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Holloway sets new team record with Ice Caps

Wapella's Bud Hollo-ay has just finished his way has just mished his most recent hockey season, which he spent playing with the AHL's St. John's Ice Caps. Before being signed to the Ice Caps, Hol-loway spent four seasons in Europe, playing in Sweden and Switzerland.

and Switzerland.
Holloway set a new team record in single season points this season playing with the Ice Caps, with a record of 19 goals and 42 assists for a total of 61 points in 70 games.

His 61 points also brake

In /U games.
His 61 points also broke
the IceCaps franchise record for single-season
points, which was previously held by Jason Jaffray,
at 59. Holloway finished at 39. Holloway infinited sth in AHL scoring, mak-ing him the only IceCap to appear in the top 30. While he was on the ice, St.John's controlled 58 per cent of the

With the season wrap-ping up, Holloway is now a free agent.

He says he enjoyed his

He says he enjoyed his season with the Ice Caps.
"We played over 500 in hockey but it was kind of tough to put out a strong line up every night, we had guys going out to Montreal and stuff like that. It was a feet that the sale of the captain of and stuff like that. It was a fun place to play for the winter and I really enjoyed it," said Holloway in an in-terview last week while he was on his way home to Wapella for the summer.

This season Holloway also had a chance to play with the Montreal Canadiens. Holloway received a call-up on November 20, and made his NHL debut against the New Jersey Devils seven days later. That would be the only game he would play with



Bud Holloway of Wapella is coming off a great season with the St. John's Ice Caps of the AHL and set a new team record this season.

the Habs.

"It was awesome," said Holloway. "It was one of those experiences in your life that you don't forget, and it's pretty cool the way it all happened. I just remember the excitement when I walked into the room and the coach told me I had a flight and to

pack my bags. We had just played the night before so it was a short turn around and I was up at 3 a.m. try-ing to catch a flight to Mon-treal."

Holloway played seven minutes and 19 seconds of ice time for the Canadiens

on November 27. "I do wish I'd had more

playing time," said Hollo-way. "But at the same time you can only control what you can so I was just happy to come back from Europe and be able to adapt and come back in and get that game up.

"It's a nice thing in the season," said Holloway about the scoring record

he set. "It's kinda been ups and downs for the team. The goal is to win as a group but personal goals at the same time still feel nice

and rewarding.
"Hockey's kind of a weird game. You don't really ever know where you're going to be, essentially. But I'm still happy that I'm playing

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and I'm able to contribute to my game every night." Holloway says that he doesn't know where he'll be next season. "I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to be doing next season. I'm going to weigh the options and shoot from there, so I'll



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Strive Challenge set for June 18

BY ANDREA JAENEN
The Strive Community

The Strive Community Challenge is an event that offers people of all ages the chance to get together, and get active. This year's event is set for June 18, and is sponsored by Strive Fitness Centre, Borderland Co-op, and the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.
"This is our sixth year."

Canadian Air Cadets.

"This is our sixth year,"
explains Kristen McAuley,
owner of Strive Fitness
Centre. "We're doing a
two kilometre fun run—
so that one's not timed,
and a 5k, a 10k, and a half
magathon. We do that just marathon. We do that just in town, although the half marathon goes out of town a bit. We start from the bowling alley."
The funds raised will be

going towards youth be-coming more active.

coming more active.
"The money is going to
be split this year between
the air cadets and the elementary school," says
McAuley. "The reason for
the run is to raise money for youth physical activity. In past years we donated the proceeds to sports teams and things like that. But now we've kind of re-directed it to benefit more youth. So the funds go to MacLeod Elementary to MacLeod Elementary School for physical educa-tion equipment. This year we've actually teamed up with the air cadets." Andrea Toth of the Moo-somin air cadets thinks physical activity is impor-tant for youth. "I think physical activity is something that kids of all ages are really not used to anymore. Even though

to anymore. Even though the air cadet program has physical fitness as one



And they're off!

Runners take off for the fifth annual Community Challenge that was held in Moosomin last June. The challenge attracted more runners than ever before, and raised \$2,000 for sports equipment for MacLeod School.

of their aims, it's something kind of lacking. So I thought this is something to get people excited," she says. "Originally, there was a Saskatchewan-wide initiative. This is the 75th anniversary of the air cadet league, and they had a plan that all the squadrops across the province a plan that all the squad-rons across the province have a fun run as a way to celebrate and get together. I thought that was a pret-ty cool idea. Since Kris-ten runs the Community Challenge already and it's a similar event, I fig-

ured I would ask her if she wanted to partner with us to get involved in an even

bigger event."
In the past few years the

In the past tew years the event has grown.
"When we first opened Strive there weren't a lot of community events that were focused on health and bringing people together, so we started the Strive Challenge. We wanted to be involved in the community, and do the community, and do something good for the community. Youth physical activity is important to

us because that's where it all starts. It started small and has grown. I think all starts. It started small and has grown. I think we had around 150 come last year," she says. "We're hoping 200 people will be coming this year."

She said the event is intended to promote fitness in general.

"Of course health and abbasical schicits is impact."

physical activity is impor tant to us, and we wanted to spread that outside the doors of Strive Fitness, instead of expecting ev-eryone to come here," McAuley adds. "It's more of a family event. We have a lot of locals. But because we are registered with the Running Room, we get some people from out of town for the bigger races like the 10k and the half marathon. Be-cause the funds are going to the elementary school we've actually got a lot of youth that are trying it out now—which is really good to see. The ages are right from young to old, so it's a very wide spec-trum of people."

Overall, the response

from the community has been great, says McAuley. "We get a very positive response. It's important to help people set goals. We make them set their goals a little higher," she explains. "For example, they think about the 5k, and think about the 5k, and we say, 'Well, why don't you just try the 10k?' And then they'll try it when they never thought they could. So everybody just can't believe how excited they are at the end. It's nice for us to see that. So everybody's responses are always great. Everything about it has a positive out-

The Community Challenge is also looking for sponsors, and has a few options to consider.

options to consider.
"We have a few different levels of sponsorships. We have just a regular sponsor option, where people can donate prizes or their time. We also have a silver sponsorship, which is \$250, and a gold sponsorship which is \$500," McAuley says. "If you choose the silver and gold options, you get on gold options, you get on the t-shirts. We had a vote for what color this year. They're going to be black with lime green, and they just have our race logo on the front and all the sponsors on the back."

Volunteers are also needed. Those interested can contact Strive Fitness

can contact Strive Fitness in Moosomin.

"We always need volunteers," she says. "This year we're going to try for better prizes for the top runners. So, let's make it bigger and better!"

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Wapella will be a K-7 school:

School board closes grades 8, 9 at Wapella

The Southeast Corner-stone School Division will officially reduce Wapella from a K-9 school to a K-7

While Wapella is officially a K-9 school, in practice it has been a K-6 school for the last couple of school years, as there have been no students past grade 6. Parents of students have requested transfers to Mc-Naughton High School in Moosomin for a variety of reasons.
The school came within

one vote at the April 21 Board of Education meet-

ing of being a K-6 school.

The first motion put for ward at the meeting was to discontinue grades 7, 8, and 9 at Wapella. Trustee Carol Flynn who represents Moo-somin and Wapella voted against the motion, as did board chair Audrey Trombley. The other trustee from the area, Harold Laich of Wawota, voted to discontinue the three grades.

The vote to discontinue

the three grades was 5-5. Because the vote was tied. the motion did not pass

Then a second motion was brought forward, to close two grades instead of three, discontinuing grades 8 and 9. That mo-

grades 8 and 9. That mo-tion passed unanimously. Because Wapella has been in practice a K-6 school because of the trans-fers, despite the motion to discontinue two grades, Wapella could in effect go from a K-6 to a K-7 school this fall.

That will happen if par-ents of students now in Grade 6 opt for their children to remain at Wapella School, and not seek trans-fers to McNaughton as parents have done in other vears.

At a public meeting called by the board as part of a school review process, one parent said parents of current Grade 6 students had met and decided they would like their children to remain in Wapella for grade 7. Adding the extra grade may mean putting more grades together at Wapella, however.

Mosomin-area school trustee Carol Flynn op-posed the original motion to discontinue grades 7-9, but put forward the sec-ond motion to discontinue grades 8 and 9.

