

Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo July 20 and 21

BY KARA KINNA Kennedy, Sask. may be a commu-nity of just over 200 people, but come time for the Moose Mountain Pro Ro-deo, this little community goes all out to host the thousands of people who arrive there to see one of the only pro rodeos in small town Saskatchewan.

This year marks the 87th annual Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo, which will be held July 20-21 as competi-tors—some of them fairly fresh from the Calgary Stampede-come to town

but it's not just the competitors who come from far and wide. So do the

"There are people who come from all over," says Moose Mountain Rodeo President Tye Cancade. "There Albert every year and I know there is a couple from Cold Lake, Alberta that a couple from Cold Lake, Alberta that come. We usually have several peo-ple from England coming over. They come to Calgary (for the Stampede) then they swing over to Kennedy for a weekend. One of our sponsors, Va-derstad, their big guys that are from Sweden are coming over here just for the rodeo."

Cancade says they typically get 4,000 to 5,000 people through the gates over the two day period. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull the event off, but Cancade says they we believe the theorem and the same says they

"Usually we have somewhere be-tween 100-150 volunteers. We have one volunteer that come every year from B.C. We have volunteers coming from Kipling, Moosomin—all over." Cancade says its unique to have a

pro rodeo in a town the size of Ken-



nedy, which is part of the attraction. "It is very strange. There are only two or three other communities in Alberta and B.C. that are our size, or probably a little bit bigger, that have them, and we are the only one in Sas-katchewan. Regina is going host to pro rodeos this year, but they're all invitational or you have to qualify for them, so we are the only open pro ro-deo, and it is a pretty big deal for such a small community.

a small community." Cancade says it appears that inter-est in the rodeo is growing. "Three years ago it was the biggest crowd we've ever seen. In the grand stands you couldn't find a seat. Both days the beer gardens were packed. There were appende sitting on lawn There were people sitting on lawn chairs anywhere where they could

chairs anywhere where they could find a spot. It was just huge. "I know the rodeo has been pro-moted a lot more. On our Facebook we promote the heck out of it. With The World-Spectator and 620 CKRM, they're promoting us, and I think it's just an interest for some people. I've had people come up and say they've just an interest for some people. I've had people come up and say they've never been to a rodeo and they had to come check it out. A lot of people come out of the city and they don't get a chance to see this and they hear about the Calgary Stampede and the cowboys that are coming from there, so I think maybe that's part of it. "People want to get away from the city for the weekend, and where better than to go than a town of 200 people." This year's rodeo will be much the

This year's rodeo will be much the same as last year's, with the rodeo on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, as well as a few other events on that weekend. Continued on Page 33







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Reduce risk with loan insurance

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN

Loan insurance is an important risk management tool that can allow farms to carry on after a tragic event. A disability or untimely death to key farm personnel can adversely affect that operation's ability to generate the cash flow needed to meet its debt obligations, but loan insurance can mitigate that risk, says Terry Betker presi-dent and CEO of Backswath Management.

"The need for liquidity at the time of an unexpected death is the primary reason most farm business owners choose to in-sure themselves with creditor or personally owned life insurance," says Pete Aars-sen, president of Maple Creek Partners.

Another motivation is business continuity. It's important that farm successors, usually adult children, have available cash to continue business operations and are unaffected by possible changes to loan conditions or terms, often in the name of the long-time principal farm operator, Aarssen explains. There's heightened interest in loan in-

surance, a product of larger loans, to re-flect significantly higher land and asset values, says Betker. "It is entirely common, almost required, to carry millions of dollars of debt in order to meet the farm business plans for the typical farm enterprise today." Aarssen savs

Loan insurance policies assist by taking into account retraining, adapting and replacing in the event of accident or death, adds André Fagnou, director, pric-

ing and products at Farm Credit Canada. In a worst-case scenario—loss of life— the amount of a policy could be applied to a loan, and could even completely pay down the loan or significantly reduce it, depending on the coverage, Fagnou says. Any institution offering financing com-monly has an option for life insurance on that loan, Fagnou says.

