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Flaman Group of Companies, PotashCorp also honored at ABEX Awards: Tyler Boyd named Young Entrepreneur of the Year

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Tyler Boyd was honored with one of Saskatchewan's most prestigious business awards when he was presented with the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award at the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce ABEX Awards in

Regina Oct. 20. The Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in presented to an entrepreneur between the ages of 18 and 35 who has achieved success in the startup and operation of a new or existing business. Boyd Excavating began in Moosomin in November,

2006 with a single excavator and Tyler Boyd as the lone

The company grew quickly. In 2010, Boyd as the tolle opened its Regina location, and now the company does the majority of its work from the Regina location.

Boyd Excavating works in excavating, sever and water, trucking, sand and gravel and directional drilling. Boyd says he was honored to be a finalist for the ABEX awards, and even more honored to be named the winner. "It's definitely quite an honor," he said. "They make it an individual award, but it should be more of a group used. Much horizone usual drift hore occurs the summer the

an individual award, but it should be more of a group award. My business wouldn't have grown the way it has without some good employees, that's for sure." The awards committee looks at everything from busi-ness growth to client satisfaction to suppliers to the com-pany's short term and long term goals, client list, and fi-nancial situation. Boyd says he never thought when he started his busi-ness that he would grow this quickly. "It was November of 2006 when I started with one ex-cavator, and we've been up to 32 excavators. Right now we have about 80 pieces of equipment. When I started it was just me. Now we're creeping up on 90 employees." The company is now mostly based out of Regina, but does business across the province, with projects from Ni-pawin to North Battleford to Swift Current. About 15 per cent of the company's business is in Moosomin and area. The company keeps expanding its services.

The company seeps expanding its services. "We do everything from sewer and water to basements, we have a gravel crusher going, we do lots of demolition. In Regina, we're a city approved contractor for sewer and water—we're one of only about five. Sewer and water is a

water—we're one of only about five. Sewer and water is a big part of what we do. "Eight weeks ago we started doing directional drilling, pulling conduit for fibre optic. We started eight weeks ago, and we've already bought our second drill." He says an important part of his growth has been mak-ing sure he is always accessible to clients. "Very seldom

ing sure he is always accessible to clients. "Very seldom are people not able to get ahold of me on my cell phone," he said. "I'm very accessible." He also credits the Wall government for creating an en-vironment in which business can grow. "Our company is a testament of what you get with a great economy, positive government and great employ-ees," he said. "I give the credit to Brad Wall. He set the stage for me. When you're in this economy it makes a big difference. Without this economy you could never do it." Boyd said he wants to continue to grow his company Boyd said he wants to continue to grow his company but with more planning for growth.

"We've experienced uncontrolled growth," he said. "In the last year and a half everything has come together— before that, there were a lot of growing pains. We want to



The Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame Inductee was awarded to PotashCorp. On the left is Bill Johnson, Pot-ashCorp Senior Director of Public Affairs, Denita Stann, PotashCorp Vice-President of investor and public rela-tions, and Eric Dillon of Conexus CU.



The Young Entrepreneur Award went to Tyler Boyd of Boyd Excavating. In the photo from left to right are: Cpl. Marianne Coulibaly, Tyler Boyd, Tim Gitzel (President and CEO of Cameco Corp.), and Cpl. Dan Toppings (who some may remember as a former rec director for Moosomin).

keep growing, but in a more controlled manner. "We do want to add apather l

"We do want to add another branch or two. We have definitely been asked by some of our clients to go to other areas and do some work there. We do want to possibly add another branch in the near future in another large centre, and there is another company that we are plan-ning to take over. I imagine by spring we will be at 120-130 employees.

in 2014 we do plan on building a new shop and quite a big yard. We have a lot of work out of Regina now, and there's lots of work in the southeast the Moosomin branch "We'd also like to diversify with the gravel crushing

and the directional drilling." He said that, while it has grown, Boyd's Excavating

"We do feel sometimes people think we have forgotten about Moosomin."

for their projects.

"We do care, and we take it personally when we don't get invited to bid on a local project. Just because we have bigger dreams and aspirations doesn't mean that we've forgotten where we started. We do a lot of business in Mossomin for our Regina branch. We do as much busi-ness in Moosomin as we can."



The marketing award was presented to Flaman Group of Companies. From left to right is: Cpl. Marianne Coulibaly, Flaman Marketing Project Manager Jennifer Thompson, Flaman Vice-President of Marketing and Comunications Steve Whittington, KPMG partner Stuart Pollon, and Cpl. Dan Toppings

PotashCorp named to Sask. Business Hall of Fame

Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan has been named to the Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 1990 to recognize cornerstone businesses which have demonstrated excellence over an

extended period of time, contributing to the economic well-being of the people and the province. Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan was created as a Crown Corporation in 1975 and was privatized in 1989. Since that time, it has grown to become one of the world's largest fertilizer companies, with a current market capi-talization in excess of \$40 billion. The company plays an integral role in global food production, and its products will play an even more important role in feeding the world in the future

Recognizing this, PotashCorp has committed to an \$8.2 billion expansion of its potash operations, driving em-ployment and growth in the Saskatchewan economy. Bill Johnson, Senior Director of Public Affairs with Pot-

ashCorp, says the company is pleased to be recognized by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce.

"We were extremely honored to be recognized in this way," he said. "We have a long history in the province, and for an organization like the Saskatchewan Cham-ber of Commerce to recognize us is very significant for

He noted that PotashCorp has moved into the spotlight over the last few years. "For a lot of years our company operated almost under the radar, even in Saskatchewan. With the emergence of agriculture and outside events people really have come to appreciate the significance of PotashCorp and the potash industry. "Anyone who lives close to our facilities knows the im-portance of PotashCorp not only to the local economy but

portance of PotashCorp not only to the local economy out to the provincial economy. "When you see the impact of 1,500 contractors going to work every day, you see the difference that makes." He said PotashCorp has grown to be a global player in fertilizer markets, but is still rooted in Saskatchewan.