"I think all of us want "I think all of us want to have a very strong viable school in Wapella," she said in opposing the original motion. "We also want it to be the best school it can possibly be. That means it's best for the students, it's best for the students, it's best for the community."

I would like to see a

school there where the staff knows if they come to be a teacher or an assistant in Wapella School, that the school is going to be there for a long time.

for a long time.
"Hopefully in the future staff will be comfortable to be looking for a job in Wapella, very comfortable moving to Wapella, very comfortable teaching in Wapella and working there.

"For the community, we're not about economic development, but we are about families, and the connection between com-munities and schools. Peo-ple will move to Wapella knowing that the school is going to be there and is go-ing to be a viable school for the future. For those reasons I will not support this motion. I think it can be a

viable school with more grades than just K-6."

After the first motion was defeated Flynn said, was defeated Flynn said, in putting forward the motion to discontinue grades 8 and 9, "I really would like to see the opportunity for the grade 6 students who are there to go into grade 7 there as well. I really think we would have challenges bringing back 8 and 9. I don't want to see the is-sues of the dividing of the parents and then trying to make the decision of what do you do with the one or two students who are left in Wapella (in a grade). I belive they would have a viable K-7 school."

Harold Laich of Wawota voted for both motions for

voted for both motions for grade discontinuance at Wapella. "One of the questions I had at the public meeting... when we looked at the projected enrolment we were looking at a certain number of students in grade 7 next year that the grade 7 next year that the board wanted some assurance on with respect to enrolment.

"My understanding is that the board did not receive from he SCC or from parents any indica-tion other than two parents that they would guarantee that their students would enrol in Wapella this fall in Grade 7. If we don't have that documentation and that assurance that that in fact would happen, then that limits the numbers to a possible two students in Wapella in Grade 7 and I don't think that's viable for

During the debate on the motion to discontinue just grades 8 and 9, Laich said he is worried that some parents of grade 7 students will still want their children to attend McNaughton High School. "My biggest concern i

"My biggest concern is that parents are going to say now that we don't have grades 8 and 9, we might as well send our kids to Moo-somin in grade 7. Then, if half the parents decide to do that do they transport their own kids, then that again gets to be an issue within the community with respect to what's viable in a classroom.

what's viable in a classroom.

"I sincerely hope that if
this motion passes, that the
parents of the kids attending
grade 7 next year will enrol
in Wapella School.

Elwood White, who represents the Pangman area,
voted against the original
motion to discontinue three
grades at Wapella.

"I believe in possibilities,
and I believe the parents'
intention is to leave the children in those grades," he
said.

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Big increases in potash taxsharing for some RMs

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Some communities will see big increases in potash tax sharing revenue this year, according to the Potash Tax Sharing Board.

The changes come about because of a higher assessment for potash mines at Esterhazy and Rocanville, and a higher mill

The Potash Tax Sharing Board collects taxes from the two mines and distributes them to towns, villages and RMs in the re-

The taxes are shared based on a compli-

The taxes are shared based on a complicated formula involving the distance from potash mines, local mill rates, and population in each municipality.

Because of the new shaft at PotashCorp Rocanville, the town of Wapella and the RM of Silverwood will receive potash tax sharing payments for the first time in 2016,

while the RM of Spy Hill and towns and RMs farther north, along Highway 16, will see a reduction

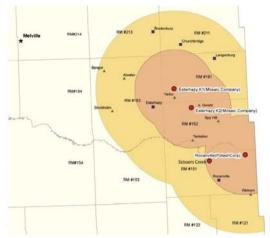
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Energy East hearing timeframe finalized

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The National Energy Board (NEB) has released a preliminary timeline for the Energy East hearing

process.
This timeframe reflects an extended time limit of 21 months for the process, as directed by the Minister

of Natural Resources.
National Energy Board
reviews are typically conducted within a 15-month time limit.

time limit.

The National Energy
Board expects the filing of
the consolidated application by Energy East Pipeline Ltd. in mid-May 2016.

It expects the Issuance of
List of Participants in early
June 2016.

It expects the Issuance of Hearing Order (including completeness determina-tion) in mid-June 2016.

It will hold panel ses-sions in communities along the pipeline route in August-December 2016.

It will allow written sub-

It will allow written sub-missions from January-May 2017.

If expects to issue draft Conditions for Comment in mid-2017.

The National Energy Board would expect the final report in November-December 2017.

It would expect to issue its report in March of 2018.

The NEB expects to gather input from the hearing

er input from the hearing participants on what pro-cess elements they would like to see included in the review. The NEB will use this feedback to help design a process that is thorough, rigorous and transparent.

parent.
Energy East is a 4,500-kilometre pipeline proposed to carry 1.1-million barrels of crude oil per day from Alberta and Saskatchewan to refineries in Eastern Canada and a marine terminal in New Brunswick.
The project would in

The project would in-clude a tank farm at the Moosomin compressor station, which would be the on-ramp for Saskatchewan and Manitoba crude onto

the national pipeline.

The project would include a feeder pipeline from Cromer to the Moosomin Compressor Stasomin Compressor Sta-tion, and a separate pipe-line proposal, the Upland Pipeline, to bring oil from Williston, North Dakota to the Moosomin Compressor Station.

In December 2015, Energy East Pipeline Ltd. filed project amendments to re-move the Cacouna marine and tank terminal, change the pipeline route and fa-cility locations in Quebec, modify the tank storage facility in New Brunswick, and to address the agree-ment reached with three lo-

ment reached with three lo-cal distribution companies in Eastern Canada. The NEB has received more than 2,300 applica-tions to participate in the Energy East hearing pro-

Saskatchewan Chamber f Commerce CEO Steve of Commerce CEO Steve
McLellan said, now that
the federal government
has changed the National
Energy Board review process, he is hopeful that the
federal government will
accept the board's ruling.
"Timeframes are important. The old timeframe dio

not get the depth of con-sultation done. A couple sultation done. A coupie of more months at the end of the day isn't an issue, but at the end of the day, when a decision is made by the National Energy Board, that the federal government respond and say okay, we're moving ahead. The permits are done, away you go. We need to rely on the National Ener-

gy Board to do what they need to do, and to make a decision, and then we live with it. If the process is clean and clear, which the Energy Board is—they're unbiased. They're sci-ence based. They hold the consultations, they listen carefully to the aboriginal

carefully to the aboriginal indigenous communities, and the municipalities and so on. So let's let them do their work, and once they've decided, live with it and applaud it.
"The reality is, like every single day in Moosomin, oil flows under the ground safely in pipelines and the sun comes up and the sun goes down and people go to work and kids go to school and life goes on. It's not anywhere near as big an issue as some people seem to think it might be.
"It's striking to me how

"It's striking to me how people for all kinds of rea-sons are hesitant or op-posed to pipelines. The posed to pipelines. The science is not on their side. The statistics are not on their side. The reality of it is they ignore the benefits to a community economically and socially. They ignore the fact that the companies who are the proponents are huge contributors to the community socially and economically. socially and economically. They are good corporate citizens, they take their social responsibility seriously. They do their due diligence ahead of time, and we still have people who say, 'no, I still want my gas, I still want my petroleum products, I still want my plastics, but I want you to shin it in a much more unstilled. ship it in a much more unsafe manner, on railbeds or semis.' It makes no sense to



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BRIAN KELLY FROM ROCANVILLE

SE Sask artists win at SCMA

Three southeast Saskatchewan artists were among the winners at the 2016 Saskatchewan Country Music Association Awards.

Jess Moskaluke of Rocanville, Alex Runions

from Kipling, and Brian Kelly from Rocanville were among the winners.

