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# Living Skies Come Alive will feature Canada vs U.S.

Sask Express, Stuck on Red, Shifty Morgan will all be performing over the weekend

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Every August long weekend, the skies come alive over Moosomin Lake.

For the second year, the Living Skies Come Alive Fireworks Competition at Moosomin Regional Park on the August long weekend will be an international competition.

competition.

Traditionally, the fireworks competition has been between Saskatchewan and Manitoba, with a fireworks company from each province doing their best work and competing for bragging rights—one company setting off their fireworks on the Saturday night of the long weekend, and one setting theirs off on the Sunday night.

The fireworks are set off across from the main beach, so the fireworks are re-

the main beach, so the fireworks are reflected in the lake.

The 2017 fireworks competition was different, however, with Canada taking on China in the first-ever international fireworks competition at Moosomin

This year the competition will be Canada versus the United States, and the competition will take place August

the Only Carlotte A and 5.

CanFire Pyrotechnics of Winnipeg will compete for Canada and J&M Displays will compete for the United States. J&M



Scenes from the 2017 Living Skies Come Alive International Fireworks Competition at Moosomin Lake. The event attracted 12,500 people last year. This year's fireworks competition is set for August 4 and 5. (Kim Poole photos)

is one of the largest fireworks companies in the United States. There will be entertainment by Sask

Express both afternoons, then by Stuck on Red before and after the fireworks on Saturday, August 4, and by Shifty Morgan before and after the fireworks on

Sunday, August 5.

The bands will start at 7:30 pm each night, will break for the fireworks, then will play one more set after the fireworks.

Layne McFarlane of the fireworks committee said he believes that adding Sask Express to the mix, and having the music continue after the fireworks, will add a lot to the weekend

"Sask Express contacted us about being part of the weekend, and we are happy to have them," he said. "I think they will be a good addition to the weekend."

The weekend will include many events

around the fireworks shows, and several food vendors will be set up at the park.

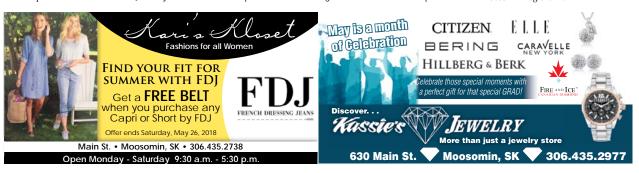
Advance tickets for the event are \$15 per person, and tickets at the gate are \$20

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Last year's Living Skies Come Alive weekend attracted 12,500 people, making it the largest event in southeast Saskatchewan in 2017.

The 2017 event raised \$150,000 for Moosomin Regional Park.





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# **Christalee Froese's Journey to Joy**

Award-winning Saskatchewan journalist Christalee Froese has written a book that readers are calling 'brave and life-chang-

Ing. In Journey to Joy, Froese vividly brings to life her recovery from depression, chronicling the two years she spent restoring the joy she'd lost. This bold, heart-wrenching memoir will make readers laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time.

"I basically made up my own joy project, taking on a topic of happiness every month," said Froese. "By month twenty-four—after immersion in subjects like cre-

four—after immersion in subjects like creativity, food, fitness, photography, faith, love and gratitude for 21 straight days each month—a whole new me emerged, one who was finally joyful."

Both heartbreaking and humorous, *Journey to Joy* offers insight into the stumbles and falls of recovery, and the persistence required to get back up time and again. The raw storytelling in *Journey to Joy* will change how you view depression and anxietv... how you view depression and anxiety... and will permanently alter your own approach to jov.

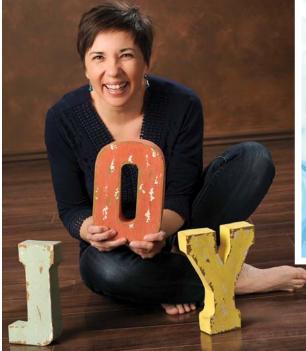
"It's terrifying putting out a book that re-veals your insecurities and your struggles, but I think people who struggle with de-pression and anxiety need to know they're not alone. The whole reason for writing the book is to take that mask of invincibility off and to show people that suffering is part of being human and we're all in it together." Froese's journey also takes her through the trials of adoption and eventually to a

Chinese orphanage where she finds courage, strength and her true purpose. Journey to Joy will restore your faith in miracles and the underlying goodness of mankind.

"This book was six years in the making and while it has sometimes been a torturous experience, in the end, I think my journey will leave readers uplifted and confident that they too can survive life's hardest hits,'

Dr. Christine Majeran, Chiropractor and ertified life coach says, "This is Eat, Pray, critified life coach says, "This is Eat, Pray, Love for the rest of us. Don't just read this book. DO this book."

Publisher Heather Nickel says, "Told with humour and insight into aspects of



Author Christalee Froese and her book Journey to Joy, top right.

daily life we all experience, Journey to Joy provides practical, real-world stepping stones to building your own path to happi-

Christalee Froese has earned a Creative Saskatchewan grant which supports projects that have market potential outside of

the province.
"The Creative Industries Production grant was a total surprise, and I'm humbled and grateful that Journey to Joy was chosen by Creative Saskatchewan as a book which they think could sell to readers Canadawide," said Froese.

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"This is Eat, Pray, Love for the rest of us."

Copies of Jouney to Joy are available at the World-Spectator in Moosomin for \$24.95. You can also visit bookjourneytojoy.com or email Lcfroese@sasktel.net, or pick up a copy at Chapters, Montmartre Pharmasave, Grenfell's CR Trenz, Kipling's Timeless Trends, Carlyle's Kings Department Store, Wawota's Front Porch Interiors, Maple Creek's Grotto Gardens, McNally Robinson, Indigo and Amazon.

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# Rocanville's Chase the Ace starts with a bang

Rocanville's Chase the Ace draw started on April 19, and already the lottery which supports six commu-nity groups in town—is getting a great response from the community. "It's working well so far. Both weeks Grid Iron was

packed and everyone is coming out for the draw. We thought it would be very slow at the start, but it just went," says Kari Lesmeister, who has helped organize the lottery.