"We're a global company but Saskatchewan is unques-

tionably the centre of our operations. The communities where we work and live are the lifeblood of our company. We rely on our plant communities to sustain us and as a result we try to give back to those communities. We do-nate one per cent of our profits back to the communities where we work and live."

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Premier outlines growth plan

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, in a speech to the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce last week, has set out a "Saskatchewan Plan for Growth," setting a goal of 1.2 million people living in Saskatchewan by 2020, and outlining his government's roadmap for getting there, and empha-sizing that improved qual-ity of life in Saskatchewan

is the purpose of growth. "Over the past five years, Saskatchewan people have seen the benefits of a growing province—more jobs, more opportunities and more revenue to deal with the challenges of growth," Wall told the Chamber of Commerce. "Those benefits are why

we seek growth—so we can improve our health system and shorten surgical wait times, so we can do more for the most vulnerable people in our province, so we can balance the budget and pay down debt, so we can have more career opportunities for our young

people. "That's why growth is important and why we want it to continue.'

Wall said the six core ac-tivities the government can undertake to foster continued growth are: • Investing in infrastruc-

ture; Developing a skilled

workforce; Ensuring competitive-

ness; Increasing export

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 Advancing the prov-ince's natural resource strengths through innova-tive round Maintaining sound fis-

cal management. Wall said the govern-

ment will invest at least \$2.5 billion in infrastruc-ture over the next three provincial budgets

This is on top of the \$50 million announced earlier this month for a number of priority highway projects," Wall said. "This further \$150 million will be used to establish the new Sask-Builds Fund and will leverage hundreds of millions of dollars more through financing innovation like public-private partner-ships." SaskBuilds is a new gov-

ernment organization de-signed to drive innovation in infrastructure financing, design and delivery. "This new funding will

be used to develop part-nerships with other levels of government and the private sector," Wall said. "Our government will "Our government will work with Saskatchewan municipalities to develop a municipal infrastructure program funded through SaskBuilds. When used as a base for P3s, this initial \$150 million will leverage

growth plan will continue to be sound financial man-agement, balanced budgets and debt reduction," Wall said. "Our government will work to maintain a target amount of \$500 million in the GFSF, with any excess amount used to invest in infrastructure and reduce debt."

The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth sets a goal of reducing the debt by an-other \$400 million by 2017, which means the debt will have been cut in half - from \$6.8 billion to \$3.4 billion - in the 10 years since the current government took office in 2007.

Wall also announced the Saskatchewan Heritage Initiative, to be headed by former University of Saskatchewan President Peter MacKinnon. MacKinnon will identify options and provide advice on how to best utilize Saskatchewan's non-renewable resource revenue once the province's debt has been retired. "The most lasting legacy we can leave our children

"In Saskatchewan there's no future in straddling fences. With so much barbed wire, you have to be on one side or the other.

-Steve McLellan, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce

hundreds of millions more for SaskBuilds infrastructure projects

Wall said the \$150 million commitment to SaskBuilds will leave just over \$500 million in the Growth and Financial Security Fund (GFSF) to manage any un-foreseen events that affect the province's finances. "The foundation of our

and grandchildren is a debtfree province," Wall said. "Once that is achieved, we need to look ahead to ensure that our resource rev enues continue to benefit future generations. I can't think of a better person than Peter MacKinnon to • assist us with this task.

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Manitoba to move forward on rebuilding PTH 83

The portion of PTH 83 north of Russell that was closed in July because of a landslide can now be rebuilt as engineers have determined the ground appears to have stabi-lized, Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton an-

auton Minister Steve Asiton an-nounced today. "Truckers, farmers and motor-ists who have been required to take the detour around this washed-out highway will soon be able to return to their accustomed routes," Ash-ton said. "They will be able to get to their destinations faster and more efficiently and travel will return to

normal for area residen The minister noted Manitoba In-

frastructure and Transportation crews have carefully monitored the damaged highway and surrounding land. Ground movement over the past several months has been mini-mal so crews will soon be able to continue the rebuilding of this por-tion of PTH 83 that was torn apart by the July landslide, said Ashton.

The reconstructed portion of the road, less than a kilometre in length, will initially be a two-lane, gravel sur-face able to carry all traffic, including heavy trucks, over the winter.

It is anticipated the project will be tendered in the next few weeks and once work starts, the construction will take approximately a month.

will take approximately a month. Provincial experts will monitor the new portion of the roadway dur-ing the winter and next spring and a further engineering analysis will be used to determine the next steps in the rebuilding process, Ashton said. The latest information on lane or

road closures and winter road conditions is available any time toll-free at 511, at www.mb511.ca or by follow-ing the Twitter account @MBGov-Roads



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Shown above is the Elkhorn collector and re-enactor Ed James at the recent Camp Hughes Day at the former Canadian army training camp, located east of the present Camp Shilo, In front of him are First World War military artifacts.



Shown above are re-enactors Ed James, left, and Frederick Carstead of Winnipeg at the display tent at the old Camp Hughes army training camp.

Old Camp Hughes site comes alive

BY ED JAMES For the third year in a row, the Carberry Friends of Camp Hughs and the Military History Society of Manitoba held its Camp Hughs Day at the site of the camp's former trench warfare training site, west of Carberry, Manitoba.

The national historic location brought out over 100 visitors to take part in the self guided tours of the main features of the trench sites, and to view the dis-plays of Canadian and German Second World War

military items. The items were put on display by military mu-seums from Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and the Westman area, and private military collectors. On hand were museum staff and col-lectors, who explained the various artifacts on display

or were at different points along the trench tour route. Also on hand were two his-toric military re-enactors in Canadian Second World War uniforms, demonstrating rifle tactics and posing for photos.

