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Largest, second largest bears taken by Manitoba bowhunters in 2011: Father, son, take down two massive bears

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Both Barry and Clayton Canart of Elkhorn were happy to bag bears in the Assiniboine Valley during the bowhunting season in June, but neither realized quite how significant the bears were at the time.

Clayton's bear was the largest taken by a Manitoba bowhunter in 2011—and the 10th largest of all time.

His father's bear was the second largest taken by a bowhunter in 2011—and the 14th largest of all time.

The two bears were taken a mile apart within three weeks of one another.

Jeff Ross of the Manitoba Bowhunting Records Club confirms that the Canarts' names will be going down in the record books.

"Clayton is ranked 10th all time, first for the year, and Barry is 14th all time and second for the year," Ross said Thursday.

The official measurements are 21 13/16 for Clayton's bear and 21 1/16 for Barry's. The measurements are the total length combined with total width of the bear's skull.

Ross says the one and two ranking is out of the ordinary not only because it's a father and son who took down the largest bears, but because of the proximity of the sites and the fact the two bears were taken within three weeks.

"Bears are really dominant," said Ross. "You would never have two bears that large living that close together. The first bear must have been the dominant bear, and after he was killed, the second must have just been moving into the area and the son was lucky enough to get him."

"The odds of this happening... it will probably never ever happen again. This just doesn't happen."

Amazingly, not only were the bears the Canarts took the two largest in Manitoba, they are the first bears they have shot.

"Those were our first bears," says Barry. He says he has started getting back into bowhunting

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—Barry Canart of Elkhorn



Barry Canart of Elkhorn with his bear taken in the Assiniboine Valley during bowhunting season last June.

over the last couple of years. "I bought a bow back in '92," he says. "I quit farming and thought I would have a lot of time—but I found out I don't have any time."

"Last year I did some bear baiting."

Barry says that there are a lot of different color variations in the bears in the Assiniboine Valley. "I've seen lots of blonde bears, my bear is black, and Clayton's is cinnamon," he said. "There are lots of different color variations. I guess it's not like

that everywhere. Talking to a guy from Lorette, he's never seen anything but black bears."

Bowhunting bears involves baiting them with a drum full of scraps and waiting in a tree stand for a bear to approach.

"We have a tree stand 25-30

yards away," says Barry. "We sit up there about 15 feet above the ground. I sat there lots of nights."

"It's a bit of a waiting game. You have to sit and wait for a bear to come along. This day, a bear came in—a good-sized bear. I just left him and didn't shoot, and he left. Then this other one came wandering in, and he was bigger. He weighed 525 pounds."

Barry said he aimed behind the shoulder in an attempt to pierce the lungs. "You try for a double lung shot, that's the easiest vital spot to hit," he said. "If you just wound them, they just go away."

"In archery, if you don't get the first shot, you don't get the shot," he said.

Clayton said he spent a lot of hours in a tree stand before bagging his bear. "We were out there a lot—I probably spent 50-some hours or 60 hours up in the stand," he said. "We're up there four hours a night. We spent a lot of hours hunting. I go to the same stand every night, and I didn't see anything for the first six nights I went."

"I knew he'd been there, because I had my trail camera set up. He came in a couple of times during the day—in the middle of the day."

Trail cameras are motion sensitive, so animals moving within a given area trigger a snapshot.

Clayton finally met up with the bear the second last night of hunting season.

"The night that I shot it I almost left because the mosquitoes were so bad that night they were almost unbearable," he says.

"Then a little cub came in and, then I saw he got scared and took off into the bush, then I saw the two bears come. As soon as he cleared the opening I took my shot. I didn't wait."

Clayton said aiming at just the right spot is all-important when bowhunting for bears. "You have to watch their front shoulder, because there's a lot of bone in it," he said.

"You have to get just behind the front shoulder."

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Moosomin Motel 6 on track for summer opening

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
 Within a few of months, Moosomin's second new motel in two years will open.

The new Motel 6 will be owned and operated by Krista and Josef Tesar, and by Josef Jr. and Jessica Valois-Tesar. The family has decades of experience in the hospitality industry in Saskatchewan, running the Ramada Hotel in Prince Albert. "We are very proud to be part of Saskatchewan's and Moosomin's vibrant economic growth by bringing the new look of the Motel 6 Phoenix design to Moosomin," Josef Tesar said last week. "We are going to have 76 rooms in total, including 16 rooms with kitchenettes for extended stays. We will have approximately three acres of parking, with lots of room for large trucks and trailers."

The environmentally-friendly design will include solar panels on the roof, flooring made of 80 per cent recycled material, low-flush toilets, low-flow showerheads, and xeriscaping, or low-water landscaping. "This is the first Motel 6 Phoenix design in Saskatchewan with solar panels," Tesar said. "It will have 30 panels on the roof which will heat water for the laundry room and guests. It's a green hotel. It won the economy hotel of the year design."

