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Left: Greg Evans dives into the ocean. Right: Kaycee Foy and Greg Evans with a fish they caught at sea.

## Moosomin's Kaycee Foy sailing around the world

BY JULIA DIMA

The sailing trip of a lifetime was never in Kaycee Foy's plans, but last October, Foy was quitting her job in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, and preparing to buy a sailboat with her boyfriend, Greg Evans.

"From the moment I met Greg, he was talking about sailboats—he had a dream to buy a catamaran and sail it around the world," Foy says. "I am always up for an adventure, so I was in for this even when it was just a dream. There wasn't an exact day where it became a reality, we just talked about it enough for it to happen."

Foy was working as a field engineer at the time that they got planning. Her boss, she says, was supportive, but never thought it would really happen.

"My boss laughed in my face when I told him. I worked for a smaller company, and we were very casual with each other, so my boss knew all about it, and he joked about it too saying it would never happen. Then when it came down to a solid last day of work, he was like 'so you're actually serious about this?'"

Foy says she was lucky to be backed by a supportive family.

"They were all in. My Mom is an adventurer at heart so she was thrilled and supportive as well," Foy says. "My parents were our very first visitors, they flew down to Miami to meet us and do the crossing over to the Bahamas. Unfortunately we ended up having trouble with our port engine and were stuck in Fort Lauderdale for a week getting it repaired. It was the exact week they were visiting."

Before the trip, neither Foy nor Evans had any sailing experience whatsoever. They did not take any sailing lessons, but learned on the job, and had help from sailing friends.

The two purchased their boat, a Lagoon 410 Catamaran they named Oceanna in October last year in North Carolina, and spent four months preparing the boat, and themselves for the voyage.

"We lucked out meeting some pretty sweet people, the first being our friends Logan and Caroline who we met about 30 minutes after we saw Oceanna for the first time. Within a couple hours Logan and Greg were scrambling all over the boat figuring out all the different systems, and Caroline and myself were busy discussing the finer points of cruising," Foy says. "Logan and Caroline owned a sailing school in New York and were eager to share their knowledge with us. They were also the same age as us and spent their off season cruising the Bahamas. After spending a couple weeks getting to know one another, they invited us to make the delivery of their boat Gemini to the Bahamas with them. We not only got in our first offshore experience, we spent three nights at sea and got to spend a couple days in the Bahamas with them as well."

The cruising community in general has been helpful and welcoming, Foy says.

"The cruising community is one of the most accepting, helpful and friendly communities I've run into. Everyone is always offering a helping hand, people are always inviting you over to eat or have a drink. And you get to meet people from all over the world, and you get to hear stories and you hang out with people you wouldn't have otherwise. Greg and I, 27-year-old Canadians, would never have had a dinner party with people in their sixties from Brazil or Denmark, but here, those are our friends," she says.

Despite guidance and helping hands from veteran sailors, Foy says she and Ev-

ans made many mistakes along the way that made them better sailors. They did their shakedown cruise—essentially a test cruise to ensure the boat was prepared to set sail—along the coast of North Carolina, and anchored their boat at a place called Cape Lookout, at Beaufort, North Carolina.

"That is where we anchored our boat for the first time. We didn't know much about it, and asked our friends where to anchor, and we were sure our one friend told us to anchor right in front of the lighthouse, so we worked our way in there, and struggled to anchor it right in front of the lighthouse. We realized later from a different friend that we'd anchored in a tight channel where there was a strong current. We made it so hard on ourselves, it was really quite funny," Foy says. "I call that event the 'Cape Lookout Anchoring School,' because we learned all the 'do nots' of anchoring in our little challenge we made for ourselves."

Their official voyage began March 28 out of North Carolina, and have traveled since then, visiting Florida, Haiti, the Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Columbia, and right now, they are in San Blas, Panama.

"The plan is to sail around the world, and as of right now, we'll definitely be making it halfway across for sure. There are two big crossings, the Pacific and Atlantic that will take weeks to complete. We go to the Pacific Crossing in March—there are seasons and wind patterns to follow for a crossing. After that, we are kind of up in the air as to what we'll do once we get across," Foy says.

Foy is documenting the entire journey on her blog, [oceannatheboat.com](http://oceannatheboat.com), with photographs and stories from the different stops.

While each stop offers anchorages, and visits in the various stops, Foy says Oceanna is home.

"I find living on the boat, the day-to-day life—where you're sleeping and eating, it isn't a shock—it's very similar to RVing and I grew up camping every summer as a kid. But the whole experience of living on the boat is different—you're floating, and you can move anywhere on the ocean. But it's your home, so you never feel out of place, because you have your creature comforts around you at all times," she says, "and it comes with waterfront property wherever you take it."

The cruising world came with experiences and challenges Foy says she would never have thought of before the journey.

"First off, sailors have their own language—but like any language, full immersion is the best way to learn. Another big thing I didn't realize was how destructive salt water is—you don't have to put your phone anywhere near the water to see rust take over it," she says. "Also, the sailing world is superstitious—you're supposed to celebrate when you cross the equator, so you need to have your champagne when crossing. And when we bought the boat, it was called something else and we changed it to Oceanna. Our friend Logan told us that is bad luck—his very first boat, he changed the name and the mast fell off. He got us all superstitious, so when we changed the name, we did the proper de-naming and re-naming ceremony for the boat—it's a lot of talking to the gods of the winds and seas, and dumping champagne in the ocean. Bananas are another one—it is apparently bad luck to have bananas on your boat, so we did that for a while and didn't have bananas, but then we realized we like bananas more than we believed in bad luck. We've had bananas on board for a few months, and we're doing okay."

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# Trooper, Eli Barsi, Canadiens Alumni, Elite Hockey Weekend, Pipe-Si-Cana Games Lots of big events in Moosomin this fall

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin has been a busy place lately, and the growing community will be the scene of several major events this fall.

## Rock legends Trooper

Trooper will be performing at the Moosomin Communiplex Saturday, Sept. 20.

Promoter Carman Coulsol said he believes Moosomin is a community that can host larger events, and if the Trooper concert is a hit he has other acts that he has in mind for the community.

Rec Director Mike Schwean said there has been a big increase in events brought in by outside promoters as opposed to organized by local groups. This summer a carnival and a circus set up in town for shows.

"When people have been here they've been treated alright, so I think we're going to get more of that," said Schwean. "We're the centre they're looking to right now. Not a lot of communities have the infrastructure we have."

## Eli Barsi/Ray St. Germain

The Moosomin Shrine Club will present Moosomin based recording artist Eli Barsi and Winnipeg's Ray St. Germain Friday, Oct. 3.

"We've been thinking of some things we might do for the community, and the idea of a big concert with Eli Barsi came up," explains Bill Thorn of the Shriners.

"She's a very talented singer, and she hasn't really had a concert like this here in Moosomin.

"She did a concert at the church, but that was more of a gospel show. For this, we're thinking of it more as a Grand Ole Opry style of show.

"We thought we would put on a dinner and make an evening of it."

The event will be held in the Conexus Convention Centre and funds raised will help with the installation of ceiling-mounted projectors and screens in the convention centre.

The hall will be set up with tables of six for the event, and there will be room for only 300 people, so organizers are suggesting people get their tickets early.

Tickets have just gone on sale for the event, but Thorn expects they will sell well.

"Eli is a great entertainer, and I think a lot of people will be happy to have the opportunity to see her live in Moosomin," he said.

"I think she's just a good, down home country entertainer, and she has a really good stage presence."

He said Barsi suggested the additional act for the evening, Ray St. Germain.

"We talked to her about accompanying acts, and she suggested Ray St. Germain," said Thorn. "He's been entertaining since I was a teenager. Eli speaks very highly of him, and they work well together."

## Montreal Canadiens Alumni

Moosomin Minor Hockey is bringing the Montreal Canadiens Alumni, coached by Guy LaFleur, to Moosomin Oct. 24.

"They were looking for groups to host them, and Minor Hockey took it on," says Minor Hockey president Murray Gray.

"It ties in pretty well—that's the weekend of our power skating school. It's the Friday night of that weekend, so it will kick off the weekend."

Organizers are already working hard toward the event. "We're busy trying to get some tickets sold," said Gray. "A lot of our (minor hockey) kids will be there that weekend, so I think we should be able to sell a lot of tickets.

"The main thing we need to do is have a team of local players to take on the alumni. Anyone who makes a donation of \$100 or more can play on the local team, and for a \$1,500 donation one player can play with them."

Gray says a lot of work is going into the weekend. "It will take all of our board in order to do it—it takes some organizing and manpower," he said.

"I think it will be a good fundraiser for minor hockey. We can't lose any money on it."

Moosomin Minor Hockey is expecting to ice 11 or 12 teams this season.

Admission for the Montreal Canadiens event is \$20 and tickets are available at Maple Farm Equipment in Moosomin, the Moosomin Recreation Office, L.H. Bradley & Son in Moosomin, and DeCorby Family Foods in St. Lazare.

## Elite hockey weekend

Moosomin will host its first SJHL game Saturday, Nov. 1, as the two-time SJHL champion Yorkton Terriers, the 2014 national champion junior team, takes on the Estevan Bruins at the Communiplex.

As well, there will be a couple of AAA midget games as the Moose Jaw Generals take on the Yorkton Maulers at the Communiplex, with games Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Rec director Mike Schwean says he is personally looking forward to that weekend.