One re-enactor was Frederick Carstead of Winnipeg, who came as a member of the Queen's own Common Highlanders of Canada in complete Second World

War outfit that included the kilt. He reported it was a bit cool in the morning but later the sun came out and gave everyone a great day. The

other re-enactor was Ed James who was in a uniform of a Canadian Army Captain of the First World War, as a member of the first Canadian Divisors headquarters staff.

The day started off slow-

ly, but once the weather warmed up there was a steady stream of visitors to the display area and the trenches of Carberry. The event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the organiz-ers were pleased with the turnout, and many of the visitors were surprised to find such an important military site right in their

own area. For it was at the trench of Camp Hughs that Canadi-ans soldiers trained for the realities of Second World War trenches warfare, and that training would lead to the Canadians' victory at Vimy Ridge in April 1917, which became a foundation stone in Canada's development as a world nation.



Brad Wall outlines 'plan for growth'

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Wall said Saskatchewan's business tax structure must be competitive with neighbouring provinces in order to sustain economic growth. "Our government delivered significant

"Our government delivered significant reductions in personal income tax, education property tax and the small business tax in our first term," Wall said. "The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth will see the corporate business tax rate lowered to 10 per cent - the same rate levied in British Columbia and Alberta - by 2015."

Wall said Saskatchewan must also ensure it has a well-trained workforce to meet labour demands now and in the future.

"If we are going to grow to 1.2 million people by 2020, that means at least 60,000 more people working in Saskatchewan by then," Wall said.

"These workers will need to come from a number of places," Wall said. "We will work to encourage more career planning and development initiatives in high schools. We will increase training seats at SIAST for trades like carpenters, electricians and welders, occupations where we have shortages. We will work with First Nations and Métis organizations to improve educational outcomes and increase employment. We will work with the federal government to increase the annual cap on the immigrant nominee program by 50 per cent from 4,000 to 6,000. And we will continue to assist private sector employers in their efforts to recruit the skilled workers they need from other provinces and other countries."

Wall said his government will continue to work with Saskatchewan businesses to aggressively pursue its strategy of international engagement and increase Saskatchewan exports.

"Much of our growth is being driven by a tremendous increase in our export markets around the world," Wall said. "Saskatchewan has what the world needs and our goal is to double export sales by 2020."

Wall said the goal of The Saskatchewan Plan for Growth is to ensure that a growing province and a growing economy improves the quality of life for everyone in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan. "I think Saskatchewan people appreciate growth because we have seen the benefits of growth, and we have also seen the alternative," Wall said. "Growth is more than just a path to economic progress. It is the path to building the kind of province we desire for all Saskatchewan people.

"Our plan will keep our province growing, improve our quality of life and continue to make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada."

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Oil Caps in action

The Virden Oil Caps took on the Swan Valley Stampeders on Oct. 26 in front of a crowd of 1,149 people. It is the Oil Caps' inaugural season in the MJHL. Kyler Beckett had a strong game in net, but the Oil Caps ended up losing 4-2 to the Stampeders including an empty net goal.







Mosaic continues expanding in Esterhazy



K3 headframe going up

The headframe for Mosaic's K3 potash mine at Esterhazy has risen over the prairie. this photo was taken recently during the concrete pour for the new headframe. K3 is located west of K2, just east of Esterhazy. It will not be connected underground to K1 and K2, to avoid water issues.

Mosaic unveiled Stage 1 of its \$600 million expansion at its mine near Ester-hazy, recently, along with an anniversary of the mine. The potash producer is celebrating 50 years of potash production.

President and CEO Jim Prokopanko says the ex-pansion involves sinking a new shaft nearly 1,100 me-tres down where they will extract ore. He says the ore will be

further processed at an expanded mill. Mosaic Esterhazy is Sas-

Mosaic Esterhazy is Sas-katchewan's first potash producing mine, which was founded on June 8, 1962. Saskatchewan Energy

and Resources Minister Tim McMillan says the in the province's success going forward.

Mosaic plans to invest \$6 billion into its Saskatch-\$6 billion into its Saskatch-ewan operations, which includes the company's potash mines in Esterhazy, Colonsay and Belle Plaine. Mosaic's Esterhazy mine is the largest potash mine in the world with an annual unsatified for 20 willing them the set of the s

capacity of 5.3 million tons. Mosaic will establish the new greenfield K3 mining complex at Esterhazy to ex-pand their current mining operations. This expansion project will add a further 1 million tons to their annual

The K3 complex will comprise two 20-foot diam-eter shafts sunk to a depth of approximately 3,700 feet below collar together with the necessary service shaft headframe and hoists, ven-tilation circuits and the associated surface infrastructure.

Sinking of shafts in Sas-katchewan is challenging due to the various geologi-cal formations and water pressures at depth, water ing unique sinking and shaft lining methodology. These sinking techniques include ground freezing from surface down to a depth of appreciation depth of approximately 1,600 feet. Temporary sup-port of the shaft ground wall is installed during shaft sinking so as to con-trol the hazard of rock falls

The permanent shaft liner construction consists of support concrete as well as composite steel liner where required to prevent water ingress. These construction activities are facilitated by means of working from a five-level shaft sinking galloway.

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Expansion continues

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This aerial photo taken in late summer shows the completed new potash storage buildings in the foreground, and the mill expansion in back. In the centre is the new production headframe, being built over top of the current service shaft.

Expansion at PotashCorp Rocanville continues \$2.8 billion project expected to be finished by mid 2014

BY ADAM WIGHTMAN With the fall wind blowing cold and heralding the fast-approaching end of 2012, construction crews are working steadily on the \$2.8 billion expansion at PotashCorp Received Rocanville.