Motel designer Mohsen Zakaria of Penalta Group said this will be the first Motel 6 using solar panels to heat water. "The solar collectors will preheat the domestic water," he explained. "It's new technology. This is the first Motel 6 with this technology and it created some challenges as far as the roof trusses are concerned—since we have heavy equipment on the roof—and working it in with the plumbing system."



New motel on schedule

The owners of the new Motel 6 in Moosomin got together with the motel's designer, franchise group, financial institution, construction foreman, and representatives of the town and chamber of commerce for a construction update Friday, Feb. 24. From left: Construction foreman Don McKay, Mohsen Zakaria of Penalta Group, which designed the motel, Monica Bonneau of Diamond North Credit Union in Prince Albert, Moosomin Motel 6 owners Krista Tesar and Joseph Tesar, Realstar Hospitality regional director of franchise development Ron Grant, Moosomin Town Administrator Paul Listrom, Cory Enns of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce, and Moosomin Town Councillor Ann Norgan.

Moosomin's Motel 6 will feature a meeting room for up to 50 people, a gym, a 24-hour marketplace and a complimentary limited breakfast. Tesar said he likes the clean look of the hotel, especially the wood-look recycled flooring in place of carpet. "Finally, after 30 years in this

business, I see no carpet in the hotel rooms," he said. "There is a reason why hospitals and health clubs do not use carpets."

Tesar said the Motel 6 will not look like a typical budget motel inside. "We are offering flat screen TVs, black granite bathroom and kitchenette countertops, multimedia pan-

els with MP3 players, and free wifi internet access," he said.

Tesar said he is happy by the way he has been treated by the town since approaching the town with his plans. "I really want to thank the mayor of Moosomin, Don Bradley and his staff for extremely speedy and efficient help to rezone and approve this de-

velopment," he said. "It only took four weeks to rezone 20 residential lots to Number One highway commercial. Everywhere else it takes forever. This is the place to do business in Saskatchewan."

Tesar could have built his new hotel anywhere. Why Moosomin? "We looked all over the

place," he says. "We went to see Regina, Yorkton, Esterhazy . . .

"Moosomin is on the Number One highway plus it's close to everything. I like the demographics of this place the most."

"We can see the growth in the very important franchises like Tim Horton's and Subway, you have a beautiful restaurant and lounge at the Red Barn, you have a new convention centre, you have another hotel there, you have a new hospital, which is very important, you have a clean community. You're right in the middle of the oil and the potash and the pipelines, and you have the wind farm there. And of course the big potash expansion. You add up those factors and you've got excellent prospects for growth."

Realstar Hospitality regional director of franchise development Ron Grant said his company is excited to bring the Motel 6 brand to Moosomin.

"When we look at a community we do an assessment of where is the potential business going to come from," he said. "When we looked at the Moosomin area, with the population base as well as the developing industries in the area, we saw it as an excellent opportunity to come in with a budget property as there was already a good size mid-market property in the market."

"Moosomin is a great stop off point. There is a lot of potential with some of the economic resources in the area."

Tesar said the motel is on track to open its doors this June.

"We are on schedule," he said. "We have to be open on time. We have bookings for July 6."

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Clayton Canart with his bear taken in the Assiniboine Valley during bowhunting season last June. He and his father were recently told that the two bears they took within a mile of each other and within three weeks of each other, are the two largest bears taken in 2011 by bowhunters in Manitoba.

Father, son, take down two massive bears

Continued from front
 "He went 12 feet from where the arrow hit him and that was it. That was as perfect a shot as you can get, but it was more luck than good management."

He said he didn't realize at first that this was not your average bear. "To be honest, I didn't know what a big bear it was," he said. "I knew it was a good bear, but I didn't know how big it was."

"Someone said it was a decent bear. I took it into Brandon to get it scored, and he said it was a massive bear."

Clayton says he enjoys bear hunting because it brings him close to nature.

"I enjoy the bear hunting more than anything else," he said. "In the two years I've been there, that's the 19th bear I've seen. They're interesting, intelligent animals. It's interesting watching them trying to get the bait."

"There was a sow with three cubs one time and she chased them up the tree—there were three cubs in the tree beside me."

"You see all the birds up there and watch how they act. It's just neat, just being in nature."

There have been some other large bears taken in the Assiniboine Valley in southwestern Manitoba, but Clayton isn't about to give up the location of his favorite hunting spot.

"Lots of people are asking but I'll never tell them," he said.

The mounted bears will be on display at the Manitoba Bowhunters Association convention in Winnipeg March 17.

Both bears are being done in full body mounts.

"I told my wife it would be the centrepiece of the living room, but she doesn't like that idea," said Barry.

