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District of Cactus: Western themed attraction planned for Kennedy

Kennedy is known for the Moose Moun-tain Pro Rodeo, and a plan is in the works to build on the rodeo with a western theme for the town.

Dan Cole plans to start by setting up some old-fashioned stores in downtown Kennedy, with a boardwalk out front, and then develop an area where people can actually live or vacation in an old western community with lots of horses, but not a cell phone, car or truck in sight.

"Phase one is turning the downtown core of Kennedy back into the old wild west, so we're going in there and we're buying up the stores," says Cole. "We are putting wooden sidewalks and hitching posts in front of them. Right

now we're working on getting the general store opened and then there will be a tack shop. We're hoping that the old hardware store will re-open. Eventually we'll get the

store will re-open. Eventually we'll get the butcher shop re-opened. "We are selling memberships to the Dis-trict of Cactus and we're slowly buying up things and leasing them back out. Any-body that wants to run one of the shops, they can approach us and we can lease it to them as long as they operate it under the terms of the old wild west."

Why Kennedy?

'It's already got the pro rodeo there, so it's a horse town as it is," says Cole. "There are a lot of cowboys in the area and a lot of cowboys come there for the rodeos. Of course they have the other horse events

"Originally we were looking for some-where where we could work with an RM, and have an area where it's just horse and buggy. That's what this whole thing is all about, it's going back to the old wild west. But then we were told about Kennedy and we went and visited it. I wasn't sure it was really something we wanted to do but the more I visit, the more I talk to council, the more I talk to some of the locals, the more we thought this just might be a good fit. And now that we've actually started doing more things in Kennedy, it's going to be a good fit. There's no question about it, it's just a matter of getting everything up

"We bought more acreage outside of Kennedy. It's a three mile trip and right now we've got permission to put two homesteads on and it's going back to liv-ing the old way. Once you come onto the property you have to park your vehicles. You're coming to visit, you have to park your vehicle and either come in by horse or walk. We have lots of people who say they want to live the old way. Some want to do it on a full-time basis, some people just want to do it as a cottage, but either way we want to build a complete opera-tion out of town, and that's a matter of get-

ting the RM to give us the permission. We want to have an old western town but we also want to buy adjacent properties so we can put in small 10 to 20 acre homesteads can put in small 10 to 20 are nomesteads so people can come and farm if the old way. We'll probably be doing long-term leases rather than actually sub-dividing it out to do it as a purchase because the theme has to be there throughout." Who does he think will be attracted to the dawdemment?

"As a tourist you're talking world wide potential. People from all over the place will come to something like this. If you have a look at Love Valley down in the LUS, it's a western town, the main street is for horses and buggies only, and it is ex-tremely popular. We want to have events, we want to put a farmers market in there every other weekend or twice a month. We want to do things that will bring people to Kennedy. This is not a money making thing for us. The lease payments won't be a huge amount of money because we want to bring the prices back to realistic prices. You go to the city and when you buy anyto take it and have things locally grown, locally raised, sell it local and cut out the middle man."

The first piece of the puzzle, the general store, should be open by the end of May. "The general store is the first thing, we

just have power going in there now. We 're just cleaning out buildings, getting them situated in such a way so we can start do-ing what we've got to do. We've talked to a local blacksmith who is interested in coming in on a very part-time basis, just basically give a show and to do a little tiny bit of blacksmithing. "We are looking for a full-time black-smith. We're looking for a full-time wheel wright, someone that can come in and make wheels. We're also looking for a bug-gy maker, someone who can make buggies and wagons."

and wagons.'

What does Cole envision when the Dis-

What does Cole envision when the Dis-trict of Cactus is up and running? "When you come into Kennedy you'll see hirtses, horse and buggies, you'll see hitching posts, you'll see wooden sidewalks, you'll see cowboys walking around, cowgirls walking around, people dressing the theme to a point. If we hold theme days or theme weekends, hopefully they'll dress even more to the theme. But you'll see a lot of action, or we're honthey'll dress even more to the theme. But you'll see a lot of action, or we're hop-ing to see a lot of action downtown with horses, horse and buggy and people en-joying life, people mingling, people tak-ing it in and being relaxed. They've got campgrounds there and we're hoping that campground in Kennedy will be full at all times throughout the summer." *Continued on page 36* \$\vec{1}{2}\$





Moosomin Rodeo planning event for July 9-10 event for the summer.

BY SPENCER KEMP LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Rodeo committees cross Saskatchewan and Manitoba are hoping to host events this year. In Moosomin, members

of the Moosomin Rodeo Committee are already making plans to host a ro-deo in July. Vice-President of the

Moosomin Rodeo Com-mittee Chelan Beckett says the committee is collecting sponsors for a tentative ro-deo weekend.

"So far we have planned to go ahead with the full two-day event on July 9 and 10 for a rodeo weekand 10' for a rodeo week-end. We've started talking to our agriculture busi-nesses for sponsorships and we are hoping for a full-fledged rodeo again this year," Beckett said. "We have reached out for sponsorships and we have gotten a lot of yeses and go-aheads from busi-nesses already. We're just looking at a few more that we might not have looked

we might not have looked at before just to get a few ar before last to get a list try-ing to go for the bigger guys as opposed to the smaller guys who may have had a tougher year than the rest of them."

Like most rodeos in Sas-katchewan and Manitoba, COVID-19 restrictions are making planning difficult. "COVID is our biggest roadblock. We're just hop-

ing we have the support of our community and all the businesses in town we hope will stand behind us and help us go ahead with



Brittany Fletcher barrel races during the 2019 Moosomin Rodeo. The Moosomin Rodeo Committee is making plans to hold a two-day event on July 9 and 10

Beckett says that the Moosomin Rodeo Committee saw minimal losses last year as there were minimal costs without a rodeo.

"There was of course not really a profit, but we didn't lose anything either because we hadn't gone very far into planning be-fore we had to cancel last year.

With the current COVrestrictions, Beckett ID-19 savs the rodeo committee is impacted most by the

maximum group size. "Spectator-wise, having that number capped at 30 for an audience is definitely a drawback, but contes tant-wise it's not a big deal because contestants are not a part of that number. We can have whatever we want there as long as they follow the mask usage and all that. Border-wise be-tween provinces, that's not a big deal either as long as they are under the CCA or MRCA," Beckett said.

In order to make a profit the Moosomin Rodeo will



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"Our audience is a huge part of that. We'd like to see 350 to 400 people a night to make it a profit for us. We'd like to see at least 300 people a night, so a to-tal of 600 to 700 over the weekend.' Beckett says that even

if a normal rodeo cannot be held due to COVID-19 restrictions, she says the Moosomin Rodeo Com-mittee will plan another



Beckett notes that there will likely be changes to both the beer gardens and the annual Saturday night dance.

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"We're hoping that re-strictions lift by July, but we'll know more in the middle of June. On the en-tertainment side of things such as the beer gardens and our dance on Saturday might not be as big as it usually is because of COVID numbers, but we'll always strive to have the biggest event we can."



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Combined sales of \$110 million per year: Borderland, Hometown Co-ops propose partnership

Borderland and Hometown Co-ops, which serve members in southeast Saskatchewan, announced a planned part-nership last week.

"Co-ops were built on the concept of working together and this partnership is sure to make for a stronger, united Co-op committed to serving their communities better," the Co-ops said in a statement

"That founding principle remains at the heart of this partnership as both Co-ops share a vision to offer value, enhance

growth, and maintain relevance for cur-rent and next generation members." Lawrence Swanson, President of the Hometown Board, explains the strength the partnership will achieve saying, "I see endless opportunities ahead for this new partnership.

"Stability, opportunities for growth and efficiencies in all commodities that will make the member experience stronger and more rewarding across all communities we serve.

Rob Hill, President of the Borderland Board, said "the decision to amalgamate will ensure a strong, vibrant and inno-vative Co-op exists in our rural commu-

vative Co-op exists in our rural commu-nities. Both Co-ops complement each other very well." "By partnering together, the united Co-op will be more resilient to increas-ing competition and will have more re-sources and talent to pool together in order to innovate," according to a state-ment ment

Darren Ottenbreit, Home and Agro Ops Director, explains, "Having come from Hometown and now being part of the leadership team for both Co-ops, I believe there is significant value in the common goal we share—building a strong and stable rural Co-op that can constantly evolve to meet the needs of our members in the communities we serve. Unifying our Co-ops will provide serve. Unifying our Co-ops will provide efficiencies in operations, more exper-tise to better develop our people and ultimately, a better shopping experience for members of both Co-ops which will earn local support and keep our loca-tions viable for the long term." Jason Schenn, CEO of Borderland and CM of Hometourn caid the neuropeod

GM of Hometown, said the proposed merger will build on a current management agreement between the two Co-

"Borderland has always focused on being a strong and stable rural co-opera-tive which has been extended to Hometwo which have been extended to Hold-town through the management agree-ment. The pandemic has proven that when communities support their local businesses, they can be sustainable for the long term. Our continuing mission is to strive to earn our members' support so that word communities we correct so that rural communities we serve can continue to provide essential services long into the future. A shared future between Borderland and Hometown adds to that strength and creates more opportunities to contribute to what makes ru-ral communities so special." AGMs are planned for June 7 (Home-



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From left, Borderland Co-op president Rob Hill, Hometown Coop president Lawrence Swanson and Borderland CEO/Hometown GM Jason Schenn at Borderland's office in Moosomin

town) and June 8 (Borderland), 2021, which will include a member info session and vote on the proposed merger resolution. The meetings will begin at 6:30 pm. "As Covid restrictions may impact

how this meeting is delivered, please watch for specific details on posters at all locations, follow our social media and watch for announcements in the World-Spectator and Herald-Sun in the

weeks leading up to the meeting," said the statement from the Co-ops. The proposed starting date of the new Co-op will be October 10, 2021.

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Esterhazy's Brenda Redman publishes children's book

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BY KARA KINNA When Esterhazy's Brenda Redman had a restless night hinking about a scrapbook she wanted to put together for her new granddaughter Amelia, she never dreamed that her idea would lead to her becoming a published chil-dren's beck outbar dren's book author.

dren's book author. But on April 25, just in time for Mother's Day, Redman officially released her first children's book "How's Pea-nut?" about a mother and daughter's bond during the course of the daughter's pregnancy. The book is not only about the relationship between the mother and daughter as the daughter prepares to deliver her first baby (and Redman's first grandchild), it's also an educational book for children that compares the size of the baby to a fruit or a vegetable as it grows during the various stages of pregnancy.

stages of pregnancy. The book is called "How's Peanut?" because Peanut is The book is called rhow's rearnut, because rearnut is the nickname Brenda gave to her granddaughter from the moment she found out her daughter was pregnant. Redman says the book is based on real experiences be-tween her and her daughter during her daughter's preg-

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"This mom (in the book) is over the moon excited when her daughter calls her up and tells her she is having a baby," says Redman. "The mom nicknames the baby Pea-nut right away and from there on there are phone calls every month to see how Peanut is doing. The daughter tells the mom how Peanut is doing and compares the baby to a size of fruit or vegetable. Peanut arrives and is the most perfect baby

Redman says she has always loved children's books. "I have a strong love for children's books. When my chil-dren were small and we would go to the city, there was always a stop at the book store. More for me than them," she says. "I couldn't wait to get home and read it to them. I al-

says. Toulint wat to get nome and read it to their 1 ar-ways dreamed that maybe one day I would write my own. "When my granddaughter was born, I lay awake many nights thinking of a story for Amelia. After a very restless night, I got up one morning and wrote "How's Peanut?" in around one hour.