While a new service shaft is being sunk at Scissor Creek, workers are busy expanding

While a new service start is being suite at 50550 creek, inductoue car, include the output of the mill at the current minesite. It will be another year before its maze of crushers, belts, filtration screens, flotation cells, driers, compactors, miles of interconnecting steel tubing and its various other component parts will be turning out refined potash for markets in the United States,

India and China. The mill expansion is necessary to process the increased production of raw ore—17 million tons a year from 9 million—that will be the result of the \$2.8 billion expansion of the operation, which was first announced in November of 2007. The amount of refined potash that the two mills will be able to produce when the construction of the new one is finished will be 5.7 million tons, up from the current capacity of 3 million tons. PotashCorp's executives decided to double the capacity of the Rocanville operation

in order to meet the growing demand for potash. The annual demand for potash is roughly 55 million tons, and every year it has been increasing by around three per cent

PotashCorp Rocanville General Manager Steve Fortney estimates that the mill is around 80 per cent finished, and when it is done its potash production will be a responsibility of production supervisor and Wapella native Blaine Jones. He says the expansion to the mill will make use of leading-edge technology. "To use an analogy of a car, the old mill is like a car that runs on a carburetor while the new one is fuel injected." he said.

The mill is expected to be the second part of the expansion to be completed. Two stor-age warehouses have already been built, which combined are 1,000 feet long and have

a capacity of 500,000 tons. The completion of the entire expansion project will come in mid-2014, Fortney said.

Currently the mine has one production shaft, through which ore is raised to the sur-Continued on page 21 F



\$2.8 billion project expected to be finished by mid 2014

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Above: PotashCorp Rocanville production supervisor Blaine Jones on the top floor of the mill expansion at the Rocanville mine site.

Currently the mine has one production shaft, through which ore is raised to the surface from the mine roughly a kilometre below, but when the expansion is finished, there will be two production shafts. The current service shaft—which transports people and equipment between the surface and the mining area—is being converted into a production shaft. A sky-scraping 347-foot headframe is being constructed overhead to bear the 50-ton loads of potash that the shaft's two skips will bring up every 90 seconds. This shaft conversion is about half finished, and will be the final part of the expansion project to be com-pleted. The mine's new service shaft, the first potash mine shaft sunk in the province in 30 years, is located 16 kilo-

metres away at Scissors Creek, and when finished will be 1,100 metres in depth. Workers have so far sunk the service shaft to half of that distance and are in the process of removing the freezing in that section of the shaft. The ground has to be frozen so the shaft can be sunk through ater-bearing formations.

PotashCorp is also in: the process of adding 49 kilome-tres of conveyer belts and 110 kilometres of power cables to the mine; There will be 11 mining machines, up from five before the expansion; and there will be more shops and warehouses underground—all to accommodate the increased size of the mine. With every one of the thousands of pieces of equip-



Above: The top of the compacting circuits in the mill expansion

ment in the mill needing to be manually checked, that will take a large amount of time, Jones said. "When underground is ready, the new mill should have all the bugs out and should be ready to be up and running. We'll have enough ore to run both mills, and we'll feed both mills and run them both," said Jones. Extense, eaid, that the previet has gene relatively

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"We made a decision with a world downtown in 2009. We didn't stop it, but we, basically, slowed it down for a year, which delayed the project," said Fortney. There were also a couple of other challenges that Pot-ashCorp faced in expanding the operation, due to the enormous size of the project. At first there were some problems getting construction materials, with many de-layed deliveries, and PotashCorp had to work hard to get the roughly 1,400 construction workers in place. "There's lots of work in Saskatchewan, and we're com-peting for the same labor as everyone else. Luckily from

"There's lots of work in Saskatchewan, and we're com-peting for the same labor as everyone else. Luckily from us, we've had a lot of people coming in from out of prov-ince. Roughly 60 per cent of our mine expansion work-force is from out of province," Fortney said. Those working on the expansion come from the U.S. and all throughout Canada, many from out east. To house them, a work camp has been built far from any commu-nity but near the mine. "We bought that quarter section of land for the camp specifically because thought it would minimize the im-

"We bought that quarter section of land for the camp specifically because thought it would minimize the im-pact on the local area." Fortney said. With the a colossal supply of potash that is available to be mined, and the world's farmers demanding a steadily increasing amount of the fertilizer, PotashCorp plans to mine at its Rocanville site for a very long time. That means that keeping that relationship with Rocan-ville residents is especially important for the company. "We try to keep them informed. If they have any ques-tions they can ask us any time. The company has had a good rapport with the town, and we work hard to main that. It is important to do in a town as small as Rocan-ville."





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Local moose hunters having success

BY ADAM WIGHTMAN

BY ADAM WIGHTMAN In his 65 years of hunting, Fred Fron-dall, 82, has travelled far in order to track down and shoot a prized moose. About ten years ago he and his good friend Al-fred Skulmoski drove the five hours up to Hudson Bay and creat daw is an isolated Hudson Baya and spent days in an isolated bush camp just to try to get one. But after the long trip, all they got was a glimpse of their prey. "We seen three or four but couldn't get

a shot at them. They were too far away." The two Moosomin residents don't

have to go far to get moose anymore. If they are drawn for a moose license, either an antlerless license or an either-sex one, in the yearly draw, they just drive south of Moosomin and hunt there—the results

of Moosomin and hunt there—the results are much better. The two friends hunted together there early this month and got a bull moose and a cow in only a few hours of hunt-ing. On Monday, Oct. 1 they set out in the morning and Frondall killed a bull moose by mid afternoon. That Friday the two went again, and Skulmoski got a cow in the morning

the morning. They saw a number of moose while hunting, and Frondall says that in the past two weeks since the hunt he has travelled out to the area on the grid roads just to try to spot some and has seen about 15. "There are quite a few. Pretty near any

night you drive out you can see moose on the back roads."

Other hunters say the same, and they all seem to agree on one thing: every year it seems to be easier for hunters to kill moose in the Moosomin area.