Rocanville's Chase the Ace is a little different than

others in a few ways. First, it supports six community

groups—golf course, play school, pool, playground, minor ball, and curling club. And secondly, people can buy tickets all weel leading up the event, and put the name of a proxy on their ticket who can draw their card if they can't be there.

Lesmeister says it got

started as a way to drum up some funds for the town's facilities.

"I joined the rec board as a member at large and I just thought it would be a great way to raise more funds as a community whole rather than all little groups doing different fundraisers all the time," she says. "I thought this could eliminate some of those and we could do one

large fundraiser.
"As a member of the rec board I brought it to their attention and it was kind of decided that chase the ace was such a time consum-ing event, so we formed our own subcommittee. I put the word out that this was available and was open to anyone, any group or facili-ty in the town of Rocanville could join, and these are the six that stepped up and said they would like to be a part of it. I formed a committee with one representative from each of those places. And then they have to be in charge and they have their committee to help them on their event."

The different groups take

turns running the Chase the

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# **Rocanville's Chase the Ace** starts with a bang

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Each facility has to run the event every six weeks. So you don't have to commit every Thursday for he entire year," says Lesmeister. Board members of the places can also sell tickets. It definitely made it a lot easier to get it going.
"Every few months it was agreed

that we would split the funds even-ly to all the groups. It just kind of helps with some of the facilities who need the money sooner than others, instead of waiting until next year.

So everyone gets an equal share."

Lesmeister says the idea of having a proxy also helps with the popularity of the lottery.

"If you are from out of town and you want to support these facilities, you can buy a ticket and write on the ticket a proxy. If you can not attend the event but your ticket is pulled, your proxy can cut the deck of cards for you."

Tickets are available from Deckers H20, Grid Iron Bar and Grill, the golf course, or from any board member.

The Chase the Ace goes every Thursday at the Grid Iron Bar and Grill, but will be moved to the Ro-canville Golf clubhouse come summer The draw runs from 5:30 to

7:30 pm, with ticket sales stopping round 7:25 pm and the draw being made at 7:30 pm each Thursday.

Lesmeister said she had heard a

lot of good things about Chase the Ace draws from other communities, which is why Rocanville decided to

og ahead with one.
"I heard great stories. Other towns and communities have done this fundraiser and raised tremendous amounts of money and I just thought it would be a great opportunity for Rocanville," she says. We have a lot of facilities in our town that we would like to keep go-



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# **Sheldon Kennedy bestowed with Courage Award from ACC**

Former NHL hockey player Sheldon Kennedy is being presented with the second annual Cour-age Award by Assiniboine Community College. "Since I came forward in 1996 my mission was sim-

1996, my mission was sim-1996, my mission was simply to help others and make the future a safer place for our kids," Kennedy said. "To receive awards for this work is such an amazing honour and I am so grateful to receive the 2018 Assimilations Courage Award It is boine Courage Award. It is especially meaningful having this happen in my own backyard!"

The Courage Award was

established by Assiniboine Community College in 2017 to commend and honour people who demonstrate courage in all its forms in

courage in all its forms in their business, community, professional or personal life. "We are honoured to have Sheldon Kennedy ac-cept this award for the cour-age he demonstrated by coming forward about the sexual abuse he endured for years and for his continued advocacy work to prevent and treat child abuse across North America," ACC pres-

ident Mark Frison said. Born in Brandon in 1969 and raised in Elkhorn, Kennedy found hockey a natu-ral outlet for his youthful

energy.
"We only had 150 people "We only nad 150 peopie who lived in our town, so we'd go play hockey. It was a way of life," Kennedy recalls in Swift Current, the 2016 documentary about his life.

But the opportunity to play Major Junior hockey as a teenager turned sour when Kennedy was sexual-ly abused by his coach, Gra-ham James. He kept the se-cret locked inside for many

years, fearing reprisals if he said anything. Kennedy is now the Lead Director at the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre, the first of its kind in Canada, offering full services for victims of child abuse. He is also the Co-Founder of Respect Group, which provides educa-tion online to help prevent abuse, bullying and harassment.

During his professional hockey career, Kennedy was signed by four different National Hockey League

teams and their American Hockey League affiliates, including the Winnipeg Jets and the Manitoba Moose. Kennedy's life has been the subject of a 1999 TV movie, The Sheldon Ken-nedy Story, his 2006 book, Why I Didn't Say Anything and Swift Current. When Kennedy went

When Kennedy went public in 1996, his story inspired others to come for-ward, including NHL star Theo Fleury, who had been abused by the same coach. James was charged, con-victed and sentenced to jail time in two separate trials, one for Kennedy and an-other player and the second one for Fleury and another player.

Kennedy will receive

the award at a dinner in his honour on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Victoria Inn and Convention Centre in Brandon, MB. Tickets are available on the college website at assiniboine.net/

courage.

The dinner will be co-chaired by Sheila North Wilson, Grand Chief of Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and Don Orkimakanak and Don Penny, founding partner and past chairman of MNP LLP (formerly Meyers Nor-ris Penny), recipient of As-siniboine's first Courage Award in 2017.



Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy, from Elkhorn, was named Assiniboine Community College's second Courage Award winner.









# Doug Wight fundraiser raises \$30,500

A benefit steak supper and silent auction for Wawota'a Doug Wight on May 5 brought out a show of support of 260 people and raised \$30,500.

Doug has been battling pancreatic cancer and has been ack and forth to Regina for chemo treatments and other back and forth to Reg procedures ever since.

He says he is extremely grateful for the support shown by the community.

"I was kind of overwhelmed that the community was coming together like that," he says.

"I live just up the hill from the hall, and when we walked

down and came over the little crest in the hill and I saw all the cars I thought 'holy moly, wow look at all the vehicles!'

