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## A taste of Moosomin left in Mongolia

**Devona Putland returns from international teaching trip** 

BY CHRISTEEN JESSE Moosomin's MacLeod Ele-mentary principal Devona Put-land left to share her teaching knowledge in Mongolia last month, and has returned home with a wealth of knowledge of her own. While on the four week teach-

ing trip in Mongolia, Putland worked with a team of five other Canadians through Project Overseas, a project of the Ca-nadian Teachers' Federation. The group worked with 120 Mongolian teachers, helping them to increase their English language skills as well as their English teaching methodology.
The group of Mongolian educators ranged in age from 20 to 50 and were separated into five groups based on their experience, which ranged from early English teachers to university professors.

The Canadian teachers spent

five days a week in a Mongo-lian school instructing these individuals, but the teaching continued outside of the class-

room too. "We taught Monday to Friday, five hours a day, plus we had lunch and coffee breaks on site," says Putland. "But they weren't real breaks because the students wanted to keep going with the English, so it was talk-ing the whole day long, which takes a fair bit of stamina.

Putland and her colleagues also trained a group of 15 teachers in a "train the trainer" model, so the Mongolians can provide future in-service within their own country.

Putland says the teachers (her students) were eager to learn and responded very well to the Canadian methods and

lessons.
"Our students were very keen to learn more English as well as new methods for makweil as new methods for flata-ing learning fun," she says. "They loved learning about id-ioms and phrasals, something that fills the English language. They also loved to hear about Canada, and most dream of being able to travel to North

America some day."

She also says that the teachers she worked with were very appreciative of anything she could give them.
"They have very little, expect



The group of 120 Mongolian teachers that Putland's Canadian group worked with on



Putland rides a camel in the Mongol Sand Dunes.

nothing, and want to give everything," says Putland. "The photocopier in our school was somewhat like the one I used 27 years ago in Canada, but it was highly treasured."

At one point, the copier ran out of toner and paper, so the teachers then had to learn by listening and transcribing the information into written notes.

information into written notes.

"They wrote everything out
so they would remember all
the instruction," says Putland.
"Even though I had to make
myself speak slowly, you can
imagine what a feat it would be
to try to write as fast as I talk."

Putland also did much of her teaching through song, as she says singing allows the English language learner to remember the sound of the language con-nected to music.

"My teachers loved to sing," she says. "Days when time got away on us, they offered to stay late so we'd have time to cine."

sing."

In addition to providing the Mongolian teachers with English language education, Putland brought along some Canadian technology. The Southeast Cornerstone School Division donated six refurbished note-book computers to the Mongo. book computers to the Mongolian project, and six lucky win-ners kept the laptops for their own classrooms.
"We drew names from among co-tutors and partici-

among co-tutors and participants and gave the computers to teachers working in schools (in Mongolia)," says Putland. "The joy exhibited by the teachers—winners and non-winners alike—made me realize the magnitude of the gift work to be the different participation."

we left behind."

Putland said the private school they taught in was one of the newest and nicest in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia's capital city), but most of the other schools are in poor condition and lack some of the most basic infrastructure. Putland heard stories of teachers who spent their own personal money to fix up their classrooms and purchase school supplies for their students. And it was from people like these that Putland said she learned many of her own lesinfrastructure. Putland heard

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## Putland learned many lessons in Mongolia

"I learned from front
"I learned far more than
I could have ever taught
anybody," she says. "It's
just so amazing to see their
enthusiasm and their love
of learning. It was really
rejuvenation—we take so of learning. It was really rejuvenating—we take so much for granted. And seeing that they can be so enthusiastic about teaching in conditions that we prob-

ably would get frustrated in . . . it's amazing." While sharing their teach-ing talents overseas, the Canadians also got to tour the country and absorb some of the Mongolian culture.

When they weren't teaching, the group took week-end getaways, where they stayed in gers (Mongolian mobile homes) and did some exploring.
"We went out to the countryside on the weekends, we just got to tour out there—we did camel riding, went to Terelj National Park, went to a wild horse reserve and different places to see what was out there,"

says Putland.

Getting the full cultural experience, the group ate the local food, interacted with the local people and attended the Naadam festival, a huge national inde-pendent festival in Mongo-lia.

In Ulaanbaatar, the group stayed in a 1950's Russian apartment on Peace Av-enue (the equivalent of Main Street), which was a busy hub of activity. Put-

land said traffic in the area was constant, fast, loud and

"The traffic continued the same day and night, and every Mongolian driver uses a horn as much as the gas pedal," jokes Putland, happy to return home to the

rappy to return nome to the quiet streets of Moosomin.

The trip facilitated the joining of two cultures, and created relationships that continue to flourish, even since the Canadians have returned home.

"I had not yet arrived at home when my partici-pants began e-mailing me with pictures from the proj-ect and more questions," says Putland, noting that the Mongolian people are always gracious and appreciative, qualities that she thinks have been lost in

"Their e-mails just drip with gratitude. They say things like 'Oh my wonderful Canadian teacher, how I've missed you.' I have never heard a Canadian student call me wonder-

ful," laughs Putland. As she looks back on her photos and remembers the stories, Putland says she treasures the four weeks spent with the Mongolian

"The overall experience was excellent, one I would do again in a heart beat."



-a Mongolian mobile home where the Canadian teachers slept on their weekend getaways. Gers are a common sight in Mongolian



Devona Putland (centre) with co-tutors, Mongolian teacher union representatives, and the Canadian Teacher's Federation Project Over-





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**Left and right:** Competitors display their traditional regalia during the Grand Entrance at Bear Claw Casino and Hotel.



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## Old bones will be ceremonially reburied

Human bones found near Moosomin Lake this summer will receive a proper ceremonial reburial near Saskatoon.

"First it is important to understand that the place where they were found is probably close in proxim-ity to their proper final resting place," said Ross Gardypie, interim director of the Saskatchewan Indian Culture Centre in Saskatoon. "It is the stance of the Elders Advisory Council that they be reburied there, but in some cases it isn't possible.'

