good idea when looking to make your kitchen more modern. Their expertise and personalized assistance will help you select and install the right cabinets for your kitchen.



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Plainview Colony has invested in expanding and improving its hog operation. Above, the massive new hog barn on the colony under construction last year. Inset, the automatic feeding system in one of the rooms at the new hog barn as it was set to open late last year.

## Two in a row for Plainview Colony

Plainview Colony has had another good year at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair pork quality competition. Prize money will be donated to Moosomin's Southeast Integrated Care Centre

BY ALEXIS STOCKFORD  
Plainview Colony was the best in show for the second year running at the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair's annual pork quality competition.

The colony's north barn successfully defended its grand champion spot.

Last year, the barn claimed both first and second in the annual winter fair competition on top of a fourth-place finish in December 2017 during Brandon's Hog Days.

Their top carcass earned 98 out of a possible 111 quality points with the judge, 11 points ahead of both Maxwell Colony and Waldheim Colony.

A second carcass from the colony came in 15th. "We only spent one hour in the finisher barn looking for those two pigs," Phillip Waldner of Plainview Colony said.

The colony chose the two hogs out of the 1,000 in the barn at the time.

"We looked at the loin and all that," Waldner said. "What we usually look for is the loins and the hams and the structure of the pig."

Why it matters: Numbers may still be down, but the judge of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair's pork quality competition says that entries this year hit the mark when it comes

to what the industry wants.

The judge had to turn to the fine details to award the reserve grand champion this year. Both Maxwell Colony and Waldheim Colony earned 87 out of 111 points, forcing judge Jason Care to break the tie.

Entry quality was high again this year, Care said. Last year, Care praised the entrants for their ability to anticipate weight change from barn to finished carcass.

"I find that the majority of it is to get the weight down properly—to get the right weight with the right amount of back fat, because a lot of the pigs, I notice when guys are entering, they'll have less back fat," he said. "It's lower than what we want, say, in the industry. What we want to get out there is, for example, like a belly, we want to have that 16- to 17-millimetre back fat because you get the beautiful bacon out of it."

This year, the competition sported large loins and some of the finest marbling Care says he has seen in his 14 years judging pork quality competitions.

"That's something that the industry has been working more, especially genetic companies, but coupled with feed companies, they've increased the amount of marbling



Phillip Waldner of Plainview Colony stands beside his grand champion carcass.

that you get in the meat and it's more preferred. They've found that the meat is much more tender when you have marbling through the loin versus a non-marbled loin," he said.

Five of the 15 entries maxed out their 12 possible marbling points this year, while the largest loin of the competition measured 86 millimetres deep, a size Care described as "staggering."

The show's participation was still down this year. In 2018, the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba reported only 16 entries, down from 29 the year before and below the average 18 to 20 entries the show normally sees, fair co-chair Wayne Buhner said last year. The umbrella organization for Brandon's agricultural fairs (including the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and Ag Ex), the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba, drew 15 entries this year.

Also, in what has become

a standing tradition for the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, winners will only be going home with half of their winnings, with the other half going to a charity of the winners' choice. Last year, Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba general manager Ron Kristjansson estimated that about \$4,300 was headed to charities after the completion.

For Plainview Colony, that money will once again go to Moosomin's Southeast Integrated Care Centre.

"Moosomin is our town and we do all of our doctoring, everything, back in Moosomin," Waldner said. "This is our hospital where our family doctors are."

Hospitals were a popular choice among entrants. Of the top five, three participants chose a hospital to receive half their winnings, while Waldheim Colony, which earned both third and fourth place, named Union Gospel Mission.

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# Valley View Hotel fire will be big loss to Tantallon

BY KARA KINNA

The business at the heart of the community of Tantallon—the Valley View Hotel—has completely burned to the ground.

The fire started some time late at night or in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 25. Owner Kyle Brule says he got a call from a village resident at around 2:30 am Thursday. By the time he got there, a large part of the building was up in flames, and the Rocanville Fire Department arrived shortly after.

"I locked up just before 11 and came home and got a call from another local in town around 2:30 this morning. He phoned and he said you could see flames out the roof. By the time I got there, the older part of the building was up in flames," says Brule.

"I went over to the closest house to make sure they were up and moving, and by then the fire department was coming.

"It's a complete loss. It's rubble right to the ground. When the fire department got there, they just told me they were going to try to contain the fire from spreading more than anything, that they wouldn't be able to save the building."

## Fighting the Fire

The Rocanville Fire Department responded to the fire, taking the call at around 2:20 a.m. said Fire Chief Owen Wilson.

"When we showed up it was completely engulfed," he says. "When it's at that point, especially when it's a tin building and you aren't able to rip the tin off, it's an uphill climb trying to put that fire out.

"When we showed up, it was mostly just making sure nothing else starts burning. The way the wind was blowing, it was blowing all the embers and ashes across the road into a dry grassy field, so we kept a pretty close eye on that. There was a house trailer right behind the bar too, so we just kept an eye and made sure nobody got hurt or there was no property damage.

"The way there were ashes and sparks flying across the road, it was a total crapshoot. We were hoping it wouldn't light that grass up, but with it as dry as it's been lately, you never know."

Wilson says they used their quick attack foam truck to spray down the grassy field with foam as a preventative measure.



The Rocanville Fire Department battling the blaze at the Valley View Hotel, left, and a photo of the business engulfed in flames, right.

The fire department had to use a trackhoe on the building to contain the fire and to put it out.

"It started collapsing down into itself. To peel away some of the tin we got a trackhoe in and picked away at it a little bit and doused as much as we could."

The fire department got back to the Rocanville fire hall at around 8 am, and a fire inspector came out on Thursday afternoon to see if he could determine the cause of the blaze.

"We sifted through some of the stuff and he looked around, and with the trackhoe in there tossing the tin around and the amount of damage, he wasn't able to come up with any definitive cause of the fire," says Wilson. "Right now it's still labelled as undetermined."

## The heart of the village

The Valley View Hotel was a bar and restaurant located in the heart of the village of Tantallon, nestled at the bottom of the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley. The business was a popular gathering spot, not only for locals, but for people around Saskatchewan and Manitoba. People came from hours away to go to the Valley View, and the business was a popular spot for snowmobilers and quadders to

stop and refresh on their way through the Qu'Appelle Valley.

The Valley View was especially popular on Thursday night wing nights and on Saturday night steak nights, often drawing hundreds of people.

"It's a major attraction," says Brule. "It's a scenic route. People come down with quads, with skidoos—you name it. Sunday drivers just out for a tour looking at the valley stop in for a meal. We've always had a major gathering on wing nights, it was always full. And steak nights as well.