"I wanted to make a scrap book for Amelia and asked Brenden and Nathan, my son and his partner, to read through it and draw the pictures for it. I also shared it with Courtney and Chris, my daughter and son-in-law, around the same time. They all encouraged me to do something with it, and told me to send it to a publisher. "I was like 'are you serious?' I decided to share it with two of mw good friande that in the harmon to both he tooch

two of my good friends that just happen to both be teach-ers—Leanne Fraser and Laurel Kentel. I worked with both of them for 10 years at the Churchbridge Public School. They both liked it and encouraged me to send it to a publisher. Than I shared it with my aunt and uncle from Regina who are both retired teachers and they also liked it and encouraged me to see the writer in residence at the

and encouraged me to see the writer in residence at the Regina Public Library. "I made an appointment to meet with David Gane. He is a writer of murder and mystery for young adults and he loved the flow of my book and recommend that I get a hold of Heather Nickle from YNWP in Regina. It took me about two weeks to get brave enough to send Heather an email along with my book and within two weeks I heard back from Heather wanting to meet me and go through how to get my book published. She said she liked it.

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"She showed me some work of illustrators that she has used and I took down some names. In the end I choose to self publish my book using Heather at YNWP and choose Wendi Nordel from Alberta to illustrate my book. There was a strong connection between myself, Heather and Wendi and everything just clicked from there. I felt I could trust both of them with my work.

"I wrote the book September 2019 and sent it to Heather in December and signed a contract with YNWP in Febru-ary 2020 with a debut date of Mother's Day 2021. "I started working with Wendi Nordell beginning of September 2020 with the illustrations. This was so much fun. Wendi and I would call each other and talk about each man of the hock and whole I arwicinged the activent to be like. They had to be fun. The conversation between mom and daughter always had to be on our phones and doing something we both liked to do. The mom is a little more crazier than the daughter! You will find us walking our Added and the additional and the additional additatioad additional additional additionad

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Redman's book uses repetition and compares the baby's size to different kinds of fruit so that kids can learn from it as well as have fun reading it. Left: Brenda Redman with her book. Above: The mother and daughter talking about how the baby is the size of a pineapple.

The unborn babies are the actually size of what an unborn baby would be during certain stages of pregnancy. It so neat! At the end, the baby is the size of a watermelon and it takes up two pages. All the pictures had to be colorful. Wendi was busy for two months drawing and painting the pictures. They artwork is amazing. It makes the book come alive and I'm so grateful for this lady and her talents. "At the end of November Wendi sent all the illustrations to Heather and from there Heather worked her magic in putting everything together. The colors, the printing and

putting everything together. The colors, the printing and the illustrations Heather made it into a book. And I absolutely love it!"

Redman received the first copies of her book a few weeks ago. She says she was shocked to see the book for the first

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Communities rally around Keesha Maas after ATV accident

BY KARA KINNA A number of communities in Southeast Saskatchewan are rallying around Kee-sha Maas after the 24-year-old Moosomin resident was severely injured in an ATV

resident was severely injured in an ATV accident on May 1. Keesha grew up in Weyburn and has been living in Moosomin for the last few years, working at Moosomin Dodge. On Saturday, May 1 she was involved in an ATV accident in Esterhazy. She suffered major trauma to her spinal cord, a torn bladder, loss of feeling to her lower ex-tremities, and possible head trauma. She was flown by STARS air ambulance in Re-cina where she underwart curreary. Unon gina where she underwent surgery. Upon completion of the surgery, the family was informed that doctors had to remove her T5 and T6 vertebrae, and she was placed in an induced coma to reduce swelling to her face and neck.

By the evening of Sunday, May 2, Kee-sha came out of sedation and began her long road to recovery.

A GoFundMe page has been started for Keesha, and as of Friday last week it had raised almost \$15,000. Paige Ball, Keesha's sister, says Keesha turned 24 on Thursday, May 6, and in homage to her sister's 24th birthday, she's hoping that they can reach a goal of \$24,000 to help Keesha with the

Paige says as soon as people found out about the accident, they began to rally to

"The GoFundMe page, some of my girlfriends put that together right away," she says. "We want to do more fundraising once we know exactly what she needs long-term for therapy, care, and tools and things like that, but right now we just know there's going to be a lot of expenses and we started with the GoFundMe page so that we knew where our starting point was. And then from there as we find out about the tools she will need that will help her through this time of healing, then we can start saying that we need to fundraise



Keesha Maas with her dog before the ATV accident.

specifically for a specialized therapy chair,

and start fundraising in that way. "Some of her Moosomin friends are looking forward to doing an online auc-tion. So we can look forward to seeing that to come. Those are the two big things that are happening, the Go Fund Me and the online auction to come." Paige says the amount of support they

Page says the amount of support they have already received is overwhelming. "It's emotional, it's overwhelming in the best way possible. It completely puts me in awe and makes me speechless. I think all of us really feel the impact that she made in her community that they would rally together for her like this in her time of need."

She says people from a number of com-munities have stepped forward to support Keesha. "There has been an outpouring of sup-

port from Weyburn area and Moosomin area, but my mom's from the Lang area and so these little towns in Saskatchewan have been such a big support. I know Ro-

canville and Esterhazy and Moosomin, they get it. They know how to rally around for someone in their community who is hurting and it's just so important. "Jess Moskaluke shared the GoFundMe record for larger to a for the some to a for the some to a for the source for the source to a for the source to a for the source for the source to a for the source to a for the source to a for the source for the source to a for the s

page. She's known Keesha since Keesha arrived out that way. Just to have that additional support of these people who I don't necessarily know how to reach out to, but to know that they are finding me through the GoFundMe page, is amazing because I don't know a lot of the locals. I don't know the local businesses, I'm not a familiar face and so when they can't reach her, who do you turn to next? The GoFundMe page has made it accessible to people who want to reach out and give support when they don't know where to gc

Paige says the support will make a huge difference to Keesha, who has a long road to recovery ahead of her.

"It will help immensely just because we don't know her final prognosis. Today

(Thursday) is day five and she's paralysed from the chest down, and we don't know where we're going to be in three months and what kind of care she'll need. But mentally she's all there. She is who she was the day before the accident. We know we're going to need to make sure we're acknowledging her mental health and we're going to need to make sure we're using therapies that aren't currently covered by our general health insurance. Not only do we have specialized equipment (to pay for) in the future, but we also have additional therapies and treatments that we're going to be paying for out of pock-et. So this is like the beginning of how we

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can support her the most, because this is something she will be living with. "But it feels amazing. From my point of view there's a weight off of her shoulders."

and there's a weight off of my shoulders." Paige says Keesha is doing extremely well, and her strength is inspiring. "She's so strong!" she says. "She's so strong and so brave and she's overcom-ing milestones that we never predicted we would have to overcome. But the way she's overcoming them with grace is just amazing. amazing.

"She s just being so brave through this "She's just being so brave inrougn rus all and trying to understand what her new reality is going to look like and it's so inspiring to see. Someone said to me yesterday, 1'm so proud that my children get to see her resilience and get to look up to her as a role model,' and that just brings tears to my eyes because that's ex-actly who she is. She is a fighter and she is feisty and her personality is there, and she's just like 'It's day by day but I will be resilient.' It's amazing." Those wanting to donate to Keesha can

find the fundraiser on the GoFundMe page at: https://www.gofundme.com/f/ support-keesha-maas-after-atv-accident

Paige says once there, there are also in-structions on how to do direct donations for those who don't want to donate online



Moose Mountain Rodeo hoping to hold July event

BY SPENCER KEMP LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER Some Saskatchewan rodeos are hoping to see riders return to the saddles and fans fill the stands, however, there is still concern about limited group sizes.

Jill Lowe, Co-Chair of the Kennedy-Moose Mountain Rodeo, says she is hoping to hold the annual rodeo this year on July 24 and 25, but still requires guidance from the government.

gures guidance from the government. "We're trying to find out what capacity we can have for spectators and if we can have our full food booths, beer gardens, and all the extras that go with the actual rodeo event itself, including the parade," Lowe explained. Lowe noted another dif-

Lowe noted another difficulty brought on by the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

Due to restricted borders, Lowe says there will be difficulty hosting outof-province and international riders.

"We're part of the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) which is based out of Alberta and the only issue is the riders that ride in the states and internationally



in places like Australia. with those competitors to We're in talks right now see what we can do."

A rider gets kicked off a bull during the 2019 Moose Mountain Rodeo

ors to While Lowe says she this year, she says it is unis hoping to hold a rodeo likely that it will be the

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same as in past years. She says that if group sizes continue to be restricted, it may not be viable to hold an event.

sizes continue to be restricted, it may not be viable to hold an event. "We hope to have it the same as we've always had it. We can almost guarantee that we will not have it at full capacity, so we really do need to sit down and decide if it is economically situated for us.

"We've actually been approached quite a few times about live streaming but we're a small town, so we just don't know what that's going to be like and how it's going to physically happen." Lowe says that with the

Lowe says that with the cancellation of the 2020 Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo, the committee took a small hit financially.

She explains that to host a rodeo this year, group size restrictions will need to be loosened, noting that a majority of the income from the rodeo is made through admission fees.

"T can't say that we were hit hard but we can't put on a rodeo without a guarantee that we can have those spectators. We can have those spectators. We only afford to put a rodeo on just for those contestants. We rely on the money coming in at the gate," Lowe said.

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Meighen Haddad

I can't write it like that Grams!

Seeding is fully under-way and though there's a coolness still in the air, we can see the trees starting to bud and soon the fields will be surrounded by a welcome and colourful wash of colour.

Meals in the field are also fully underway and life on the farm is going full-steam ahead. I see it mostly from a distance of course, so un-involved am I with seed-ing. I catch tidbits of how each day has gone when my husband settles into the camper for the night. The good, the bad and the ugly as it were. One and a half weeks down, only two or three more to go (with

or three more to go (with any luck). When I was out at the farm yesterday, the twins (nearly 10) and I took off in the side-by-side for a trek to the creek to see if we could spot any bear (we didn't). As we headed across the field I asked the boys if they knew where Grandpa was seeding to-day. Men of few words, but both in sync, I heard: "Hill quarter." I continued: "Do you know what he is seed-"Wheat."