Two Moosomin residents found the bones after they ventured to shore to take a break while canoeing on Moosomin Lake on July 26. The shoreline has become eroded where the remains were found and wouldn't provide an adequate spot for the bones to be rebur"There is some land northeast of Saskatoon, about 10-hectares of land, that they have done a few repatriations over the years known as reinterments," said Gardypie. "The land is a clean area where there

is a clean area where there is no major infrastructure happening close by. It is a serene and quiet place. "Usually the process is up to the Ministry (of Culture) who brings the items to the Elders Advisory Council and it is up to the council, who are comprised of ceremonial people, what happens. The council knows the protocol on burials and ceremonies, or it is their cell set what so it is their call as to what happens—a date for the ceremony is usually given to the Ministry (of Culture) and is facilitated by the Elders Advisory Council."

The ceremony is a sacred tradition guarded closely by First Nations people. "As far as what the cere-

mony entails I cannot elaborate on that," explained Gardypie. "The elders are

Garaypie. "The elders are the ceremonial people and they know what ceremony needs to be performed." Controversy and tension has risen in the past sur-rounding how bones of ab-original descent have been treated. The Cray Burial treated. The Grav Burial Site near Swift Current was made famous after graves were dug up for both sci-entific and less than scientific means. In the area, the burial grounds near Fort Ellice, outside of St. La-zare, continue to create a division between some ab-original groups and landowners.

"In some cases peop have been reprimanded for digging up bones," said Gardypie. "This is part of the process where we eliminate some of the inadequacies that happened in the past. (The bones) should be left alone."

Forensic anthropologist Dr. Ernie Walker excavated the site and determined the bones are those of an adult. aboriginal male and date back approximately 500 to 1,000 years ago. The bones were dated based on their appearance, as carbon dat-ing was not used to deter-

mine the age.

"Carbon dating destroys
the part of the skeletal matter that you test and due to cultural sensitivities we rarely use the process," said Nathan Friesen, senior archeologist with the Ministry of Tourism, Parks,

Culture and Sport Culture and Heritage (TPCS). Friesen said special per-mission had to be granted in order to perform carbon dating on any bones found

in the province.

"In the past there have been incidents where remains haven't been treated with the proper amount of respect they deserve,

so we are very cautious about how we handle bones and we have a specific (archaeological burial management) policy," said Friesen

In the TPCS protocol all skeletal remains of unall skeletal remains of un-known origin are initially treated as a police investi-gation. The site is left in its initial condition so RCMP can perform an assessment of the area.

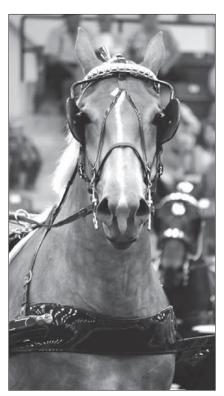
From there, a determination has to be made whether the remains will fall under the Criminal Code or an archeological matter, which is handled by the government. Friesen said the areas could usually be identified without extensive investigation based on the mode of burial and artifact associations. The Heritage Resources Branch sent an officer to Moosomin to confirm the bones were that of an historical intermined the burial's age and cultural affiliation, TPCS notified the Indian Cultural Centre in Saskatoon to find out what steps should be taken for reburial. Friesen said the proto-

cols and policy are in place to make sure each culture's specific burial rituals are respected but did admit there are some scientists who would like to spend more time with the bones. The bones could provide an interesting road map, giving archeologists an opportunity to know spe-cifics about the life of the deceased.

"There are archeologists who believe they should have the bones for a longer period of time and be able to perform more tests on the bones themselves, but again we have to be sensitive and respect the culture the skeletal remains came from," explained Friesen.



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BY ED JAMES
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The multiplex had most of the rodeo events such as steer wrestling, barrel rac-ing, saddle bronc, tie down roping, team roping and the always popular and rough bull riding. There was also a display and show of draft

Another success of the event was the large number of community volunteers and local business spon-sors who donated time,

labor, prizes and vehicles. The local Royal Canadian Legion branch held a successful pancake breakfast on Saturday and on Sunday the demolition derby drew a large crowd with

lots of action.

As the many different contestants took part in the sanctioned events, you would find riders and rop-ers from all over Western Canada and the United States, with quite a few from Saskatchewan.

One quite special item in the new multiplex is a large flat screen TV that gives instant replays of the events.

During parts of the week-end special high school rodeo competitions were held and some of the 50/50 cash draws the high school rodeo groups were running had cash prizes of almost \$1,000. Lee Bellows, the rodeo clown, kept things rolling along between events with his different skills or banter with Barry

Boghean, the well known Western Canadian rodeo announcer

There were no major injuries to riders or animals. but as one rodeo contestant, his arm in a sling said, "it's a hard way to have some fun."

Left: A chariot making horse round.

Below: A team roper gets his steer.





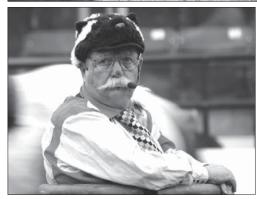
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Left: Rodeo clown Lee Bellows waits in a barrel.

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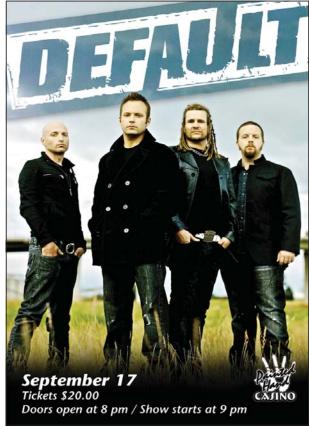
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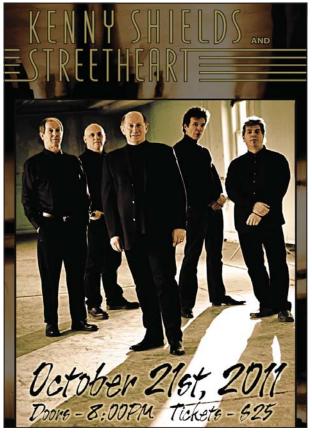
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## RCMP pull over hundreds during Labor Day Blitz

BY ED JAMES
"Labour Day Blitz"—it sounds like some sort of sports event or drinking party when you first hear it. However, on the La-bor Day weekend, if you were travelling west Highway 1 there were 24 RCMP officers, dogs and related vehicles waiting to meet you at the province of Saskatchewan high-way weigh scales near Moosomin, Sask.

