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Life on a bus

Family living an adventure on a converted bus camps out at Moosomin Lake for a while

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Some people are ready for the comforts of home after a weekend of camping in close quarters with the kids.

Not this family. Shane and Julie Good and their seven children—Isaiah, 14, Arwen, 13, Ashton, 11, Ethan, 9, Elisha, 7, Kira, five, and Seth, 2—live in a converted 72 passenger school bus, the Good News Bus. They have been living in the bus for the last 21 months straight, including the last few months at Moosomin Lake.

How did they come to live in a bus? Shane says it goes back to his childhood.

"I was born in Seattle. When I was about five years old, my parents wanted to move from Washington State to Pensacola, Florida.

"They looked into the price of a U-Haul to transport all of their belongings down there, and it was going to be astronomical. They came across this old school bus. They bought the school bus and put their belongings in the back of it and made the front makeshift bunkbeds and made a little kitchen area and we moved in that bus. As a kid, it was an adventure. I thought it was awesome. We visited Yellowstone Park and different places like that, and I never forgot that. Every time we moved, and we moved a lot, it was always an adventure. I was excited as soon as we were getting the bus ready to go."

A few years ago, Shane decided to resurrect the bus idea with his family.

"Julie's a native of Brandon, Manitoba. We were living in Alabama. We wanted to come up, visit Julie's family and we were going to swing over to Washington State," says Shane.

"We were going to move there," adds Julie. "At that time we had five children, and we thought before we move let's build out a bus so that when we are moving we can have a place to live while we're building our house, and we would be comfortable. We would have a bathroom, we would have a shower, we would have a kitchen, everything we need."

"Converting the bus itself was a bit of an adventure. Shane wanted it to be perfect. He did a lot of research on everything you need, the things you shouldn't do, that you should do."

"It was difficult to find a lot of resources



on it, so he decided he was going to do a blog and blog every single day and describe step by step how to convert a bus."

"A lot of people ask us why didn't you just buy an RV," says Shane. "We were able to customize it for us. I've got friends who bought brand new campers and after a year they're having trouble with them. Ours is still in very good shape after six years of on and off use."

"We were able to build it out as we had the funds and we could make it just how we wanted it," adds Julie. "It has stone countertops, oak panelling, wood floors."

The family took their maiden voyage in the bus in December of 2010.

"We came up here in the winter of 2010 at Christmas to spend time with my family in Brandon," says Julie. "I think we forgot how cold cold really is because once we got here the bus was too cold to live in."

"We were in Canada for five years, and stayed in the bus for three of those years. Then we had Kira and Seth, then decid-

ed it was time to get back on the road. It seems like when we're stationary for too long we just need to get back on the road. There's something about the road calling you on an adventure."

"We've been travelling now for 21 months straight. We wintered in Florida for a while, then went to Colorado. After we leave here, we're going to head east, then go south."

How do they support themselves?

"Being on the road you have to diversify. You have to figure out different ways of making money," says Shane. "When we're in the States I do a lot of carpentry work. We have a music ministry so when we travel we will work with local churches, and we have CDs, and sell our music on iTunes, and we have our YouTube Channel which does generate some funds. We've got a decent following on there, at Good News Bus."

Julie also does architectural design and makes up building plans. The family also

builds and sells spec houses, such as one they built in Oak Lake.

So how did they end up at Moosomin Lake this summer?

"Julie's sister, who lives at Oak Lake on the beach, was going to have a baby so we decided to come up here for that," says Shane. We looked at some campgrounds closer to them, but we did some research, and found out about Moosomin Lake. It's beautiful and there's stuff for the kids to do—basketball courts and the lake. We chose to come here."

The kids all say they enjoy Moosomin Lake, especially when they went fishing off the dock and caught three fish in an hour.

Living on the bus means home schooling for the kids. "Because we live on the road we have to home school," explains Julie. "It's not as tough as everyone thinks. Once they are comprehending and reading on their own, it's pretty easy."

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 "They can read their lessons and if there's something they come across they don't understand Shane or I will step in to help them. For the most part it's the younger kids who take more work until they get their foundations. It's been great. Some of the kids are able to move ahead in some of their subjects. They can get most of their schooling done in three to four hours, and the rest of the time, it's free time. Isaiah, he's working on being a filmmaker, so he actually produces his own stop motion films."

The family say they feel like they have more time together living together on the bus. "At one point when we were living in Virden, we had a five bedroom house, a huge basement, and even though we were home schooling we felt that we didn't see our kids," says Julie. "They would be off in their rooms and they weren't even doing things with each other. We've definitely seen the huge contrast. "Living in the smaller space, it does have its moments, but we're constantly doing things together. If we need getting a bit antsy it's 'let's all go for a walk and let's get out.' We actually do so much together."

"A lot of people ask 'how do you guys stand living in such a small space,' says Shane. "When we're on the road, the bus is a place to sleep, a place to eat, a place to travel and do school, but other than that, we're out exploring. We're on the beach in Florida or exploring Colorado. It offsets the small space because the world is your playground."

"I think one thing we have learned is your happiness isn't determined by your space," adds Julie.

"You can be unhappy in a very large house, or you can be unhappy in a small space. You can be happy in a large house, you can be happy in a small space. It's not your surroundings that determines that. It's your decisions that you make. Living together in a small space, some things are tough, but those tough times make you a better person in the end, when you decide to let it mould you in a good way."

The family has travelled much of North America.

"We found this amazing place in Colorado, these beautiful rock formations. You just have plains and then all of a sudden there's these carved out rock formations, and they're just

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every color you can imagine, the Painted Mines. We went there so many times. It was so peaceful. There was barely anyone there, just one or two people. It was like a hidden treasure out there, kind of like Moosomin."