He says it's a very competitive market

with numerous providers, including FCC. Fagnou recommends farmers under-stand the features and benefits of a pro-gram because all are not equal. One common feature to look for is whether the amount of the premium decreases with the outstanding principle balance of the loan, Betker says. A potential drawback is that some creditors might still require the assignment of real property as collateral to a loan, notes Aarssen. A lender forcing the liquidation of a piece of property to repay a loan could thereby jeopardize the future of the farm, he says

"In a competitive market, just like when purchasing a car or a needed piece of equipment, one should seek out the advice and counsel of a few qualified advisors," Aarssen says.

Loan insurance can save a farm from sinking under debt in the event of accident or death, but not all programs are equal. In today's competitive market, research and explore options to understand the features and benefits of loan insurance before investing.



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How does your farm vision lead to success?

BY TRUDY KELLY FORSYTHE Farm business planning experts and farmers them-selves agree: a business vision is a critical element to

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Michelle Painchaud, president and CEO of the consulting firm, Painchaud Performance Group, is a firm believer in vicion

vision. "It is motivating, inspiring and aligns everyone to one common goal or des-tination," Painchaud says, explaining a farm vision is the desired destination where a farm wants to be. "It is like a travel destination when one is planning a special trip."

The value of vision

A clear vision provides focus and helps farms make better decisions, Painchaud says. That's because choices are made to ensure they align with the farm vision.

It's also valuable when a farm is transitioning man-agement or ownership. Painchaud says whether a

Painchaud says whether a farm consists of three, 25 or 300 people, a vision gets - and keeps - everyone on the same path. "The older generation has been doing this for a long time, so they know what they are thinking," Painchaud says. "A son or dauether may wonder. Painchaud says. "A son or daughter may wonder, 'what's my role? How am I going to be involved?' Without vision, they will be scattered and doing dif-ferent things," Painchaud explains. "Vision brings dicement" alignment."

Strong vision, strong farm When Wayne Rempel



became the CEO of Kroeker Farms in Manitoba in 2002, he knew the importance of having a strong vision for the farm.

"Vision for the farm." "Vision is the long-term goal of where you want to be some day," Rempel says. "If don't have a long-

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He developed a vision statement for the farm when he started in his role, and when the farm rebranded a few years ago, a marketing firm was brought in to assist, in part with development vision captures the same goals as the first and mainof a new vision. The new

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tains the company's com-mitment to healthy food

and the environment. But Kroeker Farms' vision statement does more than guide the farm's stra-

than guide the farm's stra-tegic plan. "The marketing com-pany really felt our vision statement could help do the marketing of our story that we could tell the rest of the world," Rempel says. "Before it was in-ternal for our employees; now it's external as well."

Bottom line

A clear farm vision provides focus and helps guide daily decisions, no matter the size of the operation. Experts recommend making the time to create a farm vision and ensuring it's used once it is created.



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"He owns a stock contract company by the name of Prime Time Rodeo, and he was All Around Cowboy in 1991 for Pro Rodeo Canada, and he has been producing some of the top bucking horses and selling them to Gold Rodeo Stock in Alberta, and they've been featured at Calgary and then at Canadian finals."

Cancade says Lawrence is a local who lives just six miles south of Kennedy. The presentation to him will be made during the grand entry on the Saturday at 5 pm. It's a lot of work to run the pro rodeo in

Kennedy every year, but Cancade says it's worth it.

worth it. "There is only one thing that keeps the town alive and it happens to be the pro ro-deo, and the rink in Kennedy, so we have got to keep those things going and keep people interested. It is the one big event. Moosomin has their rodeo and the fire-works out at the lake, and Whitewood has their rodeo and a courted colf to the second their rodeo and a courted colf to the second their rodeo and a courted colf to the second their rodeo and a courted colf to the second to the second to the second to the second the second to the second to the second to the second the second to the second to the second to the second to the second the second to the their rodeo and a couple golf tournaments, but in Kennedy it's just the rodeo, and that

is the one big function.

is the one big function. "Every year you look at the books and you look at numbers and you go into doubt, but somehow we keep pulling it off. The sponsors are a big thing and volunteers are the next big thing. Then when we get the audience there, they are the ones that keep encouraging us to do it, just seeing how many people actually will come out whether it's rain or shine or so hot that you can't breather they're still so hot that you can't breathe-they're still there for us.