"I think it could be a great weekend, and it could become an annual thing for us. It's great for the town to have hockey of that calibre here. I don't remember an SJHL game here. This is a good opportunity for people to see what kind of hockey is out there."

He said the community has been supportive of the show.

"The chamber members are always great when we put out something like this. We had lounge tables available for businesses, we put it out to the chamber members, and it sold out in two days. That covers all of our expenses, so it should be a great fundraiser that weekend. It's nice when you get a major event and a major fundraiser all in one shot."

He said he hopes the rink will be full for the weekend. "We work hard to promote these things," he said. "The Communiplex and Convention Centre have had a lot of improvements, there are not a lot of facilities like it in the area, and we can host some big events."

## Pipe-Si-Cana Regional Games

Minor hockey, rec hockey, figure skating, volleyball, basketball, curling, cross-country skiing, and bowling. They will all be part of the 2014 Pipe-Si-Cana Regional Winter Games coming to Moosomin this winter.

The Winter Games are scheduled for Dec. 5-7, with different community groups and individuals taking responsibility for the different events.

"We have eight different sports, and I think it will bring a lot of people to town," said Schwean. "Different groups are taking care of the different events, and it's a great fundraising opportunity for the various groups."

Schwean says he hopes to recreate the sense of community that small communities had in years past, when the entire community would get together for a sports day.

"When I was reading the old copies of the paper, those turn-of-the-century ones, what stood out was all the sports days and fun events they have. That was the focus of the community, and it brought everyone together."

A few more events may be added to the regional games yet.

"Depending on the weather, we may add a few events to it," he said. "We may add some fun events, and some kids events, like jam can curling or something like that, and maybe we could hold an outdoor bonfire, depending on the weather."

Schwean hopes to make the regional winter games an annual event in Moosomin, and is hoping people from throughout the region will take part in the games. "I think it could be a great weekend," he said.

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# Sportsman's dinner features Montgomery, Ward

BY KARA KINNA

Virden's fourth annual Sportsman's Dinner is coming up on Saturday, September 27, and organizers are hoping that the event will be even bigger this year than in previous years.

The event will feature two speakers—Manitoba's very own Jon Montgomery, an Olympic gold medalist and host of "The Amazing Race Canada," and Duane Ward, a former Toronto Blue Jays pitcher and World-Series champion.

Cory Barkley, who is one of the organizers of the event, says it helps to have strong speakers every year, and this year should be no exception.

"Jon is very popular right now in Canada with the Amazing Race going on. I've had a lot of baseball fans talking about Duane as well, just because there's not that many guys walking around with World Series rings on their fingers either," he says.

"I think there's a general buzz. It's neat to have these types of celebrities come into your community, even just for an evening and tell their story."

Unlike other years, in which the event has been held in Tundra Oil and Gas Place, the Sportsman's Dinner will be held in the curling club this year. The event is normally capped at around 400 seats, but Barkley says because the venue is larger, they will be able to sell around 450 tickets this year. The event is usually a sellout, or close to it, and Barkley says the groups organizing it are hoping for similar results again this year.

"We've been very lucky," says Barkley. "Generally between 375 and 425 tickets I think we've done every year—425 is our sellout, and we certainly sold out last year. It's been interesting with this being the fourth year, finding new speakers and keeping people wanting to come back. It really is about the speaker, getting people that everyone is kind of involved with and wants to pay the \$75 to come out and listen to as well."

"We've been very fortunate with our speakers each year."

The Virden Sportsman's Dinner started four years ago as a fundraiser for the Minor Hockey Association in Virden, but



Duane Ward



Jon Montgomery

Barkley says the Minor Hockey Association slowly got other groups involved. This year three groups are organizing the event—minor hockey, the curling club, and minor ball in Virden.

"I know every year it has made over \$40,000 clear profit, and the second year they thought to bring another group on to help with everything, so the curling club came on board, and then this year we've brought minor ball in as well," says Barkley. "They've just kind of spread the profit around."

"You hope it helps with ticket sales that people realize they're supporting not just one group year after year, but several."

Barkley says ticket sales are going well so far.

"I think we're about half way there, which with a few weeks to go we're pretty happy with. Usually we're not to that limit. We're looking at selling out again."

Barkley says they are lucky to have Jon Montgomery and Duane Ward as speakers this year.

Montgomery hails from Russell, Mani-

toba, and is well known in the area. He was the 2010 skeleton gold medalist at the Olympic games in Vancouver, and today is the host of the TV show "The Amazing Race Canada."

"He's a fantastic speaker," says Barkley. "With the success of Amazing Race Canada we thought he'd be the perfect guy to come and we got in touch with him and he was thrilled to be able to come."

Former Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Duane Ward was a World-Series champion in both 1992 and 1993, and also has the Duane Ward Canadian Baseball Camps, delivering baseball camps to youth throughout Canada.

"We're very fortunate to get him as well," says Barkley. "Obviously the guy's a world series champion and he's a big part of these Blue Jays camps that are running across Canada now, so he'll be fantastic too. I'm sure he'll have some really good stories."

"Our speakers in the past have been really interesting. Most of them come from really humble backgrounds—it's not like

they've grown up in Hollywood or anything like that. They're just regular people who have been exceptional at something in their life, and to get them coming for the evening, it's pretty cool."

"I'm really glad they started this a few years ago, and hopefully we can keep it going. It has kind of got to be something people look forward to."

The Sportsman's Dinner will also feature a live and silent auction that will include signed sports paraphernalia. Barkley says the money for the auction items is a number of donors to the event, including a number of corporate donors. Some of the items on auction will include a signed Mario Lemieux jersey and a signed Winnipeg Blue Bombers helmet.

"We certainly appreciate all the support from the business community. Obviously the event wouldn't run without financial support," says Barkley.

Money raised from the event will be split between the three groups organizing it. Minor ball will be using the money to build new ball diamonds just outside of Virden, the curling club are raising money for a new curling club which is to be attached to Tundra Oil and Gas Place, and minor hockey will be using the event as a general fundraiser for player development, coaching costs, hockey camps, and other things over the year.

Barkley says it feels good to be involved in the fundraiser each year, especially with more than one group working together.

"It's been really good having the groups work together," he says. "I think in small communities it's always been this group raises money, that group raises money. But I think for the three groups it's really nice. We've got a really good committee from different organizations, and to be able to work together with all those different groups it's been really fun getting it set up to this point."

"I think that's part of it, just to help out in the community is huge, and I think everyone on the committee feels the same way."

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# Focus on Agriculture

## Plan ahead for difficult decisions

By JENAY WERLE,  
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As farmers enter one of the busiest times of the year, they should take care to remember to plan ahead for safety. You try and avoid an on farm accident by taking preventative steps (i.e. burying overhead power lines, managing fatigue and having safety equipment functioning and ready to use at all times). You talk to your kids about the danger of catching a limb in an auger or PTO, and running out in front of a moving grain truck.

But how many farmers have planned ahead to manage the risk to the farm business if there is an injury? When I meet with clients to discuss risk management strategies, I usually ask the question "What would you do if you broke your leg on the second day of harvest?" The answer I receive usually depends on the size of the operation and the number of employees. For larger operations with multiple operators and/or several employees, farmers manage this risk by ensuring all involved can operate most, if not all, of the equipment needed for harvest. A solo operator, who may or may not farm alongside

their spouse, will typically rely on a friend or relative to come in and help, and in times of need neighbors can usually be counted on to lend a hand once their own crop is in the bin. In either situation, a conversation held in advance with your spouse, your employees, your brother-in-law or your neighbor will make for a smoother transition.

A broken leg in harvest is a hurdle, but you are still available to manage from the sideline and perhaps operate in a limited capacity. What if the situation is graver than that? The immediate concern from a business perspective is of course getting the crop off, and as with the broken leg example, most farmers feel confident that there are people around who will help. Yet once the production needs are met, we are still faced with marketing the crop and ongoing management of the business. Consider how much your spouse, business partner and/or employees know about the management aspects of your business. Do they know about any existing grain contracts and delivery commitments? Have they co-signed on land or equipment leases, or other contracts? Have you speci-

fied who has control over your assets once you are gone? These are just a few examples of questions you can answer yourself that may lead to important conversations with family members and business partners. Other issues, such as the tax implications of an unexpected transfer of assets or the appropriate level of life insurance to carry, may be best discussed with your accountant or financial planner.

These are important conversations to have, though they may be difficult to initiate. If the thought of having these conversations is upsetting to you, consider hiring a consultant to assist you through the process. An experienced estate planner can ask the right questions to ensure your family and your business are looked after if you are not there to do it yourself. Most importantly—be sure to put your decisions in writing. A current will and power of attorney are critical pieces in the puzzle. A lawyer can assist you in that process, though much of the work can be done by you beforehand.

As mentioned previously,

harvest is busy. You don't have time right now to see your lawyer, or to have your neighbor over for a cup of coffee to talk about a contingency plan if you are unable to take off the crop. But maybe you have some time between loads to think about who you would have over for that cup of coffee? Maybe you and your spouse could squeeze in a conversation about how you plan to market this year's crop? And when the bins are full, the equipment is serviced and stored for the winter, and the snow is on the ground, take the time to have a few conversations with your spouse, your friends and neighbors, and your professional advisors on how you can manage the effect of an accident during harvest, or at any other time. Taking this step now could save money and time, and provide much needed peace of mind down the road.

