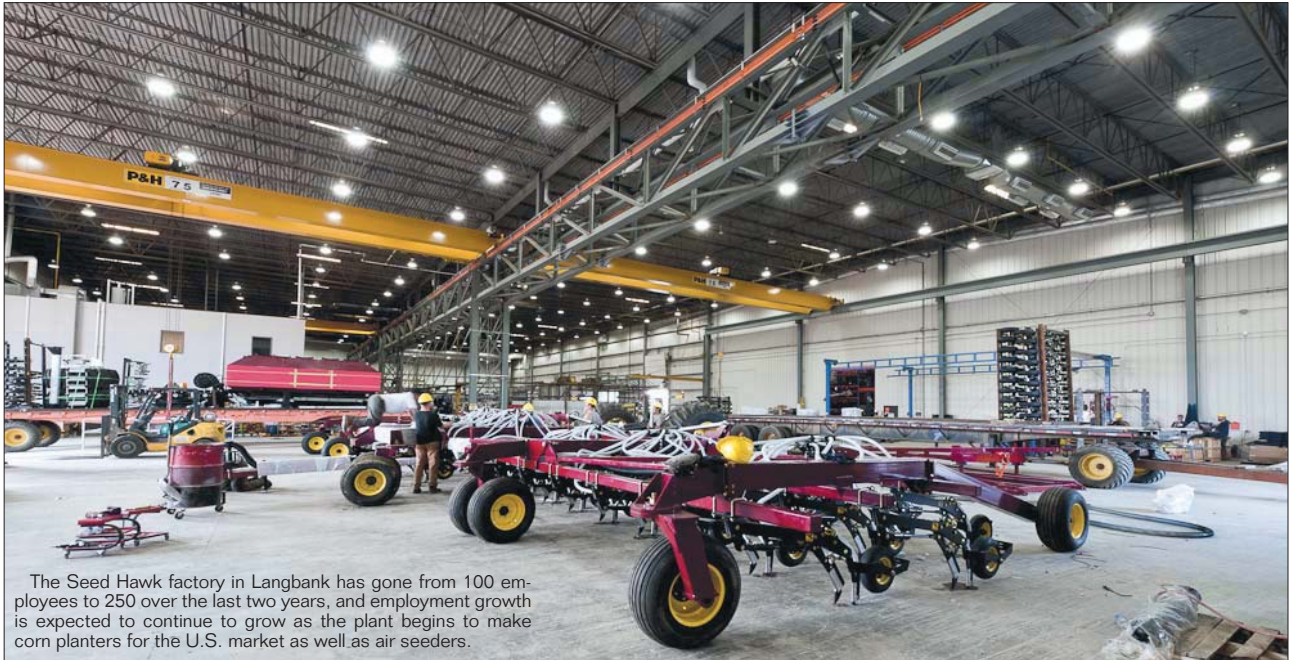


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The Seed Hawk factory in Langbank has gone from 100 employees to 250 over the last two years, and employment growth is expected to continue to grow as the plant begins to make corn planters for the U.S. market as well as air seeders.

Plans major investment in Langbank factory: Väderstad purchases Seed Hawk

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Swedish implement manufacturer Väderstad, which had owned 49 per cent of Langbank-based Seed Hawk since 2006, purchased the rest of the company on October.

Väderstad plans to manufacture a new line of corn planters for the North American market at Langbank, which will require a major investment in the Langbank plant.

Seed Hawk has seen its sales grow from \$10 million when it partnered with Väderstad in 2006 to \$70 million today. The company has also seen its work force grow immensely, and company founder Pat Beaujot says he sees the growth continuing with Väderstad's plans.

"When Brad Wall opened our expansion in 2011, we had 100 employees, and right now we're close to 250," he said. "I can see that kind of growth continuing. I can see us adding 100 people a year."

"We see great potential in Seed Hawk," says Christina Stark, CEO of Väderstad. "One of the keys to the North American market is local presence, and Tempo, our high-speed precision planter, is a strategically important product for reaching that market. Together with Seed Hawk's product range we increase our chances to succeed for both companies. We also see great synergies."

She said Langbank will continue to be Seed Hawk's head office and primary production site for the long

term.

"Since the beginning of the co-operation, Väderstad has been impressed by Seed Hawk's spirit, inherent power, innovations and potential for growth," she said. "Since 2006 Seed Hawk sales have increased 700 per cent."

"When Väderstad was considering investing in a North American factory, Seed Hawk management felt strongly that there was no better place to do it than Langbank, Saskatchewan," says Beaujot, Seed Hawk's founder.

"However, in order to make an investment of that magnitude, Väderstad wanted controlling interest in the company. When my partner Brian Dean and I looked at what having an even larger factory expansion in Langbank could do for our employees, our community and our province, it just made sense for us to sell. We know Väderstad will continue to build a very strong company in Langbank, as they think very long term."

Seed Hawk has been around since 1992, when the Beaujots used their first seeder to seed the crop on their farm.

"We decided to start the company that spring," says Pat Beaujot. "There were air seeders around since the 1970s but they were all kind of cultivator frames. Having an independent depth control opener made the difference."

"We switched to zero till on our farm and came up with the design. In late 80s Roundup came off patent and farmers were trying to switch to zero till."

"The implement companies all sold tillage equipment

so they didn't go after it hard.

"It was going to take a company like ours to serve the market."

