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Rory Allen show set for Rocanville Hall

BY KARA KINNA

On April 8, Elvis will be in the house at the PotashCorp Rocanville Community Hall.

Well-known Elvis tribute artist Rory Allen has been booked by the PotashCorp Rocanville Community Hall Committee as a fundraiser for the new hall. This will be the second major fundraiser for the new hall. In December, country singer Jess Moskaluke performed at a sold out event in the new hall.

Owen Wilson with the Rocanville Hall Committee says Rory Allen's name came up for a fundraising concert, as Allen has ties to the Rocanville area. Allen lived in Rocanville for a few years as a child and has a brother-in-law who lives in Rocanville.

"A couple of guys on the committee know Rory because he has ties to Rocanville," says Wilson. "He has performed in Rocanville before, so that has always been a name that has been thrown out there, and we just pulled the trigger and said we will book him. All the other shows that have happened in town have went over really well. Jess Moskaluke went over well too."

"We have a lot of money to raise still to pay off the hall. We weren't sure when we were going to do it but figured we'd do it before seeding to get the farmers out, and you're at the tail end of hockey season. So there are a lot of people that are kind of in a lull in April and it's a week before Easter. It just seemed like a good time to do it."

There will be 400 tickets sold for the event. Tickets can be bought individually or in tables of eight.

Like the Jess Moskaluke concert, Wilson says he's hoping this one will sell out.

"We are hoping it will be a sell out. It is hard to say because it is so different from the Jess concert. Really, in Rocanville we haven't had the facility to hold events like this, so it is just kind of a test run again."



Rory Allen performing.

"He sings but he is also an entertainer," says Wilson. "He gets the comedy thing going. It is more than just the music entertainment. He gets right into it."

All of the proceeds for this event will go to help pay for the community hall. "We have a long way to go with fundraising,"

says Wilson. "Jess Moskaluke was a great help to raise money."

He says the goal is to raise at least \$5,000 at the Rory Allen concert.

"If all the seats are filled, if we raise \$5,000, we can call this a success. I think it will be somewhat of a different crowd than

the Moskaluke show—not as much of a party crowd, but some of them will still come out too. It's a different style of event so it is hard to say. Rory being from Rocanville may be a little bit of an extra draw."

The Jess Moskaluke concert raised a total of \$28,000 with

\$21,000 going to the new hall and \$7,000 to the Rocanville Fire Department. Steve Fortney, the chair of the hall committee, says that fundraising is going well for the new hall so far. The Jess Moskaluke concert was the biggest fundraiser to date, as Moskaluke donated her time for the event.

"It was very generous of Jess to donate her time," says Fortney.

Fortney says the committee is about half way to their fundraising goal. In total the committee must raise \$800,000.

To date the committee has raised \$406,000 in cash and pledges, and there is still \$394,000 left to raise.

"We're a little ahead we thought we would be," says Fortney. "We thought we'd get \$280,000 in the first two years. We've been getting great support."

Wilson says the new hall is already proving how useful it is.

"In wintertime before we couldn't hold an even like this and now this will be the second event that we have held when there has been snow on the ground still," he says. "In the summer I think there are five or six weddings booked already. It will pick up when the weather does."

Allen excited for show

Allen said in an interview with the World-Spectator last week that he was excited to be able to perform at the Rocanville fundraiser.

Allen lived in Rocanville for a few years as a child before moving to Regina and says that he still has a fond place in his heart for Rocanville. He has performed in Rocanville a few times since becoming an Elvis tribute artist, including at a large event booked by PotashCorp.

"It's going to be cool to come back again," he says. "We do lots of things around the province but it's nice to check into a place you've lived in."

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Allen excited for Rocanville show

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"There are a lot of people that are happy that I lived there and we've been successful over the years and a lot of people sort of know you. It's kind of cool to say I lived in Rocanville.

"We're looking forward to doing two sets. Probably some leather in the first set and we always do the Las Vegas stuff with the big costumes. You have to get Suspicious Minds and Burning Love in there and have some fun.

"The band is tremendous. There are 12 of us on stage so it's a big group—the horns and the backup girls and all the costumes."

Allen does two styles of show—one where he performs on his own and one that includes his 11-piece band. He will be bringing his 11-piece band to Rocanville.

"I would say the one where I'm just singing by myself is more intimate and it's a little more unplugged. The show with the band is more dynamic just because of all the people and all the things you have to look at on stage," he says. "You have the horn guys doing crazy stuff on stage behind my back, and having a lot of fun, and the musicianship and the lights and just a wall of sound that comes off the stage. It's pretty cool."

"I like to have people on stage with me so we can interact and have a lot of fun and you kid each other. I think the key is to have fun... I was always a lamp shade on the head type at school. If people aren't smiling and having a good time I don't feel like I've done my job."

Allen says he loves performing in small towns.

"Towns like Rocanville, it's kind of cool to bring a Vegas style show to a community that doesn't normally see that kind of big show. It's kind of cool to be a Saskatchewan guy, a guy who actually came from there, just to show them what local musicians are capable of. You always get fed great in Rocanville. Everybody's really nice. You can't go wrong in Saskatchewan if you're in show business because people are very kind to you, they appreciate it when you try to give your best and we're looking forward to it. Crowds are always very kind and generous to me and we always go 100 per cent. Hopefully they leave with a memory that will last forever."

Allen has performed around North America, but most of his shows take place on the prairies.

"We've been as far as Las Vegas. We do the SIGA casinos and we've been doing Club Regent Casino in Winnipeg for years now," he says. "We have quite a good following in Winnipeg. It's mostly Canada, but we've been talking to some folks about doing some casinos in the U.S.—there are all kinds of irons in the fire."

"It's been a great way to make a living and a great



RORY ALLEN

way to meet people."

Allen is a full-time Elvis tribute artist. He says fundraisers, like the one in Rocanville, are what make up many of his bookings.

"That's probably the bread and butter of what we do," he says. "We do so many fundraisers for things. We're able to make a little bit of a living but it's helping a lot of other people. It's kind of a win-win and it's been great. Anything we can do to help."

"A lot of towns are going the other way and Rocanville has been fortunate enough to grow and put in some new facilities, so I'm looking forward to getting in there."

Allen says he truly loves what he does.

"Every show is different. You keep some of the same songs in but we always change it up and make it fresh. But it's the people actually. I feed off the people, I love people, I never met anyone I didn't want to hug. Hugs are free," he says with a laugh.

"I know that's where I'm supposed to be when I'm in front of people. It gives me a lift, I love it. A lot of people stand in line sometimes after the show just to say 'thank you, you gave me a memory. You sang a song and someone in our family has passed away and that was one of their favorite songs.'"

"It's connecting with people. Elvis was always good at making sure that when he was talking to somebody they thought that they were the only person in the room. He'd talk directly to people and was not waiting to get to somebody more important."

"I really like talking to people and hearing what's going on. And if we gave them a good memory that's just icing on the cake."

How does someone become an Elvis tribute artist? Allen says he just kind of fell into it.