"It's a huge undertaking, and when you see Saturday afternoon that the grand stands are empty and within half an hour all of a sudden they are packed full, that all of a sudden they are packed full, that gets your blood going and you know it is going to be a good year. And then by Sun-day at 1 pm everyone is packed into the rodeo grounds and you can't find parking anywhere and you know it is going to be a good weekend and it keeps your head above the water and keeps you wanting to keep doing it " keep doing it."



A steer wrestler at last year's rodeo.



USask-led group awarded \$1.65 M to train young scientists for expanding plant protein industry

BY USASK RESEARCH PROFILE AND IMPACT

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An interdisciplinary uni-versity group led by Uni-versity of Saskatchewan versity of Saskatchewan researcher Michael Nick-erson has been awarded erson has been awarded \$1.65 million by the federal granting council NSERC to train a new generation of innovative plant protein scientists to help indus-try satisfy the exploding worldwide demand for meat alternatives.

meat alternatives. "This major public in-vestment in research and training presents a novel and exciting opportunity to leverage our univer-sity's expertise and invest-ment in both agricultural research and agri-food and bioproduct development for a sustainable future," said USask Vice-President Research Karen Chad.

"By working across disci-plines and institutions, and engaging with industry, this innovative project will this innovative project will provide young scientists with strong technical and leadership skills to advance the expanding protein in-gredient industry" she said.

Nickerson said global demand for plant protein ingredients is expanding due to population growth, the high cost of animal-derived proteins, and a large group of consumers who've chosen a "flexitarian" diet-mostly vegetari-

an and meat only occasion-ally—for ethical and health

reasons. "This project is a huge opportunity for students, who will acquire the skills who will acquire the skills needed for a rapidly grow-ing plant protein ingredi-ents industry that needs graduates who can hit the ground running," said Nickerson, a professor of food and bioproduct sci-ences at the USask College of Agriculture and Biore-sources. sources.

"By incorporating four-month industry internships into the program, we will train scientists who will have a blend of leadership, science training and hu-man dynamics, and an un-derstanding of what issues really impact the developreally impact the develop-ment of the protein ingredi-

ent industry." NSERC's six-year Collab-orative Research and Trainorative Research and Irain-ing (CREATE) award in-cludes eight co-applicants and 12 collaborators. The project, called Canadian Agri-food Protein Training, Utilization and Research Enhancement (CAPTURE), includes circuit for provide includes scientists from USask. University of Manitoba and University of Alberta, and aims to train 71 highly qualified personnel—10 PhDs, 44 master's students and 17 undergraduates. In-cluding cash and in-kind support from the institu-tions, government, and in-



Michael Nickerson, a professor of food and bioproduct sciences at the USask College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

dustry partners, the invest-

ment totals \$4 million. "In addition to plant proteins having huge im-plications for the health of Canadians, there will be considerable economic and social benefits to Canada as we diversify ingredients and foster innovations in the food industry," Nicker-son said.

Efforts of Prairie gov-ernments to build a strong value-added plant-ingre-dient processing sector have been effective, said Nickerson who holds a Sas-

katchewan Ministry of Ag-riculture Strategic Research Chair in Protein Quality and Utilization.

"There's a huge wave of industry investment hap-pening across the Prai-ries, whether it's Roquette ries, whether it's Roquette building a huge pea pro-tein fractionating plant in Portage la Prairie, Verdient Foods investing in a plant in Vanscoy, or the involve-ment of big players like AGT Food and Ingredi-ents," he said.

As processing plants expand and more players

come on stream, companies can't find enough highly qualified personnel with not only technical and sci-entific knowledge, but soft skills such as leadership, project management, com-munications, and creative come on stream, companies thinking, Nickerson said.

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 Developing innovative dry and wet fractionation (separating crop seeds into surpting charles of the set of the se protein, starch and fibre

components); • Improving the prop-erties of plant proteins to create new uses or increase

Developing value-add-ed applications;
Examining supply chain and market development opportunities for plant protein ingredients and identifying barriers to moving new ingredients to market

CAPTURE also will help develop a protein research network on the Prairies where the feedstock is grown, said Nickerson.