"It was a gathering place for everything, from wedding receptions to funerals.

"We had a lot of town history with pictures on the walls, but they are all gone now.

"On a busy wing night, we could have a couple hundred come through. We would sell anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 wings on a busy Thursday night.

"With the village only having roughly 100 people, Main Street would be rows and rows of cars all the way along on busy nights, and then same in the winter with skidoos, there would be rows and rows of skidoos parked outside, and with quads, the same thing."

What was it that people loved so much?

"It had its own atmosphere, its own little aura," says Brule. "I don't know how many bar owners can ask when's the last time they had a fight in your bar. It was always just a happy place to go. We had the family dining so kids could come in, people could bring their kids for a meal, for a night out."

The older part of the building dates to around the 1930s, and an addition was built in the early 2000s. Brule bought the business in September of 2006. He says it's been a great way to make a living.

"It's a good living for me. And it's good for the community, and it brings everyone from all over down here," he says.

"My parents, years ago, always talked about owning a bar, and when it came that I was able to purchase one, I asked mom if she'd want to do it with me a little bit, and that's kind of what started it. The previous owner who owned it before, he also owns West End Resort, and I was working for him there running a store at the resort for him and when the bar came available we kind of worked out a deal and that was it.

"And then once I got here, it's a nice place to live, it's a great great community, great support, I can't ask for better."

Brule says it's far too early to

tell if he'll be able to rebuild.

"I'm dealing with my insurance right now. I do have insurance, but I'm not sure what will be covered and how that will work, or if it's feasible to rebuild. It's an option, but it's a little early to tell what can be done."

On Thursday afternoon, he says the tragedy of the fire was still sinking in.

"It's just been a long day," he said. "I've been on the phone most of the day and answering a lot of texts."

## Village will feel the loss

Tantallon Mayor Jim Johnson says the loss of the Valley View Hotel is going to hit the village hard.

"I've got a feeling it's going to be kind of devastating really," he said Thursday. "It was the meeting place for everything. They had birthday parties, everything. It's the hub of the community—or was. There's not much left now.

"It's a big deal. There won't be any wing night tonight. Thursday is wing night and that's probably the most activity this town has. It's always Thursdays and the streets are packed. Thursday night is wing night, Saturday night was the steak special, and a lot of different things happened here at the bar.

"It draws people from all over. On long weekends, if people could come on Thursday, they'd be coming from all over. The people that are originally from here would come and they'd try to gather for wing night or steak night on Saturdays, but it draws from a big big area. And we are close to Manitoba, so you'd see a lot of Manitoba cars. From Moosomin there are a lot of people who come. It's a large area it draws from.

"It will be a big blow to the town. It just seems to be that's where everyone gathered. It's going to be quite a blow, it's going to change things in the village for sure. It's hard enough keeping things alive here. That's a drawing card that's going to be gone.

"We are close to the bar where I live here and you'd look down and there would be people outside lined up waiting to get in, to get a seat.

"Between quadding and snowmobiling there were always people stopped—we've even had several horses tied up outside at the hitching rail there."







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Ray Boutin, left, presents a lifetime achievement award to Mabel Parobec, center, and her son George, right, at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday. The award was presented for the Parobec family's 56 year commitment to serving their communities by operating six theatres, including four drive-in theatres.

## Lifetime achievement award presented to Mabel Parobec

BY KARA KINNA

A special presentation was made to long-time Moosomin resident Mabel Parobec on April 23 in recognition of her and her family's contribution to the local area over the last 56 years by building and operating six theatres, including four drive-in theatres, in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The award was presented at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting, and was presented by Ray Boutin, who is the current owner of the Prairie Dog Drive-in at Carlyle. It was accepted by Mabel and her son George, who came from Winnipeg for the presentation.

Boutin said Mabel and her family made life a little bit brighter in the communities they served with their theatres and drive-ins.

"We promote happiness...!! That was the slogan you could once find on the movie show bills of the Cinema IV Drive-in Theatre in Moosomin, The Kenpar Cinema in Carlyle and the Parview Cinema in Shoal Lake, Manitoba," he told the crowd at the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

"My name is Ray Boutin from Carlyle, and as well as working in Real Estate with Performance Realty, my family and I also have the pleasure of operating the Prairie Dog Drive-in Theatre seasonally, from May to September for the last 22 years.

"This privilege was afforded to us by the Parobec family whom today, I'm pleased to say, are here with us and represented by Mabel and her son George.

"The Parobec family have made their mark in motion picture land and made great contributions to raising the quality of life in the communities they served.

"It all started back in 1956. At that time Evans Parobec, an enterprising young man who had attained his barber's papers, had established a pool hall and barber shop in Angusville, Manitoba. Evans and his young supportive bride and business associate Mabel then made a trade for the indoor theatre in Preeceville, Sask. Away they went. I can imagine and hear Evans saying 'c'mon Mabel there's no business like show business!'

"For the next five years they operated in Preeceville and honed their skills in the entertainment business. In 1961, they acquired the Birtle, Manitoba indoor theatre and I think a plan was underway,

because it wasn't much longer the enterprising couple, the Evans and Mabel duo, had built their first drive-in theatre, the Windy Acres drive-in theatre in Russell, Manitoba.

"By this time Evans had acquired his pilot's licence and I imagine he was scouting out new locations from the air, because before you know it the Cinema IV Theatre appeared on the landscape right here in ole Moosomin, with the screen still standing firm.

"Things were going well but winters were long... Evans and Mabel then unveiled plans to build two more drive-ins, one in Shoal Lake, Manitoba and one in Carlyle, Sask.

"In 1981, April 18th, the Kenpar Cinema screen was lit up with the opening feature of 'The Champ' and so did The Parview Cinema in Shoal Lake, Manitoba a short while later.

"They endured lots and lots of late nights, moved tons of popcorn, and Mabel's famous hand-made burgers and super loaded cheese dogs were enjoyed by many.

"So to recap, in the course of 56 years the Parobec Family operated six theatres and built four drive-in theatres.

"Hats off and accolades to Mabel and her family. Someone from Hollywood should really get her an Academy Award ...

"But today as a small token of appreciation—we'd like to offer Mabel a luxury cruise on beautiful Kenosee Lake and this Lifetime Achievement Award. And because you have indeed promoted happiness by enhancing the quality of life in the communities you served, please join me every one for a standing ovation, as a tribute to Mabel and her family.

"Dear Mabel, you are a great friend and we are very appreciative that you afforded us the opportunity to continue with the business you started in Carlyle. Your encouragement and friendship over the years has been most helpful and has played a part in keeping our wheels in motion.