"Wheat." While I actually knew my husband was seeding wheat, I thought maybe I could trip these two young fellows up. "You know, boys, I am sure Grandpa is seeding oats today." I said. And they burst out laughing. "Oh Grandma," said one, "Grandpa is NOT seeding oats today. The oats are going on the rented oats are going on the rented land of Uncle's." And so, though my son says not, I have to wonder if their dad sits them down every day and tells them exactly what's happening that day or what's going to happen the next day. It's uncanny

the next day. It's uncanny how they 'just know.' During that first week of seeding, I took on a role I haven't really yet taken on during Covid. My young-est grandson (grade 1) was still in virtual school and

he and his younger sister came for the week (yes, I can provide childcare). Training (for me) was a big rough, lol, but I got the SeeSaw journal and activ-ity procedures figured out. Grade 1, after all, couldn't

be difficult, right? I am not sure what my grandson's teacher thought of some of Hayden's work (which was videoed or sent in via photos) but I think it's safe to say we gave it our best shot! During a phys ed class, the students had to send a video of themselves doing squats with weights (full bottles of sun screen) in their hands. Part of the why he enjoyed doing the squats. And so, Grandma, with video camera in hand, with video camera in hand, got the necessary 10 squats videoed then asked the "student" to explain why he liked doing the exercise "Well, I really liked doing this because doing squats is a lot of fun," he said. And with a click, I hit the 'stop record' button and then the 'send to teacher' button and we were done. And then I heard, "Well, Grand-ma, I said I really liked do-ing squats but I didn't like ing squats but I didn't like doing them at all?" Well, alrighty then! In one of the first classes where students had to write

a paragraph about some-thing they had enjoyed doing over the weekend, Hayden wanted to write about his adventures with his twin cousins out at the creek, one of which he side-by-sided with and the other with whom he was running through the bush with.

Hayden started his para-graph: "Wyatt or Reid and I were running through the bush at my Grandma's creek," he wrote. I said to the young writer: "You were just running through the bush with one of them, so just write 'Wyatt and I.'" Hayden responds: "No, Grandma, I don't know if it was Wyatt, it could have been Reid." Grandma says: "Well, your teacher won't

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know the difference (my bad) so just write either 'Wyatt and I' or 'Reid and Vyatt and I or Reid and I' but not 'Wyatt or Reid and I.' " And so began the explanation by my young student: "Grandma, I can't write 'Reid and I' or 'Wyatt and I' because I don't know who it was so I have to write, 'Wyatt or Reid and I.' " And so, after a 20 minute discussion on how to write the paragraph, we finally began the assign-

inany begin i ment. While I might not be the world's best teacher's as-sistant, I have to tell you I had a lot of fun just the same. And I loved nearly overv assignment—the same. And I loved nearly every assignment—the math and the writing es-pecially. I may have fallen short in art and music but hey, everyone has their strengths, right?

I may no longer be step-ping over lego cities in my living room or 'chair trains' in my hallway, but oh how quiet things were the next morning when my little people were no longer here. The table was void of a computer, an ipad and a stack of paper, pencils and crayons but what was most noticeably missing were the littles who had bright-ened up my life for that en-tire week.

Of course, some grands have returned—at least at noon on Tuesday which is crepe day and seems to generate some interest in going to Grandma's house for lunch! And the rest of my life has returned to

what is 'normal' for this time of year: gophering, meal-hauling, grocery-shopping (oh ugh) and some writing in the quiet moments of my days.

I have also (finally) joined my husband on the farm in our little home on wheels. It's still not quite flip-flop weather but we'll get there I am sure. On the first night, I waited

patiently for said hubby to get 'home.' And finally, around 10:30/11:00, in he came. We chatted until I couldn't keep my eyes open anymore. Around midnight/1:00 (in my es-timation) I heard the semi claw down and ture into timation) I heard the semi slow down and turn into the yard. A little later, the quad came driving through the yard. And maybe another truck or tractor. What on earth was my son doing? My hus-band was sound asleep and never heard a thing. At 5:30. Joe was crowing and 5:30, Joe was crowing and 5:30, Joe was crowing and I was beginning to wonder why it is I get so excited about staying back at the farm. Late nights and early mornings are not exactly my cup of tea, but guess what? I am heading back again tonight! Also, just to let you know, this happened last week: my columns were

printed in book form! How exciting is that? Well, to be fair, it was a self-publishing project, but it's a little book just the same and I am oh so proud of it! The World Spectator and its editor and staff were delightful to work with and work write. work with and very quick-ly had the book printed. Not only that, but 20 were spoken for in the first day!

Now it's time to turn my sights on something else. Quite possibly cut-ting grass. And more grass. There is no shortage at the farm, that is for certain. And so, as you our read-ers get into spring mode, I hope you enjoy the great outdoors and perhaps some outdoor gatherings as the temperatures warm up. And to our farmer up. And to our farmer friends—have a safe seed-ing season—here's hoping it's a stress-free and suc-cessful year for you all!



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Combined sales of \$110 million per year: Borderland, Hometown Co-ops propose partnership

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Hometown Co-op history Broadview Co-op formed in 1910 as the Saskatchewan Purchasing Company to provide coal, oil, food, petro-leum and general hardware to members. Broadview was incorporated as a standalone Co-op in 1977 following the dissolution of Westland Co-op. Over the next several version of the standard into ag services, completed an amalgamation with Grenfell (2011) to become Hometown Co-op followed by Kipling (2013), Sintaluta (2014) and Wolseley (2015). Difficult financial circumstances result-ed in the closure of Wolseley (2018), Sintaluta (2018) and Vicilize Juese Centre (2010).

Kipling Home Center (2019). Following two years of significant restructuring, in March 2020 Hometown entered into a management agreement with Borderland Co-op to further stabilize op

With 86 employees and 5,200 members, Hometown Coop serves the communities of Kipling, Grenfell, Sintaluta and Broadview.

Borderland Co-op history Moosomin Co-op formed in 1937 to provide food, pe-troleum and general hardware to members. Growth over the years saw an amalgamation with Maryfield (1967), Rocanville (1977) and Whitewood (2012).

With 218 employees and 7.800 members, Borderland Co-op has locations in Moosomin, Rocanville, Maryfield and Whitewood.

Through Borderland's co-operative efforts in just the past 10 years alone, over \$20 million has been invested into facilities in all communities Borderland serves, \$8 million in cash returned to members and over \$1,000,000 has been provided in support to various projects, com-munity organizations and sponsorships.

About a Unified Borderland/

Hometown Co-op The over 13,000 members of the united Co-op, which will continue as Borderland Co-op, would be able to use one Co-op number in eight communities and at over 19 different locations (and growing). At the time of amalgamation Borderland Co-op would have over 300 team members and leaders across six Card-locker five Gas Bar/Costorse one Car Wash six Eood

locks, five Gas Bar/C-Stores, one Car Wash, six Food Stores, five Home Centers, one Agro Center, three Liquor Stores and four Bulk Petroleum trucks that service a trad-Figure a final four bulk refloce an additional service a trad-ing area of nearly 200 kilometers along the Trans-Canada Highway and approximately 50 kilometers to the north and south. Annual combined sales would be over \$110 million per year.

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1. The draft Amalgamation Agreement, effective the 23rd day of February 2021, between Borderland Co-op and Hometown Co-op providing for the terms and con-ditions of their amalgamation and their continuance as Borderland Co-operative under The Co-operatives Act of the Province of Saskatchewan, be and is hereby approved,

confirmed, and adopted. 2. The Directors and Officers of Borderland / Hometown be and are hereby authorized and directed to do such acts and things and execute such documents as may be neces-sary or desirable to implement the said amalgamation.

Esterhazy's Brenda Redman publishes children's book

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Continued from page 6 "I told my husband when I saw it 'Honey it's a real book. It looks like a real book! 'He said 'What did you think it was going to be?' You really don't know until you have it from the printers. Friesens from Altona, Manitoba printed all the books and I had it in my hands on April 17, 2021. It's a dream come true. And its been a family affair. All illustrations and proofs were also approved by my children." my children.

Brenda says she still can't believe her idea became a real

"This has all been like a dream come true," she says. "I know I always wanted to write a children's book and now that I have it I'm still in shock. I see my name on the front

and go 'I can't believe it.' " Redman says the book is very personal to her and her family.

"It was a family affair because there wasn't anything I didn't pass by my children or my husband and we were all in this together," she says. "We're all so excited about the outcome of it and it's all for our precious little Amelia,

book?

is what brings this book alive and they will see some fun things in each picture. They'll see a little puppy, they'll see bubbles, they'll see a little duck in the bath tub. They'll able to pick up on novel little fun things in the book and learn from them.

"And then for the parents, moms, grandmas, I think they can really relate to the interaction between the mom I didn't want to lose in this book. I wanted them to see that this isn't just an educational tool, a boring little book about babies growing. This is a fun connection between a mom and a daughter and an unborn baby. Which I think every mom and daughter have but maybe haven't been able to express it, and this way they can probably even relate to it—relate to talking to the daughter and asking how is the baby doing, what is the baby doing right now, how are you feeling. And relating to the daughter at that 40 weeks state of pregnancy when she's grumpy and yet you're so excited. The baby's coming—yes, yes! I think anyone can relate to it and enjoy it. You don't have to be a mommy or a little child, I think anyone could re-ally look at the book and say this is a really nice book, this

ally look at the book and say this is a really nice book, this is cool, this is a neaf turn story." Redman's book is available in stores and online at Chapters, Indigo, and Amazon, and locally at Vibe Inte-rior Decorating, Sapara's Drug Mart, and Esterhazy Fam-ily Foods in Esterhazy, Create in Langenburg, and Tangliz in Churchburd as

in Churchbridge. Redman says she will be willing to do book signings once the pandemic is over and she is already making plans for a second Peanut book about Christmas.



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Spy Hill awaiting instruction for 2021 rodeo events

The Spy Hill Sports Days and rodeo has been put on hold for the 2021 season.

hold for the 2021 season. Jeff Odgers, president of the Spy Hill Community Club that helps organize the Spy Hill Sports Days, says the club is waiting for COVID-19 restrictions to lift. "Like most things we don't know where we're at right now. We're kind of waiting to see how things play out here with the reopening that's just been announced. We would love for our Spy Hill Sports Days and rodeo to take place. We missed out last year and we're one of the oldest running modes in the newrines and we definitely. oldest running rodeos in the province and we re lie of the oldest running rodeos in the province and we definitely want to get back to it," Odgers said. "As of right now we still haven't come to a decision if we're having it or not. We would be having it that second

weekend in August, so we do have some time to get it together if it looks like we could have the event." Like other rodeo committees in Saskatchewan, the cur-

roup size restrictions are creating a hurdle for the rent group size restrictions are creasing a many size spy Hill Community Club. Odgers says that group sizes would need to allow



petitors are from Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We have that interprovincial thing going on that we'll have to

deal with but I think more than anything it's the number of people you can have at the event. You need a certain amount of people with a certain amount of revenue to make it make sense."

Odgers notes that with the 2020 rodeo being cancelled, the Spy Hill Community Club was able to cancel the event before it affected them financially.

'We were able to cancel our rodeo far enough out that we weren't any money out, per se. But we definitely missed the revenue coming in that it creates for us every



Chariot races at Spy Hill Sports Days around 200 spectators for the event to break even. "You have to have so many people at the event with paid attendance to make it worthwhile. As far as interna-tional riders, it doesn't really affect us. Most of our com-

missed the revenue coming in that it creates for us every year but as far as costing us money, we were pretty lucky that we could get out of it," said Odgers. Odgers notes that the rodeo is a community event that he hopes will be able to happen this year, but for now, the Spy Hill Community Club plans to wait for restrictions to lift before beginning planning. "The minute we can get back, get out, and start see-ing our friends and everything our events are going to be packed because we've been starved for how long? We haven't been able to do anything," Odgers said.