When I got to the hall we started to meet people, and then when I got into the hall it basically sat me down, I couldn't believe the people who were at the hall. It was amazing.

"How the people all come together to help one family,

it was phenomenal. Sherry (Doug's wife) and I couldn't believe it. All my life I've been out in the community and done community stuff and my job and helping people with their problems, and then to turn around and see the people come and help you was just amazing."

Doug will have chemo treatments every two weeks for

three months. He says the funds raised will really help with the expenses.

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"It's going to lift a big weight off our shoulders," he says.

"Just going back and forth, it doesn't matter what someone says, whether you are just going to Regina and back, it still costs money. Every time you go to Regina and come back and then your meal, it all adds up very quickly.

"The help is phenomenal and just seeing the community come together like that—I had a bit of a thank you when we were there. That was one thing. I asked the audience.

we were there. That was one thing I asked the audience, to stand up and applaud themselves, to give themselves a round of applause simply because it's great to see the com-

munity come together.

"It was just the thoughtfulness of people. There were the work through my job (Wight is a longpeople that I'd deal with through my job (Wight is a long-time employee of Pattison Ag) from Lampman and Arcola and Carlyle and in the Moosomin area and so on. There

Muray Lucas was one of the people who helped organize the fundraiser. Murray works with Doug at Pattison Ag in

"It was amazing the support they got from the locals in Wawota, everybody was there from town," he says. "It was very much appreciated that they came out, and they supported it bigtime. Everybody was willing to bid on some of the live auction stuff we had, and we had several 50/50 draws, and we had some draws for a pressure washer we had donated. It was great participation for everybody and nobody said no, everybody just kept buying tickets and kept the money rolling.
"Doug has been a long term employee at Pattison, 25-30

years he's been employed, he's a great guy and everyone here has worked with him for years and years, and it was just the natural thing to do, to try to help him out.

# Cindy Blondeau fundraiser raises \$19,887

BY KARA KINNA

When Alma Ducharme set out to help Cindy Blondeau, who has been battling cancer since 2012, she was hoping that a fundraiser held on Saturday, April 28 in Moosomin would raise around \$10,000. Instead, the fundraiser far exceeded her expectations, with all 200 tickets selling out, bringing in \$19,887.

"It was absolutely perfect, it couldn't have been better," said Ducharme last week.

"It couldn't have been any better than it was. We sold out at 200 tickets. We were allowed 200 in the hall, and sold them all out. It was really, really great.

"I was hoping for \$10,000. I said I'll be happy if we make \$10,000, but just the silent auction alone brought in over \$7,000. It was absolutely great.

The fundraiser consisted of a supper, dance and silent auction. Ducha-rme says a bunch of people pitched in to help her organize it.

"I'm not the only one. There is no way I could do that alone," she says. "It made me feel so good that every-one helped out. It makes me really happy that there's such nice people out there. I couldn't have done it without them."

Cindy Blondeau has been battling cancer since 2012 when it was detected in a routine mammogram. The cancer was advance at the time it was detected, and has since spread to her

spine, pelvis and ribs.

The fundraiser will be to help the Blondeaus cover the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and medical ex-penses. Cindy has been getting treat-ment at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina, and one of her treatments, which will no longer be covered by Saskatchewan Medicare, will cost her \$1,200 a month.

Cindy was able to attend the fun-

draiser on April 28 and says she is "incredibly humbled and grateful" to the people who came out to support her. She says, as well as local people, family members from around the country came to Moosomin for the

"When Alma and her husband had first come to visit me and said that she wanted to do it, I tried to talk her out of it," she says. "I told her she did not need to take that on, she had enough going on in her life but she was determined. I tried to give in as graciously as I could and thanked her and told her that would be wonder-ful and I would try and help, and she said 'nope, I have it all taken care of.'

She is an organizational wizard.
"I was Incredibly humbled and grateful and just really appreciated the support. It was a really emotional evening. Some people came from a long distance away to be there with us. It is overwhelming and heart-warming, and exactly what I need-

Cindy says the show of support is just as important as the money raised.
"I know that was really important

for Eddie (her husband), too, to see so many of the family and friends, to see them all come together like that," she says. "There is a huge mental toll that's taken when your diagnosed with a terminal disease. The support is every bit as important as the finan-cial part of it."

Cindy says the financial support will be a big help. "I do a lot of trips to Regina by my-

self and we do a lot together when I have to go up for radiation for pain control," she says. "I usually stay there instead of going back and forth and there is always expenses to it, and the drug that I'm on right now is cov-ered by the Saskatchewan Drug Formulary, and when it stops working the next one they would like to put me on is not covered. It was and now it's not, it is under review. It would run roughly \$1,200 a month. There are a couple more that are available now that are possibilities-it depends on where the cancer progresses to, and a

couple more of them are not covered. "Even though we live in Saskatch ewan and in Canada, there is a lot of financial toll with some of the drugs Cindy says she has a long journey ahead of her, but right now she is feeling well.

"I'm doing well. I was diagnosed back in 2012, and it has been a long back in 2012, and it has been a long time with a stage four." she says. "The first drug they put me on lasted for five and half years but then the cancer progressed last fall. It's still in my bones, it hasn't got into any of my organs yet, but it did move into more homes and some of them grew significant. bones and some of them grew significantly, and that's why I was in more pain. That's how come we knew pain. That's now tollie we knew something was happening and went in and had that radiated and moved on to another drug, and I've had one set of scans since then and the doctor thinks it's working but he won't be really confident in it until we do the scans in July. That is how my life goes—three months at a time."

Cindy says her cancer was too advanced for standard chemo.

"Once I was diagnosed and had all of the scans done it had already spread. I was basically stage four from the beginning, so there was no point doing those treatments, those are doing meant to stop it from coming back, so I was out the gate already. The radiation I've had is just for pain control, it's targeted to certain tumors to kill them so they don't kill the nerves."