USask resources such as the Crop Development Centre and Global Insti-tute for Food Security, and facilities such as KeyLeaf, facilities such as KeyLeaf, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and the National Research Council, make Saskatoon a great hub to build a protein network, he said. The group is also working with provincial food development centres and integrating with the industry-led Protein Indus-tries Canada (PIC) supertries Canada (PIC) supercluster

"Building this protein network is really important because it will make us that much more ready for when the protein supercluster comes online, not only with our students but in research collaborations among the group's industry interac-tions," said Nickerson.



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BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Conexus Credit Union is accepting offers for the Spy Hill branch and other branches that are being closed.

Conexus has published a Request For Offers this

Nicole Westerlund, Manager of Public Relations for Conexus, says "We're entertaining all offers. We're open to individuals and organizations or businesses making of-

fers. We wanted to put it out to the community. We are definitely looking for something that provides a clear benefit to the community—that would be ideal—but we're putting it out there to see what

comes up. She said Conexus will look at the offers and decide on a case-by-case basis in each community which offer to accept.

Westerlund said some potential buyers have ex-

pressed interest in some of the properties, and Conexus decided to come up with one process to sell all the properties.

"There has been some interest," she said. "We wanted to formalize the





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Pipestone Villas looking at assisted living

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Pipestone Villas is looking into two options for adding assisted living to its seniors independent living develop-ment in Moosomin. Pipestone Villas consists of two 24-unit senior indepen-

Projectione Vilias consists of two 24-unit series interper-dent living buildings on Wright Road in Moosomin. The initial plan was to develop a third building similar to the first two, but the board is now in discussions with two different companies about adding an assisted living

two different companies about adding an assisted living component in the planned third building. "There are two different groups that we're pursuing," said Wayne Beckett of Pipestone Villas. "The idea is to do something with that third parcel of land that was meant for Phase 3. We're looking at options on whether it would be possible to provide a higher level of care, to complement the existing two buildings." "It's a different lougl of suprement then Phase 1 and 2."

"It's a different level of investment than Phase 1 and 2," said Beckett.

Beckett said he believes it's clear that assisted living is needed in Moosomin. "I think it's pretty evident that the town needs that level of care," he said.

Change of plan Becket says the Pipestone Villas board of directors has decided that assisted living would make more sense than the original plan of adding a third 24-unit building like the first true. the first two

"Originally the plan was to build a Phase 3 the same as "Originally the plan was to build a Phase 3 the same as 1 and 2, but since we built the second one, construction costs have gone up significantly due to inflation and also due to building codes, so that has added some costs. To build a Phase 3, the building would be significantly more expensive than 1 and 2. Whether the existing sharehold-rem house on experience does not each walk the interiment into expensive than 1 and 2. Whether the existing sharehold-ers have an appetite for doing a cash call to reinvest into that size of a property, that's a tough sell. To have a third building of what we already have might be hard to jus-tify, but if we have a higher level of care, where they all complement each other is more easily justified. "The original game plan of Phase 3 being the same as 1 and 2 is not likely going to happen, so we're going to look at this higher level of care that complements our existing facilities and meets a more immediate need for the com-munity than just the standard Phase 3 building."

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Opportunity for investment

The assisted living facility would be incorporated sepa-rately from Pipestone Villas, which may involve bringing in additional investors Whatever this third phase entails, it would be a separate corporation, so it would be a separate group of inves-tors, which could include existing investors in Pipestone Villas and new investors," said Beckett.

"If we decide to make any kind of investment, it will require outside investors."



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Customers say Bra Lady took their cash

Over 100 customers say Barb Chapman-aka 'The Bra Lady'-took cash up front and didn't deliver the product. Her friend also says she left her on the hook with thousands in credit card debt

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BY KARA KINNA "The Bra Lady is coming to size you up" was the slogan for years in advertising placed by Barb Chapman, aka "The Bra Lady" and the owner of Bra Lady Inc, as she travelled from community to community, measuring women and promising to order them appro-priately sized and better fitting bras.

Chapman operated her business for ap-proximately 10 years. But in the last three years it appears things went awry for Chap-man and her customers, who found them-selvase making naumant un front for bros selves making payments up front for bras they never received, and hitting a dead end when they tried to contact Chapman to find out where their orders had gone. Many say Chapman didn't answer her phone or never return calls.