For more information on business risk management, stop by or contact the Yorkton Regional Office at 306-786-1531 or contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

## Young farmers still on FCC's radar

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Young farmers have accessed and been approved for more than \$861 million in FCC loans since the program was announced. To address the obvious need, FCC is increasing its commitment to \$1.5 billion.

"Reinvesting in this essential type of program is another example of FCC's

undeniable commitment to agriculture and the great people in this industry," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said. "As the only financial lender offering this unique program, FCC is encouraging more and more young Canadians to take a serious look at a career in agriculture."

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"FCC's Young Farmer Loan was exactly what I needed to become established in the industry," said Darren Oliphant, who operates a grain farm with his dad and brother near Eston, Sask. "It helped me move from participant to business owner, and I'm looking forward to a long and rewarding career."

"The Young Farmer Loan came at the right time for our business," said Jean-Philippe Lajoie, who owns maple syrup operation, La Tanière inc., with his wife Véronique Bilodeau, in Sainte-Lucie-de-Beaufort, Quebec. "The flexibility and the loan's interest rate were very appealing, allowing us to focus more on our operation and spend less time worrying about finances."

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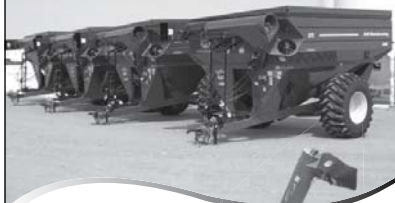
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# Focus on Agriculture

## OH&S Ruling

### Children can keep working on family farms

BY JULIA DIMA  
Saskatchewan's labour minister says Children can continue working on family farms. A family farm near Endeavor, Saskatchewan, came under fire two weeks ago after complaints were made to Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) that the farm was employing underage workers.

The underage workers at the centre of the investigation were the two daughters of the farm owner, Jaaneen Covlin, who operates her free-range butchery, Cool Springs Ranch.

The ranch also employed some teenagers under the age of 16 occasionally.

While most family farms are traditionally exempt from the Saskatchewan Labour Act, which considers an employee "a person whom an employer permits, directly or indirectly, to perform work or services normally performed by an employee," The Covlin farm came under fire because the children were processing poultry and other meat products—something that underage children are generally not legally allowed to work. However, exemptions exist in cases like that as well.

Last week, the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety ruled

that the underage family members could keep working on the farm, in all aspects of the operation including the poultry processing. However, Covlin would no longer be able to hire non-family members under 16 years of age.

"We looked at it, and decided for this case, we were going to treat this as an extension of the family farm exemptions, and told the family it was acceptable to have their kids working there, but they could not employ people from another farm. The status quo now will be that their own family members are continuing to work there—we should note that this is a farming operation that has an impeccable safety record," says Labour Minister Don Morgan.

Moosomin MLA Don Toth says that when he first heard about the OH&S investigation, he could not believe it.

"Given that I'm a person who grew up on a small family farm, and there are a lot of young Saskatchewan men and women growing up on the family farm—part of maintaining it is that everybody pitched in, and you helped wherever you could," Toth says. "Working with meat is nothing new from what

happened in the past. You pitched in on butchering, and at the end of the day when everything was done, you enjoyed that fried chicken."

Toth says that it is important that children on family farms are able to do work.

"One thing about children having the opportunity to work, whether it is on the farm or whether it is delivering papers or cutting the neighbor's grass, is that you're instilling into that young person the idea that it doesn't hurt to get your hands dirty—it doesn't hurt to learn how to get up in the morning and do an honest day's work," Toth says. "Then at the end of the day when you're getting ready to apply for jobs, being able to put on that resume that you grew up on a family farm, or were in 4-H or Cadets, those features are highly looked upon by employers. That is where we all learned what it was to get up and go to work, and also to not only support the family farm, but to respect each other."

Toth says he feels the Ministry struck the right balance between workplace safety and maintaining the long-standing tradition of family farms in the province.

"OH&S has a respon-

sibility to ensure a safe workplace. When you hear of someone who died in an accident, or was seriously injured, that bothers us as well. So I believe the response by the minister in recognizing the role the family farm plays in growing our province was positive, and I believe a lot of people appreciated that. The goal is to ensure a safe workplace while also respecting the rights of members on a family farm to be able to support the family farm," Toth says.

Morgan says that is the

balance the Ministry was striving for in its ruling.

"It was a common sense thing to do. In a lot of family farms, kids operate equipment, they work with animals—the fact that there was a processing facility where the poultry was processed and sold, we felt was not of any great significance, and that we should treat it as simply an extension of the family farm," Morgan says.

The family farm labour act exemptions have been work in the past, says Morgan, and there are valid

reasons why the exemptions exist.

"In the province, we have harvest and seeding, people are working 12 or 15 hours. For that reason, for farming operations, we have exemptions for family farms, because we know that is the nature of the work... I don't think it is appropriate for a government to try to step in and interfere with something that has worked well in the past, and will likely continue to," Morgan says.

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## OH&S Ruling

# Children can keep working on family farms

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Norm Hall, President of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) says the decision struck a fair balance between safety and farm tradition.

"As long as the kids themselves are safe and are being managed or supervised, fine. When it comes to hiring neighbors kids, we as business owners and farmers need to be very cautious about what we are doing. I think that the government came down with a good balanced common sense approach to this. Yes, the farm kids can work there, but it's a little dicey on if the neighbors kids should be working there, and we tend to agree with that," he says.

"I don't think it is appropriate for a government to try to step in and interfere with something that has worked well in the past, and will likely continue to."

—Labour Minister Don Morgan

Hall says that in order for agriculture to continue to be prosperous in Saskatchewan, family farms need to be able to operate this way.

"I've always joked that I've entered a career with one of the longest apprenticeship programs ever—12 to 15 years before you actually start farming, you've been working on the farm and learning everything," Hall says. "If we want agriculture to continue as a family business in this province, we need to allow kids to learn the

operation from the grass roots up."

Hall believes the exemptions that are currently in place for the family farm are appropriate for operations to continue smoothly.

"We are not asking for any more exemptions than what we have currently," he says.

As agriculture continues to evolve in the province, small family farm operations are on the decline. Toth argues that ensuring children can work in all aspects of a farming operation is an integral part of

preserving the family farm. "We are losing that small family farm environment, so I think we certainly need

to ensure that the family that is able to, and chooses to practice a small family farm concept has the abil-

ity to farm and derive a living just as much as the large corporate farming sector," he says.

Hall says a growing concern in Saskatchewan agriculture is the aging population of farmers—unlike the past, he says, fewer young people are taking over the family operation.

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# Focus on Agriculture

## U.S. suggests name change for berry south of border

A food fight of sorts could be growing between Canada and the United States over a tiny berry.

A U.S. researcher with the Cornell University Co-operative Extension is suggesting Canadians use a different name when selling Saskatoons south of the border.

Jim Ochterski says there is a surge in demand for the berry in the U.S., where it has been known for years as the Juneberry.

"We're at a point now where there's actual dollars at stake," Ochterski said in a phone interview Tuesday from Canandaigua, N.Y.

"We're taking our heritage name for the berry, called Juneberry, and Ca-

nadian growers have their heritage name for the berry, called Saskatoon, and now there seems to be some marketing tension between the two."

Ochterski said Canadian growers might benefit if they use the name Juneberry on packaging because it's what American consumers know.

"Because produce is marketed internationally, we wind up with two different names for the same fruit and it becomes a question of would the name Saskatoon be preferred in the marketplace or would the term Juneberry be preferred in the marketplace," he said. "And based on what I've been experiencing here in the U.S., the

term Juneberry has been resonating very strongly with consumers and buyers."

Ochterski insists he's not suggesting a complete name change—just adding the name Juneberry for cross-border sales. He says it would "speed up sales

tremendously."

He wrote a letter to the Saskatoon Berry Council of Canada asking if it would be open to the idea. Ochterski wrote that he raises the issue with "a pang of compunction" because he knows how much work has gone into mar-

keting the Saskatoon berry and its deep roots in Canadian prairie culture.

The Saskatoon berry, which mostly grows on the Prairies, looks similar to a blueberry but is considered more nutritious.

The website [www.juneberries.org](http://www.juneberries.org), which is

supported by the Cornell group, says the berries have about as much vitamin C, thiamin, riboflavin, pantothenic acid, vitamin B-6, folate, vitamin A and vitamin E as blueberries. It says they also have twice as much potassium and iron as blueberries.

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# Focus on Agriculture

## Website aims to make local food more available

BY KRISTEN WEEDMARK  
Moosomin's Devon Taylor has just launched a new website, onlylocalfood.com.

The website serves the Moosomin, Elkhorn, Whitewood, and Rocanville areas as a connection between the consumers and producers of local food. Taylor hopes to expand the website in the future to include the Regina, Brandon, and Winnipeg areas as well, and in five years hopes to be across the west.

A list of products is available on the website, along with the price, the producer, whether they deliver, and how to contact them.

"As a consumer of local food I found it really tough to find what was out there," said Taylor. "There are so many different places that local food can be found, it's spread out too far, in my opinion, so I thought, 'Why not create one place to find everything? All the different producers can have one place where producers and consumers can connect.' And now with the technology the way it is, that place is online. What we're trying to build is a hub, an online marketplace essentially."

Taylor brought up the idea for his website to a couple of friends about a year ago.

