



OWLS ON TOUR is an outreach program starring endangered burrowing owls such as Sanders (here and below right).

GIVE A HOOT^o

Sanders, a handsome lass with bright golden eyes, is a full-fledged ambassador. She travels around the province charming audiences and posing for photos – all to help the Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre (SBOIC) in Moose Jaw promote the preservation of her species. Less than 25 centimetres tall and weighing about as much as a pint of milk, Sanders and nine of her feathered friends are cared for at the centre. “These little fellows are in trouble; their population has been declining sharply for years,” says Lori Johnson, coordinator of SBOIC. “Habitat loss, pesticides and motor-vehicle accidents have taken their toll. Without intervention, these rare birds – the only owl that nests underground – might disappear from Canada. Our outreach program, Owls On Tour, helps publicize their plight.”

But taking care of the owls isn't cheap. Each one gobbles down a couple of mice



daily, totalling \$5,000 per year in food alone for the entire group. As such, the centre depends on sponsorships and tax-deductible donations, including through the Adopt an Owl program. A \$50 donation allows you to adopt an owl for six months; \$100 for a year. Certificate, owl photo and fact card are included.

Visitors can view owls and enjoy the interpretive exhibit, *Endangered Spaces, Endangered Species*, on the centre's free guided tours.

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THE BATOCHÉ NATIONAL Historic Site marks the last battlefield in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885.



Red River Carts, Ho!

From summer youth programs to period demonstrations, much is happening in 2010 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Northwest Rebellion. The Saskatchewan West Central Tourism Association is taking advantage of this milestone to tell the story of the prairie Metis and First Nations peoples' struggle with government forces and how it has shaped Canada today. The goal is to increase tourism activity around rebellion-related sites such as Batoché National Historic Park, Duck Lake Interpretive Centre and Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park.

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Tiny Beads Make Big Impact

Regina's MacKenzie Art Gallery will unveil six special works by Saskatoon aboriginal artist Ruth Cuthand this summer. The pieces, purchased with the \$30,000 the gallery received as recipient of the 2009 York Wilson Endowment Award, are done in intricate beadwork and examine European trade, from the new goods that transformed aboriginal life to the impact of old-world diseases on many tribes. Of Plains Cree heritage, Cuthand has a master in fine arts and teaches art and art history at the First Nations University of Canada, Saskatoon campus.

i 306-584-4250; mackenzieartgallery.ca

Pavilion Popular?

During the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games, how many visitors passed through the Saskatchewan Pavilion?

- a) 30,000
- b) 50,000
- c) 75,000
- d) More than 100,000

Answer: d) More than 100,000. The Saskatchewan Pavilion was open to visitors for 17 days and, by day 14, attendance had surpassed 100,000. The pavilion featured Saskatchewan food, drinks and entertainment. Courtesy Tourism Saskatchewan saskpavilion.ca

Arlington's Double Celebration

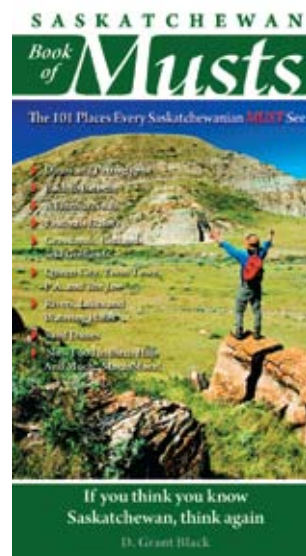
Calling all former campers, counsellors, guests and nearby residents of the Arlington Beach House and Camp. You are invited to a good-ole-days shindig, July 18-25, to celebrate the 100th birthday of the house and 50th anniversary of the camp. • Built in 1910 as a hotel by the Pearson Land Company, the Arlington Beach House – some 120 kilometres northwest of Regina – quickly became a favourite spot overlooking the shores of Last Mountain Lake. Passengers disembarking from the steamer *Qu'Appelle*, or those who travelled by horse and

buggy, enjoyed what was heralded to be “one of the coziest resort hotels in Saskatchewan.” The site became even more popular after the railroad was built; swimming, fishing, boating, hiking, community picnics and social gatherings attracted thousands annually. • In 1942, the property was purchased by the Canadian Sunday School Mission and a children's camp was established. The Free Methodist Church took possession in 1960. Today, the camp and conference centre hosts a variety of events, and the house can be rented by the room or as an entire building for groups.

i 306-484-4460; familycamp2010.blogspot.com, arlingtonbeachcamp.com



ONCE A HOTEL, the 100-year-old Arlington Beach House can be rented today – with room for up to 20 guests.



SASKATCHEWAN'S bucket list

In the film *The Bucket List*, two terminally ill men write up a list of things they want to do and places they want to visit before they kick the bucket. Saskatoon-born writer D. Grant Black has compiled a fit-in-the-pocket guide of the best places in the province he thinks flatlanders should check out before they, well, check out. *Saskatchewan Book of Musts: The 101 Places Every Saskatchewanian MUST See* covers renowned locations, obscure spots and points of interest, plus the contributions of 14 dynamic Saskatchewanians with their recommendations – from urban nosheries to natural havens. Black's book recently earned him Tourism Saskatchewan's Tourism Media Award for Travel Journalism.

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