A quick search online reveals over 100 A quick search online reveals over 100 angry reviews from customers saying that Chapman took their money and disap-peared, often pressuring her customers-who were often elderly—to buy at least three bras, and to pay up front. The Better Business Bureau gives the Bra Lady an "F" rating, and lists 66 complaints filed against the business. The complaints date back to 2016. Then, in January of 2019, the Better Business Bureau was informed that Bra Lady Inc was no longer in business. The business had folded, and Chapman had declared personal bankruptcy.

bankruptcy.

91-year-old Freda Fletcher from Moosomin was one of the customers who placed an order with the Bra Lady and never

received her product. She says Chapman came to her house on August 18, 2018 and measured her for a bra. Fletcher says she was less than impressed by Chapman's manner, who pressured her to buy

impressed by Chapman's manner, who pressured her to buy three bras and demanded cash up front. "I said I'm going to try it out, I never had it before," says Fletcher. "She said 'no, I want you to take at least two.' And I said 'no, I told you one.' And she wanted cash. And I said 'sorry I can't give you cash. I haven't got that much on me.'" Fletcher says she ordered only one bra and paid by cheque. The total invoice, with the fitting, came to \$236.50. But the bra never arrived. When Fletcher tried to phone Chapman, all she got was ber voice mail.

When Fletcher tried to prone Chapman, an site got was her voice mail. "I phoned her and asked her how long it's going to be be-fore I got it," she says. "I could never get ahold of her. Some-times I tried calling twice a week. I thought, well maybe she will send it out. Nothing," After months with no product, Fletcher eventually went to the RCMP. She says the entire experience left her feeling surful

awful. Moosomin RCMP say complaints have been filed about Chapman at several other detachments as well. The reviews online are all similar. Customers are told they

should order more than one bra, they pay up front, prefer-ably in cash, and then never receive the product and never

hear from Chapman again, or else hear from her but are giv-en excuses as to why the product can't be delivered. "I had this lady come into my home for a bra fitting," reads one review on the BBB website. "I ordered two bras from her costing \$486.80. After six weeks I contacted her as I had not received my order. She stated that delivery was 8-12 weeks and that the company were on holidays and were backed up. I them waited till around the 13th week as I still had not received my bras. Left a few messages, no reply stul had not received my bras. Left a few messages, no reply back. Waited a few more weeks, tried calling again could not leave a message on her answering machine (mailbox full). I am 86 years old, and am very upset and disgusted that this could have happened. I trusted this lady to come into my home. Very disappointed that she would not even return my calls. She had no problem taking my money. No customer service from this lady and no bras!!!"

service from this lady and no bras!!!" "My aging mother ordered bras from the Bra Lady in May 2018, paid for them and has not received anything," reads another review. "On May 18, 2018 Dorothy, my mother, or-dered bras from Barb... The total bill was \$515.20 paid by cheque the same day as the order. Cheque was cashed by the Bra Lady. There was no communication except the first call. Mother was told there was a problem with the factory, this was in June. We have left numerous voicemails to find out the status of the order and not one call has been returned." Some customer say they paid as much as over \$800 and

Some customer say they paid as much as over \$800 and never received their product.

A friend no more

Valerie Saurette from Winnipeg knows Barb Chapman well. Saurette has been friends with Chapman on and off over the years since Saurette was 18. But they are friends no longer. After helping Chapman out financially a few times over the years, Saurette became ad co-applicant with Chap-man on a credit card on the condition the card be paid off every month. The end result was \$26,000 worth of debt, with

every month. The end result was \$26,000 worth of debt, with Saurette left owing the balance, and Chapman disappearing from her life without a word. Saurette eventually had to take out a loan to pay down the debt left by Chapman. It was the final straw for Saurette, who says she had lent Chapman a hand many times over the years, but never had anything like this happen to her. "When I was about 17 or 18 years old I moved to Carman Manitoba. I was working at the Credit Union at the time and liked to curl and started curling, and Barb curled. So I got to



Freda Fletcher, 91, from Moosomin, was one of the people who says she paid Chapman for a bra and never received her order.