The family has a growing number of followers on Youtube. They post videos of their adventures and everyday activities like checking out Moosomin dam. They're hoping to land a deal for a reality show.

They're planning to convert a new bus later this year. It will be a coach style bus with storage underneath to accommodate more storage.

"Let's just say we don't have a lot of stuff," says Julie. "It's not like you go to a store and want something so you buy it. You have to love that item, because there's not a lot of space. Our closets are small, so we don't have a big wardrobe, which is great, because North Americans have a tendency to buy over their needs. You kind of reprogram your mind. You think 'What do I need? Do I really need this item?' You end up saving a lot of money."

The family say the comments from their YouTube followers give them inspiration to keep going. "There was a guy over in Afghan-

istan when we had soldiers there who wrote us and said the only way he could get some normality in his life is every night when he came off duty he watched our videos," says Shane.

"We had one lady who was going through cancer treatment," says Julie. "She says 'I was pretty much bed ridden and sitting in my bed, and when I watched you videos it brought so much joy to me.' We think if it brings happiness to two or three people out there, it's worth sharing it."

Shane says he realizes being able to spend so much time together as a family is a gift. "I went through some of our old pictures the other day and I was just crying," he says. "I realized this isn't going to last forever. This is really temporary. Kids grow up so fast. To just enjoy our time with them when they're young is such a gift. So many parents don't get to do that. Often you have both parents working, I'm glad we have been able to spend time with our kids."

"It's not for everyone," Julie adds, "but it's really freeing for us."

The family's videos can be seen at good-newsbus.com

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New single marks a new chapter for Kendra Kay

BY KARA KINNA
This year is already shaping up to be a big one for local country music artist Kendra Kay, who has just released a new single, "My Way," which she says is a fresh beginning and a true new sound for her.

"This year has been a crazy year already even though it seems like it just started," says Kay. "This year has started off with me getting new music together, and that has really been my focus lately."

"I've been doing a lot of work in the studio and even at home, listening through songs and writing as much as I can because I have really been focusing on getting some new music out there."

"I was in Toronto a couple months ago for Canadian Music Week. I was performing out there and then I was back home. A few weeks later, we were back on the plane and went out to Nashville for some recording. It has really been a crazy past few months. But it has been so much fun and I am so excited for everyone to finally see what I have been working on for the past little while."

Kay says her new single "My Way" takes her music in a new direction.

"This is a song that I've been sitting on for a few months," she says. "It is a song to show people where I am going musically. The past little while has been me really trying to discover my sound and the type of music that I am truly passionate about, and this song is kind of opening that window for people to see what I am all about and where my career is going."

"I have realized over the past few years that I have evolved as an artist and I have really discovered my sound. So this is definitely the starting point to the next chapter for me."

"When I first started this I was 15 and I got songs pitched to me, and it was music that I loved and I still love today, but it wasn't the right feel. It was music that I loved and I was

so excited to get into the studio, but now that I have grown and have been able to get out and perform lots

between that and doing interviews," she says. "Come fall I have been working on a bunch of new music, and

"I didn't even know that I could sing and my music teacher dragged me up on stage for a solo at a Christmas concert and it started from there," she says. "I started with vocal lessons, started entering singing competitions, and then I started booking shows with my backing tracks and portable mike."

"It started from there, and I fell in love with performing, and that was when my first trip to Nashville was planned. From there, I did a demo and met with producers, and a few months later I was back in Nashville in the studio recording my first song that

I released in 2014. So really it has been a spiral effect that I could have not even dreamed would have happened, but here I am."

Kay was the 2015 Manitoba Country Music Association (MCMA) Female Artist Of The Year and winner of 730 CKDM's Battle of the Bands at the 2015 Dauphin Countryfest. She released her debut EP in 2014, and a national radio tour, and has been to countless industry showcases, with an ever-growing list of venues, festivals, and events to perform. Kay says hearing her

music on country radio is still a thrill for her.

"Hearing myself next to world-wide famous artists on the radio, and then little old small-town Elkhorn me comes on—I think still to this day is one of the coolest things ever," she says.

Kay is fresh off the Canadian Music Week Showcase where she was selected to perform her single "My Way" live for the very first time in Toronto.

"I have been really fortunate. When I was out in Toronto that was one of the first times I performed in Toronto. That was a pretty cool thing too. It is quite the experience. I was right down town in the Phoenix, which is a very famous venue in Toronto."

What does Kay hope for in the future?

"Doing what I am doing would be wonderful," she says. "When I first started this back when I was 15, I was in an office and signed that first piece of paper. And we started the recording process, and everything the guy asked me—what my biggest goal was, where do you see yourself—I answered with, 'All I truly really want is to hear myself on the radio.'"

"I hear myself on the radio all the time, so really it has been a dream come true just for that, and for everything else, for all the shows I have been booking and the trips I have been on and the radio and the papers I have talked to. It has been so exciting. And every day, more and more than I could ever imagine happening has happened, so it is all just a dream."

"If things keep going the way they are, I am never going to complain. Hopefully it just keeps happening for me."



I realized what kind of music is truly me.

"This is the type of music that suits me and I feel most passionate about. I have found a bit of grit in my life here, and my music definitely relates to that, and I really like that tough sound and strong female empowerment that I have been working towards."

Kay says she has a busy rest of the year coming up.

"For starters I have lots of summer shows coming up, so that will be taking up most of my summer—

we're going to hopefully have a EP out by then and another new single coming out to radio by the end of summer or early fall. So it is really just being able to release this stuff and show everybody what I have been working on in my down time."

