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**Saskatchewan Energy**  
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"Pipelines have become a symbol of the ability of this country to build major projects in an effective, private-sector-driven way. We have been trying to prove as Canadians we can indeed still build these projects."

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"When we travel across the country we find people are supportive. People in the Maritimes are very supportive. They really want Energy East. They need oil for the Irving refinery, and they would like to reduce the number of rail cars carrying oil."

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Ray Orb

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**SUMA president**  
Gordon Barnhart

## Moosomin seeking support for Energy East

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

The town and RM of Moosomin are asking people who support their plan to take Energy East off the drawing board to let them know.

Anyone who is in support of the town and RMs' plan to have Energy East reconsidered is asked to send an indication of their support to supportenergyeast@sasktel.net.

The town and RM have formed the Energy East Development Committee to promote the development of Energy East, and former SARM president Sinc Harrison has agreed to work on the communities' behalf.

As well, the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce has invited the three main federal party leaders to attend a public forum on pipelines in Moosomin this fall, if a date can be found that works for them.

Energy East was a proposal by TransCanada Pipelines to repurpose part of the existing pipeline across Western Canada and Ontario from natural gas to oil, and build new pipeline through Quebec and New Brunswick, to take Western Canadian oil to eastern refineries in Quebec and New Brunswick, and potentially to an export position at St. John, New Brunswick.

TransCanada withdrew its application to the National Energy Board for approval of the pipeline a year ago, after the federal government announced a change that would take all upstream and downstream emissions into account for any future pipelines.

Moosomin would have been a major beneficiary of Energy East as TransCanada planned a 1,050,000 barrel tank farm at the Moosomin compressor station, a feeder pipeline from Cromer, Manitoba to Moosomin, and potentially an additional pipeline from Williston, North Dakota to Moosomin.

The town and RM had sent resolutions to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipali-



TransCanada's Energy East pipeline proposal included a plan for a tank terminal at Moosomin and a feeder pipeline from Cromer, Manitoba to act as an on-ramp to Energy East for Manitoba and Saskatchewan oil production.

ties Association and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities in the fall, calling for the organizations to lobby for the reinstatement of Energy East. Since then, SUMA president Gordon Barnhart has met with TransCanada to discuss the issue. Barnhart also recently met with SARM president Ray Orb to discuss the issue.

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Dr. Robert Kitchen said he is fully behind the town

and RM's efforts.

"I think it's a great approach," he said Thursday. "I truly believe Energy East is the solution we need and I will push for Energy East to be reopened once we get a change of government."

"Andrew Scheer has stated he would like to see that brought forward. It was brought forward at convention and was supported by the members, so this is an issue we need to work on, and any way

we can do that is helpful."

Sinc Harrison said that letters of support from individuals, groups, businesses, municipalities, or organizations can be sent to supportenergyeast@sasktel.net.

"Any support we can get would be greatly appreciated," he said.

Support is building for the town and RM of Moosomin's efforts to bring the discussion on Energy East back to the fore.

"It's a just such a no-brainer . . . we currently buy 800,000 barrels a day from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and other countries, where we could be buying that from our own provinces in Western Canada," said Gavin Semple, chairman of Brandt Industries, and one of Saskatchewan's most successful business owners.

"I think it's crazy that Canada buys oil from Saudi Arabia and not from Alberta and Saskatchewan," said Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce president Steve McLellan.

"I think the way forward, for Eastern Canada to buy Western Canadian oil, is through a pipeline like Energy East.

"I also know it would do great things for Saskatchewan's economy and communities along the Manitoba border as well."

"We've been very vocal about support for pipelines and pipeline projects, most recently around TransMountain," said Saskatchewan Energy Minister Bronwyn Eyre.

"We're very vocal about support for pipeline projects. In this case, with Energy East we're watching some of these grassroots movements with interest. I've heard Sinclair Harrison's comments about this and it's all good when it comes to trying to recreate momentum around a project such as this, and we're certainly supportive of that."

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# Shrine fundraiser will have Maritime theme

BY KARA KINNA

This year the Moosomin Shrine Club will be going with a Maritime-themed evening for its annual concert fundraiser, and they are welcoming all Maritimers living in the area to come out for a taste of home.