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Whitewood Chacachas Rodeo planning August event

Connect to Your Highways

BY SPENCER KEMP

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER Other rodeos in Saskatchewan are already making plans for a tentative event

ready making plans for a tentative event this summer. Jennalee Beutler, Treasurer of White-wood Chacachas Rodeo Committee, says her committee is already making plans and booking stock contractors for an event on August 20 and 21.

Beutler notes that if group size restric-tions do not loosen, the rodeo committee

"At this point, we're planning for it to go ahead. We're booking stock contractors, the bigger things that need to be booked at this time. We're hoping to send out sponsor-ship letters in June. We know that the CCA ship letters in june. We know that the CCA is currently working with the Government of Saskatchewan on the event capacity re-quirements and spectator limits. So basi-cally we're just hoping that it goes forward but if there's no significant changes to the spectator requirements we would have to cancel." Beutler explained. "Some vears we harely break even as it is

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so if we have to limit spectators in any shape or form we're just going to be losing money. And why go through that just to lose mon-ey. We're planning for it to go ahead, but if the government doesn't change things it'll have to be cancelled." Boutler cause that the pedeo committee has

Beutler says that the rodeo committee has not encountered any issues with partici-

The incomparison of the parts of the parts of the parts so far, but is in need of spectators. She says that a majority of the funds made during the rodeo are made through food, drink, and admission fees. "Even with the current guidelines we're

allowed unlimited participants, it's just the participants aren't the ones who bring the money, they're the ones we pay with priz-es. We need the spectators to pay the gate fees. The other thing is the beer gardens, right now we're not allowed a beer garden.

right now we re not allowed a beer garden. That is a big one where a lot of our revenue comes from. "We need the spectators. We need the beer gardens. We need to be able to sell food at our canteen, otherwise, there just is not enough sponsorship money out there with-out spectators."

With no events in 2020, Beutler says the rodeo committee saw a loss in revenue, though it was not a significant loss. "Some years we can turn a decent profit

because it's one of our major fundraisers other years we just break even. We still have some set costs, even when we don't have events we have a pretty big rodeo grounds. We have power, we have insurance that we still have to pay. There was a high school ro-dee in September at our rodeo grounds and they were able to go ahead and our rodeo committee ran the kitchen for that and so we did that as a fundraiser and it was fairly successful, so that helps pay for some of our expenses last year. We ended up with over-all not a significant loss for the entire year."

She says her biggest concern is commu-nity interest in the rodeo. If the rodeo does not happen for two years in a row, Beutler says it could be troublesome. "Our committee has enough money

saved over the years that financially speak-ing we could wait out another year. But I think it gets to the point where after you miss two events, getting that momentum

back and organizing again and bringing it back after two years of being missed, I think that's worse than financially as long as we can do a couple of other fundraisers throughout the year. "I'm sure there are plenty of rodeo com-

mittees that would have a hard time com-ing back if they have to miss two years of profits.'

There are additional plans to hold a fam-ily rodeo on June 19. Beutler says due to the size of the family rodeo there shouldn't be much issue with establishing it.

"We're waiting to see where things are at in the middle of June. It's not a rodeo that takes a ton of planning, but we'll get entries two weeks before and we'll start looking at booking stock and stuff at the end of May. "There's the racing, livestock, sales, and

rodeo guidelines that are put out by the Government of Saskatchewan, and those Government or Saskatchewari, and mose are the guidelines that are currently in place and have the event capacity require-ments and general guidance with physical distancing rules. So that's what we'll be fol-lowing," Beutler said.

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Putland continues to pursue Age-Friendly status for Moosomin

BY SPENCER KEMP LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER ie Saskatchewan The Saskatchewan Se-niors Mechanism will soon be presenting plans to cre-ate an Age-Friendly Moo-somin to Moosomin Town Council.

Following a successful Zoom meeting on March 29, the Saskatchewan Se-niors Mechanism Age-Friendly committee was invited to present its ideas to the council.

The push for an Age-Friendly Moosomin has been spearheaded by the former principal of Ma-cLeod Elementary School and board member with the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, Devona Putland

Putland says the March meeting was an opportu-nity to gauge interest in the Age-Friendly initiative and that it was well-received.

that it was well-received. "We had our meeting on the 29th of March and from that meeting, ten people from Moosomin at-tended by Zoom and two from Regina. From those people who attended the Zoom meeting we just got a feel for what Moosoming should do and everybody. should do and everybody, when asked their opinion, when asked their opinion, thought this was a worthy venture that Moosomin could pursue," Putland ex-plained.

She says the next step will be putting together a steering committee, which will happen during a meet-

ing this week. The meeting, which is taking place on Wednesday, May 5 at 8 pm, is open to the public via Zoom. Those who are interested are re-quired to register by emailing moosominaf@sasktel. net or calling 306-435-2272.

"For this meeting, I've



Former principal of MacLeod Elementary School Devona Putland has been pushing for Moosomin to acquire Age-Friendly status.

set an agenda for some of the basics. We need to get a steering committee together so that we have some basic people to make decisions as to when the next meetings will be, where we're going with them, and then we also need to do a survey of the community. For this meeting, I have some sample surveys to give the group so that they can Moosomin-ize the survey. Every community is unique, and the survey should be able to seek out what things could be done in the community and what things are already good about the community. 50 that's a good place to star

The survey will be discussed during Wednes-day's meeting and will be broken apart into different categories. Putland says that members of the steering committee will each be tasked with creating Moo-somin-specific questions which will then be used to survey shortcomings in the community. Putland says the survey

is expected to be ready by

fall. "We want to make sound decisions. We also had the Mayor of Moosomin, Larry Tomlinson offer us representation to come to a council meeting to speak to the council about what agefriendly involves. I would also like to present to the RMs. So getting some peo-ple on board that might like to help with that is what we're after. I have a Pow-erDoirt dene up so it's act erPoint done up so it's not going to be a huge job, but it's good to get people out just so that the face of Age-Friendly isn't just mine."

After establishing a steer-ing committee and conducting an Age-Friendly survey on the town, Putland says

on the town, Putland says the next step will be tomake the presentation at council. "With town council, the ultimate relationship would be someday we need to have their support in order to solidify the long-range plan," Putland said. Putland notes that part of the presentation to council will include the economic

will include the economic benefits of a strong senior population, noting that seniors will spend retirement money in the community.

During the Age-Friend-Moosomin meeting in March, Putland says partic-ipants addressed both the strong and weak points of Moosomin.

"We asked people to in-troduce themselves and tell about something they then about sometring they hough was age-friendly in Moosomin. So people dis-cussed our senior housing units, they discussed the Prime-Time activity director that's been hired and the fore-received hire lots of very positive things.

The one thing that did come up was that we have things that could be better, like sidewalks in the communihere yet but that is a gap that's already been identi-fied."

Sidewalks were a large focus by the members of the meeting but Putland ac-knowledged that sidewalks can't always be a priority.

"We know that the in-frastructure has had some challenges and we know that a lot of different streets have had to be fixed. Sidewalks can't always be a priority There's a lot of money tied up in a lot of different improvements and it might be something that has to have patience. "But with things like the cancellation of Greyhound

and STC, we have things in our community that differ for people like me who drive their own vehicle and can get to the city indepen-dently as opposed to somedently as opposed to some-body who can't drive to the city anymore. The whole part of this survey is kind of unique because we do have an economic development officer in town and what that survey may shine a light on a come come opposite light on are some economic opportunities. If he's trying to attract new services to town, he might see that we have a need for a trans-portation system, or maybe there are things that need to expand that we already have. We may have part of a service that we need to do just a bit of a different way in order to fill a need that still exists. I think the survey that is coming will identify those needs."

Putland says that even though there are areas that require improvement, she sees appeal in Moosomin. "When Moosomin got our new hospital we were

very fortunate, we had some very solid medical profes-sionals in our town and that has only expanded. Even on top of the people within our town now as they age, we also stand to attract a lot of other community people that are looking for a retirement community. "The only one thing that

every person has in com-mon is that every day that passes, we all are a day old-. If we don't start looking at that need, we're going to find that we're in a tough situation."





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It all started with an everyday challenge that the farming couple Rune and Siw Stark faced at their farm in Östergötland, Sweden. The challenge was solved by replacing a wooden tool with a better steel one. The ambition to make sustainable tools "that actually last" was with them right from the start. Today Väderstad is taking on the same challenge from their customers, but in a global market and in a high-tech world. Now, just as before, it involves the establishment and emergence of crops so that the farmers of the world can provide the earth's population with food. That is why Väderstad exists and that is the challenge that constantly motivates them on a day-to-day basis.

Working at Väderstad

Väderstad's core values can be described as their "roots or DNA" and serve as a common compass in their daily life. They serve as "the basis of our company culture and are summarized in three key words that describe how we achieve our vision, how we work and behave together, both in-house and towards customers." Väderstad Industries Inc. has proudly adapted the Mission: Zero initiative to work towards zero injuries, zero fatalities, and zero sufferings. The "safety first" approach helps make their workplace and the communities a safer place to live, work and play.

Striving to continually take steps to improve workplace practices and human resource policies is one of the reasons Väderstad was again recognized as one of Saskatchewan's Top Employers for 2021, announced by Mediacorp Canada Inc.

A few other benefits to working at Väderstad Industries include company matched pension, group health benefits, a health spending account, and 48 hours of paid discretionary time off.

In order to meet production demands Väderstad is looking to hire hardworking and motivated individuals for multiple production positions. Candidates are encouraged to apply online <u>www.vaderstad.com/ca-en</u> under the About Us section under Careers.





Kipling Willow Height Estates Company hoping to generate new interest in suites

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK A company called Kube is hoping to generate new interest in suites in Kipling's Willow Height Estates. "Willow

"Willow Height has been there for a few years, which is the Willow Height Estates, which is a 55-plus living community," said Tyler Hassman of Kube. "The shareholders have

been struggling to get a couple of the units filled so they need some help with the marketing and leasing, and I personally, and with the team at Kube as well, have worked in these areas. especially Moosomin, I actually own the two apart-ment buildings on Main Street in Moosomin, so I'm very familiar with those areas, those small towns, and getting these proper-ties filled. So they actu-

ties filled. So they actu-ally called us up and we're working with them. "For the Kipling build-ing, we're simply just con-tracted to get the building full. We're just coming in, doing lots of marketing with them and bringing a team to just rebrand it, to really eain some attention really gain some attention and attract people there. "A lot of times, in these smaller towns sometimes

it's easier for people to deal with an outside person on

something like this. "Even in past times with Moosomin we had local people who owned one of the buildings and they had family and friends who didn't want to rent from them because some people don't like doing business or renting from people they know in case something goes wrong and I totally get that.

get that. "Us coming in and kind of having that outsider's perspective and that com-fortability if they aren't happy with something or want something changed, they feel a lot more com-feat-ble talking to us about fortable talking to us about it than someone they might

know locally." Hassman said the plan is to widen the market for Willow Height.