Kay currently lives in Saskatchewan, west of Yorkton, but she grew up in Elkhorn and her band is based out of Winnipeg.

She says Elkhorn is where everything started for her.

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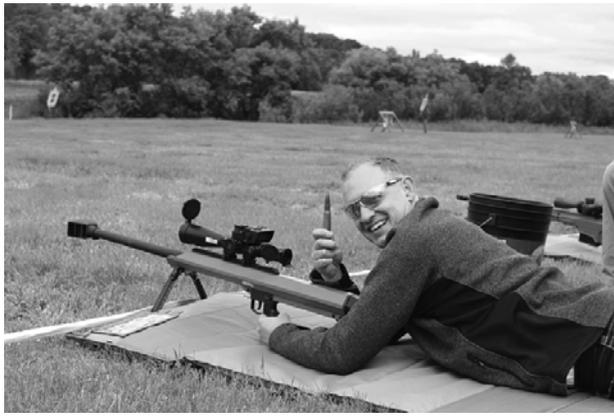
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Great turnout for Wolverine Days

BY ED JAMES

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This year the event was held on June 24 and 25.

The shop has lots of specials for the two event, several company reps from various firearms companies, and this

year had a special sale on Second World War military collectibles and related items.

However the big drawing card is the opportunity for anyone to try out a variety of long and hand guns under strict safety supervision. You can try everything from a .22 rabbit rifle, a cowboy (or should that be cowperson) six shooter, various military/assault rifles, and various trap and hunting shotguns. This year one of the more popular items was the very big and very loud 50 caliber sniper rifle, the type used recently by a Canadian army sniper for a record setting combat shot in Iraq.

The cost was \$5 to try out these various firearms, allowing you so many rounds at the firing line depending on the caliber you have chosen. A round for the 50 caliber

rifle was \$5 a round but worth the experience.

To make the firing line even safer, earplugs and protective glasses were worn by each shooter. The shooters, both male and female of all ages, were helping out two major charities by trying out the firearms. The proceeds from the firing line ammunition sales will be split between the two charities.

Even the local Cub and Boy Scout troops were able to be involved by running a barbecue lunch for the many visitors that showed up over the two days. The money they raised will go towards their various programs.

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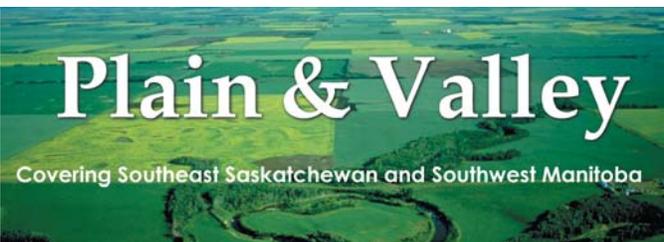
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Julianna Moore wins GX94 Star Search

BY KARA KINNA
Ever since she was a small child, St. Lazare's Julianna Moore has dreamed of having a career in music.

On Saturday, July 8 that dream came one step closer to reality for Moore, who was named the 2017 winner of GX94's Star Search at the finals in Yorkton.

Moore, 18, was a first-time Star Search contestant, so it came as a bit of a shock when she moved on from both the preliminaries in Rocanville and the semifinals in Broadview, winning at the finals in Yorkton.

"I heard from family and friends that it was going on and Jess Moskaluke did it and I like a lot of her songs, so I thought I'd try it out," says Moore.

"As long as I can remember I've always loved music, I've always loved singing and my first public performance was probably when I was six or seven years old in St. Lazare. It's been quite a few years that I have been singing publicly

"On my own I did a lot of singing in church—that was my main thing—and after that it was more like talent shows and different kinds of competitions.

"Then in high school when I was in seventh grade we started a band. We travelled around and did that for a while and competed as well until I graduated last year. Then we stopped the band and I went on my own and was

performing in restaurants and different events. I've always done a bunch of different events. Whenever they ask me I'll try to make it work."

After graduating from high school last year, Moore decided to study music at Brandon University, where she will return for her second year in September.

Moore says she knows she wants music to be a part of her future.

"I want a career out of it," she says. "I remember telling my parents when I was just little 'I want to be a singer, this is what I want to do.' Music literally has always been everything to me. That's prettymuch all I talk about. That's all I do.

"I'm hoping that I'm going to get somewhere with it. It is something that I love and that is fun for me, so even if I just get to do it sometimes, that's still okay with me, but I want to work on it."

Jess Moskaluke, who is now an award winning Canadian country music artist, was the GX94 Star Search winner in 2007, and Moore says she took that into consideration when deciding to sign up for Star Search.

"I keep going to Jess Moskaluke, but she made something of herself and I really want to do that, I want to share my music with others and I think that Star Search is going to help me do that," she says.

What kind of music does Moore like?
"I love country, I love the



Julianna Moore singing at the Star Search finals.

old country as well. Patsy Cline is one of my idols," she says. "I also like Celine Dion and Adele. I'm all over the place. I like ballads. I like slow songs and songs that will touch your heart—stuff like that."

Moore says winning the contest was a shock.

"A lot of people told me throughout the whole pro-

cess that they don't pick first years and they don't pick people who do slow songs, and I was doing two of those things. So I was really nervous and I thought 'I'm just going to try my best and that's all I can do.' So that's what I did. I was overwhelmed when I heard them call my name. I was very, very



Tonya Cherry, the GX94 midday host, Julianna Moore with her championship belt buckle, and Danny Ismond, the GX94 morning show host.

happy and excited.
"I feel like this is the beginning. It's exciting."

Winning Star Search comes with a few prizes and perks.