"My mom was a huge fan, we listened to Elvis at Christmastime when I was young," he says. "I was in drama in school so I did a lot of different impressions for fun. Elvis was just one of the ones I did."

"At our church one time we were in these Bible study groups and we had to do a talent night and our group said 'what are we going to do?' And I said 'maybe we can do an Elvis thing. I can do a tune and we can have screamers come in and scarves.' And so my sister-in-law at the time made a jumpsuit and I came into the church and I did Blue Suede Shoes or something like that."

"And after the show a fellow came and said 'do you do this for a living?' and I laughed at him. And he said 'you're better than the guy I saw at the dinner theatre, maybe you should think about it.' And that's how the seed was planted, some guy at the church just said 'you know, you're really good at this, maybe you should give it a shot.'"

"It just kind of spread from there. I did a few birthday parties and small concerts and we finally got into the casino."

"All of sudden you're doing shows like 15 or 20 a month and it was getting crazy."

"I've had other jobs in my life but this one is so cool. You get to dress up for work. And I don't become Elvis. I'm still Rory on stage. I do more of a tribute than anything. I have the outfits and we do the songs as best we can, but it's way easier being myself."

He says there has been some response to his booking in Rocanville already.

"We're getting lots of people that are happy we are coming," he says. "We are looking forward to coming and doing the best show there this year."

"And it's kind of cool because it's the 40th anniversary of Elvis's death this year, so it's a big year for Elvis fans."

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Clara Szafron is presented with a cheque after winning the grand prize of \$52,000 in the Moosomin Kinsmen's Lotto 365. From left are Kinsmen Ryan Thorn, Andrew Daniel, Trevor Garrett, Josh Overand, and president Andrew Stacey presenting the cheque.

Szafron wins Lotto 365 grand prize

The top prize in the Moosomin Kinsmen Club's Lotto 365 went to Clara Szafron of Moosomin. Clara will receive \$1,000 a week for the next 52 weeks. Winners were drawn Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Moosomin Curling Club.

Derek Gray of Moosomin won \$12,550 in the 50/50 draw as part of Lotto 365.

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Sask government closing Fleming VRC



consultation with tourism related businesses or affected communities before the decision was made.

"Because there are jobs and people involved we can't share too much information in advance," he said. "With that said, I have a call into the Town of Moosomin today to discuss this further, so we are just following the proper chain of events to talk to the affected staff first then follow up with the communities."

He said Tourism Saskatchewan is facing tightening finances. "Like every part of the government, our budget has been a bit tighter than it has been, so certainly we are looking for the best way of doing things and looking for the greatest bang for our buck," he said. "Like I said, this was very much a business decision that we looked at where people are getting our information from, how they are getting

information, whether it's online or through our call center here and so on, and they made that analysis and came to this conclusion."

The Manitoba government had announced closure of the Kirkella Visitor Reception Centre at one point, but changed the decision after opposition from local communities.

Asked if the decision would be reviewed if there is community opposition, Potts said "We will deal with that when it comes. At this stage it's the decision and we are moving forward. Of all of our out of province visitations last year less than three percent stopped in at the VRCs, whereas by comparison well over 80 percent would be looking online for information, so again we are analyzing costs and benefits there is a strong business case here but we can't predict the future entirely."

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK
Tourism Saskatchewan is planning to close the Fleming Visitor Reception Centre.

The VRC on the Trans-Canada Highway welcomes visitors to the province, sells souvenirs, and distributes tourist information.

Four people were employed seasonally at the centre.

Jonathan Potts, executive director of marketing and communications with Tourism Saskatchewan, said the closure was a business decision.

"It was very much a business decision," he said

in an interview. "We have been looking at trends in visitor services for years now and we've seen travellers' reliance on reception centers go down while their reliance on technical solutions to their questions goes up," he said.

"We know, for example, from research that the number one thing people do when they start thinking about planning a vacation is a Google search, so things like search optimization become really important."

"The (VRCs) have certainly been under review for a number of years. We are constantly access-

ing everything that we do here, not just the VRCs, and we've just come to a point where we (decided to close them)."

There used to be five Visitor Reception Centres around the province, and last summer just two were open—at Moosomin and Maple Creek along the Trans-Canada Highway.

"Over the past two years we closed three and we had two remaining," said Potts. "We have now made the decision to close those two."

The two Visitor Reception Centres employ eight people on a seasonal basis, and had 60,000 visi-

tors through their doors in 2016.

The buildings are owned by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Central Services, and are leased by Tourism Saskatchewan.

Potts said he didn't know what would be done with the buildings if the closures go ahead.

Potts said the decision to close the centres and not hire eight seasonal staff is not related to the provincial government's belt tightening.

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He said there was no

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How will you celebrate Canada's 150?

Canada's 150th anniversary has given me lots to think about...and a lot of suitcases to pack.

In celebration, I've decided to tick a few Canadian destinations off my bucket list. I'll be writing a year-long cross-Canada compilation of iconic places to visit for some of Canada's daily newspapers.

This has left me to frantically plan where indeed a Canadian would go to celebrate our country's European birthday (I'm going to recognize that it is indeed a 'immigrant-created' event. Let's not forget our whole indigenous culture, the birthdays and anniversaries of which we don't celebrate as a nation).

Anyhow, this year does mark the 150th anniversary of the coming together of the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1867 to form the Dominion of Canada.

My first instinct was to head to Toronto. It's not the capital of Canada, but it sure feels like it. I pictured the CN tower, a robust nightlife and restaurants galore. My next instinct was to go west to Vancouver. There I thought of restaurants and seafood and more restaurants and more seafood. (This is when I seriously considered changing the focus of the travel series to 'eating your way across Canada').

However, I sidetracked my stomach and next traveled west in my mind to Banff, Lake Louise and the Calgary Stampede.



Christalee Froese

But in the end, these are the places I've always wanted to visit in Canada. I hope you'll come up with your own list of I've-always-wanted-to-go Canadian destinations and tick a few off this year.

1—Skating on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa—I realize with profound guilt that if one was to visit Ottawa in the year of its 150th anniversary that one might consider visiting Parliament Hill and the very institution that governs Canada. But, instead, I'm going to skate on the Rideau—the world's largest skating rink at 7.8 kilometres. Sounds like more fun than a House of Commons session doesn't it?

2—Maple Syrup harvesting in Quebec—I really just want to eat the sticky stuff and smother it on pancakes, snow and whatever else they have that goes good with syrup. If I have to endure a lesson on how to harvest the Canadian delicacy

in order to get to the eating part, I'll just have to do it! My stomach knows it'll be worth the sacrifice.

3—Dinosaur dig in Alberta—This one is for my six-year-old daughter. Some times a mom has to do what a mom has to do. Maybe there will be a good restaurant nearby.

4—Kitchen Party in PEI—This one is for me. And since it's also the international shellfish festival, which by the way includes lobster, this one is definitely for me ... and my stomach.

