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Julia Dima photos

Left: The 'Kids in the Know' kit is filled with educational guides for kids, parents, and educators. Right: The materials for young children are designed to be accessible. Story books and puppets can help make kids more comfortable approaching the topic of sexual abuse.

## Miller family moving forward to help protect kids

BY JULIA DIMA

Nearly eight years after being abducted and abused by Peter Whitmore, Zachary Miller is speaking out and using his story to help protect other children from sex offenders.

In July, 2006, Zach was abducted and taken to an abandoned farm near Kipling by Whitmore, who stopped at the family's farm with a flat tire, and posed as a family friend, using a boy he claimed was his nephew—a 14-year-old Whitmore had also abducted—to lure Zach away. For three days, Zach was tied to a bed at the abandoned farm, sexually abused and tortured by Whitmore.

In a speech Zach wrote to present to the public, he recalls the ordeal of experiencing things "no child should ever go through" with the pain from the abuse lasting even today.

He writes, "It will forever be what happened to you. It will forever be in your memory. You're only 10 and you don't trust people the same. You have been scarred for life. That is what it's like being the victim of a horrific crime. . . I think of myself not as a victim, but as a survivor. The monster tried to take

me, tried to ruin me. But he didn't."

For Zach, it's about moving on, and not dwelling.

"I have never really gotten past the coping part of this. I just never stopped doing things, I never let it catch up to me and hold me down. It's not about coping, it's about moving on from that part," he says, "Yeah, a bad thing happened, but you have to get up and you have to get moving."

Realizing how many other families are affected is what encouraged Zach to speak out and share his story.

"I did it so I can help families and children who are suffering in silence. I want to help people have a light at the end of their tunnel.

"Basically, they are stuck in their tunnel, and they don't want to move, they're afraid they might get hurt or fall down. But life is just a tunnel, and if you don't move, you're not going to get out of it," he says. "I was stuck in the tunnel, I am still in this tunnel, but I am getting closer to the end of mine."

For Zach's father, Lyle Miller, what happened changed his life. He says before, he wouldn't have

imagined this would happen to his family.

"Our family was never the same. . . For me, it was like, how do you get past this? You stumble and you fall."

He now spends his time advocating for child safety across the country, and touring schools and communities in Saskatchewan and Manitoba promoting a safety kit developed by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection that would educate kids about reducing their chances of becoming victims of pedophilia and child pornography called 'Kids in the Know'. Lyle hopes that sharing their story will bring some good out of a very dark situation.

"To put a stop to it, if that is the only thing this family can give back—to educate kids," Lyle says.

The 'Kids in the Know' educational package is made up of educational materials customized to every grade from kindergarten to grade 12.

From the very beginning, the program helps kids learn safe habits, like running away and yelling if a stranger tries to take them, identifying safe adults to talk to, and using a buddy system. It also helps kids

identify if they are being abused by someone in their life. As kids get older, the curriculum focuses on keeping safe online and identifying unhealthy or abusive relationship traits.

The full safety kit costs \$260, and Lyle's goal is to have this kit implemented in all Canadian schools.

Lyle says that having community support in promoting the 'Kids in the Know' program has been instrumental in getting it implemented into schools. Tera Harper from Borderland Co-op has been traveling with Lyle doing the presentations.

"I saw Lyle speak at the (Moosomin) Chamber meeting. . . and it really made a big impact on me," Harper says.

She says that Borderland Co-op reaches out to schools and communities to get Lyle speaking there, and provides snacks for the kids for the presentations.

"Saskatchewan is the top province for sexual abuse of children, and Manitoba is number one. So this is out there, and people feel like it couldn't happen to their child, so I think if we have an opportunity here to help, we should," she says.

Lyle believes the presen-

tations and the kit are making a difference. In the time that he has been traveling to different communities promoting it, he says he has already seen it give kids the courage to speak up and seek help.

"Once, in my speaking and travels, I convinced a mom to realize that something was wrong with her own son. He confided in her that he was being abused," Lyle says.

Following a different presentation, using the puppets included in the 'Kids in the Know' kit to help children come forward with their stories, a girl asked to speak to the puppet that an officer had on his hand, and confided her story of abuse.

Lyle says it's helping those one or two kids who come forward that keeps him going.

"It gives you a sense of satisfaction to keep going. At least that child is getting help," Lyle says. "It takes a huge amount of courage to get a kid of speak up, but with this program, it encourages them to speak up. You take it down to what you would want for your own kids. Would you sooner want your kids not knowing? These people are real, they are out there, and

they are preying on children. They prey on your sense of helping out. Our family always had a strong sense of helping out. Always. And after what happened, it was a big test. . . Do you still want to help people now? . . . But you can't let this hold you down."

Lyle says getting schools to be receptive to implementing the 'Kids in the Know' program has been tough, not just because the curriculum is so full, but because it's hard to accept that pedophilia happens in communities everywhere. According to Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan has the second highest rate of child sexual abuse in the country, with 306 reported incidents per 100,000 people.

"People don't know how common this is. They think that pedophiles are those people that hide in trench coats around the corner, but they're not," Zach says. "The biggest problem is people that think, 'that won't happen to me, it will never happen, so I don't have to help. I don't want my children to know about this, it won't happen to them, it will happen to someone else's kid.'"

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<p><b>2010 GMC Denali 1500</b></p> <p>6.2L Vortec, 6 spd. auto, Full feature leather, Sunroof, 20" chrome wheels, Bose sys., Loaded, White on cashmere, 76,000 kms, SK PST Paid.</p> <p>Stk #: 14191A</p> <p>Employee Pricing: .....\$29,800</p>	<p><b>2010 Chev Avalanche LS</b></p> <p>Z71 Crew cab, 4x4, Rear cam, 5.3L auto, 6 pass., Power seat, 17" alloys, Remote start, Trailer pkg., Silver on black, 51,000 kms, SK PST Paid.</p> <p>Stk #: 13070A</p> <p>Employee Pricing: .....\$22,800</p>	<p><b>2011 Chev Cruze LT Turbo</b></p> <p>1.4L, DOHC Turbo, 6 spd. auto, MyLink, Connectivity pkg., Remote start, PW, PL, Rear cam, Choose black or white, 16,000 kms or 20,000 kms.</p> <p>Stk #: 14171A</p> <p>Employee Pricing: .....\$13,800</p>

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# McMullen ends SJHL career with RBC Cup

BY KARA KINNA

It was Devon McMullen's last season with the SJHL's Yorkton Terriers, but it's a season he is going to be thinking about for years to come.

On Sunday, May 18 the Terriers won the RBC Cup in Vernon, B.C.—the national junior A championship—with Moosomin's McMullen at the helm as team captain.

The road to the RBC Cup was one that saw the Terriers outlast 127 teams across the country, as they first won the SJHL championship, the Canalta Cup, then the Western Canada Cup against the Dauphin Kings to qualify for the national championship tournament in Vernon, B.C.

At the national level, the Terriers played four round-robin games, going 2-2 to qualify for the semifinal.

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## Victory!

Moosomin's Devon McMullen, captain of the Yorkton Terriers, hoists the RBC Cup in Vernon, B.C. on Sunday, May 18. The RBC Cup is the national junior A championship



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Above: McMullen in action on the ice.



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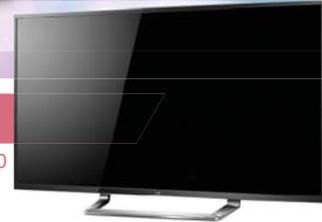
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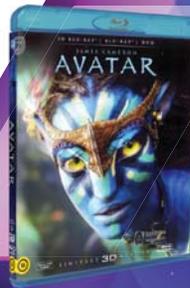
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## Actor Leo Fafard: WolfCop star has a Rocanville connection



Leo Fafard plays Lou Garou, an alcoholic werewolf cop, in WolfCop. The film just opened last weekend in select Canadian cities, but a sequel has already been announced.