The Derina Harvey Band will be performing on Friday, Nov. 9 for a fundraising evening that will also include an Acadian pork supper, kiss the cod, and Newfoundland screech.

The annual event is a fundraiser for the local Shrine Club, as well as for the Shrine Patient Travel Fund which covers all the costs of getting Shrine children to Shriners Children's Hospitals.

"There have been a lot of Maritime people move to the area and we just thought we'd like to do something to welcome the Maritimers to our part of the world and remind them a little bit of their home," says Shrine member Bill Thorn. "We appreciate them being a part of our community, but we don't want them to forget that they come from a pretty nice place to another nice place."

The Derina Harvey band has performed in Moosomin before. The band describes themselves as a Celtic-rock act, who offer an authentic east-coast experience with a fresh take on traditional tunes as well as their own original jigs and reels. "Their rocky, rhythmic undertow is layered with guitars, fiddle, and topped by Derina's powerful voice," according to the band's website.

Thorn says the band really made an impression the first time they performed in Moosomin at a concert hosted by the Moosomin and District Arts Council.

"They were really impressed with the group," he says of fellow Shrine members who saw the concert. "When we talked about having this Maritime theme, they all felt that this would be the perfect band to celebrate that event."

This is the fifth year the Moosomin Shrine Club has hosted a fall concert.

"We like to do the whole project to make sure that people know the Shrine Club is in town, try to put on a nice evening, bring something a little different to town with a supper and a show, and we do a little bit of PR for the Shriners," he says. "But generally speaking it's more just to add a little something different to the community."

"We've got a Shrine child coming from Regina who has been in the Shrine hospital system for a number of years. He is going to do a presentation on his Shrine hospital experience, just to remind people that our philanthropy is supporting crippled children."

Thorn says any proceeds from the evening will be split.

"About half of our money is earmarked to go to the Patient Travel Fund, which looks after travel costs of moving any Saskatchewan children to any of the hospitals where they need the care. The local Shrine Club has some say into where the rest of the money goes, and we try to support different community functions. We did the



The Derina Harvey Band will be bringing their east-coast sound to Moosomin for the Moosomin Shrine Club fundraiser on Nov. 9.

walking track at the Sportsplex, and we donate to the hospital when it's needed, and we've put money into the sound system at the Communiplex. When there is a project that comes up we try to support something that might be needed locally.

"But still a lot of support goes to the Shrine Hospitals through our Patient Travel Fund. Any child that becomes a Shrine child has absolutely no cost to attend whatever hospital they need, whether it's in Montreal or Philadelphia or Los Angeles. Whatever the need is, the Shriners look after absolutely all the costs."

Thorn says the Shriners plan for 320 people each year, and the fundraiser has sold out most years.

"People seem to look forward to it and we like doing it," he says. "It's good for us. Most of our club gets involved in it. It's a good builder for our club, it keeps our name out in the forefront."

"I think the big thing to stress is book your tickets early because the best seats always go first. If you are interested in a table of eight call me, because we have a special promotion for tables of eight."

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 "And maybe people could give this event some consideration for a staff Christmas party."

## Ethan Derksen speaking

Fifteen-year-old Ethan Derksen will be the Shrine child speaking at the event.

Ethan was diagnosed with scoliosis due to hemi-vertebrae while undergoing an X-ray for gastric reflux. He was just over a year old when diagnosed and started receiving support from the Shriners when he was two years old.

"We were seen by a doctor in Winnipeg where we lived at the time," says Ethan's mom Tammy Derksen. "Ethan had a 35-degree curve already, and the specialist said we should come back in a year

and he would 'eyeball' if a another X-ray was needed. I am a critical care registered nurse and when I tried to talk to him about usual follow up regimes he told me to 'stop being a nurse, stop reading and just be a mom."

"I don't know of many moms without a medical background that wouldn't want to learn more about their child's condition let alone one that does. When I voiced my concerns to a friend she told me about the Shriners and how they might be able to help. I put together a letter and Ethan's X-rays and sent them into the Khartum Shriners office.

"We received a call shortly after, telling us an orthopaedic doctor in Montreal would like to see us. The Shriners allowed my hus-

band and Ethan's twin to travel with us to his first appointment.