5—Train ride through the Rockies—This one just sounds like fun, and I'm sure there is an excellent dining car in that train somewhere.

6—Northern Lights in the Yukon—This destination will be the most work to get to, but I think it will deliver the most in terms of natural rewards. I'm not sure what they have for dining options in Whitehorse, but if I'm below an electric dancing sky, maybe I can convince my stomach it doesn't matter.

I challenge you to consider Canada as prime vacation territory this year and to visit some of the places you've always wanted to go.

There's no better time to travel than on the occasion of an anniversary—Canada's 150th.

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Moosomin considers tax incentive for new businesses

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin town council is considering offering a tax incentive to encourage new businesses to locate in town, and existing businesses to expand.

Councillors Ron Fisk and Jason Miller co-chair the Economic Development Committee, and took a proposal to council on Jan. 25 to forgive taxes for one year for new buildings and additions built by businesses.

"When we took a look around, it seemed that all the towns had some sort of incentive to attract new businesses," explains Fisk.

"If we want to increase our tax base we know that we have to have new businesses come to town. With the tax incentive, if council approves it, it's just that little extra that says welcome to Moosomin."

At the meeting, Fisk told councillors that the economic development committee is working well so far.

"I think it's going to work really well," he said. "There are lots of ideas coming forward."

He said the proposed tax incentive would be

forgiveness of taxes for one year on new commercial construction and additions with a building permit value of at least \$150,000.

"If you have a new family coming to town and they want to set up a new business, if you think of the cost of construction, stocking a new store or whatever it happens to be, the cost can be high."

"We want to help them be successful by forgiving them the first year of tax. It won't cost the town anything, but would just delay the start of collecting taxes."

"I know we'll have at least one that says 'no one did anything for me, why should we do anything for anyone else?'"

"But that's not how our community works. This is 2017 and we're a new council. If they don't like the idea of helping, and they didn't get any help, maybe they should look back at who was on council at the time and ask them why they didn't give them a chance to help them out?"

Councillor Murray Gray asked about recent new

businesses. "How are we going to deal with the hotels and others who have put millions into our community in the last five years?" he asked at the meeting.

"Any new program, whether it's federal, provincial, or municipal, has a start date," said Fisk.

"You don't make a new program retroactive."

Councillor Garry Towler said he doesn't like the incentive program on principle, but he likes the \$150,000 limit. "What I do like is the \$150,000 value before they could apply to it," he said at the meeting. "I could get behind it because of that."

Mayor Larry Tomlinson pointed out that the RM of Moosomin has a three-year tax incentive program now.

Councillor Jason Miller said he believes the town should have a tax incentive program to better coordinate policies with the RM.

"We should have some continuity if we're going to be working together," he said at the meeting.

He pointed out that the tax incentive plan was

designed to be easy to administer—rather than a percentage of taxes forgiven over a number of years, all taxes would be cancelled on a new building or on the value of an addition in the first year.

Councillor Garry Towler said that, when the town offered dollar lots to spur development on Cook Road and Heritage Place, the promotion took a while to get going, but then spurred development.

"With the dollar lots, it took a long time," he said at the meeting. "We were giving something away just about for free and it took a while for people to get into that. Then we paved and had the lots serviced, and they went, just like that, and now we're reaping the benefits from it."

Councillor Jason Miller said he has been in contact with an industrial company looking at locating in another community, but which is keeping its options open with respect to Moosomin. "It's a twofold approach we're taking," he said. "We're looking to show them how it's more

beneficial to do business in Saskatchewan than Manitoba."

Councillor Ron Fisk said that Mark O'Rourke of MNP was very helpful in coming up with the information to compare Saskatchewan and Manitoba business costs.

After lengthy discussion, the decision was tabled to the Feb. 15 meeting when all council members can be present.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Moosomin town council established an economic development committee at the council meeting.

The committee will be co-chaired by Councillors Ron Fisk and Jason Miller, and will include members Roman Chernykh, Bill

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Elkhorn's Brett Orr cherishes experience playing hockey at Fenway Park



Brett Orr playing hockey at Fenway Park with the Bentley University men's hockey team on Jan. 5

BY ROBIN WARK

Playing a hockey game at Fenway Park was great for Elkhorn's Brett Orr in many ways.

On Jan. 5, Orr and the Bentley University men's hockey team beat Army West Point 3-1, at the historic home of the Boston Red Sox. Orr scored an empty net goal to seal the victory in the outdoor contest known as Frozen Fenway.

"The game at Fenway Park was surreal," Orr wrote in a social media interview. "Playing hockey in a stadium you've heard so much of with the Green Monster in the background and getting to use the Red Sox dressing room was a memory I'll never forget."

The memorable contest seemed to spark the defenceman's point production. The next day—in an indoor rematch against Army West Point—Orr

recorded three assists as he helped spark the Falcons from a 5-2 deficit to a 5-5 tie to earn an important point in the standings.

With four points in two games, he was named the Atlantic Hockey Defenceman of the Week. The 5-foot-10, 185-pound blue liner's strong play has continued. In four games since the Army West Point series, Orr had four points. With eight points from Jan. 5 to Jan. 21, Orr had 10 points in 23 games, as of Jan. 26.

"Bentley's been great so far, especially with the guys on the team," Orr wrote. "School can be a little overwhelming for most freshmen usually and they're always there to give a helping hand and lots of our older players are Dean's List students so they know what they're talking about."

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Parkland College partners with the University of Saskatchewan to deliver the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the College in Yorkton. Students complete the full four-year degree locally and graduate as Registered Nurses. Parkland also works with

First Nations University of Canada to offer the Bachelor of Indigenous Education in Yorkton and Fort Qu'Appelle. This teaching degree provides graduates with enhanced understanding of Indigenous culture. And the College's long-time partnership with the University of Regina continues with the Bachelor of Social Work degree in Yorkton.

But even if you're interested in another field, you can take the first year of virtually any degree available in Saskatchewan at Parkland College. Staying close to home for that first year can help ease the transition from high school classes to university workloads, while cutting down on living expenses and saving you money.

Parkland College also offers a variety of Saskatchewan Polytechnic certificates for careers that need skilled graduates. The Business and Office Administration programs are ideal for anyone wanting to work in the modern office environment. Health care options are available through the Practical Nursing diploma and Continuing Care Assistant certificate.

If you like working with your hands, the Trades and Technology Centre (TTC) in Yorkton can be your answer. You can take one of several full-time Sask Polytech programs at the TTC: Agricultural Equipment Technician, Heavy Equipment/Truck and Transport Technician, Multi-Mechanical Trades, Power Engineering, Welding, and Electrical.

And in Melville, students train for exciting



careers as professional firefighters and paramedics. The College's sprawling Emergency Services Training Site just east of Melville provides ample room for hands-on exercises and real life learning.

Regardless of the program you choose, a major advantage of going to Parkland College is the small average class size. You can have more one-on-one time with your instructors and closer relationships with your peers – advantages which can help you excel in your studies and get a leg up on your competition in the job market.