BY KRISTEN WEEDMARK  
A lot of people around the Rocanville area know Leo Fafard.

His parents live on a farm in the area, he went to school in Rocanville for part of high school, and he has lots of friends and lots of cousins around the area.

His friends may not recognize Leo on screen in his latest role, however. In WolfCop, Fafard plays Lou Garou, an alcoholic police officer who turns into a werewolf. In his scenes as a werewolf, shot after up to four hours in the makeup chair, he doesn't look too familiar.

"I've been involved in WolfCop right from its inception," Fafard said in an interview last week.

"I was playing a werewolf in a music video directed by Lowell Dean, the director of WolfCop. Near the end of the video shoot we were sitting at the bar and he said, 'I've been rolling a couple of ideas around in my head, one is making a werewolf cop movie, rolling the two genres together.'"

"We had always intended for it to be a feature film, but it was going to be just a local production. The intention was to find a couple hundred thousand dollars and still do it as a small, fun production, and see what we could do with it from there," he continued. "We shot a trailer so that we could sell it and try to find investment money."

WolfCop entered the CineCoup contest and, based on viewer votes, won \$1 million to make the movie, as well as release in Cineplex theatres across Canada.

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# CASA promoting safety for young farm workers

The Canadian Model Youth Policy is a voluntary guideline that enables parents and farm owners and operators to plan and talk about keeping young farm workers safe.

Farm kids are a special breed. They are often precocious, dedicated, smart and willing to help out on the farm. However, even the most advanced young worker doesn't have the knowledge, experience or judgment of a seasoned farm worker. With so many youth starting summer jobs on the farm, parents and employers of young farm workers need to have a clear understanding of youth development levels, abilities and limitations and know when and how to set clear rules and boundaries for any work assigned to a young person.

Greg Englot is a grade 12 student and young farm worker from Abernethy, Saskatchewan. "I enjoy [working on the farm], I would do it for no money," he says. However, Englot says that young workers can put themselves in harm's way. "Sometimes you get full of yourself and think you can do something you probably shouldn't. [Young workers] want to prove themselves, especially if they are really into the job they are doing and can end

up putting themselves at risk," he says.

In March, the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture launched "Let's Talk About It!," a Canadian Agricultural Safety Week campaign focused on encouraging farmers to talk about farm safety. Talking to young workers is one part of good communication in the farm workplace.

Glen Blahy is a Health and Safety Specialist with CASA. "Many young workers tend to generalize their skills from one task to another, feeling they possess the size and strength to overcome any problem. They feel that they are immortal and can't be hurt—this can put them at risk," he says.

CASA has developed a resource that provides information about the needs and limitations of young workers. The Canadian Model Youth Policy is a voluntary guideline that enables parents and farm owners and operators to plan and talk about keeping young farm workers safe. The policy was adapted from a similar document developed by youth safety advocates and agricultural leaders in the United States.

The model policy advises farm owners

and operators to provide a basic orientation program for young workers, which helps introduce guidelines, expectations and policies for work on the farm.

The policy also reviews the importance of supervision. Young farm workers require the highest level of support during the orientation and training process. The level of supervision of a young worker depends on the individual as competency and maturity levels vary from person to person. It is important to participate in on-the-job, hands-on training. All work should be directly supervised until the young worker can prove their competency at a task. Young workers should work alongside experienced mentors and should not be placed in a work-alone situation.

When assigning general or specific tasks to youth it is also important to factor in the hazard level involved. For instance, job assignments for 14- and 15-year-old youth should occur in non-hazardous work environments only. The range of options can expand for 16- and 17-year-old youth, but only if they have taken either vocational or other work-based learning programs and have the written consent of their parents.

Hours of work are another important

factor to consider when scheduling young workers for farm tasks or shifts. Young workers require shorter work hours and more frequent breaks than an adult. This is because youth under the age of 18 are in a rapid state of growth and development and need more time for sleep and rest. Also, young workers need time to participate in school, family and community recreation activities to help them develop into balanced adults.

These are just some of the voluntary guidelines covered in the model policy. That said, it is important to acknowledge that nothing magical happens at age 18 in terms of maturity or risk of injury, so it is important to always evaluate the competency of a young worker against risk of injury on a task-by-task basis regardless of the number on their driver's licence. And as always, it is important to review the provincial legislative requirements for young workers, which govern hours of work and safety and health regulations.

Young workers can be an excellent asset to any farm workplace during the busy summer months but it is important to provide them with the special attention, supervision, training and orientation they need to be productive and safe.

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# WolfCop sequel already being planned

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The CineCoup contest is sponsored by Cineplex theatres. It gives independent filmmakers a chance to develop, market, and finance their films. The top 10 projects are optioned for development and the winner receives \$1 million and guaranteed release in Cineplex theatres. "We won the CineCoup contest and that allowed us to make a much bigger, higher-production-value project."

WolfCop was shown at the Cannes Film Festival last week in France, where international interest led to the announcement that a sequel to WolfCop will be made, before the first movie has even been released.

"We were elated and yet extremely perplexed," said Fafard. "They announced the sequel to WolfCop at the Cannes Film Festival and we haven't even shown the first one."

"It just got such a good response from American and European distributors and investors, our executive producers called a press conference near the end of the festival to announce that there will be another one."

Filming for the sequel is tentatively set for the fall.

Fafard has been in multiple short films and music videos. He says that playing WolfCop was by far the biggest role he's played in his acting career—and was a lot of fun.

"It was crazy fun," he said. "This was my first crack at a feature film with a little more budget."

"It was certainly a challenge having to play both parts simultaneously," said Fafard. "There was a lot of challenge in having



## Fafard on the big screen

Amy Matysio (Tina Walsh), Leo Fafard (Lou Garou), and Aiden Devine (Chief Ray) acting in Wolf Cop. The Saskatchewan production received such good reviews at Cannes that a sequel was announced—before the first movie even hit theatres.

to slip back and forth, you couldn't just concentrate on one character, you had to be able to completely turn yourself around."

Fafard sometimes played both WolfCop and Lou Garou (Loup Garou is French for werewolf) in the same day. He says that at the beginning of filming it would take over four hours just to get the headpiece and makeup on to play WolfCop. "There were only a couple of days that I was on set to play both WolfCop and Lou Garou, due to

the fact that the makeup took so long," he says. "My average day was about 13 hours."

Fafard says that the film has received unbelievable responses so far and people have responded well. The trailer had 80,000 views on the internet after being up only 24 hours.

"We've been a huge hit everywhere we've gone," he said. "The Vancouver Fan Expo isn't as big as Calgary, but there were still about 20,000 people that went through there, and our booth, if not the favorite, was amongst the favorite of the booths."

"It's pretty major for an independent film from Saskatchewan. We're only one of three Saskatchewan made films to ever make it to theatre, and the other two were fairly major American co-productions."

"Once people hear that it's an all-Canadian production, small town, and no major distributor involved they seem to like it even more."

Fafard is hoping to one day be able to make acting his full-time career.

"My goal is for acting to be my career, but it's by no stretch of the imagination my career now," he said.

"I couldn't ask for a better launching pad, or a better springboard into an acting career than WolfCop. I'm going to take advantage of it to the very fullest, there's absolutely no doubt in my mind that it's going to result in a full time career."

What are his hopes for WolfCop?

"I think that the sky's the limit for this movie. We've already developed an action figure, there's a graphic novel already in the works, and we've gotten crazy responses from every different media outlet we've approached."

WolfCop was released by Cineplex and Galaxy theatres in every major city across Canada on Friday, June 6.

## Sequel planned for fall

Following two successful buyers screenings at the Cannes Film Festival a few weeks ago, CineCoup announced a sequel to genre hit WolfCop.

"We are ecstatic by the reception of international buyers to CineCoup's first feature film," says Brad Pelman, CineCoup President, Distribution and Sales. "Based on the unanimous positive reaction to the film, we will be putting WolfCop 2 into production this fall. We can't divulge much about the storyline at this point, only that it will be dirtier and harrier than the first one."