"They liked the idea, so we started working about September or October



The home page of onlylocalfood.com

last fall, and started putting the code together in December-January," said Taylor. "It's been a long slow process because none of us have ever built a website, I didn't know how to code anything so I had to teach myself from scratch. I did most of the front end, what you see on the website, and my two co-founders did all of the back end, database, queries, that sort of thing."

"My first vision was more like an online classified site, but we did lots of research at different marketplace type websites, Amazon, Ebay, that sort of thing," said Taylor. "From talking to different people and doing some research

we went for more of a clean, flat, simple, layout with less information right off the start, and allow people to find out more information if they want. I think our finished design is quite a bit better than my first vision."

"Through my research, I've found that there are virtually no websites like it. There are several similar websites, but they have different business models, so we designed our business model because we didn't see those websites as meeting the needs of the producers or consumers the way we thought it would be done," said Taylor.

"I think there's a need

in all areas for people to buy more locally," Taylor continued. "I have an economics degree, so that's where I come from, and there is no arguing that economically it's better to spend your money at local businesses. More money stays in your community when you buy locally, less money goes outside, there's more reinvestment, more jobs created, plus you can get to know your producer and understand where your food comes from."

"We grow up, and when



Devon Taylor is the creator of onlylocalfood.com

you're in school you're told that Saskatchewan is the bread basket of the world, we create more food here than anywhere else, but then you go out into your community and it's hard to find it. It's so

much easier just to go to the grocery store and get what you need without knowing where it's coming from. It's always going to be tougher to find local stuff, there's going to be more inconvenience related to it, but that's where the website came from. It's far too inconvenient to buy locally so we're trying to break some of those barriers down. There's all sorts of stuff right around here but you have to know where to find it."

"The reactions have been really good so far," Taylor said. "We've gotten a lot of good feedback, people see the need for it, they want to buy more locally."

Onlylocalfood.com currently has six providers and offers about 105 items. Taylor is offering providers a free month on the website to test it out.

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Trevor Herriot photos

Left: Herriot captured this image of the Swift Current Creek on a kayaking trip. Right: An endangered Loggerhead Shrike east of Regina.

## Naturalist Trevor Herriot on connecting with the natural prairie

BY JULIA DIMA

Trevor Herriot has been writing about Saskatchewan's natural history and environment for years. Herriot spent some of his younger years in the Tantalion area. His first book *River in a Dry Land*, focuses on the Qu'Appelle Valley in the region. His new book *The Road is How: A Prairie Pilgrimage through Nature, Desire and Soul* takes the reader on a very different journey—Herriot's own, as he embarked on a three-day, 40 mile walk through the prairies east of Regina.

His journey started in an unlikely way, with a bad fall from a ladder while battling a pigeon infestation in a dormer at the top of his house.

"At first, I just kind of ignored them, thinking, 'I'm the bird guy, I love birds, they'll be fine.' Plus, it was a high spot on the house where they were nesting that was difficult for me to access. One day, my daughter came into the bedroom and showed us little dots on her arm that were moving—tiny little bird mites. I knew they were a problem then. . . . Over the course of the winter, I had quite a

little saga going with the pigeons. I felt pretty bad about it, because I was throwing eggs and nests off the roof, and ultimately I thought I'd have to shoot them. So, there I was, in the early hours—not wanting to be seen by my neighbours, because of course I'm supposed to be the bird guy—I'm up there with a pellet gun. And it was one of those incremental moral decay things, where bit by bit you find yourself doing more stupid things," Herriot recalls. "And then one day after a rainy spring, I was getting careless, and stepped on the ladder, and maybe the footing of the ladder was on muddy ground, but it just slipped away and I went down—It was my moment of karma. The forced stillness of having to sit in my bed for a while with my anti-inflammatories and frozen bag of peas, I had a chance to think about things. I realized life had gotten away from me and even though I am supposed to be a naturalist, who is supposed to care about and understand things like this. . . . I just felt that I needed to for a walk to think about things." Before the walk, an Aboriginal

friend of Herriot's suggested he do a hilltop sit for three days before, because he was still healing. "A vision quest, basically. He had done that before, and some of his friends had. I never wanted to try it because it sounds scary to go without food and water and just sit there. But he talked me into it if I could bring water. That experience gave me a good sense of why I wanted to go for this walk, and the questions I'd carry with me," Herriot says. "It was mostly about just suddenly realizing that although I spend a lot of time in nature, my senses had grown coarse—not really as listening as deeply as I think I wanted to be. . . . The sense of it is trying to find a deeper form of inquiry besides our usual rationalist and sensory five senses—what else do we have for connecting with nature?" Herriot says the book is a look at how connecting to nature can mature people. "How do we connect personal moral behavior to the larger moral questions of our age? I wanted to back up and look at the personal a bit more. That's what I

was thinking about—individual morality, and how it opens up onto the larger landscape of our society. If I am more connected in my own soul, and within nature, perhaps I will be more mature in my relationships with my wife, my kids, my community, and so on," he says. The title, which comes from existential philosopher Søren Kierkegaard echoes that. "What it means is the road is not just a road, the road is how it is walked. Are we going to walk forward in delusion and despair and denial, which are the common approaches we use looking at the environment? Or are we going to grow up and take responsibility and respond with courage to do what we can in our own small ways and keep walking in full awareness," he says. Herriot says that despite the harm caused to the Prairie environment in Saskatchewan, hope for recovery is manifested in the small natural life that persists along gravel roads and cultivated land. "It was surprisingly encouraging. When you walk through

even fairly barren cultivated landscapes, you would think there would be very little life. But you look in the air, there are birds flying—there are certainly hawks, and a few insects. And whenever there is a wetland, water is life. So there are shorebirds and small fish. I was walking by Wascana Creek, and despite the abuse that creek has received, there are still fish swimming, there are still birds hunting there. It's remarkably encouraging to see how nature holds on despite our transgressions and despite the great tragedy of how we treat the landscape," he says. "When you are driving through this landscape, it's hard to appreciate because it looks so barren. But when you are walking through it, you see that nature is holding on in the dearest sort of way, and wanting to be there. All it needs is an opening, and I guess it is our job to give nature more places to thrive." The damage to the natural prairie can be righted if Saskatchewan changes its agricultural mindset, Herriot thinks. *Continued on page 21*

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## Flood-damaged municipalities now recovering

BY JULIA DIMA

Nearly two months after heavy floods caused widespread damage across the Southeast corner of Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba, communities are recovering steadily. Clean-up and repairs will be ongoing through fall for many communities, and the backlog for contractors and adjusters mean both municipalities and individuals are on a waiting list for repairs and government payments.

In Moosomin, final costs have not been tabulated, but clean-up efforts are completed, according to town administrator Paul Listrom. The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) will be sending an adjuster to Moosomin in the next few weeks. In the meantime, mitigation work has been done around town.

"Ministry of Highways put in the second culvert by east access road, and we've called out an engineer who is dealing with Saskatchewan Watershed Security Agency about rerouting water on west side of town," Listrom says. "Also, we've been talking about how we'd like people to extend their eavestrough as far away from their building as possible—this is probably the easiest way to get rid of water quickly."

Overall, Listrom says, the town is back to normal.

Like Moosomin, Rocanville is planning for the future.

"We never really had a lot of clean up from the flooding itself, because our major problem was the lift station backing up," says town administrator Monica Merkosky, "So mostly, it's about planning for the future to see if there is things we can do to alleviate the problem. We'll be doing lagoon dredging, and we'll be looking at ways to decrease the amount of water ending up in the lift station when there is a large volume of rainfall. We've purchased a six-inch pump we can use to pump the lift station if the existing pumps can't handle it. We'll have to be looking at ensuring we have a power supply so that if power fails we'll be sure we're still able to operate the lift station."

Rocanville is eligible for PDAP funding,

but Merkosky says Rocanville may not file a claim, because there is a high deductible, and the town's insurance policy may cover the total costs. As of last week, the total cost for the town was \$16,668, but that number will rise by several thousand dollars since many bills have not come in. The PDAP deductible, she says, is around \$19,000.

In the RM of Rocanville, cost of damages were substantial, and repairs are not finished.

Reeve Murray Reid says he suspects repairs will go into the fall, as the RM is still waiting for replacement culverts. Two damaged bridges were repaired and that cost the RM \$200,000. Other costs are not known yet, as the RM has not received bills from all the contractors doing work.

Reid says they are making sure the work being done takes into account the possibility of flooding in the future.

"We're trying to fix things better to prevent issues. We're trying to make it so that if it happens again, the grade washes out instead of the culvert on roads," he says.

In Welwyn, village damage was minimal, but mitigation efforts are already in place for future events. Like Rocanville, the lift station was the big concern.

"For the lift station, we now have a spare pump. We had another pump at the water pump, a trash pump to keep tanks clean, and it got moved to lift station, so we have a standby pump now, so if the power was to go out again, we would have two we can use," says administrator Monica Pethick. "Next time, we would react a little quicker, and shut water down unless consumption is cut down. Also, as we learned, the alarm for the lift station was going off at midnight, even though we discovered the issue in the morning, so we have entered into an agreement to get cellular coverage for the alarm system, so that the minute the alarm goes off, somebody will be aware of it... we're wiser after an event. The fact is now we have a cellular backup so people will know there is a problem right away, that will make a huge difference."

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Above: Master Corporal Derek Drydak carried the Baton into town. At Gordon Street, he handed the baton off to Moosomin Second World War veteran Gordon Jones.