The traffic check stop event was an allout ef-fort by the RCMP Southern Sask.atchewan Traffic units and Saskatchewan Government Insurance to promote safe highways in the province.
The 24 officers were

from right across southern Saskatchewan, including constables all the way up to inspectors and super-intendents and the drug dog, all who were busy directing and checking the hundreds of cars, campers, trucks, and motorcycles that were stopped over a 10-hour period for each of

the three days. The Saskatchewan weigh station was a per-fect location to pull the vehicles into, with lots of

vehicles into, with lots of marked off parking space for safe checking. Officers were checking for items such as proper drivers licenses, vehicle registrations, insurance, seat belts, drugs and al-cohol, vehicle mechanical safety, cell phone use and other distractions, trucker log books, windows that ere tinted too dark, mufflers that were too noisy,



and load security on trucks and trailers.

After I got my initial briefing on the event, I spent about five hours at the station watching the officers at work and talkof the drivers they pulled over. As I watched, the first thing I noticed was tirst thing I noticed was the organization of the check stop, the safety gear worn by all concerned, and perhaps most im-portantly, their positive, friendly, and courteous manner with the drivers they spoke to

they spoke to. The officers had lots to deal with that covered the whole gambit. Some driv-

ers had no license or insurance, some drivers were given temporary suspen-sions, some had vehicles towed away, and minor drug and alcohol issues.

However, during my time there, one vehicle the officers had some concern about brought out the drug dog, followed by furdrug dog, followed by fur-ther searching of the vehi-cle. They discovered four restricted and prohibited hand guns and ammuni-tion hidden in the vehi-cle. They would include a Glock, a Tauis, a Ruger and a prohibited Lorcin. All the firearms were semi auto action and included a auto action and included a 9 mm, 40 mm, and .22 caliber. The man driving the car was charged and ar-rested and will appear in the Moosomin court. His vehicle was also seized.

vehicle was also seized.

One of the police officers working that day was
Sargeant Gordon Stewart,
recently of the Moosomin detachment, now in Broad-view. His comment about

view. His comment about the weapons seizure was that getting these guns off the street will save lives. "This stop check event is an effort to reduce the overall number of acci-dents and fatalities on our busiest highway and to detect and stop problem drivers and vehicles," said Inspector Mike Gibbs who is in charge of traffic op-erations for Southern Sas-katchewan. "It also gives our officers of all ranks today an opportunity to use and sharpen our investigative skills.'

The three-day event also brought out the Drivers Mobile Command Truck Centre, with its sophis-ticated communications and computer informa-tions system. No one who was stopped while I was there had any problems with the check and one officer said, "everyone was really good about the stop and happy to learn what we were doing."

"I've never seen such a

turnout, but I'm glad their out here this weekend,"

out here this weekend," said one driver.

"I love it! I'm really impressed by their presence!" said another.

"This blitz is a very efficient effort to get across to people that highway safety is the message in Saskatchewan," said RCMP superintendant Ron Plomp of the South Saskatchewan district, who took an acdistrict, who took an active part in the check stop.

During the morning hours, the traffic was heavy with a lot of Maniheavy with a lot of Mani-toba cars heading to Re-gina for the football game between the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Saskatchewan Roughrid-ers, but it thinned out in the afternoon, giving the officers time to go back to Moosomin for a meal.

One of the strangest ve-

hicles to get checked out was a brand new fire engine from Manitoba that vas on its way to North Battleford to give a dem-onstration of its capabili-

ties.
"The message we are "The message we are trying to get across is that safe driving is important for everyone," said Cpl. Rob King of F-Division media who gave an initial briefing and fielded many questions during the day. "Texting and driving, just like drinking and driving, is wrong and dangerous. We fully support the Province of Saskatchewan 2015 Safe Roads Initiative

2015 Safe Roads Initiative goal and our stop checks event here and good police investigative techniques are working."

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## The biggest little museum in Sask.

BY CHARLES TWEED
YOU can never be sure
where you are going, until
you know where you came from.

Residents of Spy Hill should have a good idea of where they came from if they're approved for fund-ing to build a new muse-um

um.
"We're hoping to start construction next year," said Sandra Clarke, presi-dent of the Wolverine Hob-by and Historical Society.

by and Historical Society.
The group has been organizing small fundraising projects around the
community to help pay the
utilities and students the
museum employs in the
summer but will probably
have to step up their efforts
to pay for the new building.

"We have been fundraising for several years and the last couple of years more so than in the past," said Clarke. "We have applied for a couple of grants but we have been turned down and we will be applying for another grant this fall. We hope to have better luck with it, but of course we don't know."

The museum is housed in three buildings in the community: the main building, an old church and an old school Time however has taken its toll on the build-



The Wolverine Hobby and Historical Society is hoping to build a new museum next year after tearing down the old school that housed some of the large collection.

ings, forcing the committee to move the historical ar-tifacts to another building

last fall.
"We actually just demol-

ished one of our buildings yesterday (August 31) be-cause it was actually start-ing to fall down," said Clarke. "We moved the ing to Clarke.

artifacts out of it last fall but (the building) wasn't in good shape."

Spy Hill has become

known for its comprehen-

sive museum. Clarke believes the museum, which was incorporated in 1954, is one of the oldest in all of Saskatchewan and has garnered attention due the size of its collection.