"Right now we're aiming to add professionals to the mix.

mix. "It's more 55-plus right now, but a big target mar-ket we've identifyied is health workers, because we're right across from the hospital, and other workhospital, and other work-ing professionals as well, rather than just 55 plus. With the previous market-ing that had been done, a lot of people see it as a senior housing building rather than a building for professionals to live there."

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There may be potential for Kube to become involved in additional prop-erties originally set up by Bridge Road Developments

"Bridge Road Developments" "Bridge Road has looked at what we've done and who we are and sent our

information out to all the communities they deal communities they with," said Hassman. "Kipling is the first one we're starting with and then we'll be working with

Wvnvard, then there are four or five more communities that want to also get

some help as well. Hassman said the ap-

riassinan said the ap-proach is simply to bring a new perspective. "It's just to bring a new approach, have people people look at these buildings who might not have considered them before

"The property itself is beautiful, it's brand new, it's a super nice property, the concept's amazing, the suites are beautiful It just needs to get out there more and have of a fresh face on it





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LINKS Institute: Manitoba's new career college

Manitoba has a new career college, and it specializes in mental health and social ser-

LINKS Institute with its head office based in Brandon, but offering programming in a totally online format. As an online school,

totally online format. As an online school, LINKS Institute is not restricted in recruit-ing students from across Canada. "The vision driving LINKS Institute is to offer prospective students flexible yet robust options for their career needs with-out them having to leave their home com-munity and supports," says John Jackson, founder and CEO of the organization. LINKS Institute is an approved private vocational institute with the Manitoba Reg-istration and Accountability Office. Jackson says that the idea for LINKS In-stitute was based on the changing face of further education in Canada as a result of

further education in Canada as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. As existing schools struggled to determine the best way to provide education for students in a way that is safe, the planning for LINKS Institute was that its programming would be offered on-line so that students may have consistency. Ine so that students may have consistency. The only in-person experience for students will be a six week practicum, the nature of which will be dependent on Covid-19 re-strictions at the time. LINKS Institute is offering two certifi-cate programs, both focused on preparing students to become Community Support Worksor (CGW) in a community Support

Workers (CSW) in as little as six months. The CSW: Mental Health certificate is focused on training students who are interest-ed in working in community based mental health settings. Possible job titles for gradu-ates include mental health support worker, ates include mental heafth support worker, crisis worker, social service worker and more. Jackson says that the courses in the CSW: Mental Health program are unique and have been developed based on a thor-ough review of the types of skills students need to be successful in these settings. The second certificate on offer is the CSW: Harm Reduction. Jackson is particu-larly proud of this offering, as it is one of the first programs in western Canada that is focused on preparing support workers in



John Jackson, founder and CEO of LINKS Institute

harm reduction. Harm reduction refers to the minimization of negative health and so-cial effects that people might experience as a result of their lifestyle choices. Graduates

of this program would be prepared for roles such as harm reduction support worker, addictions worker, residential care worker and more.

In addition to helping people who are interested in a career in mental health or social services find employment, LINKS is

also committed to a bigger picture of con-tributing to positive workforce develop-ment in Manitoba and beyond. "By offering these certificate programs, we hope to help produce highly qualified support workers who are committed to pro-uiding program control case in percental health

support workers who are committed to pro-viding person-centred care in mental health and associated fields." LINKS Institute invites people who might be interested in their programs to call or email. Both the CSW: Mental Health and Harm Reduction certificates will be offered starting July 5, 2021.



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Tips for gardening in a shady yard



possible to grow a beautiful garden. The key is to select shade-tolerant species. Here are some suggestions.

PERENNIALS

In addition to hostas, which thrive in shady conditions, many perennials don't require much sunlight. Consider planting:

- Leopard plants, whose yellow flowers are sure to brighten dim spaces
- Coral bells, which are great for lining the edges of a flower bed
- Undergrowth ferns such as ostrich, lady and wood ferns
- Bugbane, which has spikes of wispy white flowers on tall stems
- Forget-me-nots, which have beautiful blue springtime blooms

There are also a number of ground cover plants that are

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Even if your yard doesn't get much sunlight, it's still well-suited for shady conditions such as bugleweed, lily of the valley and creeping dogwood.

SHRUBS

There are several types of ornamental shrubs that can add height and texture to a shady garden, including:

- Holly
- Dogwood
- Squirrel corn
- Rhododendrons
- · Some hydrangeas

In addition to looking for shade-tolerant species, be sure to consider the hardiness zone you live in when selecting plants for your garden.

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How to spruce up your front entrance



Your front entrance can have a significant impact on the curb appeal of your home. Here are some tips to enhance this part of your property and make it look more inviting.

AN EMPHASIS ON GREENERY

Frame your front door by placing potted plants or flower arrangements on either side of the entrance. This will create symmetry and add a pop of colour. Just be sure the plants don't block the doors or stairs and that their size makes sense for the space.

To create a cohesive look, make sure the plants around your front entrance complement the rest of the landscaping. Choose species that also grow in your front garden or line the walkway. Alternatively, opt for flowers that match your yard's colour scheme.

In addition, consider the pots, You may want to select ones that resemble the shade or texture of your paving stones.

A WELCOMING WALKWAY

If you have a walkway, it's a good idea to embellish it with a bit of vegetation. For a curved walkway, or one with a sharp turn, it's a good idea to create a focal point where it's most angled. This might consist of a welltended rosebush, a small weeping tree or a vibrant flowering perennial. Check to see how your choice of plant looks at various angles, including from the street, the driveway and the front door, before you dig into the ground.

For more advice about how to enhance your front entrance, consult a landscaper or an expert at your local garden centre.

4 ways to make the most of a small yard

If you have a small yard, landscaping can be a chal-lenge. Here are four tips to help you maximize your space and create an outdoor oasis.

1. FURNISH WISELY

Multifunctional pieces are ideal for small areas. For example, a sturdy deck box can be used as both storage and seating. Modular furni-ture is another option, as it can easily be rearranged and adapted to suit awkward spaces

2. DESIGN VERTICALLY

Growing vines up a wall, fence or trellis is a great way to add greenery to your yard without using up a lot of floor space. You can also hang planters, string fairy lights, install a tree swing

and store garden tools on hooks along the fence.

3. USE CORNERS

Nooks and crannies have a lot of potential, so use them wisely. Increase your seating with a wooden corner bench or take advantage of an unusual angle to highlight a decorative piece such as a sculpture, shrub or fountain.

4. CREATE DEPTH

If you have a narrow yard, opt for long, thin pavers









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rather than square ones to

draw your eye toward the back of the yard. Alterna-

tively, create a winding path to make the space appear wider. Place plants with small, dark foliage at the rear of your garden, and ch-

oose red, orange and yellow

flowers with big, bold leaves

for the front.



Update your bedroom with new curtains and bedding

Does your bedroom need an upgrade? Change the look of the room with new curtains and sheets. Here's how to choose the perfect new linens for your room.

CURTAINS

When selecting curtains, think about the look you want in the room and then find a fabric that corresponds. Linen and cotton blends are more casual and cheerful, while silk and velvet are refined and regal.

Next, think about the colour and pattern you'd like. You can match your curtains to the colour of the wall and use pattern and texture to make them stand out. Alternatively,

you could hang a multi-coloured pattern and
make them a focal point.

BEDDING

You don't need to match your bedding to your curtains but they should co-ordinate. You can pull a colour from the pattern on your curtains or use a contrasting colour. If you'd like to use different patterns for your curtains and bedding, stay in the same colour palette.

When buying your sheets, invest in highquality, natural fabrics. Egyptian cotton is classic and comfortable, while silk feels luxurious and has the added bonus of being gentle on your

hair and skin.



By changing the linens in your bedroom, you'll wake up feeling like you're somewhere new.

How to choose the perfect paint for your walls

Are you thinking of giving your walls a fresh coat of paint this spring? Having a hard time deciding what colours to choose? Here are some tips for selecting the perfect shades.

- Decide on the room's entire look before selecting your paint. This will allow you to really pull the room together with colour.
- Once you've settled on the design of a room and chosen the furniture and accessories, take inspiration from a colour featured

from a colour featured in a favourite area rug or throw. This will ensure your room looks pulled together.

- If you're painting rooms that open into each other, make the transition seamless by choosing colours that are two or three shades apart on the same paint chip.
- Choose a neutral paint for rooms where something else is the focal point. Bold hues work

best in rooms where everything else is understated.

 A tiny paint chip isn't enough to let you know if the colour will work in a given room. Instead, buy a sample and paint a small area so you can see the colour during different times of the day.

No matter your style, following these tips will help you find the perfect new







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Spotlight on outdoor lighting

Do you long to admire your garden day and night? You can! Highlight your land-scaping with strategically placed light fix-tures throughout your yard. Once lit, your plants, your pathways and even your pool will give your garden a magical feel after sundown.

A well-integrated landscape lighting system will allow you to create the atmo-sphere you desire, whether you wish to relax in a peaceful oasis, entertain in an enchanting atmosphere or impress your guests with the fanciest of backyards. A few tips

Lighting vertical surfaces such as tall trees or fences will make your yard seem

bigger. Combine function and form by lighting

up your pathways, entrance and outdoor

kitchen. Don't overdo it, though: the goal is to be able to move around safely, not to see as if it were daylight.

Finally, shine the spotlight on the main features of your landscaping. You could use projectors to make your pool or water fountain shimmer. Other options include illuminating flowerbeds, shrubs or your deck



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5 tips for taking care of rose bushes



Roses can easily become the star of your garden. While the climbing varieties are tricky to care for, rose bushes present less of a challenge. Here are some tips for taking care of them.

1. WATER THEM SUFFICIENTLY

Roses need to be watered on a regular basis, especially in the spring. Do so early in the morning and apply mulch to help the soil retain moisture. Water the base of the plant to avoid getting the leaves wet.

2. FERTILIZE THEM SPARINGLY

Rose bushes don't need to be fertilized every year. However, if the soil is lacking in nutrients, you can apply a natural, nitrogen-rich fertilizer in the spring to stimulate new growth. In July, opt for a phosphorus mixture to promote flowering.

3. PRUNE THEM ANNUALLY

In spring, remove branches that are diseased, damaged or growing inward before the

buds open. Keep healthy canes, but cut them back by about a third of their length. Always prune just above a bud that's pointing outward from the plant.

4. REJUVENATE THEM PERIODICALLY

Rose bushes benefit from being severely pruned back every five years or so. This is an effective way to rejuvenate the plant and encourage new growth. Identify a few older canes and cut them just above ground level.

5. CHECK THEM FREQUENTLY

Rose bushes are susceptible to diseases such as powdery mildew, rust and black spot. They also attract a number of harmful insects including aphids, caterpillars and beetles. Inspect your plants regularly and treat them as needed.

Find everything you need to care for your rose bushes at your local nursery or garden centre.

Bring your houseplants outside this summer

This summer, consider bringing your houseplants outdoors. Doing so will enhance the appearance of your garden and provide your plants with more light to grow.