"The prizes were a Fender guitar with a Fender case, and so I was very excited about that, and a champion belt buckle," says Moore. "And they also give you two recordings in a studio of whatever songs you want, and they'll play that on the radio and they will also make demo CDs from that.

"So it's kind of like everything that I've wanted. I've always wanted to sing in a studio and record my own stuff. It's kind of a dream come true."

As the winner, Moore also has a number of performances lined up.

"I know that I'm going to be performing at the rodeo in Swan River. I'm excited for that. They said they are going to have lots of performances set up for me. I'm going to be going all over the place. I'm just excited to start and hopefully have something great come out of it," she says.

"Even the experience so far has been quite amazing. Especially for my first year. I'm pretty proud and very excited and grateful.

"Throughout the process I got good response the whole time. I talked to the judges a lot after the preliminary and the semifinals. It was all positive. There was a lot of good, good talent throughout that whole night. I feel very blessed and grateful."



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180 racers compete in second annual St. Lazare Outlaw Scramble

BY ROSE MAILLOUX

The second annual St. Lazare Outlaw Scramble was held on June 10 and 11 by the Manitoba Dirt Riders. They have six races within a year that are strategically placed in different areas of Manitoba. There were 180 racers over the course of two days and 350 people altogether who participated in the event just outside of St. Lazare.

"There are a lot more people involved this year. Dan Huberdeau had a lot of help with the work parties prior to the race. There were probably 12 guys working on the trail last weekend," says Joe Huberdeau. "The majority of the guys are from Winnipeg, and because that is so far, it is hard to find volunteers to help. Because they came to race last year, they know what they get out here now, so a lot more guys signed up for

volunteering."

FXR sponsored the St. Lazare Outlaw Scramble. They sent their representative with a box of prizes. At the end of the race, they gave prizes to the kids who were in the top three of their category. They supplied hats, shirts, and other items. Food and drinks were also available with all proceeds going to support the local rink roof.

"We are a river valley so there are a lot of stones. It's just the way the land is, anyone who farms out here knows about picking stones. It is just part of your daily routine. On the trail there were a lot of exposed rocks that stuck out a few inches. One thing they do really good at MDR is they highlight the hazards on the trail, so they fluorescent orange spray painted the rocks on the trail that were a hazard. You can whip over

them and hope all goes good or you can try to avoid them," says Huberdeau. "Dan Huberdeau, the Vice President of MDR, was running in first place in Vet A Class when he must have hit a rock which shanked him off his line and ejected him off his bike. It was on a side of a hill so he went down to his left and he must have hit an exposed rock on the hill. On his lower left abdomen he blew a hole and it was bleeding. The rest of his left thigh and hip were numb, so he really wrenched it or ran it over the rock too or something. EMS did the proper procedure to get him onto the board.

"Dan started building this trail in 2015. He is pretty modest so he wouldn't want too many pats on the back for what he did. Because he's my twin brother, he's my best buddy, and we live so far apart from each

other, it's just another way to get together. I really value what Dan's done here. He's building something good for his kids. I just think he's a really committed guy. He does it with class and responsibility, even though he just got ambulated out of here, but that's racing. Dan still went out in style."

It was reported the next day that Dan Huberdeau was stitched up and healing from bruising, but he had no broken bones or internal bleeding.

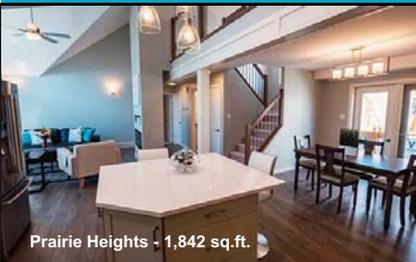
"I would also like to thank the MDR board members, the landowners, Gab Huberdeau, Shannon Huberdeau and Adrienne Huberdeau," says Joe.

In all, the St. Lazare Outlaw Scramble was a success. It rained briefly but the sun shined brightly most of the weekend.



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The story behind the song

Local songwriter and country music singer Eli Barsi hosted a songwriter concert on Friday, June 23 in Moosomin. The concert featured three artists on stage at once—Darlene Tuleta, Anthony Kelly and Eli Barsi. Each artist took their turn sharing the story behind the song they were about to sing, and each artist took their turn singing some of their favorite songs.

Above, from left: Darlene Tuleta, Anthony Kelly and Eli Barsi performing.

Swing for Scholarships raises \$16,200

The Second Annual Moosomin "Swing for Scholarships" Golf Tournament, hosted by Southeast College, was held Saturday, June 3 at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club. The event raised a total of \$8,100, which will be matched by the Ministry of Advanced Education through the Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship program, to create \$16,200 in student scholarships.

A total of 46 golfers took part in the tournament with the winning team comprised of Bill Beahm, Mark Olson and John McMillan.

"The community of Moosomin and our stakeholders have done an incredible job of supporting our students through this year's Swing for Scholar-

ships event," said Jeff Richards, VP of Strategic Development. "These funds are an important piece in helping students achieve their post-secondary educational goals."

During the tournament dinner, Southeast College awarded \$14,800 in scholarships and bursaries to students who studied in Moosomin, Whitewood and Kahkewistahaw programs. A total of \$186,000 in scholarships and bursaries were distributed to students attending the College in 2016-17.

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June's public offering of Saskatchewan Crown petroleum and natural gas rights raised \$22.8 million on Tuesday—the largest revenue for a single public offering in almost three years.

The total for the 2017 fiscal year to date is \$24 million after two sales.

The fiscal year's current average price per hectare for Saskatchewan parcels is \$828.81, almost double Alberta's average of \$470.71 for conventional oil and gas parcels, and comes in the wake of recent upward trends in provincial drilling activity.