"We're called the littlest biggest museum in Sas-katchewan," said Clarke. "We have a lot of really interesting and good arti-facts and we want to preserve them. We don't want to have them put in boxes, we want to be able to display them so when people come, they can see them."

It's not sure exactly how big the new museum will be or if the new building will house all of the artifacts or whether the other

facts or whether the other sites will need to remain open, but the main reason for the new building still focuses on preserving the

"It's part of who every-body is," said Clarke. She also believes that is

She also believes that is why the community has continued to generously support the museum.

"When we moved the artifacts to the other building last year we had people show up because they saw us moving and they came and brought trucks and trailers and helped us and trailers and helped us move, which is great," said Clarke

The society is in the process of getting estimates for the cost of a new building and Clarke said it isn't ideal right now to have the museum scattered among three places within Spy

"Right now we have it in three places and it's hard, I know Spy Hill isn't very big but when people come you have to tell them this is here and then we have to go over there and then we have to go to the third spot so it is a little difficult," explained Clarke. "It would be nice to have it all under one roof but whether we can make it big enough to do that, I'm not sure."



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## Mosaic student program more than just a job

BY HELEN SOLMES
A summer job at Mosaic
Potash Esterhazy can be a
great way for post-secondary students to take a break
from their studies, live at home, reconnect with high school friends, and earn a good wage. However, from day one, the students are made aware that their time

with Mosaic is much more than just a job. Again this year, Mosaic Potash in Esterhazy hired post-secondary students at the company's K1 and K2 sites as laborers/helpers underground, on surface and in the warehouses, in the accounting, human re sources and environment departments, and in the lab. A total of 36 students were hired for the sum-mer under the Sons and Daughters program. As well, 19 technical students were hired for four-month. eight-month or 16-month work placements.

work placements.
The students gathered at K1 during the company's third annual Earth Shattering Experience program on August 4 to demonstrate just how much of a life-alternative contraction of the statement of tering experience their time with Mosaic has been. The students made 10-minute team presentations to an audience of management, supervisors, and cowork-ers, highlighting how the company's safety training, on the job coaching, internal communications, and technology had impacted on their work experiences and demonstrating what they had come to understand about the company's vision and global pres-

Some of the students were taken aback when, on their first day on the job, they were told that they would be required to prepare a report, according to Bernie Moore, Senior Hu-man Resource Associate, who spearheads the Earth Shattering Experience pro-

gram.
"The idea of the program was to make the students think about their work experience with Mosaic. After all, we are developing and coaching them for the next stage of their lives"



Summer students assigned to Mosaic Potash Esterhazy K2 underground labor crews competed in an Earth Shattering Experience program on August 4. The students were required to make 10minute presentations showcasing the knowledge of safety, communication and technology, and staff development that they gained during their employment with Mosaic. Back row, left to right: Dale Nagy (Esterhazy), Travis Coghill (Whitewood), Jesse Stevenson (Stockholm), Nicholas Thies (Churchbridge), Louden Choptuik (Churchbridge). Front row: Laine Yeske (Langenburg), Richelle St. Marie (Esterhazy), Brooke Nagy (Bredenbury), Brittany Pederson (Moosomin), and Jacklynn Debnam (Churchbridge).

she said.

The quality of the presentations, the depth of the students' research, their public-speaking abilities and their strong communication skills continue to improve the independent of the student of the studen press the judges each year. As one of the staff engi-

neer team presenters, University of Saskatchewan engineering student David Yanke, stated: "Seventy per cent of what an engineer does requires strong com-munication skills."

Teammate Karisa Kaskiw, a U of S environmental engineer student, said that she welcomed the oppor-tunity to develop good re-lations with the regulatory agencies and professional organizations with which she, as an environmental engineer, will be required to communicate.

"At university we learn e technical engineering skills, at Mosaic we learn to connect with people," she

The students were asked

to relate their personal work experience to one of four themes: Safety and Environment, Develop-ment and Coaching Others, Industry Technology, and Connecting People. The students spoke of the area of the mine sites

where they had to put into practice on a daily basis what they had learned dur-ing their safety orientation sessions, including working in confined spaces and in situations that required fall arrest equipment and knowledge of the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHIMS), as well as their driving safety training.

"We've learned that safe-ty is not simply something that is talked about. It's an attitude, a culture," University of Alberta engineering

student Brett Sach stated.
"Senior and experienced people must step up and be willing to coach the new people by sharing their knowledge and experi-

Team members carried the point one step further and gave their definition of a good coach—one who has sound knowledge and can share that knowledge, and can offer tips and advice; someone who can guide but knows when to step back; who has lots of patience, and who under-stands that people learn at different paces; someone who promotes trust, who is an honest person, supportive and dependable. In other words someone you can come back to for advice time and time again, and someone with a positive attitude who offers encour-

agement. Team coordinator Nicole Lamontagne summed it up with a quote from Mark Van Doren: "The art of

Van Doren: "The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery."

Lamontagne is headed into her final semester at the University of Saskatchewan. She will be graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce with a Major in Human Resources. She is familiar with recruiting. is familiar with recruiting procedures, candidate as-sessment tools, and perfor-

mance reviews. The Earth Shattering Experience was based on team effort and Lamontagne is very im-pressed with the way her teammates pulled togeth-

er.
"I believe that any one of my group members had the capabilities to be team coordinator," she said. "We all provided great ideas and open discussion helped to enerate these ideas. I find that brainstorming in a group always works best with open discussion since person's comment may trigger someone else's great idea.

"That being said, I be-lieve that coordinating our group and doing this project and presentation has made me more aware of the programs Mosaic has in place for its employees. in place for its employees. This work term has most assuredly supplemented my education as an HR major and the experience has helped to enhance future vocational possibilities.