"We were set at ease so quickly with Craig Houston, the Shriners hospital rep, that was at the Winnipeg airport. He met us with a teddy bear for both kids, gentle eyes and a hug for Dale and myself. We were once again met at Montreal airport by a couple of Shriners in their wonderful fezz's.

"They took us to what we call our home away from home in Montreal, Le Tour Belvedere. Back then the hospital was still the 'Spanish mansion' on

the hill. From the moment we entered the hospital we were treated with so much warmth that we knew we were in good hands. Dr Poitras and his team saw Ethan and told us that he needed X-rays every six months and had to be closely followed during growth spurts. We have been travelling to Montreal ever since.

"I can honestly say that we don't know what we would have done without the support and love from the whole Shriners family." Ethan is now seeing an orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Saran, in Montreal.



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5. Land is in the Torren's Title system.
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# Victoria's Quilts Moosomin delivers its 500th quilt

BY KARA KINNA  
After getting started in March of 2013, the Victoria Quilts Canada Moosomin Branch has just delivered its 500th quilt, an accomplishment that the members are proud of.

Victoria's Quilts Canada provides hand-made quilts to people with cancer in an effort to provide physical and spiritual comfort to cancer sufferers. There are only 24 chapters across Canada, with two in Saskatchewan—one on Moosomin and one in Climax. Moosomin's branch provides all of the quilts for the entire eastern half of the province.

Sheryl Garrett is the one who got the Moosomin branch started back in 2013.

"In November 2012 I had a neighbor and friend who knew I was a quilter and she phoned me and told me 'I got this quilt in the mail, and along with it was a Victoria's Quilt pamphlet.'

"At that point I had never heard of Victoria's Quilts Canada and I had been quilting for years, so I went over and I saw her quilts and I was just very touched by the generosity of someone to do that. And so she gave me the contact.

"I contacted Ottawa and said 'how do I get involved? How does Moosomin become a branch?' And it went from there. We had to form an executive and get all of the paperwork in order. And on March 14, 2013 we delivered our first quilt, and it was delivered locally.

"The quilts end up going to cancer patients, and the cancer patient is to be undergoing treatment or recently had treatment, or have a diagnosis that will lead to treatment. The way the system works, if you know someone with cancer you can put in a request to Victoria's Quilts Canada, and if that quilt is in our area of the province, then that request gets sent to the Moosomin branch and I get that via email, and then we go ahead and I fill that request."

All of the quilts must be made to certain specifications, with flannel on the back and 100 percent cotton on the front, and they must be a certain size.

The Moosomin branch tries to deliver the quilts in person when they can, but often the quilts must be mailed if they are not for patients in the local area. The 500th quilt went to someone in Regina.

Lois Skiba and Joan Marie Frappe are two "quilt angels" who help deliver quilts locally for the Moosomin branch.

"It is very overwhelming sometimes," says Lois. "There are often tears and much appreciation, and they do mean so much and they bring comfort to these people that are going through their treatments."

"It is overwhelming and they are so appreciative of everything and it is always a good visit. It brings them comfort," adds Joan Marie.

Some of the quilts that are given to cancer patients are made by the ladies in the Moosomin branch, while others are donat-

ed. There are about nine people with the Victoria's Quilts Moosomin Branch that are active and around 12 who donate quilts off and on.

What makes the women involved give up so much of their time quilting for cancer patients?

"It is just rewarding to pass on our talents or our skills, to give it to someone who is going to be appreciative of it," says Sharon Baker, one of the executive members.

"I agree," adds Jan Rustebakke. "I'm a beginner quilter and they are kind enough to let me sew. And what I get from it is the volunteering of my time and enjoying sharing with other people, and I guess our hearts are drawn towards that. Some of us have experienced cancer in our lives and our families, and it brings to the surface again how much we appreciate that support and care and compassion. That is why I like to do it."

"About the time the neighbor came over and said she received this quilt for the cancer she was going through, my father and mother had both passed away in 2009, and my dad with cancer, so it was just kind of really raw—it was on the surface," adds Sheryl. "And I have had cancer three different times myself—all under control—but I asked how can I give back now knowing some of

things you go through and the feelings that you have. And sometimes it is feeling very much alone. And volunteering some of my time and quilting talents to bring comfort and warmth to other people is very rewarding."

