

Scenes from Living Skies Come Alive at Moosomin Regional Park, and Moose Mountain Rodeo in Kennedy in 2016.

Summer of Celebration across the area

In recognition of Canada 150, many communities are holding reunions, homecomings, and other special events.

There were many special events. There were many special events held in early July around Canada Day, but there are many more special events coming up for the rest of the summer.

Some communities are holding celebrations for the first time in a long time, others are making their annual summer events bigger and better than ever!

This section of Plain and Valley includes information on many of the summer events coming up across the region, and on page 29, Editor Kevin Weedmark with the annu provides a brief rundown on all the for mo

events coming up that he could think of off the top of his head. Some of the major events coming up in the region include:

The Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo in Kennedy July 21-23. The community of Kennedy lives and breathes rodeo, as the pro rodeo is the major event of the year in Kennedy. Kennedy is a small community that throws a big event ne annual rodeo. See pages 24 and 25 for more information

The Living Skies Come Alive International Fireworks Competition at Mossomin Regional Park August 5 and 6. This has become a massive event, attracting thousands of spectators each year, but will be even bigger and better this year, as Canada takes on China

or year, as canada takes on Crima in the first international version of the event. The fireworks are shot off across the lake from the main beach. Canada's fireworks will go off Saturday night, and China will have their turn Sunday night. China is bringing some types of fireworks that have never before been seen in North America. Before the Chinese fireworks show on Sunday night, the Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan will perform a traditional Chinese Lion Dance. See pages 31-34 for more information on this massive event.

massive event. There are many many more special events coming up throughout the region. Celebrate Canada 150 by taking in as many as you can!



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Bayko makes the case for Energy East

BY KARA KINNA When it comes to oil and gas, the other side of the story isn't being heard. That was the message of John Bayko, the VP of communications with the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors at a public presentation held June 28 to talk

about the Energy East Pipeline. CAODC sponsored a free lunch and Bayko gave a presentation at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin to share his views on the issues surrounding pipelines in Canada

A vocal minority

Bayko stressed that a vocal, uninformed minority, including a number of celebri-ties, are dominating the conversation sur-rounding pipelines right now, and point-ed out that the facts are being lost in the rhetoric.

'Across the country right now, we're watching as governments implement pol-icy that doesn't seem to reflect the views icy that doesn't seem to reflect the views of regular, hardworking Canadians," he told a room full of people. "As Canadians we should be proud of our resource-based economy, and in particular, our oil and gas sector. I unapologetically support Cana-da's oil and gas industry and the men and women who work in it. Without qualifica-tion, we have the best people, equipment and regulatory processes found anywhere in the world." Bayko said that the facts surrounding pipelines and the oil industry in general

In the world. Bayko said that the facts surrounding pipelines and the oil industry in general are being buried by publicity campaigns based on protesting the industry. "There are foreign and Canadian ce-lebrities, radical environmentalists, and some politicians who advocate a misguid-ed and dangerous course for our country. Today we see the Canadian oil and gas in-dustry being held hostage by campaigns of misinformation, rooted in the fantasy that shutting down oil production and pipelines will somehow be good for Can-ada, and for the world. "Radical groups responsible for these campaigns, use popular actors and pro-fessional storytellers to create messages they claim regular Canadians support. To date they have been very successful in creating what appears to be, a polarized debate over the place of Canada's oil and gas industry."

gas industry.'

Bayko says those opinions don't reflect the facts.

"We feel the true story is simple: the majority of Canadians understand the immajority of Canadians understand the im-portant role that not just oil and gas, but all of our resource industries play, in pro-viding a vast country of only 35 million people, with a standard of living that is second to none in the world.

"We also feel Canadians understand there is a trade-off for all forms of energy, and that here in Canada, we manage the

and that here in Catada, we manage the costs and benefits in the best way possible. "And finally, we feel Canadians appre-ciate the good jobs, tax revenues, and af-fordable energy our industry provides the entire country.

"For these reasons we launched our Oil Respect campaign in February 2016, and since that time, we've been travel-ling across the country talking to regular Canadians about the importance of Canada's energy resources.

Demand for energy will rise

Oil Respect is a grassroots, fact-based campaign, says Bayko.

"According to the International Energy Agency, in the next 23 years global de-

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John Bayko speaking at the Canalta Hotel in Moosomin

mand for energy is expected to increase by 37 per cent, with fossil fuels making up 75 per cent of the total mix. "To meet such a massive demand, de-

veloping countries with large popula-tions, like China, must consider all energy options—from renewables to coal. But for those who believe renewables are close to being ready to step in and replace the world's reliance on fossil fuels, the facts

world's reliance on fossil fuels, the facts suggest otherwise. "According to the IEA, in 2014 geother-mal, wind, and solar provided for 1.4 per cent of the world's energy." Bayko said pointed out that the world will need oil and gas, but not necessarily Canadian oil and gas, but not necessarily Canadian oil and gas. "According to Natural Resources Cana-da, in 2016 Canada produced 3.8 million barrels of oil per day, including oilsands production. According to the IEA, so far in 2017 the state of Texas alone is produc-ing 3.3 million barrels of conventional oil per day. Opponents of Canada's oil and per day. Opponents of Canada's oil and gas industry would have you believe that gas industry would have you believe an if Canada quit producing oil, the world's greenhouse gas emissions would be sig-nificantly reduced. This of course is untrue

true. " "The truth is, if Canada does not pro-duce oil and gas, other suppliers will, and without the safeguards and innovations created and used here at home. Canada is the most responsible energy supplier in the world, with sound independent pub-lic policy and regulatory frameworks to manage the development, and use of our energy resources." "Over the last thirty years Canada's oil and eas industry has provided hundreds

and gas industry has provided hundreds of billions of dollars in tax revenues for governments across the country, which have been used to hire nurses and teachnave been used to hire nurses and teach-ers and to build schools for our children and hospitals for the sick. Profits from oil and gas have helped ensure the sus-tainability of public and private pension plans, and RRSPs."

Highly improved environmental record

Bayko says Canada has made huge strides in improving its environmental re-cord when it comes to oil.