Director Lowell Dean will be at the helm of WolfCop 2, following the same winning formula as his original.

"The unique audience-driven model has created a flurry of international interest," says Raven Banner Managing Partner, Michael Paszt. "That, combined with the genre appeal of WolfCop and its vast spinoff potential has made both CineCoup as a business model and the film an instant hit with international buyers."

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# Locals rescue orphaned baby moose

A group of people in the Moosomin area rescued and found a home for a baby moose last week after a mother moose was killed on the Trans-Canada Highway.

"My husband and I were heading to Whitewood, and when we were coming back around lunch time we noticed a dead moose, looked to the right, and saw a baby moose running toward the southeast," says Jan Mitchell.

"I went onto facebook and asked what I should do and who I should contact. I got in touch with Cheryl Winkler from Moose Mountain Rescue and Refuge. They take in wild animals.

"I explained the situation and she said she would take the baby in. I gave her the location, and she and Roxanne (Appell) came out and looked that evening.

"They texted me and said they were out there and couldn't find the baby. I went out there and looked around at dusk. Joy Flaman came out and was with me as well. The baby was calling out. I mimicked the sound he was making and he came within three feet of me. Joy came over and then he turned around and went back into the covering.

"We called Randy Young, and he came out with a quad.

We looked and could not find the baby, and everyone left. I was so worried about finding the baby.

"The next morning, Jan Mitchell, Randy and Tammy Young and the Wolf family were all looking for the baby moose.

"We looked in the slough area where we last saw the baby. Tammy said 'there's the moose.' We went through the sloughs where the moose was obviously hiding. We circled around the slough, found him, and put a blanket over him. He was so exhausted he just fought a little bit.

"We got him into a vehicle and took him to Tammy Young's. Cheryl called Rebecca, our local vet, and took him to her office, where she gave him some fluids."

Why did Mitchell spend so much time looking for the orphaned moose?

"I knew that this baby could not survive without someone looking after it," she says. "I could not in good conscience leave it. I have an extremely soft spot for animals. I could not leave it. I always put myself in their shoes. If something happened to me, I would want someone to look after my baby."

Mitchell has donated her wedding dress to be sold online, with proceeds going to Moose Mountain R and R to cover the costs of taking care of the baby moose.

The local vet says she did what she could for the baby moose when it was brought in.

"I took the moose straight to the wildlife rehab facility and then the owner of the facility and I gave him a physical exam and then we rehydrated him with electrolytes," said Rebecca Gervin of Valleyflats Veterinary Services.

"We started him on some antibiotics just as a precaution, and then last night we got him sucking really well, so he's doing really well today."

Gervin says it is not uncommon for people to come to

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The baby moose is loaded into the back of a vehicle after it is found by a group of volunteers who searched for it.

her with wild animals.

"I'm a listed vet with Sask Wildlife so I do quite a bit of this every summer."

Moose Mountain R and R is licenced provincially and federally to take in orphaned wildlife and birds. They raise the animals for up to a year, until they are ready to be released back into the wild.

They take in birds of prey, songbirds, deer, foxes, coyotes, skunks, racoons, and rabbits.

Each animal has different needs and care.

"Each species is species specific in their needs. Each species is provided with special enclosures and special diets," said Cheryl Winkler, owner of Moose Mountain R and R.

"The moose is doing well. He'll be kept in a large enclosure provided his dietary needs. He'll be released when he's able to fend for himself in the wild," said Winkler.

"There are no people allowed out here to have contact with the animals so that they remain wild. I've already had a lot of people phone me and ask me to see the moose, but unfortunately, as much as people would like to get a look, that's not in his best interest."

Winkler does not know how long the moose will stay at the rehabilitation centre.

"It'll depend on him and how well he does this summer," she said.

Winkler is glad that there was such a large group of people who helped find the baby moose.

"There was a whole group of dedicated people in finding this little fellow. He certainly wouldn't have made it here if it wasn't for those people."

"His mother was hit on Monday night, and we couldn't find him. But the search didn't stop there. More people continued the search Monday evening and again on Tuesday, so there were a lot of people involved," said Winkler.

Mitchell said she's grateful to everyone who helped out with the search for the moose—Cheryl Winkler, Roxanne Appell and her Jack Russell, Joy Flaman and Stewie, Randy and Tami Young, Rebecca, Alex and Brenda Onofrichuck and daughter, Darcy Jamieson, Bruno Wushke, Marilyn Nichol Paul, Christie Wolf and children, Jaci Courtney.

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# Selling plants with a big box store in your backyard



BY DAVID BIRD,  
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If you are a large scale grower who is selling only wholesale, then you can stop reading now. This is for the little guys that have to work in the shadow of the "box stores." I like to think it is a challenge instead of a problem. You might think that is just semantics, but it's more than that. It's how you approach the situation. Problems

stop you, challenges engage you.

Most of the large wholesale growers for box stores are out of province growers. There are one or two local wholesale growers who grow for the local Canadian Tire or other box store. Look around at the box stores that are in your area when their plants are arriving or at the racks they are on. Find out who the growers are and where they are coming from. You need to

know as much as you can about their quality and their pricing. The ones that come from local wholesale growers will arrive great, but since the staff selling them does not have a vested interest in the plants, the plants will not last long.

Armed with this information, you can set about distancing yourself from this approach. Cheaper is not the answer to your battle, although you will hear it from your clients as they tell you that your plants are \$1.50 more per six-pack then what they can get at Wal-Mart. For the customer who is a price shopper, you can emphasize the quality of the plants that are available at your operation or other small local growers over box stores. For the same garden size, my guess is that your plants will fill in faster and survive better than the big box ones. So what is their time worth and is it really a savings for them to buy from the big box store? This emphasizes to the customer they will have a better return on investment, have to do less replanting, and local plants will grow faster.

I have sold from a retail location just down the road from Wal-Mart. Yes I got those questions and yes I lost that sale that day. But I did see them a few weeks later to ask some gardening questions over coffee

and yes they bought more plants from me. Service, quality and diversification are three key elements that will help you succeed in this market regardless of who your competition is. Let's flesh out those three key factors.

Let's start with quality. Quality is in everything you do. If you do not do it well it's not worth doing. Grow your crops the best you can. Keep everything clean and aesthetically pleasing to the eye. Make sure you hire enough staff and the right staff. Get together with them every morning and just chat about the day's activities and the plants you have in your greenhouse. If there is an unusual plant or other products in your greenhouse/garden centre, make sure that your staff is aware of it and they can answer questions on it. If you have the right people to start with, compliment them and let them know what a great job they are doing. But mean it and do it one on one. Use all the tools at your disposal. Not really sure if you have all the tools? Contact your provincial greenhouse growers association such as the Saskatchewan Greenhouse Growers Association (SGGA). This is a group of people that are dedicated to helping greenhouse growers.

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Ok, so you grow the best plants in town and your staff is knowledgeable. What now?

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Have other things on site to help your clients along—a coffee shop with snacks and such if it is within your means or a supervised play area for the kids (who really do not want to be there in the first place) that your clients bring along. Have the kids get involved with planting and horticulture. Maybe paint a clay pot and plant a flower for their mom or dad.

Think long-term as well. Get involved in the local school and volunteer your services and time. There is a part in all school curriculums that involves growing plants and every school will love the help. These are the children of



your clients, and in time will be clients themselves. Remember that all the materials you use and time spent in ventures like this are considered advertising (thinking of tax time on this as well). Offer services like home delivery and custom plantings or in-house design service as well.

You will charge for all of that, but at a fee that will cover costs and make the smallest of margins.

Diversification is the last key aspect; grow all the popular plant material, but have a few that are out of the box. Do things that the big box store cannot do. Plant different combinations, grow the odd and unique, do custom growing and sell other garden related products. There is no set rule to what you can sell. Look at selling unique clothing. Maybe organic food if you have the means. Look at collaborating with others in a retail group. What you sell is only limited by your imagination. But, as always, plan your selling strategy out first.