Beaujot says he always had big dreams for Seed Hawk. "When we started if I knew there was a big demand for this kind of stuff. There were 80 million acres of farmland on the prairies, and at the time, the average farm was 1,000 acres, so that's a lot of farmers, such a big potential market."

"I'm the kind of guy who dreams big, so it doesn't surprise me how big the company has become. I actually thought it would grow faster. I had big dreams, and we built a big company, but it didn't go quite the way I thought. It takes time to build an equipment company up."

He said in the early years the Seed Hawk air seeder didn't have much direct competition.

"We didn't get any followers until 2000 or so when we saw the bigger competitors come in with similar designs."

When Väderstad initially bought a minority stake in Seed Hawk, the plan was to market the Canadian-made seeders in eastern Europe.

"It went differently than we thought," Beaujot says. "We thought Russia would be buying thousands of these but the financial crisis hit Russia and Ukraine hard."

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 “We worked hard in our own market, and most of this growth has been in our own market and the northern U.S., along with some in Australia. A lot of the growth has been local, but with Väderstad’s knowledge and strength behind us, we could invest in R and D and facilities. We learned how to invest in the right people and equipment.”

Väderstad, which was started by a Swedish farmer who came up with a better disc design for Sweden’s rocky soil in 1942, is still a growing company. The company had \$200 million in annual sales when it bought 49 per cent of Seed Hawk in 2006. It has now grown to \$340 million in annual sales.

Beaujot says Seed Hawk and Väderstad have worked well together.

“When we met them in 2006 you could see they had a similar way of thinking to us, and since then the respect and trust has grown.”

“Now they really want to take us to the next level. They want to invest a lot more in here than we could.”

“They have a new product, a corn planter, that’s aimed at the U.S. market. The new products will be built in Langbank. What

happened is they designed this planter, and they debated whether they should build it down in the States, where the market is huge. We thought they should build it here. They’re investing in the plant.”

Seed Hawk will have a subsidiary in the U.S. for sales.

The current General Manager, Peter Clarke, will become President and CEO of Seed Hawk.

“Peter has been a key part of our rapid growth in all markets over the last few years and I know he is the right person to take Seed Hawk into the future,” says Beaujot. “In addition, I’m happy to say that it will be business as usual for Seed Hawk customers, dealers and suppliers as Seed Hawk will continue to be run with its core management team.”

“A very important part of the deal for us was to ensure that both Pat and Brian remain with Seed Hawk,” says Christina Stark.

“Pat and Brian will continue to work with strategic product and market development and be members of the board, which is reassuring for us. Together Pat and Brian have been leading innovation in no-till seeding technology for over 20 years.”



Seed Hawk’s office and manufacturing plant at Langbank. The plant now employs 250 people, up from 100 two years ago, and employment is expected to increase as the plant begins to build a corn planter for the U.S. market as well as its air seeder.

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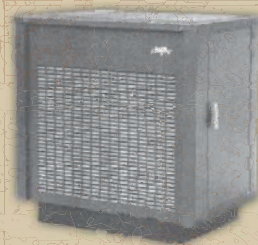
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Documenting versus Experiencing

I spent last week in Churchill, Manitoba checking out the polar bears and other wildlife of the subarctic tundra. As the Hudson Bay begins to freeze over, a process that is usually complete by the end of November, hundreds of polar bears migrate to the coast, waiting for frozen ice so they can begin hunting ringed seals. And as the bears migrate to the bay, so do thousands of tourists.

I traveled to Churchill as part of a wildlife photography group, so finding and photographing the beautiful wildlife that inhabit the subarctic tundra was our goal. We spent our time looking for wildlife, and then taking hundreds of pictures of the faces that popped up from behind rocks, snow drifts, and kelp piles.

It got me wondering about what impact wildlife tourism has on people's abilities to truly experience these incredibly rare and stunning encounters with wildlife. While we were stopped taking photos of a bear with our 400 to 600 mm focal length cameras, other buses full of tourists would join us, and immediately pull out their cameras — usually point-and-shoots, iPhones, or iPads. Having been an owner of these methods of documenting, I know for a fact that you cannot get a good clear photo of an animal from the distance we often were in some cases. But we have an obsession with documenting. So that we can say to our families when we get home to show off our vacation pictures, 'look, I was here.' A polar bear could lumber up behind us, and we would be so immersed in our screens and viewfinders, we wouldn't notice. And once, we almost didn't. We can't wait to put the picture on facebook, to share excitedly that we saw a bear, while all we really saw was a screen between our eyes and that beautiful animal.

There is an element of concern in practicing tourism this way. What we're doing by experiencing everything in snapshots and post-processed compositions is con-



Julia Dima

cerning ourselves much more with the future moments when we return home and put these images on our computers than we are with the present moment of experience. At least this is the case for me. In a search to get the perfect pictures, I took hundreds of images of the same thing — you sort of have to in photography — and when finished, I'd browse through the images, deciding which one I wanted to keep. With my face tucked into the camera screen, I could have missed hares hunting, foxes trotting past us, bears resting in the snow — the things I came to see.

But photography is a business where your word is only as good as your pictures, so creating documents of the moments you experience is key to getting "the perfect shot."

There needs to be a balance between when we see the world through our viewfinders, and when we see it through our eyes, and it isn't an easy balance to find. Humans are social community-based creatures. We thrive on sharing, telling stories, and relating to other people, so it's in our nature to tell everyone on twitter, "just saw a polar bear #omg #socute." But we are removing ourselves from our current and lived experience — the things that stick in our memories long after the computer crashes, and your vacation pictures are all gone.