Parkland College also has close connections with industry in the region and across the province. Many of these partnerships are

with companies who are looking to hire qualified, skilled graduates. They lead to great opportunities for students in terms of work placements, internships, and jobs.

And to help you along the way, the College's scholarship program awards close to \$200,000 each academic year. Students taking a full-time post-secondary program at Parkland College in the fall of 2017 may apply for Entrance Scholarships from March to May. More information will be made available at scholarships.parklandcollege.sk.ca.

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A Home in Winnipeg: St. John's College

St John's College at the University of Manitoba has been home for students from Western Manitoba for 150 years. For many students the move to the big city and to a large University is overwhelming. It is an exciting adventure filled with high expectations but it's hard to be away from home and family. Making new friends can be tough, and finding balance outside the daily rhythms of high school is a struggle. A big fish from a small-town pond might suddenly become a fish out of water in this new setting.

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Bachelor of Indigenous Education	Sept - April	4 years	Yorkton, Ft. Qu'Appelle	varies	Degree
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Sept - April	4 years	Yorkton	varies	Degree
Bachelor of Social Work	Sept - April	4 years	Yorkton	varies	Degree
Business Certificate	Aug - April	32 weeks	Yorkton, Ft. Qu'Appelle	\$3,920	Certificate
Continuing Care Assistant	Sept - June	32 weeks	Yorkton	\$5,000	Certificate
Electrician	April - Sept	20 weeks	Yorkton	\$3,000	Certificate
Firefighter	Aug - Oct	14 weeks	Melville	\$10,000	Certificate
Heavy Equipment, Truck & Transport Technician	Sept - June	36 weeks	Yorkton	\$6,225	Certificate
Multi-Mechanical Trades	Sept - April	29 weeks	Yorkton	\$4,950	Certificate
Office Administration	Aug - April	32 weeks	Yorkton, Ft. Qu'Appelle	\$4,235	Certificate
Power Engineering - Third Class	Aug - Jan	20 weeks	Yorkton	\$2,875	Certificate
Power Engineering - Fourth Class	Sept - May	32 weeks	Yorkton	\$4,950	Certificate
Primary Care Paramedic	Sept - June	41 weeks	Melville	\$5,775	Certificate
Welding	Sept - June	35 weeks	Yorkton	\$6,000	Certificate
University - first year	Sept - April	varies	Yorkton	varies	Credits

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St. Peter's College: Live Your Education



An imposing structure rising above the aspens and evergreens that line Highway 5 in central Saskatchewan, Michael Hall is the flagship of St. Peter's College. The building inspires awe and curiosity to those travelling through the area. Long time residents of the region are familiar with St. Peter's historical and cultural significance. For more distant travellers who venture off the highway, they are delighted to find both stunning architecture on a picturesque campus and a modern, vibrant university college preparing students for their academic and professional futures. These visitors soon come to understand St. Peter's watchwords: Live Your Education!

The most common question is "What does St. Peter's College offer?"

The short answer is "Lots!" As a long time affiliate of the University of Saskatchewan, St. Peter's College has evolved from a one-time boarding high school to technologically state of the art full service campus. As for the programs, St. Peter's is proud to offer complete first year programming for all direct entry University of Saskatchewan colleges. That means the Colleges of Agriculture and Bioresources, Kinesiology, Arts and Science, Engineering, and the Edward School of Business are all at St. Peter's College. Our newest addition, direct entry College of Education, presents prospective teachers with a

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With the Benedictine traditions upon which the College was founded very much intact, visitors to St. Peter's will discover what locals know – that the College and Abbey are the heart of a vibrant community. The sports complex buzzes throughout the year with hockey in the rink, and soccer, basketball, volleyball, and many other sports in the spacious gymnasium. The well equipped fitness centre and modern racquetball court ensure that students have plenty of ways to exercise their bodies as well as their minds and spirits. Finally, the fully furnished and renovated residence wing, complete with full food service, means that students can beat the winter blues by having all the amenities under one roof.

St. Peter's College, on the outskirts of the growing city of Humboldt, Saskatchewan, invites friends new and old to visit its historic campus and experience firsthand the many natural wonders of the region. It's truly a place where we invite our students to "Live Your Education!"



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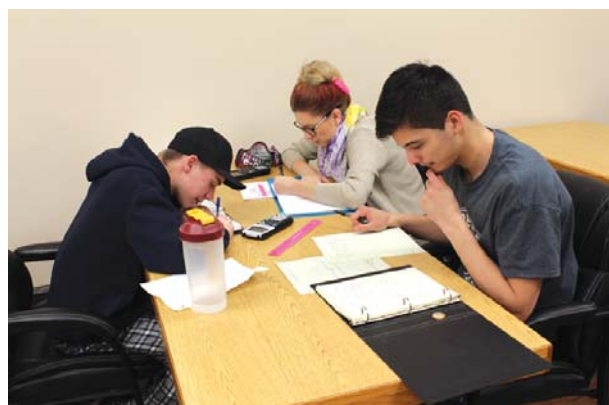
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Southeast College

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Southeast College prides itself on its ability to offer courses for skills that are in demand in Southeast Saskatchewan's labor market, and is unique in its efforts to pair its students with potential employers.

"We go through a rigorous process every year to determine which programs we are going to offer," says Sheena Onrait, Manager of Marketing and Communications with Southeast College. "It involves a number of factors. But most importantly it involves the labor market. We look at what is important to that community and the surrounding areas, what kind of labor market shortages they have, and if we have a program that we can potentially offer that can help to mitigate that labor market shortage."

Southeast College has campuses located in Moosomin, Estevan, Weyburn, Assiniboia and Indian Head, Saskatchewan. It also has a learning centre located in Whitewood.

The college serves a region of more than 70 communities spread throughout 20,000 square kilometres. Through partnerships with post-secondary institutions, the college delivers a variety of career, vocational, and academic programs to meet the economic demands of southeastern Saskatchewan. The college offers numerous business, safety, and industrial programs and courses required to meet the diverse and challenging workplace skill sets of Saskatchewan's economy.

"In the fall of 2017 we will be running our Continuing Care Assistant full-time program out of Whitewood," says Onrait. "There will be a part-time Continuing Care Assistant course in Wolseley."

"We will also be running the Electrician Applied Certificate program out of the Moosomin campus."

"Out of the Moosomin campus, for the second time we have partnered with the Moosomin and District Regional Park to offer a heavy equipment operator program coming up in April," she says.

The college also offers a wide range of continuing education programs.

"One of the ones the Moosomin campus is working really hard on right now is the SAIT business training workshops," says Onrait. "These are professional development style workshops that are designed to enhance an employee's skills—your supervisory, your leadership, your problem solving, your employee motivation, those types of things. They are really great continuing education programs."

What courses are high in demand with the college?

"It varies from region to region," says Onrait. "Of course it always seems like health care positions are in high demand. We are running two full-time continuing care assistant programs throughout the region this year in Whitewood and in Weyburn."