Above: The Princess Pats pay respects at the grave of Moosomin's Sgt. Harry Mullin, who is the only P.P.C.L.I. Victoria's Cross recipient with a known grave. His grave, along with those of every veteran in Moosomin's south cemetery were marked with Canadian flags for the day.

**Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry**

# Baton relay comes to Moosomin

BY JULIA DIMA

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry 100th Anniversary baton relay came through Moosomin on August 23. The 2nd Battalion PPCLI spent Saturday in Moosomin, visiting with guests at the Armoury and sharing the regiment's history in a mobile museum.

The day started with the baton relay itself—the Princess Pats escorted by Moosomin's emergency services, Pipestone Cadets and a few kids ran the baton—which contains the names of the 1,866 PPCLI soldiers killed in the line of duty—from the Red Barn parking lot to the armoury. Master Corporal Derek Drydak ran the baton down Main Street.

"It was quite an experience," Drydak says. "I had a huge smile on my face. I was really soaking in the support—you see all the yellow ribbons around you and the huge crowds gathered, and it's just heartwarming.

Sometimes when you're out in the field if the weather is downcast, it's depressing. Sometimes you can get a little depressed doing your job, but you just think back to the public support you have, and the people smiling and clapping, and it warms you up."

Close to the end of the relay, Drydak handed off the baton to Moosomin second World War veteran Gordon Jones, who transferred it to June Moffatt. Moffatt then carried the baton to the armoury, where crowds and the rest of the PPCLI members were waiting.

Moffatt's older brother, Stanley Richard Mudd was a PPCLI soldier who died in Korea in 1952.

"Nobody seemed to know about him in Moosomin, but I had been getting invitations to go over to Korea to see his grave. Unfortunately, I'm unable to. So when I got this honour of being asked to carry the baton, and I am telling you, I was so excited about that," Moffatt says. "When I got a hold of that baton

today, it was like I was bringing my brother home... I feel as though he's here now."

After the relay, there was a barbecue lunch for guests—for the more adventurous, The Pipestone Cadets organized an 'MRE (Meal Ready to eat) challenge' for anyone interested in sampling the food rations Canadian soldiers eat in the field.

Moosomin RCMP's Corporal Andrew Dolman, Donna Dohms of Hutch Ambulance, and Moosomin MLA Don Toth took up the challenge and tried the boxed meals.

"That's just about as good as my cooking," Toth said as he took a bite out of his meal.

Toth says he enjoyed the day, and saw the event as a reminder of Moosomin's rich military history.

"It's about being reminded again of the armoury, that people work so hard to maintain and keep—it just reminds us, people once signed up here to go to war," Toth says. "And an event like this is a reminder that we would

like to never go back there again. We want people to be aware of those sad moments in history, and work to create a more peaceful future."

The day was about preserving history, but also having fun. The Princess Pats set up an LAV (Light Armoured Vehicle) and a Bren gun carrier outside for kids to explore and play on. Inside the McNaughton gymnasium, they set up a mobile museum that had PPCLI artefacts, boards outlining the history of PPCLI, and some of the modern artillery used by Canadian soldiers for the public to learn about. For kids, there was also popcorn and snow cones, coloring and games, and face painting. As well, the Canadian Army Mascot Juno the Bear paid a visit.

In the evening, there was a cold plate dinner prepared by the armoury committee, along with presentations, and performances from Creative Visions Productions and a Blacklight Drum Corps.





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# Moosomin's Kaycee Foy sailing around the world

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The cruising life is not always dolphins and sunshine, Foy says. In San Blas, storms are a real danger for sailors. "There are storms that go through the San Blas that last about an hour, but are huge fronts that blow in. The wind is crazy, it blows at 45 to 60 knots. Regular wind at an anchorage is 5 to 10 knots," she says. The biggest worry is that the wind will be strong enough to blow the anchor loose, or knock other boats in the anchorage together. Lightning strikes that could fry the boat's components is another concern. But Foy says they have been lucky. Other causes for concern are pirates, which limit travel in certain areas.

"As you go across the Pacific crossing, you can't get into the Mediterranean, which is nice to cruise, but to get in there, you run into a lot of pirate activity. They are not that prevalent, you just avoid regions where they do," she says. These issues don't concern Foy as much, because the cruising community look out for each other in areas where pirate activity may be happening.

Her more real fears include sharks—after coming face to face with a bull shark at the end of July.

"Greg's a big spear-fisherman—that is where you free dive and use a spear-gun to shoot fish. I will go with him everywhere diving, and I carry a GoPro and I just go check out the pretty coral and fish. In the Bahamas, you'd run into little reef sharks, only two or three feet in length—they would get a little cheeky, but they were never scary. Here in San Blas, we were out diving off a shallow reef, and Greg had gone one direction and I went the other direction toward our paddle board. It was shallow water with high coral, and I was pretty happy with myself and feeling pretty confident because I usually don't go off by myself diving, I like to stay near Greg. So I was getting confident, saying to myself, 'Oh, look at you Kaycee you're a snorkelling champion!' Then I came around the corner, and there was the biggest shark I have ever seen in the water, and I had no idea what to do with myself," Foy recalls. "Most of the sharks you see are lemon sharks and nurse sharks, and neither of those sharks are very scary, or big. This shark was bigger than me, and definitely not a nurse shark. I just froze and stopped breathing. He circled around, and looked at me, and did a little u-turn in the water and then eventually left."

"Greg tells me not to be afraid of the sharks, and everyone says they're not going to attack, but I don't know, I'm still a girl from Saskatchewan and I don't think I will ever be comfortable with sharks. After the shark left, I have never swum faster—I bolted and once I was up on the paddle board, I was just shaking."

Foy says she had a bit of a hard time getting in the water after that.

"But you have to, you don't want to be boat-bound. Greg always has a shark story when he goes spearfishing. I think he's getting a little too used to sharks, which might come back to literally bite him in the butt. The Kuna, the indigenous people in San Blas believe in reincarnation. I was told when you see a solo shark alone, it's a Kuna diver reincarnated. I tell myself that here on the boat to calm my nerves, but in the water, that shark is a shark."

Foy says so far, the journey has been excellent, and it has helped her think of life differently.

"You have a broader view of everything. Things don't need to be as hard as you make them a lot of the time—life can be as simple as catching your food and eating it. You don't need television and you don't need to go to the mall or get your Starbucks. Life can be a lot more simple than we make it out to be," she says.

Another perk, she says, is becoming a culinary expert on the seas.

"Greg is fish-crazed—he loves to fish, whether it's line fishing or spear-fishing. . . My culinary skills have gone

through the roof. Before we left, I was really good at toast and cereal, and I've definitely stepped it up."

While most Prairie people are eager to make for warm locales come winter, Foy says being away from the Prairie weather has made her homesick for a good snow day.

"I sometimes miss cuddly sweaters and socks. Or snow. It's little things like thinking 'oh, remember when I put on socks and boots and a jacket? That was cool.' I miss the little crunch under your feet in the snow. I miss Christmas in the snow, I guess—maybe not so much scraping my windshield and letting my car warm up for a half hour," she says.

Since she can't be home in Saskatchewan for Christmas, Foy has organized for her whole family to join her and Evans in Costa Rica for Christmas.

"My family is all coming here for Christmas. When I sent out feelers for a Costa Rican Christmas, everyone jumped on board—so, the whole Foy family will be coming out for two weeks—those visits help when I do miss them. Other than that, I don't get homesick. You don't wanna leave this life, so it's easy to not get homesick."

If you'd like to see where Foy and Evans are headed next, check out [oceannatheboat.com](http://oceannatheboat.com).



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# TFW changes already having some impact

BY JULIA DIMA

Changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program announced at the end of June are beginning to have an impact on the Saskatchewan business community. Some of the biggest impacts of the change will be the cap on the number of foreign workers a business can hire, and the increased cost of hiring the workers. Under the new regulations, no more than 30 per cent of a workforce can be made of foreign workers. By 2016, that will be phased down to 10 per cent. As well, the cost of a labour market opinion, now called a labour market impact assessment (LMIA)—which must be positive to hire a temporary worker—will be increased from \$275 to \$1,000.

Steve McLellan, CEO of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, says discussions with business owners in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert indicate frustrations are building.

"I did have a conversation with a manufacturer today who employs 15 temporary foreign workers and now he has to have a really serious conversation with his workers—if they want to stay, they have to get through the

SINP (Saskatchewan Immigrant Nomination Program) process fairly quickly now. Some want to, some do not, some want some more time to think, but if he wants to keep them, he has to get ahead of the curve, because that queue (for SINP) will fill up very quickly now—so that is a very real impact," McLellan says. "We have to be respectful of Canadians in the job market, but we also have to work hard to be respectful of those individuals that we've invited to Canada to come here and work. This is putting them in a very difficult spot."

McLellan says the Chamber of Commerce will continue to advocate for a properly utilized temporary foreign worker program, but says business owners need to be prepared to diversify in light of the changes. One option is utilizing different labour pools that may exist locally.

"People are revisiting their Aboriginal employment practices. Some business owners have spoken of new plans, and some have spoken of the frustration with a lack of sustainable workers in previous attempts, so we are working on that file continuously to find levels of understanding and training processes that will engage

Aboriginal people more broadly."

Other labour pools, McLellan says, could include stay-at-home parents who may want to pick up odd shifts and retired individuals who may want to work again. Finding enough young students in small communities to meet the labour shortage hasn't been sustainable according to McLellan.