So last week, I tried to learn to see with my eyes, not my viewfinder. I squandered photo opportunities for moments that will send shivers of wonder down my spine until I am old and telling my grand kids about that day. Like seeing a polar bear come close to our buggy and stop to look directly at me. Or while snapping photos of a curious Red Fox, having her three feet in front of me, tilting her head curiously at this person. These are moments I didn't want to put a gigantic lens through the middle of.

These are lived moments that you can't take a picture of that will match how you felt in that moment. And these are the moments worth not preserving.



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All photos taken near Churchill, Manitoba. Above: A red fox peers curiously over a ledge on a cold and white winter day.



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A male polar bear, or boar, rests in willow brush. Boars are often identified by scars on their faces from fights with other boars during mating season.



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CP—Power users in Saskatchewan could see their bills go up by about five per cent a year for the next three years.

SaskPower has applied for a three-year rate increase—5.5 per cent in 2014, five per cent in 2015 and five per cent in 2016.

The utility usually asks for rate increases one year at a time, but president and CEO Robert Watson says looking ahead gives customers and the company better ways to budget.

“We did the three years because... that first and foremost provides certainty for everybody,” Watson said at a news conference Friday in Regina.

“Even our residential customers, our farming customers and our large customers like the certainty of three years. And quite

frankly, it helps management. It helps us manage a three-year term, we can make longer term decisions on projects to do or not do, so it helps both sides.”

The rate hike would work out to an extra \$5 a month next year for an urban homeowner.

Farms would see rate increases of 3.5 per cent in 2014, 4.5 per cent in 2015 and four per cent in 2016. That means farms would pay about \$7 more a month next year.

Watson says there’s no guarantee that the rate hikes in 2015 and 2016 won’t change, but he feels the numbers are “pretty solid.”

“We feel pretty comfortable with the number,” he said.

“If it does have to change, then either it will go down or it’ll be something beyond our control

that causes the change.”

The increase still has to be approved by the province’s rate review panel and cabinet.

But the utility says it needs the rate increase to pay for new projects and to keep pace with the province’s growing economy.

Watson says electricity use grew 1.4 per cent between 2000 and 2010. It’s expected to grow eight per cent in 2013-2014 alone. He also says SaskPower connected 10,345 new customers in 2012—up 14 per cent over 2011 and 144 per cent from 2008.

SaskPower spent \$1.35 billion to rebuild or replace aging infrastructure this year. Watson says the plan is to spend about \$1 billion a year “for the long-term” on the electrical system.

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Nacho's Flying Service in Maryfield:

Crop sprayer says planned cell tower dangerous

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Ignacio "Nacho" Agüero says he has worries about safety if Rogers Communications goes ahead with plans to build a 140-foot cell tower near Maryfield, right next to his runway.

Agüero is a crop sprayer who divides his time between southeastern Saskatchewan and Argentina. He sprays crops in Saskatchewan in the summer, and in Argentina during the southern hemisphere's growing season—our winter.

He has built a hangar and runway just north of Maryfield. SaskTel has a cell tower on a neighboring quarter, making the quarter a no-fly zone, and now Rogers plans to build a cell tower on another adjacent quarter, which Agüero says will make takeoffs and landings difficult on his airstrip.

While there are restrictions on cell towers near public airports through federal Airport Zoning Regulations, there are no federal regulations to prevent cell towers from being built next to a private airstrip like Agüero's.

According to Agüero, cell towers are a permitted use of agricultural zoned land under the RM of Maryfield's zoning bylaw, so no zoning amendment or hearing is necessary before one is built.

Agüero says he has tried to speak with Rogers to convince them to build

the tower elsewhere, but wasn't successful.

"I tried to talk to the person who decides where they go," he said. "They told me they wouldn't come into conflict with me, but I'm worried about the safety aspect. To me it's unacceptable to have a cell tower so close to an aerodrome. There's a SaskTel tower on the next quarter, and cell phone companies are encouraged to share infrastructure, but SaskTel obviously doesn't want to share their tower with Rogers."

Agüero said he never would have developed his airfield where he did if he had any idea there might be a cell tower built next to it.

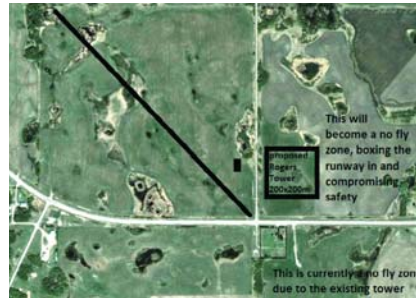
"That quarter was the only place we could find," he says. "Farmers around here aren't in the business of selling land."

"We bought the quarter and built the runway diagonally. Because of the existing cell tower, that entire quarter is a no fly zone. The next one is going to the north, right beside where my building is, and that will make that a no fly zone, too."

His new airstrip isn't recognized yet by Transport Canada.

"We're in the process of getting it approved as a private aerodrome," Agüero says.

"If it was an international airport, that has already



been protected. The approach paths of airports are protected—you can't put anything there."

He said he has put a lot of money into his airstrip and hangar, and wonders about the impact of a second neighboring cell tower.

"We just finished a huge investment, we tried to buy everything locally, and after spending hundreds of thousands of dollars I'm going to be forced to move," says Agüero.

"If I knew they were going to put a tower there I would never have bought that section of land."