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Saskatchewan's June sale of petroleum and natural gas rights brought in \$11 million in revenue, bring-

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The sales are held by the province every quarter.

"Industry continues to place a premium on Saskatchewan's oil and gas rights, as land sales to date in 2014 have averaged \$920 per hectare compared to an average of \$450 per hectare in Alberta," Energy and Resources Minister Tim McMillan said.

"Saskatchewan remains

a top choice for industry to make significant investments in land acquisition, drilling activity, and service and supply expenditures."

In November 2013, the Fraser Institute released the results of an international survey of petroleum executives that ranked Saskatchewan first among Canadian jurisdictions for oil and gas investment, and near the top globally. Saskatchewan rated par-

ticularly well in regards to policy, taxation regime and investment and regulatory climate.

The June sale saw the Weyburn-Estevan area receive the most bids with sales of \$6.5 million. The Lloydminster area was next at \$3.0 million, followed by the Kindersley-Kerrobert area at \$916,852 and the Swift Current area at \$628,353. The highest price paid for a single parcel was \$1.2 million. Aldon

Oils Ltd. acquired the 3,366 hectare exploration licence near Radville. The highest price on a per-hectare basis was \$7,515. Scott Land & Lease Ltd. bid \$486,630 for a 64.75 hectare lease east of Estevan.

The top work commitment bid for the oil shale special exploratory permit block on offer near Hudson Bay was \$750,000 from Prairie Land & Investment Services Ltd.

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# Oil rich provinces get an economic A-plus

BY JULIAN BELTRAME  
THE CANADIAN PRESS  
A new report from the  
Conference Board puts Can-

ada's three oil rich provinces  
on top of the world in terms  
of economic performance.  
For the rest of the country

the news is not so stellar.  
The think-tank's annual  
economic report card comparing  
16 of the world's richest  
countries puts Canada in  
fifth place overall, one spot  
better than last year and be-  
hind Australia, Ireland, the  
United States and Norway.  
That's partly a function  
of Canada's relatively stable  
growth rate, but also due to  
difficult recoveries in the eu-  
rozone and Japan.

Canada scores highly on  
economic growth and em-

ployment growth, although  
"poor grades on labor pro-  
ductivity as well as inward  
and outward foreign direct  
investment raise concerns  
about long-term prosperity,"  
the report cautions.

In a new twist for the  
Conference Board's annual  
report card, the latest grades  
treats the 10 provinces as if  
they were countries to cre-  
ate a picture of not only the  
internal disparities but also  
how the provinces compare  
globally.

The report places Alberta,  
Saskatchewan and New-  
foundland—the three oil  
producing provinces—in  
that order as the top per-  
formers with A-plus scores  
across indicators such as  
per capita income, economic  
growth, unemployment and  
productivity. They are the  
only jurisdictions rated to  
have A-plus economies.

Alberta is "class leader"  
says the report, with 2013  
per capita income that was  
\$10,000 higher than Norway,  
the top-ranked country in  
that indicator.

At the bottom of the class  
are Nova Scotia and New  
Brunswick with D grades,  
along with countries such as  
France and Belgium.

Ontario, Prince Edward  
Island and British Columbia  
score B grades, putting them  
alongside Switzerland, Ger-  
many and the United King-  
dom. Manitoba and Quebec  
were given C grades.

"What this tells us is we  
have provinces outperform-  
ing the rest of the world, and  
we have provinces that are  
struggling along with the  
laggards in the eurozone,"  
said Brenda Lafleur, the  
project director for the think-  
tank.

The common denomina-  
tor for economic perfor-  
mance, in Canada at least,  
is oil and to a lesser degree  
other natural resources,  
which Alberta, Saskatch-

ewan and Newfoundland all  
have in abundance.

Lafleur said Canadians  
might be surprised by New-  
foundland's high marks, but  
noted that the province had  
a 7.9 per cent growth rate in  
2013 and that per capita in-  
come now is higher than the  
Canadian average. Where  
the province scores poorly is  
in employment growth with  
a jobless rate still hovering  
above 11 per cent.

In another related study  
issued Tuesday morning,  
the Centre for the Study of  
Living Standards concludes  
that while there has been a  
flattening in economic dis-  
parities in Canada in the  
past half century, income  
variables have risen dramati-  
cally since the 1990s due to  
the high growth rates in the  
three oil-producing prov-  
inces.

The centre notes that the  
two-speed economy in Can-  
ada can create tensions with  
oil-producers that want to  
retain as much of the ben-  
efits as possible and the fed-  
eral government hoping to  
see resource wealth spread  
widely.

"But since the growing in-  
come disparities reflect the  
growing economic pie," the  
report added, "this develop-  
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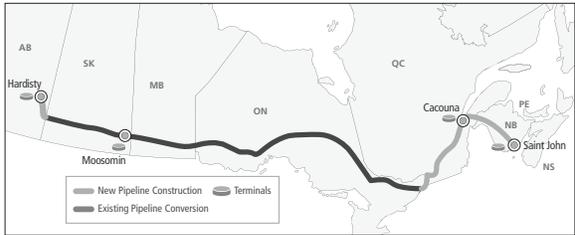
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# 'Kids in the Know'

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The goal is to help people realize that this could happen to them.

"If you don't think this is going to happen to you, hug your kid every day, because you never really know," Lyle says.

Doing the talks has also been helpful in Lyle and Zach's own journey.

"Talking about it helps you a lot more than you think," Zach says. "It hurts at first, but the more you talk about it, the easier it gets."

Zach hopes to help other kids come forward with their own stories the same way he was able to—by talking about it.

"Kids love to talk. You don't start talking about what happened, you talk to kids about the things they like, whatever they want to talk about, and you move on from there. . . . You just talk to that kid, become a person that they can come talk to about whatever is bothering them, and they will eventually come and talk to you about what happened."

Zach says that it's about empowering survivors and giving them a voice instead of treating them like victims.

"I am not a victim, and I see kids who go through this not as victims but as survivors. I don't like the word victim. We are survivors. Some kids are not as strong, and they need help. We need to work as a team, like a small team of superheroes to get past what happened," Zach says.

He wants people to realize that survivors are strong, and says that while people mean well with their sympathy, feeling sorry for him doesn't help.

"I get a lot of the time, 'Why are you doing this? How are you here? If I was you, I'd hide in the corner and never come back to the real world' and I'm like, 'Maybe the problem is because everyone thinks that way. I'm trying to change it.'"

For him, it's about keeping motivated and moving on. He hopes to one day open a retreat on the family farm, offering survivors, and families of missing and murdered children a safe haven where they can move on with their lives too.

"The dream for the retreat would be to put two or three cabins on the farm, and to have a place where children and families who have gone through traumatic events can come, and can cope with the animals and with us and can get help to move on with their lives," Zach says. For him, pets are a big help in healing.

"With kids, even the dumbest sheep—which is most of them—will come to a child. Children can play with them, take care of them, and develop this trust. It works the same way with the garden. You get a troubled kid to grow a potato, they plant it, tend it all summer, grow it, harvest it, and eat it. It gives the kid self-confidence and helps them into the light, and wanting to get their

story put forward, and getting their life in line."

Zach recalls when he was held captive, sharing his scraps of food with the rats and the mice at the abandoned farm helped him. In his story, Zach writes "You did the farmer thing and shared what little food you had with them so that they would not starve and they could carry on with their lives. Knowing that you helped someone or something fills you with a bit of strength to push through."

As for seeking justice, what Zach wants is to make sure Whitmore can never hurt another child. Whitmore is sentenced to life in prison but has been eligible for parole since 2013.

"I have gathered enough strength now that the day he tries to get out, I'm going to be there that day to stop him. There has never been a family there to stop him from getting out on parole," he says. "The biggest thing for me, is I cannot stand letting him go ahead and hurt another child."

