

Friday, May 11, 2012, 1600 Ensign Front Page Volume 14, No. 54 - Scattered cumulus 1/8th 9,000, visibility 15, 16°C, wind 21 knots at 240° gusting to 33, altimeter 29.84

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**Tisdale**  
starts May 11



**The Pirates! Band of Misfits**  
(PG)\*\*

**Melfort**  
starts - May 11



**The Avengers** (PG)\*\*



**The Five-Year Engagement**  
(R)\*\*

**Porcupine Plain**  
starts May 4



*Bee keeper hard at work Northwest of Tisdale at 11:55 Wednesday, May 9, 2012*

## Almost ready to seed

Friday, May 11, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tisdale:

The sun and wind are doing what needs to be done and this year's farm year is about to get underway.



## RoozenGaarde nursery Mount Vernon, Washington

Friday, May 11, 2012  
by: Mario deSantis  
Mount Vernon, Washington:

Here are some outstanding images of tulip fields growing just across the border from Abbotsford British Columbia.



## Sparks

Friday, May 11, 2012  
by: Ken Jones  
Regina:

This set of images celebrate the magic of metal work captured by Regina photographer Ken Jones.



## Great Horned Owl - Bube virginianus

Friday, May 11, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
images by: Stanley Willows  
Tompkins:

Definitely not an endangered species this owl is remarkably adaptable and not a fussy eater.



## Tisdale Community Band Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 1, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tisdale:



## Ensign Webcam



## Today In Ensign

TWS - **Almost ready to seed**  
Mario deSantis - **RoozenGaarde nursery**  
Ken Jones - **Sparks**  
TWS - **Great Horned Owl**

## Today In Ensign past years

2011 -  
2010 - **House number two**  
2009 - **Water and sewer service for new duplex and projects on the go**  
2008 -  
2007 - **Get summer active**  
2006 - **The May rush, Tisdale development plan, making a mark and Fiscal imbalance**  
2005 - **Boarding will be delayed**  
2004 - **May snow storm sweeps southern prairies, Greenwater report and May snow storm contuse throughout day**  
2003 - **Mother's Day 2003, Grad 2003 car wash and Ice cream stand opens**  
2002 - **As each day ends hope begins once more, Air Cadets**



21 Jump Street (R)\*\*\*

Sunday the Community Band and the Men's Choir brought music and enjoyment to Tisdale with a huge variety of styles and put on a really great show.



### Parkland Photography Club April meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
by: Darlene McCullough  
Tisdale:

The Parkland Photography club had an excellent meeting this month with a workshop on the whole issue of composition. Darlene's report gives you a good synopsis of that discussion.



### Stanley Willows, 1943 to 2012

Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tompkins:

A wife four sons, seven grand children and a whole community share in the lose of a hard working man.



### Albert's pussy willows

Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
by: Albert Orban  
Tisdale:

For decades Albert has been fascinated with the joy of springs arrival and with it the coming of pussy willows. He has a great tree in his back yard and a poem to go with the beauties.



### Driving in Saskatchewan's Easter storm

Tuesday, April 10, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
images by: Matthew Shire  
Yellowhead highway:

Good Friday wet snow, a lot of it, dumped on south central Saskatchewan. This is what it was like driving in that storm.



### Storm buries Tisdale

Tuesday, April 10, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tisdale:

Shock, that's what we felt when we arrived in Tisdale Saturday night. More than a foot of snow.



### Big auction sale coming up

Thursday, April 5, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tisdale:

Schapansky's auction yard is filling up in preparation for a huge sale on April 17th.



### Swans

Thursday, April 5, 2012  
by: Timothy W. Shire  
Tisdale:

Definitely a limited edition. The swans of North America have a difficult time with hunters and habitat.



### Crocus crazy

Sunday, April 1, 2012  
by: Ken Jones  
Craven:

Each year we post Ken's crocus pictures but usually in late April. This year they are early.



### Parkland Photography Club March meeting

Sunday, April 1, 2012  
by: Darlene McCullough  
Tisdale:



fund raising and Stephen Harper needs lesson in civility

2001 - Celebrate our libraries and geese and clouds

2000 - Rabinovitch's Decanadianisation - CBC, District heal plans and Cellphone shopping

1999 - Busiest intersection needs attention

### Tim's Tip of the Day

It was several years ago that Tisdale's admitting desk was closed off with a window making communications all but impossible. This month the hospital's lab has blocked off its window and the doctor's office downtown has a similar communications barrier. They have excuses but no sensible reasons for this process of institutionalizing the public. (Click here to see full size.)



### Find of the Day

### 'Goodbye to China, country of contradictions'



Al Jazeera has been kicked out of China but the reporter Melissa Chan gives a parting glimpse of what she has learned about the culture its social conditions and the many contradictions she saw while

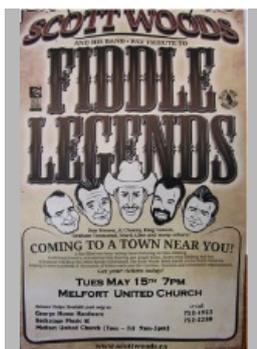
working in various parts of China.



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This month the club photo shoot was going for contrast and four outstanding images came close to the mark.