"With respect to the environment, the industry has always invested heavily in improving its environmental record. About \$1.3 billion has been voluntarily committed from industry through the Canadian Oil Sands Innovation Alliance alone. "The result? Hundreds of new innova-

tions in reducing water use, emissions reduction, and environmental best practices. In fact, since 1990, the emissions per barrel of oilsands oil have been reduced

by 30 per cent. "From re-vegetation and erosion control programs to innovative extraction methods that use less water and surface area to exploit our energy resources, industry is constantly innovating. In the drilling industry, the average time it takes to drill an extended reach horizontal has been cut by as much as 70 per cent in only 10 years. Other innovations in the drilling industry have cut drilling time and increased fuel efficiency, in some cases as much as 80 per cent."

Oil industry huge part

of Canada's economy Bayko said members of Canada's radi-cal anti-development crowd are entitled

the intraceveropment chown are entitled to their own opinions, but they are not en-titled to their own facts. "The oil and gas industry is Canada's largest private sector investor with just over \$80 billion dollars spent in upstream capital investment in 2014," he said. "It represents almost eight per cent of Canada's GDP and represents nearly 20 per cent of the Toronto Stock Exchange. The oil and gas industry produces annual government revenues exceeding \$17 billion. It provides annual employment (direct and indirect) annual employment (direct and indirect) for approximately 450,000 people across the country. It's truly a pan-Canadian industry, and not just in terms of the bil-lions of dollars in transfer payments that migrate from Western Canada to points east. Trucks, tires, gauges, valves, pumps, buses are made primarily in Ontario and Quebec. The majority of the manufactur-ing for the industry occurs in central and eastern Canada. In fact, eight per cent of Alberta oilsands jobs are based in Ontario.

eastern Canada. In fact, eight per cent of Alberta oilsands jobs are based in Ontario. "But rather than embrace these benefits and develop for the future, our pipeline projects have become stalled, our industry politicized, and we can't even deliver our best-in-class products to Canadians, never mind the rest of the world. "The Trans Mountain pipeline from Edmonton to Burnaby, for example, has safely transported an average of 200,000 barrels of oil per day for over 60 years (1953). But prominent government lead-ers in both Canada and the United States seem unwilling to communicate these facts. Instead, some use Alberta's oilsands and pipelines as proxies for catastrophic climate change. "Meanwhile, in the seven years it took the former President to make a decision on Keystone, 16,000 kilometers of pipeline

on Keystone, 16,000 kilometers of pipeline were built in the United States, the equiva-lent of eight Keystones. The US also lifted a 40-year ban on domestic oil exports. Continued on page 30



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Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo is this weekend

Only pro rodeo in Saskatchewan celebrates its 85th year





BY KARA KINNA Juanita Armstrong says she gets the chills when she thinks about how long the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo in Kennedy has been running, and how the tiny village pulls together to make it happen each year.

"It actually gives me the chills to think that we've made it this far. That's a lot of years and the fact that we've been pro this whole time is pretty col," says Armstrong who is on the rodeo committee. "There was another community that

had their pro card but they've let it go, so we are literally the only pro rodeo left in Saskatchewan. And for a community of 240 people, that's pretty awesome

The Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo is coming up this weekend, starting on Friday night with open mic entertain-Friday night with open mic entertain-ment and beer gardens. Rodeo action, along with a ton of other events, are planned for Saturday and Sunday. "This is our 85th annual, so it's a huge year for us," says Armstrong. "We have the demo derby this year just like every other year, only this year I'm told that there are trucks that or actions to be in that mere this upper

year 1'm told that there are trucks that are going to be in that arena this year, which is pretty cool. I believe there are 18 vehicles registered so far. And then we are also doing the second annual Quad Mud Fling. We are holding our fourth annual trade show in conjunction with the ro-deo which is being held on Saturday from 12-8 pm. And we have 24 ven-dors registered. Thanks to Lorasa Dis-posal we have a brand new building

posal we have a brand new building on the grounds this year. It's a huge building, it just got put up. And that's where the trade show is going to be under this year.

"And then we also have our usual

kids area with face painting and a balloon area

'And then Saturday night is the big one. We are doing a free cabaret. There is no cost to get into it and we have brought in Third Degree Birnz from Regina. They are like the big party band of Saskatchewan. "The fact that it's a free cabaret is

pretty cool. Anybody can join us." The weekend will also include a pa-

The weekend will also include a pa-rade on Saturday at noon. Rodeo action starts at 5 pm on the Saturday and at 2 pm on the Sunday. Because it is a pro rodeo, Armstrong says the competitors are top notch. "We're registered with the CPRA and are part of the CPRA circuit. With pro rodeo, we're getting contestants from literally all over the world. Peo-ple that have been in Calgary at the Stampede will likely be in Kennedy." she says. "If you've never been to a rodeo, you need to experience what a small

you need to experience what a small town rodeo is actually like. Regardless if we are pro or not, there is just someif we are pro or not, there is just some-thing about small town rodeo. It's the atmosphere. There are people having fun, there is the kids area, you get to see some world renowned performers as far as bull riding and barrel racers go. It's pretty big. It's almost so big it's hard to put words to. It gives me the shivers just thinking about it.

Sinvers just trainking about the "It's pretty amazing to think that our small committee can pull it off." Armstrong says word of the pro ro-deo has spread and after 85 years peo-ple around the province still love it.

"I think it's going stronger than ever," she says. "You can talk to people in the city and if you say Kennedy they are like 'oh yeah, we know about your rodeo.' So that's pretty cool.

"We're really driven towards being

family oriented. We've got the kids stuff in there. We want to make sure it's family oriented and there's stuff for the kids to do, and yet they can still watch the rodeo and the parents can enjoy a beverage if they want. It's fact that it's family oriented and the com-

that it's tamily oriented, and the com-munity spirit, that makes this great. "I think the word's getting out. The more people are going, they are talk-ing about it and asking 'what did you do this summer?' and some people are like 'oh we hit up that cabaret in Ken-pedu and it was aweemed 'so they nedy and it was awesome.' So they want to make sure that's part of their summer next year, and they are plan-ning for next year already."