Jess Moskaluke shared the Female Vocalist of Year award and won for Single of the Year. Alex Runions took home the coveted Fan's Choice Entertainer of the Year and Male Vocal-

ist of the Year. Brian Kelly was named to the All-Star Band

Following is a complete list of the awards for

Fan's Choice Entertainer of the Year - Alex

Female Vocalist of the Year – Darlene Tuleta

Male Vocalist of the Year – Alex Runions Group of the Year – The Trudel Family Emerging Artist Award – Tenille Arts Song of the Year (Composer) – Lights of a Combine – Kelsey Fitch Single of the Year – Kiss Me Quiet – Jess Mos-

Video of the Year – Lights of a Combine – Kelsey Fitch Album of the Year – I Came Back – Darlene

Country Gospel Album of the Year – If You See My Savior – Yvonne St. Germaine Aboriginal Artist of the Year - Roland Cor-

rigal Roots Artist/Group of the Year – Darlene Tu-

Roots Album of the Year – Ray Whitton – Ray

All Star Band (Guitar) – Jordan Toppings All Star Band (Bass) – Brian Kelly All Star Band (Drums) – Hal Schrenk All Star Band (Keys) – Bart McKay

All Star Band (Fiddle) – Allison Tymiak All Star Band (Fiddle) – Allison Tymiak All Star Band (Specialty) – Rich McFarlane Record Producer – Bart McKay Recording Studio – Bart McKay Productions

Manager of the Year – Al Leblanc Country Music Person of the Year – Darcey

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Rattigeer Legends & Legacy Award – Freddie Pelletier Youth Development Bursary – Layton Ferster Eight southeast Saskatchewan artists were nominated for various awards, including Jess nominated for various awards, including Jess Moskaluke, Alex Runions, Brian Kelly, Eli Barsi of Moosomin, John Cunningham of Moosomin, Tegan Littlechief of White Bear, Blake Berglund of Kennedy, and Samara Yung of Yorkton.

Burton said he doesn't

believe there will be any

special recruitment

20 New Brunswick miners accept jobs at PotashCorp Rocanville

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

About 20 New Brunswick miners have moved into the area to accept jobs at PotashCorp Rocanville.

PotashCorp had shut down a mine in Sussex, New Brunswick over the winter, while the expansion at PotashCorp Rocanville coninues.

The last part of the PotashCorp Rocanville expansion—the completion of a second production shaft in place of the original service shaft at the original minesite— should be completed this

The company is still

adding to its workforce at PotashCorp Rocanville. There should be between 720 and 750 employees at PotashCorp Rocanville when the expansion is complete.

Initially PotashCorp was discussing the possi-bility of offering as many as 100 jobs in Saskatch-ewan to miners laid off from a PotashCorp mine in New Brunswick.

The company adjusted that number downward, because some of those jobs would have been temporary positions at

The company made 70 job offers for positions in Saskatchewan, and had about 30 job offers ac-

cepted.

Of those, about 20 of

Of those, about 20 of the relocating miners are working at PotashCorp Rocanville.

"Almost everyone has arrived," Randy Burton of PotashCorp said in an interview last week.

"We don't expect any more people from New Brunswick, but there will still be some jobs to be filled at Rocanville as be filled at Rocanville as we ramp up production. The advantage of New

forts needed to fill the people who lost their jobs there." remaining jobs at Potash-Corp Rocanville.

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people who were trained and ready to work, and

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2. THROW OUT EXPIRED FOOD PRODUCTS

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

3. USE AIR PURIFYING PLANTS

Whether you have a green thumb or

not, stock up on plants that are known to improve the air quality in homes. Here are the best choices:

- · Spathiphyllum, an elegant plant that
- produces pretty white flowers.

 Sansevieria, commonly called "mother-in-law's tongue."
- Philodendron, a plant with exotic foli-
- age often used by florists.

 Ivy, an exceptionally vigorous creeper.
- Ficus, a plant that absorbs heat and re-leases moisture.
- Dracaena, a very resistant plant also called "dragon tree."
- Chlorophytum, a common species often referred to as "spider plant."

 Aloe, whose many virtues are recognized in herbal medicine.

 Advances referred to a "spider plant."
- · Aglaonema, an easy-to-care-for house-

plant.

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

4. LOOK AFTER ALL APPLIANCES THAT CIRCULATE AIR

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

- air conditionerdehumidifier
- air exchanger furnace
- hoodhumidifier
- heat pump

• fan 5. DISINFECT SURFACES

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Just because your walls, floors, furniture
and appliances look clean, it does not mean
that they really are. Most contaminants are
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Who can benefit from container gardening?

The beauty of using con-tainers to create an at-home tainers to create an at-home garden is how accessible it is. Potted plants are an especially good solution for people with little or no ground space available, such as those living in apartment complexes with only as mall balcony to work with small balcony to work with People with limited physi-cal abilities can also benefit, cal abilities can also benefit, as raised flowerbeds or pots on tables make gardening possible for the wheelchair-bound and people with mobility issues

What to grow

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thrive in larger pots, while a variety of herbs can be successfully grown in even the tiniest containers. It's a great way to keep a fresh supply of kitchen staples like parsley, basil, rosemary and thyme on hand at all times. For a more decoratimes. For a more decorative container garden, annuals are your best bet, as they provide colourful blooms all summer long. Popular choices for potted flowers include begonias, marigolds, petunias

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Copper-coloured accents and custom-designed islands are star features in this year's

Tips for a state-of-the-art kitchen

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

With its cool colours and clean lines, the 2016 kitchen has the esthetic of a laboratory, but in a good way. Islands, cabinets and countertops have smooth, gleaming surfaces on which a bare minimum of objects are placed. Similarly, storage space is optimized so all the things you don't have an immediate use for can stay out of sight. The key word: minimalism.

Nostalgic colours

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

Copper After stainless steel, gold, chrome and bronze, designers are now going crazy over copper. To give your kitchen a modern-yet-warm feel, integrate a few elements with a copper finish or even better, solid copper. This year, copper cabinet handles and knobs, light fixtures, faucets, utensils and even appliances blend perfectly with anthracite, brown and lovoy tones.

Custom islands

Today's kirchenisland is no longerused exclusively for preparing meals. Now it has been transformed into a multi-purpose el-ement that's used as an extra table or for storage. To be really up to date, furnish your kitchen with a model that has been custom designed and made by a professional. What's the ultimate island in 2016? A brightly coloured one (bottle green, orange, electric blue) standing in the centre of a kitchen decorated in classic shades of gray, white, black or beige. You'll definitely create

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Overflowing closets, cupboards and drawers?



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

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

Is it in good condition?

Do I have other, identical objects? Was it stored in the right place? Is it useful to me?

Does it have sentimental value?

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

Sentimental value

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

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

One out of two

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

One thing's for sure: decluttering closets, cupboards and drawers will lift a weight off your shoulders. Are you ready for the big spring sorting?

Decorate your rockery with style

In horticulture, a plant said to be variegated when its foliage displays two different colours. Using colourful foliage brings elegance and light to your flowerbeds and rockeries. Here are some tips to help you show off your variegated plants to

advantage.

First of all, to preserve the bi-coloured foliage, you need to be very careful about respecting the needs of the plant, espe-cially hours of suntaine, cially hours or surcessoil type and watering. You should also apply a low-nitrogen fertilizer. low-nitrogen fertilizer. Remove any completely



green leaves that appear as soon as you notice

them; this is a phenomenon called reversion, and it can affect all variegated

For a more striking effect, variegated plants have to be showcased Plant them next to species with dark green foliage, and play with contrast-ing colours and textures. ing colours and textures. In small spaces, opt for quality, not quantity; too many variegated plants in one place may not give the desired effect. Use them to liven up shaded or semi-shaded areas and or semi-snaded areas and in planters or pots to give your deck a sophisticat-ed look. An esthetic tip: grow gold- en variegated plants in white resin pots and cream-based mixes in terracotta pots. Variegated pla

Variegated plants add elegance and light to

flowerbeds and rockeries. Garden centres introduce new species of variegated plants every year in order to meet the growing demand for them. A sales associate

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LOOK FOR CLUES

Use your "eagle eyes" to check for signs of damage

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to your roof. Don't stand on the roof to do this; not only could you further damage it but you could also fall and seriously in-jure yourself. Your best bet is to look from the ground or from second floor win-

dows, if you can see from

there.

If checking your roof seems impossible from your yard, there is still the option of asking a neighbour's permission to check your roof from their highest windows. Remember to take your bin-

oculars with you.

Here are the seven main

signs to look for:

1. Moss-like vegetation

growing on the roof.