"There is no longer a single deep labour pool you can dip in to and find the workers you need," he says.

With the reality that these changes will make an impact, some business owners are rising to the challenge of finding local labour.

Ronald Guiao is the regional manager for A&W restaurants for Southeast Saskatchewan says that he is working to get any foreign workers he has through the SINP process. After that, he will not be hiring any temporary foreign workers.

"For the future we are hiring local, we are not getting any more foreign workers," he says. "Our agency who processes our LMIA's phoned us and asked if we want to hire any more foreign workers, and I said no—we want to get locals here. We have to try."

Guiao says that there will be a hiring day held for the Moosomin A&W to attract applicants. The process was used to Esterhazy, and Guiao says it was successful in staffing that restaurant.

"We want to do a big hiring effort, basically, you walk in with an application and we hire everyone and train them. I did that in Esterhazy, and it worked well—when we opened the restaurant, we had 30 employees and now we have 27," he says.

Guiao himself came in on the foreign worker program five years ago. He says it is important to support the temporary workers that are already here and want to stay.

"If you have good people and if you want to keep them, process their SINP—help them stay here, and bring their families in. Rather than turning your back on them and saying 'I'm sorry, your contract is finished now, bye.' Employers should be doing what they can to keep the good people, especially if they are already here, and they know the bread and butter of your business," he says.

At the same time, Guiao says he feels many businesses have been relying too heavily on the temporary foreign worker program.

"The first reaction of employers when the changes were announced was 'I think I am going to have to close my restaurant' because they have been doing this for so many years, they are relying on foreign workers coming in. We have to change it and say employers need to go out of the box. It is a bigger challenge, but it is a good challenge, because now we have to be more competitive as well, with pay and benefits, especially in Moosomin—a small town with lots of restaurants there, a lot of choices for employment," he says. "You just have to keep on trying. If we just sit there and rely on foreign workers, then that's why the business is going to close."

Guiao says he hopes that a community outreach will bring in more local work—but says that if recruitment efforts are not successful, there will be adequate proof to receive positive LMIA's if need be, and there will still be time to get the workers permanent residency—but the local recruitment efforts have to be ongoing.

"We can't do anything about the program changes, it is what it is, it's the government. But as employers, we're not going to sit there and keep on complaining that they give us back the program. You have to do something yourself to keep your business running for your local guests," he says.

At the government level, concerns are being voiced across the country. Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki says he has received a number of general concerns that he has communicated to Employment Minister Jason Kenney.

"My sense is that it will take a bit of time before people get the full impact of what is happening, and when the work permits start to come near an end, there will be issues. So far we haven't had a lot of specific issues that have come up, just concerns, but I suspect when we get back to Ottawa here in a few weeks, we will get a better feel for what is happening across the country from the various MPs," Komarnicki says.

Komarnicki says the program needs amendments, but hopes that as the federal government moves forward, local regions with high economic development are considered.

"I doubt there will be major changes but I do feel there needs to be a discussion about how we deal with areas of the country like Moosomin. We have to face the reality that no matter how much we try—and we certainly do—to get youth involved, hire Canadians first, and wherever you can get people to fill these positions, after all is said and done, if there's still a shortage, you have to try to meet it some other way."

McLellan says that the business community in Saskatchewan knows the regional concerns may not be addressed federally, so they are working at diversifying the workforce options.

"We're cognizant that this is a policy for the whole country, and it may not change, so what can we do to advise, and communicate with our members other options. Like a broader labour market, and better utilization of the Canada Job Grant," he says. "The main core for us is that we are advocating for transparency and clarity in the temporary foreign worker program based on public policy and fact—we will continue to advocate for that, but we are not putting all our eggs into one basket."

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# Construction of 24 units getting under way: Sod turning held for Pipestone Villas Phase II

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A sod turning was held recently for the second phase of Moosomin's Pipestone Villas, a housing development between Henry Street and Wright Road on the south side of Moosomin.

The second phase will be nearly identical to the first, adding another 24 units in to the development.

The plan for the site includes a total of three buildings with a total of 72 units, with the second and third phases oriented north-south, and the three buildings forming a u-shape around the central courtyard and parking.

Of the 24 units in the second phase, 18 have already been presold and six remain available.

Pipestone Villas consists of rental units in which tenants have an equity investment. Tenants in Phase II will put in \$65,000 of equity for each unit, and will have their equity returned when they leave the building. They receive interest on their equity in the form of a rental discount.

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Construction costs have increased significantly in the few years since the first phase was completed, but one advantage for Pipestone Villas is that all of the land for all three phases was acquired at the outset, which means there are no ad-

ditional costs for securing the land for the second phase.

Berns says he expects that if construction gets under way in a month, people will be moving into phase II by the late summer or early fall of 2015.

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Prior to the sodturning, Moosomin Town Council approved a building permit for Phase II, with an estimated value of \$6,500,000.

With construction starting right away, people should be moving into phase II by the late summer or early fall of 2015.

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# Herriot on connecting with the natural prairie

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 "It's important to find ways to work with agriculture, and work on the relationship between the people that are eating the food and the people growing it. Part of that is valuing farmers and giving them a fair dollar for their work. We get in trouble when we drive the price of food down so low that they have to constantly be increasing their yield and volume to keep up—that drives us toward a kind of agriculture that is always going to be harmful to nature," Herriot says. "If con-

sumers were willing to pay a fair return for canola, and we worked out an agricultural policy that encourages producers to use methods that are not hostile to the environment, then farmers would not be doing this. They just want to grow food and have a decent life. But to do that, they have to constantly be using chemicals and systems that increase the yield. Our public policy has to look at [solutions] and it is not—we've had a century of bad policy that has driven farmers to be hostile to nature. It is not their fault,

but it's driven by consumer demand and bad policy."

Herriot says the idea that economic development and environmental protection are in conflict is not true, but is often touted by developers seeking faster methods. He says a balance can be achieved.

"It does not have to be environment versus development. People everywhere agree that we want healthy food, clean water, clean air, and beautiful natural places—there is a wide public interest in these things. But the problem is things will not always be resolved in ways that development people would like. They want to have a no-brakes-on kind of approach where they can work without too much regulation. In Canada, people are terrified of regulation and government restrictions . . . and out here it is sort of the wild west. Things often get done without an oversight. That has got to stop. We need to enforce regulations we have, and make sure they are serving that public interest. If we agree those interests—healthy food, clean water, and natural spaces—are important."

For his first book, *River in a Dry Land*, Herriot focused on the Qu'Appelle Valley. He worries that the lack of regulation of development along the valley is destroying it.

"It's a special landscape



Sage Herriot photo

Saskatchewan author and naturalist Trevor Herriot spent some of his early years exploring the Qu'Appelle Valley around the Tantallon area. His first book, *River in a Dry Land*, focused on the Qu'Appelle Valley.

for so many Saskatchewan people, and yet we seem very challenged to provide any regional planning or management of development in the valley . . . it is the beauty of the place that attracts us to it, but it attracts everybody, and eventually, you begin to lose the wild areas with too much development. We are loving the valley to death, and we need to do a better job of long term planning and zoning," Herriot says. "And we need to look at things

like gravel development in the valley, there is far too much of that happening. It's servicing the potash mines in the Southeastern part of the Qu'Appelle Valley; we know they need concrete, but we've got to find a way to serve their needs without destroying the ecology of the valley. The development is being done without real governance or planning."

One way to help preserve the prairie landscape, Herriot thinks, is to get more people on it.

"If I ask myself what I want to do in my life, getting people connected to nature is pretty high up on my life—take people out one by one into nature. You can't force entire nations or even provinces to do things, but you can take small groups out. Take a friend to a pasture, like the one by Spy Hill on the Manitoba Border. Take a picnic lunch, go for a walk, find a friend with horses and

go for a ride, or just paddle down the Qu'Appelle east of Tantallon, and hike up Scissors Creek canyon or walk into Fort Ellice or Fort Esperance, look at our history. There is nothing like first-hand real experience to open up people's eyes," Herriot says. "We are quickly becoming an indoor culture where people are stuck looking at screens, and that is degrading our ability to connect with the real world—with one another, but also with other creatures. So, just getting people to go outside is important."

Along with the book that came out earlier this year, Herriot was involved in the production of a documentary called *Grasslands* that focuses on the endangered wildlife of South Saskatchewan's natural grasslands, mostly in Grasslands National Park. It aired last week on Oasis, and will be playing on City TV as well.

"It's a let-the-landscape-speak sort of documentary with a few human voices to explain things. It's about the issues and concerns—why are grasslands in trouble and why should anyone care?"

Herriot hopes that watching the documentary will urge people to go explore Grasslands National Park themselves, and find that connection to nature that he was seeking on his three-day walk.

"I hope the documentary does invite people to go out on their own to go out to the larger pieces of native prairie, and see what they are like first-hand—go for a walk. Walking alone in the grasslands is best. When you are alone, you have a chance to understand that deeper experience and connect with the land."

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Shareholders and residents of the existing Pipestone Villas came to see the sod turning.

Moosomin MLA Don Toth and Mayor Larry Tomlinson gave speeches, and discussed the importance of the Villas in the continued growth of the town.

"We're proud to have something like this go ahead, and we're glad that we've found people who believe in what's happening here, and investing in it. This is great for the town, and we've got a lot of construction happening. Going forward, there's going to be a lot more," Tomlinson said in his speech.