Valerie Saurette was Chapman's friend and says she was left to pay off \$26,000 in credit card debt left by Chapman.

know her on a personal level and she had a very abusive husband who was an alcoholic and they split ways," she says. "She was trying to raise two young children on her rating went in the toilet.

time. "Barb has never really worked anywhere, "Barb has never really worked anywhere, she has always tried to invent herself through sales. I guess you could say I took pity on her and she seemed like a very nice lady, and I thought she's struggling, trying to raise two kids on her own. "She dealt at the Credit Union and she would write cheques and there wouldn't be funds. So I would phone her and say 'Barb you need to get in here because if you don't they are going to bounce your cheques.' So that is kind of where the history started with her." That was 49 years ago.

own and she was selling Tupperware at the

time

That was 49 years ago. "I moved to Winnipeg about seven years later, and then moved to Vancouver for a few years, so we kind of lost touch," says Saurette.

'I moved back to Winnipeg and we kind of reconnected. And she had some health issues. She bought a condo on Kenaston. And she ended up forfeiting on that condo. She tried to sell it and couldn't and just walked away from it. So automatically her credit

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Customers say Bra Lady took their cash

** Continued from page 40 "Of course I'm still teeling sorry for her because she's sick and can't work. So she came to me for some financial assistance, which I did. I had access to a revolving line of access to a revolving line of credit that I wasn't really uscredit that I wasn't really us-ing. So she started using that, I was advancing her funds out of that, and then it started to get out of hand, so I told her it needed to be paid off. Then she got caught up in a ponzi scheme scheme.

"She was trying to get a quick fix to pay me back. "Shoot me in the head, but I agreed to take out a credit card and have her as a co-applicant on the card. That was my first mistake. And that was prob-

"I didn't use the card but I activated it so I could watch her online because I told her I would do this under two cir-cumstances. One was that it would be paid off in full every month. And that she would use it for business purposes only. That this was a business investment and not a personal investment. "It started out okay. She

was doing what I asked, she was paying it off. Then I got a new card and didn't activate it, but then I lost my online privileges to go and check the account, so I kind of left it again. And then around six It again. And then around six years ago 1 started to get some bad vibes from her and start-ed questioning her. Because I thought all this stuff that had happened to her should be history. It had been more than seven years, and in the finan-cial world you should be able to get a credit card after seven to get a credit card after seven

"So I started asking her to get her own credit card. She would give me all sorts of ex-cuses. She lied to me so many times. And then I did get an-other card and activate it and started getting statements, and at that point, the limit on the card was \$25,000, which I didn't know. I didn't autho-

"She kept giving me ex-cuses and saying they've been after me to get a card for my "She started selling lingerie

"She started selling lingerie years before that and she start-ed selling china, and now she was into the bra business, and she incorporated her business and became the bra lady. And the stories she would tell me about how much money she was making, how wealthy she was and how lucrative the business was, and I thought 'good for you' until I started seeing the credit card not do-ing too well. "So about three years ago, I said to her, 'why won't they give you a credit card?' and she said I don't know, they won't tell me why.' "So I said 'I want you to make an appointment with

make an appointment with your banker and I want to come with you.' And I came with her and she had four or five credit cards maxed out, she owed CRA. She told me she had money coming back from Canada Revenue Agen-

cy. She owed them \$40,000. "I walked out of there in shock because she was maxed out on all these other credit cards. And the banker just looked at her and said 'you

know why you aren't getting a credit card. Take a look at your credit rating.' "So then I gave her an ul-timatum. I said 'you need to find somebody else to back you. I'm done.'

find somebody else to back you, I'm done.' "She basically had my back up against the wall. A number of times I gave her an ultima-tum and gave her a deadline and said as of a certain date I'm cutting you off, I'm going to phone the Royal Bank, no more debits. more debits

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going through this card and I expect you to pay it off. She said well if you do that, I have no way to run my business so we are both going to be screwed. You can't do any-thing about it. "I have emails and texts go-

ing back and forth for two and a half years where she has lied to me consistently about what she's going to do to pay it off. She's going to take in a foster child, she has money coming back from CRA, she's going to sell her business. "In October she just quit

making payments on it, she wouldn't respond to my mes-sages, and so we had to pay it off.