Cindy says her life is dictated by

"It completely runs it," she says.
"Day to day I'm still functioning fairly well. I was doing much better a couple years ago before it progressed. but now my mobility is effected. I don't walk like I used to because now

pain is more of an issue."

She says she is blessed to have people like Álma who care about her

"We are so blessed to have Alma in our lives," she says. "The friends, family, community and support we've gotten has really been heartwarming and means a lot to us. Alma was amazing. She just went to work and put the word out and everybody fell into line."

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# How to choose your herbs



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If you'd like to try your hand at growing your own herbs, choose common varieties that are sure to please your palate. Three or four varieties to start should be plenty to add depth and diversity to your home-cooked meals.

Make sure you do your research beforehand to know how to properly pick and grow your herbs of choice. Certain varieties grow profusely - like mint, for example - which can affect the healthy growth of more delicate herbs. To avoid making rookie mistakes, always consult a horticulturist for

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# Relax, you're at the cabin





# **Shannon Houff**

The last thing you want to do when you are spend-ing time at the cabin is worry about keeping it clean. This is a place where you should have leisure time. So to achieve a low maintenance but still ap-pealing look, you have to make furniture choices that are resilient and have easy upkeep qualities. There are

lots of ways to achieve this. Find durable, wipe-able fabrics in variegated earthy tones or bright and

flashy—whichever your style is more suited to! There is a fabric company called Sunbrella that has been revolutionary . . . it gives us so many durable choices that don't limit our choices that don't limit our creativity. This product is indoor/outdoor, high performance, very durable and offers styles in solids and patterns in all colours of the rainbow. This fabric can be used on sofas, theirs divine chairs and chairs, dining chairs, and benches to keep with that

low maintenance theme for

all of your furniture.

Ideal cabin furniture has
the style and comfort you'd like inside along with the durability to also be used outside. Incorporate some fun, recycled plastic furniture for a dining table or bench that you can pull out on the deck and add to your outdoor living space without concern for the elements and fading when you have extra guests. It's always great to have a fire at the cabin but some-

times with fire bans, it's just not an option. By introducing an outdoor fireplace you can still comfortably sit around enjoying the heat and ambience while listening to all of the fish stories good old uncle Dan has to offer! There always seems to be an adventure or two he wants to share. I love your stories Uncle

Danny, just bugging you! So choose a theme

whether it be coastal, rustic cabin or chic and modern. cabin or chic and modern.

Choose some great fabrics
to enhance your choices
and then throw pillows
and blankets to make it all
pop. Don't forget to visit
some local garage sales to
pick up those treasures,
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Next, clean the metal using a damp sponge, and then dry the surface with a clean cloth. As soon as you're done cleaning - don't wait too long, as bare metal is quick to rust - apply a coat of primer designed for metal and compatible with the paint you'll be using. Once the base coat is dry (refer to the manufacturer's instructions for drying time), apply as many coats of paint as necessary. You can use a regular paintbrush, but spraying the paint on (either with a spray gun or a can of spray paint) will prevent visible brush

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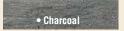
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#### 1. Marigolds

Deep golden yellow marigolds grow easily and require little mainte-nance: all you'll need to do is remove wilted flowers as they appear and water when the weather gets really hot. Their pungent smell acts as a natural repellent against aphids, among other pests.

# 2. Tuberous Begonias

Tuberous begonias grow to be about 30 centimetres tall and wide. These bulb plants grow in full sun or partial shade, in fresh,

well-drained soil. They come in all sorts of shapes and colours, from yellow to pink to bright red and even white.

3. Cosmos
These large flowers are
perfect for flowerbeds.
They bloom throughout
the summer and attract
butterflies. Plant them in full sun and don't over water, as they prefer a drier soil. Using compost is not recommended for cosmos, which would become too big and require

**4. Geraniums** Colourful and easy to care for, geraniums only require a little bit of ef-fort. You'll need to regu-larly remove wilted flow-ers and yellow leaves to

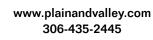


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First, make sure you've dedicated enough space for your guests to relax comfortably. Adirondack chairs, swings, wooden benches, wicker loungers, hammocks — opt for variety! And don't forget to include enough blankets and cushions to create a soft, cozy environment.

Next, place one or more side tables around the seating area so that you and your guests can set down glasses, plates, phones and any other objects you prefer to keep close at

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Did your kids scribble all over your leather sofas with markers? Has the blue dye from your new pair of jeans bled onto your couch? Did someone spill a glass of red wine on your favourite armchair? Don't panic! There are several ways to remove stains from leather furniture.

First and foremost, it's important to note that most nongreasy stains easily disappear when lightly dabbed at with a moist cloth. Act quickly and make sure to use a lightcoloured fabric to clean with — certain colours bleed, which would only make things worse.

Still seeing the stain? Trade in your cloth for a cotton ball dipped in makeup remover and lightly dab that pesky spot. If you're trying to get rid of an alcohol or a soot stain, add a few drops of vinegar to your cotton ball. As for coffee, tea, dye and ink, a drop of rubbing alcohol should do





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Leather reacts poorly to moisture. For this reason, don't let it get too wet during the stain removal process, and make sure to dry the surface thoroughly with a clean cloth after you've dealt with the stain. It's also important to avoid scrubbing at all costs, opting instead for a delicate dabbing technique. Lastly, always spot test stain removal products on

a non-visible area before using them to avoid accidental dam-

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#### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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Outfit your kitchen cabinets and drawers with knobs, handles or pulls that match the finish of your appliances and plumbing

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#### **FSTHFTIC** CONSIDERATIONS

A copper finish for country decor, wide handles for a modern kitchen - the hardware you choose should

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**Build your own backyard bar this summer** 

Do you basically live on your patio during the summer? Then why not set up a bar area to have everything you need to prepare refreshing cocktails — and tasty snacks — close at hand? Tempted? Here are some things to consider.

are some things to consider.