Toth said the success of the Villas in Moosomin, White-wood, and Kipling shows the growth Southeast Saskatchewan is seeing.

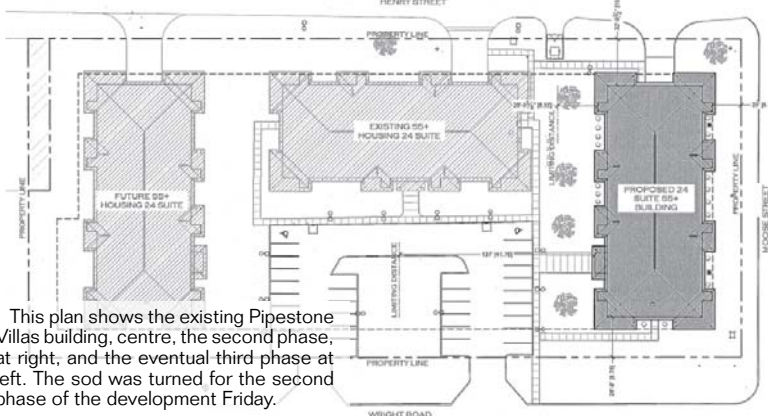
"One of the big concerns people had was 'What about our housing? If we buy into the condos, what happens to our houses?' Well I've found nobody has had any problems selling their homes—our communities are growing."

Bridge Road Construction's Travis Penner said the hope for the Villas was to foster the idea of community.

"The model of Bridge Road is to turn this into a community. The building is only half of that equation, the community is what happens after the building is finished," he told the shareholders gathered at the sod turning.

Jan Rustebakke is one of the shareholders in the new building. She says seeing the official start of the construction is exciting.

"We are looking forward to moving in, so we're glad to see it get started," she said at the sod turning. "We had no intention of coming in until we came to the open house last November and now we're really looking forward to getting in the building."



This plan shows the existing Pipestone Villas building, centre, the second phase, at right, and the eventual third phase at left. The sod was turned for the second phase of the development Friday.

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# St. Lazare raises funds for Peruvian orphanage

BY JULIA DIMA

What started as a small way to help some less fortunate people has blossomed into a successful biennial fundraiser in the small village of St. Lazare.

Recently, a fundraiser organized by Donna Simard was held for a Peruvian orphanage, La Comunidad de Los Niños Sagrada Familia.—In English, The Holy Family Children's Community.

Fundraisers have been held for the orphanage every single year since 2009. Simard says the fundraiser came to be because of her sister-in-law, Sister Hilda Simard, who has lived and worked in Peru for over 40 years, not too far from the orphanage, which was originally opened in 1989 by one man, named Miguel Rodriguez.

"Hilda mentioned in one of our phone calls, that there is so much poverty in Peru, that we wouldn't believe it. She told us there was an orphanage not far from where she was living. One man had started it, and it multiplied from having just a few kids to having over 800. That is where I have the connection, and that is when I decided to do this—I saw it as a tap from God," explains Donna Simard. "I thought we were going to do one little fundraiser just as a good deed, and now it's like the town has adopted the orphanage."

Simard says the fundraiser started with a small sale to raise funds, but now, it's a large full day event held twice a year with a garage sale, auction, bake sale, and barbecue lunch. Since the first sale, Simard says they have raised around \$40,000—that excludes direct donations people make on their own.

All the money raised through Simard's fundraisers goes to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary mission in Quebec, which is the mission Sister Hilda is involved in. The money is all sent directly to Sister Hilda in Peru, who then gives the money directly to the orphanage.

"We get to hear what the orphanage has done with the money from my sister-in-law, because she is right there, so that it awesome," Simard explains.

The fundraisers are simple—people bring Simard lightly used items, anything from clothing to garden supplies, or new items for a Chinese auction, and there is a large sale held twice a year to raise funds. Anything that is not sold goes to other charitable groups that benefit from the items, so nothing is left behind. Simard says she believes each sale generates around \$2,500 to \$3,500.

"Whatever it brings in, it is what it is," she says. "Whatever we raise here, has a 2.6 exchange rate in Peru, so it doubles what

we earn for them."

The money is used for many things at the orphanage, which currently houses around 850 children. First and foremost, it is used to buy food for the children.

"The basics of food are baby formula, rice, potatoes, flour... I can't imagine the costs of feeding 800 children daily," Simard says. "I said to my kids, 'you know, if you think we have no food in our cupboards sometimes, well this is what their shopping looks like.' It brings us to realize how lucky we are."

Along with providing food, the funds raised have also gone to improving conditions at the orphanage. Funds have been used to help construct a library, to expand the size of the lunch room, and to put glass windows in the empty windowpanes, since the weather can get cold in the winter.

Simard says it is a huge benefit that Sister Hilda is close to the orphanage, and works closely with them, so those in St. Lazare get regular updates on how things are going, and how their money is being used.

However, she was lucky enough to go one step further in 2012, and see the impact first hand, when her children paid for her and her husband, Jean-Marie, to visit the orphanage.

"We went right to the orphanage, we saw everything there, we met Mr. Miguel (Rodriguez). The kids love people coming in to visit, so we got so many hugs—I missed my 12 kids like crazy, but I had a lot of hugs," Simard says. "It warmed my heart to see this one man take on such a big project and care for the kids like he was their own father. He strives for them to be educated, they actually make things to sell to learn to support themselves. They recycle to earn money. It's really interesting to see what they do."

The trip, Simard says, made her truly understand the kind of poverty people are facing around the world, and made it clear to her that she has to do something.

"I know poverty is here in Canada too, but it just really woke me up. You get into Lima, and a 20-minute drive later, you're in the poorest of poor. There's garbage everywhere, stray animals, broken glass. I am thinking, wow, just that space of rich to poor, it's a lot to think about. Peru is gorgeous, in some areas, there is wealth, and it woke me up to see the poverty. It woke me up as a person to see the difference a few miles makes—and how come? Why are some so rich and others so poor?"

Simard says meeting Miguel Rodriguez helped her feel that what the community back home in St. Lazare was doing really mattered.

"When we went in 2012 and we hand-delivered the money to him, he just cried... He can't believe it. He feels it is the will of God, because he's totally a faithful man," Simard says. "It's very heart-warming, and it's a project I started and did not know how it would bloom but I am so thankful that I can be a part of it."

When Simard returned from Peru, she came back with hand-written letters from kids at the Orphanage, and CDs full of recordings of the kids singing songs. The children at the orphanage learn a number of trades and skills that will help them later in life, from music and ceramics to sewing and welding. Simard says having the memories from the children in Peru, and being able to create a cultural exchange between the kids in Peru and the kids in St. Lazare helps create a special connection.

"We have 12 children, and we've always tried to tell them to help. It's who we are. Money is not everything. What is going to matter later in life is memories, and being kind to one another. There is always somebody who needs a helping hand. You help someone, and it will come back to you," she says.

Children in St. Lazare are very involved in the fundraiser too.

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Misha Blouin shows off her lollipop prize after playing the bean toss game at the Peruvian orphanage fundraiser in St. Lazare.

# St. Lazare raises funds for Peruvian orphanage

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"When we do the big spring rummage sale, we get the class going into confirmation to set up everything—undo all the bags, sort clothes, everything. We try to make an album of pictures every year of this happening to send to Mr. Miguel so he sees that these Canadians love them, and it is children like his children."

Simard says that as the fundraiser has grown, it is as if St. Lazare has taken the orphanage under its wing.

"The little towns are suffering right now because of floods and because of people moving out of small communities, but they are still full of good people. There are still a lot of good people—everybody has something they don't need or want anymore that someone else might want, and now they are saving those things for this fundraiser, and that's just so exciting," she says.

"Every time I think of those little faces,

the kids hugging me at the orphanage, I'm thinking, how hard is it for us who have so much to give a day and put something on. Everybody enjoys it, and it's not just for Peru, but everybody still needs second-hand stuff that they can buy and feel good about it too. It's a win-win."

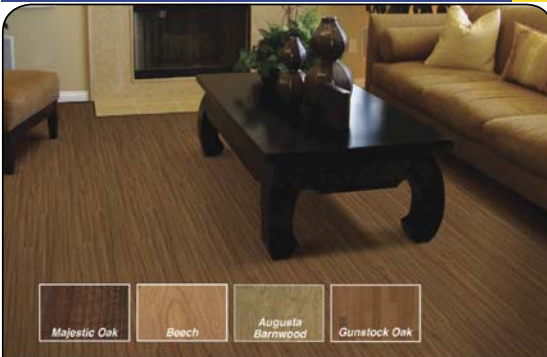
The fall sale was held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Leisure Centre, and included the rummage sale, a Chinese auction, baking, ice cream, kid's activities, and a hot dog barbecue lunch.

"The morning was very busy, right from 9 a.m. when we opened," Simard said on the day of the fundraiser. "It was already such a good day in the morning that anyone else throughout the day is a bonus."

If people are interested in helping out, new and gently used items can be donated for the Spring sale, and donations can be made directly to the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in Quebec and be sent to Sister Hilda.

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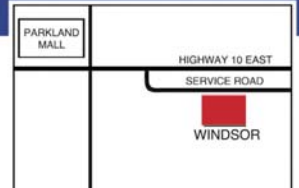
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# Flood-damaged municipalities now recovering

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South of Moosomin, Maryfield is wrapping up cleaning and mitigation plans.