2. Flashings (metal waterproofing strips) that are rusty, damaged or even

missing.
3. Nail heads sticking

4. The attic insulation

seems damp or wet.
5. Shingles look as if they're undulating, curling, disintegrating or losing pieces.
6. Condensation in the

attic.
7. Stains or mould on the ceiling or roof trusse

CALL IN AN EXPERT

If you've answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you should talk to a roofing contractor to find out exactly what kind of work is required. After that, any repair or replacement work can be done. Remember that roofing requires special expering requires special exper-tise; only professionals can guarantee lasting work of superior quality.

2016 decorating trends for the MASTER BEDROOM

Is it time to bring your bedroom's style into this decade? Or perhaps you'd soon like to take on a really exciting renovation project? Then let yourself be inspired by the latest trends and give your bedroom a makeover worthy of the classiest home decor magazines.

Beds play a starring role

The central element of any master bed-room has to be the bed. For a trendy look, opt for a model with a padded head-board, with sleek, industrial-style metallic lines or in a rustic or Scandinavian style. Note that four-poster beds are also very up-to-the-minute. Just make sure you can leave 30-60 cm between the top of the structure and the ceiling in order to avoid overpowering the room

The bedding
Dress up your bed with fluffy, voluminous bedding. Choose clas-

sic fabrics; linen, which has a soft texture and amazing a soft texture and amazing durability, is a great choice. It wrinkles easily, but that's part of its charm. To find the kind of bedding that will make all the difference in your revamped bedroom, shop around in your local stores. And don't forget that vibrant herringbone pat-terns are very fashionable this year, and no, they aren't

> Herringbone patterns, blues and metallic finishes dominate the master bedroom's decor for 2016.

Lighting

Add some character to your bedroom with an unusual light fixture in the middle of the ceiling; make sure it works with a dimmer switch. Gold, silver and bronze models are all very "in" this year; however, chandeliers always look great in the control of the cont in the master bedroom. When matched appropriately to the decor, they add a wonderfully classic touch.

Long live the blues!
Here's a useful factoid: all shades of blue are popular for 2016. Whether it's for the walls, curtains or bedding, this soothing colour will transform your master that the property of t ter bedroom into a peaceful haven. Now, let's see: do you prefer sky blue, ocean blue, sapphire blue or teal?







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Materials

One thing's for sure: you can't buy a front door in the same way as you'd buy a basement or bedroom door. Front doors have to be visually appealing as well as very

strong. You'll find a wide range of models on the market made of different materials, either alone or in combina-

- steel fibreglass wood
- · aluminum

Each material has its own advantages. Specialized companies will be able to advise you about which ones are most suitable for your needs and your budget.

Sought-after qualities
When shopping for a front door, look for one that has the following characteristics:
• shock resistant

- good insulation and soundproofing
- easy maintenance
 enhanced security (solid locks and anchoring sys-

Colours and glazing Manufacturers offer an impressive range of colours and finishes to make sure your front door looks great. How-ever, be careful when choosing the glass for your front-door's window, as it can make all the difference in terms



of style. There are many possibilities, including square, rectangular, half-moon, circle, mosaic or stained glass.

Professional advice

When you're shopping around for the perfect front door, ask a professional for advice. One good idea is to go shopping with a photo of the front of your house as well as the dimensions of the existing door opening. This will make it much easier for you to find a model that complements the style of your home.

Custom-made Keep in mind that it is always wise to have your front door made to measure; this ensures that its fit, shape, co-lour and hardware are perfectly adapted to your home. Moreover, if you entrust the installation to experts, the result will be flawless.

A worthwhile investment

The front door is a major component of your home, so don't skimp on quality. This investment of a few hundred — or even a few thousand — dollars could definitely add value to your property.



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Spring springs to mind with flowers birds and bright colours.

Would you like to celebrate the arrival of spring by adding some pep to your dining room? Here are three suggestions.

A great way to bring spring into your home is with a centrepiece for your dining table. Fill a favourite vase with spring - think tulips, lilies, gerbera, lilacs, daffodils or hyacinths. For a truly stunning arrangement, consult a florist.

It is true: "One swallow does not a summer make." However, for a spring-like touch, you can use some decorative elements inspired by our feathered friends. Try a tablecloth with a bird pattern, a vintage-style metal birdcage or a slim vase filled with a few long feathers.

Welcome spring's freshness into your dining room by opting for pastel (mint green) or citrus colours (lemon yellow).

Is your home **READY FOR SPRING?**

Before welcoming spring weather with open arms, there are a few essential jobs you need to do in order to take care of your biggest investment: your

- 1. Carefully examine the foundation for possible cracks, water infiltration or signs of moisture. If any foundation walls appear to be damaged in any way, have them repaired immediately by a professional repair service.
- 2. Have your heating system inspected and serviced by a qualified technician. March is also the perfect time to clean your fireplace or wood stove. And don't forget to have the

chimney swept as well.

- 3. Check the gutters and make sure the water from melting snow drains as far away as possible from the foundation walls. If necessary, unblock gutters and downspouts, tighten loose joints and affix all parts securely to the house.
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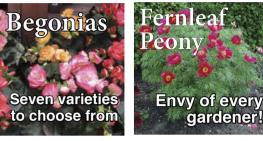














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the ground, up from four per cent last week.
Seeding is the furthest advanced in Crop District 3ASE where 48 per cent of the crop has been seeded. CD 2A has 45 per cent seeded; 1A 14 per cent; 1B before or cent and 2B sight. nine per cent and 2B eight per cent.

per cent.
Forty-two per cent of
the field peas, 30 per cent
of the lentils, 22 per cent
of the barley, 20 per cent
of the mustard and spring
wheat, 19 per cent of the
durum, 15 per cent of the
soybeans, 13 per cent of
the canaryseed, 11 per cent
of the canal and eight per of the canola and eight per cent of the flax have now been seeded.

A lack of rain the past weeks, coupled with very warm weather, dried up fields in the area.

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Rain will be needed soon to help crops germinate and emerge and for pastures to green up.

The Stoughton area has received the greatest amount of rainfall for the croice clope April 1 (45).

region since April 1 (45 mm).

Cropland topsoil mois-

Cropland topsoil mois-ture is rated as one per cent surplus, 70 per cent ade-quate, 27 per cent short and two per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 42 per cent short and two per cent very short. CD 2A is report-ing that 55 per cent of the replaced by short constant and so per cent of the cropland and 87 per cent of the hay land and pasture is short topsoil moisture at this time.

this time. The majority of winter cereals in the region came through the winter in good shape, although there are reports that some fields have winterkill damage. There have been reports of field fires in some areas and there are concerne that and there are concerns that fields are drying up faster than expected this spring. Some producers are con-sidering changing their sidering changing their seeding intentions if moisture does not arrive soon.

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Gatsby Gala raises \$73,001 for **Esterhazy Spray Park**

The Esterhazy Spray Park Committee held a fundraising event called "A Gatsby Gala" held on April 23.

The event included a gourmet meal, comedian Big Daddy Tazz, a live and silent auction as well as raffles and a photo booth for commemorative pictures of the eve-ning. Many guests dressed in the "Great Gatsby" theme.

The fundraising campaign included can-vassing businesses for sponsorship as well as the event itself.

Spray Park Committee President, Erin Unchulenko says, "The Spray Park Committee would also like to thank all of the individuals, groups, and businesses that

donated but were not sponsors. This event could not have happened without the help of our wonderful volunteers. The combior our wonderful volunteers. The combination of the generosity of our businesses, groups and individuals along with the hard work from our volunteers made this event a huge success. Everyone looked so amazing in their 'Gatsby' gear—be on the lookout for next year's theme!"

The Esterhazy Spray Park Committee is still accepting donations towards their goal of \$281,722. After the Gatsby Gala event, the total funds raised for the Spray Park is over \$127,000. If you are interested in donating, you can contact Erin Unchul-enko at 306-740-7212.

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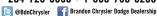






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increases in potash tax sharing for some RMs

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Because of the location Because of the location of the new PotashCorp Rocanville shaft, the RM of Spy Hill will receive less this year, \$1,835,005, down from \$1,966,551.75 in 2015, a reduction of 6.7 per cent. The RM of Martin received \$66,345 last year and will receive \$202,129 this year an increase of

this year, an increase of \$135,784 or 204 per cent. The RM of Moosomin

received \$209,944 last year and is expected to receive \$220,493 this year. The RM of Silverwood

has not received potash tax sharing before, but this

year is expected to receive \$111,826.