"I do believe that both you and Evans and my mom and dad no doubt imparted the spirit and spark of entrepreneurship which seemed to be the calling which I answered to and do enjoy.

"Thanks Mabel for promoting happiness! God bless you and yours."



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# Sask Association of Watersheds AGM held in Moosomin



People at the SAW conference touring Moosomin Dam as part of the Moosomin Lake tour.

BY KARA KINNA  
The Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW) held their Annual General Meeting in Moosomin from April 15-17. The three-day conference featured speakers on a number of topics such as availability of water on the Canadian prairies, the impact of agriculture on surface water and groundwater resources, and farming with wetlands.

The conference also included a trade show, a tour of Moosomin Lake, and a banquet with guest speaker Leah Hextall.

As the conference got started, Clinton Molde, Executive Director, Integrated Water Services, with the Water Security Agency, announced that there would be an additional \$1.3 million in funding from the provincial and federal governments that will be dedicated to climate resiliency, with a focus on helping producers with water management projects that take climate change into account.

"I am pleased to announce that the province and federal government are investing an additional \$1.3 million improving climate resiliency in large part in the context of advancing agriculture water management strategy," said Molde. "This funding is being delivered through the Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise Program.

"As a result of this funding, over the next two years, WSA will offer educational workshops on the strategy for up to 2,500 producers. The workshops will help producers incorporate climate change and mitigation strategies into the design of agriculture water management projects.

"This funding will also be used to accelerate and strengthen the qualified persons training to build additional capacity in every region of the province.

"I understand we've already commenced preliminary discussions with your organization on your po-

tential participation to implement these initiatives.

"The final component of the new funding will work to support communities at high risk to develop drought response plans for municipal water supplies while addressing existing hazards and vulnerabilities as well as future climate change projections. Like water, all work is connected."

Also during the conference, the Watershed Stewardship Award was presented during the banquet. This year's award went to Federated Co-op for its co-op refinery complex wastewater improvement project at the refinery in Regina.

"The purpose of the Watershed Stewardship Award is to recognize an individual, group of people, organization, business or agency that have emulated the leadership and commitment to the protection and enhancement of Saskatchewan's source waters," said Paul Rybka with the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council presenting the award on behalf of SAW.

"The Co-op Refinery Complex (CRC) strives to be a leader in environmental compliance and works with industry partners to maintain and set new standards.

"In order to fuel tomorrow, the Co-op Refinery Complex has a responsibility to be a leader today. They built on that mandate in 2016 when its Wastewater Improvement Project (WIP) officially went online.

"After more than a \$200 million investment, the environmental mega project gives the refinery the capability of reusing its wastewater for the purpose of steam production—the only refinery in North America with that capability. It is on the leading edge of environmental sustainability within the oil-refining industry.

"The project implements a multi-stage process that includes special carbon eating bacteria, and a high

efficiency reverse osmosis system that ensures the water is of the highest quality and able to be reused for steam production.

"The wastewater project has many benefits for both CRC and the community. The WIP will clean and recycle more than two million gallons of wastewater per day or the equivalent of 3,100 households in the City of Regina, freeing up valuable fresh water resources for the community and the province.

"WIP will also significantly reduce the Refinery's volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from its wastewater facilities to further reduce the refinery's environmental footprint and help eliminate the nuisance odors, thereby benefiting the residential neighborhoods near the refinery.

"Finally, the Refinery will become a zero discharge facility during regular refinery operations,



The Water Stewardship Award being presented to Federated Co-op for its wastewater improvement project at the co-op refinery. From left are Paul Rybka with the North Saskatchewan River Basin Council presenting the award on behalf of SAW, Gil Le Dressay, VP of Refinery Operations, Bruce Eastuke, Unit Operations Advisor, and David Sloan with the Wascana Upper Qu'Appelle Water Stewards who nominated Federated Co-op for the award.

freeing up capacity in the city's municipal effluent system for future growth."

One-thousand dollars was also raised for STARS by the SAW conference. In lieu of thank you cards and

gifts for the speakers, a donation was made to STARS for each speaker, with the amount coming to \$750. The winner of the Watershed Stewardship Award also receives \$200, but

Federated Co-op decided to donate that money to STARS as well, bringing the total to \$950. Another \$50 was added to make it an even \$1,000 donation to STARS.



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# New Pipestone Hills clubhouse is open

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
The Pipestone Hills Golf Club's new clubhouse is now open after two years of fundraising and hard work.

The golf club purchased the former Tourism Saskatchewan Building from the provincial government and moved it from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border to the golf course, nestled in the Pipestone Valley just south of Moosomin, and built a large addition on the north side of the building, and lots of decking.

The former tourism building includes washrooms and the kitchen, and the addition includes the seating area.

Pat McDonald of the fundraising committee said everything was done to keep the costs as low as possible.

"This is a \$500,000 building. We have over \$100,000 of volunteer work in it, we bought the tourist booth for \$1, so we were able to build a great clubhouse on a reasonable budget," he says. "A lot of the volunteer work was members coming out and helping out. A lot of the tradespeople would come out and do their work and donate some back—there was a lot of that. The \$100,000 is hours that we know members were out here volunteering, non-tradespeople, so the trades' donations are on top of that. The tradespeople were all good. They all made a donation of some sort."

"Everything we could

repurpose from the old building, we did, so we are moving over some of the kitchen equipment," he said.

What could be reused from the old building is being reused, and some items are being contributed to other local groups. Bathroom fixtures from the old clubhouse have been donated to the Moosomin Generals for their dressing room project.

"We're really happy with how it turned out," said McDonald while looking over the clubhouse. "There were no corners cut. It's going to be turn-key, there's nothing left to do."

He said reviews have been positive so far.

"We've heard all positive comments. We heard a lot of 'Oh, wow, this is not what we expected.' We haven't had a lot of people who have seen the finished product, but the people who have come in have really been impressed."

One change during construction was making the addition a little larger. "From the original plan, we added an extra 10 feet on," says McDonald. "We wanted to make it big enough for some of the things people are asking about. We've been asked about weddings, we've been asked about suppers. Adding 10 feet onto the end of the building was a minimal cost but gives us more room. We're glad we've got the extra space. We've got the parks and rec awards and the windup for the NHL draft, that should



Above: The front of the new clubhouse.



Above right: The deck on the new clubhouse. Right: The main seating area.



bring a lot of people out." Fundraising has gone well so far.

"We're over \$150,000 in fundraising. We took the mortgage out for \$375,000 and we've made our first payment on the mortgage."