Armstrong says planning for the ro-deo is a year-round event for people in Kennedy.

"Plans are well underway for next year's rodeo," she says with a laugh. "We barely put the books away and we are striking up conversations already on what we can do better for next year or what we can keep the same or what worked or what didn't work. It's really a non-stop committee. We are going all the time."

The rodeo is a big deal for the village. "We have 240 community members. On the board we have 11. We're prob-On the board we have 11. We're prob-ably looking at at least 40-50 volun-teers (to put on the rodeo). With the food booth and the toll gate, and there are people that come and help as far as cleanup on Monday. That might even be estimating very low. It's huge for our community and people know that. "It's the last thing in Kennedy that we kind of have going for us, so we're working our butts off so that it keeps happening over and over. Just because

happening over and over. Just because it's very community orientated and family orientated and we want to keep it alive.





Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex, Borderland Co-op's Murray Newman Field

Moosomin opens new facilities at Bradley Park

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Hundreds of people covered the deck and the ground level for the grand open-ing of the Tim Hortons Eventplex and Bor-derland Co-op's Murray Newman Field at Bradley Park in Moosomin on July 6.

Borderland Co-op's Murray Newman Field is a baseball field that has been completely rehabilitated.

"Mike Schwean contacted us to see if we could help with improvements to Murwe could help with improvements to with ray Newman Field, as it needed some up-grades," Borderland Co-op Member Rela-tions Manager Tera Harper told the crowd. "He said if we like we could join our name with Murray's. Of course we said a intervet V data

big yes! I didn't know Murray as I'm an import to this fine community, but I was curious to find out who he was. Murray

coached bantam and midget hockey. "He helped form the senior hockey team He was on town council for 18 years. He was president of the recreation board and treasurer of the town library. He served as chair of the swimming pool, town hall, and Communiplex. He drew out the plans for Lloyd Bradley Park and with the help of the Kinsmen worked on the baseball dia-

the Kinsmen worked on the baseball dia-mond named Muray Newman Field. "Before he passed away he was chair for the Moosomin Health Facility Planning Committee. For years he went to many meetings to raise money for the hospital, one of his biggest accomplishments. "We are honored to have our name alongside Mr. Newman. He was very much a community supporter and we will contin

alongside Mr. Newman. He was very much a community supporter and we will contin-ue to be one in his memory. "This is a community where we all work together to accomplish so many great things. Whether you are a business provid-ing sponsorships or donations, or an indi-vidual who volunteers, we should all be provid." proud."

Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex is a park area between the baseball diamond and the Sportsplex, with rubber decking at ground level, a grassy area, and a stage at the north end. "The Tim Hortons Eventplex came about

"The Tim Hortons Eventplex came about a year ago. We contacted Mike when the Sportsplex was opening and said is there any project we could get on board with where we could work with you for the next





The crowd at the grand opening of the ball diamond and Eventplex.

four, five, six years, something that would be lasting, something impactful that we could do together with Parks and Rec," said Brandon Banga of Tim Hortons.

"He said the Sportsplex is looked after to this point, but we have a vision for doing a park next to the patio and the ball park. "He explained what his vision was, what he wanted to do and we immediately were

on board."

When we see what we have developed here today and over the last few years, we should all be thankful that we have Mike as our rec director. When you look around, most of what you see in close proximity, and the other facilities around, Mike has had a hand in. Mike sounds a lot like Murray Newman to me. Thank you Mike for turning your vision into a reality. I know it's just a start and we have plans for the

it's just a start and we have plans for the rest of the park as we go along. The proceeds we get every year from our Smile Cookie campaign is what is going towards the Tim Hortons Outdoor Event-plex. Last year it was just over 7,000 cookies we sold, so over \$7,000 was contributed to the park. Our staff has a big part in that. "I also have to thank our customers, loval customers who come daily weekly

Loyal customers who come daily, weekly, monthly, sometimes five times a day. The previous four years of the smile

cookie sales we have made contributions to the elementary playground, the outdoor arena, Moosomin Food Bank and last year for the first time to the Outdoor Eventplex. Those four years we have made \$25,000 just selling cookies, thanks to all of you. We just selling cookies, thanks to all of you. We plan to commit the proceeds from the Smile Cookie campaign to the Eventplex for five years in total, and our target going forward is \$7,000 per year." "Mike Schwean contacted us to see if we could help with improvements to Mur-w Neuman Field come

we could help with improvements to Mur-ray Newman Field, as it needed some upgrades,"Borderland Co-op Member Relations Manager Tera Harper told the crowd. "He said if we like we could join our name with Murray's. Of course we said a big yes! I didn't know Murray as I'm an import to this fine community, but I was curious to find out who he was. Mur-ray coached bantam and midget backer. ray coached bantam and midget hockey. He helped form the senior hockey team. He was on town council for 18 years. He was president of the recreation board and treasurer of the town library. He served as chair of the swimming pool, town hall, and Communiplex. He drew out the plans for Lloyd Bradley Park and with the help of the Kinsmen worked on the baseball diamond named Muray Newman Field.

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Coty Pranke practicing his target shooting

Pranke heading to nationals, worlds for target shooting

BY DONNA BEUTLER

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BY DONNA BEUTLER The sport of competitive target shooting may not be one that a lot of people are familiar with, but for Coty Pranke of the Whitewood/Wapella area, it's the sport of choice for him, and one that has taken him to many competitions over

to many competitions over the last few years. Pranke, now 18 and a recent graduate of White-wood High School, has been an avid hunter for many years, but in 2013 lo-cally and then in 2014 na-tionally he becan to tareet tionally, he began to target

shoot competitively. Pranke, accompanied by his parents and his sister, will be in Ottawa in early

will be in Ottawa in early August as a competitor in the F Class National and Team Championships, the World's Individual and Team Championships. How does one get to be the caliber of shooter that Pranke is? Well, lots of patience, lots of practice and lots of skill for start-ers. Pranke practices at his ers. Pranke practices at his

farm for approximately 20 hours a month and attends a Saskatchewan Provincial Rifle Association (SPRA) competition once a month in Nokomis. On top of that, Pranke goes to the Homestead Range in Kananaskis to train with the Canadian Men's National Team one

or two weekends a year. This year has seen Pranke in Nokomis and in Kananaskis in May and then back in Nokomis earlier in June. Over the July long weekend, Pranke was at the F-Class Westerns and team training in Winnipeg. It's a busy schedule, but one that Pranke is used to and one that he really enjoys. He was in Nokomis for SPRA Provincials in mid-July and soon it will be time to prepare for Nationals and Worlds in