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RM of Rocanville Reeve Murray Reid said he welnotes that potash is the only industry in which the municipal tax generated by a plant does not stay with the municipality in which the municipality in which the plant is leasted. with the municipality in which the plant is located, but is shared with surrounding municipalities. "I would like to see that in other industries," he said. "It would sure even

things out for municipali-ties. If that formula is so good, it should be applied to all commercial or industrial assessments. If it's good for potash, it should be good for pipelines."
"We'll have a home for

"We'll have a home for all that money. We have two and a half miles of heavy haul road —that access into Scissors Creek. We tried to get the government to take that on but they won't Every other mine they have a proving the heavy running in cial highway running in there, but we are respons We have costs because of

the mine that other municipalities don't When that road needs to be resur-faced, there's a couple of million bucks right there. Reid says the RM of Ro-canville is fortunate to have

the potash mine. "We're the fourth highest assessed municipality in the province,"

he points out. "We're very fortunate to have that money coming in. We can put mon-ey into recreation, and put

money into a new hall. He said he knew the RM would benefit from the new shaft at Scissors Creek. "It's a long convoluted formula, but then they finally com-mitted to putting the circle around both shafts, which gives us much more area within 10 miles." rithin 10 miles

RM of Silverwood reeve Bill MacPherson said news of the windfall revenue came

of the windfall revenue came as a surprise.

"We just had our meeting and we got this letter saying we're getting \$111,000 and I said 'whoa!," he said in an interview Thursday. "That was a surprise. We had no indication this was coming. With the new Scissors Creek mine, some of our RM fell in the radius on wife nothing and the said was a surprise. the radius, so we're getting some money. That is cersome money. That is cer-tainly good news for us—we have places to put it. "There are enough Scot-tish guys on council that we

never turn down money," he said with a laugh.

MacPherson said the \$111,000 is significant in rela-tion to the RM's total budget.

"Our total budget is over a million dollars so this is a very significant amount," he said. "We're doing our final budget next Monday, and when you get \$111,000 on the income side, it definitely

helps." He said the RM has lots of expenses to put the funding toward. "Any RM or town

toward. "Any RM or town always has lots of expenses," he said. "We just bought a grader for a \$275,000 difference from our old grader. This will help

pay for the new grader. Our other grader comes off warranty next year, so definitely we will be putting it toward

a new grader
"When the administrator read out the letter at the council meeting everybody was happy to hear it. It's expensive to run an RM or town now.

Potash Tax Sharing Payments

Rural Municipalities	2015 Final	2016 Estimates	% Change From 2015
121 Moosomin	204,944.86	220,493.83	7.6%
122 Martin	66,345.68	202,129.88	204.7%
123 Silverwood		111,826.39	-
151 Rocanville	1,470,248.48	2,099,935.25	42.8%
152 Spy Hill	1,966,551.71	1,835,005.70	-6.7%
153 Willowdale	82,428.06	152,050.19	84.5%
181 Langenburg	1,259,348.91	1,155,033.89	-8.3%
183 Fertile Belt	1,164,636.34	1,062,919.27	-8.7%
211 Churchbridge	281,652.66	258,358.96	-8.3%
213 Saltcoats	163,308.84	156,009.39	-4.5%
	6,659,465.54	7,253,762.75	8.9%

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Urban Municipalities	2015 Final	2016 Estimates	% Change From 2015
Village of Atwater	1,488.04	1,586.56	6.6%
Village of Bangor	2,208.06	2,354.25	6.6%
Town of Bredenbury	17,472.49	18,629.31	6.6%
Town of Churchbridge	35,665.00	38,026.32	6.6%
Town of Esterhazy	333,321.29	355,389.94	6.6%
Village of Gerald	21,888.61	23,337.82	6.6%
Town of Langenburg	51,553.44	54,966.71	6.6%
Town of Rocanville	164,548.58	175,443.09	6.6%
Village of Spy Hill	39,169.09	41,762.41	6.6%
Village of Stockholm	16,368.46	17,452.19	6.6%
Villaga of Tantallon	20,160.56	21,495.36	6.6%
Town of Wapella		17,042.75	
Village of Welwyn	25,920.72	27,636.89	6.6%
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P&H plans 16,000 tonne fertilizer facility for Moosomin

BY KRISTEN WEEDMARK

A new fertilizer shed is being planned to be built at Parrish and Heimbecker in Moosomin.

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"This project is one of many that Parrish and Heimbecker will be partaking in in western Canada," said Justin Watson of P&H. "It will increase our footprint in the crop nutrients side of the business. We've been in the grain business for over 105 years, and as an organization we want to really round ourselves out, not just be a grain buying organiza-

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tion, but get bigger into the crop input side of the business. "The shed that we're building in Moosomin is a terminal capacity facility. It's a 16,000 tonne fertilizer shed which will be attached to rail," said Watson. "It's going to be a first-class facility with very high speed load out capabilities, being able to blend over 300 metric tonnes per hour, so a very strong facility for the area. We feel as though it's

a great location."
Watson says there is nothing like this in the area.

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"This is going to be a sizable project, with the work crews to support the local economy on the building side of it, and from the staffing standpoint we've also been increasing our on-site staff in Moosomin to work toward building our footnrint on the crop nutrient side of the business."

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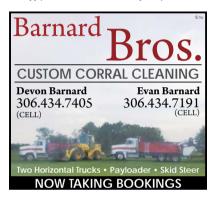
According to Watson, movement on the project should begin in early June. "Hopefully there will be completion, or we'll at least be able to bring product in, in February of 2017," said Watson. "That's what we've got scheduled right now.

now.
"We are continuing to review a couple of other projects," said Watson. "This is the main one that we've got approval for.

for. "We're continuing to review our people power at the location, and we'll need to bring on a few more people in the area.

area.

"Benefits to the area include having a first-class rail import facility right in southeastern Saskatchewan. This is a strong benefit to the local growers. There is a lot of cost incurred in hiring terminal capacity several miles away in Manitoba and Saskatoon, where you're hiring people to bring fertilizer in, unload, pay a trans load fee, and then truck it into the area. This facility is a direct connection to the supply chain because of that rail capability."







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Farmland values up but growth rate slowing

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN

Canadian farmland values grew at a reduced rate in 2015 and that rate is likely to ease further in 2016, reports Farm Credit Canada in its annual Farmland Values Report .

Values Report.

Average Canadian farmland values rose 10.1 per cent in 2015, versus 14.3 per cent and 22.1 per cent increases in 2014 and 2013, respectively, according to FCC's report.

"Producers build equity in land: this is frequently their retirement plan, and so increasing values over time is a good thing," says Brenna Grant, manager of

uning, says brenna Grant, manager of Cantax, a division of the Canadian Cat-tlemen's Association.
"Healthy" crop receipts and low inter-est rates sustained continued farmland appreciation in 2015, explains J.P. Ger-vais, FCC's chief agricultural economist. The shrinking increases in farmland

vais, FCC's chief agricultural economist.
The shrinking increases in farmland values reflect crop receipts possibly reaching the top of their cycle, he adds.
Average farmland values rose in all provinces, with Manitoba leading the way with a 12.4 per cent increase. Alberta followed at 11.6 per cent and Quebec at 9.6 per cent. at 9.6 per cent.

Strong pulse prices drove gains in Alberta, and Saskatchewan land price rises

were greatest in lentil growing areas.

Canola and wheat were leaders during the grain price boom, but since then, their values have declined while pulses have risen, explains Canadian Canola Growers Association president Brett

Farmland values rose in 2015, but the rate of growth is slowing, according to Farm Credit Canada.



A higher number of locales in Canada A higher number of locales in Canada experienced sliding land values, FCC says. Most significantly, almost half of Saskatchewan saw land prices remain stable or even decrease slightly.

A more widespread decline in future would be troubling given farm liabilities have increased along with land values, Constewer.

Grant says.

"The concern is that if land prices decline... that equity levels would fall, and this would create financial pressure on

operations," she says

SLOWER STABLE FUTURE GROWTH

Farmland values could see stable long-term annual increases of two to four per cent, possibly starting as soon as 2016, Gervais says.