"The electrician program in Moosomin has been a steady program. Even though the recent decline in the economy has probably impacted some employment in that area, the student demand stays strong enough, so we are continuing to offer it."

"In the areas where we have power generation—the Estevan-Coronach area—the demand for fourth class power engineers is still strong in these areas as well. So we are continuing to offer those programs in these areas."

Onrait says Southeast College sees students from a wide area.

"Our students come from all over," she says. "We've had students from

Prince Albert, we've had students from Regina, we've had them from all over the province."

"We are seeing an increase in local students as well. There are a lot of students who are staying at home and taking the programs at Southeast College has to offer and then working in the area afterwards."

Onrait says there are some major benefits to taking classes at Southeast College.

"I honestly think the smaller class sizes are key. We have more one-on-one instructor time and there's a strong relationship built with their peers and with their instructors and you just can't get that in larger centres."

"We have enhanced student support. There's a student advisor at each main campus, and those student advisors are actively involved in the students' success and in the support of the student on an ongoing basis."

"Our scholarships are amazing. There are a significant amount of scholarship dollars that are available to all of our students that they can access."

The Moosomin Campus will host their second inaugural Moosomin Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 3 at the Pipestone Hills Golf Club. Onrait says the purpose of this tournament is to raise scholarship dollars that are awarded back to students in the form of entrance scholarships, merit based scholarships and bursaries.

"Across the region, we also host annual tournaments in Estevan and Weyburn. We will be looking to engage local businesses and community members for this initiative. As well, we would encourage any other business or community partner that is interested in finding out more about our scholarship pro-

gram to contact our local campus," she says.

Onrait says there are a number of ways to connect with Southeast College in order to find out more about the wide range of courses they offer.

"The best way for a student to find out more information about all of our programs," she says, "is to visit our website at southeastcollege.org, to visit any one of our campus locations, or to call our toll free

registration line at 1-866-999-7372."

Onrait says the college has a brand new, interactive website and students can now register and pay for all full-time, part-time and safety courses online.






Fall 2017 Programs

Open for registration
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PROGRAM	LENGTH	LOCATION
Continuing Care Assistant Certificate	32 weeks	Weyburn & Whitewood
Educational Assistant	39 weeks	Ocean Man First Nation
Hairstylist	46 weeks	Weyburn
Power Engineering Technician	33 weeks	Estevan & Coronach
Electrician Applied Certificate	21 weeks	Estevan & Moosomin
Power Engineering 3rd Class Theory	16 weeks	Weyburn
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Where two passions meet: Music Therapy at CMU

By ALLISON COUREY

Heitha Forsyth is not what you might imagine of a "typical" CMU student (if such a type exists). Having gone back to school at 33, there's a significant slice of life experience between herself and her young classmates. The gap doesn't bother her, though; she describes her music therapy colleagues as "remarkably mature and dedicated."

Forsyth studied Jazz Performance at another institution after high school before going on to a successful career as a local soul singer. To supplement her artist's income, she did all kinds of jobs, but her favourite was doing respite for children with intellectual disabilities.

Once she hit her 30's and had a young family to support, Forsyth began to tire of doing things she didn't enjoy – such as working in warehouses – to allow room for the thing she loved, music. She decided to try combining her two passions of caring for people and singing by pursuing an after degree in music therapy.

To her excitement, Forsyth found that the program she was looking for was right here in Winnipeg – the only Bachelor of Musical Therapy in the Prairie provinces. Last summer, she surprised herself by coming to take a look and applying right away. She was accepted to the competitive program the day before she started.

Sol James, as Forsyth is known in the Winnipeg music scene, isn't sure what she'll pursue once the two year program is complete. She's looking forward to her next three practica (with children, with youth, and in a personal care home) and her internship following the completion of classes. She may end up working for an institution or school board or, like many

music therapists, doing freelance work.

It's a good time for her to enter music therapy because the practice is increasingly recognized as an important discipline across the fields of medicine and education. The accreditation process is the same for both Canada and the US, so the possibility to work over the border is also a potential for Forsyth.

Until she decided to go back to school last year, Forsyth knew very little about CMU. She's been pleasantly surprised at the way music is valued in the community and enjoys engaging with students from a variety of disciplines in her classes. It had been eight years since she was last in academia, so the small class sizes and community atmosphere have helped her get back into the rhythm of school life.

Studying in a faith-based environment is new for Forsyth, who has never attended church in her life. She says she's been welcomed by her Christian colleagues and somehow always manages to find another "unreligious" person to help her sort through the culture and the language.

Although she doesn't use the language of providence, Forsyth describes a sense of always being provided for. She tells the story of being offered a nannying job by a stranger while performing one day, just as she wondered where her rent money would come from.

Studying at CMU is another one of those provisions that have fallen into place for Forsyth. She exudes a sense of hopefulness as she considers all that she is being equipped to do in this place. The ability to combine her passions of music and assisting others while looking forward to a steady pay cheque to support her family almost feels too good to be true.



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in offering adult education and training programs to Métis people across the province. With the philosophy "Learners Come First," DTI has been instrumental in helping reshape the lives of Métis individuals and communities. DTI continues to prioritize Adult Basic Education,

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The Maker Movement at École de Bellegarde



Creating, inventing, playing, discovering, tinkering; these are all verbs that are sometimes missing from our everyday classroom lingo. As educators, we are often too preoccupied with content and dissemination of information that we forget to offer our students the time to «play».

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The staff of École de Bellegarde would like to give our students every chance to become inventors and innovators.

Our 3D printer is just one of the many additions to our 'Makerspace' as is the idea of incorporating the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)

approach in our school curriculum.

The Maker Movement is just one of the features of our school that makes us stand out as a unique and viable school. As well as receiving a complete education from preschool to grade 12 in French, students have an opportunity to participate in activities and programs that assures them of a well rounded education throughout all of their years in our school, an education that will prepare them for the 21st Century!

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St. Andrews College: Making a difference

Graduates of the United Church College at St. Andrew's, on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, are making a difference in communities right across Saskatchewan, the prairies, Canada and beyond. With degrees in theology and community development, St. Andrew's graduates serve in congregational ministries, chaplaincies, community and human service fields. They are making important differences in the lives of others and in the life of communities.

Affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan, and in ecumenical partnership with the Lutheran, Anglican and Pentecostal Colleges in Saskatoon, St. Andrew's offers unique prairie opportunities for study in programs leading to ordained ministry, designated lay ministry, rural ministry and community development, spiritual care and chaplaincy. In addition, general theological, ethical and justice oriented programs and courses are offered for students engaged in a host of vocational pathways. Offering both on-campus and on-line courses, St. Andrew's emphasizes the importance of integrating academic study with extensive community experience and involvement.

Recently the College created, and is pioneering in Canada, a new program that offers both an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree in theology for ministry in a dual degree program. Students may complete a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Divinity in five and half years, which includes 20 months of paid ministry experience most often in a rural congregation and community. The program is particularly suited to young people and other students just beginning their post-secondary education who want to make a difference.