Lyle says in reaching out and speaking to kids, he will not be able to change what happened to Zach, but they can protect other kids from this ordeal, and that's what their goal is now.

"We are just trying to make a difference now. It's not about glamorizing what happened, it's about what we are trying to do today. It's not about Whitmore. It's about the kids of the future," he says.



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## 'It's the perfect ending'

# McMullen ends SJHL career with RBC Cup

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 "It was pretty tough," says McMullen. "It was a tournament that I think anyone could have won. We started out 0-2. We lost our first two games to some pretty good teams, Toronto and Vernon. And then the last two games, they were a must-win because if we had lost any of those two we would have been out of the tournament. We beat Carleton and then we beat Dauphin."

Those two victories moved the Terriers into the national semifinal, where they defeated the Vernon Vipers with a score of 6-3 to move onto the national final against the Carleton Place Canadians.

It was a tough game that saw the Terriers lagging 3-1 with less than three minutes left in the game.

"They played a pretty good game against us because the first time we played them we beat them 3-1 and we used our speed on them," says McMullen.

"When we played them in the final, we couldn't get any momentum going or any speed going, and they got up 3-1 on us. Everyone was kind of a little tired. It was getting to the end of the tournament and everyone was tired."

"In that last period we just said we wouldn't give up. In the dressing room, we said all year, all playoffs we've been in this position before. We had to do that against Humboldt a couple of times before in our league playoffs. And we just said whatever happens, we're proud of what we've done already. So why not get a little more hardware here."

With less than three minutes remaining in the third period, everything in the game changed. The Terriers' Tanner Lishchynsky and Dylan Johnson scored just eight seconds apart to tie the game, and decimate the Canadians' 3-1 lead.

"I think we kept on the attack and they got a little tired," says McMullen. "We started throwing pucks at the net and the first one squeaked in. When you get that



The Terriers celebrate their victory after winning the RBC Cup—the national junior A championship.

first goal after a little bit, you get that burst of energy and anything can happen right after a goal like that. We just used the momentum to carry us, to get that second goal right after that one.

"When we got that tying goal, right after that we knew we were going to win this. It was our game."

"You could just tell that they were like 'wow, we just blew a two-goal lead in less than 30 seconds.' I honestly thought we were going to score before we went into overtime. Everyone on the bench, they just had that feeling that we were going to win now."

And he was right. At 15:01 of overtime, the Terriers' Derek Falloon scored, giving the Yorkton Terriers their first ever RBC Cup win.

"I just came on the ice and I was following up the play," says McMullen, "and Derek had it down low and he shoved it to the net. I started yelling 'it's in, it's in!' and

waited for the ref to finally throw his hand down to say it was a goal.

"Right when that happened, I can't even remember. It was the best feeling in the world. Words can't describe it. In about five seconds I had my helmet and gloves off and was hugging Derek by then."

"It was amazing."  
 McMullen says he knew the Terriers were serious contenders going into the tournament.

"We just won the westerns so we knew that we were at least in the top two or three teams. We knew coming into the tournament that we could win it. We had no doubt in our mind. It wasn't like we were just going there for fun. We were going there to win it."

"It's just great to know that you got there and you are a top team there... It's probably the best tournament I've ever been a part of."

"You couldn't have a bad period or a bad

shift because you are playing the best teams, and they make you pay."

McMullen says the atmosphere in the rink was amazing during the final game.

"That first goal (in the third period), the crowd was into it, and we got that second one to tie it up and it just erupted—it was awesome. The rink wasn't packed, but it felt like there was three thousand people. It was just amazing."

McMullen says it was a pleasure being the team captain for this year's Terriers squad.

"It's an easy thing to do when you have a good group of guys. They know what to do and you've just got to give them a little pep talk here and there, but most of the time the guys know what they are doing out there."

It wasn't too hard leading these guys. It was awesome to be known as the leader of the first ever RBC champs for the Terriers."

McMullen spent the last week together with the rest his teammates celebrating the win. It was the team's last week together, and McMullen's last week with the Terriers after a four-year career with the team.

"Right now, I'm just up in the air. I have quite a few options," he says. "I'm going to go play university or college hockey somewhere. I'm just trying to find the perfect match for me."

After winning the RBC Cup, he says there couldn't have been a better way to end his SJHL career.

"It's the perfect ending, honestly. We've won league before. I got to the finals my first year. Then last year we won the league and lost out in the westerns. And then this year is just the perfect way to end it. We honestly couldn't have won anything else. It was the perfect way to end it."

"This is by far my best season of hockey. It might be my best ever for my whole life. You never know what is going to happen. It may go down as my best season of my life."

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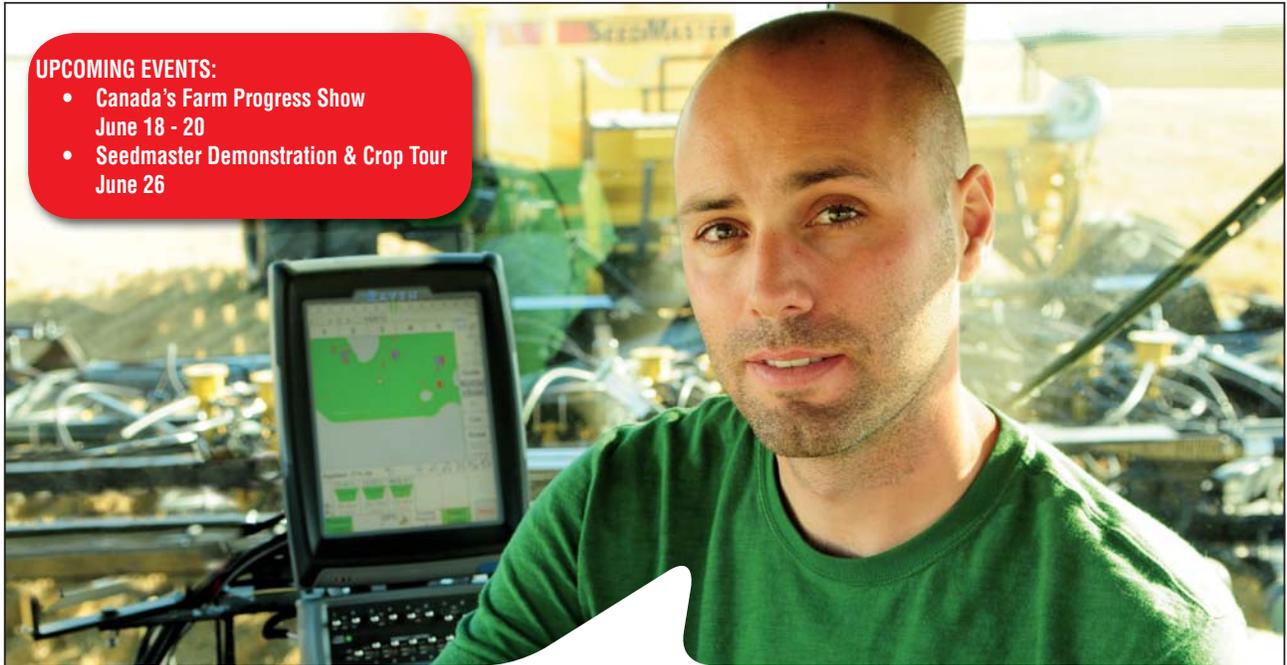
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# Rain delays seeding across part of the prairies

BY JULIA DIMA

A bout of scattered rainy days has delayed Southeast Saskatchewan farmers from getting the crop in the ground as early as hoped.

In the Moosomin region, seeding was moderately delayed, while regions like Redvers and Carlyle have seen more delays.

For Kevin Woods of Westwood Land and Cattle near Moosomin, the rain set back seeding, but he is in better shape than others in the region.

"I would say it's definitely got us behind, I would say we are 10 days behind normal at least because of the weather we've had in the last couple weeks. Most guys would like to be for sure wrapped up by the first of June, and I would say for a lot of guys, there's still the better part of a week left for a lot of them," Woods says. He says that on average, 75 to 80 per cent of seeding in the region is complete, but his is about 85 to 90 per cent complete.