First off, determine how you'll be using your bar. For instance, would you like to be able to enjoy it on rainy days or late in the season? You'll also need to think about how you'll shield the area from the sun,

wind and rain (you could use an awning, for example). Furthermore, to choose the right location for your bar, consider the logistical aspect of water and electrical hook-ups.

Are you looking to build a temporary setup (adding a counter during the summer, for example) or a permanent bar area that can weather the winter? In either case, choose materials that are resistant to weather damage and UV light. Wood (teck or cedar), braided resin, composite, stainless steel, stone and brick, are all good choices. Just make sure the materials you choose match the look of your home.



Finally, don't neglect the safety aspect. As you'll likely be using your bar during the evening, you'll need adequate lighting both for the area itself and the path

whip up fun evenings in good company. leading up to it. For the rest, it's all a matter of taste: exotic or modern; chic or rustic; what does your dream backyard bar look

# Add a summery touch to your home decor

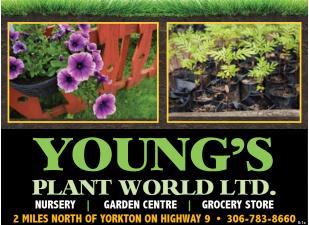
Have the warm days of summer inspired you to add a splash of sun to your interior? Here are some tips.

Summer goes hand in hand with sunny weather. Let as much natural light as possible into your home by replacing heavy curtains with light, flowy materials. Add some greenery to the mix by placing houseplants and cut flowers throughout your interior.

In the living room, add some throw cushions

featuring bright, warm colours (orange, yellow, coral) or summery prints (tropical flowers, birds, nautical patterns, seashells). You could also display some photos of your latest beach vacation.

Use various accessories to give your kitchen and bathrooms a summery feel. Floral centrepieces, colourful tableware, a bright shower curtain, citrus-scented candles — the ontions are endless!





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# **Rediscover the decorative** appeal of room dividers

Whether you're looking to create a bit of privacy, reconfigure a space or even add a decorative touch to a room, you just might find that the solution lies in a good old room divider.

Room dividers are making a comeback on the interior decor front, as is apparent with the multitude of materials (bamboo, wood, metal, felt) and designs available on the market. This versatile element can be either discreet or imposing; sober or extravagant; rounded or square; massive or minimal. It can be cushioned, mirrored, equipped with storage or as basic as can be, equally able to blend in or stand out according to your needs.

A multipurpose accessory Room dividers are a perfect, portable solution for adapting a space to your needs, whether that means separating areas in an open-plan loft



Practical or decorative — or both — the room divider is making

the living room. In addition, they can help reduce drafts and maintain heat in a room. Easy as pie to set up and

or creating an office space in move around, these handy faux walls can also be used to hide the not-so-nice parts of a room.

# **Avoid these four mistakes** when buying furniture

Have a room to furnish? For a final result that's as practical as it is pretty, avoid mak ing these four common mistakes

#### 1. BUYING WITHOUT MEASURING FIRST

In store, your perception of size can play tricks on you. It's hard to accurately picture what a given object will look like in a different space. That's why it's crucial that you measure the room you'll be putting the piece of furniture in as well as the width of the doorways it'll have to pass through. This will allow you to determine whether that couch you're eying is the right fit for your family room. Keep in mind that just because it can fit doesn't mean it should - massive furniture in a small space creates an oppressive atmosphere

#### 2. ONLY CONSIDERING THE LOOKS

Gorgeous chairs that stop being comfortable when you sit on them for more than 20 seconds. An impossible-to-clean designer couch in a household with young children. A beautiful bookcase that's too delicate to hold your encyclopedia collection. Avoid disappointment by carefully considering the function of each piece of furniture before you break out your . wallet.

#### 3. THINKING SHORT-TERM

Does your son have his heart set on a race car shaped bed? Kids grow up fast — you'll likely end up having to buy new furniture before you know it. For a design that stands the test



of time, go with neutral furniture and personalize the room with accessories, which are a lot easier to replace as trends change.

#### 4. OVER-FURNISHING

It's easy to feel claustrophobic in a cluttered room. Instead of packing too many pieces of furniture into one space, choose items with multiple uses such as futons or tables that double as storage.







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# **Interview with Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer:**

# Scheer says new approach to pipelines needed

On Thursday, April 19, World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with fed-eral Conservative leader Andrew Scheer about the problem of getting pipelines built in Canada.

Following is a complete transcript of

the interview portion of the conversation:

The CEO of Kinder Morgan is now saying that the uncertainty around Trans-Mountain is making the project unten-able. How should this whole file have been handled?

We need to go back and look at where this all started

Justin Trudeau put out this false narra-tive in the last election that the approval process was to blame. He started under-mining the creditability of our indepen-dent, science-based approval process that saw four major pipelines built during the Conservative government. He emboldened protestors by saying

that everyone had to grant social license, and that only communities could grant permission, which really did fuel up all those groups that are perennially opposed

to any type of development.

Then he killed Northern Gateway based on political considerations. They are not based on science, they're not based on le-gitimate environmental concerns, they are ust based on a political promise during

He is putting in a carbon tax and threat-

ening the energy industry with some of the most outrageous regulations in bill

That is why we are where we are today. With TransMountain—the stakes are so high with TransMountain. It's getting all the attention. It's where all the protestors tend to converge on, because it is the only

pipeline in the works right now. He killed Northern Gateway and he killed Energy East.

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# Scheer says new approach to pipelines needed

So after lack of action for months, Justin Trudeau only just last week met with Premier Horgan of B.C. Conservatives have been calling on Justin Trudeau to meet with Premier Horgan to start working on an off-ramp from this confrontation. We've been asking for months. We had a motion from the House of Commons in February. The Liberals voted against it. So we are where we are today because of Justin Trudeau's complete mismanagement of the energy file.