Ottawa in August. Pranke shoots with a custom built rifle made by a professional gunsmith out of Tisdale. He has upgraded over the years to



Coty Pranke with his rifle and some of his awards for target shooting.

the one he has now, one worth a few thousand dol-

"It's worth more than my car," Pranke laughs when he talks about the value of his gun, and it's obvious it's much more than "just a gun." Shooters of Coty's cali-

bre can hit a target a half-mile away with ease from a prone-on-the-ground po-sition with his high-power scope and front rest.

As the only Junior on the Canadian Men's National shooting, Pranke can be very proud of his accom-plishments, including his team winning the 2015 Ca-nadian Nationals. He also placed second place in the 900 metre finals in 2015 and has won many other awards for target shoot-

ing. When Pranke competes will shoot with the adults, although he is in the under 25 category; he will be one of about 200 competitors. The Nationals take place over the course of two or three days and individu-als will shoot for their own standings. In the World Championships, which will involve five days of shooting, Pranke will be one of several hundred one or several hundred competitors. Individuals will shoot for their own standings and then the team competitions will take place at the world level. The World Champion-

The World Champion-ships will see competitors coming from Australia, South Africa, America, Britain, Ireland and New Zealand. According to Pranke, competitors in the 2017 Worlds began ship-ping their weapons and ammunition a year and a half ago in preparation for the Ottawa competition. Pranke hopes to close out the season with the

out the season with the Prairie Provinces Rifle As-sociation shoot in Septem-

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Rocanville gets rid of mill rate, goes to flat tax BY KARA KINNA of that."

The town of Rocanville passed their 2017 budget re-cently, opting for no mill rate and raising the minimum tax from \$1,550 to \$1,700 for all residential, commercial and agricultural property in the town, creating one flat tax

Aside from the education portion of the property tax which the town has no control over, all properties with a building on them will pay the same amount of tax. Tax on vacant lots will be \$200.

building of them will pay the same antount of tax. Tax of vacant lots will be \$200. Mayor Daryl Fingas says that during their budget meet-ing, the council was almost entirely unanimous in decid-ing on getting rid of the mill rate and going to one tax rate for all property owners. "Council thinks it's more fair to everybody to tax them the same, because of the amenities—everybody gets the same services," he says. "We've always had a minimum tax. We just upped it the \$150 and removed the mill rate, so it's not going to make a big difference to a lot of people. "We only need so much money, so we figured out on a fat tax just to see what would come up, and when we did that without the mill rate it worked out pretty well what we needed. So we figured we don't need the mill rate, there's no reason we can't just go with a minimum tax because that covers everybody in the town. "The other way, there was such a discrepancy because of the reassessment, and if we would have stayed with

of the reassessment, and if we would have stayed with the minimum tax and the mill rate we would have ended up with some people paying a heck of a lot more, double what the increase is going to be now. "We figured it was fair to remove the mill rate and up

the minimum tax \$150, and it brought in enough revenue

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for us for the expenditures for the year, so we went that way. We just tried a few scenarios and it worked out. "Most of our council were in favor of just the basic

higher minimum tax because everybody gets the same services from the town, and we figure it's more fair that way than to over tax a person who spends a lot of money on their home to renovate it and upgrade it, and then they have to pay more. It's sort of like a penalty. The more you spend on your home the more tax you have to pay. So this way everyone gets the same amenities and we felt it more fair. And I think most of us on council were in favor

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He says most Rocanville residents were expecting a tax

"I've talked to a few people and they are expecting a tax on municipal revenue sharing this year. "I've talked to a few people and they are expecting an increase because of what the government did to us and the shortfall on our revenue. They were prepared for an increase

"The \$150 increase on the minimum tax works out to about \$12.50 a month. It sure helps us because it covers all the shortfalls from the government."



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Lots of great events coming up yet this summer

There are a lot of events to take in over the next little while in southeast Saskatchewan, southwest Manitoba, and northern North Dakota!

 The weekend of July 21-23 Moosomin will host the Saskatchewan Baseball Association Peewee AA Tier 4 provin-cial tournament. Ten teams will be competing, from as far away as Prince Albert, Gull Lake, Kindersley, Saskatoon, and Assiniboia. The first games will get underway Friday at 8 am, and the event will continue to the gold medal game Sunday

Also the weekend of July 21-23 will be the 85th annual Mosse Mountain Pro Rodeo in Kennedy. This is a massive event with a lot of professional cowboys who have competed at the Calgary Stampede. There will be a parade on Main Street in Calgary Stampede. at 12 noon Saturday, a demolition derby and mud fling fol-lowing the parade, and rodeo events begin at 5 pm Saturday. Sunday, will start off with a cowboy church service at 11 am and will include rodeo action starting at 1 pm.
Saturday, July 22, Manor Fun Daze will hose Pro Bull Rid-

Saturday, July 22, Malor Full Daze win Hose Fro Bull Net-ing in Manor. There will be a pancake breakfast starting at 8 am at the Legion Hall, a parade at 12 noon, barbecue beef and pork supper at 4 pm., and pro bull riding action at 6:30 pm
 On Sunday, July 23, Wapella will celebrate Canada 150! There will be entertainment at Wapella Centennial Park start-ing at 2:30 pm. There will be sidewalk chalk and bubble sta-tions for the bild and fice ico news areas and new at intro.