Manitoba Bowhunting records

Largest black bear killed in Manitoba
 22 13/16 taken at Olha by Rob Evans in 2008

Largest black bear killed in the area—until now
 21 12/16 taken at McAuley by Barry Minshull in 2008

Size and ranking of Clayton Canart's bear
 21 13/16, first for 2011, 10th of all time

Size and ranking of Barry Canart's bear
 21 10/16, second for 2011, 14th of all time

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Land Solutions builds new office in Lampman

BY KARA KINNA

Land Solutions, a land company based in Calgary, has recently completed the construction of a 2,100 square foot office in Lampman, Sask. The bungalow-style building is the company's third biggest office and houses six staff, with plans to add staff down the road.

"There is a lot of potential in this area, and that's why we made the capital investment to buy a lot and build on it," says Shawn Howard, Senior Land Manager with Land Solutions. "The Bakken Play is proven, so there is a lot of work that will be done in this area. Looking at the next 10 years, there will probably be more business and more acquisition going forward. And with the regulations changing it will lead to more work in that particular area as well."

Land Solutions is a public consultation and land acquisition specialist company for surface and mineral rights, working for the oil, gas and renewable energy industries. Howard says Land Solutions



Land Solutions' new office in Lampman, Sask.

first moved to Lampman in 2006, setting up office in a one-bedroom bachelor apartment before moving to a three-bedroom apartment in 2008. The company completed and moved into the new building on Lampman's main street in December 2011, and leased the basement of the building out to a construction

company. Howard says the company anticipates growth from the six staff that are now in place there.

"We are anticipating growth over the next five years, and we hope to double the staff we have in place," he says.

He says Lampman is a prime location for the company. "This is kind of the

best place to be," he says. "We find it's easy to service western Manitoba from here. Most of our competitors are in Regina and some are in Estevan. We are more in the heart of the Bakken play, so we feel like being in the middle of the play allows us to have a competitive advantage over other companies. We are estab-

lished in the play, we are driving less, we have less bills, and we are available to travel quite easily into Manitoba from there."

Howard says it is also a pleasure to have an office in a small, rural community. "The owners of Land Solutions, we are all kind of small town people as well. We enjoy the small

town setting. It's a more personable setting and we can have a little more to say and see an impact on the smaller communities."

Howard says the town seemed happy to see Land Solutions move forward with the new office.

"In the construction phase we had lots of feedback from the community saying they were very happy to see the building going in," he says. "The town has been great to work with, they have helped us with everything. The residents are very happy to see a stable company deepen its roots in the community, and it kind of adds some curb appeal to the town by having a new business in town. Hopefully that might draw other businesses in to build."

Howard says the company is actively seeking land administrators and agents in the area. "We are always looking for the newer generation to look into becoming land administrators and land agents, and if anyone is interested they can stop into the new office with any questions they may have."

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Think Pink 4 expected to be biggest yet

BY KARA KINNA

The fourth annual Think Pink ladies night out has found a new home this year, and is expected to be bigger than ever.

"I'm quite excited about it being the fourth year, and I'm excited for it to be at the Conexus Convention Centre," says organizer Kim Johnson-Hilts. "It will be the first time there and it will be roomier for us, so we should be able to sell some more tickets and bring out a few more people."

Think Pink has become an annual tradition in Moosomin, with Johnson-Hilts organizing the event each year as a fundraiser for the breast cancer screening program in Saskatchewan. The annual ladies night out features cocktails and supper followed

by a fashion show by Kari's Kloset and Brazen Clothing. A silent auction and raffle is also held along with the event.

Formerly held at the Uptown banquet room, Johnson-Hilts says the event has sold out every year well in advance, and this year she hopes the much larger Conexus Convention Centre will allow more women to attend the event.

"The first year I did it, we sold out almost two weeks early, and the second year, I put the ads in the paper later, but we still sold out a week in advance, and ladies were still phoning," she says.

Last year the event raised just over \$6,000, and was a sellout once again. This year, Johnson-Hilts says she is printing 300



The annual Think Pink ladies night out is a fundraiser for breast cancer screening.

tickets, with hopes that there will be enough room for everyone who wants to attend at the new convention centre.

Johnson-Hilts says she has already had women asking her about the event, and wondering where it will be held this year well in advance of ticket sales. She says most women seem to really enjoy the ladies night out.

"They feel it's fun and for a good cause," she says. "I look forward to it. And it seems to be a positive thing. The ladies seem to really enjoy themselves. They laugh and they have a good time, and Kari (Murray) and Janelle (McGonigal) do such a good job of the fashion show. There is a good variety of ages there too. It seems like something that women of all ages can do. You

can bring minors—young ladies under 18 can come as well."

Johnson-Hilts says women come from Moosomin and surrounding towns to attend the event, and she looks forward to hosting it every year.

"I look forward to seeing everyone every year," she says. "For being for such a good cause, it's a lot of fun. When you scan the room and you see them out on the town with their friends, it's a good feeling."

Think Pink will be held on Saturday, March 24 at the Conexus Convention Centre in Moosomin with doors opening at 6 p.m. Johnson-Hilts says anyone wanting tickets should book tables in advance and can do so by calling her at 306-435-3151 or 3027.