He tied the slower projected rate of land value growth to the likelihood of smaller rates of both crop receipt increases and interest rate cuts

Gary Stanford, president of the Grain Growers of Canada, would welcome

more gradual growth. While the years of significant land price escalations have benefitted retiring farmers, it's also made it difficult for young producers who are entering farming or expanding their op-

erations.

Grant says double-digit land value growth can be especially prohibitive for those in the beef industry.

"They're not just expanding their herd and buying breeding stock, they also have to buy the land to support that breeding stock," she says.

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Group works at mission in inner city LA: Youth group learns a lot on mission trip

BY ANDREA JAENEN AND KEVIN WEEDMARK While some people used the While some people used the Easter break for a beach holiday or a chance to kick back, a group of young people from the Moo-somin-Rocanville area spent the Easter break trying to help peo-ple in inner city Los Angeles. The youth group from Mooso-min Baptist Church were based at the Dream Contra.

at the Dream Centre.

"Every day we went to two different ministries, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. ng and one in the arternoon, explains Taylor Stangeland of Rocanville. "Every day looked different. My favorite ministry that I did was called Kids Jam. We went out to the community called Watts, it's kind of like the hood. Watts, it's kind of like the hood. We went out there and we split off into groups and Kelsey and I went with one of the leaders and we knocked at each door and just asked if they had any kids at their house and if they wanted to come do this program at the park. So after we went through a couple of houses, we brought our group of kids to the park for the first. of kids to the park. For the first 20 minutes we played with them, if they had homework we helped them with that. We did whatever the kids wanted to do. And then we got them all to sit on the blue tarp, and we just did a little Bible study for the kids. And then after that they all got cookies and we walked them all home.

"They each got a packet of cookies, and that's probably some of the very little food that cookies they get in a day, but they were asking everybody if they wanted one. Those kids only have those

one. Inose kids only have those couple of cookies, but they still want to share with other kids around them."

Taylor says she is happy to have had the experience. "I think it opens your eyes and makes you have had the local to the cookies." realize what's around us. Last time I went to India, that opened my eyes as well. But to see it in a first world country was a lot dif-ferent and just made you appreciate things that much more. Just to see how these kids were the happiest kids in the world, but they have so little compared to what we do.'

Does she think the group was able to make a difference in a few

"I think so," says Stangeland.
"All the community members we interacted with were very thankful for what we had done. There were a bunch of different ministries that we were part of. One day we went to this food truck and we went out to different communities and bagged some food—there was all fresh pro-duce—and community members would come and pick up this food. So they were very thankful for that, I think the most emotional day was when we went to skid row. It's where everyone would live on the streets, it's more like what you would see in pictures where they made a tent out of their tarps and carts. We just went and talked to everybody and prayed over them if they'd wanted."

What did she learn from the

"Just how they're so happy and they have such joy. Some of them have such strong faith because that's the only thing they can rely on. They have no one else around them that they can trust necessarily. You'd ask how they were and they would say 'Great,' because they got to wake up this morning. They were so friendly despite the



Some of the group who took part in the mission trip. In back from left, Mark Whelpton, Heinrich van der Merwe, Pastor Kevin Dyck, and Jolaine Stangeland. In front, Kelsey Firkola, Stephen Whelpton, Brett Stangeland, and Taylor Stangeland.

conditions they were in. There's nothing we needed to be afraid of because they just want love, they just want someone to love them and care for them because that's what they miss in their everyday

For Heinrich van der Merwe, seeing downtown LA was a

"It was definitely a culture shock," he says. "A lot of what we saw was what you'd expect in a third world country, not in the middle of Los Angeles. I think for me skid row was the most eyeopening experience. You're driv-ing through the financial district ing through the financial district of Los Angeles straight through high-rise buildings, and every-thing is good, and then you cross one street and everything is tents on the sidewalk, and there are people everywhere.
"When we did the Kids Jam,

that was what I expected—the houses were all run down, and people were kind of keeping to themselves. Skid row was probably the worst, just because you hear people tell you about it, and you're like, 'Yeah, whatever.' And then you go and see it, and

it's real."

What will stick with him about

what will stuck with him about the experience? "Probably that no matter how bad you're doing, there's some-body out there who's doing worse," he says.

"Here, sometimes people will complain over trivial stuff. They still have a roof over their heads, they still have income, they still have food on their table at night.

He said he found the people in

He said he found the people in LA very approachable and open. "Here if you try to start a con-versation about faith, people just push you away. But down there they welcome it," he said.

Stephen Whelpton said the whole experience was an eye-

whole experience was an eye-opener.

"This was my first missions trip to a first world country," he says. "LA is huge, and when you think of it or see it on TV you

never expect the magnitude or the size or the effect you'll feel when you're down in like skid row , doing Kids Jam, or handing out food and the food truck. So it was really eye-opening. You think about it, but you have to go there to know how it actually feels.

"We went down to Skidrow and we met this one guy. His name was Earl, and I'd think he'd have to be at least 65. And it looks like he'd been on the street for a while. We talked a bit and we prayed for him, we got to lay hands on him—and you could just feel how skinny he was. He reminded me of my grandpa, and you never want to see that. I kind of made a personal connec-tion. It pulls at your heartstrings. Stephen -This one time I was

Stepnen -Inis one time I was praying for a lady, and I was praying for her, and she was praying back for me. And she was actually praying for me in Spanish. It's in a different language, but it's the same.

Did the experience change

"I think it did, it just gives me a whole new perspective on my life and how I'm so well provid-ed for. I'm definitely more thank-

ful for everything."
For Kelsey Firkola, LA was her

For Kelsey Firkola, LA was nea first mission trip.
"Before I left I was thinking that this is the first trip where it's not all about me," she says. "I'm not the priority, I'm going down there to serve other people. One of the days that really stuck out to me is one day we got to work to me is one day we got to work alongside the discipleship program. They have this program for people who are in a rough time in their life. It's a year-long thing where they can just detox, and just learn how to back on their feet again and read the Bible and grow a relationship with God. Taylor and I got to work with two ladies just on some work projects around the Dream Centre, some cleaning and stuff, and we got to know them and by the end of it

when we prayed together, one of them said to us, "Even though we're from such different walks of life, we can relate to each other, no matter who you are, we're all the same in God's eyes." And that really stuck with me. She told me, "You're so lucky that that really stuck with me. Sne told me, "You're so lucky that you have the opportunities that you do." And I am so lucky, and I should be putting my efforts towards giving to others with everything I have. One of the motto of the Dream Centre is "Find a road and full it find a heart and need and fill it, find a heart and heal it." And I think it's really important to go international for outreach, but at the same time there are needs in Moosomin, and there are hearts in Moosomin. And I think that's kind of one of our main focuses coming back is how can we use what we learned there in our own commu-

Why did Kelsey go on the trip? "I've always wanted to go on a mission trip and it just never worked out with scheduling and where I was in my life," she says.
"When we came together in the fall and we started talk about a mission trip, I was excited to fi-nally see how I could use what

nally see how I could use what I've been given and use my tal-ents in a different setting. "I think I would definitely go on another mission trip. Hon-estly, I think it changed me in a way where if I went to LA again, I don't think I could just go to do tourist things. I think that knowing what goes on there, I would have to go back to the Dream Centre if I was in town.

Jolaine Stangeland accompa-

Jolaine Stangeland accompa-nied the young people on the trip. "From an adult perspective, and being there to support and encourage our youth, for me to learn right along side them is awesome," she said. "You get the both of best worlds. I'm super produd of these arus. For myself pout of these guys. For myself, especially on skid row, because it's a tough place, I was somewhat fearful. How in the world do you go in and talk to these people and not make them feel like you're condescending? How

like you're condescending? How in the world do you do this?

"And you look at these guys. They're just going up to people and saying hello, they're ages 14 to 17, and they're just going up and talking to them."

Jolaine says she learned some-thing about herself, through the

ining about nerself. Inrough the trip.
"I can say I did things I never thought I'd be able to do. You can just do things that you don't think you can do. And just to see these guys step out of their comfort zones and realize what you can do takes you out of your comfort zone."

Pastor Kevin Dyck leads the youth group. He says the group started talking about a mission trip back in the fall.