How does it make Sheryl feel now that 500 quilts have been delivered?

"It is a milestone for sure," she says. "When we started we didn't set a goal, we didn't say we're going to go to 500. We've learned a lot in the five and half years. We have learned how few of us there are that actually produce the quilts, and sometimes we get right down to one or two in inventory and the requests are still coming in. So we've been really blessed in that the quilts just come from somewhere when we need them, and if I stop off at Shirley's Sewing Room, often during the week one of the girls there will say 'oh there is a quilt left here for you.' And 'oh there is another one.' We just keep getting blessed over and over, so we continue to do what we are doing."

Sheryl says some of the people who make and donate quilts to them are exceptionally generous.

"We have a lady in Springside, just outside of Yorkton, she is 81 years old and she has made 102 quilts. That is almost 20 percent of our quilts. We

don't know if we will receive more quilts from her or not, but she has been an incredible star in our Moosomin Branch journey."

Despite the donations, there are only about five people who do quilting locally on a regular basis for

the Moosomin branch.

"We meet at the United Church in Wapella, and we try to meet once a month," says Sheryl. "We still have about eight quilts in inventory, and it keeps getting replenished from these volunteer sources, and so we

continue to keep going."

Sheryl says she's happy the Victoria Quilts Moosomin Branch has been able to provide so many quilts to cancer patients.

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On Monday, September 10 police were dispatched to a complaint of an alarm coming from the credit union.

Members on patrol were immediately dispatched, and found that the ATM from the lobby area of the bank had been removed.

A review of the bank's closed circuit surveillance showed that the suspects were wearing blue coveralls with reflective markings, hoodies, baseball caps and gloves.

One of the suspect's had a logo

of 'TNT' printed on the back and front of their coveralls. Both suspects had their faces covered.

Meanwhile another ATM was stolen from Lumsden as well.

During the early morning hours of September 9 an off-duty RCMP officer came across the scene of an attempted ATM theft from a financial institution on James Street in Lumsden.

Those involved were using a pick-up truck in their attempt to remove the ATM from the building.

Investigators are working to determine if there were two or three individuals involved in this incident.

When the off-duty officer was

noticed, the individuals fled in the truck going in an unknown direction.

Members were called and responded to the scene immediately, but neither the individuals or the truck were located during patrols.

Anyone with information about this or any other crimes is asked to call the Broadview RCMP at 306-696-5200 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information which leads to the arrest of person(s) responsible for this offence or any other serious crime.

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A new Midget Girls football league has been formed in Southeast Saskatchewan, allowing girls to play football for the first time. The league consists of teams in Moosomin, Melville, Yorkton and Regina.



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# Victoria's Quilts Moosomin delivers its 500th quilt



The executive members with Victoria's Quilts Canada Moosomin Branch. From left are Sharon Baker, Joan Marie Frappe, Lois Skiba, Sheryl Garrett, and Jan Rustebakke.

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"I would have never dreamed in the beginning it would 500 quilts or more, so that's quite overwhelming, and it will continue," she says.

She says the group would be happy if new quilters were to join them, and they are always grateful for donations of quilts, materials, or funds to purchase materials and cover mailing costs for quilts that are sent out of area.



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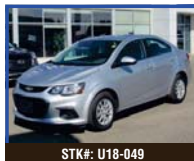
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# In Saskatchewan: Stronger penalties for impaired driving

World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark spoke with Joe Hargrave, the minister responsible for SGI, about new penalties for impaired driving in Saskatchewan.

As of Sept. 1, zero tolerance for drug impairment applies to all drivers.

Zero tolerance means that drivers should not get behind the wheel with any level of impairing drugs in their system detectable by a federally approved screening device, or a standardized field sobriety test.

There will also be longer vehicle seizures for impaired drivers with passengers under 16 years of age in the vehicle. In addition, experienced drivers who are impaired and transporting passengers under 16 will face longer roadside licence suspensions.

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Following is the interview with the minister:

**Why did the government decide to introduce tougher penalties for impaired driving at this point?**

We can't tolerate injuries and death on our highways and it's that simple.