ing at 2:30 pm. There will be sidewalk chalk and bubble sta-tions for the kids, and free ice cream cones and pop at inter-mission. There will be supper served from 5-6 pm, and helium balloons will be released after supper. • Running from July 21 to July 29 is the **North Dakota State Fair** in Minot. This year's State Fair includes the Western Grand National Truck and Tractor Pull, bull riding and the En-dura race. There's always lots of great musical entertainment at the North Dakota State Fair. This year's headliners include Little Big Town, Fergie, Brothers Osborne, Thomas Rhett, Lon-estar, Jason Aldean, and Paramore! • July 28-30 Maryfield will host its **Maryfield Canada 150** weekend. Events start with the Maryfield Fair breakfast Eri-

weekend. Events start with the Maryfield Fair breakfast Fri-day morning at 8 am. Fair events go on throughout the day, including a horse show, petting zoo, art exhibit, a pie and cupcake booth (!), Kerr's Bouncers, the Bubble Man, carnival sparse, and morel Friday evening will feature a performance by Saskatchewan Express at 8 pm at the Maryfield Audito-rium. Saturday will include a parade, a townwide scavenger hunt, a tour of Maryfield, a school reunion, a strawberry so-cial, a spotlight on Maryfield talent, a roast beef supper, and a digital tribute in the Maryfield Auditorium. See next week's Nucl & Gnesting for a full schedule of supper for Maryfield World-Spectator for a full schedule of events for Maryfield's Canada 150 events!

 On Saturday, July 29, the Fairmede district will mark the On Saturday, July 29, the Fairmede district will mark the 125th anniversary of the Fairmede Agricultural Society. The day will start with a trail ride at 8 am, there will be a lunch at 11 am, a Cowboy Church service at 1 pm at Fairmede Church, opening ceremonies at 2:30 pm, games and activities including horseshoes, sack races, ball games, and displays. There will be a supper at 5 pm, beer gardens, and evening entertainment by the talented Darren and Morgan Fisk.
 On July 29 and 30 the Virden Draft Horse Show is tak-ing related the Virden Charter Luber devense horize tak-ted virden Schoren Schore

ing place at the Virden Fair Grounds. Halter classes begin at 9:30 am and Hitch classes are at 1:30 pm. The horse show will include a charity class, chore teams, and youth classes. Best of all, admission is free!

 A huge event is coming up on the August long weekend.
 On Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6 the Living Skies
 Come Alive International Fireworks Competition takes place at Moosomin Regional Park. Canada will take on China in the first international version of the fireworks competition. This has always been an incredible event, and the international competition will only improve it! The Chinese competitors are bringing fireworks that have never before been seen in North America! The Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan will present a traditional Chinese Lion Dance Sunday at 7 pm be-fore the Chinese fireworks.

· Wawota Heritage Days and the Wawota Valley Ranch • wawota Heritage Days and the Wawota Valley Kanch Rodeo will take place August 4-6. The Ranch Rodeo was a new event last year, and the little valley just north of Wawota is a beautiful setting for the ranch rodeo! Friday, August 6 will feature a town wide parade from 2-3 pm, the MRA Ranch Rodeo from 4-8 pm, the Wawota Has Talent variety show from





8:30-9:30 pm, and fireworks at 10. Saturday's events include the Legion pancake breakfast at 8 am, and the MRRA Rodeo from 10 am - 2 pm.

from 10 am⁻² pm.

 The Elkhorn Elks Western Weekend is set for August 5 and 6, featuring chariot and chuckwagon races. There are pan-cake breakfasts both mornings. Saturday there will be a kids area, Queen Elsa Meet and Greet, Costume Contest, and Mili-tary Confidence Course. Saturday night will feature a social at the Elkhorn Elks Hall featuring Kendra Kay. Chariot and Chuckwagon races go Saturday at 4 and 7 pm and Sunday at 1 and 4 pm.

Chuckwagon races go Saturday at 4 and 7 pm and Sunday at 1 and 4 pm. • Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, the community of McAuley is putting on the **McAuley Hoedown**. This will feature a ranch rodeo on Friday, slow pitch, suppers by the McAuley Country Cafe both nights, a lunch by the McAuley Fire Department, a pancake breakfast put on by the RM of Ar-bit Ellion and (of course) a course of course 0. chie-Ellice, and (of course, of course, of course!) a social on the Saturday night! • The Spy Hill Sports Days is set for August 12 and 13,

The Spy Hill Sports Days is set for August 12 and 13, and will be expanding this year from chariot and chuckwagon races, baseball and slo-pitch to include a full MRCA two day rodeo. There will be cafi roping, saddle bronc, bareback, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping and bull riding, junior steer riding and junior girls barrel racing.
August 7-18 will be the Kenosee Lake Kitchen Party music camp. There are a lot of very talented musicians in southeast Saskatchewan, and many of them get together at Kenosee Lake for two one-week sessions to teach, learn, jam, and perform. It's a unique event, wrapping up with a final concert at the conclusion of each week, Friday, August 11, and Friday, August 8. August 18

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 On Saturday, August 19 Rocanville Museum will be hosting its Market at the Museum. These are held regularly through the summer, and feature live music, booths from local farmers and crafters, and much more! They have become a real tradition in Rocanville in the summer.

 Bear Claw Casino is an entertainment hub for the region, and is hosting a great outdoor concert with Canadian Rockers
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On Saturday, September 16, there will be Rocanville's annual **Museum Day**, featuring a pancake breakfast, flour mill-ing, oat rolling, music, hay rides, and a threshing demonstra-tion. I always think of this as the last event of summer, and it

always seems to be a beautiful clear day when it's held. We're fortunate in this area. Besides all these great events, on any weekend in the summer we can head out to Moosomin Lake, Kenosee, Round and Crooked Lakes, Oak Lake, Lake of the Prairies, Welwyn Lake, Clear Lake or any of those other

we want a cabin and stay a few days at beautiful Rid-ing Mountain National Park. We can rent a kayak at Mooso-min Lake, or go watersliding at Kenosee and then head to the Moosehead, we can check out the Red Market Barn any Sun-

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Take action Bayko says he encourages those who support the oil in-dustry to take action. He says the narrative that supports the industry is heard much more infrequently than the

People who oppose it. "Write, call, or email your MLA, MP, Minister Carr, Minister McKenna, Prime Minister Trudeau to let them

know you support pipelines, Canada's oil and gas indus-try, and Canadian oil and gas for Canadians. "Arm yourself with the facts, because the facts are on

'And if you find yourself in conversations about our in-

And it you mu yoursen in conversations about our in-dustry, respond to any criticism with facts. When you see or hear something negative, don't let it go unchallenged. "Our opponents have been dominating the conversa-tion up until now, and we need to start winning back hearts and minds by talking about what we do and why we're provid to do it."