Each presentation was evaluated by a panel of three judges based on creativity, quality of the presentation, and relevance to the theme. Points were

tion exceeded the 10-minute timeframe. The winner of this year's program was the K2 surface team of Tia Morrissey, Kaitlyn Unrau and Emily Schartner of Yorkton, and Lisa Johnson and Heidi Fiola of Churchbridge, Judges were K1 Mill Maintenance General Foreman Robert Dyke, Human Resources Manager Chan-dra Pratt, and Expansion Department Mechanical Engineer Amy Schneider who completed a student work placement with Mo-saic Potash Esterhazy in 2010 and who has been a full-time staff employee since May, following her graduation from the Uni-versity of Saskatchewan.

SUMMER HIRING USEFUL RECRUITING TOOL

The student work experience has developed into a useful recruiting and as-sessment tool for Mosaic, according to Mosaic Potash

Esterhazy Human Resourc-es Manager Chandra Pratt. Again this year, Mosaic Potash Esterhazy has hired post-secondary students at the company's K1 and K2 sites—as laborers/helpers underground, on surface and in the warehouses: in the accounting, human re-sources and environment departments; and in the lab. A total of 36 students were hired for the summer under the Sons and Daughters program. As well, 19 technical students have been hired for four-month, eight-month or 16-month

eight-month or 16-month work placements.

"These are well paying summer jobs that help students and their parents pay for their higher education," said Pratt. "They are also jobs that develop the students' work ethic and hopefully show that mining can be a great camining can be a great ca-reer option. In some cases students return to us as professionals and become permanent employees—I am one of them."

Pratt is the daughter of

former Mosaic employee Alfred Chornook. She worked as a summer student in 1990 and 1991 and returned to the Esterhazy area with her husband and son in 2006 as the K1 and K2 Human Resources Manager.

"The incidence of summer students returning as full-time employees is be-coming much more com-mon," Pratt said. "Other examples of staff employees who were either sons and daughters or technical students are Bill Stauch, Peter Couture, Ray Pask, Dwayne Forst, Garrett Kuntz, Julien Brazeau, Clint Prier, Kyle Douglas, Alison Ward, Josh Choptuik, Jason Polvi, Amy Schneider, and Derek Rice. We also have numerous incidents where sons and daughters end up receiving their trade tickets and then come back as per-

manent employees.

"Supervisors are continually monitoring the students," Pratt said. "The supervisors are responsible for assessing the student's performance and reviewing it with them at the end of the summer. This assessment can form the basis in our decision to hire for future work terms.



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## Fields full of farmers as harvest hits

Harvest is in full swing in southeastern Saskatchewan as farmers were out on the fields in full force to get what crop did get seeded

what crop did get seeded this spring off. The untypically wet spring will lead to an ab-normally fast harvest.

"It's pretty much business as usual," said Jason Kelly, assistant manager of P & H terminal in Moosomin. "Obviously with the amount that was seeded along with lower yields there isn't going to be as much out there for sure We're thinking only 12 to 15 per cent of the crop in this area actually got seeded so the stuff that is out there is probably going to be coming in pretty quick and it'll probably be a shorter harvest "cold V-11. vest," said Kelly.

He said there were still

some farmers who planted late in the spring, hoping the crop would come in and be harvested before the

and be harvested before the weather changed.

"There is also some later crops out there though too. Crops that guys are going to try to get off just before frost," explained Kelly.

Hot and dry weather over

the past couple of weeks allowed crops to mature and gave farmers a head start on the fields.

"The heat that we had over the last couple of weeks brought the crops in quick and brought everything up to speed quick. This latest weather will de-lay them a bit but it's been going good and lots of guys

are just getting nicely go-ing," explained Kelly.

He also said he's been impressed with how the wheat that did get seeded

has been grading.

"The wheat has been grading very well so far with higher protein and the canola has been all good," said Kelly. "The wheat has been weighing up really



A farmer discs a field that wasn't seeded this spring north of Moosomin.

good and looking good prior to this last rain."

or to this last rain."
Kelly figured canola was yielding on average 20 bushels per acre. He said they were seeing a wide disparity of yields based on how and when the canola was planted this spring.
He figured wheat was coming in around the 30 bushels per acre range and again stressed he has seen some crops higher and

some crops higher and some lower than that yield.

The biggest difference in this year cropland compared to previous years is the amount of winter wheat

being planted.
"Down there (near Langbank) they have very minimal crops in compared to up here so the figured it was there best option to lease it out for the one year," said Kelly

"There is fair amount of winter wheat going in, more than normally would be seeded going in," said Kelly. "Alot of the guys who couldn't get crop planted in the spring will be planting winter wheat."

Kelly said although winter wheat gets more time to grow there are still risks associated with the crop.

"The one concern with winter wheat is there isn't much stubble out in the field to hold the snow and if that wash them right away. is the case there might be some winter kill depending on what the field is like," said Kelly. "Without the stubble there is nothing for

the snow to stick and get caught up on." The snow acts as an in-sulator to protect winter wheat from the harsh ele-

ments of winter. As of September 1, Sas-katchewan Agriculture said 21 per cent of crops have been combined throughout the province, with 27 per swathed or ready to be straight cut.

The flood devastation that was felt across southeastern Saskatchewan and southwestern Manitoba this spring forced many farmers from their fields and in some areas no crops were planted.

"Some guys have no acres seeded, absolutely zero," said Kelly. "That's tough, it's really tough."
The water brings about

challenges to farmers even after it has retreated. Kelly said there are concerns about soil nutrients as water can pull the nutrients down below the topsoil and in some situations can

"They're probably going to have to add some more groceries to the land this year," said Kelly.

The water pooling can cause a process of denitri-fication. In short the excess moisture creates an anaero-bic environment where the oxygen consumption, in this case from plants, exceeds the oxygen supply. With no oxygen present, nitrogen becomes a favorable electron acceptor and there-fore is turned into a gas and

ore is turned into a gas and depleted from the soil.
Kelly thought because of the pooling this spring, more farmers would be testing soil to make sure the proper nutrients were the proper nutrients were

in the ground.
"I would think you would see an increase in testing," he said. "And I think it would be a good move, especially on some of the areas that had major water to see what is left of the soil."