Rick Hamm's moose hunting season ended less than an hour after it began for him, on Tuesday, Oct. 16. He and his brother Phil Hamm were each drawn for an antlerless license—which allows the re-

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cipient to kill only a calf or a female moose. They left Fleming together at about 7:00 in the morning, just after daylight. They had planned to meet up with Eric Shire on his farm just south of Moosomin, where Rick and Phil were going to hunt. But they never made it to those hunting grounds. The action on the way was just too excit-ing to pass up. Driving on Highway 8 and heading south, they spotted a bull moose, a cow and two calves a mile east off the road. But they were too far away for them to shoot one from there, so they kept on their way to Shire's. But then, about ten minutes after that, driving on Knob Hill Road, they saw some more, a cow, two calves and a bull. They stopped the car, got out, lined up their shot, and let fly. Phil shot a cow from 200 yards and Rick shot a calf from around 325.

"It was a short season. Our hunt was done by quarter after eight (a.m.)," said Rick.

The moose, however, continued come. Phil called Shire to tell him that they got a moose and needed a tractor with a front-end loader. So he and Shire went to look for someone in the vicinity who owned one while Rick waited with the two carcasses. Shire and Phil saw an-other cow while they went to look for a loader, and Rick got a visit while waiting for them to return.

"I saw a really big bull come out of the bush, 150 yards from me. This big bull had to be at least 48 inches (in the horns) if not bigger, and it came out of the bushes and looked at me.

But Rick is getting used to seeing so many moose. He thinks that, lately, he sees more of them than he does deer, which would have been unheard of in the past. "Ten years ago, if someone said you'd



Tess Stanick, 16, with the bull Moose she shot south of Highway 1 in between Moosomin and Wapella.

e more moose on a drive in the area than you'd see deer, you'd say they were nuts in the head."

But not anymore. Helen Sheppard, a secretary and treasurer for the Rocan-ville Wildlife Federation, said that the deer population in the Mossomin region had dropped off significantly because of heavy snow in 2010. But the number of moose has been growing rapidly all

over southern Saskatchewan, where they didn't exist from the early 20th century to the 1970s. The animal's natural ability to thrive in the region means that her organization, which works to improve habitat for wildlife, doesn't have to worry about "They don't need any help from us. They're doing alright," said Sheppard.

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Local moose hunters don't have to go far

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Continued from Page 17 And that is particularly true for the Moosomin area. If the moose population has grown fast in southern Saskatchewan over the past decade, it has exploded in the more write of More write. the area south of Moosomin, known by Saskatchewan Environment as zone 34, said the ministry's biologist Rob Tether. The density of moose in zone 34, which The density of moose in zone 34, which encompasses an area from Highway 1 in the north to Redvers in the south, and from Highway 9 on the west side to the Manitoba border on the east—is much higher than in zone 36, which has High-way 9 near Whitewood for an eastern boundary. Tether said that his ministry is currently looking into why moose have been able to multiply their numbers in certain regions in southern Saskatchewan certain regions in southern Saskatchewan more than they have been able to in oth-ers, so he doesn't know the particular reasons as to why Moosomin's moose are so abundant while they are lacking in an

"It must be a habitat thing, but what it is exactly, I can't say," said Tether. As a result of the increase of moose in

the area, Saskatchewan Environment had made more moose hunting licenses available in the 2012 draw for zone 34 and zone 35. The latter's southern boundary is Highway 1 and encompasses the Ro-canville area. In 2011, the ministry made 120 moose hunting licenses available for zone 34, and 25 available for zone 35. For this year's season, there were 200 licenses

for zone 34 and 70 for zone 35. But because of the significant increase

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in the number of moose hunting licenses the ministry had made available for the two zones, he thinks that they will make around the same number available for them next year, so they can be sure the moose population is not increasing or decreasing too drastically in the regions, Tether said.

"Because you can't tell after just one year if you're having success or not (in stabilizing the population), so most like-ly we'll run two years with a very simi-lar quota unless something very unique shows up that says that we've got a larger number of animals than we thought we did."

Changing the size of a region's hunting quota is an especially effective way of en-gineering the level of moose populations on the Prairies because of the high success rate that hunters have shooting animals in the area. In the boreal forest region of Saskatchewan, where moose have many places to hide and where there are fewer roads to travel, hunters must work much harder to track down moose, and only around half of those with moose hunting licenses end up getting one. But on the flatland of the Prairies, where you can see for miles and where there are many grid roads on which hunters can drive to get close to their prey, it is much easier. In 2011, the combined kill rate for those with licenses in the Moosomin and Rocanville zones of 34 and 35 averaged around 95 per cent.

The relative ease of hunting moose on the Prairies has provided a chance for

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people who haven't hunted moose before

people who haven't hunted moose betore to give it a go, said Tether. "A lot of people don't have five days (to go hunting). If they can shoot a moose in one day, they're very happy. They just want the experience, and the farmland (hunting) has given a lot of people that opportunity that they probably wouldn't have taken previously because of the dif-ficulties of hunting in the boreal forest."

Tess Stanick, 16, made the most of her dur-first ties of hunting in the boreal forest." Tess Stanick, 16, made the most of her first opportunity to hunt moose. With her father's friend Robert Young having seen many moose south of Highway 1 in be-

many moose south of Highway 1 in be-tween Wapella and Moosomin, she, her father Darcy, and Robert left to go hunt-ing there on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8:00 a.m. They thought they would drive down a trail and then get out and look for a bull to shoot, as Tess was drawn for an either-sex license. But, before they had a chance to get out, they saw three female moose, so they watched them for a little bit. They had no intention of shooting one of those. had no intention of shooting one of those because Tess' licence allowed her to get a bull. As they were watching the cows, their opportunity came. "My dad looked up and turned his

"My dad looked up and turned his head, and there was a big bull coming over the stubble. And he's like, 'Why don't we get that one up there." Her father quickly put the truck in park, and the trio got their two rifles and ran into the bush that the moose was trotting toward. They hid in the small bush, which had a slough in the middle, as Darcy and Pohert ware calling if to them Robert were calling it to them. "He walked into the trees and rubbed

his horns against the tree a bit, and he came right up to us, about 40 yards away.