#### What side do you think the Prime Minister is on on this particular project?

I suspect when you look at everything that he has ever said, when you look at Gerald Butts, the man running government in Ottawa right now, they don't believe in the energy sector, they want to phase out the oil sands.

sands.

I think Justin Trudeau is happy to let others do his dirty work and I have no doubt that he would be very happy to watch this pipeline get cancelled or delayed to the point where Kinder Morgan just has to back of the smelt have the same than the same that the same than the same than the same than the same than the off themselves

# What does the federal government need to do now to ensure that the Trans Mountain project can proceed?

It is so late now that anything they do will take time.

They need to clearly stand up for federal areas of jurisdiction. This was declared to be

of national interest some time ago.

They should have spelled out a legal framework about what that meant months

ago. They need to reappeal Bill C69.

Bill C69 is not getting the attention it deserves but when you talk to literally everyone involved in the energy sector, whether it's drillers and extractors to pipeline manufacturers to primary producers to heavy trades, they realize that bill C69 will make it so that there is not another major energy project ever again in this country.

They need to restore some confidence in

the sector so that companies do have pa-tience to deal with some legal challenges or with some minor delays

Right now there is all that conflict and the federal government has to be a champion for them. That is just so incredibly impor-

I know the Liberals would like us to focus on Kinder Morgan, they would like this to be the criteria of whether or not they are successful or not, but this should not be about TransMountain, this should be about Energy East, Northern Gateway, this should be about everything.

They drove out \$87 billion dollars of in-

They drove out \$87 billion dollars of investment into the energy sector. What Justin Trudeau is now saying is in order to get a pipeline built in Canada you need to have the federal government use taxpayer dollars to get it built, basically nationalizing parts of the energy sector. That is a terrible indictment of his own record.

I don't know how familiar you are with Moosomin—you were here during the leadership campaign—but we have the TransCanada Pipeline just to the north of Irans-canada Piperine just to the north of us and the Enbridge Pipeline just to the south, and Moosomin is often a field office site for pipeline construction on both lines. With the cancellation of Energy East we lost what would have been a massive tank farm at the Moosomin Compressor Station, and feeder pipelines from Cromer, Manitoba and Williston, North Dakota to the Moosomin site. TransCanada of course cancelled the project after changes in the federal approval process. Can you foresee any way in which a project like that could



Federal Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer

be resurrected under a new regulatory re-

I would make it a priority as Prime Minister to try to get TransCanada back to the

There is still a market in eastern Canada

for western energy.

I don't believe that motorists in Quebec or Ontario or Atlantic Canada are happy that they are importing oil from other countries.

There are tankers full of oil coming up the St. Luceroe into eacher

St. Lawrence into eastern refineries. They killed the project because, as you mentioned, the Trudeau Liberals changed the regulatory process to include both up-stream and downstream emissions.

It's the only sector of our economy that is now subject to that complete double stan-dard and a standard that is not applied to

dard and a standard that is not applied to oil being imported.

I believe that by removing those conditions and by repealing C69 we could show the investors and companies that you have a government that is going to be a champion of the sector, and hopefully they would come back to the table, so I do think that is possible.

possible.

Energy East was one of those grand nation building projects that would have brought our country closer together.

It had support in Atlantic Canada, support in Quebec and Ontario outside of the

political realm. Many people in the economy outside of government knew that would be great for the economy, and I think that we could create the conditions for a win on that in a Conservative government and not with the Trudeau liberal government.

With the Enbridge Line 3 replacement. we just had five officials from Enbridge come out yesterday to the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce. We were told yesterday the company still isn't totally ready to let out contracts on the Saskatchewan spreads—although they're hoping to have more clarity within a few weeks.

That's a project that has met all the approvals in Canada and is now facing uncertainty because of opposition in Minne-

Looking at all these pipeline projects, do we need a whole new approach to pipeline approvals so there is some certainty?

We need to stop having different levels of government act embarrassed about it.

Pipelines are safe, they're environmenripeines are safe, they re environmentally friendly, they move energy with minimal greenhouse gas emissions—better than trains and trucks.

We should be proud of it.

We should be proud of the fact that we have ethically extracted environmentally sustainable

energy coming out of west-

ern Canada.

's extracted the cleanest way in the

We should be creating a brand for Canada for Canadian energy. That, I think, would help allay some of the concerns that others have in other areas—protesters and oppo-nents who never support any new development in the energy sector play off of it. I think that is critical. We need a better estab-lished legal framework to ensure that once the objective criteria are met for these projects, that every level of government respect that and allow it to proceed.

Scotiabank recently came out with a report on the impact of lack of pipeline ac-cess on the Canadian economy. Were you surprised to see the extent of the impact unveiled in that report.

No, we've known, we've been warning people about this for months now that the people about this for months now that the energy sector is a huge part of our country's economy, and lack of capacity to transport energy means stagnation. It means there won't be new exploration. Companies won't invest in finding new

sources or production if they can't move their products.

That is true for any industry.

It impacts the agriculture sector when we can't move our grain because of backlogs on

It's true with manufacturing when you can't get contracts for trucking, so it's no surprise that lack of market access and ca-pacity of pipelines is have an effect on the

pacity of pipelines is have all effect of the overall economy.

In addition, we continue to take a massive discount on our energy because we are so dependent on one major customer, and the discount that we are taking from the U.S. market versus what we could get on the world market is a massive amount of lost potential in our economy that I'm not convinced Canadians everywhere realize how significant that is.

#### How important is it to reduce that differential between Western Canada Select and world prices for oil?

It is critical. I mean, to put it into per-sonal terms, if you're selling anything, you wouldn't want to sell it at a discount to

what you could be getting. Farmers don't want to sell their grain at

raimers don't want to seit item grain at half of what they could get.

People who manufacture anything want to get the best possible price so they can hire more people, pay better wages and put more people back to work.