"We've got about 1,000 acres left to seed out of our 10,000."

For late seeding, Woods says there's both the concern of frost, and the concern that the crop will not finish flowering by July when the hotter temperatures can harm the flowering process. Generally speaking, Woods says, earlier seeded crops do better.

"We always figure the earlier seeded crops are always the higher yielding crops. That's definitely not necessarily true every year, but on a long-term average, you're go-



Julia Dima photo

Spring flooding around St Lazare has left much of the valley unable to be seeded.

ing to see earlier seeded crops outperform your later seeded ones. Now, there's varying reasons for that. A lot of it depends on the heat you get in July, July will usually be your hottest month, of course, and that can

be hard on the crop when it's flowering. The earlier seeded crops are approaching the end of their flowering stage by late June, early July, but now, being pushed back a couple of weeks the way we are, we could be into early or mid-July experiencing that extreme heat like we've seen before."

Woods says the biggest challenge with the spotty rain over the past few weeks is getting motivated when the sun does come up.

"It's a struggle, we stay out here for a couple of days, and then we get rained out," Woods says, "It's hard to get in the groove of getting anything done. We rely a lot on hired help, and you know, when you're in a groove and getting things done, it's good, but every other day when you're rained out and you have to tell guys to stay home, it's hard to get motivated when you're getting every second or third day off, it's hard to keep it flowing. But we've dealt with it before, it's nothing out of the ordinary, and nothing we can't handle."

South of Moosomin, in the Fairlight and

Redvers region, it's been tougher.

Despite now having all his crop in the ground, Kristjan Hebert, who farms near Fairlight, says that seeding usually takes 15 days, but was delayed to 21 days because of the rain. Now with the crop in the ground, Hebert's concern is also a too hot July, and early frost in September.

"The long-term impact as of right now is nothing I guess. It just depends on if mother nature co-operates frost-wise at the end of September and how hot July is. The crop will just be a little bit later getting through some stages," Hebert explains.

A bit further south near Redvers, the situation isn't as good.

Courtney Fowler farms near Redvers, and says he only has half his crop in the ground.

"That's pretty much the consensus in the whole area here as well," he says. "The trouble around our area right now is that such hard rains have been coming, and it's been washing everything down the hills, so nothing is going to grow as it could grow."

Aside from rains, spring thawing is still affecting seeding in other areas.

Earlier this year, the spring thaw left farming areas around St. Lazare flooded, delaying the crop.

Connie Fouillard says 75 per cent of his land is in the valley, and for the past five years, spring flooding has set back his seeding significantly.

"We are about two weeks behind now," he says. "It impacts us a lot, it makes us late and it makes a lot more work for us, we have to go out and try and farm around a bunch of mud holes and fix the banks where the river is getting washed out, and where it's washing through our fields. And we have to fix our roads—every year now, they get washed out."

Fouillard says he is running out of days to get the seed in the ground in certain areas.

"Right now, we are just about 50 per cent completed . . . at this point, they're still 25 per cent of the land that we still can't touch at this point," he says, "We have until the 15th to get the grain in the ground, because in the valley, it doesn't mature as quickly, so there's no use in throwing the money out there and not getting any back because the odds are very strong that it would freeze."

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# Old George's Museum and Hidden Village

BY ADAM GAMBLE

Growing up on a farm just south of Dubuc in the '50s, George Chopping, like all kids at the time, had dreams in life.

"I wanted to go around the world, own a museum, and own a motorcycle," said Chopping. Little did he know that one day he actually would own a museum: Old George's Museum and Hidden Village, located next to Whitewood, off Highway 1.

"I didn't have much growing up. I was happy to get anything," he said. "One day, when I was eight, my aunt stopped by for a visit, and showed me her stamp collec-

tion. I guess you could say they intrigued me, so I started collecting stamps.

"Every one of us has something we like and enjoy—like ice cream you might like a flavour, and I might hate it. It's just the way it is."

At age 10, Chopping began collecting coins after his father tore apart a chesterfield and he found a 1900 10-cent piece inside.

"When my family and I went to the bank in Yorkton—which wasn't often—I would exchange \$20 I had saved up for 50-cent pieces. I was looking for rare coins," he said.

Nine years later, at 19, Chopping set aside his passion for collecting to accomplish his dreams of owning a motorcycle, and travelling the world—or so he thought.

He saved up \$600, bought a motorcycle and headed south to New Mexico for the winter.

"It was November 4, 1961 and there was about six inches of snow on the ground," he said. "I was wearing my buffalo coat, and I strapped my bag on the back of my 350 max bike."

By the time he arrived in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, he had endured his bike failing to start, and cold weather. By the time he left the following May, he had bought several Navajo paintings, and stayed with a group of students who, among other things, taught him how to kill a rattlesnake, whose skin he brought back with him.

One of the students, who Chopping remains friends with today, had also encouraged him to purchase a spinning wheel because he had one.

"I really wanted a spinning wheel, but when I came home, I only had 50 cents in my pocket," he said. "Three days later, I found one a lady was selling just north of town for \$20."

Despite not having the money to buy it, Chopping says he raided his coin collection and borrowed his dad's \$11-cream cheque to accumulate the required funds.

"My dad wasn't happy about that," said Chopping.

Years later, Chopping would move throughout Saskatchewan, working for various contractors, and adding to his collection whenever the opportunity arose.

By 1984, he had moved to a shop in Dubuc, where he also stored his collection. In May of that year, he left the shop to visit a friend in Whitewood and something clicked.

"I saw this antique house on my way back to Dubuc, and I thought, 'That would be perfect for a museum.' I've always wanted one," said Chopping. "So I pulled over, knocked on the door, and asked the owner if he would sell the house."

Chopping says the man was set on a price he couldn't afford.

"There was no hope in heck of getting it," he said. "I told him, 'There's no use in wasting your time or my time. If I win the lottery, I would like to buy your house.'" "I thought he would never sell it to me. Then, as every month went by, he came down a little bit more," said Chopping. "My heart was starting to beat."

On October 14, 1984, the man called Old George and told him he would sell the house for slightly more than he could afford.

"I called everybody at the Esterhazy mine, where I worked, my brothers, my mom, and no one would give me any money," said Chopping. "I told the man that if I phoned back within two hours, I would be agreeable to the deal."

"After two hours had passed, I had yet to call him, because I didn't have the money. I called him anyway, and he agreed to come down to the price I could afford."

"It was a beautiful dream come true. I couldn't believe it."

The homeowner had come down \$45,000 from his asking price.

In 1985, just before Chopping moved into the house in May, he hired some locals from Dubuc to help him transport his items from his shop in the town.

"We moved 10 three-ton truck loads, seven van loads, five car loads, and a bit of miscellaneous other things... We also moved a 90x30 barn."

Chopping says they moved a total of 1,340 boxes. The house became known as Old George's.

The name originates from Chopping's escapades as a bottle collector and member of the Parkland Bottle Collectors Club in 1978.

"I had been collecting bottles over the years, and I was writing a book about bottles I found on the Canadian Prairies," said Chopping. "Because I had been working on it for a while, and had yet to finish it, a member started giving me the gears at a meeting."

"He was laughing and said, 'Hey, Old George! Are you ever going to get that book published?'"

Since becoming the owner of Old George's, Chopping says he has put a lot of work into making it what it is today. "When I first owned the house, I did 99 hours of sandblasting, and put up 990 square feet of brick wall," he said. "I also painted the walls, and built a deck."

The house, which has 17 rooms and four fireplaces, is also his home. He heats it with the original furnace.

The rooms, from the basement to the attic, are comprised of intricate displays of nearly every antique you can imagine.

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**Combine & Header**

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**Swather**

- 2010 Westward M150 40 Ft.

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- 2008 International ProStar Limited Sleeper T/A Truck Tractor, s/n 2HSCWAPR68C539384.
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- 2000 GMC 2500 SL 4x4 Pickup.