In particular, cacti, spurges and succulents will benefit from time spent outside. You can transplant them into flower beds or arrange them in pots.

Hanging plants such as ivy, pothos and spider plants are a great way to adorn a pergola or gazebo. If you have large potted plants, use them as accent pieces for your deck or patio decor.

GIVE THEM TIME TO ADAPT

Remember that your plants need time to acclimate to outdoor weather conditions before being exposed to the elements full time. Start by placing them outside for a few hours a day. Make sure the temperature is above 12 C and that they're protected from wind, rain and direct sunlight.

Gradually, you can increase the time your plants spend outdoors. This process should take about two weeks. However, be sure to wait until overnight temperatures remain above 12 C before you leave your plants outside for the rest of the season.

PLANT INSPECTION

Before you bring your houseplants back inside, check them thoroughly for bugs. Shower them in warm water, including the underside of the leaves, to wash away any unwanted pests. If necessary, repot your plants prior to bringing them indoors.



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Is your lawn mower ready for summer?



Cutting the grass is a crucial part of maintaining your lawn. If you want to simplify this task, make sure your lawn mower is in good condition at the beginning of the season. Here's a checklist so you don't forget anything.

THE BLADES

Since damaged blades can't be sharpened, you'll need to replace them if they're cracked or dented. Blades that are in good shape should be sharpened to ensure a clean cut. To help your mower perform efficiently, do this at least twice every summer.

THE OIL

If you have a gas-powered lawn mower, change the oil in spring or after about 50 hours of use, whichever comes first. Be sure to disconnect the spark plug before you begin. Place a container near the drainpipe, gently tilt the mower toward it and remove the oil cap or plug. Once you've drained the old oil, replace it. If your mower has a fuel filter, change that as well.

THE SPARK PLUG

To ensure your lawn mower starts easily and runs smoothly, replace the spark plug once a year. All you need is a spark plug socket and wrench to remove the old plug and install the new one.

THE AIR FILTER

Like the spark plug, your lawn mower's air filter should be changed annually. In some cases, however, simply cleaning this component will do the trick.

In addition to these steps, remember to inspect the wheels, lubricate all moving parts and clean the underside of your lawn mower. If you have an electric model, charge or replace the battery as needed. Don't forget to fill up the tank if you have a gas-powered mower.



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4 questions to ask before pruning a tree



Since pruning trees can be tricky and even dangerous, this job typically requires the expertise of a professional arborist. If you're thinking about doing your own pruning, there are four ques-tions you should ask yourself first.

1. IS IT NECESSARY?

There are several reasons to prune a tree, including to remove dead and damaged branches that are at risk of falling. Pruning a tree simply to improve its appearance should be avoided. After all, each cut you make is a wound that takes time to heal and puts the tree at risk of infection.

2. IS IT SAFE?

Never prune a tree that's within three metres of a power line. It's best to leave this extremely hazardous work to a professional, and in some places it's the law. Similarly, cutting large branches can lead to serious accidents and injuries if you don't use the right tools and technique.

3. WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

To safely prune a tree, you need to use specialized tools. Pruning shears, loppers and saws may all be required. Make sure your tools are clean and sharp to facilitate the tree's recovery. You'll also need personal protective equipment including safety goggles, a helmet, work gloves and possibly a harness.

4. WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED?

Before you start pruning a tree, analyze its structure and determine where you'll make each cut. Most importantly, you should limit your alterations and respect the natural shape of the tree. This is the best way to keep your tree healthy and improve its appearance.



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How to get rid of clutter and organize your home

A tidy and organized home can feel like a refuge at the end of the day. If your home has become cluttered and disorganized, take the time to declutter and sort it out

Going room by room, the first step is to get rid of anything you don't need. It may seem overwhelming at first, but removing unwanted and unneeded things will be liberating. You may even find yourself throwing out

If you're not sure where to begin, start by getting rid of items that don't get used and articles you have multiples of. Donate things that others can find a use for and throw out anything too damaged or heavily used to be donated.

more than you originally planned.

Keep in mind that the amount of things in a home needs to cor-respond to the amount of storage available. People who live in small apartments will end up keeping fewer things than those who live in single-family homes.

Once you remove the excess items from your home, organize everything else using storage containers, baskets and boxes. Articles that

don't have a home will probably end up being piled on your table or kitchen counter. Designate a place for everything in your home and make it a point to put belongings away as soon as you're done with them.

Operation clean air: five ways to get rid of indoor air pollution

Spring cleaning may make you think of washing windows and laundering curtains, but what about the air inside your home? In some residences, the air indoors can be more polluted than the air outside. And unfortunately, dust and dirt can make respiratory issues like asthma worse. Here are five strategies to help you breathe easier.

- 1. Keep your floors clean: make sure people take their shoes off at the door and to vacuum with a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. This way, you'll reduce allergens and harmful chemicals that can get into your home.
- 2. Don't let it get too humid: excess humidity attracts mould, dust mites and other allergens. Use a dehumidifier or an air conditioner to keep humidity levels low
- they can also boost your mood. Peace lilies and rubber plants make great air purifiers and are easy to take care of.
- 4. Have your ducts cleaned: think of air ducts as the lungs of your home; all the air from your heating and cooling systems flow through them. If you can't remember the last time you had them professionally cleaned, now's the time
- 5. Change your filters: your air conditioner, furnace, dryer and range hood all have filters that should be changed regularly to keep them working efficiently and the air in your home clean

This spring, breath easier by adding the above five items to your spring cleaning to-do list.





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Five fun and affordable ways to revitalize your home

Does your home need an update? If a **2. REARRANGE YOUR FURNITURE** full renovation isn't in the cards this spring, here are five fun and inexpensive makeover tips for reinvigorating your home

1. NEW ACCESSORIES

Inexpensive upgrades such as new throw 3. UPDATE YOUR BATHROOM pillows on the couch, a fresh tablecloth in the dining room or a chic frame for a painting or photo will help revitalize your home.



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

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

4. SWITCH UP YOUR LIGHTING

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

5. DIY UPGRADES

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

These simple and affordable changes can make you fall in love with your home all over again. So which ones will you undertake this spring?

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Spring cleaning: three key items to deep clean

1. CURTAINS

If your curtains are made of a lightweight, washable material, all you have to do is run them through the washing machine. For heavier fabrics, or those that need to be hand washed, a steam cleaner with an upholstery attachment will do the job while your curtains are still hanging.

2. CARPETS

Whether they're starting to smell, they're stained or you just plain

can't remember the last time you washed them, don't put off cleaning your carpets. The best and easiest way is to hire a professional carpet cleaner. They'll have the right equipment and products to make your carpet look as good as new.

3. OVEN

Your oven's self-cleaning function fills your kitchen with smoke, and chemical oven cleaning prod-ucts are enough to make

Cleaning your home this spring? Don't anyone woozy. Here's a more natural way to make your oven shine like new: remove the racks from the oven, make a paste of baking soda and water and spread it on all of your oven's surfaces except the heating elements. Let the solution sit for 12 hours (wash the oven racks while you wait) and then scrape off. Wipe with vinegar and water a few times until it sparkles.

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Once your curtains, carpet and oven are clean, make their upkeep a part of your regular routine to avoid needing to deep clean every spring.



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Buying an outdoor fireplace: factors to consider



How to beautify your fence

In addition to offering privacy and making . If you want a stylish fence that's easy your yard safer for children and pets, a fence has the potential to beautify your outdoor living space. Here are a few ideas to inspire you.

- · If you opt for a wooden fence, consider painting it to match your deck or patio. This fencing material can be stained or painted a new colour at any time, which makes it easy to freshen up the look of your backyard.
- A vinyl fence is able to resist the elements, but it can lack character. To amp up its appeal, decorate your fence with flowering vines or hang planters and fairy lights from it

to maintain, choose one made of highdensity polyethylene in your preferred colour. This type of fencing is also an ideal option if you want to section off your pool or garden.

Complement the clean lines of your iron or aluminum fence by suspending potted flower arrangements at regular intervals. To further elevate the look of a metal fence, consider adorning the posts with decorative caps.

For advice on the ideal fence to suit your yard and budget, reach out to a local fencing contractor.

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Do you want a fireplace for your back-yard? With so many outdoor models available, you should take the time to find one that suits your needs. Here are a couple of things to think about. THE FUEL

One of the first decisions you'll need to make is whether you want a fireplace that uses wood or gas. While wood-burning fireplaces are easy to install and give off a pleas-ant aroma, they require regular maintenance. You'll also need somewhere to store the logs, and some municipalities have restrictions on the use of wood firepits.

Contrarily, fireplaces that run on natural gas or propane are easy to maintain. Another advantage is that you can adjust

the intensity of the flames with the push of a button. However, you must be able to connect it to a gas line or willing to periodically refill the tank.

THE USE

Consider how you want to use your outdoor fireplace. If you want to make it a gathering place for friends and family, opt for a round model. To create a relaxing corner where you can curl up in privacy, a rectangular fireplace may be more suitable. If you plan to cook over the embers, choose a model with a grill.

Finally, keep in mind your budget and space limitations when shopping for an outdoor fireplace. Consult the staff at your local hardware store for additional advice.

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CHOOSING PLANTS

There are many kinds of flowering species that can beautify your yard while also creating an inviting space for pollinators. Sunflowers, anemones, goldenrods, echinacea and hydrangeas are all great picks. Pollinators are attracted to a number of annuals as well, including borage, centaury and cosmos.

If you prefer to grow food in your garden, consider planting aromatic herbs like oregano, sage and thyme. Fruit trees and plants, such as apple, blueberry and strawberry are a good source of nectar in spring.

ADDITIONAL ADVICE

If you want to attract pollinators to your yard, be sure to:

- · Grow nectar plants in areas that are sheltered from the wind
- · Include white flowers in your garden
- to attract nocturnal pollinators Provide a source of water such as a small fountain or birdbath
- · Avoid weeding dandelions, clovers and ivy; they're rich in nectar
- · Plant species with varied bloom times so you have flowers from spring to fall
- By following these tips, you're sure to create a welcoming environment for all kinds of pollinators.









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the vegetable garden or flower beds, offer to

Teach your children to recognize the most

common unwanted plants that sprout up in

your garden. Ask them to go on a hunt for

weeds and, with your supervision, let them

You can add mulch to your garden to help

it retain moisture and limit the spread of weeds. Encourage your kids to get their hands dirty by carefully transferring mul-

ch from the bag to the garden and sprea-

From picking up leaves to putting twigs in

the compost bin, there are plenty of easy ways your kids can help clean the yard. Re-

mind them to keep an eye out for fallen

petals, pinecones and acorns they can use

In addition to giving you a hand, your

little ones will have plenty of opportunities

to learn about how plants grow. It's a win-

ding it evenly over the soil.

try pulling up ones with shallow roots.

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Squirrels are agile creatures that like to snack on seeds and dig up flower bulbs.

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This can make them quite a nuisance for gardeners. If vou want to keep the squir-



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rels in your area at bay, here are five tricks to try.