"The Sportsmen's Dinner last year brought in \$75,000, but a lot of that was in promissory notes. When we do our grand opening a lot of those will be coming through as cheques. We're doing the \$10,000 lottery as well. The idea of the lottery is we can make enough money on the lottery to pay the mortgage, and then any other fundraising we do will pay down the capital and help us pay it off sooner."

"If we sell out the lottery, we will make \$38,250."

The grand opening is set for the weekend of June 14 and 15.

"We will have the Parks and Rec event on June 14, they're presenting awards," said McDonald.

"We're winning one of the awards for this project. That will bring out a lot of people, and closing out the Friday will be the hockey draft fundraiser."

"Saturday will be a Texas Scramble golf tournament for anyone who wants to come out. That will be free golf. We're going to put a meal on, and that will be free. We're going to have all the people who made donations present cheques and get some recognition."

McDonald said it's a great feeling to see the finished clubhouse ready to move into. "It's amazing," he said. "To look at this building and know we have built this for \$500,000, that's pretty impressive."

The former tourist centre came available just at the right time to make the golf course project a go.

"It's a unique building, it's got the aesthetics, it's got some history. The building was \$1, moving it here was \$30,000, the base-

ment was \$20,000, so this part of the building cost us \$50,000 and there's a lot of value in it."

"To get to this point, it has been countless, countless volunteer hours," says Ferrell Horn, another member of the committee. "We were looking at doing something, and the tourist building came up just at the right time. The parts that were expensive, the bathrooms, were already in here."

"It's a great asset for the town. The town was a great help in getting this, and with a facility like this we can accommodate more

tournaments.

"We're hoping it will attract people who haven't been here before—golfers and just people coming to eat and enjoy the valley. It has so much natural beauty. If people just want to come out and enjoy a coffee and the valley and the sun, or come out for breakfast, they're very welcome. We've been asked about weddings and meetings and events like that, and I think there's a lot of potential to host events like that in this facility."

The new clubhouse officially opened on Wednesday, May 1.



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# Stench of corruption and ineptitude hangs over Norman case

The collapse of the criminal trial against Vice-Admiral Mark Norman has the clinging stench of political corruption all over it.

Staggering on its last legs, the Crown—after a relentless assault from defence lawyer Marie Henein—predictably abandoned its breach of trust case against Norman, the former head of the Royal Canadian Navy and second in command of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Run out of his office, criminally charged and his name dragged through the mud, Vice-Admiral Norman was the convenient scapegoat for some politicians and political apparatchiks looking for a fall guy.

While Norman's legal team commended the Crown for exercising its discretion to drop the case "unimpacted by any political considerations", the redoubtable Ms. Henein made it clear that both Trudeau's Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Privy Council Office (PCO) were responsible for not disclosing documents that would have resulted in charges being dropped earlier. And, she said, that the PMO had counselled witnesses on what they could or could not say at trial.

This affair was dodgy from the beginning. Days after Trudeau's 2015 election, the Cabinet decided to delay the signing off of a decision made earlier that year by the Stephen Harper government to award a ship refitting contract to a Quebec company, Davie Shipbuilding. In part, this stemmed from a New Brunswick competitor of Davie wanting the Liberals to reconsider the deal.

When news of the Cabinet meddling was leaked, an embarrassed PM backed down. But he and the PCO wanted an example made and they sent in the RCMP.

After an investigation that included the Navy's Commanding Officer being "suspended" and the RCMP



John Gormley

raiding Norman's house, a year later he was criminally charged with "breaching his duties as a public office holder" for allegedly tipping off Davie and others to the Cabinet shenanigans.

From the start, even if the head of the navy communicated with a company that thought it had a shipbuilding contract, this was hardly illegal. And, for a breach of trust to be proven, Norman would have to have intended himself to derive a personal benefit.

Over the past year, defence lawyer Henein shredded the Crown's case, even discovering that the Chief of Defence Staff, General Jon Vance, took not a single note in numerous meetings with the RCMP, security officials, the Defence Minister, military brass, deputy ministers, and the notorious troika well known from the SNC-Lavalin scandal, PCO Clerk Michael Wernick, Trudeau "mastermind" Gerry Butts and the PM's Chief of Staff Katie Telford.

Related, a General bragged how code words were used in certain meetings so that key words like "Norman" would never appear in Court-ordered database searches.

Nearly as despicable as these attempts to obstruct justice was the government choosing not to pay Norman's legal fees, even though the entire case arose directly from his

employment. Within minutes of the prosecutors throwing in the towel, Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan bumbled his way through a scripted statement that Norman's legal fees would, after all, be paid by the government because "of the decision that has been made today."

For a Prime Minister who regularly apologizes for wrongdoings done by others and weeps on cue, the very least a decent man would do is apologize to Vice Admiral Norman for the harm done to his career, his family and reputation.

Better democracies than ours would already have House and Senate Committees preparing hearings to ask some tough questions. By now, subpoenas would already be in the hands of Vance, Wernick, Butts and Telford, among others.

But, given the ineptitude and corruption that seem to hang over this Prime Minister and all he touches, don't hold your breath waiting for answers.

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Moore shooting at a Langenburg outdoor 3D shoot last September.



Moore with some of the other national medalists from Team Sask.

# Moore a second-time gold medalist

BY DONNA BEUTLER

Spy Hill-area resident Lacey Moore has taken her love of archery to the national level where she has won gold two years in a row in women's compound archery.

Moore, 33, is a contract and risk lawyer who spends her off-time practising with her compound bow and competing in various archery competitions around Saskatchewan.

Moore grew up in the Spy Hill area where she really enjoyed hunting. She spent several years in the Ottawa area before moving 'back home' about four years ago.

As a hunter, Moore really wanted to extend the season, and by taking up bow hunting, she could do exactly that. Moore generally hunts deer and turkey with her bow.

"It keeps me active," Moore said of her chosen sport. It's one that sees her on the road to various competitions for much of the year from January through September.

"I started about 10 years ago and did it as hunting and then progressed from hunting to wanting to do something all year around. Competitively I've been shooting the past three years.

"First I started to do it just hunting because the hunting season was longer and it allowed me to sit in a tree stand and I did a lot of schoolwork, reading my text books. It was a way to just to be away—it's quiet and peaceful.

"And then competitively, the indoor allowed me to do it through the winter. I've always been really busy with travel with work. It's a solo sport so you don't have to rely on a team, so it was something to get me through the winter. It's a very relaxing sport. It's a nice way to relax.

"From January to April, I compete at indoor competitions and from May to the end of September, I compete at outdoor ones," Moore said of the one- and two-day weekend competitions she attends.

Moore competes in the Compound Fixed Pin category. Other compound bow categories include an open division and a hunter division.