"I would worry a lot about the safety. If it's there, it's a matter of time, you're going to hit it one day. I fly under power lines, so I can fly under the guywires of this thing if I want to—but the presence of the obstacle is something that increases the risk. Another obstacle

just increases the risk. "If they build it, I will put my land up for sale. As a business—as a crop spraying business—I can't live with that there."

Agüero says he heard from a neighbor that the cell tower might be going up.

"At the end of the spraying season, I was told 'the lady from Rogers was here and they chose a site right by your hangar.'"

Agüero says he offered to pay the owner of the quarter where the Rogers tower is planned to not

"I offered to pay him as

much as Rogers would pay him not to have it there," says Agüero.

Next to his airstrip, Agüero has built an 80x100 hangar, and was planning to build living quarters inside the hangar.

"I have big plans, I want to expand in the future," Agüero says.

"I'm trying to be part of the community and trying to build my business."

Rogers has issued a public notice of its intention to build the cell tower, and is asking for public input by Dec. 4.

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Dickens Festival continues to put Carlyle on map

BY KARA KINNA

Like so many volunteers in small towns, Shelly Slykhuis got involved with the Dickens Village Festival in Carlyle when she was asked to help out. In her case it was making clam and corn chowder.

Today, Slykhuis is the chair of the committee that organizes this annual, town-wide Christmas festival, a post that she has held for five years now. And she can tell you, without pause, that for the past three years, she has made more than 40 gallons of soup.

"It's just one of those things we enjoy—I think we enjoy the challenge," says Slykhuis of the festival.

"I think it's the fact that we can have a little fun with changing our accent, and you get to tease Scrooge," she says with a laugh. "No one of us is as good as all of us working together. It's a team effort. We enjoy it. It is work, but I think when you see the end result, it's like wow."

The Dickens Village Festival has been going strong since 2003 in Carlyle, and has become an annual event that takes months of planning and draws people from around the province and even the country to attend this weekend event that sees the town of Carlyle transformed into a Dickens village over two days.

From street urchins to carollers to vendors to carriage rides and time spent at Fezziwig's Pub, Slykhuis says the town throws its heart and soul into pulling the festival off every year.

"Even the RCMP get involved," says Slykhuis.

Indeed, Slykhuis says they have no problems finding volunteers for this event, which has come to be a distinguishing feature of the town before Christmas arrives.

"You find that people just come forward. If there is a job they can do, they help us out. We have no problems getting volunteers."

"I think what really pulls it together is just the enthusiasm of our team that radiates out there."

Slykhuis says a core team of about 10 people plan and fundraise for the Dickens Village Festival each year, but hundreds of volunteers from around the area make it a reality each winter.

The festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7 this year with a full slate of events over the weekend.

Over those two days, local people dress in period costume to host those events and role play as if Carlyle has been transformed into a village from the days of Charles Dickens.

The weekend includes lunch and free entertainment in "Fezziwig's Pub," a real, English high tea served both days at the United Church, a Tiny Tim's tasting tour, craft sales at three English markets, horse-drawn carriage rides, and street vendors. A lighted parade is held both evenings at 6 p.m. and both nights also feature a musical Christmas comedy performed by the Cornerstone Theatre Group. This year the play is "Christmas at the Bar Humbug Ranch."

There will also be a festival of trees and free entertainment at Fezziwig's Pub both evenings, while the elementary school will be auctioning off gingerbread houses as well as a fundraiser.

All of this takes place with a bevy of colorful characters in costume hosting the events.

Slykhuis says even the business owners dress in Dickens style to sell their wares.

"We encourage people to be dressed up as much as possible," she says. "We have Father Christmas and Scrooge on the street for a few hours, we have English bobbies, and carollers on the street and street urchins."

Slykhuis is also one of the many volunteers who spends her time making costumes each year to add to the bevy of Dickens characters that frequent the streets, shops and public places over the weekend.

"We have so much fun bickering and teasing people on the street with it," she says.

"I love making these costumes and seeing them on the street—people dressing up and having a little bit of fun, and seeing the English bobby telling Scrooge to behave himself—that kind of acting on the street brings a smile to people's faces."

Altogether she says there are about 18 community groups, churches and organizations that help put on the festival and benefit from it.

Over the years, the number of people attending the festival has grown as the festival has made a name for itself. Slykhuis says 760 people signed the guest book last year, and one year the town attracted over 800 people. She says she has seen names on the guest register from all around Canada, from the U.S. and overseas.

"It's something that is fun and unique, and to the best of our knowledge we are the only place in Canada that does a Dickens Festival," she says.

Planning for the festival starts as early as May with a Dickens thrift sale to raise money for the event. Regular meetings to plan the event begin in earnest in August, with meetings and fundraising ramping up to the weekend.

While it is a lot of work, Slykhuis says it's worth it.

"It kind of gives you a sense of pride that we are doing something as a community to showcase the community—it's not just the chamber or not just a few businessmen, we get a lot of support," she says.

She says people who attend the festival are usually thrilled by the experience.

"It's a 'wow, how can you do this? What an experience," she says. "It's unique. The biggest highlight usually is the play which is a comedy. People need laughter nowadays and that is a hit. The high tea is also a hit, and it is something different."

"It's just a unique experience."



Some scenes from the Carlyle Dickens Village Festival. Left: The lighted parade. Right: A scene from inside one of the stores in Carlyle.

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Kelli with her friends, Joseph, Titama and Stephen (left to right). Joseph and Stephen are twins in grade 6, and Titama is in grade 7.