"This is a significant revenue increase and the highest for any of Saskatchewan's past public offerings since August 2014," Energy and Resources Minister Dustin Duncan said.

Millennium Land Ltd. bid \$4,002,780 to acquire a 1,327-hectare exploration licence located southwest of Midale.

The parcel is prospective for multiple targets, particularly the Bakken Formation and the Three Forks Group/Torquay Formation.

Two parcels northeast of Lloydminster in the St. Walburg area received bonus bids totalling \$9,736,304.69 for 1,295 hectares, with one of these parcels receiving the highest dollar-per-hectare at \$8,115.76; these parcels are prospective for heavy oil in the Mannville Group, with

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Raymond goes to U18 nationals for second year

BY KARA KINNA
Seventeen-year-old Nathan Raymond was selected to play with Team Saskatchewan at the U18 national Football Canada Cup for the second year in a row.

The cup was held in Wolfville, Nova Scotia this year from July 8 to July 14.

The Football Canada Cup is the premier pre-university football tournament in Canada which annually showcases the top under-18 football players from across the country.

Last year Raymond, who plays with the Moosomin Generals, won silver with Team Sask as a 16-year-old. He was also selected for Team Canada based on his performance at the Canada Cup, and played with the national team at a tournament in the U.S.

Eight teams from across the country

were competing for the championship this year at the Canada Cup.

"It was an awesome experience last year, a great group of guys, great football, great coaches," says Raymond. "And then from that I was selected to Team Canada too.

"Plus I was one of the younger guys last year and I definitely wanted to try out again and see if I could make it as an older player."

Each team played three games at the cup. Players also got the change to show off their skills in hopes of being selected for the national team.

"If you win the Canada Cup you get to bring the trophy back to your province, but depending on individual play, if you play well enough you will be selected to team Canada like I was last year," says

Raymond."

Raymond, who plays o-line, says the tournament is also a chance to catch the eye of scouts.

"It's the top 40 players from each province coming together to play. There are a lot of scouts out here looking," he said. "And scouts from team Canada come to look, and if you get selected to that then there are even more scouts at that level. It's a very big tournament for getting looked at for your football career for every player that's made it."

Raymond says he's looking to play university level football and beyond, if he can.

"I just want to take it one step at a time. Hopefully football will take me to university, possibly get me a scholarship and I can get an education out of it and then

move on if possible."

Last year team Sask fell to Quebec in the Canada Cup final. This year was a repeat, with team Sask and Quebec going head to head in the final for a second time. Team Sask fell 10-7 with 19 seconds left on the clock, once again ending up with the silver medal.

The Canada Cup was bound to be tough, says Raymond.

"It's a whole different team this year because we had a lot of guys graduating and a lot of new guys coming in," he says.

What are the Team Sask coaches looking for in their players?

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Yius will miss Moosomin after 18 years

BY KARA KINNA

After 18 years in Moosomin and over 30 years in the restaurant business, Lisa and Lobo Yiu are finally taking their well-deserved retirement.

Yiu's Garden Restaurant closed its doors after serving customers one last time on Sunday, June 18. The restaurant has been purchased by new owners who plan to do some renovations before reopening it. Lisa and Lobo plan to move to Toronto, where much of Lisa's family lives, and where their two sons live.

Lobo grew up in Hong Kong and came to Canada in 1979 at the age of 25, living in Bredenburg and Esterhazy before moving to Wapella. He was joined by Lisa, who grew up in Canton, China a few years later. The couple ran restaurants in Wapella and Maryfield for a number of years before purchasing the Chinese restaurant in Moosomin, the town they would call home for the next 18 years.

Ever since then they have been serving up Cantonese and Canadian food to the community, and their buffets have become a tradition for many.

"It's been really good, people support us," says Lisa. "I will miss the people here because it's my town, it's like a big family. People really cared about me. They taught me English and taught me how to drive and get my license."

"There are very good people in Moosomin," says Lobo. "Sometimes they would see that we are busy and they would help us to clean the tables. Some customers have even helped me to wash the dishes! They are very, very good customers—they are good friends."

Lobo says he will miss the routine of the place.

"I get up early in the morning, I come down and get everything ready for the whole day and we open the door at 9 or 10 in the morning. Everything is set up in the kitchen and I start to serve coffee, and after lunch I get ready for suppertime. I like getting everything prepared in the kitchen. I have to always think about what I have to do for the next day."

Lobo says retirement and moving to Toronto will be an adjustment. He says he's used to working until 9 or 9:30 at night in the restaurant before being able to wind down for the day.

"After I retire, I will get up in the morning and have nothing to do—I don't know, it's going to be a big change," he says.

"I have to really enjoy my retirement. Toronto is a big city and it will be very different."

Lisa has two sisters who own three restaurants and an uncle who owns six restaurants in Toronto. Lobo says he's willing to lend a helping hand if they need him, to keep busy.

"Maybe I will help as a standby cook," he says. "If they need me then I can go and help at their place. I can not always be sitting at home with nothing to do."

The couple plans to take a trip to Hong Kong this summer to visit relatives as well—something they have not done for six years.

Despite reuniting with family and friends after retirement, both of them say they will miss living in this area, and can't say enough about the support they have received over the years.

"In Wapella I had two boys born there," says Lisa. "People helped me babysit there. We cooked the food and people would help."

"If you think about two people running a restaurant and having two kids, how do you manage it all?"

"My parents would say 'I don't know how you manage it with two little babies and still running a restaurant.' But the customers are nice, they helped me look after my kids and they would come to eat. I'm lucky that people helped."

"When I move, I will miss it here."

"Me too," adds Lobo. "I will be in Toronto but my heart will still be in Moosomin."