In partnership with the Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Andrew's now offers an opportunity designed specifically for serving clergy in small, and often rural communities. The program, which provides a Doctor of Ministry degree, focusses

on rural ministry and community development and engages both the student and his or her community in study towards the degree. Graduates of the DMin program are serving across the prairie region.

The student body at St. Andrew's is large enough to offer real diversity and experience among students, but small enough to offer generous access to faculty, programs tailored to meet individual needs and a supportive community of teachers and learners. The generosity of donors makes it possible for the College to offer substantial tuition relief and other bursaries to students in programs at St. Andrew's.

It is the generosity of donors – alumni/ae, congregations, United Church Women, and individuals – that provides the funding to enable the College to continue offering the courses of study for ministry and community service on the prairies. Many of these donors are from southeast Saskatchewan and southwest Manitoba. The College's donors and supporters are making a huge difference in the lives of the students at St. Andrew's, who, in their turn, will make a real difference in the lives they touch and the communities where they serve.

Many graduates of St. Andrew's College have served in communities across southeast Saskatchewan and that tradition continues. By example, Jason Richards, one of the 2016 graduating class, and Young Seo, a current St. Andrew's student, who were married while students, have recently begun ministry with the people of St. Paul's International United Church in Estevan, North Portal and Portal, N.D. They are already becoming a real part of the Estevan, North Portal and Portal communities. Jason said, "We love life in southern Saskatchewan, and hope to make it our home for years to come."

St. Andrew's College is making a difference in the lives of students. St. Andrew's students are making a difference in the life of communities.



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All Middle School students take a variety of creative exploratory subjects, which, in combination with core academic skills, make a substantial difference in students' artistic expression and voice. Students are given the tools and experience to express themselves in a highly articulate, confident and mature manner – and the small class sizes allow for the fostering of strong interpersonal relationships. Mentoring in various capacities is seen throughout the School: younger students look up to their elder peers, and Senior School students (grades 9-12) set a fine example of respect, integrity, courage, and empathy.

The School's 1-to-1 computing program provides the opportunity for students to enhance their learning. Every student, starting in Grade 5, uses a laptop and has access to progressive technology, such as 3D printing, green screens, drones, coding and robotics programming. By fostering digital and technological fluencies in students, the School helps them become strong 21st century learners. And by teaching what it means not just to be a good learner, but a truly well-rounded citizen of today's world, St. John's-Ravenscourt provides students with the foundation and confidence to grasp the infinite opportunities that lay within it.

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Lakeland students trump provincial ABSA average

Students in Lakeland's energy programs exceeded the provincial pass rate for the recent Alberta Boilers Safety Authority (ABSA) exam.

Heavy oil operations technician (HOOT) and first-year heavy oil power engineer (HOPE) students achieved an 86 per cent pass rate for the 4th class ABSA exam, trumping the 2015 provincial pass rate of 67 per cent. Second-year HOPE students bested the 2015 provincial pass rate of 77 per cent by achieving an 86 per cent pass rate on the 3rd class ABSA exam.

"Our students work hard and it shows. These are really good marks for our students," says Kevin Ma, chair of Lakeland's energy department. "We are definitely happy about this but we can always improve."

Before writing the ABSA exams at the end of the fall semester, the Fillmore Construction Student Lounge was a popular study area for students and even instructors. "Our instructors go the extra mile. They provide extra help on their own time to students, who really benefit from it," says Ma, noting many Lakeland students had marks in the 90s.



Lakeland's energy faculty includes four 1st class power engineers and five 2nd class power engineers. "Our instructors have a lot offer," says Ma of their quali-

fications. "Almost every power engineer instructor here has more than 20 years or more of experience in the field and different areas of power engineering, which is

great for our students."

The students' strong pass rate is a key indicator for how successful Lakeland's energy programs are. The combination of the depart-

ment's wealth of experience and comprehensive lab work enables students to take the lead, according to Ma.

"Our labs provide excellent hands-on learning opportunities for our students. This helps them to achieve high marks and excel on practicums. I have been to quite a few colleges and Lakeland's labs are probably among the best in the country," says Ma of the Husky Energy Power Engineering Lab and the Energy Centre located at the Lloydminster campus. "The new Energy Centre is a state-of-the-art facility designed just for teaching purposes. They incorporated as many different types of equipment as possible with industry input, so the students are exposed to many different systems and techniques."

During the first week of January, energy students either returned to campus to resume their studies or were on practicum. "That is another advantage of Lakeland College, we line up practicums for our students. Most other colleges don't do that," says Ma.

According to a survey conducted in the summer of 2016, 91 per cent of HOPE graduates from the Class of 2014 were employed.

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dents enjoy an environment that is the best of both worlds.

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A new 20,000 sq. ft. addition to the College was completed in 2013, providing

additional classroom space incorporating the latest technology; dedicated student study space; faculty research space and a large natural light atrium for studying and gathering with friends. STM is also recognized for its community service learning and international travel opportunities, successful drama and glee club, youth groups, a student governing body within the College and access to student advising and College ministry support.

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Redvers' Brooke Patron plays key role with Huskies

BY ROBIN WARK

Redvers' Brooke Patron has emerged as a versatile, important contributor for the University of Saskatchewan women's hockey team this season.

The daughter of Rick and Valerie Patron has scored the first two goals of her university hockey career. Patron plays both forward and defence for the Huskies.

"Patty is a player that is willing to do whatever it takes to help the team. ... In both positions, she has played a regular shift as well as power play or penalty kill," said U of S interim head coach Robin Ulrich, who is from Lampman. "She slides into whichever role the team needs her for on the weekend. She's also a great player in the dressing room and her teammates love her."

Patron, now in her third year with the team, has greatly enjoyed the season so far.

"There is a new energy in the dressing room and on the ice," she said.

"The coaching staff has changed, new girls are on the team, we are facing different challenges and successes compared to past seasons, and the role I'm playing on the team—on and off the ice—is different. It's refreshing and all very positive."

Patron first joined the team for the 2013-2014 season. She helped the squad win its first Canada West conference championship and earn the bronze medal at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport—now U Sports—national tournament. She played the next season and was not with the Huskies last



Redvers' Brooke Patron in her U of S Huskies jersey and in action on the ice.

Josh Schaeffer photo

year. Already this season, Patron has equaled the two points she posted in total in her first two seasons.

"She's become a more experienced player, which leads to better decision-making and learning the things she needs to do in terms of preparation to ensure that she provides consistently strong performances," Ulrich said. "She's a strong skater and goes hard to the net. She can create a lot of scoring chances and offensive opportunities for herself and her teammates with that style of game."

Patron has also developed into a leader for the Huskies.

"Patty has been through a lot of different experiences with our program and there's a lot of things that she can share and relate with for our younger

players," Ulrich said.

"Also, there's just her general approach to the game. She's always got a positive attitude and helps keep things upbeat and is a very encouraging teammate."