Photo courtesy of Maddi Reed
Maddi helping piece together bricks to help build a school.

Rocanville High School students go to Kenya for Free the Children

BY JULIA DIMA
As summer in Saskatchewan neared its end, most high school students were spending a final few weeks of relaxing before school.

Rocanville's Maddi Reed and Kelli Stangeland were planting papayas and building a classroom in the village of Sikirar, Kenya.

The two went to Kenya as part of a Free the Children Youth Trip. PotashCorp launched a scholarship program to send young Canadians to work on food security, creating the 'Agriculture Pillar.'

Free the Children has five pillars in their model to end poverty in developing nations. They are education, clean water, health, alternative income, and now agriculture and food security.

Stangeland and Reed were both able to go in part because they have parents working at PotashCorp.

"Me and Maddi applied for the scholarship to go, and five of those scholarships have to go to students whose parents work at PotashCorp, so we got accepted, and there was 24 students from all

over Canada that went," Stangeland says.

While there, the girls worked alongside Kenyan farmers and also worked with other volunteers to build a school.

"We worked on the school for a little bit, but not as much as the other groups because we were part of the agricultural pillar, so what we ended up doing is we visited all the Free the Children farms there, and helped work on the farms, and see how their farms were different from ours," Reed says, "We all did a water walk,

so we went to a little creek and filled up buckets. It was a two kilometre walk there and back, and you have these pails full of water on your back, you have a rope that goes over your head, and you hold it on your forehead and you walk like that."

Stangeland said it was a culture shock to see how differently things are done in Kenya.

"We were planting papaya and sweet banana trees so that was really different from Saskatchewan. And you literally had one tool and you dug the hole

by hand," explains Stangeland.

Reed says that seeing the differences in how they adapt to their growing conditions helped her understand the challenges for food security in Kenya.

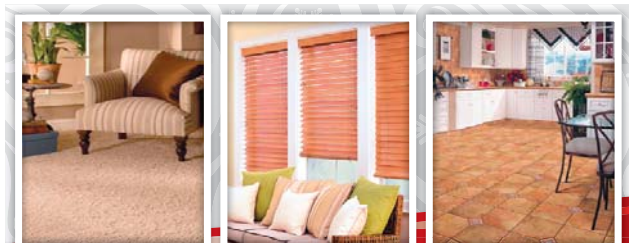
"They really know how to make it the best they can for their climate. Here the farmers can plant and let the rain water it, but there they have a special drip irrigation system and little water trenches to collect rain water. It's all about conserving water as best they can."

Both Reed and Stange-

land say they've always been passionate about issues in the developing world.

"I actually didn't know about this, but my dad works at PotashCorp and told me I could apply. It was short notice for me, but I was like 'Yes!' because I love to travel and I have a huge passion for children and I want to make a change in the world, so that's why I went," says Stangeland, "I'm glad I had this opportunity with PotashCorp."

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Rocanville students travel to Kenya

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For Reed, this trip to Kenya is the start of what she hopes is a career of helping.

"Ever since I've been really little I've known that I want to be a doctor and I've always wanted to go to Africa and help, so when I found out that this is an option specifically for PCS kids to apply for then I knew I definitely wanted to go because this is what I've been dreaming to do for years."

The Agriculture and Food Security Pillar is intended to give Kenyan farmers and communities the tools for long-term self-sustainability.

"Free the Children's main purpose is to empower communities to break out of the poverty cycle and be able to stand on their feet by themselves eventually without help. So we went over to just help with, not doing things for them, but helping them do it themselves," says Reed. "It's important to me that it wasn't just 'here let me help you, we'll do this for you' it was more 'here let me help you so that you can do this by yourself, and so that you can stand on your own.'"

"Their goal as a business is to put themselves out of business. So once the country they are working in is developed, because right now it's not, it can run on its own," Stangeland adds.

Stangeland says education is at the root of breaking the poverty cycle in Kenya and the Pillars that Free the Children has are all rooted in promoting education for children.

"Free the Children has five pillars and education is at the base of all of them. Free the Children realized that kids couldn't get to school because they had to go fetch water. So they put in the Clean Water Pillar. Then they realized parents couldn't afford to send the kids to high school, so they added the alternate income and livelihood pillar — that gives the parents other jobs, like the moms make bead work for Free the Children, who sell it and give them back the income — and then they have the agricultural pillar because kids weren't

getting enough food to do well in school," Stangeland says.

While in Kenya, Stangeland and Reed lived in tents near Sikirir. They remember hearing hyenas at night, and would see wild Zebras and other wildlife regularly. They also had opportunities to play with school children and meet locals.

"The people were so friendly, and the kids were so cute. If you drove by houses, kids would run after you saying hello. Every day we came back to the camp, there was a big group of kids to greet us," Stangeland says. "On some afternoons we just got to go play games with kids at the school, like soccer."

Stangeland says the cheerfulness of the community put things into perspective for her.

"In Kenya, the people have nothing, but they have everything because they are happy, and joyful, and feel that the purpose in life is just to get by."

Reed adds that talking to Kenyan people about Canada taught her about the privileges Canadians have.

"Hearing their ideas of Canada was really interesting," she says. "They didn't understand running water. They were confused, and asked how poor people get water, and we explained it was everywhere for everyone and they couldn't understand that."

"You get a new perspective on life. They think they are so blessed, and yet we have so much more," Stangeland adds.

Both Reed and Stangeland left Kenya knowing there was much more to do there.