"As we started talking, someone mentioned this Drown Con-

one mentioned this Dream Centre she had been to, and just what tre sne had been to, and just what an awesome place it had been and how cool it would be to take a group there," he says. "A couple of days later I'm talking with some of the group and they say, "Can we ever go to LA, Kevin?

"Can we ever go to LA, Kevin!"
That would be really cool if we could go to LA sometime."

"And then we actually sat down to start planning a trip, and as people started throwing around ideas of where to go, Kelsey says, "I have this friend that just put in some time down at the Dream Centre in LA." And L thought how weird it was that I thought how weird it was that within a month I just had three random conversations about this place in Los Angeles that I've never heard of. And so I took that as the writing on the wall, God is saying, "Go." Everything else just fell into place after that, it was kind of hard to argue."

What does he think is the most important part of a mission trip like this?

"It's an opportunity to live out your faith, but I think the bottom line we have to acknowledge is that availability that God is going to do something in you. We went down there with a task, but we down there with a task, but we were the mission. The changes, the things that you see, the way that you are influenced by what you're doing down there, that's the stuff that has the most longevity."

How does he evaluate the suc-

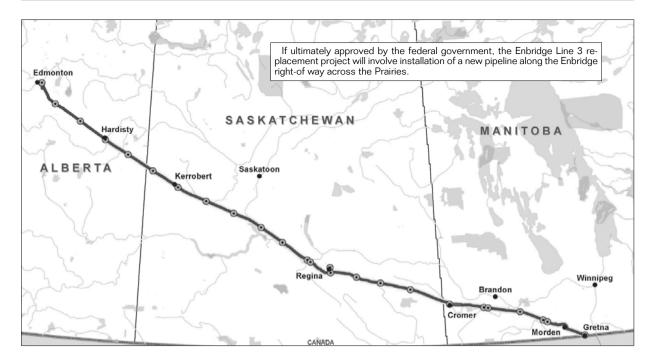
How does he evaluate the suc-cess of a trip like this?

"I can tell you exactly how. We mentioned we had three days of downtime beforehand. Being international most of us didn't have cellphones, laptops, data, TV. We were unplugged. And the way that we were able to bond as a family, we just looked forward a family, we just looked forward to every minute that we were

with one another.

That combined with being at the Dream Centre, there wasn't one conversation about our ma-terial possessions, about our careers, about jobs, work, financ-es—that was our detox. We had three days we got to leave behind this drug we call reality and so-ciety back here. We laid all that down on the line, and just started

And the way we were able to bond through that. And as Jolaine mentioned, just looking at these kids out on the street, the confidence and the boldness they had to just approach people because there was nothing holding them back. As a leader, for me that's what I found to be the biggest impact. The way I got to see them grow. I can't measure suc-cess beyond that."



NEB gives Enbridge Line 3 replacement the green light

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The National Energy Board (NEB) has concluded that the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Program is in the Canadian public interest and will recommend project approval to the federal Governor in Council.

The Line 3 replacement project would be a major project across southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba. If approved, the project will go ahead in 2019.

The Enbridge right-of-way runs through Langbank, Maryfield, and Cromer in the local area.

The Line 3 replacement project would involve placing an entirely new line along the right-of-way.

The NEB decision follows a public hearing process that included an exhaustive scientific and technical examina-

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In recommending approval of the project, the NEB noted that the project will replace an aging pipeline with new pipeline constructed to modern standards and therefore make an existing pipeline safer. The NEB has imposed 89 project-specific conditions to enhance public safety, environmental protection, and consultation between the company and stakeholders.

The company proposes to operate the new pipeline at the original pipeline's capacity of 760,000 barrels of oil per day. The majority of construction will occur within a right of way that parallels and overlaps existine Embridee

right of way that parallels and overlaps existing Enbridge rights of way, including the Enbridge Mainline corridor. Steve McLellan, president of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, said he welcomes the NEB decision

and hopes the federal government will give final approval soon.

proval soon.
"Politics shouldn't enter into it," he said. "The National Energy Board has dealt with the small-p politics. Are the communities comfortable? Yes. Have they been consulted? Yes. Is there any undue risk? No. Move on. Carry on. The issue with Line 3 is south of the border there are some process issues there that involve some big-P Poli-

ucs.

McLellan said that he feels Canadian companies are held to a high standard, and pipeline delays mean Canada is importing oil from producers which are not held to such a high standard.

"We have our oil companies and our pipeline companies having to jump through hoops," he said. "Do we ask that of the Saudi oil producers? Do we ask that of the South American oil producers?"

That double standard is the most frustrating thing about the whole issue. I have no problem with someone who voices their argument, says here are the issues environmentally or socially that I want to be considered. But when delaying these projects peans we're busines reason. ronmentally or socially that I want to be considered. But when delaying these projects means we're buying more Saudi oil in Canada, and to totally ignore the issues of the Saudi people and the treatment of their women and children, I can't even begin to understand why somebody doesn't think that's the greatest irony in the world."

The NEB has directed Enbridge to develop a plan for Aboriginal groups to participate in monitoring the construction of the new pipeline.

McLellan said pipelines are crucial to Saskatchewan.
"That're absolutely critical right now and they're about the construction of the new pipeline."

"They're absolutely critical right now, and they're absolutely critical in the long term as well. The reality is we're a land-locked province. If we don't get the products we have—oil, potash and other things—to the mar-

kets that want to buy them, we're in trouble.

Pipelines are the most safe, cost-effective way to get our oil resources to market. If pipelines are a continual hassle, the people invest a couple of million dollars to drill an oil well, or invest in the oilsands, or invest in a

drill an oil well, or invest in the oilsands, or invest in a thermal project like Husky's just done, won't do that if they think "there's no reason for me to drill for the oil because I can't sell it because I can't get pipeline access. It's critical for the new federal government to say we can get this done. We've amended the process and we've proven that we can get these projects done. It's critical economically and socially to Saskatchewan, and it's critical from a business investment perspective, and it's also contains any autosutany to Saskatchewan, and it's critical from a business investment perspective, and it's also critical for the federal government to prove they can get these deals done."

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il industry will be in the red in 2016

Canada's oil and natural gas extraction industries are expected to be in the red again this year, according to The Conference Board of Canada's latest outlooks for The Conference Board of Canada's latest outlooks for the industries. Following a record pre-tax loss of more than \$7 billion last year, Canada's oil extraction industry is expected to post losses of over \$3 billion in 2016. Meanwhile, Canadian natural gas producers losses are expected to total \$1 billion in 2016.

"Canada's oil producers are in for another tough year but conditions are gradually improving," said Carlos Murillo, Economist, The Conference Board of Canada.
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"Next year, a combination of cost-cutting measures, in-reasing production and slightly higher oil prices should boost industry profits, helping the industry return to the black in 2017."

HIGHLIGHTS

Canada's oil extraction industry is expected to face another challenging year, with a projected pre-tax loss of just over \$3 billion in 2016. Canadian oil producers are forecast to return to profitability in 2017—the result of a boost in revenues due to rising crude prices and expand-

ing production.

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Canada's natural gas extraction industry is expected to post a loss of \$1 billion this year, following a similar loss of \$1.1 billion in 2015.

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Available crude oil supply will continue to exceed demand over the next two years. However, the surplus is expected to gradually shrink as global production growth slows to match demand. This, in turn, will set the stage for a steady increase in crude oil prices start-



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Global demand for crude oil is expected to continue to expand, albeit at a slower pace due to weaker demand growth from economies across Asia and slight contracgrowth from economies across Asia and slight contractions across OECD economies, particularly in Europe. The International Energy Agency expects global demand to grow at an average annual pace of 1.2 per cent through 2020, compared with 1.4 per cent in the previous five-year period.

Despite lower oil prices and cutbacks in investment, Despite lower oil prices and cutbacks in investment, Canadian oil sands production is expected to continue to increase, as a number projects that are under construc-tion begin producting. Oil sands projects are planned with a production lifespan of more than 30 years and are based on a long-term view of crude oil prices.

CANADA'S GAS EXTRACTION INDUSTRY

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Canadian natural gas producers are also in for another tough year, as North American natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGLs) prices remain low. The corresponding sharp decrease in revenues this year is expected to be unmatched by cost-cutting measures of similar magnitude and speed, thus leading to a large drop in profits for Canadian producers. The industry is projected to post a \$1 billion dollar loss in 2016.