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Fleming arson:

Two years for Yates for elevator fire

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
 The mayor of Fleming says he's satisfied justice has been done with the sentencing of Joey Michael Yates to two years less a day for his role in the arson that destroyed Fleming's historic grain elevator.

Following his time in custody, Yates will serve 18 months probation.

He has also been ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution to the community of Fleming.

Yates, who is from Oak Lake, had pleaded guilty to setting fire the historic Lake of the Woods elevator in Fleming.

The elevator, which was built in 1895, was oldest elevator in Canada still on its original site and the people of Fleming had high hopes of turning the historic site into a tourist attraction.

The elevator was burned to the ground Feb. 9, 2010, before it could be opened as a tourist attraction following extensive fundraising and renovations.

Yates had admitted in court that he poured gasoline on the elevator, but said someone else lit the match that started the fire.

Yates was taken from the court in custody after hearing his sentence Tuesday.

His lawyer requested that he be released pending his appeal, but the judge refused the request.

Fleming Mayor Phil Hamm said he feels the sentence is fair.

"I thought he looked contrite and remorseful in court, and you have to feel sorry in a way for a young man who got himself into that kind of trouble, but there has to be a penalty," Hamm said.

"I thought it was a fair sentence, anything above that would have had to be served in a penitentiary, and I can understand why the judge didn't think that would be right. The prosecutor had asked for two years less a day, and that's what he got.

"I thought it was a serious crime and it needed a serious response."

The judge also ordered that, once he is released, Yates must travel to Fleming to face the community, and apologize, if the community wants that.

The judge said in her ruling that the arson was a serious personal injury offense, because once Yates started the fire, it was beyond his control to affect and it created a danger to people nearby.

Hamm says the ruling hasn't given him a sense of closure, but "perhaps the end of the beginning. We still have two more guys to go, and there's always the possibility of civil action too. It's a very good first step, finally

Another accused in the case, Charles Dron, is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Moosomin May 1.



The historic Lake of the Woods Elevator burned to the ground at Fleming on Feb. 9, 2010. Monique McKay photo

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Trades are currently in high demand within the industrial and energy sectors of southeast Saskatchewan. As such, the college offers an Electrical program in Estevan and Moosomin. In just 20 weeks, this applied certificate program provides students with entry level skills. The program trains on how to make electrical installations and

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The Power Engineering Technician program in Estevan always runs at full capacity because of its post-graduate demand. This 36-week program provides practical training in boiler operations, mainte-

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Did you know that Hairstylist is a trade? The college is very excited this year to move its Hairstylist program to Weyburn, opening up a new classroom and training salon in the Weyburn City Centre Mall. Recently named the Teach and Trim Salon, this new location provides students with an environment in which they can learn their theory and practical all in one space. Interest and enrollment is expected to grow, with some students already registered for the Fall 2012 program.

To meet the growing demand for practical nurses in the health sector, the college will be continuing its two-year, 65-week Practical Nursing program at Cowessess First Nation as well as introducing a new program in Weyburn in the Fall of 2012. Employment opportunities for licensed practical nurses are excellent with graduate opportunities in acute care hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, medical centres and extended care facilities, or potentially with electrical contractors, large manufacturing and mining firms, retail outlets or wholesale outlets.

For those interested in health care but not a nursing career, the college also offers the 30-week Continuing Care Aid program in Whitewood to meet the growing demand for continuing care assistants in home care settings, long-term care facilities, private care homes, and others.

For those who enjoy the office environment, the 32-week Office Education program in Assiniboia or Estevan will prepare graduates for employment as an administrative assistant, administrative support staff or receptionists in fields such as government, education, law, medicine, engineering, manufacturing, travel, insurance, banking and business.

As southeast Saskatchewan continues to be a destination of choice for working immigrants and their families, the need for English skills training continues to grow. The college strives to be a leader in this area by expanding its English as Another Language (EAL) programs to Assiniboia, Estevan, Moosomin, Rocanville, and Weyburn. Additionally, the college recently opened the Southeast Newcomer Services in Estevan, an immigration gateway



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Long gun registry is history

Komarnicki feels relief as gun bill passes

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Conservative MPs cheered Wednesday after the House of Commons voted to scrap the long-gun registry on Feb. 15, putting to rest an issue that has had farmers and hunters up in arms since Bill C-68 was passed in 2001.

The Harper government used its majority to pass the bill, ending the gun registry by a vote of 159-130, with the support of two maverick New Democrats—John Rafferty and Bruce Hyer.

All other NDP, Liberal, Bloc Quebecois and Green MPs voted against it.

The vote is the final word from the House of Commons on the issue—all that remains is for the Senate to give its assent.

"It's been a long time coming," Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki told the World-Spectator after the vote last week.

"There were a couple of near misses when we were a minority government, and finally it's become law."