While contributing to the Huskies, Patron has also excelled as a student at the U of S. She has earned Huskie All-Academic honours in the past.

Patron is enrolled in the Edwards School of Business.

She is studying marketing and finds it interesting as she sees it as a combination of psychology and art.

Team Canada stalwart Hayley Wickenheiser had a big impact on Patron growing up. The all-time leading scorer for the national team helped her country win four Olympic gold medals.

"When I was younger my dad would use the nickname 'Wickenheiser' every once in a while and she has done so much for women's hockey and what each female player should aspire to do," Patron said.

However, she is also quick to declare her older brothers—Trent and Travis—as the "driving force" in her deciding to play hockey.

"I mean, we had all this old equipment so I guess I decided I should put it to use," she said.

For most of her hockey career Patron played on boys teams.

In Grade 10 she competed in a Manitoba female house league before joining the Weyburn Goldwings of the high-level Saskatchewan Female Midget AAA Hockey League.

Patron referred to her time

with the Goldwings as the "most formative years of my life."

"Coach Chad Kish, Kevin Ripplinger, and Alan Whitrow helped my game immensely by believing in me and always knowing what to say," she said.

"They instilled a drive to not only be a better hockey player, but a better person off the ice as well. The AAA league itself gives you so much exposure and forces you to step up your own game, so that helped my career as well."

Throughout her days playing hockey, she has had the strong backing of her family.

"My favourite thing about my family's support is that they always ground me," she said.

"They never let the lows get too low and they celebrate with me during the success, but they know there will be other successes than hockey. My family is proud of me no matter what. My parents have never held me back from an opportunity in hockey or told me that I shouldn't try."

Her hockey journey has taken her to the U of S and she couldn't be happier than to be a part of the Huskies.

"You can't beat the sense of pride you feel knowing you are a part of Huskies Athletics and get the opportunity to represent a great university with a beautiful campus, all while playing hockey with your best friends," Patron said.

"It keeps you accountable in so many ways—time management, commitments, involving yourself in the community, and being a role model."

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Moosomin area could be destination for Women On The Go Tours

BY KARA KINNA

Moosomin and other local communities, such as Rocanville, may be the newest destinations for Women On The Go Tours, a tour company that takes women on day trips from Regina to rural Saskatchewan communities to shop, dine and take in rural events.

Cheryl Hughes, the owner and operator of Women On The Go Tours, spoke at the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce meeting in January after taking a tour of some local businesses in Moosomin accompanied by Teddi Taylor, the town council member responsible for tourism, and Kevin Weedmark of the Moosomin Chamber of Commerce.

Hughes said she was impressed with Moosomin.

"Moosomin has wowed me," she said. "I love what you are doing."

Hughes explained how the tours—originally called Women on Wheels—got started.

"Women on Wheels was a concept created by some business women brainstorming on how to get women to their rural communities to shop in their local businesses," she said. "They started bringing women out of Regina to Montmartre, Kipling, Carlyle, and Wawota. And that just grew so much that it got to the point where they needed someone to take it over."

Hughes was approached about taking over the tours, and after some thought she agreed. Despite growing up and living in rural Saskatchewan herself, she says she has learned a lot about rural Saskatchewan.

"At times I am incredibly amazed and incredibly embarrassed about how little I know about Saskatchewan and amazed at what a great place we are," she said. "Moosomin has moved to the top of my list as one of the amazing places."

Hughes says in September of this year it will be five years since she decided to

"It's a win win. Women love to go out and have fun with friends and family and shop, and in return they are helping to support local Saskatchewan communities."

—Cheryl Hughes

take on Women On The Go and she's glad she did.

"It's been win-win," she said. "Women On The Go has given me the opportunity to take some things off my Saskatchewan bucket list."

Hughes explained that the year she took over the tours, it was decided to do a Christmas shopping tour with six buses over two weekends. She says it took just over two and half hours to sell out all six buses, and she realized then that the tours were on the right track.

"It proved to me right there on the spot that this is something women are looking for and since then we've just grown," she said.

Hughes said the impact of the tours on rural businesses has been tremendous.

"In 2015 I made a real effort to track what we were doing. Even I was blown away," she said. "We had over 840 guests join us on 20 adventures. We covered over 10,000 kilometres of Saskatchewan, and when I figured out as best I could, our economic impact was well over \$200,000 in the communities that we visited."

Hughes said that year the tour company was awarded the Fred Heal Tourism Ambassador Award from Tourism Saskatchewan.

Hughes explained to Chamber members that the two main tours are the Christmas shopping tour and an annual spring fling, however she says she does smaller tours as well, and custom tours for groups

that want them.

Businesses are charged a small fee for being a stop on the tour, and Hughes said the fee covers some of the costs of putting on the tour, such as passports that are printed out for the women with information on the businesses they are visiting that day. Businesses are encouraged to have specials that day or donate prizes for draws or giveaway small gift items or serve food and drinks as they host the women. The tours usually include lunch and/or supper in the towns they are visiting as well.

Hughes says women come from far and wide to be on the tours.

"Women come from all over the province. They will drive two days to come to Regina to get on a bus, they will come from out of province, and we have had a lot of women become best friends because they've been on tours together."

She said the impact of the tours on rural businesses lasts after the tour is over, with many of the women returning to shop in the communities at a later date or telling their friends or family about the stores they visit.

"It's about giving women a shopping experience they are going to go home and tell their friends and coworkers about," she said.

"It's a win win. Women love to go out and have fun with friends and family and shop, and in return they are helping to support local Saskatchewan communi-

ties."

There were lots of questions from Chamber members after Hughes' presentation.

Hughes was asked what times the tours run from and to. She said they typically leave Regina at 8 am and try to be back by 10 pm, and include lunch and supper.

She was asked if Moosomin would take a whole day or if other communities would be incorporated, and she said it would be nice to combine other towns in the area. A number of people from Rocanville were at the meeting and pointed out that Rocanville is only 15 minutes away, and a number of chamber members agreed Rocanville would be a good stop.

Hughes was also asked how many women are on each tour. She said the buses hold 54 tourists and tours can range from 40 to 54. She said in their experience the tours work better when planned close to a weekend or on a weekend. She also said the tours can be on a tight schedule but can be customized as well. During the Christmas shopping tours, she said women would shop at 12-14 businesses in one day, as well as include two meals, making for a tight schedule.

A number of chamber members raised the idea of tying a tour in the Moosomin area in with a local trade show and visiting some of the local greenhouses as well.

One business owner asked how a small store can accommodate so many shoppers and Hughes said they try not to have all the women shopping in one store at one time.

Hughes was also asked what kind of demographic she sees on the tours. She said when the tours first started there were more older women, but as the word spreads there are now more younger women joining the tours.

After the presentation Hughes spent time chatting with a number of chamber members about different ideas for bringing the tours to the Moosomin area.

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Berglund opens show for Dwight Yoakam

BY KARA KINNA

On Monday, Jan. 16, country legend Dwight Yoakam performed at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina in front of a sold out crowd. But there was some local talent on the stage that night too.