"I feel like we've made a small stepping stone in this huge picture, and there's still a lot to do," Stangeland says, "but you have to take small steps."

Reed added that the appreciation of the community helped her feel like she'd made a change.

"The last day we were there the community held a farewell ceremony, and they thanked us for everything we'd done and just hearing them say it to us



Photo courtesy of Maddi Reed

Maddi and a local child from the area where she and Kelli were living and working for Free the Children in Kenya. The two helped build a school and garden with the locals.

made us feel like they really were happy and grateful for what we did."

Now back from Kenya, Reed and Stangeland were inspired to keep momentum for Free the Children

going back home in Rocanville.

"We have started a Free the Children group to get more awareness in the Moosomin and Rocanville area to open people's eyes

to what's happening over there and to inspire them to get passionate about helping," Reed says.

Stangeland adds that their goal is awareness, education, and giving local people the tools to get involved.

"For example, we're hosting a reading challenge in the school. PotashCorp has agreed to donate \$50 per classroom that reads the minutes we've allotted for reading in October," she says, "also, on Halloween we'll be doing a 'We Scare Hunger' food drive for our food bank, to remind people hunger is both a local and global issue."

Reed says so far, there's been a lot of support.

"A bunch of friends and classmates are really supportive and passionate about the idea, and are willing to help with everything. We hope to keep this growing."

The girls also want to

organize presentations in Moosomin and Rocanville to show people what they did in Kenya and get others involved in Free the Children.

As well, the two will be attending the 2013 We Day conference in Saskatoon as volunteers. We Day is a large gathering of social active youth to learn how to get involved in Free the Children initiatives. There, a video that includes the work Stangeland and Reed did in Kenya will be shown to close to 15,000 people.

Both Reed and Stangeland added that they have been thankful to have the chance to go to Kenya with PotashCorp and Free the Children, and hope to encourage others to travel abroad to volunteer.

The girls hope that they can build awareness by working in the community, and hope to encourage more students to go on the youth trip and help out.



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Santa Day, Moonlight Madness coming up in Moosomin

There are a number of events planned for Moosomin this Christmas season.

The Moosomin Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Santa Day in Saturday, Dec. 7.

This year the Kinsmen and Kinettes will be taking Santa photos at their Christmas tree lot near Mullett's Rona in Moosomin, and the Chamber will be offering a free matinee movie at the Moosomin Community Theatre that afternoon.

Moonlight Madness will also be held in Moosomin the first Wednesday in December.

The Wednesday night event last year was a hit, so much so that some people complained they couldn't find anywhere to park.

The chamber is going with the Wednesday night again, but adding a free movie for the kids at the theatre that night too, so parents can drop off their kids at the movie and go shopping.

The chamber is trying to round up some carollers to make the rounds of the stores to add to the evening as well.

Shoppers will also have the chance to participate in World-Spectator Christmas Giveaway. The promotion gives shoppers a chance to put their names in a draw for \$15,000 toward a car, plus a number of other prizes, including a \$3,000 travel voucher from McPhail Travel in Moosomin and a weekend stay and play package at Bear Claw Casino.

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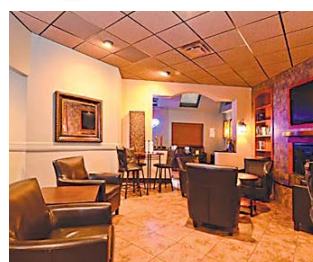
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"Winter is born in Western Canada. You accept it, but it was the length of it that was cruel."

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Saskatchewan had record snowfall last year as well as a longer and colder than usual winter. Environment Canada is predicting a milder winter this year.

Prairie winter expected to be balmy than last year

BY JULIA DIMA

Last year, Saskatchewan and Manitoba were covered in a blanket of snow and misery for seven months. The longer than average winter saw record snowfall, and some of the coldest average temperatures in 16 years, according to Environment Canada's senior meteorologist, David Phillips. This year, the winter will be shorter, and temperatures will be normal or above average.

"Our models are showing the first half of winter to be near normal across the province, and the last half—January to March—will have a tendency to be above normal."

Phillips says that these are simply models Environment Canada has at this point, but not their official forecast for the season. He says that most years have either El Nino or La Nina water temperature patterns. With El Nino, the water in the tropical eastern Pacific is warmer than usual, so on average, this means a more mild winter in North America. With La Nina, the water is colder, and so is the winter air. But some years, the water surface temperature of the ocean is La Nada or neutral, meaning the water is an average temperature. Phillips says this pattern makes it particularly difficult to tell what kind of winter it will be.

"It's always in Saskatchewan when you don't have El Nino or La Nina, it really becomes a tough call," Phillips says.

According to Phillips, of the past 50 or 60 years, 20 were La Nada years, and of those 20 years, the temperatures were not determinably colder or hotter, which gives meteorologists no clues in tracking whether a La Nada winter is going to be colder or milder.

But Phillips says he's certain that, at the least, Saskatchewan's winter will be shorter than last year's seven-month season.

"It's not going to be as long as it was last year, and you know, that's what did you

guys in," Phillips says, "People were just so aggravated and frustrated because of the fact that winter went on from Halloween to Easter. So my sense is that it won't be as long and it won't be as snowy."

He says that the first half of the winter from November to December will still be cold but average temperatures for that time of year, but the second half, from January to March will be balmy than average.