Tess had shot a mule deer before but had never been in a position to pull the trigger on a bull moose, so she was a bit anxious.

anxious. "I was shaking a lot. My Dad was like, 'Katie, take a deep breath.' And he was like, 'Okay, anytime. Okay, anytime. Squeeze the trigger!' And I was like, 'ahh, ahh.' And then I did. I was pretty nervous." Robert had drawn his rifle on the bull

in case Tess missed her shot, but it turned out there was no need for such precaution. She shot the bull moose dead just behind the shoulder, at around 9:30 a.m. Robert, who lives a couple of miles away from there, got his tractor and dragged it out of the woods.

out of the woods. They then gutted it and loaded it onto the back of the pickup truck and took it to Corey Flaman's for butchering. Every-thing was done by around 6:00 p.m., and they had 600 pounds of meat. "It was kind of an all-day thing, but if up on this any lot up and buy or the

we got him any later we would have got home in the dark."

home in the dark." But it was time spent with her father, and she enjoyed every minute of it. "It's good bonding time with my dad. He works a lot, so I don't get a lot of time to spend with him beside that. We always have a good time hunting, whether it is shooting gophers outside the house or shooting big game like that. It's always cool either way."



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Chamber of Commerce ABEX Awards

team

** Continued from Page 1 Flaman Group of Companies, which has a location in Moosomin, was recognized with the Marketing Award at the ABEX Awards.

The award for marketing goes to a busi-ness demonstrating exceptional perfor-mance in the execution of a successful mar-

keting strategy. The Flaman Group of Companies started in 1959 on Frank Flaman's homestead in Southey. Today, Flaman is a diversified retailer of agricultural equipment, trailers, grain cleaning products, and fitness equipment.

Among its 300 employees, Flaman Group has an invovative, creative and industry leading in-house marketing team. Using solid marketing principles, the company has built a marketing strategy that gets results.

Flaman is committed to giving back glob-ally through the Flaman Foundation, as well as locally to customers, through initia-tives such as Stuck in the Muck, an annual contest which showcases equipment pre-dicaments, as well as a forum for farmers to share useful advice on ways to get unstuck, should they find themselves in such a situation

"This award is a great honor for us," said Marketing Project Manager Jennifer

Thompson. "We have been recognized by the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, but this being a provincial award is very exciting.

"Our marketing team is headquartered in Saskatoon but all of our divisions are involved—it's really a team effort to win this award.

"It shows that we put a lot of effort into our marketing. We have a marketing strat-egy. We have a plan. One of the challenges we have for our marketing plan is that we have many different divisions and different products, and we're operating in different

"We have strong creative ideas, and we're very analytical about our results. We try to track marketing efforts and analyze results. We're also very interested in the analytics of each ad to see if it's effective.

"Having all the different stores in differ-ent markets makes it complicated for marketing—there are so many different divi-sions and different products.

"The markets are different for each store and that's why we have people from each store on the marketing team—things in Sas-katoon are different than in Moosomin—so this award is really for all those people in each store who are part of the marketing team."

Dron changes plea to guilty in arson case

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

In a very brief court appearance in Moosomin Tuesday, Charles Dron changed his plea from not guilty to guilty for his role in burning down Fleming's historic eleva-tor, and in a very lengthy meeting, Crown Prosecutor Barry Stricker laid out the reasons for striking a plea deal with the accused

Dron is the second person charged in the fire which completely destroyed the histor-ic Lake of the Woods Elevator in Fleming, Canada's oldest wooden elevator.

The crime was committed on Feb. 9, 2010, around 3 a.m., when Joey Yates and Charles Dron broke into the Fleming elevator, spread fuel, and lit a fire.

tor, spread rule, and lit a ine. The Lake of the Woods grain elevator was both a provincial and federal heritage site, and the Heritage Architects Association of Saskatchewan had given the Fleming His-torical Society an award for the renovation of the elevator.

It was April of 2011 when Joey Yates, 20, and Charles Dron, 22 were charged with arson. Alan Hayward, 20, also from Manitoba, was charged later. The charges were laid following an ex-

tensive police investigation involving Moosomin and Virden RCMP and detectives from the major crimes unit in Yorkton. Upon the arrests of Yates and Dron, the two men appeared in court and were both charged with arson. Hayward was charged at a later date.

Yates plead guilty and asked to be sen-tenced in Manitoba, where he appeared in court several times before receiving two years, less a day in jail, to be followed by a

period of probation. He was also ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution to the Town of Fleming, with payment following his release.

Dron initially pleaded not guilty, and his trial was to begin on Tuesday of last week. A few days before the trial was to be-

gin, Stricker informed Fleming Mayor Phil Hamm that Dron would be changing his plea to guilty, in exchange for a lighter penalty

Stricker told members of the Fleming Historical Society Tuesday that he will recommend to the judge that Dron be sen-tenced to a one-year suspended sentence, and be ordered to pay restitution of \$30,000 to the town of Fleming.

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Bethlehem in the Barn Theatrical performance of Christ's birth to take place near Moosomin

BY ADAM WIGHTMAN

BY ADAM WIGHTMAN If the story of Jesus' birth helps to get people into the spirit of Christmas, a the-atrical performance near Moosomin next month will go a bit further than that. It will tell you the story of his birth in its environment-in a barn.

And there will be cattle lowing. The Bethlehem Live Com-

mittee and Creative Visions. a Moosomin theatre group, will be performing a rendi-tion of the nativity story, "Bethlehem in the Barn," on a farm property rough-ly five kilometres west of Moosomin on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. There will be no cost for admission. Those who come will watch the play from a staged seating of hay bales, while cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits and donkeys will be in pens to their left.