"Right now we are having our lagoon primary cell cleaned because through the flood, there was enough water going through that it washed out the outlet pipe. So, we are in the process of getting that cleaned right now, and we still have a berm to build around the lift station because we were so close to having lost it," says village administrator Ward Frazer.

The village applied for PDAP funding, but Frazer says they are still waiting for an adjuster to come out.

The RM of Maryfield still has significant water flows in some areas that is preventing certain repairs.

"So, putting in culverts in a couple areas will happen later in the fall. We have a few cases like that, that are not causing issues, but still need to be fixed," says administrator Anna Macksymchuk. The RM did apply for PDAP coverage, but has not had an adjuster out, which Macksymchuk says is not a problem, because Maryfield is not in need of emergency assistance immediately. In the meantime, she says, the RM is working on flood prevention.

"We are looking at putting culverts in areas so excess water can flow when the water is higher in a stream bed. It would take the overflow away so it is not necessarily putting pressure on the streambed. So, we are looking into that, but it's all with regards to budgeting and time and availability of contractors," she says.

In Manitoba, the damage was extensive. The RM of Wallace just east of the border has repaired 205 of the 211 roads that were damaged in the flood.

According to RM CAO Janice Thevenot, costs are nearing \$1 million, but final bills are not in. Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) has told the RM almost 100 per cent of the costs for repair will be covered.

However, mitigation plans are not part of that.

"We did all the repairs, but our DFA program is not designed to do mitigation work—it would be a question of improving the drainage enough to handle that kind of a flood, but that is an extraordi-



This photo was taken in the RM of Wallace, where the flooding damaged 211 roads. Since then, 205 of them have been fully repaired, and DFA funding will cover the costs, which the RM estimates are near \$1 million.

nary event and I am not really sure anybody can plan for that kind of a flood going forward," Thevenot says.

In the village of Elkhorn, clean-up is ongoing.

"The majority of small clean-ups are done, but there are still larger dyke areas that have material piled up. As far as roads go, everything has been repaired," says CAO Garth Mitchell. "We are still collecting bills, but right now, we are well over \$200,000 in expenses. It'll be an ongoing process until fall."

The RM of Ellice and Village of St. Lazare saw extensive damage in the valley. For a period of time, Highway 41 leading into St. Lazare was closed off to traffic, creating travel and transport issues. The highway is open now, but the bridge is restricted. Ellice CAO Ricky Fouillard says that the barriers placed on the bridge to prevent large vehicles over the 10 tonne weight limit from crossing is an issue.

"Highways is sending divers out so they can look to see if they can put one lane of

traffic on it and get rid of the barriers," he says. Fouillard says there is still water in the valley, but damaged roads have been repaired, and DFA funding for work done is all that is left for the RM.

"We have applications with DFA in, they know what we had for damages, and now it is just a matter of processing," Fouillard says.

In Saskatchewan, PDAP has received 2,415 claims, and has paid out a total of \$765,000 to date. Between the RM and Town of Moosomin, PDAP received 161 private claims, and three municipal claims. Thus far, 14 private claims and one municipal claim have been closed. Province wide, 102 claimants have been provided with a \$3,000 emergency advance.

PDAP Executive Director Margaret Anderson says individuals have six months to file a claim after an event, so it is likely more claims will be filed.

"There is a process and it does take time," Anderson says.

After a claimant submits an application,

it takes an average of 30 days for an adjuster to come out and assess damage, but Anderson says each adjuster's individual workload varies. She adds that on average, if the claim is done properly, and an adjuster has been out, individuals should receive payment within 90 days.

She says that if individuals are concerned about not hearing from PDAP, they are encouraged to call, as delays may depend on individual situations.

"Anyone waiting for an adjuster can call PDAP and we can figure out why they are waiting—each case would be different so we would have to see where it is at," she says.

Red Cross is also offering help for individuals who may have immediate needs. During the flooding, Red Cross assisted 27 households in the Moosomin region, distributed over 200 clean-up kits, and provided accommodation for a few temporarily displaced individuals.

For a number of weeks, Red Cross kept a recovery centre open, but has since closed that.

"We have kept our recovery line open so if any sort of follow up recovery work is needed in that area, they can still call and access recovery assistance," says recovery manager Dave Kyba.

At this point, Red Cross is offering long-term recovery assistance.

"With long-term recovery, we're looking at people that have maybe moved back home, but are having troubles with repairs, which is putting stress on their finances, so we will do longer term food support like grocery vouchers, provide some small home appliances, help with financial planning—just to offset some costs," Kyba says. "If I were to sum it up, food support, accommodations, and clean up kits were how we supplied initial support, and now we are into the long-term recovery for some folks."

Kyba says that the recovery line is open, and a mobile recovery unit periodically visiting some of the communities at the epicentre of the flood in the Southeast region if anyone is still requiring assistance.

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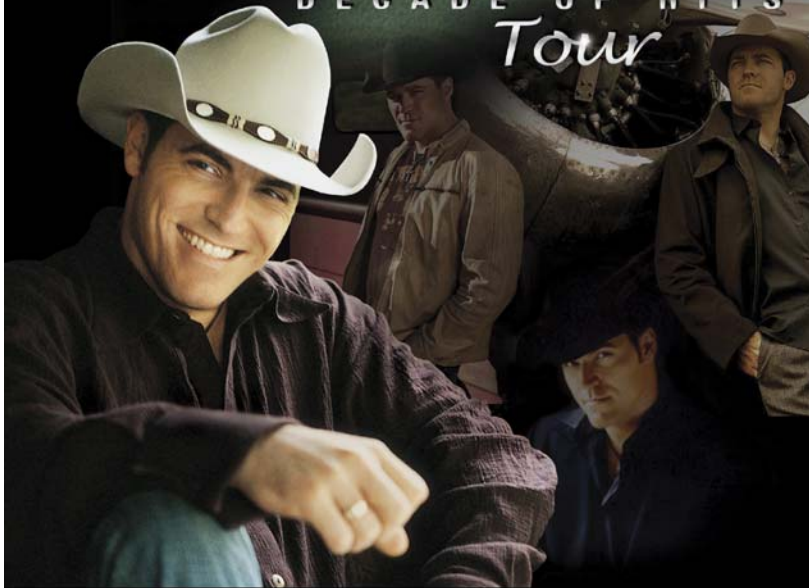
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<p><b>2011 FORD F-150 LIMITED</b> STOCK# 4T235A</p>  <p>Only 43,000 kms, 6.2L, PST Paid</p> <p><b>\$38,900</b> <del>\$315</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD F-350</b> STOCK# 4T126B</p>  <p>Only 161,000 kms, Diesel, Warranty to 300,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$26,900</b> <del>\$219</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD F-150 XTR</b> STOCK# 4T052A</p>  <p>4x4, 5.4L, Supercrew</p> <p><b>\$14,900</b> AS TRADED</p>	<p><b>2012 FORD F-150 FX4</b> STOCK# 4T212A</p>  <p>No Charge Warranty &amp; Maintenance</p> <p><b>\$31,900</b> <del>\$259</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD F-150</b> STOCK# 4T215B</p>  <p>Local Truck, 5.4L, Warranty</p> <p><b>\$17,900</b> <del>\$149</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2009 GMC SIERRA Z71</b> STOCK# 4T226A</p>  <p>Leather, 4x4</p> <p><b>\$21,900</b> <del>\$178</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>
<p><b>2008 FORD F-150 XTR</b> STOCK# 4T113B</p>  <p>5.4L, 4x4, New Tires</p> <p><b>\$13,900</b> AS TRADED</p>	<p><b>2011 GMC SIERRA 4X4</b> STOCK# 4T111D</p>  <p>5.3L, Crew, 79,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$24,900</b> <del>\$205</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2012 FORD F-150</b> STOCK# 4T191A</p>  <p>Platinum, New tires, 80,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$37,900</b> <del>\$310</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2012 FORD F-150 XTR</b> STOCK# 4T084A</p>  <p>69,000 kms, Box Cover</p> <p><b>\$27,900</b> <del>\$227</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2010 FORD F-150 XTR</b> STOCK# 4T062B</p>  <p>5.4L, 6.5 Ft. Box</p> <p><b>\$24,900</b> <del>\$205</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2011 FORD F-150 XTR</b> STOCK# 4T093A</p>  <p>5.5 Ft. Box, EcoBoost</p> <p><b>\$26,900</b> <del>\$219</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>
<p><b>2011 FORD F-250 FX4</b> STOCK# 5T005A</p>  <p>6.7L Powerstroke, 80,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$38,900</b> <del>\$315</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2014 FORD F-250 LARIAT</b> STOCK# 5T004A</p>  <p>Very Low Kms, PST Paid, 6.2L</p> <p><b>\$54,900</b> <del>\$444</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2012 FORD F-350 LARIAT</b> STOCK# 5T001A</p>  <p>Low Kms, PST Paid, Solid Truck</p> <p><b>\$51,900</b> <del>\$419</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2014 FORD F-350 LARIAT</b> STOCK# 4P214</p>  <p>No Charge Warranty, 76,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$51,900</b> <del>\$440</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2012 FORD F-350 XLT</b> STOCK# 4P203</p>  <p>Ready for Work! 67,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$29,900</b> <del>\$255</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p><b>2013 GMC SIERRA</b> STOCK# 4P174</p>  <p>Leather, 20's, Moonroof, 49,000 kms</p> <p><b>\$49,900</b> <del>\$425</del> BI-WEEKLY</p>

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