"So she didn't do anything illegal with me. I was stupid enough to do this for her. The betrayal I feel from this is just enormous. It's hard to understand someone you thought was your friend and you did all this for for 50 years could just walk away from it and slap you with a bankruptcy. We are listed as a creditor on

her bankruptcy." Saurette says Chapman also lied to her about having a life insurance policy, among other things

"Barb is 11 years older than I am. I was always worried with her on the road all the

with her on the road all the time, what if something hap-pened to her," she says. "She told me she had a life insurance policy, that she would designate me as a ben-eficiary in the event that some-ficiary in the event that someeficiary in the event that some thing happened to her. It was for \$20,000. Her daughter Le-anne was the beneficiary sup-posedly. She gave me a signed letter from Leanne saying she had this insurance policy and Leanne was signing over her rights as a beneficiary. So that day that I met her at the bank, before we met I sid 'I want you to bring me a copy of that life insurance policy, I

want you to legally put me on want you to legally put me on as beneficiary." "There was no life insur-ance policy. She lied." Saurette says being left with Chapman's debt left her and her husband in some financial beardebie

her nusband in some infancian hardship. "We went to our accoun-tant and financial planner and we didn't happen to have \$25,500 laying around to pay it off," she says. "So we took out a loan and are paying \$804 a month for two and a half a month for two and a half years to pay it off, and we're withdrawing the money on a monthly basis from our Regmonthly basis from our Reg-istered Plan to make the loan payments. So at the end of the day, if you count the cost of borrowing, the withholding tax on that money through the RRSP and the increased level in our income, we are probably looking at closer to between \$45,000 and \$50,000."

Why did she do it?

thinks about everything that Chapman has done, she doesn't believe Chapman is a con artist, but that she's simply incompetent when it comes with money.

"Her money management skills are terrible," she says. "And then she started us-ing the credit card for per-sonal business as well. She'd rea to the heavitr (alugn she'd go to the beauty salon, she'd go for a round of golf, she'd buy so and so a present. You could see all these charges gocould see all these charges go-ing through. And a number of times, I said 'please stop using it for your personal use because this is not what we agreed to originally.' "I think to a certain degree she can't help herself. "She worked hard when she was working, she would be gone for weeks on end and would have to come home

would have to come home and fill her orders. It wasn't that she didn't work hard, she just wasn't a smart business owner at all. And she

thought she was. She thought a lot about her company and her abilities. In her own mind she was successful and she flaunted that quite a bit. She would talk about how she was in the six figure income level and that wasn't true, but she

and that wasn't true, but she wanted it to be, maybe. "I think she is financially a mess. I think that's what it is." Saurette says she'd like Chapman to take responsi-bility for her actions, but she decar't holican aurone util doesn't believe anyone will

doesn't believe anyone will get any money back. "You can't draw blood from a stone. She should be held accountable for what she did, and maybe she has accepted responsibility for what she's done, I don't know. I don't want her to have a heard at-tack over this or anything, but nothing is going to come of it. I'm not going to get anything out of it. I know I'll never lend anybody money again, unless anybody money again, unless it's family who really needs



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Gehl making his mark in mixed martial arts

BY KARA KINNA Esterhazy's Zach Gehl is only 18 years old, but already the young adult is making his mark

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young adult is making his mark on the mixed martial arts scene. Gehl has earned three world medals for his skills, and has had 97 titles or podium places since 2014 at various provincial, national and international com-petitions. He's also the first ever Saskatchewan martial arts sports hall of fame competitor inductee. hall of fame competitor inductee. And when he's not practicing his skills during the week, he's off to

competitions on the weekends. Gehl says he started into mixed martial arts when he was 13 years old as a way to give himself more confidence.

"In the last four years I've competed in mainly Brazilian jiujitsu, kick boxing, wrestling, and I have done a couple of tournaments with mixed martial arts, he says.

"I started when I was 13 be-cause I was having some trouble at school getting bullied. My par-ents thought that it would be a good idea for me get into martial arts for the self-defense aspect and the self-confidence.

"I started it and really loved it and I've been doing it for four years now, and I'm at 97 medals after the whole journey, so it's

been a great journey." Gehl has taken his passion so far as to earn medals at the inter-national level.