He said the gun registry was a touchstone issue for many people in the riding, "It's amazing really," he said. "That piece of legislation had such strong support from Western Canadians, and in our area especially."

"It symbolized, or maybe was the focal point, where the former Liberal government lost touch with Western Canadians and ordinary Canadians, and were passing something that pandered to a narrow view of Canadians in the East.

"It was emblematic of a



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Candice Hoepfner receives a hand shake from a fellow MP as they vote on Bill C-19, a bill to scrap the long-gun registry, in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The House of Commons voted 150-130 to abolish the registry.

deeper issue or mistrust of the government of the day and for a lot of people it was the last straw. It was just one push too far. The worst is, they did it through the criminal code. The sanctions were criminal. Something irked people about that. When you look at the fact that some of the rifles were in common use and the people who possessed them were as good rock solid Canadians as you could hope for, there was resistance.

"The long gun registry was the thing that festered. Western Canadians wanted it gone."

Komarnicki said he was pleased to be there for the vote in the House of Commons Wednesday. "It was quite a moment, quite a turning point," he said. "I think a lot of Canadians and especially a lot of farmers will be happy to see this."

"I think it's finally saying the government has come to its senses and is going after

real criminals and not law-abiding citizens."

Komarnicki said that, for the last several years, the long-gun registry was always an issue for some people.

"It was always there, if you were going to carry a wide ranging conversation asking people what they wanted done, this would always come up," he said.

"The majority of people in our area wanted it gone, and a lot of people were passion-

ate about it.

"Many complied with the registry because they are law-abiding people, but didn't feel good about it. This is a good day for farmers, duck hunters and law-abiding recreational users of long guns."

The Member of Parliament said he feels relieved the Conservatives can now put the issue to rest.

"It's a sense of relief more than accomplishment," he said. "We knew we could do

this with our majority. It was something that was left unfinished and needed attention. Now we can move on to other issues."

Komarnicki says that, while the vast majority of people in the Souris-Moose Mountain riding are dead-set against the long-gun reg-

istry, the opposition in Ott-tawa was strongly opposed to the new legislation ending the registry.

"I spoke just recently on this bill, and the opposition to this is still great," he said. "The opposition didn't want to see it passed. The debate is still out there for sure, except we're now on the winning side."

Prime minister Stephen Harper has repeatedly vowed to kill the long-gun registry, but he's been thwarted until now by the opposition parties, which could stop any legislation until the Conservatives won their majority in last May's election.

"Many of us have waited for this day for a very long time," Public Safety Minister Vic Toews told a news conference earlier Wednesday.

He said it's the end of a campaign that began for him 15 years ago, when he was attorney general of Manitoba. And he called it an important day for Conservatives, who have opposed the registry for years.

Toews said the registry is "a billion-dollar boondoggle" that does nothing but penalize law-abiding hunters and farmers.

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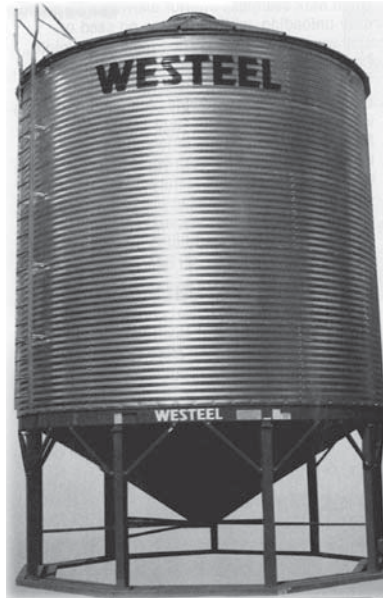
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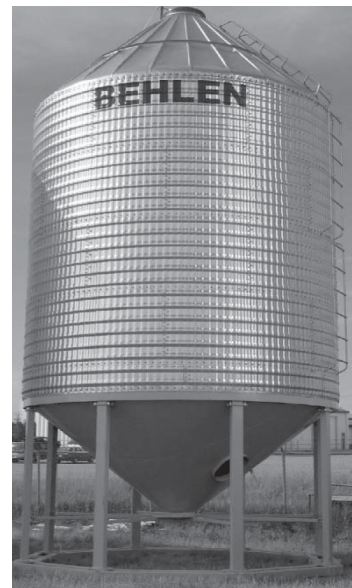
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Budget should dominate session

BY JENNIFER GRAHAM
 THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the spring sitting of the legislature will be dominated by a budget that will include program cuts.

The budget is to be delivered March 21.

Wall said nothing is off the table as the province tries to keep the books in the black. There will be what he calls "management adjustments" to social programs and other programs could be completely eliminated.

"If we're going to keep our taxes low and have enough dollars at the end of the day to help those who are most vulnerable, to press forward with the housing initiative, all of that needs to be built on the strength of a fiscally responsible plan," said Wall.