"The area will have definitely have seen variabil-ity in nutrients in the land due to denitrification," said Wendy Leeds, an agronomist for Sharpe's Soil Ser-

"A good practice would be to do a full soil test to get a good idea of what the crop will need for next spring," she added. Leeds said she hadn't per-

formed a lot of tests but the ones she did showed very

low levels of nutrients.
"It's mostly due to deni-trificaiton, if the water ponds, lays on the soil or is beyond field capacity like it was this spring you can lose several pounds a day by denitrification, so most producers will not have

many nutrients left over for next spring," said Leeds.

The exact amount of nitrogen that is lost depends on the soil temperature and the length of time the soil remains saturated. At five degrees Celsius the loss occurs slowly. Nitrogen lossdue to denitrification are about two to four lbs per acre per day when soil tem-peratures are five degrees Celcius. The loss is greatest at 25 degrees Celsius

Leeds also felt that hecause the crops weren't rooted very deep the hot conditions in July caused some stress to the crops

"I believe we saw prema-ture finessing, they burned up pretty fast and that's sort of equating to the yields we are seeing," said Leeds. "Any of the yields I've heard so far have been lower than expected. That's just the weather we were given."
She has also seen an in-

flux of winter wheat being seeded and said it's a good

option for this area.
"Sometimes it's hard to "Sometimes it's hard to get winter wheat in the ground because you have to have the crop off first and in our area you really want it seeded by the middle of September because it helps with its establishment, and with its establishment, and sometimes we're not even done harvest by then, so it's worked out this year is a good year to plant winter wheat." explained Leeds. Winter wheat seems to be a good option for a vari-ety of reasons but the most

evident reason might be the area's proneness to Fusari-um Head Blight, which is a fungal disease also known as scab. The disease results in a reduction in yield, grade and end-use quality

of small grain cereals.

"Winter wheat often misses the window because misses the window because Fusarium often comes in July and by then, winter wheat is well past the point where there might be an in-fection," said Leeds. She also said winter wheat might be in a little better positioned to handle another wet spripe.

another wet spring.

"If it ponds like it did this year and we're in really wet conditions, winter wheat is a little better to handle that, but still a plant that doesn't have oxygen in its root sys-tem for a long period of time can't live," said Leeds. "But who knows what spring will bring and ev-eryone that is seeding right now said the conditions are really good.





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## SeedMaster's Beaujot develops new 'smart' cart

As farmers across the covince harvest their province harvest crops, many are also plan-ning to seed fall crops such as winter wheat in the weeks ahead—much of it in fields that were too wet to

helds that were too wet to seed this spring.

A growing number of those producers will be seeding with air drills 70 to 90 feet wide, to cover more acres faster as farm sizes increase. However in most cases, their air carts which carry and distribute seed and fertilizer to the air drill—haven't kept pace with the trend toward supersized equipment, says Garry Brolund, an agrono-my consultant with Farm-

ers Edge in Saskatchewan.

"About 70 per cent of farms operate at limited efficiency because of their air carts," he estimates.
Plugging Slows

#### FARMERS DOWN

Most air carts were designed to work with air drills up to only 60 feet wide. "They weren't built to handle the high rates of fertilizer farmers now use fertilizer farmers now use fertilizer farmers now use on these wider machines," says Lawrence Papworth, who specializes in the re-search, development, and evaluation of Prairie farm equipment at Alberta's AgTech Centre, a sister fa-cility of the Parija's Ascipal rility of the Prairie Agricul-tural Machinery Institute (PAMI) in Saskatchewan. As a result, many farm-

ers struggle with plugged air hoses because there isn't enough airflow or metering capacity on their air carts to push such high volumes of

product through.

"So instead of getting crops seeded more quickly

with these wider air drills, many farmers are forced to slow down to avoid plug-ging because of their air carts," explains Papworth. "It's a big issue because

farmers have such small windows of time to get their crops seeded. Those windows were squeezed even tighter this spring with all the excess moisture," says Norbert Beaujot, a Lang-bank-area farmer and en-gineer, who spent the past year developing new tech-nology to overcome some common problems with air

Until now Beaujot, who owns SeedMaster, an air drill and tank manufacturer near Regina, had refused to build air carts because of build air carts because of the seed damage and seed bounce caused by high air speeds on these tanks. It's a widespread problem, says Brolund. "We see anywhere from 10 to 50 per cent seed damage with the high ve-locity airflows on air carts." Nova XP-820 SMART CART—

ONE OF THE LARGEST IN NORTH AMERICA This summer Beaujot unveiled the Nova XP-820 Smart Cart, an 820-bushel, four-product air cart— one of the largest in North America—designed to move up to 400 lbs/acre of fertilizer on any sized air drill with minimal seed

damage and no plugging. "That's up to 50 per cent more product than exist-ing air carts," says Beaujot. The Smart Cart received the Sterling Innovation Award for new technology at Saskatchewan's Farm Progress Show in June.

"It began as a wish list



Norbert Beaujot posing with the Nova XP-820 Smart Cart.

of critical features that I as a farmer, wanted in an air cart," says Beaujot. "I started with a large carry ing capacity because the bigger the air cart, the less time farmers waste stopping to refill with seed and fertilizer," he explains, notfertilizer," ne expiains, noting it can be combined with SeedMaster's 300-bushel Individual Row Metering seed tank for a total 1,120-bushel conscitute, cutting fill bushel capacity, cutting fill time by up to two hours a

day.

To avoid plugging and move more product, Beaujot and his design team increased the number of primary runs that carry seed and fertilizer to the air drill.

"It's like adding lanes to "It's like adding lanes to a highway. Instead of the standard six or eight, we in-creased it to 10."