"I've competed on the world stage. I started provincially, then nationally, and now I'm competing internationally. My last fight was in Reno and I've been to Vegas, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Chicago—all over." Gehl graduated this spring, and says his plan is to work to-

and says his plan is to work to-wards going pro. "After high school I'm defi-nitely wanting to bring it to the next stage where hopefully I can become professional and hope-fully get to the UFC—that level is the goal," he says. What is it that Zach loves about martial arts so much? "I was originally in team sports

"I was originally in team sports like football and that never really clicked with me, but getting into martial arts, it's an individual sport, so there is no way that sport, so there is no way that someone can lose for you or win for you," he says. "It's only you against another opponent, but you have complete control of what happened, so that's defi-nitely been a huge reason why I've decided to take this path, be-cause it's just one-on-one compe-tition and it's just something that tition and it's just something that really jives with me." Gehl says, like any other sport,



started small and built up his skill level.

"My first year of competitions was all local tournaments. This is kind of like the story where you start at the bottom, because the first year I didn't win one match or win any medals. Eventually you start figuring things out and

just keep training, and training five days a week, and you kind of just get to a point where you start "It was tough for me because

I'm a really bad dyslexic so that really threw a wrench into learn-ing because it is hard with the co-ordination, but after a year it



Left: Zach Gehl at the Vegas NAGA championships after winning both Gi and no Gi grappling divisions.

Above: Gehl walking out to fight in his recent Reno fight to win pro.

Below: Gehl winning the teen Minnesota Valhalla combat grappling championship.

really helped, and martial arts started clicking and I was able to figure it out, and I'm here now." Gehl says he knew right from his first class that he liked the

"Obviously the first class you on't know what you're doing but after it I was like 'you know, this is really great.' It was some-thing that I need to keep doing. You find what you like to do and You find what you like to do and you just stick with it."



Gehl says his biggest accom-plishments to date are three world medals. He says some of his latest fights, like the one in Reno recently, were also big ac-complishments for him. Even though he didn't win, his com-petitor was 10 years older than him, and fighting at a high level, which makes him realize he has the potential to compete. "Just being able to compete in

this level is amazing, and then to win medals at it is even better," he savs.

he says. Gehl says his fight in Reno was the fourth of its type—an invita-tional fight in the adult bracket. "They call you and put you up against the best guy that they can find," he says. What kind of training and time commitment is needed to com-pete at this level? "In an entire week, I actually

"In an entire week, I actually did calculate this, and it was 27 hours a week that I train, and that's including grappling, striking, mixed martial arts and strength and conditioning train-

"My school has been very accommodating because in the afternoon, after lunch for the last three years, I have corre-spondence classes on the com-puter, and I can do that and work around my schedule. Continued on Page 43

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Gehl making his mark in mixed martial arts

Continued from Page 42 "Any time that there is a competition, pretty much anywhere, in jiu-jitsu or kick boxing or another martial art, we're go-ing to it. In the past three years we've put 336,000 km on our car just driving to all these competitions and training. Basically almost every weekend I'm doing some

what is the ultimate goal for Gehl? "Definitely it would be to get to the highest level, which would be the UFC, to

be one of the best in the world in fighting—that's definitely the level I would like to be at," he says.

Gehl knows that more training will be needed to get to that level, which is why, now that he's graduated, he's planning to head south for more training in the States. "To get to a level like that you definitely

have to have amazing training camps. I've already decided where were going to go for it, and it will be the MMA Lab in Phoenix, Arizona. I've already been there once for a week, so I'll be travelling there for each one of my big fights when they come

"After I graduate high school, then I'll have time to train even more, and down there (at the MMA Lab) it is a super high level gym. There are UFC fighters in every class and there are classes all day where you train, and it is one of the best schools to go to to learn martial arts."

Gehl says he'll be travelling there about once a month.

From a kid with a lack of confidence to where he is today, Gehl says he's learned a lot since embracing mixed martial arts.

"Dedication to something really pays off," he says. "I've also learned that hard work beats natural talent and skill, because as I said, I started as a small guy with dyslexia that was getting bullied and I'm at this level now. So I guess the main thing is, if you dedicate yourself to something you can basically accomplish anything!





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Left: Zach Gehl with all the medals he has won in jiu jujitsu, wrestling, kickboxing and MMA

Above: Gehl wins a fight in Oklahoma City.



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