- 1. Plant bulbs at least 15 centimetres deep, and opt for species that squirrels tend to avoid such as daffodils, hyacinths and fritil-
- 2. Cover your flower beds with chicken wire. This metal mesh will keep unwanted critters at bay without disrupting the germination of your seeds.
- 3. After planting, cover the soil with blood meal or chicken manure fertilizer. The odour repels squirrels and helps mask the smell of bulbs
- 4. Grow aromatic plants that repel squirrels such as onion, garlic and herbs. Scented geraniums (pelargoniums) and certain other fragrant flowers will also do the trick.
- 5. If you have a cat or dog. let it roam near your garden. Your pet's presence, as well as the fur and scent it leaves behind, will serve as a deterrent.

Good luck!

If you're a parent, you might find it difficult to tend to your garden while also keeping a close eve on your kids. Fortunately, there are a number of simple tasks that can keep even the youngest gardeners occupied.

1. WATERING

Fill up a watering can - make sure it's not too heavy - and let your little ones go about hydrating your planter boxes and potted plants. When it comes time to water



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• Tall plants. Select exotic

species with large leaves that grow upward and outward. Ficuses, monste-

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how to garden with height in mind ras, philodendrons and palm trees are all great If you want to cultivate a tant factor to consider is picks, so long as they can height. Here are some tips to be brought inside in the fall if needed.

Elevate your yard:

Climbing plants. Guide vines up walls, along fences and around other structures to expand the reach of your garden. If you want to add a splash of colour, make sure to choose flowering species.

Epiphytic plants. Commonly found perched on trees in rainforests, these plants can grow without soil. To recreate this look, mount orchids, bromeliads and tillandsias to a pergola or trellis. Just make sure vou'll have time to care for these delicate plants.

• Potted plants. A simple way to add some height to your garden is to fill pots, baskets and hangers with greenery, and arrange them on shelves, ladders, fences, tables and other elevated hardscape.

Finally, if you have the room, consider planting one or more trees. As they grow, they're sure to take your vard to new heights!





Province gives a boost to Moosomin airport project

For the third year, provincial government is providing \$275,000 to Moosomin airport expansion project

Several communities in southeast Saskatchewan will receive funding for airport improvements through the provincial Community Airport Partnership (CAP) grant in 2021, including Mooso-min, which will receive the maximum grant of \$275,0000 for the third consecutive year for the expansion of Moosomin airport. The Government of Sas-

katchewan is putting \$1.5 million into the CAP program this year. Grants will go to im-

provements to 19 community airports around the province. When comdollars, CAP represents a \$3 million investment in provincial airport infra-

"As a commercial pilot myself, I know of the ben-efit these investments will have on some of our more rural and remote commu-nities," Highways Minisnities," Highways muter ter Fred Bradshaw said. "These revitalization

and rehabilitation proj-ects will bring some much needed upgrades to some of our community airports and runways, leading to better usage and reliabili-ty for medical, emergency and transportation ser-vices to all regions of the

province." Last year, the govern-ment of Saskatchewan more than doubled its funding for the CAP pro-gram to \$1.5 million, an increase of 114 per cent over the previous year.

A portion of the 2021-22 investment, \$650,000, comes from the \$2 billion stimulus package nounced in mid-2020. an-

The Ministry of High-ways will be investing \$300 million from that stimulus fund over several years into projects like resurfacing of runways, improvements for pilot assists at airports and sev-eral other highways spe-

eral outer inginier, cific projects. The CAP helps mu-nicipal airports offset the costs of rehabilitation, construction and infra-structure improvements by providing cost-shared grants, up to a maximum of \$275,000.

So far, 20 applications from 19 communities have been approved, totalling \$1.26 million in funding from each partner:

from each partner: Moosomin: New paved, lit runway with new taxiway and apron and plans for Area Navigation (RNAV) and AWOS val-ued at \$275,000;

Carlyle: Runway slurry Carlyle: Runway slurry seal, repaint runway lines and numbers and add ceilometer to Automated Weather Observing Sys-tem (AWOS), valued at \$33,911;

Kipling: Weather data instrumentation, valued at \$10,280:

Esterhazy: Crack seal and slurry seal on run-way, valued at \$5,883; Estevan: New fence

posts and wire, valued at \$37,750;

Yorkton: Crack seal on pavement and new an-chor stakes, valued at \$50,379.

Kindersley: Replace runway lighting and crack sealing on runway, valued at \$36,715; La Ronge: Drainage survey, culvert repair and

assess surface condition, valued at \$105,000; Leader: Line markings and numbers on runway

and aprons, valued at \$5,453; Luseland: Crack filling

on runway and apron, valued at \$47,699;

Maple Creek: Painting lines and numbers on the runway, valued at \$4,240; Melfort: Construction of two new taxiways, exca-

two new taxiways, exca-vation of existing taxiway, valued at \$26,350; Moose Jaw: Rehabilita-tion of existing taxiways and a portion of the apron, valued at \$275,000; Drives of Albert (true app

Prince Albert (two ap-lications): Runway

plications): Runway windsock and end markers and addition of a bur-ied wildlife fence to the airport perimeter fence, valued at \$106,650;

RM of Eldon No. 471: Crack seal on runway, taxiway and apron, val-ued at \$5,664;

RM of Snipe Lake No. 259: Crack seal and slurry on runway, taxiway and

apron, valued at \$50,350; Shaunavon: Replace-ment of airport beacon light, valued at \$3,500;

Swift Current: Runway rehabilitation and airfield signage upgrades, valued at \$167,500;

Wynyard: Recapping taxiway and apron, val-ued at \$16,738; and

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Above, the plan for Moosomin's expanded airport.

Below, projects in southeastern Saskatchewan that will receive CAP funding this year.



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Esterhazy transition: One year to a fully operational K3

K3 south shaft headframe readies for hoist and skip installations

When the south shaft headframe is fully operational at the Mosaic Esterhazy pot-ash mine in March 2022, it will double the hoisting capacity at K3. Each shaft will have 36,000 tons per day hoisting capac-ity—for a total of 72,000 tons.

ity—tor a total of 72,000 tons. Mosaic says it is making significant progress constructing the second shaft headframe at K3—outfitting it with pip-ing, electrical trays, cable, lighting and oth-er components required for it to become fully operational in March 2022. This more than 300-foot-tall 'south' headframe stands over a choft that will transport primarily over a shaft that will transport primarily rich potash ore, while the 'north' shaft also

rich potash ore, while the norm share aso transports people and materials. During the first half of 2021, each steel floor is assembled at ground level in a modular fashion and then raised to their final position using a hydraulic jacking system. The installation of the large Koepe hoist, an elevator and all the electrical/mechanical infrastructure occurs concurrentchanical infrastructure occurs concurrent-ly. The next big milestone will be rope-up and installation of the large 60-ton skips— which will occur early fall, with commis-sioning to follow.

Ramping up production at K3

Mosaic continues to break records at K3.setting a new daily tonnage record in February. Mosaic Esterhazy is now consis-tently hoisting around 30,000 tons of ore per day through the 'north' shaft and ex-pects the daily ton average to continue increasing as they move into the second half of the year.

Underground work continues on the south surge and coarse ore bins and on the mainline conveyor system—all necessary components as we continue to ramp up production. The miner assembly team sent its sixth four-rotor mining machine to start cutting underground at K3 in January, and their first two-rotor mining machine left the shop in February to be used for devel-opment. Mosaic expects to add one more mining machine to the K3 fleet in April and will build three more to deploy when the south head frame becomes operational by mid-2022.

Testing of a new automated "brattice" (vent curtain) installer for the mining machines is complete, and work is now fo-cused on continuing verification of the ore cused on continuing verification of the ore grade analyzer at one of their four-rotor miners. This will set the stage for Mosaic to begin full first-pass automation later this year, at which time they will be utilizing the full system of autonomous steering for all three passes along with automated in-stallation of the hardware system.

Transitioning from K1 and K2 to K3

Mosaic's teams are winding down K1 and employees are moving into other roles, but K1 will be kept viable as a second point of egress for K2 until both K1 and K2 shafts

of egress for K2 until both K1 and K2 shafts are decommissioned in 2022. As production picks up from K3, Mosaic continues to transition the rest of the Ester-hazy footprint to shift underground min-ing at K1 and K2 over to K3. Everything in that footprint—including miner automation control, data reporting, ore flow and emergency response—will be operated from a new Integrated Op-erations Center (IOC). Housed at K3, this new IOC is being designed and built to al-low Mosaic to monitor and manage Ester low Mosaic to monitor and manage Ester-hazy's entire ore flow process—from un-derground and up to the mills—from one technology-enabled 'hub.' Design for the new IOC is currently be-

ing finalized, with the expectation that it will be up and running in 2022.

Safety top priority Mosaic says they remain vigilant in their Covid-19 response and are provid-ing training, resources and other support to help keep their people safe during this pandemic and beyond.

"Safety will continue to be our number one priority as we enter the last year on this decade-long, \$3 billion-dollar proj-ect to build the world's largest and most competitive potash mine," Mosaic said in a statement a statement





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Construction activity on the Koepe hoist floor



Esterhazy's Integrated Operations Center (IOC) is being designed and built to allow Mosaic to monitor and manage the entire ore flow process-from underground and up to the mills-from one technology-. enabled 'hub.



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Enbridge greening the pipeline grid with solar

Solar project now supplies power to the Enbridge Mainline pipeline which runs through southern Saskatchewan



Enbridge's first solar self-power project Canada between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat. Alberta Solar One, as it's known, supplies a portion of power to the Enbridge Mainline pipeline network, which includes the Line 3 replacement pipeline. The facility features 36,000 solar panels and has a capacity of 10.5 megawats, equivalent to meeting the energy needs fo about 3,000 homes and offsetting 12,000 tonnes of carbon annually.

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The southern prairies see greater than 2,400 hours of sunshine annually, compared to between 1,200 and 2,000 hours like it at times, but the prairies typically see some sunshine about 320 days every year.

The vast, open spaces of the northern plains continue to support a rich agri-cultural economy but, increasingly, that abundant sunshine is being harnessed to backstop a burgeoning solar power in-dustry

dustry. In late March, Enbridge opened its first solar self-power project in Canada between Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Alberta Solar One, as it's known, now supplies a portion of power to the En-bridge Mainline pipeline network, which includes the recently completed Line 3 Replacement pipeline. The \$20-million facility features 36,000

solar panels and has a capacity of 10.5 megawatts, equivalent to meeting the energy needs of about 3,000 homes and offsetting some 12,000 tonnes of carbon annually. By supplying Enbridge's Mainline power requirements with renewable electricity, the solar farm displaces power generated from carbon emitters like coal-fired power plants. "These types of projects fit into our

larger growth plans to reduce emission intensity by 35 per cent and be net zero by 2050," says Vern Yu, Executive Vice President and President Liquids Pipe-lines. "To help get there, we're using so-lar self-power to generate electricity for our operations, modernizing our systems to impreve officient and odurging to improve efficiency and advancing other technologies. While the new facil-ity is the first of its kind for Enbridge in Canada, it's part of a broader program the company is initiating to self-supply a growing portion of its energy needs from renewable resources."