MINIMIZING SEED DAMAGE

Minimizing seed damage was more difficult. "Farmers have very little control over air speed on air carts, often blowing the same high speeds into all of their seed and fertilizer runs. That's a big problem when you're seeding canola at only three to five lbs/acre and fertilizer at 400 lbs/acre on large air drills," says Beau-jot. "You need considerably less air on canola than fertilizer because you're ap plying so much less. Oth erwise you wind up with extensive seed damage and seed bouncing all over the ground, impacting yields

and crop growth."

Beaujot's solution was a more controlled airflow. "We did that by isolating the airflows for seed and fertilizer in each primary run so air can't leak from one run to another. That lets us feed low fan speeds into the seed run and high fan speeds in the fertilizer run, side by side. That's not possible on other air carts because they use one long metering roller to drop product into all of the primary runs. Air spills over the roller into the runs, making it impossible to set different air speeds in each

run. "On the Smart Cart,

we've designed the primary runs as separate 'metering zones,' each with its own metering roller and distri-bution manifold so there's no place for air to leak from one run to another.'

#### WEIGHING FEATURE ENDS GUESSING GAME

Beaujot says he became most excited when he realized he could add a weigh-ing feature telling farmers exactly how much seed or fertilizer is in their tanks at all times—ending the guess-ing game farmers are forced to play while seeding.
"I suddenly realized that

by designing the air cart as four modular tanks on one frame—three 260-bushel tanks and a small 40-bushel tank with canola specific metering—I could suspend each tank on load cells that

each tank on load ceils that send weight readings to monitors in the cab and on the tanks," he explains. "Farmers have never had a way of knowing how much is in their tanks. Air carts have always been one big tank with divider walls, so you could measure overall product weight, but not individual products. That means you're constantly running back to check tank levels, hoping you don't run out of seed or fertilizer. With this, if there's 50 acres left to seed, you can fill with just the right amount so you're not cleaning out left-overs at the end. It's a huge

It will also help farmers the will also help farmers know if they're hitting their metering rates and putting on the right amount of product, says Marcel Van Staveren, who farms more than 13,000 acres with his brother southwest of Moosomin near Creelman.

"That's important when we're spending over \$40/ acre on canola seed and \$93/acre on soybeans. This will help us manage our seed on a minute-by-min-ute basis," says Van Sta-veren. "I've seen farmers have issues such as air leaks in their tank or blocked seed runs and not realize it seed runs and not realize it for days—ending up with massive strips of unplanted acres. With this weighing feature, you'd know right away if something's wrong because you can monitor product weights. That's valuable."

#### AIR CART 'WISH LIST'

Beaujot says other "wish list" ideas featured on the Smart Cart include the ability to vary fertilizer rates in each tank from the tractor cab as variable rate fertility gains momentum across the Prairies. "I also added a remote-controlled fill conveyor and hydraulic lids so farmers aren't risking injury crawling on top of tanks. And the 10 "metering zones" made it simple to add Zone Command so to add Zone Command so you can immediately stop or start a metering roller to control product flow to any eight-foot section of the drill, preventing double seed or fertilizer in overlap sections of the field."

Production of the Smort

Production of the Smart Cart begins this fall at Seed-Master's plant near Regina. Beaujot says the modular design means it can be built as a one-, two-, three- or four-product tank, depending on farm size and the seed and fertilizer combina-



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## **Moffatt rides Wicked Time to victory**

Sherri Moffatt is a pro-vincial champion.

Sherri Moffatt and her horse Dakota Wicked Time are provincial champions.

Moffatt rode her nine-

year-old mare, named after her father, Terribly Wicked, at the Manitoba Barrel Racing Association's finals in Hamiota August 26 to 28. She, combined with Wicked (the horse's nickname), set the second fastest time, a 14.76, on day one—just three-one-hundreds of a second slower than the

"It was awesome, just awesome," explained Moffatt after finding out the average of her two times through the first two days were fast enough to win.

"The first day I was the second fastest time of the whole day and the next day I didn't place in the top five, but based on the average of the two runs, I won the Manitoba Bred 1D Division."

The two combined to

win the division, which required the horse be born in Manitoba, against 120 other competitors and were no slouches in the open divi-sion at the finals as well,

finishing fifth overall in Hamiota.
"Tve had a really good year this year," said Moffatt. "Tve been able to win lots of stuff with her."

Many cowgirls, after spending countless hours of training with their



horse, often say they knew their partner was going to be on his or her game on a particular day based on how they act and feel, but Moffatt said it didn't happen that way for her and Wicked.

Wicked.

"I was kind of anticipating that we weren't going to have a good run," said Moffatt with a laugh.

"She's such a big horse actually anticipated we'd knock a barrel."

Moffatt was worried because Wicked had ran all summer outside and wasn't sure how she would transition to an indoor race.

Also, the fact Wicked is such a big horse concerned Moffatt regarding the footing at Hamiota. "I was at the bottom of the draw luckily," she "The footing had actually gotten quite good because at the beginning of the barrel race the footing was quite hard and that wouldn't have worked well for us.

She said Wicked turns so hard because of her size that it is important to have

softer footing, allowing some give for the powerful animal.

Moffatt is originally from McAuley, where her par-ents (Ron and Ronaele Gibson) owned a PMU farm and her father raced quarter horses on tracks across Western Canada. "They had a lot of mares so they used the colts as

race horses to utilize the whole industry," explained Moffatt.

Wicked actually had a Wicked actually had a late start to the sport of bar-rel racing but Moffatt said she knew the horse was born to compete. "I didn't get her started until later on, until she was almost six," said Mof-cht "Cho'c form the bred-

"She's from the track. My brother raced her as a two-year-old and I bought her from him. She's such a quick learner though and she caught on pretty fast." "Usually they race for a couple of years and she

a couple of years and she only ran as a two-year-old and then my brother was done with racing," said Moffatt. "I didn't buy her until she was four and I had a baby and I finally got training with her."