We have to be out there and we have to get ahead of this potential problem that's coming up with the legalization of marijuana as far as impaired driving goes.

**Are there any tools that are given to the RCMP, or any additional training?**

The RCMP as well as municipal forces are being trained on the field sobriety test.

Most of them are already, and the rest are being trained on that. We have a number of drug recognition experts that have gone through the training, and it's a far more expensive training, but they've gone through it. I think we'll be up to 120 here by the time October 1 rolls around, but we have a number already, and that number is close to probably 100 already.

There is a machine that the federal government has approved that will be used once we get that going. And of course there is always the blood samples, but initially it will be the field sobriety test.

A police officer has to have reasonable cause to pull someone over to test them or for impairment if it be for alcohol or for drugs. You have to be driving erratically. There has to be a reasonable cause for them to pull you over. If they pull you over then



they can ask to do a field sobriety test and, be it for alcohol or for drugs, then they can do the next step and the next step. That's what we're asking them to do, and that's what has to be done in order to keep our highways safe.

**Right now it is zero tolerance for drugs in the system, as opposed to .04 for alcohol. Will there be a specific THC level that will be legal or illegal at some point?**

It's hard to say what's going to happen down the road. A number of states and jurisdictions throughout the world have legalized the use of marijuana and they're still working through some of that, but at least they have a three- or four-year head start on it, so hopefully there are advancements made in the technology. The machine that we're getting is very good and it is used in a lot of jurisdictions, but just like anything, technology changes things. Like my old desktop computer, well nobody has a desktop computer anymore, they all have iPads or laptops. Like technology was good with the desktop, but it can be even better with an iPad or a laptop. So that's the kind of technology that we're hoping we will continue to advance as we go further.

**How big of a problem is impaired driving in Saskatchewan compared to other provinces both in terms of alcohol and drugs? Are there statistics on that?**

Yes there are. Saskatchewan was the worst in Canada. But last year—we're very proud of the record last year, since the new impaired driving legislation was brought in January 1, 2017, drinking and driving went down 40 per cent and we're very happy about that.

**Do you think that is directly attributable to that lower limit coming in?**

We think that is a number of things.

We think the awareness campaigns that we've been running, the new legislation, the increased enforcement by the police, were major factors. The police stepped up enforcement—it wasn't that they weren't enforcing before, but SGI was even paying overtime if they wanted to do check stops and they needed additional officers. All they had to do was submit a request for overtime payment and SGI was paying the overtime for the police officer to come in and do that stop check.

Our awareness campaigns I feel were very effective. In 2017 we had some great campaigns—the people shouldn't disappear campaign and the wing man campaign—very solid campaigns.

We've been involved with educational programs as well. MADD Canada, I know myself I've been out speaking at schools, at the elementary schools. They're not the people that are drinking and driving but you know they will be drivers one day, and we wanted to sort of get that taught while they are still young. So we've had MADD Canada, we've paid for a number of school speaking engagements by MADD Canada, and it's been very effective.

**What is the main message you are trying to get out to people right now?**

If you are going to be drinking or doing drugs, don't make that bad decision to get behind the wheel. It's your life, and other

people's lives.

There are too many lives lost because people have made that tragic decision, that bad, bad decision to drink or do drugs and get behind the wheel. There are too many lives affected. The police officers, the families of the victims, the EMS people—you talk to any of them and you realize the drastic affect on them is incredible. I talked to many police officers that have attended those scenes, EMS professionals that have been on those scenes—they are dramatically affected.

I have met with many of the families of the innocent victims that are killed by impaired drivers and I've got to know some of them and they're the nicest people in the world, but there is this hole left in their heart because they've lost that loved one.

They've lost that loved one and there is nothing they can do because somebody else made a decision to get behind a wheel and it is a totally preventable loss of life.

Just don't drink or do drugs and drive and then this wouldn't happen. Don't make that tragic mistake. This is what we're trying to get across to people. Phone a cab, call a friend, stay overnight at your friend's place, call your parents, do whatever it is, but don't get behind a wheel and drive.