"Indoor competitions have a very controlled environment," Moore said, "and the lighting in buildings like arenas can throw you off." As for the outdoor competitions, the wind can be a challenge.

"Last year at provincials in Regina, there were 75-kilometre-an-hour winds," Moore said.

"Outdoor competitions are more fun and they often include hills and other challenges."

Moore said indoor competitions have targets set up on pallets in order to make it as challenging as possible.

Moore explained the Compound Fixed Pin category, describing the modern archery bow as "a bow that uses a levering system, usually of cables and pulleys, to bend the limbs."

Moore says the fixed pin sights are fixed in place and cannot be moved during competition. This particular class also allows a levelling device placed on the sight and a stabilizer to help counterbalance the bow weight.

Moore was in Brandon, Manitoba April 27-28 where she competed in the 15th Annual Indoor 3D Archery Canadian Championships hosted by the Carberry Archery Club.

According to Moore, there were 200 archers "taking aim at a chance of taking home a medal." At the end of the championships, Moore said, "Only 30 new national titlists were crowned."

Only four of the 30 archers at the Brandon competition successfully defended their national titles from 2018, Moore being one of them.

Moore says she didn't really think about the fact that she had won the national title two years in a row.

"I didn't really think about it that way. It's humbling, but it was more that this time when I won it, it was more of a challenge," she says. "Last year it was easier to win, this year I only earned gold by two points, it was a very close race. The challenge was awesome, and the equipment I used to shoot—I could have shot in a different class, but I chose to stay in the same one as I did last year. I chose to stay in it just to challenge myself, to shoot against some better archers with a little bit more technical equipment than I shoot with. It's more of a challenge and it makes it more exciting.

"You shoot three rounds with the same group of people and they were a great group of women to shoot with. It could have gone either way."

Moore says archers who shoot at the national level generally know what they are doing already, but that some coaching can be helpful leading up to a national event. Moore takes advantage of some coaching to help her get ready.

"Some people get coaches. I will train with a coach a few times coming up to the competition just to make sure my form is right," she says. "Usually people at that level know the forms, know how they have to stand, so they are past the point where they get a lot of direction. But it's still really nice to have the support of a coach."

"Me, I just try to squeeze it in when I can. If I'm home I will go to Moose Jaw, and my person that I use is called Tyler Moore. He's really great at helping me with making sure my bow is in tune and making sure I'm doing the right postures and breathing."

"My dad is also my biggest supporter and coach. He comes with me to every competition—Grant Moore is his name. He's really good. He'll stand there and pick apart how I'm standing or breathing, or he calms me down when I need to be calmed down. He comes to every competition that I go in."

Moore says the sport of 3D archery has been a rapidly growing sport across Canada.

"3D archery means shooting at life-like three dimensional animal-shaped targets," Moore explained.

"The targets are placed in dynamic settings and at varying distances. It is a fun and challenging sport in which competitors must gauge the distance to the target and adjust their aim to hit the centre of the scoring rings on the target with the goal to achieve the highest possible score for the course."

And with the challenge of hitting those targets at random locations of between 10 and 50 yards, Moore will keep practising her skill and will keep on competing at provincial and national levels.

Moore is also a volunteer and a coach at the Langenburg Archery Club—something that she and four other people got started about a year and a half ago.

She says there is a ton of interest from kids in the sport—and they aren't always the same kind of kids who are into team sports like hockey that require a lot of travel time.

"The first time we ran a course to teach kids, we had 30-some kids and we had to turn away other ones. It was kids who a lot of them weren't in other things," she says. "It's calming, it's relaxing, it shows them focus, and can be dangerous, so it requires a lot of obedience as well."

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# Sask, Man farmland values continue to rise

**SE Sask values up 1.7 per cent to average \$1,739 per acre (south of Qu'Appelle Valley)**  
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Average farmland value in Canada continued its steady climb in 2018, driven by fewer, but more strategic investments by producers.

"With the steady rise in farmland values, producers are making more strategic investments," according to J.P. Gervais, chief agricultural economist for Farm Credit Canada (FCC). "Whether it means paying a higher price for land that has potential to be more productive or buying in blocks to improve the efficiency of their operations, producers are sharpening their pencils with an eye on variable commodity prices."

The average value of Canadian farmland increased 6.6 per cent in 2018, following gains of 8.4 per cent in 2017 and 7.9 per cent in 2016, according to FCC's 2018 Farmland Values Report.

In Saskatchewan, average farmland values increased by 7.4 per cent in 2018, following gains of 10.2 per cent in 2017 and 7.5 per cent in 2016.

In all provinces, except for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador, average farmland values increased.

Quebec experienced the highest average increase at 8.3 per cent, followed by Saskatchewan and Alberta, both at 7.4 per cent, and British Columbia at 6.7 per cent.

The rest of the provinces were below the national average with Prince Edward Island's average increase at 4.2 per cent, Manitoba at 3.7 per cent, Ontario at 3.6 per cent and New Brunswick at 1.8 per cent.

Nova Scotia recorded a decrease of 4.9 per cent in average farmland values, while Newfoundland and Labrador did not have enough publicly reported transactions to fully assess farmland values.

Although average farmland values have increased every year since 1993, recent increases are less pronounced than the 2011-2015 period that recorded significant average farmland value increases in many different regions.

Gervais said fewer land transactions in 2018 is consistent with a tight supply of land available for sale and a softening in demand, which is a reflection of farm income levelling off, variable commodity prices and rising borrowing costs. Farm operators need

to exercise caution, especially in regions where the growth rate of farmland values significantly exceeded that of farm income in recent years. At the same time, there is still a strong business case for buying more land, but not without carefully weighing the risks and rewards, he said.

"There was a strong demand from producers for lower-valued land, which explains part of the average value increase recorded in some regions," Gervais said.

"It's a strategic investment that can pay off if the operation is able to extract more from that land and improve its overall efficiency."

FCC's Farmland Values Report highlights average changes in farmland values—regionally, provincially and nationally. This year's report describes changes from January 1 to December 31, 2018 and provides a value range in terms of price per acre.

The pace of increase in farmland values slowed in 2018 at the national level. This is also true at the provincial level, with British Columbia the only province bucking the trend. There, the increase in land

values was significantly stronger than last year.

There was a noticeable trend in 2018 land transactions: in many regions, lower-valued farmland recorded higher-percentage increases than the land with above-average values. These subtle patterns tell a story about price trends that a simple average can't account for.

Many have cautioned about the effects of a limited supply of farmland, a fact that contributed to fewer 2018 transactions, and higher average prices.

Supply is critical to land values. However, the two most significant drivers of those values are farm income and interest rates.