**Trailers**

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**Tractors**

- 2012 Case IH 500HD - 2012 Case IH Puma 145 MFWD
- 1982 International 6788 4WD.

**Combines & Headers**

- (2) 2010 Case IH 7120 - 2009 Case IH 2142 36 Ft Draper - 2007 Case IH 2042 36 Ft Draper.

**Swather**

- 2012 Case IH WD1203 36 Ft - Swather Transport.

**Trucks**

- 2001 Peterbilt 379 Sleeper T/A Truck Tractor.
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- 2008 Ford F250 XLT 4x4 Pickup.

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- 2002 Wilson DWH400 41 Ft Grain - 1994 Wilson DWA-400C 45 Ft Tri/A Alum Grain - 1988 Lode King Pup Grain - 1977 Fruehauf 46 Ft T/A Hiboy - 1975 Univision 20 Ft T/A Gooseneck Equipment - Custombuilt Fuel.

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# Wawota MS Walk raises \$14,538.50

BY KRISTEN WEEDMARK

Dozens of Wawota walkers took to the streets recently to try to bring the cure to MS one step closer. There were 58 registered walkers this year, and the total raised was \$14,538.50 to go to the MS Society.

"People came from Rocanville, Wapella, Carlyle, Redvers, Manor, and Kenosee to walk," said Shawna Cudmore.

"I think that a lot of the people who came out are affected by MS. In our community alone there are 10 people with MS."

"We were down a few people this year, but I think it's because everybody's still in the field," said Cudmore. "We usually have a better turnout, but this year, because it's so wet, everybody's busy, so that hurt a little bit. We almost don't want the numbers to go up, because that just means that there are more people affected by MS."

"We get a lot of support from the town and from other towns as well."

The MS Walk started in Wawota in 1996 by Garry Dickson after his friend, Ron, was diagnosed with the disease.

"My friend passed away in January of 1996, of complications from MS," said Dickson. "I felt that I wanted to start something in his memory, so I started the MS walk. The first one was May 19, 1996, and we've had it every year since."

"I never envisioned it to grow to be what it is now. The first year we raised maybe a thousand dollars, and last year we raised sixteen thousand."

Dickson says that it is important to him that this walk continues to be held every year because there are so many people in the community affected by MS.



Above: People gather together before the walk begins

"I think if we keep at it, they will find a cure for it someday," said Dickson.

Pledge sheets were sent out about a month before the walk. The event was a five kilometre walk around Wawota. Halfway through the walk there was a pit stop for cookies, juice, and water, and after the walk a barbecue was held to show support for everyone who came out and raised money.

"I think the walk is pretty important for the community," said Cudmore. "Everybody wants to support the people who are affected. Trying to find a cure is what we're trying to fight for, trying to raise enough money to get people the right drugs and medications, the right surgeries."

"There are so many different kinds of MS it's hard to hit everybody, and get everybody all the drugs that they need, so I hope that this money helps."

Two residents of Wawota, Myrna Olson and Helen Weatherald, have taken part in the walk all 18 years it has been held.

Virginia Harper of the MS Society says that the money raised by the Wawota MS Walk will help a lot.

"Walks held in small communities are very important. The MS Walk is the MS Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, both across Canada and here in Saskatchewan. The walks in small communities make up

a big part of the funds raised," said Harper.

"The donations that come in through the MS Walk are donated 50-50 toward research and client services," said Harper. "So that would go toward the research that's going on across Canada. There have been a lot of new developments recently. We're really focusing on research for progressive MS. In terms of client services, there are a lot of things that are offered in Saskatchewan. If people have questions about MS or they're looking for support, then we certainly encourage them to contact us. There are MS conferences held and there are funding programs for people living with MS."

There are many different kinds of MS research going on right now. The MS Society runs some different programs, such as an MS summer school, where they encourage people who might be interested in looking into doing MS research. They get together and learn about what kinds of research they could be doing in MS. Another route available is for people to submit their potential research studies to the MS Society for funding.

The rates of MS in Saskatchewan are among the highest in Canada, and Canada has the highest rate of MS in the world. It is estimated that over 3,500 people in Saskatchewan are living with MS.



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# New traffic safety laws in Sask this month

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The laws around impaired driving are getting a lot tougher in Saskatchewan beginning June 27, 2014. Instead of the current 30-day licence suspension, new drivers caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol will face a 60-day licence suspension and will have their vehicle seized for three days. And that's just for a first offence—penalties increase based on number of offences. Experienced drivers will also face longer licence suspensions and vehicle seizures.

"Harsher penalties are aimed at deterring the unsafe choices some Saskatchewan drivers are making," said Donna Harpauer, Minister Responsible for SGI. "We want drivers to think twice before making a bad decision, like getting behind the wheel after drinking or texting while driving."

"A big thing for impaired driving is that the penalties are going to get a lot tougher," said Kelley Brinkworth of SGI. "Drug impaired drivers are going to be subject to the same sanctions as alcohol impaired drivers. It will depend on whether the person is a new driver or whether they're an experienced driver so if the blood alcohol content is over 0.08 there are different criteria."

These changes are all based on recommendations put forth by the Special Committee of Traffic Safety, which prepared a report of 26 recommendations to improve traffic safety in the province, and impaired driving was a major focus. The committee was formed by government last year to address the high rate of injuries and fatalities on Saskatchewan's roads.

"SGI, because we are very committed to traffic safety, we're very in favour of these changes," said Brinkworth. "As far as the public goes, we're getting a lot of questions, because people want to clarify what is changing and how it impacts them. We are trying to make sure that we are educating the public about what's changing so that they do know the consequences of their actions," she continued.

"Saskatchewan does have a high rate of impaired driving. Impaired driving is one of the top contributing factors to all fatal crashes here," said Brinkworth. "We have a target as part of our road safety challenge, that by Saskatchewan Day of 2015, we are aiming to reduce deaths and injuries by 10 per cent. And by Saskatchewan Day of 2017 we are aiming to reduce them by 20 per cent."

"We've had several impaired drivers over the year," said Sgt. Joe Telus of the Moosomin RCMP. "Every time that we can remove someone who has been drinking from the road, we increase safety. I hope these new laws will make a difference."

"What we would suggest to the public to do is to familiarize themselves with the new laws by going to the SGI site," said Telus.

Moosomin MLA Don Toth is a strong supporter of the new laws.

"There was a strong sense that people weren't heeding the current laws and if we have to firm them up then that's what we're going to do," said Toth.

"If you obey the law, you've got nothing to fear," he continued. "Some people feel that their rights and freedoms are being challenged, but no, they're not. If you disobey the law, you're going to pay the penalty."

"I really can't argue with these recommendations. It's a matter of safety and trying to provide safer roadways for people to travel on," said Toth. "The goal is to get people to realize that when they're on the road, they have a responsibility to pay attention. There are two things to driving, there's driving responsibly and driving defensively. These laws are there to ensure that we are protecting our children as they go back and forth to school, or people walking on the roads, or even travelling on the highways."

"I am in full agreement with what the Traffic Safety Committee has recommended."

"I hope that people will begin to realize that we're getting serious," said Toth. "Hopefully we'll be able to eliminate some of the serious accidents we've had in the past year."

Other traffic laws being introduced in the province effective June 27 include:

Convicted impaired drivers will face mandatory user-pay installation of an ignition interlock device on their vehicle, for a minimum nine months on a first offence and up to five years for subsequent offences.

Drivers caught using their cellphone while driving for the second time within one year will have their vehicle seized for up to seven days.

Drivers will face harsher penalties when they're travelling at 35 km/h or more over the speed limit (compared to the current 50 km/h).

Booster seats will be mandatory for children under seven years of age, less than 145 cm (4'9") in height and under 36 kg (80 lbs) in weight.

Photo radar will be piloted at three high-risk locations (Circle Drive in Saskatoon, Highway 1 and 9th Ave. intersection in Moose Jaw, and Ring Road in Regina) and in school zones.