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Bayko makes the case for Energy East

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Energy East

extremely important

"So in light of the approval of Trans Mountain, Key-stone XL and Line 3, why is Energy East still important?"

stone XL and Line 3, why is Energy East still important?" asked Bayko. "For one thing, Canada currently has no continuous pipelines capable of carrying significant quantities of Western Canadian oil to points Eastward. The project would also allow Canadian oil companies access to pre-cious Atlantic ports, key to exporting our crude products to overseas markets like Asia, Africa and South America. "In terms of spill safety. Transport Canada data show that over 1.6-million barrels of petroleum are safely moved from 23 Atlantic Canadian ports each day. Over-all, Eastern Canada's ports accommodate some 4,000 inbound petroleum tankers each year. Why are pipeline opponents concerned with potential exports leaving our ports, but not inbound tanker traffic? We have ye to hear a sensible response to that question.

ports, but not inbound tanker traffic? We have yet to hear a sensible response to that question. "Even with new pipeline approvals, many of our oil and gas resources are currently landlocked. The transpor-tation bottlenecks created by lack of infrastructure have caused significant gluts for Western Canadian crude. "Essentially, our customer base is limited to an already oversupplied American market, which drives down the price of our oil and our set rolative to global banchmark

price of our oil and gas relative to global benchmark prices. It is estimated that Canadian producers left \$14.3 billion on the table in 2014 as a result of lack of market access. That's enough to pay the average Canadian salaries for 20,000 teachers or 21,000 nurses over a ten year period. "Would any other industry in Canada accept being de-nied access to key markets simply because of government

foot-dragging on infrastructure approvals to appease an uniformed vocal minority? We think not."

The economic impact Bayko pointed out a few of the economic benefits of En-

ergy Est. "Energy East will create 14,000 jobs across the country and add \$55 billion to Canada's GDP," he said. "The money that they and their companies bring to the towns and cities along the route will significantly help local econo-mies. The project will remit \$10 billion in federal and provincial taxes

Vincial taxes. "TransCanada's Aboriginal Contracting and Employ-ment Program means increased opportunities for Indig-enous Canadians to thrive on their traditional lands, as well as lending their voices to remediation efforts and other environmental planning."

Imported oil comes at a cost

Bayko pointed out that Canada continues to import oil from other countries.

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"Today, Canada continues to import Saudi, Nigerian and U.S. oil at a cost to Canadians. In 2013, Canada as a whole imported 43 per cent of its oil—or 700,000 barrels per day. The most recent dollar figures by the National Energy Board show that since 2012 Canada spent over \$100 billion importing oil, filling the pockets of oligar-chies with lower standards across the board—from hu-man rights to the environment. "Between Quebec and the Atlantic provinces alone, Canada imported \$17 billion in foreign oil from the Unit-ed States, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Angola and Nigeria in 2015. Data from the global corruption watchdog Trans-parency.org shows that 90 per cent of Quebec's oil is im-ported, and 37 per cent of this oil comes from some of the most unscrupulous regimes on the planet. "An April 2017 public opinion poll conducted by the Montreal Economic Institute indicates that two out of three Quebecers want their oil to come from Western Canada instead of overseas.

Canada instead of overseas. Bayko says Canada is in trouble if it does not start tak-

ing advantage of its own oil industry.

Canada at major disadvantage "RBC President and CEO Dave McKay says it best when he notes that 'If Canadians don't take on the energy infrastructure that we so clearly need, the world will

ergy intrastructure that we so clearly need, the world will move on, and we would lose our opportunity to help lead the global energy transition.' " said Bayko. "We sell 98 per cent of our oil and gas to a customer that soon will not need it. If we don't find new customers, and build the infrastructure to supply them properly, we will be locing medicat hears.

build the infrastructure to supply them properly, we will be losing market share. "Clearly there is a concern for our environment, and the world will always be looking for better, cleaner, and cheaper energy. But there is a role for Canadian oil and gas in global markets, and it's not to walk away. "As the world's best, our role should be to use our ex-pertise to displace environmental laggards, and provide the world with as much of our ethically and responsibly produced oil and gas as possible. "We need the Prime Minister, all of our Premiers, and all likeminded Canadians to stand up for the Canadian

We need the Frime Minister, all of our Fremers, and all like-minded Canadians, to stand up for the Canadian oil and gas industry. Let's show respect for an industry that produces billions in tax revenues that fund the ser-vices that all Canadians enjoy. Let's show some respect for an industry that provides so many Canadians with a high quality of life and good paying jobs."

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Canada versus China at International fireworks competition at Moosomin Lake August 5&6

Skies Come Alive goes internationa

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

In a couple of weeks, the skies will come alive over Moosomin Lake. On the August long weekend, Canada will take on China in the first international

wini take on China in the inst international version of the Living Skies Come Alive Fire-works Competition. For several years now, Moosomin Re-gional Park has hosted a two night fireworks competition. Each competitor puts on their best show—one on Saturday night, one on Sunday night-and a panel of judges selects the winner.

The fireworks shows are unlike anything else on the Prairies. Timed to music, care-fully choreographed, the fireworks shows are a different calibre than anything else on the Prairies.

The fireworks weekend has grown over the years, with thousands of people taking in the shows each night.

This year's fireworks competition is planned for Saturday and Sunday, August 5 and 6 at Moosomin Regional Park. Can-Fire Pyrotechnics from Winnipeg will do the show Saturday night, and FireShow from China will do the show on Sunday night— a show that will include some fireworks that have never been seen before in Canada.

Taking it to the next level Layne McFarlane and Laurie Renneberg of the fireworks committee at Moosomin Regional Park said they are happy with how the weekend has grown over the years, but they're expecting this year's fireworks shows to move the fireworks competition to the next level the next level.