Farm cash receipts declined 1% in 2018, which, coupled with higher farm expenses, led to a decline in net income. Interest rates climbed in 2018 with an average gain of 75 basis points. Softer income and higher borrowing costs usually weaken the demand for land more than what shows up in the stats for last year. The unusually strong demand may have been prompted by the need for efficiency gains made possible by adding acres, especially of less expensive

farmland.

The report also shows no two regions are alike.

The importance of local trends in land supply, farm income and interest rates shows up clearly in the value of land transactions at the regional level. Of the 51 regions reported in the FCC study, eight regions recorded an average annual increase of more than 10%. At the other end of the spectrum, eight regions showed little or no annual change. Four regions in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick recorded a decline.

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# Strip-grazing underutilized but effective

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN  
Strip-grazing gets the most mileage out of a forage stand, but it can come at a cost of time and labour. Annual crops or perennials are options for strip-

grazing, a technique that allows farmers to provide their livestock fresh vegetation by moving temporary fences every few hours or days, says Saskatchewan's Lorne Klein.

"You can almost eliminate trampling loss and get the most number of cow days per acre," says the provincial range management extension specialist.

Other advantages include uniform manure distribution across fields, and increased ability to manage animal health risks when grazing alternative forages, such as annuals and cover crops, says Ontario's forage and grazing specialist, Christine O'Reilly.

She explains strip-grazing is most commonly used for livestock requiring high quality forage to maintain production, such as lactating dairy cows—most typically on organic farms—and grass-finished beef cattle.

Time and labour are strip-grazing's main drawbacks.

Strip-grazing often requires a moveable water system, which can come with implementation chal-



lenges, says O'Reilly.

"Water wagons are a common solution, though they are often labour-intensive. In fields where infrastructure can be left in place, some producers run a water line with quick connection points all along it," she says.

Not moving the water could see animals trample over previously grazed ground to reach a water source, resulting in pasture not getting the rest it needs, Klein points out.

O'Reilly says livestock

should be moved at least once every three days, the frequency being partly determined on strip size.

"Depending on the crop, the livestock, and the manager's goals, they may move more frequently," she adds.

Technology can reduce the amount of time farmers spend on fence moving.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada research biologist John Duynisveld notes automatic gate release timers allow farmers

the flexibility to open gates whenever they choose without having to be there.

"Strip-grazing is the best technique for grazing cover crops and standing corn, so as these practices are adopted the use of strip-grazing increases," O'Reilly says.

Klein, however, rarely observes strip-grazing utilization, and believes it probably pays off best in the case of large herds.

Duynisveld adds the adoption rate of grazing management in general is low. He thinks part of that reflects farmers' reluctance on spending the time necessary, but also possibly on mistakes committed by first-timers.

Strip-grazing is a top technique in providing fresh plants to livestock. Technology can ease implementation it also takes time and repeat attempts to fine-tune the practice, specialists say.

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Layne McFarlane speaking to a full house at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting last week.

## McFarlane gives update on Living Skies Come Alive

BY KARA KINNA

There was lots on the agenda at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting April 23.

Layne McFarlane gave a presentation to Chamber members about the upcoming Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition at Moosomin Lake on the August long weekend. This is the 10th year for the fireworks competition, and this will be the third year as an international competition, with Canada competing against the Philippines this year.

Last year it was Canada versus the U.S. and the year before it was Canada versus China.

"The event was started very small and gradually grew to be a Regina vs Winnipeg competition," said McFarlane. "Two years ago it became an international competition with China and then the USA last year.

"China was the first international competition for fireworks in Saskatchewan."

McFarlane gave kudos to Peter Palmer with Canfire out of Winnipeg. Palmer competes as the Canadian competitor every year and helps arrange all the visas and permits for the foreign fireworks companies coming to the competition. He also provides staff for the event.

"We've tried to expand the event," adds McFarlane. "It isn't just the fireworks, there are events all weekend long."

He said this year there will be bands performing both nights, and something new will be axe throwing from 1-7 pm on Saturday. There will also be food vendors, kids games, bounce tents, and bumper cars.

He said the local Filipino community will be helping out this year, as their country is one of the competitors.

He says the committee organizing the event estimates the economic impact has been huge over the years. The last two years have had the highest paid attendance, with the China-Canada competition bringing in 12,500 people and the Canada-USA competition bringing

in 9,500 people. He pointed out there was economic spinoff for local businesses in the area.

The event is a fundraiser for Moosomin Regional Park and McFarlane said they estimate the fireworks have brought in \$450,000 to date.

"We've always said that's toward our water plant. It's been completed this last year and came in around \$640,000 so have a way to go yet."

McFarlane said there is always a risk putting on a show of this magnitude each year.

"Our estimated cost going in is \$140,000, and like farmers we hope for good weather and try to manage the risk as best we can given it's an outdoor event."

"But these events only happen with the support of business owners like you—we really appreciate it—and volunteers. When you are bring in that many people and cars it is huge.

"It takes a lot of different people in a lot of different ways to make this work for our community."

McFarlane said parking is always a struggle for the committee, as many volunteers are needed to manage the traffic coming into the park, as well as for other jobs each year.

He closed by saying that the fireworks show has helped to put Moosomin on the map, as people from around the province and other parts of Canada know about the town from the competition, and from other big events that town has hosted over the years.

McFarlane said it was important to recognize the committee members who make this huge event happen every year: Chris Davidson, Larry Tomlinson, Laurie Renneberg, Louis and Karen Hebert, Wayne Beckett, Peter Currie, Rick Beckett, Rob Hanson, Bob Mullett, and himself, Layne McFarlane.

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# Elkhorn Elks celebrate 65th Anniversary



Some of the club's long-time members about to cut the cake. Left to right are Gerry Gatey, Rosie Bartley, Bob Thomson and Hartly Oppner.

BY ED JAMES

Like community volunteers, community service clubs are a very important part of Canadian society. As a general rule, these service clubs start local community projects, help those in need and help to improve the quality of life in communities both small and large. Such is the case with the Elkhorn Elks/Royal Purple Club #381 who have been an active part of Elkhorn since 1954.

The club recently held a 65th anniversary celebration in its facility in the village of Elkhorn. The evening events included a banquet, live and silent auctions, a display of club

memorabilia, a celebration of the club's accomplishments, memories of past members and a listing of past club leaders and a look to the future! The event brought members from all over southwest Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan.

The MC for the evening was club leader Kevin Tutthill who, after welcoming everyone, gave a brief talk on the club that over the years has become a big part of the Elkhorn and area community. Thanking the many past members of the club for their work in the club, he added that the club has been active not only on a local level but has been

an active supporter of the club's national projects. The evening, he said, is about the club looking back and looking forward!