Lisa and Lobo Yiu standing in Yiu's Garden Restaurant. The couple has been in Moosomin 18 years and in the restaurant business in this area for over 30 years.



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Hundreds of people posed for a photo with the Santos family during a fundraising lunch June 22 to show their support of the family, who were facing deportation. News came during the lunch that the family would be allowed to stay in Canada.



Lesi, Victor Jr., Victor, and Edward (front) with a Canadian flag after the lunch.

Family happy to be allowed to stay Santos family gets word during event held to support them

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

After a huge groundswell of support from their community, Victor Santos, Lesi Hernandez and their family have been allowed to stay in Canada.

Just as hundreds of people gathered at the Legion Hall in Moosomin on June 22 for a fundraising lunch and show of support for the family, Victor received an email saying his work and temporary resident visa will be renewed for two years.

Victor, Lesi, and their older son Victor Junior had been ordered deported from Canada as their refugee application had been denied. They were to be sent to Honduras July 5, where they felt their lives were in danger. Their youngest son Edward is a Canadian citizen and is not subject to the deportation order, but the family felt they would have no option but to take him with them if they had been deported.

The family was asking that the deportation order be stayed in order to allow time for a new application for residency based on humanitarian and compassionate grounds to be heard.

At 11:27 am on June 22, just as the event in Moosomin was getting started, Victor received an email from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada advising him that a new two-year temporary resident permit has been issued for himself and his family, along with work and study visas for the family. That afternoon, the family received confirmation that the deportation order that had been issued for July 5 was cancelled.

After the decision was announced, the Let Them Stay rally turned into a celebration, with some of the people who came out to support the family literally dancing in the street.

The family fled to Canada from Honduras fearing for their lives, and sought refugee status, which has been denied.

The are now submitting a new applica-

tion for permanent residency based on humanitarian and compassionate (H&C) grounds. They were asking the government to allow them to stay until that process is complete, a wish that was granted with the June 22 announcement.

They now have temporary residency for two years, and are pinning their hopes on a successful H&C application.

If that application succeeds, they will become permanent residents of Canada.

"Right now we feel very happy," Victor said after receiving the good news on June 22. "The article in the World-Spectator (the newspaper in Moosomin) started it, and it just got bigger and bigger and we got more and more support, more stories in the news, and more support again. It was amazing. A lot of people have told me how much they support us, and it feels good.

"To know now that we can stay another two years, I feel more comfortable. I don't have to worry any more for right now."

Lesi said it was amazing to see the community support at the event on June 22. More than 400 people came out to show their support.

"When I came and saw the crowd that was there, I just started crying and I said 'Thank-you, God, thanks for this support, thanks for everybody who organized this, thanks for everybody who worked so hard.'

"There is a friend we have in Toronto (Rev. Helena-Rose Houldcroft, an Anglican priest with the Flemingdonk Park multicultural ministry) who came from Saskatchewan.

"She gave us a reference letter when we came here, because we didn't have jobs here or anything.

"She said you are going to the right place. There are good people in Moosomin. They have big hearts. It's a nice place and you will find wonderful people there. She was right, people are wonderful here."

Victor says it felt great to see the support. "People were coming up and hugging me, and I feel it was very sincere, it's amazing," he said.

"The people who sent messages to the minister, the people who made calls to the minister's office, it all helps. The minister now knows about me."

Lesi says now the work continues to try to become permanent residents.

"Now that we have our two year extension, we can continue to update our H&C application. We will be gathering letters, we will be sending in the articles from the Spectator—all of that will help a lot.

"Right now I am preparing a package I have to send as soon as possible with some letters of support and pictures of the lunch that was held for us."

When Victor Junior's classmates heard that the family can stay two more years, many of them ran back to the Legion to congratulate him. "A few of my classmates came to congratulate me on this," he said.

"I'm really glad all this turned out the way it did. I'm really thankful for all of this, honestly.

"I can't believe this happened. I was getting pretty worried."

Russell Slugoski says he will continue to help the family as they go through their H&C application.

"I am going to stick with this family until the end," he said. "It's a day of celebration to get this extension. Right after this, we're going to follow up with Dr. Kitchen's office and keep working.

"It's amazing to see the wonderful support from this community. People keep coming up to me and congratulating me and thanking me. I don't think this is my story, this is the Santos's story, but it's our community who put this together—Moosomin and the surrounding area, and people from far away. I've had support, encouragement, letters, emails that have

been sent in, all advocating for this family's right to stay in Canada.

"It makes me proud of being part of this community.

"I've lived here for 35 years now and nowhere have I seen such a sincere and grateful expression of people when they come together to help people in need.

"It's an inspiration. This family has given us a gift, because through them we gained this gift of charity and compassion. That's one of the most wonderful things about being in Canada. We can show our support and not have to fear intimidation or anything that would harm or hurt us."

Victor says while he was happy with his extension, he feels for families who are not so fortunate.

"We have always tried to stay positive," he said. "In the morning I felt very bad because I heard that another family was returned. They didn't have any help. To me, I want to speak for them to say let them stay, because people are being sent there and are scared for their lives.

"For me, I want to be a voice for them, for people who need help and are being sent back. It's not only Honduras, it's Guatemala and Central America. There are a lot of troubles there."

Victor believes that the community support in Moosomin made all the difference for his family.

"The community support is important," he said. "If you live in a big city you're all alone. It's not like here, where the whole community is going to support you. That was my concern, too, when we lived in Toronto. I said, I feel alone here, I feel like nobody can help us.

"I want to say thank you to the minister, I'm happy he was able to help me, I hope he can help other families as well."