"Each year we try to improve it and make the show better and different, with the be-lief that if you leave it the same you lose the attractiveness," said McFarlane. "Last year was the first year we brought in entertainment to fill in the interval between supper and when the fireworks start. We had Eli Barsi and Amy Nelson last year and this year





The Saskatchewan Chinese Cultural Society will present a traditional Chinese Lion Dance Sunday, August 6 at 7 pm at Moosomin Regional Park, before the Chinese competitors in the fireworks competition.

it will be Stuck on Red on the Saturday and the Back 40 Drifters on Sunday night." Renneberg explains that CanFire Pyro-technics of Winnipeg, a competitor in the

Fireworks competition for the last several years, brought up the idea of bringing a com-petitor from China and offered to help with the logistics and government permission

to get container loads of fireworks and the competitors from China to Moosomin Lake "I think it's going to be a very different show," she said. "Canfire says it will be un-like anything we have seen before. I think it is going to be phenomenal."

Show an annual event for many McFarlane says many people return to the fireworks competition year after year. "One year I walked from camper to camper visiting with people, and the story I heard from person after person was that they came three or four years ago for the day and watched it and have come back every year watched it, and have come back every year watched it, and have come back every year since. They enjoy the show, they enjoy the park, and they want to be here. They have a camper, they have friends with them under the canopy and they are just visiting and en-joying themselves." Renneberg said people come from a huge area to see the fireworks shows. "They come from B.C. and from the States so it's entiting to be known out there." States so it's getting to be known out there," Renneberg said. "Camping wise, people just used to come for four days, now they are coming for a week."

Thousands of spectators The event brings in between 6,000 and 7,000 people each year. Last year there was a paid attendance of 7,153 over the weekend,

a paid attendance of 7,153 over the weekend, and the committee hopes the international angle will attract more people this year. It takes a lot of work to put on the fireworks show, with 75-100 volunteers involved each night. "If anyone wants to volunteer even an hour or two, it certainly helps," said Renne-berg. "It doesn't take much and it's not hard work. Volunteers can sign up at a volunteer sheet at the store or call the park and give their name on the answering machine or to their name on the answering machine or to the staff.

McFarlane says he hopes some people who have never seen the fireworks competi-tion before take in this year's shows. Continued on pages 32-33 ₩



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** Continued from page 31 "Moosomin Lake provides a unique opportunity to set the fireworks over the lake." he said. "You have the reflection of the water and the sound rico-

chets off the banks as the fireworks go off. It happens to be a great place to do it. If's always been a great place to see fireworks, it's always been a great weekend, and for anyone who hasn't seen it before, this is the year to see it, with China

coming." Renneberg says she expects the international component will attract more people. "Even before they committed we had in-terest from people asking where they can get tickets," she said. "It's always been good, but it should be amazing this year."

Chinese competitors should step it up a notch

Peter Palmer of CanFire Pyrotechnics of Winnipeg has been competed in Living Skies Come Alive for several years, and helped arrange for his Chinese competitor to take part in Living Skies Come Alive this year. "We have an office in China and we have gone to a lot of shows in China, where there are both international and regional shows," he said.

"Liuyang is the hub of fireworks for the world. Michael

Lee and Fireshow were doing a show that was a cut above the rest. They were pushing the envelope for their shows. For one show they were using eight aerial drones with fire-works. Their level of expertise is quite complex."

He said a lot of work has gone into bringing the Chinese group to Canada for the fireworks competition. "We have been working on it for months," he said. "We have to get them Canadian visas. We made a contract and had to translate parts of contract into Chinese for them. With China anything is possible but nothing is easy." Palmer believes the fireworks this summer will be a level higher than last year. "It's definitely going to be going up a notch," he said. "They are going to step it up. They are going to bring their A game and we are going to bring ours—we have to. In fireworks competitions you don't get a second chance to repeat what you are doing. You only have one chance to get it right. That is part of the pressure for any competitor, us included." said Fireshow will be bringing fireworks from China that have never before been seen in Canada.

Fireworks new to Canada "Moosomin wanted something special this year for Canada

150, and this will be special. The products they are bring-ing from China will include some things people have never seen before in Canada, "Palmer said, "J believe we are going time. The performers rail care to be performers rail care to be performers rail care to be performers and the performers rail care to be performers reperformers rep to see a product they call ghost shells in the show which are not available in Canada.

The ghost shell looks like it is revolving and is changing colors. It will change colors in a rotating motion as it ex-pands and opens, creating the effect of 3D motion. There's nothing like it—you really have to see it. "Seeing the work that Fireshow does and their level of

"Seeing the work that Fireshow does and their level of commitment and passion, I think they're a good fit with what we want to see. "They're going to be a tough competi-tor, and whether we win or lose, the end winner is going to be the audience at Moosomin Regional Park."

ditional Chinese Lion Dance

On Sunday, August 6, at 7 pm, before China's fireworks show, the Chinese Cultural Society of Saskatchewan will present a traditional Chinese Lion Dance. Two groups of dancers in two lion costumes will be involved.

The Lion Dance is a form of traditional dance in Chinese culture and other Asian countries in which performers mimic

In a lion dance, two performers are inside each lion cost tume. The performers replicate moves that are part of Chi-nese martial arts.

The participants in the Lion Dance at Moosomin Lake will Tim Mrazek is an instructor with Chung Wah Kung Fu "The Lion Dance is an important part of traditional Chinese culture," he said. "It has been around for a long time and the lion is a symbol of positive things. It is used to bring blessings to people and to the celebrations that tie us together

"The lion dance in the traditional culture can be used for any important celebration, from a grand opening to a community celebration to an important milestone in a person or group of people's lives. It serves two main ideas. One is a unifying element and brings people together and reminds us of how we are connected and that we all share the same hopes and aspirations, and there is always strength in num-bers, and when we are able to co-operate and work together we will achieve much more. The other part is a reminder of the morals of what human culture stands for. It doesn't matter what cultural background a person comes from."









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New facilities opened at Bradley Park

"" Continued from page 27 "Before he passed away he was chair for the Moosomin Health Facility Plan-ning Committee. For years he went to many meetings to raise money for the hos-pital, one of his biggest accomplishments. "We are honored to have

our name alongside Mr. Newman. He was very

much a community sup-porter and we will continue to be one in his memory.