**With legalization are you still expecting to see some increase in drugged driving or are you expecting with the tougher penalties and a public awareness campaign the effect will be minimal or none?**

I'm hoping it will be minimal. I'm very optimistic that it will be because of the campaigning we're doing. It's not legal until October but we've been doing our awareness campaign already for awhile (the campaign includes an ad from SGI on page 5 of this week's World-Spectator).

We want people to be well aware that this is illegal—driving high is a still a DUI and that's what we want to get across.

It doesn't matter if you're drinking or doing drugs, and it can be illegal or legal drugs. With prescription drugs you can still be high and unable to drive, you're still impaired.

We just want people to be fully aware that it's not okay to drive high, it's not okay to drink and drive.

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# Sign unveiled in Sheldon Kennedy's honor

BY KARA KINNA

A large crowd gathered at the west entrance of Elkhorn, Manitoba on the Trans-Canada Highway on Tuesday, Sept. 4 to watch as Elkhorn native Sheldon Kennedy helped pull a large tarp off a new sign that had been erected on the highway in his honor.

The sign included a photo of Kennedy on the ice during his NHL career, and the words "Welcome to Elkhorn, Proud Home of Sheldon Kennedy" along with the logo and phone number for the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre.

The sign replaced a former highway sign in Kennedy's honor that was taken down after it fell into disrepair over time. An official unveiling ceremony was held Tuesday with Kennedy in attendance, followed by some words from Kennedy and a meet and greet at the Elkhorn Elks hall afterwards.

However Kennedy didn't get very far after the sign unveiling, as he was wrapped in warm hugs and greeted by eager people at the side of the road who were excited to have him back in town.

Over at the hall, the community's pride in Kennedy was evident as long-time friends Kevin Tutthill and Garth Mitchell joked with him and told him how proud they were of him as he was welcomed to the microphone to speak.

## Who is Sheldon Kennedy?

Kennedy grew up in Elkhorn, leaving the village when he was 14 years old. He went on to become a successful NHL hockey player, but is best known for his advocacy work on childhood abuse. Despite his successful hockey career—which led him to play with the Detroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins and Calgary Flames—Kennedy rocked the sports world when he went public in 1996 as a victim of sexual abuse at the hands of his coach, Graham James, when he played for the Swift Current Broncos.

Today, Kennedy's accomplishments as an advocate against childhood abuse are many and impressive. In 1998 Kennedy rollerbladed across Canada, raising one million dollars for abuse prevention programs with the Red Cross. He has appeared on Oprah, ABC's Nightline and the Fifth Estate, and an award-winning movie—The Sheldon Kennedy Story—has been made about his experiences, as well as a documentary in 2015 about him and other victims of sexual abuse. In 2006 he also wrote a book titled "Why I Didn't Say Anything."

In 2004, Kennedy helped found Respect Group and launched an online certification program called Respect in Sport. The program focuses on educating adult youth leaders and coaches on the prevention of bullying, abuse, harassment, and discrimination, and a legal duty of care, and has become the national standard for child protection education, certifying over one million Canadians involved in sport, schools and the workplace.



Sheldon Kennedy stands in front of sign that was erected in his honor and unveiled on the Trans Canada Highway at Elkhorn Tuesday. Elkhorn is Kennedy's home town, where he lived until he was 14.

In the aftermath of the Penn State sexual abuse case, Kennedy was asked to testify before the U.S. Congressional Subcommittee on Children and Families. He has received the Order of Manitoba, Alberta Order of Excellence and the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian honor, for his work, and has had a major influence on federal and provincial legislation, including the Victims' Bill of Rights.

He is also highly involved with the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre in Alberta, which has changed the way that childhood abuse is handled.

## Kennedy talks about his work

In his speech at the Elks hall in Elkhorn after the sign unveiling, Kennedy said he was honored to be recognized, but it was never something he intended to happen.

"I don't do this work for recognition or signs or any of that," he said. "We did this work to try to help other

kids so that they didn't have to go through what I went through.

"It's an honor to be acknowledged and recognized today. It means a lot. When I look at that sign, I think the important part about that is hopefully, if someone is struggling or if they have questions and they drive by the sign, they are not afraid to ask for help.

"I think that's the key, to be able to ask for help. For some reason when we started to do this work 22 years ago Sheldon could clear a kitchen because nobody wanted to talk about these issues. And that isn't the way it is today.