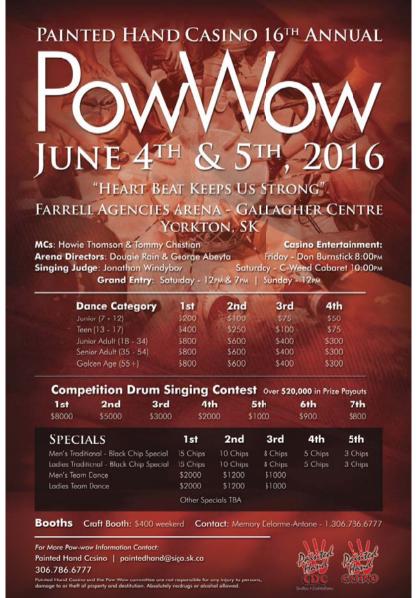
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However, given anticipated slow but steady production increases, a firm-up in energy prices, and significant reductions in cost, the industry is forecast to return to the black next year.

Despite the brighter outlook over the coming years, The Conference Board of Canada anticipates that the industry's fortunes will continue to be tied to regional markets. No material volumes of Canadian liquefied natural gas (LNG) are expected to reach global markets before the end of the decade.

Globally, a subdued economic outlook is expected to result in weaker growth in demand for gas. Despite that, the natural gas market is expected to continue to expand, largely driven by LNG trade opportunities. Given the current number of projects under construction in U.S. and Australia, however, the LNG market appears to be well supplied and prospects for Canadian LNG export projects continue to fall behind.







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Rocanville lottery raises \$15,000 for hall



BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Rocanville's first Trip of a Lifetime Lottery raised about \$15,000 for the new Rocanville Community Hall.

The new hall is under construction between Rocanville's curling rink and swimming pool.

"We were hoping for a little better, but we made about \$15,000 in profit, so that's pretty good," Steve Fortney of the hall fundraising committee said in an interview last

week.
"We gave away \$40,000 worth of tickets and the 50-50 was \$6,550, so in total we gave away \$46,550.
Fortney said organizers put a lot of thought into how to run the promotion. "We went through a whole bunch of different options of what we could offer as prizes," he said. "Initially we decided on a trip of the month, and one of the travel agents said, 'Well, why don't you do a trip of a lifetime." And we thought that made a lot of sense, it had a lot of appeal."
Will the Trip of a Lifetime become an annual event?
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"We're just going through our options as to what we're doing next," says Fortney. "We've got several months to analyze and go forward. We'll probably do the next one around the same time of the year. We'll maybe start a little closer after Christmas, and maybe end a couple of weeks

earlier."
What was the hardest part of running the lottery?
"I guess the hardest part was that it was the first time,"
says Fortney. "You're throwing out \$40,000 worth of prizes and you're not quite sure if you're selling something
that people want. So you're on the hook for forty thousand dollars, and not entirely confident with how it's go-

ing to go."

While there is a cash option for winners, most of the winners have decided to take a trip with their winnings.

Most of the people who supported the lottery were from the local area. "About 45 per cent of our sales came from Rocanville addresses, and about 90 per cent were within Saskatchewan," said Fortney. "We had very strong level cares." local support.

Of course the best part of any draw is giving away the prizes. Fortney said he enjoyed giving away the travel vouchers.

"I drove to a lady down in Manor today and gave her the certificate for the \$12,000 and she was absolutely thrilled," he said. "She doesn't know if she's going to Ice-land, rr if she's taking the kids and grandkids to Disneyland."

The income from the lottery will go into the fundraising

pot for the new hall.

"We've done pretty good with fundraising so far,"

Fortney. "Donations were over \$200,000 before we did the lottery. We've been doing good on donations. We have to fundraise \$800,000, so that's \$600,000 that we have to do. People have been very generous, and it's much appreciated

The hall has taken shape over the course of the winter. "Of course the hall is framed in, and they've poured the floors. So now people are getting more and more excited as time goes on," said Fortney.

He said the committee is on track with its fundraising

goals. "We always did plan that in the first two years we

would fundraise about a third, and in the last five or six years we would fundraise the last \$530,000. That was always our guideline.

There may be more fundraisers on the way. "We're going in with the Recreation board to do Star Search. Obviously when the hall is done, that will be a good venue for Star Search."

The hall could open as early as August, and some events are already booked for the fall.



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Students from the outdoor education and wildlife management program.



A moose found on the Fort Ellice property.

Birtle students participate in wildlife monitoring program

For the second year in a row, students of Birtle Collegiate's Outdoor Education and Wildlife Management program are participating in an ongoing wildlife monitoring program on the Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC's) historic 4,767-acre (1,929-hectare) Fort Ellice Property, near St.

Lazare.

Students have been teaming up with NCC and Matrix Solutions Inc., an environmental consulting firm, to conduct trail camera monitoring, winter track surveys and habitat modelling.

Students are being trained as citizen scientists through workshops and field work. They're learning practical field skills such as how to use Global Positioning System (GPS) units digital cameras and trail cameras in the state of t (GPS) units, digital cameras and trail cameras (including cellular network enabled units), in addition to orienteering, general wildlife identification, winter survival tech-niques, field data collection and image and data processing.

Several of the trail cameras that have

been set up around the property transmit images over a cellular network, enabling the images to be viewed almost immedi-

the images to be viewed almost immediately by students back in the classroom and by NCC staff.

The data are then analyzed to provide better insight into how wildlife are using the property's various habitats, which include sandhill and mixed-grass prairie, oak savannah, wetlands, upland and riverbank forcests

This information then allows the Nature

Conservancy of Canada in Manitoba to review the effectiveness of land management practices on the property over the long

Acquired by NCC in 2012, the Fort El-lice project overlooks the Assiniboine River near St. Lazare in southwestern Manitoba. near St. Lazare in southwestern Manitoba.
The property is home to a number of endangered or threatened species, including Sprague's pipit and chestnut-collared longspur. Both are grassland-dependent bird species. Also on these lands are the twin monkey flower, a rare plant found near natural springs along the valley walls.

Large mammals such as elk, moose and white brief done a wall as furtherser like.

white-tailed deer, as well as furbearers like coyotes, fox, weasel, mink and snowshoe hare make this the ideal place to learn about and celebrate wildlife.

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"This project is a great opportunity for NCC to learn more about the use of our properties by wildlife" said NCC Director of Conservation Kevin Teneycke. "It's important for local youth to learn more about the landscapes they live in and to acquire skills for working and playing in nature."
"Our company is comprised of people that actively enjoy the great outdoors and identify with the conservation goals of the Nature Conservancy of Canada," says Dan Chranowski of Matrix Solutions. "As a senior environmental scientist. I have 35 years

of field experience and I enjoy seeing young people's eyes light up when I've been a part in showing them something they didn't leave they know about in the natural world.





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School board closes grades 8, 9 at Wapella

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© Continued from page 5 Estevan trustee Janet Foord, who had put forward the motion to discontinue three grades at Wapella, spoke against closing only two grades. "My belief is we just put the decision making onto the parents instead of in the boardroom here. Parents are now going to have to struggle with their neighbors to decide. If one decides to keep their kids and one decides to send them, if we de-cide to keep grad of your and don't provide transcorts. cide to keep grade 7 open and don't provide transporta-tion, then you have to deal with transportation—kids in cars or parents having to drive kids. I don't think we've done the community any favors by bringing forward this

motion. I think we've created more conflict, and I think with the numbers next year or within two years we'll be back at this table."

Pangman School will remain open and will retain all grades after two motions, to close the school and to reduce the number of grades, were both defeated 6-4. About 60 people from Pangman crowded into the board-room for the meeting and erupted in cheers when the two

motions were defeated.
Estevan trustee Janet Foord said at the meeting that Pangman School should be closed for financial reasons. "We have to look at budget constraints," she sid.

"Mr. Brad Wall was just in the Leader-Post I think it was this morning he was quoted saying it's going to be a really tough budget by consolidating the two schools we eliminate two small school factors and the cost per student drops and this allows us to channel some of those resources into our city schools, and other schools where we have 30-plus kids in a classroom."

Her original motion to close Pangman School was defeated 6-4, as was a subsequent motion to discontinue grades 9-12 at Pangman.





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