After the announcement they could stay on June 22, Lesi said the family slept well that night for the first time in a long time.

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P&H holds grand opening for fertilizer facility

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

On June 19, Parrish and Heimbecker Moosomin held a grand opening for its new fertilizer facility. The company recently completed construction of a 35,000-square-foot dry fertilizer facility at its site in Moosomin, along with six liquid fertilizer tanks.

P&H also announced that the rail siding at the terminal is being extended and there will be additional expansion coming once that happens.

Jim Mc Kercher is director of operations for Western Canada with P&H. He spoke at the grand opening.

"I remember when we bought this facility, and we bought Langbank at the same time," he said.

"We've slowly built the business here, and it looks like we're starting to get where we want to be.

"One of the things that is going to happen here in the not-too-distant future is CP Rail have agreed to use the original plans for the track that you folks designed when the elevator was built, so I think we'll be able to go ahead and put a 112-car spot in.

"At that point there will probably be some more expansion.

"The money that has been invested by the families (Parrish and Heimbecker is a private, family-owned company) in Western Canada over the last 10-15 years is in the order of hundreds of millions of dollars. We're pretty proud of what we've built in that time."

Justin Watson, vice-president of Crop Inputs Canada with Parrish and Heimbecker, also spoke at the grand opening. He said Moosomin was one of the first centres the company looked at when expanding into crop inputs.

"In 2015 Parrish and Heimbecker made the decision to increase our service offerings to customers across Western Canada. Our footprint on fertilizer sheds and facilities has increased by six over the last couple of years," he said.

"This is one of the six facilities that we have recently opened up. We just recently acquired in February four new locations in north central Alberta, so the commitment towards increasing our service offerings on the crop input side of the business with our former customers across Canada has been ongoing.

"The investment has been very, very strong and most importantly we would like to say thank you very much to the customer base. It has been a natural fit, this investment.

"When we first looked at Saskatchewan one of the first locations we instantly looked at was Moosomin.

"This is a great location because Moosomin as a community is a great hub to southeastern Saskatchewan.

"If you look back over the last three to four years, we do feel as though this is an area in geography that didn't having the investment in new fertilizer facilities like other areas have.

"This area got hit pretty hard obviously with some flooding and excess moisture issues a few years ago, and because of that I think you saw companies spend-



Above: An aerial view of P&H Moosomin with the new fertilizer facility and liquid fertilizer tanks at right.



Cutting the ribbon for the new dry fertilizer facility. From left is Parrish and Heimbecker Moosomin general manager Cory Woywada, Bill Parrish Senior, and James Mc Kercher, the director of operations for P&H for Western Canada.

money elsewhere.

"We felt, though, this is a primary and prime geography, and we needed to get investment moving as fast and hard as we could.

"We started with the initial phase of announcing the dry fertilizer plant. As you can see it is a fairly significant structure—it is over 12,000 metric tonne capacity. "As soon as we started talking about this facility, customers in the area obviously started asking us about liquid fertilizer also, so we bolted on and added the liquid side the facility also.

"It is a great area. The highway infrastructure in here is very strong. It is a great agribusiness center and community for south eastern Saskatchewan.

"Increased fertilizer usage rates over the last few years makes it a very strong opportunity for Parrish and Heimbecker and the customers that we serve again to increase our services to them.

"One of the primary reasons also why we invest here is that this a rail direct facility.

"As western Canada grows its usage rates on products like phosphates, currently we are importing over 60 per cent of the phosphate in Western

Canada. It is coming in as an import product and we need to make sure that we have strong rail import capabilities for products like phosphate or urea or sulfur or whatever opportunity arises, because when you are buying fertilizer now in a global stage and not just buying from local manufacturers, having the ability to bring product in import through rail is a significant difference.

"Prior to this facility, the majority of the product has been coming through Winnipeg, and through terminal capacity in Brandon, Clavet, Elstow. Down south the Northgate facility recently opened by Koch Fertilizer, but right here in this geography, there is not a lot of good quality rail import facilities, and being able to attach onto rail can be a significant change to this geography's competitiveness to buy product indirect and not having to hub it somewhere else and truck it into the area.

"This facility will be primarily for retail purposes but we will be hubbing product into here for our customers in the Langbank area. We had product heading up to our customers in Yorkton in the spring time.

"Plus we will be looking at some terminal capacity with manufacturers currently in Western Canada that are interested in leasing space here to also potentially serve competing companies in the area for fertilizer needs. So it is a significant investment for the retail side for the business, but will be a potential strong asset for terminal capacity to serve all customers potentially within southeast Saskatchewan.

"We had great sales out of here this spring and I would

just like to thank the community for working with us on this one, and thank all the local customers for working with us on getting this project up and going."

Bill Parrish has seen Parrish and Heimbecker go from a network of wooden elevators to a growing network of modern elevators across the Prairies.

"I've spent my lifetime in the grain business, starting

in the days of wooden elevators," he said.

"We've come a long way. We've put a lot of money back into the business

"We feel it's the right thing to do, particularly when Viterra was bought out by Graincore and they didn't want to be in the fertilizer and chemical business. It seemed like an opportunity for us to get into the business.

"We look forward to a long and successful business in Moosomin."

Parrish said he started off working at a P&H elevator in Olds, Alberta and slowly worked his way up in the company.

"We were in the grain business and we couldn't get into the farm input business. What we could buy it for, the other companies were selling it for. When Viterra got out of it, that created an opening for us.

"We're in this for the long-term. It's a big investment and you certainly don't get your money back in one year."

Councillor Garnet Fawcett spoke on behalf of the RM of Moosomin.