The event's co-ordinator is Isabelle Dietrich. She savs that she is hoping that the play will help people to un-derstand the true meaning of Christmas.

"I think the people should need to know why we celebrate Christmas, who Jesus is, and how he came about to us," Dietrich said.

Dietrich first got the idea of having such an event near Moosomin from watching the nativity scene being performed in a barn in Goodlands, Man. Her daughter was part of that production for a few years, so she, her husband, and her two youngest kids would

go and watch the Dec. 23 go and watch the Dec. 23 performance every year. She said that seeing the re-enactment of Jesus' birth in its actual setting evoked strong emotions in her.

"To have the Christmas story in such a rustic place, you could just really feel it "

Bethlehem in the Barn is the result of the coming to-gether of the Bethlehem Live Committee and Creative Vi-sions. From 2007-2010 the Bethlehem Live Committee put on a live performance of the nativity scene at differ-ent churches in town. They didn't have it in 2011, so Creative Visions decided to do "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," a musical about the Biblical Joseph. But with the idea of

trying something new in Moosomin next year, Dietrich talked to those in both Creative Visions and Bethlehem Live about the possibility of having a func-tion and invited them to go to watch the nativity scene in a barn with her and her family.

"I decided to charter a bus, "Idecided to charter a bus, and we took a bus down to Goodlands, because I fig-ured that the more people who saw this, the more in-put we could have when we brought it to Moosomin

Those who went with her liked it, and 30 volunteers from Bethlehem Live and Creative Visions formed 12 committees in May to work on preparations to put on

the performance. They have found eight local businesses who were willing to be ma-jor sponsors, and the com-mittees began meeting again in September and have been continuously working on getting together all of the getting together all of the many elements needed to put on the play. There are around 60 people who will directly be involved in the performance, between the actors, both the adult and the youth choir, and the lighting and stage crew. It is a sizeable production re-quiring a lot of work. One of the things that

One of the things that Dietrich said she keeps in mind, and which initially helped inspire her to believe that the volunteers could put this on, is something she learned from the Joseph

play of last year. "If you think it, want it, dream it, then it's real, so that's what I took away from that production, and that's when I thought I had to do this."

And a large dream it is. Taking place at the Meryle and Gail Venaas farm five kilometres west of Moosomin, the barn will be able to seat 500 people for each of the two performances, all on an enormous mound of hay stacked into a stadium-seat-Dietrich expects the play to be close to sold out on both nights. So that the large number of spectators can all find the right turnoff

on Highway 1, there will be an large star visible from the

that guided the three kings to the barn of Jesus' birth. In actuality, the star will be a number of lights patterned into a pointed star and fastened on top of a 110-foot

highway, just like the star

grain auger. When those attending get there, they will park in a field outside the Venaas'

They will walk up to the barn, past actors dressed as Roman soldiers, shepherds and other characters, just to set the mood.

And then when they get to the barn, they will enter through the 'city gates', and into the 'marketplace.' From 6:30 to 7:30, specta-tors will be able to mingle, the and find where they

talk, and find where they want to sit, while a choir will be singing Christmas

songs. And then at 7:30 the doors And then at 7:30 the doors will close and the story of Christ's birth will begin. The show will go for about an hour, and then those there will be served hot chocolate, hot apple cide and cookies while they are free to mill about in the barn and socialize for a bit and socialize for a bit.

And when it's all done, she hopes those who at-tend will take away from it as much as much as she did from the nativity play she watched in the barn at Goodlands. "I think it is very mean-

ingful. To me it would have more meaning, because it definitely sets the mood more



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This was the scene at Fleming on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, as Fleming's historic Lake of the Woods Elevator burned to the ground. Charles Dron was in court in Moosomin Tuesday, where he changed his not guilty plea to guilty, and sentencing was scheduled for December.

Dron changes plea to guilty

☞ Continued from page 19 Stricker said Tuesday he didn't feel confident Dron would have been convicted on the arson charge.

on the arson charge. He also pointed out the cost of a trial, including having the judge, prosecutor, lawyers, and witnesses travel to Moosomin for a trial that was scheduled for last Tuesday and Thursday.

day. Stricker also said Tuesday that Hayward, accused of driving the getaway vehicle, will not be going to court at all.

Fleming Mayor Phil Hamm told Stricker when he was first informed of the change in plans and again at the meeting Tuesday—that he is upset by the recommended sentence, which is lower than the sentence imposed on Yates by a Manitoba judge. "I am stunned by the de-

"I am stunned by the decision the Crown is making in regards to Dron.

"The seriousness of the crime, which I admit has affected me very personally, seems to be 'lessened' and I do in fact have a strong feeling of 'victimization' all over again."

Harm said he feels the RCMP did a good job in the case, but their work was undermined by the Crown's plea deal with Dron.

"The RCMP did a fine job," he said. "Many people said that they would never solve the crime and find those who were responsible for committing such a blow to our community. The RCMP did their job and arrested and charged the culprits. "Unfortunately, the good

"Unfortunately, the good work of the police has been, in my opinion, compromised by the Crown.

"I think a judge should have had the opportunity to do what he, or she, is responsible for, to decide in a court of law, whether Charles Dron was equally guilty, with Joey Yates, of destroying our elevator, guilty to a lesser extent, or was, somehow, an innocent observer of the crime." Rick Hamm said at the meeting that his opinion changed slightly as a result of hearing what Stricker

had to say. "I was angry, and now I'm just disappointed," he

said. Phil Hamm said he still doesn't like Dron's light sentence.

"I can appreciate where Barry Stricker is coming from, but I told him I think both shared responsibility. I don't think one guy went in to look at a Heritage Building in the middle of the night and the other guy went in there to burn it down.

"I would like to have gone to trial. At least he will have a criminal record as an arsonist. Also he's going to have to pay the same \$30,000 that Yates did." The judge in Brandon

The judge in Brandom ordered Yates to face the community at a meeting after serving his sentence, and Hamm asked Stricker to suggest the judge impose the same condition on Dron.