Saskatchewan's economy is strong now, he said, but budget choices are about making sure programs are sustainable for the long term and "that might require some difficult decisions today."

"The surest way to lose those important programs that help people is that if we're not vigilant, if we're not stewards, if we're not making sure we take

the decisions to ensure that they last for a long time... so that's what we're talking about."

Opposition NDP Leader John Nilson said Saskatchewan residents want a balanced approach to the province's finances. He said Wall's arguments for budget cuts don't jive with the government's boasts about the economy.

"We're very concerned that the premier seems to be talking out of both sides of his mouth on a number of issues, but the main one being the economy," said Nilson.

"He says that things are booming—we have to go to Ireland to find workers—and then in the next breath he's saying well, watch out, we can't negotiate reasonable contracts with all of the workers we do have here."

The NDP is going back to the legislature on the hunt for a new boss. Nilson has been interim leader since last November.

Nilson, who was first elected in 1995, said he doesn't think about juggling leadership aspirations of caucus members.

"I don't worry about that because there's so few of us we all get to ask lots

of question, so, practically, everybody will get a good chance to ask questions," he said.

"It's always more fun when you have four or five people ready to go each day and that's what I anticipate happening. We're working hard to make sure that we have questions that relate to some of the long-term issues. But we're all very ready for the day-to-day issues that we're all going to discover and say, hey, we need an answer to that."

The government heads into the sitting with the intention of passing 36 pieces of legislation that were introduced last fall.

There is legislation to start the school year on the Tuesday following Labour Day. Another proposed law would extend the notice period for rent increases from six months to one year for property owners who don't join a tenant assistance initiative created by the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Industry Association.

"The bills we introduced in December will be obviously brought forward now for conclusion hopefully in the spring. And there will be some budget-related bills, but nothing out of the ordinary," said Wall.

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal:

Moffatt, Fafard receive medal

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Wade Moffatt, originally from Moosomin, and Joe Fafard, originally from Ste. Marthe, were among the first 32 Saskatchewan residents to be presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in February.

The medals were presented in a ceremony at Government House in Regina.

The medals are being presented to mark the 60th anniversary of the Queen's ascension to the throne.

"The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal enables us to pay tribute to our outstanding citizens who have made an enormous difference in our nation and, in some cases, far beyond our borders," Lieutenant-Governor Gordon Barnhart said. "The first 32 Saskatchewan medal recipients are generous, visionary and committed leaders who have made extraordinary contributions."

Both Moffatt and Fafard have come a long way from their small-town roots. Moffatt is now vice-president and general manager of CTV Saskatchewan, and Fafard is known in art circles around the world as one of Canada's greatest living artists.

Moffatt trying to make a difference

Wade Moffatt is the Vice President and General Manager of CTV Saskatchewan, and has been with the national broadcaster since 1991.

He has been instrumental in CTV initiatives such as CTV's Citizen of the Year, the Hometown Tour, and the Sandra Schmirler Charity Golf Classic.

He has also contributed to establishing partnerships with organizations such as Brighter Futures, The Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, the Paragon Awards, and the Lieutenant Governor's Leadership Forum.

Moffatt has served on boards for organizations such as Regina's Globe Theatre and Habitat for Humanity.

He currently serves on the Board of the Western Association of Broadcasters, is a member of the Jaleta Pacers Running Team, and continues to work within the community and province through his professional affiliations.

Moffatt said he was honored and surprised when informed of the honor. "There are probably 10,000 people in Saskatchewan who should receive this award," he said in an interview following the awards ceremony. "I'm very honored I was one of those chosen."

He said he has tried to make a difference in his career in broadcasting.

"I'm very proud of the work that I do," he said. "I believe that when you're put in a position of influence, which I have been, you are given an opportunity to make a difference."

"I've tried to do my best to make a difference, and I hope that that is the reason I have been chosen."

Moffatt said he works with charities and organizations to try to provide exposure to worthy projects and programs.

"I work with the not-for-profit community a lot," he said. "I try hard to look at what the greatest needs are, and they're not always the most recognizable associations—some of them are small organizations."

"I just listen and listen—I listen a lot—and I try very

hard to recognize who needs the help the most, and try to provide it," Moffatt said. "That is something that is very important to me."

Moffatt believes that local TV has a strong role to play in helping community organizations by sharing their stories.

"People know I am very loyal to local TV for many reasons, and one is the opportunity to make a difference," he said. "I get a lot of calls from people I know about an event or a program that people should know about, and when I get a call like that, I always try to respond," he said.

"Over the years, whether it was fundraisers for the local hospital or an event in the community, when I've got calls from the local community I try very hard to make sure that I'm able to do something for the community. If people call, I want to help."

He said adding the Saskatchewan CTV morning shows is providing additional opportunities for local programming. "I'm excited when we have our morning shows," he said. "That 15 hours of local tv gives so many more opportunities for people to speak up about what they're doing to make our province better."