Grace for the dinner was given by member Chance Toder, with the meal catered by the Kliever family. Following the meal there was a special 65th anniversary cake cutting. The cake was cut by several of the club's longtime members.

There were a number of toasts given, a thanks to those who worked the banquet that evening and a special remembrance of some of the club's recently deceased members that included the late Jim Shackel, who was well known

to many Elk's members throughout Canada.

A number of addresses were given by senior Elks Club national and provincial leaders and local politicians, with various recognition plaques and certification presented.

One of the addresses was given by The Elks of Canada National head, Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Potter, who is from Moosomin. In his address, he said that part of his duties are to visit Elks Clubs across the country. In this capacity he said that he often used the Elkhorn Club as a template or example to show other clubs what a small, active and dedicated club can do for their community. He also said that over the years the Elkhorn club has given \$20,000 to the national club to help in their projects, especially the special hearing hospital that the club supports.

Long service pins were given out and a special live auction to raise money for the children's hearing hospital was held. The guest auctioneer was local politician and big band leader, Mark Humphries, who with a mixture of humor and charm raised over \$2,000 on various items, one being a one-of-a-kind painting by local artist Martin Penfold. In keeping with the Elks/Royal Purple club's tradition, an 11 am service was held where everyone formed a circle, held hands, and sang Auld Lang Syne.

Following this event it would be the end of all the

official events of the evening with the reminder to the members that in October, the Elkhorn Elks will be hosting, the "Rock and Walk For Kids," an event which is the major fundraiser for the Manitoba Elk's Association Children's

Hearing Hospital.

The rest of the evening was given over to St. Lazare chanteuse Julianna Moore, who sang songs by Elvis, Adele and Patsy Cline. People got up onto the dance floor and shared lots of friendship and laughter.

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# Canada's upstream oil and gas sector is in intensive care

Canadian oil and gas companies face major problems, in great part due to government policy.

Legal restrictions on the expansion of pipeline capacity have restricted exports of oil, shrinking profit margins. The subsequent price decline for Western Canada Select oil spurred former Alberta premier Rachel Notley to temporarily reduce the production of raw crude oil and bitumen starting on January 1, 2019.

What's perhaps less appreciated, at least outside oil-producing regions of Canada, is the extent of economic damage to the energy industry due largely to government regulatory and tax policies, as manifested by reduced rates of capital investment in the upstream oil and gas sector (essentially exploration and production) and the increasing abandonment of oil drilling sites.

By way of illustration, as recently as 2014, oil and gas extraction accounted for around 28 per cent of total industry capital expenditures in Canada compared to around 14 per cent in 2018. This decline is particularly striking given that total business investment in Canada in 2018 was around 10 per cent less than 2014 levels.

The consequences for the Canadian economy, and in particular for the provincial economies of Alberta and Saskatchewan, are also perhaps under-appreciated. The oil and gas sector contributes, directly and indirectly, around eight per cent of Canada's gross domestic product (GDP), almost 30 per cent of Alberta's GDP and slightly more than 23 per cent of Saskatchewan's GDP.

## Steven Globerman and Joel Emes

Exploration and production in the oil sands accounts for almost 80 per cent of the oil and gas industry's total capital expenditures.

Obviously, it won't be easy for Alberta to replace the investment and income losses, which are due largely to federal government policies that suppress incentives for maintaining—let alone increasing—economic activity in the upstream oil and gas sector.

Ottawa's policies have been particularly damaging given that deregulation and tax reduction in the United States is helping dramatically improve the investment climate in the U.S. upstream oil and gas sector.

Unsurprisingly, oil and gas companies are moving their exploration and production activities from Canada to the U.S.

For the U.S., that meant capital expenditures in the upstream sector of the industry were around 41 per cent higher in 2018 compared to 2016.

In Canada, they were only about 15 per cent higher. Furthermore, drilling rigs in Canada comprised almost

15.6 per cent of total rigs operating in North America in 2018, a drop from around 20 per cent in 2016.

Numerous industry executives and investment analysts have identified a rapidly worsening competitive position for oil and gas companies doing business in Canada relative to their counterparts in the U.S. One recent survey found that Alberta's overall investment attractiveness declined by almost 21 per cent between 2014 and 2018.

Conversely, major oil exploration and production locations in the U.S., most notably in Texas and New Mexico, were rated more attractive locations for investment in 2018 than in 2014.

In the absence of substantive changes to government policies affecting Canada's upstream oil and gas sector, it's difficult to foresee any abatement of the ongoing relocation of investment to the U.S.

It might well be that Canadian politicians and policy-makers believe this trend to be in the country's best interest given other national priorities, including environmental protection.

In this case, politicians have a moral obligation to inform Canadian voters about the major regional, industrial and occupational readjustments that a continuation of current policies will impose on the economy.

Steven Globerman and Joel Emes are senior fellows at the Fraser Institute.

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## EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY JUNE 4

#### EXHIBITOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

- 6:30 a.m. Morning Golf Registration & Breakfast (exhibitors)  
Sponsored by: Badger Daylighting  
Location: Weyburn Golf Club
- 7:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start - Morning Flight  
Courtesy Rides sponsored by: Baker Hughes
- 12:00 p.m. Exhibitors Brunch & Registration  
Sponsored by: NOV Completions Tools
- 1:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start - Afternoon Flight  
Sponsored by: Baker Hughes

#### 2019 MEET & GREET KICK-OFF SUPPER

- 7:00 p.m. Steak & Lobster Dinner  
Sponsored by: Gilliss Casing Services  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink  
Entertainment: Forget Focal Point Music
- 11:00 P.M. - GROUNDS CLOSE**

### WEDNESDAY JUNE 5

#### OPENING CEREMONIES

- 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies/Chain Cutting with City of Weyburn Mayor Marcel Roy  
Location: Crescent Point Place
- 10:00 A.M. - SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink
- 12:15 p.m. Premier Scott Moe  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink
- 12:30 p.m. 2019 Saskatchewan Oil & Gas Recognition Awards  
Presented by: The Weyburn Oil Show Board  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink

#### GUEST SPEAKER

- 2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: VIVIAN KRAUSE  
Sponsored by: Carson Group & Alchem Energy Services  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink

#### PRIME RIB DINNER

- 7:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by: Finning Canada  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink

#### AWARDS CEREMONY

- 8:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (Saskatchewan & Southeast Oilman of the Year)  
Presented by: The Weyburn Oil Show Board  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink

### THURSDAY JUNE 6

#### SHOW OPENING

- 9:00 A.M. - SHOW OPEN**
- 12:00 p.m. Industry Luncheon  
Location: Weyburn Curling Rink

#### GUEST SPEAKER

- 12:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: REX MURPHY  
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- 3:30 P.M. - GROUNDS CLOSE**

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# Province grants \$275,000 for airport improvements

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
The provincial government will provide \$275,000 for the expansion of Moosomin's airport. A group spearheaded by Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Schalk Van Der Merwe has been securing commitments from municipal governments throughout the region.