This project is a win-win for Enbridge's power team as we continue to grow our renewable energy portfolio and support Enbridge's sustainability goals," adds Matthew Akman, Enbridge's Senior We're excited to see our first Canadian self-power project come online, and we will continue to invest in opportunities

will continue to invest in opportunities across North America that generate en-ergy to power our operations." Including Alberta Solar One, Enbridge is looking at approximately 15 to 20 self-power projects for its liquids pipelines pump stations and gas pipelines com-pressor stations along the mainline for a scatastical invastment of shout \$500 milpotential investment of about \$500 mil-lion.



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The Lighter Side of Life Down on the Farm column turned into a book



Donna Beutler with her new book "The Lighter Side of Life Down on the Farm."

Donna Beutler of Whitewood has always had a passion for writing and that passion has resulted in a recently self-published book of columns she has written for various newspapers, most of which have been for the Moosomin World-Spectator.

min World-Spectator. The first "The Lighter Side of Life Down on the Farm" column was written by Beutler some eight years ago when she had a space to fill in an agricultural issue she was putting together for a newspaper she worked for at that time. And what began as a twice-a-year column turned into a few more over the years as World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark began asking for them for his Plain and Valley publication and then for his monthly agricultural features.

"Writing has always been a big part of meit's most definitely my passion," Beutler says. "I loved it from the moment learned to read and write in Grade 1 and I have fond memories of the encouragement I received from my Grade 4 teacher back in Ontario and my Grade 9 teacher in Whitewood."

Interestingly, though Beutler loved to write, she wasn't all that into fiction. Factual articles and stories, though, were right up her alley and it's no surprise she ended up in a career as a newspaper writer/reporter.

"My inspiration are my grandchildren," Beutler explained. "They light up my life and I get such a kick out of what they say and what they do, especially as it relates to the farm. My husband Wayne and I have been farming for over 40 years and it's really exciting to see the younger generation and how they relate to farming. "Around the time I wrote

my first column, I had been spending my days off work and after hours on the combine with my twin grandsons who were just two at the time. While every one of my eight grandchildren have spent time on the combine with me, it was around the time the twins were three that I left my job and I began spending more time on the farm and more time in the combine," Beutler said.

bine," Beutler said. "After that I began jotting little tidbits down of things the kids would say and then I would turn them into humorous 'ag' columns. I did a bit of writing for the World-Spectator from time to time and the whole thing with the columns evolved into something quite regular as Kevin continued over the years to ask for them and include them in his papers." It was from that point, as

It was from that point, as more and more people saw the columns Beutler had written, that she began to hear from readers who asked if she had put any of her columns into book form. The idea had already crossed her mind and by Christmas 2020, the project to self-publish a book had begun. "I love when people

T love when people text or email me, or see me downtown and ask something about one of my columns. That is such a delight and I can't thank readers and friends and family who enjoy these columns enough to contact me to say how much they have enjoyed them and from farmers and farmers-at-heart, how much they relate to them. How much more special can it get than to hear someone tell you they can 'so relate' or that they 'laughed and laughed' while reading one of the columns?

"As for Kevin Weedmark, I guess I would have to say, had he not kept asking for them, I wouldn't have the little collection I have nor would I have some of them in book form," Beutler said.

I have nor would I have some of them in book form," Beutler said. The minute Beutler got home from picking the box of books up from the Spectator, she took the first one to her mom, autographed of course! She says she once told her mom, long, long ago, that one day she would write a book and while this book is really not a "book" per se, rather a collection of columns, to her it means the world because she can share it with others.

"I write as I would tell the story at the coffee shop," Beutler went on to say, "so I flip from past to present tense sometimes in the same paragraph. Yes, it's intentional—it's just me telling the story!"







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Comparing the farmland rental market to ownership

BY LEIGH ANDERSON, SENIOR ECONOMIST WITH FCC The 2020 FCC farmland rental rate analysis re-vealed that cash rental rates averaged 2.7 per cent of farmland values in Canada. We also know that farmland affordability declined over time when measured

land affordability declined over time time measures against farm revenues. In this post, we further our analysis on farmland affordability by analyzing rental rates relative to farm revenues. This relationship can be of assistance in the decision between renting versus buying farmland.

Cost comparisons of rental vs buying

The Canadian average proportion of farm revenue required to cover land rent derived from a standard required to cover land rent derived from a standard grain and oilseed rotation is 20 per cent (Table 1). This is lower than the estimated 32 per cent of revenues required to cover ownership costs. The proportion of revenues to cover land rental rates varies significantly across provinces. Crops, quality of farmland and local market drivers such as availability and land use contribute to this ratio.

Renting facilitates investments in other areas of the business

While renting is generally less expensive than the annual cost of farmland ownership, other issues mat-ter when determining renting vs. buying. There is an opportunity cost of land ownership equals to the dif-ference between renting and owning which, can be invacted elsewbere

ference between renting and owning which, can be invested elsewhere. Renting may be a great opportunity for young farm-ers to maximize the use of equipment and expand their land base and grow their operation. Cost savings from renting can strengthen working capital and fa-cilitate investments in machinery, storage, etc. Buying land can tie up your available capital and reduce your cash flow, leaving fewer dollars for machinery, input peeds or future expansion opportunities

needs or future expansion opportunities. Farmland supply is relatively tight. Because the preference is typically to own over renting, the differ-ence in ownership costs versus renting may also be known as the premium farms are willing to pay to own land.

Ownership has its own advantages. It provides flex-Ownership has its own advantages. It provides flex-ibility when considering potential investments like tile drainage, storage and land clearing, making the land more productive and increasing profitability. A tenant can also be put in a difficult position if they lose the rented land base. Purchasing land has been historically a successful strategy to build equity in your business. But past returns are never a guarantee of future success as asset values can go up or down. Business circumstances are unique to each farm op-eration. Ownership vs. renting is a decision that must meet the strategic objectives of the business. Adjust-ing the mix of rented and owned farmland provides

ing the mix of rented and owned farmland provides options for a sound risk management plan.



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Above: Farmland rental rates as a proportion of average cropland revenues.

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HORSE DRAWN EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES: Covered Wagon w/ tongue & ball hitch; set of heavy show harness; set of work harness; 4x Western saddles; collars; leads & halters; stone boat bottom; JD wagon; whips; shaves; horse supplies; & more



SHOP EQUIPMENT: Honda generator; Diamond Pressure washer; load binders; new siphon tank; new parts washer; garden tools; various sheets of tin; new tool boxes & more





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Online-timed Household Auction for Estate of David Speers & Consignors Bidding Starts: Fri. May 7 @ 9am Bidding ends:

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Grace Atkison & Consignors

Bidding starts: Fri. June 4 @ 9am

Bidding ends: Sun. June 13

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ing a really nice dining room table &

6 chairs, lift chair, occasional chairs

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smalls, new & nearly new kitchen items

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New canola processing facility announced for Regina

Regina will soon be home to a new state-of-the-art canola processing facility. Cargill announced plans to begin construction of a new \$350 million project next year and it will be operational by 2024. "Sacktobuum is a load

"Saskatchewan is a leader in agriculture production and through investments such as this we are growing our capacity to process these products at home," Premier Scott Moe said. "We welcome this signifcant investment and look forward to working with Cargill to add value to the canola our producers grow, create local jobs and support Saskatchewan's economic growth." "Saskatchewan is a reliable exporter of food and origing the product to a

"Saskatchewan is a reliable exporter of food and agriculture products to a growing world and this new project will help us continue to meet that demand," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This new Cargill facility, and our growing canola processing sector, will strengthen our reputation as the world's leading exporter of canola



seed, canola oil and canola meal." "Our Saskatchewan pro-

ducers are known worldwide for the safe, highquality commodities that they produce and this announcement creates the opportunity for them to see a higher return for their product," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "We are excited to see companies like Cargill recognizing that there is no better place to do business than Saskatchewan."

"Cargill is excited to con-

tinue to build our business in Canada. We see Saskatchewan as the right place to make this investment, as Regina is well-positioned in the canola production area and there is ample talent available to support the new facility." Cargill Can-

ada President Jeff Vassart said. "We look forward to helping farmers access the market opportunity from the rapidly growing global demand for canola." The new facility is pro-

jected to have an annual production capacity of one

million metric tonnes and will provide a consistent and fast point of delivery for farmers and end users. This investment will generate approximately one million hours of employment throughout the construction phase and approximately 50 full-time positions upon completion of the project.

Cargill's new facility will help the province reach Saskatchewan's Growth Plan goal to crush 75 per cent of the canola the province produces in Saskatchewan. It will also support Growth Plan goals to grow Saskatchewan's agri-food exports to \$20 billion, increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion, increase the value of exports by 50 per cent and grow private capital investment in Saskatchewan to \$16 billion annually. In addition to construct-

In addition to constructing this new facility, Cargill will also update and modernize its canola facility in Clavet over the next 12 months to increase volume and broaden capabilities at that location.



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Innovation Saskatchewan supporting the growth of agricultural technology

On Monday, April 19, the government introduced The Innovation Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2021, to further support agricultural technology development in the province. This legislation provides the authority for Innovation Saskatchewan to make investments in agricultural technology (agtech) startups through a Venture Capital fund.

"As our economic recovery continues, our government remains committed to supporting growth and investment in the technology sector," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said. "The changes we are making to The Innovation Saskatchewan Act will allow for new investment into gamechanging technology for farmers and producers that will help accelerate our economic recovery and become a significant economic driver for our province."

As part of the 2021-22 provincial budget, the government of Saskatchewan announced it will be investing \$15 million—\$3 million per year over five years—in an agtech Venture Capital fund. The fund, which will be privately managed, will provide a mechanism to leverage millions more from private investors to make investment into Saskatchewan agtech companies that require Venture Capital to develop beyond the startup phase. This Venture Capital investment will enable companies to scale up their operations and manufacturing in Saskatchewan.

The Innovation Sas-

katchewan Act changes will allow Innovation Saskatchewan to continue to administer programs and supports to bolster the agricultural and technology industries in Saskatchewan including programs such as the Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund, the Saskatchewan Agtech Growth Fund, and the Saskatchewan Technology Startup Incentive. Doing so will be critical in meeting the goals set out in the value-added strategy and the Saskatchewan Growth Plan 2020-30.





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District of Cactus: Western themed attraction planned for Kennedy

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So why is Cole putting the effort into setting up the District of Cactus? "I was born in the wrong era," he says.

"I love everything about the old west. There needs to be a place where people can go and enjoy life and get away from the electronics. There is no place in North America where you can live the dream of being back in the old wild west and there's a lot of neople out there that wish thay a lot of people out there that wish they

"We would love to see a little bit of support from people that ride horses. Come to town, I know there's nothing there yet but come and ride through town on weekends.

"If we can get people doing that then we can show there are people who sup-port this. This is a family project, this is for families and for singles and for anybody that wants to come but it's based on fami-lies. We even want to put a kids camp in and to take the kids back in time. Phones are not allowed, you're going out, you're going to learn how to ride a horse prop-erly, you're going to learn how to live the old way of life.

"I think this is something a lot of people are going to enjoy whether they are part of it or they just come to visit."

More information on the plan can be found at www.districtofcactus.com

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