"Yates still has to come back to the community after he's served his time and meet with the community and tell his story and answer questions and everything," said Hamm. "At least bringing him back and making him face the people will be an onus on him. It's like a child who swipes something. You take them back to the store to face the store owner, and they realize who it is they hurt.

"I would like to see him come in person and meet with people. Members of the general public around here are interested in the story, many are affected, so it's fair that they have an opportunity to face these culprits and let them know how upset they were with their actions. That might provide some measure of closure."

Hamm said Tuesday's meeting "reinforced my feeling that we have more of a legal system than justice system. It's not a good situation when a large segment of the public do not have confidence in the justice system to enforce justice. Victims are really on the bottom rung of the ladder. It's not pleasant to feel that you were victimized again. In many ways we have the best country in the world, but justice is one of the things that needs a lot of work. The scales of justice are out of balance."

justice are out of balance." The Fleming Historical Society is the group of volunteers that worked for years on renovating the historic Lake of the Woods elevator, with the assistance of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation, the Kaplan Foundation, the Lorne and Evelyn Johnson Foundation, local RMs, businesses and individuals.

This elevator was the oldest known wooden grain elevator, on its original site, in Canada. The unique 'hip-roof' design was a landmark on the prairie, located alongside Highway 1 and the CPR main line, five kilometres west of the Saskatchewan/ Manitche bardor

Manitoba border. The Lake of the Woods company built the elevator in 1895 and during its 115year lifetime it was also owned by Ogilvie Mills, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers.

The UGG ceased operations at Fleming in 1999 and, after several years of negotiations with the CPR, turned the building and the land it occupied over to the Town of Fleming in 2004. Work on the preservation, restoration and con-

Work on the preservation, restoration and conservation of the site began in 2005. By the end of the 2009 construction season only four days work on the cupola atop the elevator remained.

These final touches were scheduled to be done in the spring of 2010, with a grand opening planned for the Victoria Day longweekend.





Ramsey named top Army Cadet in Manitoba

On Tuesday, October 30 during the Garrison Pa-rade of the XII Manitoba ns Cadet Corps, Warrant Officer Dragoons Cadet Cole Ramsey was present-ed with The President's Trophy for being the most outstanding Manitoba Army Cadet

The trophy was pre-sented by LCOL (Ret'd) Sandy Will, the president of the Manitoba Branch of the Army Cadet League of

Canada The president stated that the trophy recogniz-es Cadet Warrant Officer Cole Ramsey's excellence as a Royal Canadian Army Cadet, a citizen, and community member.

Cadet Warrant Officer Cole Ramsey was in com-petition for the award with the nominees from 10 other Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Manitoba. Ramsey is the Regi-mental Sergeant Major of the Cadet Corps located in Virden, Manitoba. He has been a Cadet Dragoon for four years. He has at-tended a sports and fit-ness three-week course Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake and an adventure leader course at the Cadet summer training facility at Vernon, B.C. for six weeks. Ramsey lives in the RM

of Wallace on a farm just outside of Elkhorn. He is a Grade 12 student at Elkhorn School in Elkhorn Man.

Each province and ter-ritory in Canada has selected a top Army Cadet which in turn they submit for the national award "The Walsh Memorial Sword." Ramsey is one of the top 13 Royal Canadian Army Cadets in Canada. The trophy was present-

ed in Virden at the conclusion of the XII Manitoba Dragoons Cadet Corps' Garrison Parade in the Virden Legion Assembly Hall.

Special guests present were the area Cadet Officer for Manitoba, the Cadet Liaison Officer from CFB Shilo, the mayor of Virden, Ramsey's family, one of Ramsey's Grade 12 teachers, the past presi-dent of the Ladies Auxil-

iary for Branch #8 of the Royal Canadian Legion, the president of Branch #8 of the Royal Canadian Legion, and, of course, the presenter, LCOL Sandy Will who drove out from Winning to mole the Winnipeg to make the presentation.

Ramsey's principal at Elkhorn School is Captain Kevin Tutthill who is the Deputy Commanding Of-ficer of the XII Manitoba Dragoons Cadet Corps.

Manitoba helmet law being finalized

Manitoba's bicycle helmet law will take effect within a few months, and first-time offenders will be able to avoid paying a fine by taking a new online cafety awig

safety quiz. Healthy Living Minis-ter Jim Rondeau is finalizing the details of the law, which was approved by the legislature last spring. The aim, he says, is to promote helmet use while using penalties as something of a last resort.

"Our goal is to actually not collect fines. Our goal would be for people to un-derstand the law and put helmets on their head right away," Rondeau said in an interview.

The law will require anyone under 18 to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle or face a \$50 fine. But young cyclists caught on a first offence will be allowed to skip the fine by completing a test that will educate them about bicy-

educate them about bicy-cling safety. "We're going to devel-op—are developing—a question-and-answer on bike safety that people can do as an alternative to pay-ing a fine," Rondeau said. The law will come into offect before corbing he

effect before spring, he said, and be accompanied by a public education campaign to make cyclists don helmets as automatically as motorists wear seat belts.

When the law takes ef-fect, Manitoba will join provinces such as Ontario, where minors are also rewhere minors are also re-quired to wear helmets. But Manitoba's approach stops short of laws in Nova Scotia and British Columbia that apply to adults as well.

The exemption for adults has been criticized by physicians, the opposition Lib-erals and many cyclists, who say kids watch what their parents do their parents do.

"If I look at parents, they're going to be the ex-ample that kids will follow. And I think if you don't bring it in for everybody, you're going to wind up getting a bad example," said Charles Burchill, an avid cyclist who commutes by bicycle to his downtown

job every day. Doctors Manitoba, the provincial medical associa-tion, has said a broader law would reduce the num-ber of severe head injuries suffered by cyclists every vear.



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