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Meet Jesse Crawford

Jesse Crawford was born into ranch family on Allumette Island, Quebec. He grew up working outside and took great pride in working with firewood. Jesse worked as part of his family's ranch for several years. He calls it "bush country" and it became a key part of his life.

After his father passed away, Jesse moved into Pembroke and worked on another local ranch. His mother was introduced to Community Living, and added Jesse's name to the housing list so he could achieve his goal of living independently. Jesse was quick to get involved with Community Living. He worked closely with support staff to make this goal a reality. Community Living supports encouraged his participation in community activities.

There were two groups Jesse was quick to join. One was Swinging Swallows, a local square dance club. The other was Gems of the Mind, a writing club hosted by the Pembroke Public Library. Jesse has continued with both clubs since being introduced to them.

The mentorship offered at Gems of the Mind allowed Jesse to become an author in 2013. His book, *Desire of Gun Fire*, is an old west story of two siblings seeking revenge on a gang of outlaws. It took him two years to complete the work and he credits the writers at the book club for their assistance and encouragement in helping him reach his goal. In case you were wondering, another book is planned.

Today, Jesse lives on his own with two college student roommates, while still having some support from Community Living. He is deeply connected to country music and western lifestyle, something he considers to be part of his roots. He is also a fan of WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) and knows enough about the history of the organization and its members that he could likely pen another book about that.

Jesse is Community Living.