"This is a community where we all work together to accomplish so many great things. Whether you are a business providing spon-sorships or donations, or an individual who volunteers, we should all be proud." "If you look over to the

West you will see Border-land Co-op's Murray New-man Field," Mayor Larry Tomlinson said in a speech to open the facility. "Back in the '90s Moosomin Minor Ball had decided to move all the kids' ball to fastball. As a result of that this field had no major tenant. Over time the diamond, due to lack of use, saw its condition

deteriorate. Then in the fall of 2016 our Parks and Recreation services got word that Moosomin Minor Ball had intentions of returning to baseball in time for the 2017 season. With that we knew we had time to get the facility back into shape but funding was a concern. Our Parks and Recreation Department began to look for a potential sponsor to help us out ...and not surprising Jason Schenn, Tera Harper and the local Co-op stepped up. They committed \$10,000 to cover the cost of shale and with that the work was

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underway. Looking at the facility now it is in the best condition it has ever been in. It truly has the look of a professional ball diamond. As you will see tonight it sets a breathtaking back-drop of the Sportsplex deck, and even more important, minor baseball is back with

minor baseball is back with vengeance. "Next is our Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex. When our Parks and Recreation Department developed a blueprint of what the fi-nal PotashCorp Sportsplex would look like they snuck in anthor bluenzite to an ad in anther blueprint of an ad-

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joining park. Parks and Rec said it was all part of a mas-terplan. Once again fund-ing was an issue and we needed a corporate sponsor to help us along. This time it was Brandon and Jolene Banga our local owners of Tim Hortons. Not only did Tim Hortons. Not only did they help fund initial costs but they have committed to funding for five years with 2017 being year two of five. While you will see we were not quite able to get every-thing finished up for tonight you can envision where we are headed. Irrigation and grass is going into this park grass is going into this park area. Trees will fully en-close this area to the east, close this area to the east, west and south. I think we can all agree this outdoor space is developing into something very unique and very special. I know our Parks and Rec Department are working closely with Brandon and Jolene plan-ning the next three years as more and more infrastruc-ture will oo into this fantasture will go into this fantas-tic outdoor EventPlex. We envision a facility holding family functions, commu-nity events, and corporate get together's as well as a place for Mossomin resi-dents and visitors alike to enjoy the scenery, the sun and the company for years and years to come. "We are so fortunate in

Moosomin to have so very Moosomin to have so very many corporate and com-munity sponsors so heavily invested in our recreation facilities and programs. We are extremely proud of Lloyd Bradley Park. From a bare canvas in the '80s to a focility that rivals any town facility that rivals any town or city in Saskatchewan. This is the hub and the heartbeat of our commu-nity. We are so very thankful tonight as we welcome two additional community investors to our family. Borderland Co-op and Tim Hortons.

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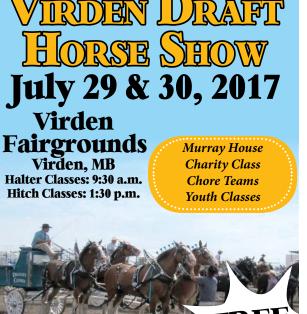


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Above left: The ribbon cutting to officially open the spray park. From left are Devrin Stonehouse, Cassidy Asselstine, RM of Wallace-Woodworth Reeve Don Carter cutting the ribbon, Jolene Toder, Shawnda Mitchell, Elkhorn Spray Park chair Tyler Mitchell, and Kim Hudon. Centre and right: Kids enjoying the spray park.

Grand opening held for Elkhorn spray park

BY ED JAMES After many hours of hard work by workers over the winter and active fundraising by the Elkhorn Spray Park Committee and volunteers, the Elkhorn

Committee and volunteers, the ElKnorn spray park held its grand opening on Sunday, June 25. There was a large crowd in atten-dance. Before the opening everyone was treated to free hot dogs, ice cream

and pop. Tyler Mitchell, the chair of the com-mittee, welcomed everyone and recog-nized the efforts made by the fundraisers, and the commericial and individual supporters to make the project a succes

Dennis Carter, Reeve of the RM of Wallace-Woodworth, brought greetings from the municipal government.

Carter went on to cut the ribbon to officially open the park, and with that the spray park was started up to a very excited group of children. However there was one more draw before the first bucket dump. Tickets were sold as a fundraiser and the win-per would be the first parcen to re-

ner would be the first person to re-ceive a dump of water from the large yellow bucket of water that slowly fills

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up before splashing down like a giant waterfall on the splash pad. The winner had the option to put the honor onto someone else, and Devrin Stonehouse, a member of the committee, accepted. The waiting children gave a loud count-down for the first dump, which was perfect perfect.

Afterwards the children spent time playing at the new spray park.

Newton qoes to Stampede parade

[™] Continued from page 19 "I want the horses to be prepared," Newton said of the enhanced feeding and exercise program she had them on. "I want to give them the best I can before Leo."

I go." Newton had the team pulling a heavy wagon to help build up their en-durance before they took on the four-and-a-halfon the tour-and-a-nail kilometer parade route in downtown Calgary. She downtown Calgary. She also had shoes put on her horses because the route is

horses because the route is a paved one. Grooming the team of horses for the parade meant having their hair clipped, their manes and tails braided (something she says her sister-in-law did for her), as well as "oil-ing, the feathers" which did for her), as well as "oil-ing the feathers" which involves conditioning the flowing long hair below their knees to be keep it very, very white as well as silky and flowing. What started as an invi-tation to have her horses ull a wacon in the narada

tation to have her horses pull a wagon in the parade also became an invitation to take part in Draft Horse Town at the Stampede. Draft Horse Town is de-scribed as a slice of living history that immortalizes these horses for their role in building the West. Draft Horse Town gives observ-ers a chance to get up close ers a chance to get up close to these big animals, to pet them, and to see them in action, doing what a work-ing-class horse would have done when the West was settled—pulling old equip-ment once used for things such as road-building and femine. farming.

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