He said he was in awe when he arrived at the presentation ceremony on Monday and took a look around the room at the other medal recipients.

"There are a lot of people trying to make a difference in this province," he said. "We do what we can because we're in a position to make a difference. I was in awe of the people in that room. I'm very honored to be among them, and it inspires me to do more."

Moffatt said he loves his career. "I absolutely love broadcasting," he said. "I am so proud to be a broadcaster. I was a camera guy, a writer, a producer, I worked in sales—I've seen this business from every angle and I love every part of it. I think I'm a lot more fulfilled because I do like the business."

"I didn't know where my career was going in broadcasting, but I like where I am because I am in a position to make a difference."



Joe Fafard's "The Pasture" in Toronto

Fafard's art mirrors rural childhood

Joe Fafard was born in a log cabin at Sainte-Marthe, a tiny francophone community northeast of Rocanville,

near the Manitoba border.

The small community consists of a few homes and a former church, and is located just south of the Potash-Corp Rocanville mine.

Fafard is now known around the world, but still calls Saskatchewan home and has family members in and around Moosomin, Rocanville, and St. Lazare.

Fafard left the farm and studied art at the University of Manitoba, where he earned his BFA in 1966, and Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his MFA in 1968.

Returning home to Saskatchewan after completing his formal art studies, he developed his unique style of folk-art sculpture.

Art critics point out that insight and humor mark his portraits of his rural neighbors and their farm animals, but Fafard has a different perspective.

"I don't put any humor into my work," he says, "I just don't bother taking it out."

According to his commendation for the Jubilee medal, Fafard's art has enriched the cultural life of the prairies and constitutes one of Canada's most original artistic productions.

Fafard has transplanted the cows and horses he grew up around into cities around the world.

One of his most famous works, "The Pasture," consists of several bronze cows on a lawn at the base of the towering Toronto-Dominion Bank headquarters in Toronto.

Fafard's bovine sculptures can be seen on the lawn of the MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina and on the ground floor of the McCallum Hill Tower.

Fafard was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1982 and as a Member of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2002.

Fafard told Plain and Valley after getting the award that he remembers receiving a memento to mark the Queen's ascension to the throne 60 years ago.

"When the Queen first came to the throne in 1952, we got some copper pennies to mark the event at that little Ste. Marthe School," he said. "Now, I got this medal to mark the anniversary."

Fafard said he felt good about receiving the medal but he doesn't feel comfortable with the royal connection involved with the award.

"I feel honored that I was chosen, of course. It's always nice to get an award—it means that my peers recognize me," he said. "But I'm not a monarchist or anything like that. There are always excuses to celebrate the Queen, and excuses that cost us a lot of money."

"The government is handing out 60,000 medals at a cost of \$3.5 million, which is a lot."

"It's nice that we can have some reason to celebrate Canadians. As far as celebrating the Queen, I don't think that is such an important thing. I think we should be phasing these things out."

He said that while he feels honored by the recognition, he feels there are many talented people in Saskatchewan who could be similarly recognized.

"There are a lot of people who should receive this medal," he said. "There are a lot of very, very talented people."

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Wade Moffatt, originally from Moosomin, above, and Joe Fafard, who grew up at Ste. Marthe, below, were among the first 32 Saskatchewan residents to be presented with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Both are flanked by Lt. Gov. Gordon Barnhart and Naomi Barnhart.



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Hockey officials going under the microscope

BY TAYLOR SHIRE
Athletes are analyzed very closely. Thousands of statistics are kept on them. Researchers know how their bodies work.

But rarely do we hear anything about officials and referees in sports.

Adam Chomos is changing that.

Chomos, a University of Regina student, is developing a "biofeedback protocol" to help hockey officials deal with tough situations. He said this project will help officials make better split-second decisions and give them confidence to make the appropriate call. "It's more-or-less going to better prepare them when they are on the ice when certain situations come up that they see as stressful," said Chomos, 32.

This project is part of Chomos' Masters degree in Kinesiology.

He decided to think outside the box and take a look at referees of a sport, instead of athletes.

"Biofeedback is something that is really gaining popularity in the sports psychology realm. They've started to develop a lot of sport-specific protocols . . . but there is nothing that has ever been looked at with officiating," he said.

"The reality is that a lot of the decisions and a lot of the things that the officials are doing on the ice are impacting the game substantially. I think that there's definitely a need to develop a similar tool for the referees of various sports to be able to train."

Chomos is partnering with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association for the project.

Part of this research includes attaching a helmet camera to an official to wear during the course of a game.

The camera will collect first-person footage and then Chomos will take the video back to the lab and screen it.

SHA referee Alex Gianoulis was one of the officials who used the helmet camera. He said it was a bit

heavy at first, but also kind of neat. "You got some looks from players out there kind of wondering why the heck this referee is wearing a camera on his helmet," he said.

"It'll give us a better understanding of what our body is actually doing when we are on the ice and we get in these pressure-filled situations and we have to react quickly."