"I would like to welcome P&H with this new venture," he said. "This facility here is a huge asset to the taxpayers of the municipality and the surrounding area."

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Wall weighs in on discussion on mental health in ag

A conversation about mental health in the agricultural community has caught the attention of Premier Brad Wall after it exploded on Twitter recently.

It started with a tweet from Kim Keller (@kimkeller), a farmer from Gronlid, Saskatchewan: "#Ag we gotta do more. I received a message yesterday that kept me up thinking of how we do more. Farm stress is real. Suicide is real."

Keller felt compelled to speak out after being contacted by an Ag Industry professional looking for resources to help the family of a client who had taken his life. Her tweet was

shared 37 times, received over 100 likes and prompted dozens of people to respond and continue the discussion over the next several days.

One of the people who took notice of the conversation was Premier Brad Wall, who reached out to Keller to ask that she meet with the Department of Agriculture to discuss the issue.

"I have lost count of the direct messages, texts and phone calls I've received from people sharing their stories and offering to help and support any way they can," Keller says. "This shows me that as an industry we are ready to tackle this issue head on."

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan President Todd Lewis agrees that the conversation is long overdue and says the mental health of the province's young producers is of particular concern.

"For some, this is the first time they've experienced a drought or a spring harvest. It's been a tough year," he says. "We need to keep talking about this. We know our producers are feeling the pressure."

Lewis adds that APAS is working to incorporate the issue of mental health and suicide into its upcoming midterm meeting, and will be looking at addressing the gaps in policy and supports available.

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Experts warn of overkill when using chemical controls

BY RICHARD KAMCHEN
Farmers should monitor their fields for insects and only apply chemical controls if and when there's risk of economic harm to their crops, experts say.

John Gavloski, an entomologist with Manitoba Agriculture says there's sometimes a tendency to "either overreact to insect presence in the field and apply insecticides when economic populations of insects are not present, or tank-mix in an insecticide with a herbicide or fungicide just in case insects may be at economic levels."

WATCH YOUR FIELDS

He advises monitoring what's happening in fields, knowing the appropriate economic thresholds—where they exist—and using that knowledge as the basis for making insect management decisions.

Use the established economic thresholds for insects and the recommended sampling methods found in provincial crop protection guides to check each field before spraying, says Tyler



Wist field crop entomologist, with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

"Even fields of the same crop that are close together geographically can have different insect pest pressure due to multiple reasons, such as different growth stages or proxim-

ity to natural landscapes," Wist says.

He points out insecticide applications can be expensive, and if they're unnecessary, that's wasted money and time for a farmer.

BENEFICIAL INSECTS AT RISK
Gavloski says if beneficial

insects are at levels where they're providing free management of potential pests, a farmer risks upsetting this balance with insecticides that may not be needed.

Wist, who is working on a nearly-ready smart-

phone app that takes into account the action of beneficial insects to control cereal aphids in cereal crops, advises farmers to always consider beneficial insects.

"Protect pollinators, ground beetles and foliar

predatory insects by not spraying when an insecticide application is not warranted," Wist says.

Broad spectrum insecticides will kill pollinators, predaceous insects, and parasitoids as well as potential pests, Gavloski points out.

PROTECT YOUR POLLINATORS

"For crops that benefit from pollinators, you risk inadvertently decreasing yields if you apply an insecticide at flowering and interfere with pollinators," Gavloski says.

He explains that while canola can produce good yields without pollinators, it can yield significantly better with good levels of pollinators in the field.

Bottom line

"If no pest insects are at economic levels and an insecticide is applied at flowering in canola, you could inadvertently be decreasing potential yields by negating the yield boost from the pollinators," Gavloski says.

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Newton goes to Stampede parade with her team of Clydesdales

BY DONNA BEUTLER
Her love of horses netted Moosomin resident Michelle Newton the opportunity to have her horses and herself participate in the 2017 Calgary Stampede parade this summer.
Before the Stampede, Newton spent time preparing her horses not only to pull a wag-

on in the parade but to participate in Draft Horse Town.
Newton is relatively new to heavy horses, saying she always enjoyed riding and working with light horses, but when she started her family 10 years ago, she didn't spend as much time with horses anymore. But that all changed three years ago when she dis-



Above: Michelle Newton with her horses Anne and Grace and her three-year-old daughter Kade.





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covered the joy of working with what are known as "gentle giants."
"I started driving heavy horses in September of 2014," Newton said in a recent interview at her grandparents' farmyard where she keeps her horses and where she does much of her practicing. Her daughter Kade, now three, was often with her, riding in a car seat in the wagon, enjoying the gentle rocking of the wagon as the horses were driven around the farm. In fact a wagon ride behind the team of horses always makes for an enjoyable family outing, according to Newton.
"The difference between light and heavy horses," Newton explained, "is their manerisms. They are so gentle, so accommodating and calm."
She explained that she can leave them for a few months and they are just the same when she comes back to start working with them again.
"We ride them too," she went on to say. "We put a saddle on them and go for trail rides."

"In November of 2015 and 2016, I drove the team in events in both Yorkton and Regina."
As Newton became more and more involved in the world of heavy horse driving, she met many people along her way, and early this year, one of those contacts asked her if she would be interested in taking her horses out to Alberta this summer.
"It's who you meet," Newton said of the Alberta contact. "I was asked if I would come out to Calgary with my team to pull a wagon."
And her answer was a resounding 'yes.' This meant some long-term preparation and conditioning for the team of horses that she took to the Stampede.
Though Newton has two teams of horses, it was Anne and Grace, her team of Clydesdales, that accompanied her to Calgary. She made the trip to Calgary in one day and then gave the horses a one-day break before parade day on July 7.
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