## My 134th budget: promises, plans and words to be forgotten

**Saturday, March 30, 2012**

**by: Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

People and politicians make mistakes and that's why we and they both need to listen to one another. Thinking you are right doesn't make for success.



## Spring arrived this week and so did the provincial budget

**Saturday, March 23, 2012**

**by: Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

The geese are happy to be back and the writer of this story is not because of the 33% increase for prescriptions to people over 65 years old.



## The mild winter of 2011 / 2012 is over

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**

**by: Timothy W. Shire**

**Winnipeg & Tisdale:**

In the southern prairies the snow is gone and the temperature is staying above freezing.



## What have you done for your country lately?

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

**by: Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

My grandfather chose to come and make Canada his home. I am glad he did, it's a good place and I would like to see it stay that way.



## Act to keep the scandal from spreading

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

**by: Joe Hueglin**

**Niagara Falls, Ontario:**

This story calls upon the Prime Minister to get to work and root out those responsible for subverting the 2011 election.



## March is inventory time

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

**by: Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

Today we take stock of the important things in our community. Twenty pictures of Tisdale and its surrounding area in a discussion about Saskatchewan's past present and future.



## Telemiracle 36

**Friday, March 2, 2012**

**by: Alain Leblanc**

**Regina:**

This is Telemiracle weekend in Saskatchewan with the telethon on CTV beginning on Saturday night.



## Frost on stubble

**Thursday, February 23 2012**

**by: Ken Jones**

**Pilot Butte:**

Fog below freezing creates unusual ice formations on plant life. Photographer Ken Jones went after some in a stubble field near Regina.



## A visit at Fred Herzog Exhibition, Equinox Gallery, Project space, Vancouver

**Thursday, February 23 2012**

**by: Mario deSantis**

**Vancouver, British Columbia:**

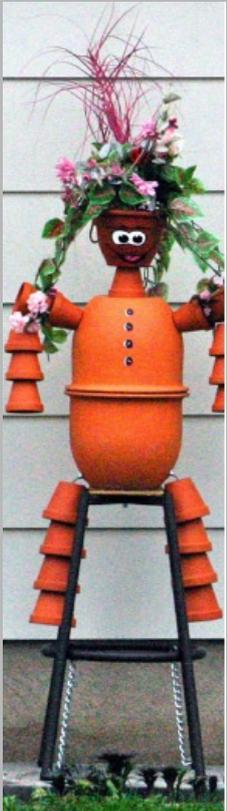
Each of are on a journey. Mario's is taking him into the world of photography and we explore it with him in his visit to a Vancouver gallery.



## Bombardier B-12 snow bus

**Thursday, February 16 2012**





by: **Timóthy W. Shire**  
**Tisdale:**

It has been decades since this vehicle was common place in rural Saskatchewan but today we had the treat of seeing one, zooming across the country-side.



### Sharon's pottery progress

**Thursday, February 16 2012**  
by: **Mario deSantis**

**Abbotsford, British columbia:**

Mario is taking a digital photography class while his wife, Sharon is taking a pottery class. Today we see how both are getting along.



### Eight ender

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**  
by: **Lorraine Wisser**

**Tisdale:**

Better than a grand slam in baseball, less common then a hole in one in golf, scoring eight with only eight rocks is the ultimate achievement in curling. This past weekend Lorraine Wisser and her team did the perfect end.



### Ken Oskrip; December 15, 1928 to February 4, 2012

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**  
by: **Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

For decades downtown Tisdale was where you would find the man who operated the bus depot and owned the "coffee shop". He passed away last week at age 83.



### Frost

**Thursday, February 9, 2012**  
by: **Ken Jones**

**Pilot Butte:**

This is a truly impressive set of six pictures showing the extreme water crystals formed this past weekend in the Regina area.



### January meeting of Parkland Photography Club

**Thursday, January 26, 2012**  
by: **Darlene McCullough**

**Tisdale:**

Competitions and community projects are all part of the monthly Parkland Photography meetings. This month the theme shoot was "break the rules."



### Arctic Air

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**  
by: **Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

One of the best things to show up on our television screens in 2012. This new show tells the story of a struggling airline in Yellowknife with an aggressive well educated aboriginal person taking a leadership role.



### Canada, not a "giant national park" for U.S. but a "giant resource base"

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**  
by: **Joe Hueglin**

**Niagara Falls, Ontario**

The Prime Minister is not amused with the U.S. government's rejection of the Keystone Pipeline but at the same time has presided over the relentless take overs of Canadian industry and resources.



### Scrapping the Canadian Wheat Board is a crime

**Thursday, January 19, 2012**  
by: **Joyce Neufeld**

**Walldeck**

The decision by parliament to close down the monopoly by the Canadian Wheat Board was against the law. Odd that this was done by a government so brash about being hard on crime.



### New year predictions for 2012

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**  
by: **Timothy W. Shire**

**Tisdale:**

Sorry about being late this year. We were in Winnipeg last week and though I had the equipment with me the software and a mysterious server issue stopped me cold. So here is my peek into the crystal ball for this year.





Heritage road on the west side of Tisdale is often given little or no maintenance. On Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 11:35 two graders are at work giving the surface a once over.



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