Country music singer and songwriter Blake Berglund from Kennedy, Sask. was the opening act for Yoakam that night, performing along with singer Belle Plaine and guitarist Bryce Lewis. The trio put on an acoustic performance to open the show.

Berglund says opening for an artist as big as Dwight Yoakam in a venue as large as the Conexus Arts Centre was a first for him, and came about as a result of some of the connections he'd made over the years.

"It's just an accumulation of being on different people's minds," said Berglund after the concert. "Marian Donnelly runs the Creative City Centre in Regina. I've played for her in the past. Belle had her son do some stuff for her. We have a relationship with Marion. So when the time came that Dwight was looking for local openers, Marion's brother Neil needed to make that booking. One morning I got a phone call from Marion saying 'hey can I forward your contact information to my brother Neil at Conexus Arts Centre.' And I said absolutely."

"So then I got a call from Neil saying that 'Dwight's



Blake Berglund and guitarist Bryce Lewis performing at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina to open the show for Dwight Yoakam.

coming through and we hear you're the guy to do the job.' And then there was a bit of a waiting game. So we sort of sat on it over the Christmas holidays and I never told my family, I never told anyone. It was just eating me inside to start spreading good news. "It was just after the new year he sent me an email and gave me the thumbs up."

Berglund says it felt good to land the event.

"We've had so much support over the years, it almost felt like it was a way to give back to the people who have been showing us support, all the small towns across Saskatchewan, all the shows in Regina and people who buy the records. And I know there were quite a few people who came out for that

show."

While he doesn't know if Yoakam himself had the say in choosing his opening act, Berglund says someone somewhere liked what they saw after submitting a demo of his material.

"Our music had to get the go ahead," he says. "We were told we had to submit our stuff and he (Dwight) requested an acoustic opener. Somewhere along

the line he or his team or his management or his label thought we were a nice fit for it."

"It's a nice thought to think that Dwight listened to the tunes and though 'yeah I like these guys.'"

Berglund says Yoakam is one of those performers he has thought about sharing the stage with.

"Years ago I made a little list in a book. It was 100 art-

ist that I want to share the stage with," he says. "Over the years it's been everything from indie artists to mainstream rock artists to underground outlaw country artists, and Dwight has sat on that list for six, seven, eight years at this point. I want to find that list and put a big old check mark beside his name."

Berglund has been a full-time musician for almost 10 years. He says opening for Yoakam was like being handed a significant reward for years of work.

"It's hard in music to receive things that are tangible, to feel like you're moving things forward," he says. "All the successions are so incremental and small. You sell a record, that's a big achievement. You get a small show, that's an achievement. But big awards don't come by that often."

"But this worked out as if it was a tangible reward for me—to say good job getting up in the mornings, and good job sleeping in a van across Canada, and good job putting your guys in hotel rooms. It just felt like one of those things that keeps a guy going. Everything is good in our career. I have nothing to complain about, I'm so blessed, but for something like this to come around, it feels like a pat on my back for myself being like 'you know what you're doing, you're trying to achieve it, and this is the payoff for that hard work.'"

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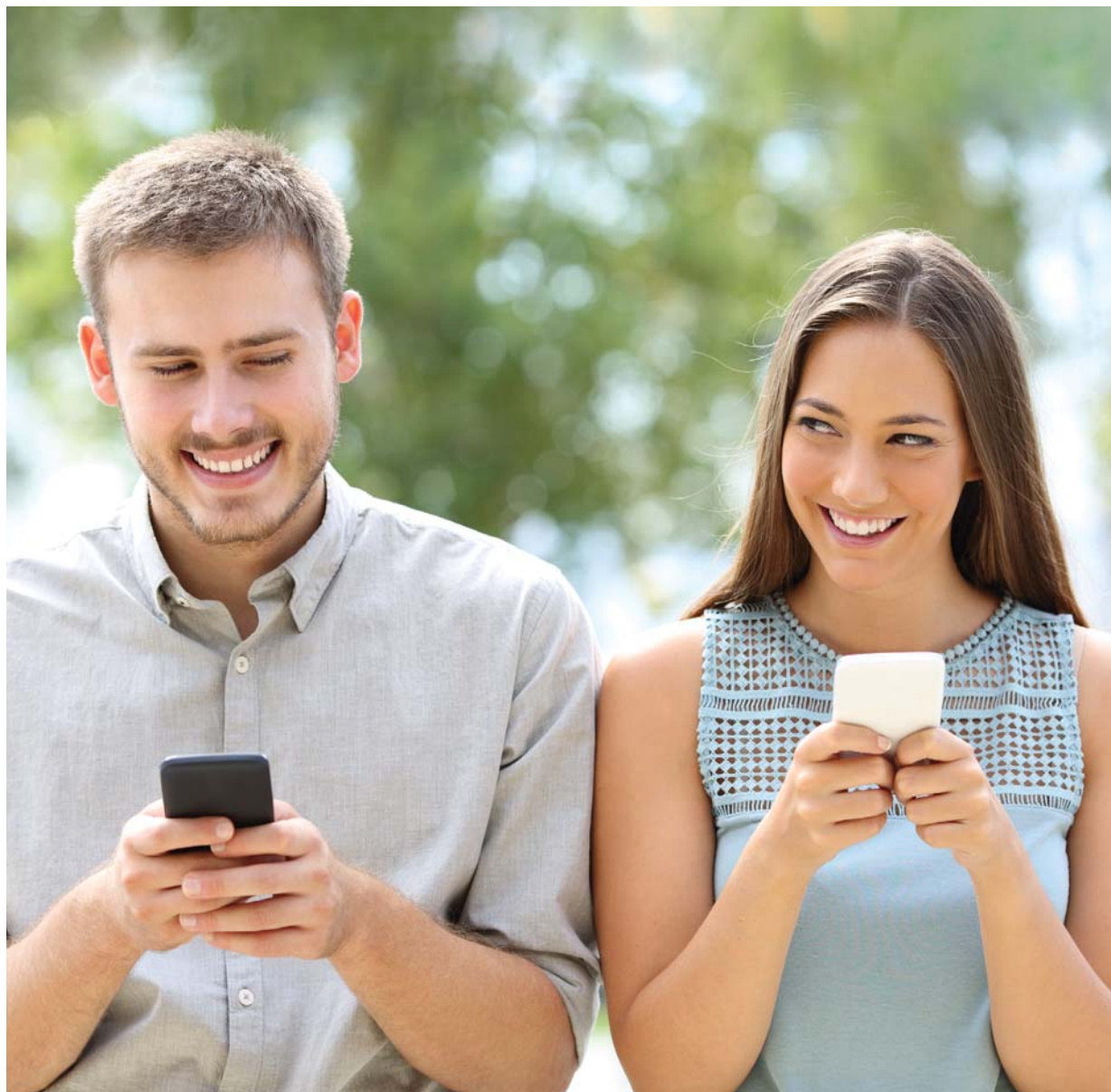
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