It is also subsidizing the American energy

consumer by providing them with cheaper energy than they could get on the world

It's just not fair. It's a lost source of reve-

nue for provincial and federal governments to pay for things like health care and hospi-tals, schools and roads.

Is expanding pipeline capacity the only is expanding pipeline capacity the only part of the puzzle, or are there other ele-ments of government policy that would have to change to ensure that Canadian energy producers can get their products to market?

I mentioned C69 and I also believe the carbon tax has to go. Even the threat of the carbon tax coming in has had an impact around boardroom tables around the world.

around boardroom tables around the words. We see companies moving investments out of Canada. They are not getting out of the energy business, but they are getting out of the energy business in Canada, and that started really once Justin Trudeau confirmed that he is going to impose a carbon

# How different would a Conservative government's approach to pipelines be?

We are going to be coming out with more specifics on exactly what the regime would look like, but it is essential that we remember that under the previous government four major pipelines were constructed and a fifth, the Northern Gateway, was approved. The Liberals killed that.

There were some things that could have been done to streamline the process, getting some of the social issues, whether it's First Nations engagement or concerns around impacts on communities, out of the sciencebased aspect of the system, keeping the NEB looking more to the technical requirements and certainly the environmental im-

A Conservative government would be that champion industry needs to create that Canadian brand that people around the world would want.

When you look at the work conditions in Saudi Arabia or Nigeria, when you look at the environmental standards and look at human rights concerns, we should want

at human rights concerns, we should want people in Europe, Asia, and South America clamoring for Canadian oil.

But when you have politicians like Justin Trudeau or the NDP over the course of the last decade running down our energy sector, running down the oil sands, running down Canadian companies that have a great record, it's no surprise that we have work to do to grapic that. work to do to repair that.

If I can ask you one question on a totally different subject, there has been an out-pouring of support for Humboldt across the country. Here in Moosomin on Friday night, Mike Schwean and a few people organized a junior game with about 100 current and former junior players that raised \$55,000 for Humboldt. What are your thoughts on seeing the response to the Humboldt Broncos tragedy across the

In the wake of an unimaginable tragedy, it is heart warming to see not just the prov-ince of Saskatchewan come together to sup-port the families of the victims, but indeed the entire country.

Looking at what hockey teams in literally

every province have done, or fundraisers that are going on all over the country, the outpouring of support internationally. Her Majesty the Queen, President Trump, foreign heads of state, I think the world really felt Humboldt's pain and I think that is very meaningful not just to the victims and their families but also to everyone in Saskatchewan who really do feel that this struck all

Alright. Thank you very much for your comments and your time this morning.

Thank you! Always great to chat!



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# Sask's average farmland values continue to climb

Saskatchewan's average Saskatchewan's average farmland values continued to climb at roughly the same rate as the Canadian average in 2017, a sign of a strong and stable agriculture economy, according to J.P. Gervais, chief agricultural ecompit for Earm tural economist for Farm

Credit Canada (FCC).

The average value of Canadian farmland increased 8.4 per cent in 2017, following a gain of 7.9 per cent in 2016. Although average farmland values have inreased every year since 1993, recent increases are less pronounced than the 2011-2015 period that recorded significant average familiary always increases in the proposed of the proposed in t farmland value increases in many different regions.

With the steady climb "With the steady climb of farmland values, now is a good time for producers to review and adjust their business plan to reflect variable commodity prices and slightly higher interest rates, assess their overall financial position and focus on increasing productivon increasing productiv-ity," Gervais said. "It's also a good idea to have a risk management plan in place to protect your business against unforeseen circumstances and events.

stances and events."
In Saskatchewan, average farmland values increased by 10.2 per cent in 2017, following gains of 7.5 per cent in 2016 and 9.4 per cent in 2015. This was the largest average increase in farmland values reported among all provinces. all provinces.
While Saskatchewan,

Ontario and Nova Scotia reported the largest average increases, four provinces— British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Prince Ed-ward Island—saw a smaller increase from the previous

Quebec and New Bruns-wick both showed increases that were fairly close to the national average, while Newfoundland and Labrador didn't have enough transactions to fully assess farmland values in that province.
Some of last year's av-

erage farmland value inerage farmand value in-crease may also be a result of timing as most provinces recorded a faster pace of in-crease in the first six months of the year while interest rate increases didn't occur until the latter half of 2017. Recent increases in borrowing costs and expectations of further increases could cool the farmland market in

018, according to Gervais. 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, 2017 and, for the first time, provides a value range in terms of years," Gervais said.

price per acre.
"It's important to remember that farmland prices can vary widely within regions due to many local factors that can influence how much value a buyer and seller attach to a parcel of land," Gervais said.

He also stressed that every farm operation is unique and there may be a strong business case for buying more land, but not without carefully weighing the risks and rewards.
"Farm operations need to

be cautious in regions where the growth rate of farmland values has exceeded that of farm incomes in recent

"The good news is Cana-dian farms are generally in dian tarms are generally in a strong financial position when it comes to net cash income and their balance sheets," he said.

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Farmland values continued to climb in 2017, a sign of a strong and stable ag economy.







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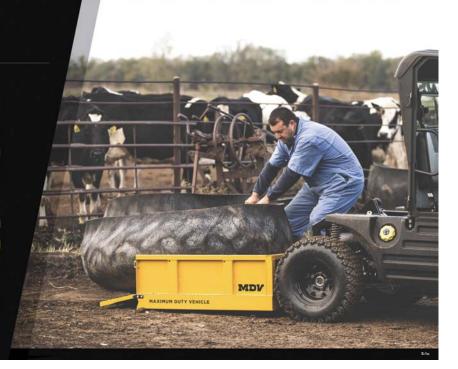
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# Rance Cardinal reaches Saskatchewan

Rance Cardinal arrived in Saskatchewan Thursday, May 10 on his walk from northwest Ontario to Humboldt in honor of the Humboldt Broncos.