Recommendations made by the Motorcycle Review Committee will also result in changes this summer, many with a focus on new riders:

Riders in the Motorcycle Graduated Driver Licensing (MGDL) program and their passengers will be required to have their arms and legs covered, wear hand-covering gloves, ankle-covering boots, and either an approved three-quarter, modular or full-face motorcycle helmet.

MGDL riders will have to place a placard on their licence plate to indicate they are a new rider. Placards will display a red L for riders in the learner stage and a green N for riders in the novice stages. Drivers will be required to hold a Class 5 or higher driver's licence before applying for a motorcycle learner's licence.

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# Old George's Museum and Hidden Village

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 "Eighty per cent of the items are from Saskatchewan, 15 per cent are from Manitoba, and five per cent are from Alberta. A few other things are from B.C., the Harbour in Toronto, and other travels I have been on," said Chopping.

His oldest item is a 1636 land title deed from England.

Chopping says he doesn't have a favourite item because there are too many to choose from. But, he does say that he is keen on anything related to pioneers and hard times.

As for all of the items, "I have a passion for learning about their history, and sharing that knowledge with people who come here," he said. "I also like to show off what I have. We're all big kids, but not everyone wants to admit that."

Nestled behind the house, there is also a 'hidden village' comprised of 30 buildings, including a chapel, saloon, blacksmith shop, Chinese laundromat, a clothing store and much more. There is also a stage people can perform on.

"I've been building it for the past 17 years," said Chopping. "There's a new addition nearly every day."

In the last ten of those 17 years, he has used a tractor to move several pioneer homesteads from throughout the area to the village. Each homestead is furnished with decor of the pioneer period, including shelving, a bed or two, as well as a stove.

"They give people the experience of what it was like to live during pioneer times," said Chopping. "People can even spend the night in them, and even cook on the stove."

The hidden village, Chopping says, would not be possible without the materials he acquires from salvage yards in Whitewood and area.

"I use a lot of materials from the dumps," he said. "Recycling plays a big role in making additions to the village."

He says bikers from Toronto, who were on their way to Sturgis, high school stu-

dents from Lemberg, people attending the Whitewood Rodeo, and couples are among those who have stayed there overnight.

Since opening Old George's 29 years ago, Chopping says he has had roughly 22,000 guests. Per year, he says he gets between 500 and 1,000 a year.

"Sometimes, I have no idea how people have heard about me," said Chopping.

One day, two guys stopped by and they said they read about me in Beijing in Chinese Cosmopolitan, he said. "I had no idea what they were talking about, so I asked them to go get the magazine and show me. I couldn't believe it when I saw the article. "You never know who's talking about you."

Chopping says he has had guests from across North America, as well as overseas.

"I always ask people to describe this place in 15 words or less. But you can't," said Chopping.

"I don't even know how to describe it. It's an unusual place that people have no idea about until they walk through here."

Old George's has been written about in publications including *Canadian Geographic*, *National Geographic*, and *Prairies North*. An independent film crew is also currently working on a documentary about the iconic place.

Chopping was also honored with the Saskatchewan Tourism Ambassador Award of Excellence in 1997.

"It feels great to have this place recognized. . . I always say, 'I've gotten married to it,'" said Chopping. "I spend all of my time doing this—morning and night."

Once in a while, I hire someone for a couple of days to give me help with something that's heavy. But it's usually always just me.

"The only way I could make it better is if I won a million dollars in the lottery. I'd hire a bunch of people to help me."

Chopping says there aren't really hours at Old George's. "If it's 10 p.m. and you're coming from far away, and I'm up, I'll take you on a tour," he said.



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 George Chopping (Old George) takes a break from taking guests on tours by sitting in his saloon.

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# Jess Moskaluke making it big and keeping it small-town

BY JULIA DIMA  
From the church choir in Langenburg, Saskatchewan to two full-length albums, Jess Moskaluke has come a long way.

Moskaluke was recently named the Saskatchewan Country Music Association's (SCMA) female vocalist of the year. As well, her single off of her second album, "Good Lovin'" won single of the year. Moskaluke says it's a huge honour.

"It was awesome. They called my name and I was extremely excited. You walk up there and try to thank everyone you can remember. It was very humbling for me," she says. "I think it's the second or third year that I've been nominated for one of the awards, and the second year I've ever won, so it's all still pretty new to me and very exciting."

Moskaluke got her start in singing at 15, always being part of the church choir, and entering singing competitions.

"I started winning some of those competitions, and I realized that maybe I could make more of this than just a hobby."

Moskaluke says even when she started entering contests and posting her music covers on Youtube, she never imagined she'd be where she is today.

"It's so strange, I guess because it was just a hobby at first, and just something I enjoyed doing. I was never thinking, 'I should put a song out on the radio.' I just love the act of being on stage and performing, and I never really thought about what was supposed to happen next."

For her, it's about taking it project by project, and taking the whirlwind of music videos, performances, and albums day by day.

"I think what some people forget is that this is a job and it is a career, as well. Certainly it's a dream, but now it's my career as well, there's certain expectations on me, it's not just 'Oh, this is going to be so fun.' Now, it's also, 'I hope I don't let anybody down, I have to make sure I perform well and that I'm well spoken', there's just so many of these little things running through my head that it doesn't really allow me to just think about how cool this all is."

She says that performing the National Anthem at the Blue Jays game on June 1 was one of the things that made her think about how cool it all is.

"That was the first time in a long time that I was just standing there thinking about how cool it was to be in that moment. It was amazing," she says.

Now living in Rocanville, Moskaluke says that staying true to her small town roots is a big part of her music.

"(The success) should never change you as a person. There are things that have changed about me, but it doesn't change who your family is, and it doesn't change who your friends are, and there's

where I want to be, close to home where my family and friends are. It doesn't change that I'm a small town girl, that's who I've been for 24 years, it doesn't stop when I put a song out on the radio, like, 'I should go live in Nashville now.' For me right now, that's not where I want to be just yet . . . I am definitely a Saskatchewan girl, and I love this place so much, and I love where I am."

Moskaluke says not every song on her albums is about what's happened to her, but every song is influenced by growing up in Langenburg and Rocanville.

"It doesn't matter where you're from, it's how you grew up and it's what you know, so whether or not I actually insert something in my songs from Rocanville or Langenburg, it's always influenced by what I know from growing up in a small town. It's shaped me as much as a person as a writer."

Moskaluke says she doesn't think about where her career is going, because life has been so uncertain for her the past few years. She just hopes her career keeps going up.

"I don't want to limit myself to one thing, I don't want to say that the next step is a Canadian Country Music Award. That would be lovely, but there's literally millions of things that could happen or not happen, so I just hope I can continue making music, and make a living making music that people enjoy."

Moskaluke spends her summers on tours, and is touring across Canada at country music festivals this year.

"We're starting to get into the summer festival season now. I'm doing Camrose Big Valley Jamboree, a Canada Day celebration in St. Catharines, Boots and Hearts in Bowmanville, Ontario, a show with Doc Walker in Melville, I'm doing the Moose Jaw Exhibition, and a couple other things as well."

Touring everywhere has made Moskaluke really appreciate the comfort of coming home.

"It's tough to be away from home, and it's tough living out of a suitcase. I think I took for-granted just having a closet to put your clothes in, and the same bed to sleep in every night. I'm just realizing how important that is. I'm such a home-body."

Moskaluke says that her favorite part of coming home to Saskatchewan is just relaxing.

"Even just eating breakfast at breakfast time or lunch at lunch time, because sometimes on tour and traveling, you just don't stop to eat, there's not enough time. I'm just so thankful for downtime now."

In terms of where things are going for Moskaluke, she plans on just going where life takes her. "A year ago, I thought that by now, I'd be married and have kids, but now, all that is changing," she says. "Everything changes daily for me."



Jess Moskaluke with her parents. She was named the SCMA female vocalist of the year.



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