So far the municipal contributions and corporate fundraising has brought in \$792,500. With the provincial contribution there is now more than \$1 million earmarked for the airport expansion—\$1,067,500.

The \$275,000 grant is the largest CAP (Community Airport Partnership) grant to any community in Saskatchewan this year, and is the maximum amount that can be provided to any community in one year under the program.

"Our communities and regionally-owned airports provide important transportation infrastructure that support critical services like air ambulance, law enforcement and firefighting," Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr said. "By partnering with municipalities, we're ensuring a network of airports is in place to enhance economic development in sectors like tourism, oil and gas, agriculture and mining."

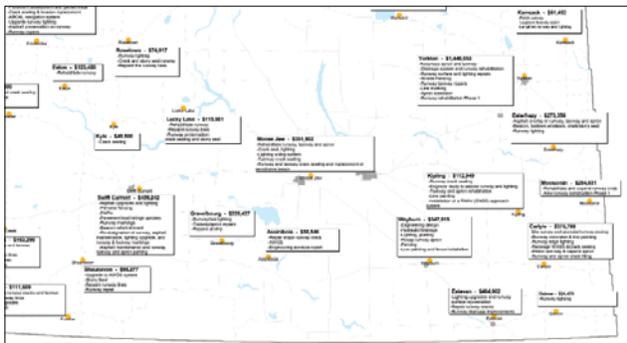
CAP is designed to help offset the capital costs of rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements with grants being cost-shared up to a maximum amount of \$275,000.

"We are very pleased to obtain this CAP grant for improvements and upgrades to our airport facility," said Moosomin Mayor Larry Tomlinson. "Any investment into our local transportation infrastructure is always welcome."

## Gov't impressed

Moosomin MLA Steven Bonk said the government was impressed by the presentation by Moosomin.

"A lot of credit needs to be given to the Moosomin Flying Club, particularly Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Van," Bonk said, "because according to the ministry they put together probably the most detailed and professional submission they have ever received. Every-



Total CAP payments from 2007/08 to 2019/20 in Southeast Sask.

thing was in order, there was a definite need identified. They had done a very detailed cost-benefit analysis, and the application was approved for the maximum amount allowable."

The CAP grant program is continually oversubscribed, as more applications come in each year than there is funding available.

"It is continually oversubscribed," Bonk said. "There is definitely a need in the province for more improvements and enhancements to our airport network. To address that we have increased the funding by 40 per cent in recent years. Like everything in government we have lots of good projects that need help but there are limited financial resources, so we have to be very prudent. This program is important because aviation contributes about two per cent to our GDP, and supports 15,000 jobs. In our area, where we have oil and gas and mining, and tourism and agriculture, it's very important."

"Moosomin's airport expansion is important because of those industries, and it was also important to improve the airport in Moosomin because of the air ambulance."

Bonk said he was pleased to have been able to help with the Moosomin application.

"I met with Jeff St. Onge and Dr. Van prior to the application. I also arranged a meeting with them with the minister of highways and infrastructure, and have been involved in of-

fering assistance any way I could because I believe in this project and I know it will be very good for Moosomin and the surrounding area."

## Grant welcomed

Jeff St. Onge said Friday morning that he was thrilled with the news.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," he said. "I think it speaks to the confidence the province has in the project and the importance of the project. We put in a three-year proposal, and this is year one. It couldn't be better—it literally couldn't be better, this is the maximum they can award. I know there were a lot of applications in there, and for them to award us the maximum absolutely speaks to the relative importance of this in the province."

"We have commitments from the municipalities, we now have a commitment from the provincial government, and we're looking for corporate sponsorships to raise the rest of the money we need."

"Right now we've got enough funding in place that we can go to our corporate community and say this funding is in place, this project is moving forward, and asking how they can help us out."

St. Onge said the grant announcement helps the project move forward.

"We had a meeting with the airport committee on April 29, and we were waiting for the grant to come in to chart out the path moving forward."

"We need to start work-

ing with the landowners if we change the orientation to be in line with the prevailing wind. Then the job is to get the engineers out there, to get the boots on the ground, so we can have an accurate tender. The idea is to start with aggregate hauling over the winter and then the cut and fill and then the pavement."

St. Onge and Dr. Van have spent the last year making presentations on the need for the airport expansion to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, to municipal councils, to the provincial government, and to potential corporate partners.

"Dr. Van and I started our travelling road show just over a year ago, and the plan is to have a runway we can land on by the end of next summer. The government has been very easy to work with. We were in to see Minister Carr and it was a very productive meeting," says St. Onge.

"I think the process went fairly quickly because the need speaks for itself. When you look at the documentation, you see that we need this airport. In this region of the province we have the largest hospital and the smallest airport. There is a correlation between air transportation and the hospital. I do believe that \$275,000 maximum grant speaks to the fact that the government sees the need."

## Approved projects

Airports benefiting from

the CAP program this year include:

- Moosomin - \$275,000 – new runway construction Phase 1;
  - Yorkton - \$257,760 – runway rehabilitation Phase 1.
  - Estevan - \$86,750 – runway drainage improvements;
  - Swift Current - \$55,000 – asphalt maintenance and runway, taxiway, and apron painting;
  - Humboldt - \$36,500 – runway repairs and replacement of the Nondirectional Radio Beacon system with a GPS approach;
  - Maple Creek - \$27,000 – runway repairs;
  - Birch Hills - \$17,500 – replace and repair runway and apron lights;
  - Kipling - \$6,650 – installation of a RNAV (GNSS) approach system;
  - Kindersley - \$4,000 – runway repairs.
- "As we like to say—a mile of highway gets you

a mile down the road; a mile of runway gets you the world," Saskatchewan Aviation Council President Janet Keim said. "Our communities realize the tremendous value of their airports in both social and economic growth benefits and this program assists in important capital reinvestment opportunities."

Since 2007, more than \$7 million has been invested in community airports and, coupled with 50-50 matching community contributions, the program has generated about \$14 million in airport improvements. A total of 36 different communities have benefited from the program since its inception.

The Moosomin Kinsmen Club is planning a fundraiser for the airport improvement project June 8, including a supper and a performance by hypnotist Blacksalt.



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