Chomos will capture segments of video in which an official has to make a split-second decision.

Whether it's a penalty, an offside, or a conversation with a coach, a variety of segments of video will be put into the software.

Once the protocol is developed, Chomos said officials will come in for about 10 half-hour sessions.

These sessions will require a referee to go through a set of cognitive tasks and make split-second decisions.

The researcher hopes that ultimately this software will make a difference in development of officials.

"If we see noticeable improvements, it leads the way for more research, more protocols to be developed for other officials in different sports," he said.

Taylor Shire is a fourth-year Journalism student at



Taylor Shire photo

Adam Chomos is developing a biofeedback protocol for hockey officials.

the University of Regina School of Journalism'. Taylor grew up in Rocanville and has spent time working for the Leader-Post, CBC News Saskatchewan and the World-Spectator, based in Moosomin (which also published Plain and Valley). He is passionately interested in sports journalism, but loves reporting on all types of things.

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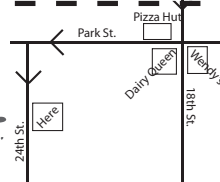


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Expansion planned for Fairlight terminal

Grain handler and food processor Viterra Inc. is expanding its grain elevator in Fairlight, Sask. to boost storage capacity and give it the ability to handle more grain-filled rail cars.

The company said Wednesday it will increase the size of the grain elevator so it can handle 100 rail car deliveries and store more grain for market.

Viterra did not say how much it is spending to grow the operation in the small community in the southeastern Saskatchewan farm belt.

Canadian National Railway Co., the company's key shipper, was involved in the expansion.

"Viterra's investment in this facility will ensure more efficient movement of grains and oilseeds for our customers," said Bob Miller, Viterra's senior vice-president of North American grain services.

Andy Gonta, vice-president CN's bulk sales and marketing division, said Canada's biggest railway worked with Viterra on the elevator expansion project.

"Viterra's expansion of its Fairlight facility, coupled with the strength of CN's scheduled grain service plan, will enhance our joint ability to meet the shipping and handling needs of southeastern Saskatchewan grain farmers."

Viterra, with about 7,000 employees, is a global agribusiness with operations across Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and China.

The company was formed by the merger of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and Agricore United and is focused on grain



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The Viterra terminal located at Fairlight is slated for an expansion.

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Viterra said its decision to sell its North American feed business was based on a strategic review and did not affect its New Zealand feed assets.

The company said it

wants to focus on its key grain handling and processing businesses going forward.

For the financial year ended Oct. 31, Viterra earned \$265.4 million, or 71 cents per share on \$11.8 billion in revenue. That compared with a profit of \$145.2 million or 39 cents per share on \$8.2 billion in revenue the previous year.

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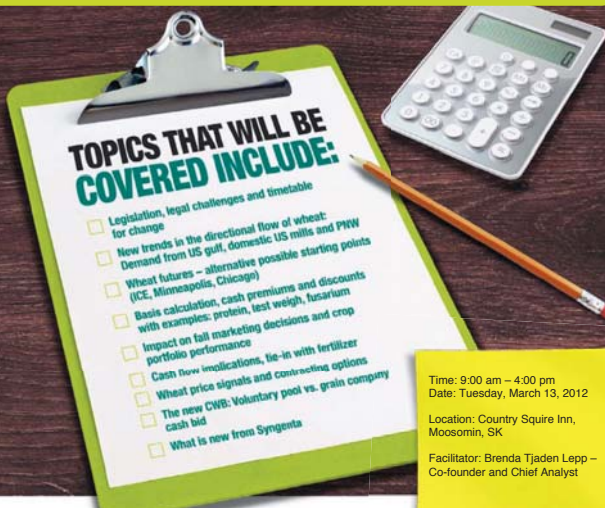
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\$241 BI-WEEKLY

\$28,900 STK# 2T041A



2002 Ford F-250 AS TRADED
Crew Cab
Powerstroke
\$9,900

\$9,900 STK# 1P289A



2010 Ford Fusion SE
SYNC
\$141 BI-WEEKLY

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2009 Pontiac Vibe
Fuel Saver
5-Passenger
\$91 BI-WEEKLY

\$9,900 STK# 1T220B



2011 Ford Explorer
7-Passenger
My Ford Touch
\$315 BI-WEEKLY

\$35,900 STK# 2P063



2009 Ford F-150 XTR Super Crew
\$217 BI-WEEKLY

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2006 Chev Cobalt
Summer is coming!
\$89 BI-WEEKLY

\$8,900 STK# 2C058A



2011 Ford F-150
Only 3,400 kms
\$305 BI-WEEKLY

\$34,900 STK# 2P067



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\$195 BI-WEEKLY

\$21,900 STK# 2P075



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51,000 kms
Ultimate!
\$225 BI-WEEKLY

\$22,900 STK# CONNOR

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