Humboldt Broncos.
"It's not every day I'm able to go to a Jets game. It's maybe once a year. I had my sign saying 1 just want to be on TV. Minutes before we saw the breaking news on the

TV," he says.
"It was just like a shockwave of pain that hit me. I have to tell of pain that hit me. I have to tell you I never felt that since I lost my brother and my late teammate. So I changed my sign to Humboldt Strong, and it made the jumbotron. After the game I thought this would be such a huge honor to take that sign to Humboldt. After the game to Humboldt. After the game, I asked my uncle, what would you do if I walked to Humboldt. He gave me a different look. It wasn't a look of doubt, it was



more a look of pride. He said 'I'll

support you the whole way.'
"From April 7 to April 11 I only got five hours of sleep. I was just thinking about it and talking about it. April 11 is when I started

walking.

Rance said it felt great to make it to Saskatchewan on Thursday evening. "It's a big ape off my back. To get here is just awesome. I get to start my healing process

a little more in depth. Each day I'm in Saskatchewan I'll be think-ing of one of the people who died on that bus. I can't tell you how much I feel.

much I feel.

"The support is just unbelievable. Being told you're an inspiration. Being told you're a hero, being told you're bringing Canada together. It's something I would never ever think I would hear.

"I strated off the day with the

"I started off the day with the junior high kids at Virden and that was great way to start the

day.
"Being told the kids were waiting for us at Elkhorn, it was excit-ing. When I got there it was unbe-lievable. Elkhorn is a small town

lievable. Elkhorn is a small town with a really big heart."
"I want to develop my inner peace, strength and honor. So I'm learning how big a heart Ca-nadians have. People are reach-ing out to me."
Rance lost a teammate to a car

accident, and knows how it feels to lose someone close. He also lost his younger brother to an illness in 2013.

mess in 2013.
"This is a time of healing, like
my late brother would always
say, we'll always bounce back. I
want to send that message," he
says. "We'll bounce back. This tragedy should say to everybody around the world our life is short our life is precious so live every moment like it's your last.

'What I've learned about myself is you just have to put your mind to whatever you're doing. You have to put your heart into it. I love hockey just as much as these boys did. It makes me sad, it hurts me to think about them. They were just young kids,

young men.
"What I learned is you can't just live life too fast. You have to take time to enjoy the life you





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# Whitewood dinner theatre attracts 500

BY DONNA BEUTLER
Whitewood's Not So
Famous People Players
performed its 2018 dinner
theatre show on April 21,
27 and 28 before over 500
total audience members total audience members.

It was three evenings of non-stop laughs as the

of non-stop laughs as the 10-member cast took to the stage in what marks the 18th consecutive year of productions for the community drama club. When three friends, Brad, played by Lynn Bachtold, Geordie, played by Brett Tollefson, and Max, played by Cindy Boutin, see a newsparer headline that reads. per headline that reads, "Annual Fishing Tourna-Number of Female Participants," they head for the lake to see if they can catch the perfect woman.

For men who love the sport of "picking up

chicks" the opportunity is perfect for the three friends. Better yet, they will be staying at the same lodge as a group of same loage as a group or four fisherwomen, Annie, played by Linda Gessner, Blair, played by Amanda Brule, Donna, played by Cheryl Mantei, and Madeline, played by Roxanne MacPherson.

Though the men are inexperienced fishermen, they arrive at the lodge they arrive at the lodge with all the right sup-plies, with the exception perhaps of Geordie (Brett Tollefson) whose fishing outfit is more huntinglike than fishing-like. They are hardly worried about their fishing know-how, or lack thereof, about their fishing know-how, or lack thereof, because they are quite certain their "charm and animal magnetism" will be all they need to swoop the women off their feet.

The men, with the ex-ception of Max (Cindy Boutin), are not happy to learn that Harold, played by Pam Wolf, has tagged along with his cousin Max. The nerdy Harold, though, not necessar ily suave and debonair, is

polite and goodhearted. When Harold (Pam Wolf) shares with the women about the real intentions of the men, the weekend at the lodge becomes interesting, to say

the least.

By the time the men are getting to know the women, or at least think they are getting to know the women, Brad's fiance Carol, played by Gabri-elle Brule, shows up at the lodge.

The women work to-gether to put the men into their place and it gets a little rough to say the

least.

Throughout the play, Clive, played by Allan Cote, appears in windows and doors, each time donning a different outfit and a different accent, appearing to be listening to what's happening in the lodge.

comes everyone's favor-ite—with the exception of Brad, who forsakes his friendship with Geordie, loses the love of his life, if indeed he ever saw it that way, and leaves the lodge saying, "I may not have my friends, but at least I have my dignity." Cast and crew members

were actively involved in seating each guest and in serving the meal, a won-derful serving of pork and all the trimmings.

Assisting with the pro-duction were prompters Catherine McConnell Catherine McConnell and Val Kitzul; makeup and hair, Laurie Johnson; lights and sound, Greg Gessner, Ray Giroux and Glenn Mantei; stage and set, Ray and Liz Giroux; Meal Co-ordinator, Darlene Browatzke; and Di-rector, Donna Beutler. The meals were catered to by the Whitewood Sno-Diggers members and the Catholic Women's group. Bar duties were handled by the facility management committee (rink) members and volunteers.



Above: Clive, played by Allan Cote, is a bit of an enigma in 'The One That Got Away,' a comedy play performed by Whitewood's Not So Famous People Players.





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Lynn Bachtold, left, plays Brad, a young man out to find a woman, in Whitewood's 2018 dinner theatre performance while Amanda Brule plays Blair, a fisherwomen who is rather bold, brazen and a little uncouth.

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Madeline, left, played by Roxanne MacPherson and Donna, played by Cheryl Mantei, chat with Harold, centre, played by Pam Wolf, during the 18th annual drama performance by the Not So Famous People Players of Whitewood. Harold, not always too swift, is always polite, especially with the ladies!

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