"My sense is you'll get the storms, and there will be times you wish you were in Honolulu or Arizona, but I think in the long scheme of things it won't seem as long, and there will be a difference from the front end to the back end, so it will feel like it was easier than last year," he says.

Last year's winter was abnormally long according to Phillips, and that length took its toll on even the most winter-hardy of Canadians in the Prairies.

"Winter is born in Western Canada. You accept it, but it was the length of it that was cruel. Last year, in some places, March was colder than February, and rarely is that the situation. April was seven or eight degrees colder than it should be," he says, "It warmed up in May, but my gosh, people were in a feisty mood, so my sense is warmer than normal will certainly be better than it was last year."

He also noted that despite the frigid temperatures stretching into April, December to February were only about one or two degrees colder than average temperatures.

Phillips says that while it is still uncertain due to the La Nada temperature pattern, it is likely that winter this year is going to be more comfortable than it was last year, and that Saskatchewan deserves to have a mild fall and a short and balmy winter after that long and cold winter.

"Nature owed you this kind of fall that you're having," he says, "So don't feel that you're greedy if you get a milder than normal winter."

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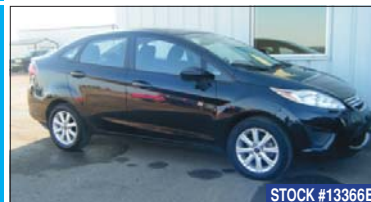
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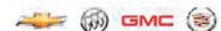
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Agricultural plastic waste a growing concern in Sask

BY JULIA DIMA

For many farmers in the southeast prairies, this year was one of the best harvests of their careers. For many, storing the grain became a concern.

Kevin Woods of Westwood Land and Cattle said he's seen more grain bags this year than he's seen before.

"Generally speaking in the last five years, you would have hardly found a grain bag in the country, and this year, they are everywhere," Woods says, "It's a cheap way of storing grain for a short period of time, and it works quite well from what I've seen."

Woods had some grain piled on his property for a few weeks unbagged, but he says for longer term storage, the grain bags are the best solution.

Any many other farmers in the region had the same thought.

Peter Nabholz at Flamans in Moosomin says this year, sales for grain bags and bins were high.

"Sales went very well, we were really quite happy. We were 75 per cent sold out of grain bins and 100 per cent sold out of grain bags," he says.

Since the grain bags are not reusable, however, they often end up as waste products.

"Most guys garbage the grain bags," Nabholz adds, "I don't know of any recycling program but I hope recycling happens. I mean, it's a shame to see them go to waste, since you can't reuse them."

It was such a large harvest that even grain terminals have turned to grain bags for storage this year. Chris Thomas at Parrish and Heimbecker says this is the first he's heard of an elevator using grain bags.

Currently, there are 24 grain bags at the terminal. Each bag stores around 12,000 bushels, or the equivalent of three rail cars.

When the elevator has room, an extractor empties the grain from the bags into grain trucks and it is then moved into the elevator. According to Thomas, the leftover plastic is a problem.

"That's a big problem across the Prairies, because nobody knows what to do



Parrish and Heimbecker has 24 grain bags at the Moosomin terminal. Each bag holds enough grain to fill three rail cars.

with them right now," Thomas says. He adds that while it's illegal to burn the bags now because of their toxicity, they are still generating waste. "I'm guessing the bags end up in the bush, I don't think they want them in the dump because they are bulky."

Thomas says he's heard of a recycling facility in Alberta, but says that's likely not an option for many farmers.

"To do that, the bags have got to be baled, and it's a long way to go, and you don't get anything like a return for doing it."

However, the growing problem of agricultural plastics is beginning to be met with a pilot recycling program.

In 2011, an agricultural plastics recycling pilot project was established with provincial and federal funding through the Growing Forward Fund and funding from the Provincial Council of Agricultural Development and Diversification Boards (PCAB).

In its pilot stage, the program has six

collection sites for the recyclables in Unity, Prince Albert, Kelvington, Viscount, Rush Lake, Mankota, Moose Jaw, and Estevan. Each collection site has a grain bag roller that farmers can rent to roll their bags for recycling and bring to the collection site.

Travis Quirk, the recycling co-ordinator for PCAB, says the farmers can call their nearest collection site to rent the roller.

"Each site has a trailer mounted grain bag roller that the farmer will have to pick up and use to roll the grain bag into a compact 3'x4' bundle. The trailer is signed out to producers and used free of charge."

He says the program got started because agricultural plastics are becoming an increasing issue.

"Agricultural plastics previously didn't have an option to properly dispose of them as landfills are not accepting them and burning the plastic is illegal and harmful to health," he says. He added that the bags are often stock-

piled by farmers which attracts pests, or burned illegally. When they do make it to landfills, they are bulky and do not break down quickly. When they are recycled, the bags are instead compacted into low density polyethylene pellets and turned into plastic lumber, pallets, and garbage bags.

Since the pilot project began, 1,700 bags, or 254,000 kilograms of plastic has been collected, and 204,000 kilograms has been shipped to recyclers. Quirk says that has been a challenge for the pilot project.

"Transporting the grain bags to recyclers is one of the biggest hurdles," he says, "as the program expands and hopefully turns into a province-wide program we would like to have collection sites ideally within half-hour drive for producers so that they are more accessible."

Quirk adds that what he'd like to see when the project is finished the pilot stage and is province wide, is more collection sites.