"It's an honor to see that sign today. I am very humbled and very grateful.

"All of this work that I do is my volunteer work. As far as the legislation, child advocacy centre, speaking—all of that is volunteer. I don't get paid for that stuff, it usually costs us money because we pay for our own flights. But we donate money through our companies.

We donate money to the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre. We are one of the biggest donors at the centre. We have 120 people that work there full-time. What's made the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre unique is that we actually have government systems working together.

"We on average do 160 investigations a month, and I look at it as what a gift we have to turn kids' lives around. They come through our doors, they are struggling along with their families, and we have a chance to turn their life around. And what we've really learned is the science behind the impact.

"We know the impact is real. Over 70 per cent of mental health issues that people struggle with stem from adverse childhood ex-

periences.

"It's been a model that governments have seen that works. Our whole model is let's reach kids early when something is happening, we know better today, and to know better is to do better. We have a lot of research, a lot of knowledge, where we didn't have that before. We didn't really know the impact. But we do today. That's basically what the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre is doing.

"I spoke this morning with all of the Fort La Bosse School Division teachers and I told them what an opportunity they have to shape the lives of young people. I told them you don't know what they are bringing into the school with them.

"This is what we know. We know that kids that have been abused are 59 times

more likely to be arrested as a juvenile. Eighty per cent of individuals in treatment centres struggling with addiction have been exposed to early childhood abuse. Kids that are abused are 15 times more likely to commit suicide, have 30 per cent higher dropout rates in high school, are 26 times more likely to experience youth homelessness—the list goes on.

"The reality is we need to reach these kids early, and that's what we are trying to do. We are trying to get ahead of them.

"When we look at a community, it's all of our responsibility to take the time to learn. Because from my perception, what did I hear? Careful of the white van that's going to cruise around town because they are going to get you. That's kind of what we heard. Well, that's not the case. We've investigated 8,000 cases, and 98 per cent of the kids know their abuser. 57 per cent were abused by a parent or caregiver, which makes these difficult. And if you look at the Graham Jameses of the world and those individuals, where do they thrive? They thrive in communities that carry a lot of trust. And what I know about small towns is that there is a lot of trust. And if you look at Graham James, where did he thrive? He thrived in a small town. So I think our best defense is knowledge. Take the time to learn. Take the time to understand. And if your gut is telling you something isn't right, it probably isn't right.

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# Sign unveiled in Sheldon Kennedy's honor

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"I never set out to say this is what I am going to do for a living. It just happened. People kept asking me to go and do this, and go and do that, and come and do this. And one thing led to another and here we are. We have changed over 60 laws and 60 pieces of legislation. We are now opening 10 other centres in Alberta. We've changed the information sharing law in Manitoba which allows for these systems to work together. We are getting there."

"Ultimately this path led to trying to help other kids and that's what we said. If we can keep this from happening from some kids then we've done our job. And it's gone further than that."

### Kennedy has fond memories of Elkhorn

In an interview after the sign unveiling, Kennedy talked about how it felt to see his home town recognize him.

"It's overwhelming, there is a lot of gratitude," he said. "I never got into doing this work for acknowledgement and recognition or signs in your home town. I feel that playing hockey is secondary in my world compared to what we've done outside of hockey, but if we didn't play hockey it wouldn't have given us the platform to have the voice that we had."

Kennedy said he still has a lot of connections to the area today.

"My mom lives in Virden but she teaches dance all through here with the Tod-

ers and Olivers. I keep in contact with Ronnie Sanheim and Garth Mitchell and Kevin Tutthill. I follow some of my friends on social media. I stay connected. My sister and her husband have a place at Oak Lake and I know there are a lot of Elkhorn connections out there that they stay connected with," he says.

"I think the gift of a small town is relationships. And the opportunity to have access to the facilities available. I don't think people realize how privileged we were to be able to practice after school. In the city they are waking kids up at five in the morning to go get ice time. There are a lot of gifts in a small town. And I think one is just the closeness of relationships."