"As the program matures, there's plans to expand it from the six we have now to have it so that everyone should be able to relatively easily participate, and that's one of the biggest things, is that you want to make it easily accessible to everyone across the province. Just unfortunately with it being still in the pilot phase of the program, we're not at that point yet," he says.

There's also plans to potentially put an environmental handling fee and return on agricultural plastic products as incentive for people to participate. Quirk says if people in the Moosomin area are interested, they should contact him.

"If there is enough interest locally there is an opportunity to organize a collection date in the area where we would organize to have a grain bag roller in the area for a week or so as long as we can get 120-150 grain bags rolled in the area," he says. "We just want to let people know that there is this option, and we are trying to provide service to as many people as possible in the pilot phase of the program."



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PROPOSED ROGERS 103.5m WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GUYED TOWER INSTALLATION

SUBJECT:

- Rogers file # W3565, 103.5m tall Wireless Tower Facility.
- This proposed site will provide enhanced wireless voice and data services to Gainsborough and the surrounding area.
- There are no suitable collocate opportunities within the vicinity of proposed location
- Location: NE 32-2-30 W1M Extension 1 Coordinates: 49° 10' 33.05"N, 101° 27' 34.05"W. Site is located west of Gainsborough.
- The facility will include locked equipment cabinets within the 200m x 200m leased area within a fenced compound that will be secure from public access via lock and key.
- All necessary Transport Canada and Nav Canada approvals will be obtained by Rogers Communications Inc. and provided upon request to any members of the community.

With respect to this matter, the public is invited to provide written comments by **December 8th, 2013** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address.

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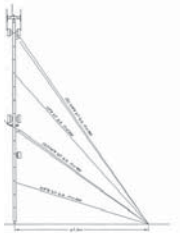
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SITE LOCATION MAP



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- This proposed site will provide enhanced wireless voice and data services to Storthoaks and the surrounding area.
- There are no suitable collocate opportunities within the vicinity of proposed location
- Location: NE 10-5-31W1M Extension 0 Coordinates: 49° 22' 58.21"N, -101° 34' 58.00"W. Site is located Southeast of Storthoaks
- The facility will include locked equipment cabinets within the 240m x 240m leased area within a fenced compound that will be secure from public access via lock and key.
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R.M. of Storthoaks
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SUBJECT:

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- This proposed site will provide enhanced wireless voice and data services to Antler and the surrounding area.
- There are no suitable collocate opportunities within the vicinity of proposed location
- Location: SW 13-7-30 W1M Extension 0 Coordinates: 49° 34' 04.69"N, 101° 26' 19.73"W. Site is located east of Antler.
- The facility will include locked equipment cabinets within the 200m x 200m leased area within a fenced compound that will be secure from public access via lock and key.
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Farmer's famous will celebrated 65 years later

BY BRE McADAM
THE CANADIAN PRESS
Lawyers call it one of the most unique wills ever written.

On Friday, the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law celebrated the 65th anniversary of a will written by farmer Cecil George Harris of Rosetown, Sask. Harris scratched out the will as he was dying in 1948, having been trapped for 10 hours beneath a tractor during a heavy storm.

Using a pocketknife, Harris wrote on the tractor's fender the words: "In case I die in this mess, I leave all to the wife."

He died in the hospital that night from his injuries.

A judge ordered that portion of the tractor cut off, and it has been displayed under a piece of glass in the Law Library ever since.

Bob Hannay, 80, is the only living survivor of the effort to rescue Harris. He was 15 at the time.

"My part in it was just to drive the tractor up there and pull the implement back so they could get the fellow out," Hannay said at Friday's celebration.

"It was real heavy clay, Rosetown clay, heavy, heavy rain, dirt roads. So they hooked chains on the

car and my dad said 'don't stop until you get to the highway.'"

Hannay said he didn't know until later what Harris had managed to do before he was pulled out from beneath the machine.

"A pretty tough old fellow to write his will on a tractor fender, all wedged up under a tractor," said Hannay. "Quite brave of him."

Calgary lawyer Geoff Ellwand said he was so fascinated by the story that he

tracked Hannay down last year to interview him for a book.

Ellwand said technically, it's known as a holograph will, meaning written by hand.

While it wasn't the first of its kind, he said the fender will has become known across the world.

"This was one which was written under extraordinary circumstances on an extraordinary medium," said Ellwand. "It was written in a manner, very brief,

there was no doubt about his wishes. And so the courts accepted it, without a blink."

Ellwand called the story an example of prairie practicality.

"Here's a man, trapped under a tractor for 10 hours, who knows what went through his mind, but at some point he must have said, 'I might not make it.' And he decides to write this will, giving everything to his wife, protecting his family."



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<p>2012 Ford F-150 Local Truck • EcoBoost • 4x4 • PST Paid \$31,900 \$259 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2008 Ford F-150 Only 111,000 kms • FX4 \$18,900 \$180 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2009 Ford Edge Local • Limited • AWD \$19,900 \$167 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2012 Ford F-150 FX4 FX4 • APP/Eco \$33,900 \$288 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2009 Ford Sport Trac 4x4 • V8 • Box Cover \$19,900 \$163 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2012 Ford Fusion Great on gas • New Tires \$15,900 \$136 BI-WEEKLY</p>
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<p>2010 Ford Focus Auto • New Tires • SE \$12,900 \$126 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2012 Ford F-150 XTR Eco • PST Paid \$32,900 \$275 BI-WEEKLY</p>	<p>2010 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 • 22,000 kms \$22,900 \$129 BI-WEEKLY</p>
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