"I also think when you grow up, those memories are what you remember. When your brain is being built as a kid, it builds those memories, and as I get older, yes I have memories, but the ones that have stuck with me are the ones with my friends around here and growing up around here, and teams I've played with here. When I left here at a young age, my life changed permanently in a lot of ways after meeting Graham James. The good memories I have are of Elkhorn and small town life."

Kennedy says it's amazing how much the dialogue around child abuse has changed over the years.

"When we started doing the work we do over 22 years ago, nobody talked

about child abuse, nobody talked about the impact on mental health, or any of that stuff, and today that's not the case. There are a lot of advocates out there."

"We run a company, we have a technology business. We educate on abuse, bullying, harassment, discrimination, so we train over a million people in this country a year. We have respect in the workplace, respect in school, respect in sport, and a parent program. We do mandatory training for organizations. It's really busy with the #MeToo stuff that's out. We have the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy

Centre where there are 122 front line people. We do every child abuse investigation in southern Alberta, we average about 160 new investigations a month. I speak, but all the work I do, the speaking, the child advocacy centre, that's my volunteer work."

"We've changed lots of legislation and that takes time. They take a lot of time to shift, to actually get it over the line. We hear a lot of noise, but to actually have the change and have it committed and legislated takes a lot of time and effort and travel to Ottawa back and forth."

Despite the amount of work he has done on the issue of childhood abuse, Kennedy says he doesn't see himself as special. He says it's just something that needed to happen.

"I don't see Sheldon being special. Sometimes you just find yourself in a situation and you need to react and you need to do what's in front of you, and that's what I see Sheldon as. I honestly don't see Sheldon as doing anything special other than doing what I can to help kids and try to make our communities better."

"When I look at our home town, there are probably lots

of people who have done great things in their life that could get a sign. It just happens that my life has been in the public eye."

"It's interesting because when I started doing this work, these issues were not where they are today, and having Sheldon be in your community was not as accepting as it is today. Now we've got the issues to a place where we understand their impact and Sheldon doesn't just clear a kitchen anymore. And when we started this, that's what it was. Sheldon carried a lot of fear on the issues that I represented."



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Over the years this has grown from a handful of participating businesses to 22 participating businesses this year, the most ever.

As we looked through the thousands of entries after making the draw, it became clear that many businesses in our regions are becoming successful regional draws.

Businesses in Moosomin, for example, had entries from Redvers, Virden, Whitewood, Esterhazy, Spy Hill, Grenfell, Tantallon, Langenburg, and all over the place.

## Lucky to have our businesses and services

When I look at the businesses in the summer draw, I realize how lucky we are to have the businesses and services that we have in our area. There are a lot of communities the size of Moosomin that do not have a great electronics store like we have with Glasser's. There are a lot of communities the size of Moosomin that wouldn't have options like the Moosomin Asian Food Mart for their shopping.

People in Redvers should realize how lucky they are to have Today's Enterprises, a furniture and electronics store.

There are many communities the size of Rocanville that dream of having a dynamic, successful business like



Kevin Weedmark

Universe Satellite Sales or an auto parts store like Bumper to Bumper.

In our small area we have great furniture stores at Moosomin, Wawota, Redvers, and Virden.

Virden is home to Wolverine Supplies, a unique store that draws customers from across southwest Manitoba and southeast Saskatchewan.

People in Moosomin have the option of going to either RONA or the Co-op Home Centre for their hardware and home and garden needs. They have the option of going to Co-op or Family Foods for their local grocery shopping. Not all rural communities have those options.

As I glance across the businesses in our summer draw, I see several that are relatively new, like TJ's Pizza and Zaylie Furniture—businesses that started from scratch and provide new services in our area.

## Not every community is this fortunate

We are fortunate to have so many strong businesses

in our area. Across rural Saskatchewan and Manitoba there are many towns of 1,000 to 1,500—the size of Rocanville, Redvers or Whitewood—that 10 years ago had hardware stores and V and S department stores that now have almost nothing for retail.

Congratulations to our winner in the summer shopping spree, Lenora Griemann. She has won a \$100 gift certificate to each of the 22 participating businesses. She tells us she is already a customer of many of them, and is looking forward to finding out more about the rest!

## Our business communities are healthy

In contrast to many small communities, the business communities in our little area—and in nearby communities like Carlyle—are growing and vital.

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