Racing runs in Moffatt's boots. Her son raced in the perwew division at Hami-

peewee division at Hami-ota and she hopes to pass down some of the lessons she's learned from her par-

ents to him.
"I spent a lot of time at the race track when I was really young because my dad used to race horses all of the time and I'm hoping he'll stay involved and get into high school rodeo," said Moffatt. "It's just a lot

of fun."
The win netted Moffatt The win netted Moffatt a prize both she an wicked can share—they claimed the championship saddle for their first place finish in the division and a trophy blanket for their fifth place finish overall.





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## Beekeepers abuzz over federal funding

By CHARLES TWEED
The Government of Canada is helping the beekeeping industry develop new strategies to respond to a decline in honey bee colony populations. MP Kelly Block announced on behalf of Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz an investment of up to nearly \$370,000 to the Saskatchewan Bee-

keepers' Association.

"Ensuring a more profitable and sustainable future for the bee industuture for the bee indus-try in Saskatchewan will benefit farmers, industry, and the environment," said Block. "This project will help farmers and the entire industry increase profitability and find ways to improve pollination of fruits and vegetables to help promote a balanced ecosystem."

This program will evaluate existing disease control methods and adapt these to suit Saskatchewan-spe-cific climatic conditions and beekeeping seasons. Suitable tools will be incorporated in a management program that will reduce colony mortality, increase honey production and im-prove profitability for bee-

prove profitability for bee-keepers.
"This money will be used to help with the on-going battle beekeepers are facing with our ever changing world," said Calvin Parsons, president of the Saskatchewan Bee-keepers Association. "This is an opportunity to have significant scientific help with problems we and our with problems we and our honeybees face. Science based answers are what our industry is looking for along with a practical management approach. Research applicable to our climatic conditions will be

"The money should be mostly for checking the resistance of certain chemi-cals for mites that we have on the bees when we treat



The Government of Canada has given nearly \$370,000 to the Saskatchewan Beekeeper's Association.

them," said Brian Strong, who owns a bee operation near Rocanville. "Some-times the mites are resistant to the chemicals and then the treatment doesn't work and you lose your hives over winter."

"Bee colony mortality is a serious issue that affects all segments of the agriculture and agri-food sector," said Allen Kuhlmann, chair of the Agriculture Council of Saskatchewan. "ACS is pleased to be able to work closely with organizations such as the Saskatchewan Beekeepers Association and commit CAAP fund-ing towards challenges that could have serious consequences not only to our sector, but to our food supply and economy as well."

Mites continue to be a major problem for bee-keepers across the prov-ince with several farmers losing a significant amount of bees due to infestation.

"We've had mites for years," explained Strong. "So far our treatments seem to be working and we haven't lost a large amount of bees like some people have. But you never know it could happen when you least expect it." Strong said it was impor-

tant to rotate the chemicals they are using to fight the mites otherwise they can build up a resistance and wipe out an entire hive.

One of the biggest con-cerns for beekeepers in the province seems to be out of their hands. Long and hard winters take its toll on hives and in many cases affect production.

"The time you have the most problems is when you have a bad winter kill on the bees because of a long win-ter or mites," said Strong. "If you come through winter in bad shape then you have to split the bees into two hives and that really affects your production in

Strong said he leaves his 1,400 hives out over win-ter, wrapping the hives to insulate them. He does bring some hives indoor through the winter if he feels the population of the hive is weak.

Part of the business is also creating nucleus colonies, which is a small hive, that can replace hives that don't make it through winter and to continue to have healthy bees

"We produce 700 nucs through the summer and they get strong enough to winter indoors and we use them to replace any bees that die over winter," said Strong. There are bee keepers

There are bee keepers scattered throughout the province and Strong said between 150 to 200 keepers show up for the Saskatchewan Beekeeper's Association's annual meeting. Many who are concerned with the industrie for with the industry in Saskatchewan. Over the past four years, beekeepers have been losing high numbers of honey bee colonies due to disease, pest resistance to treatment methods, and increased demand on honey bee colonies to provide pollination services. This project is part of a contin-ued effort to provide better breeding practices which began through research on disease control methods at the Saskatoon Research Centre long before colony collapse syndrome first came into prominence in

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## A summer of adventure for 4-H youth

One would never have thought a month ago that the lives of 20 4-H members, four chaperones, and all their families could be

all their families could be touched and changed in 20 short days," says Charlene Easton of Moosomin.

This summer, ten youth from the area's District #5 4-H club participated in the 4-H Youth Exchange Canada program, through which they teamed up with ten delegates from Richmond, Quebec. The two groups spent ten days in each other's home provinces living with each other's families.

Easton, who coordinated the exchange, says the

ed the exchange, says the program was a huge suc-cess and was a way for the group to make new friends, learn more about themselves, gain self-confidence, and travel to a province in Canada they otherwise might not see. "I can't think of a better

way to spend the summer," says Easton. "All of the kids really enjoyed it—they thought it was a busy summer but well worth their time and effort."

time and effort."

With 10 days spent in each province, plus travel time, planning, and fundraising activities, a huge part of the participants' two month summer was dedicated to the exchange.

The delegates from Que-becarrived in Saskatchewan on July 22 and became fast friends with members from Wawota Beef, Kennedy Homecraft and Moosomin Light Horse clubs. After meeting their partners, and



Above: The group of Saskatchewan and Richmond delegates at Montmorency Falls in Quebec this August.

settling into their temporary Saskatchewan homes, the Quebec delegates spent a whirlwind week and a half in the Prairie province where they experienced all kinds of classic Saskatch-ewan trademarks. The group attended the Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo and Saskatoba Gymkhana, and toured a Hutterite Colony, the Perish & Heimbecker terminal, an elk farm and

a wind farm. The youth tried geocaching at Moose Mountain Provincial Park, played mini-golf and took 4-H riding and roping lessons in Moosomin

Only one of the 10 Quebec delegates is involved in horse 4-H so the riding lesson was a highlight for

many of the visiting youth.
"Very few have riding experience," says Easton.
"They come from a live-

stock club, but their club is rabbits, goats, dairy and chickens. And they square dance in their 4-H, so they come from a much differ-ent 4-H club than us."

The group also spent a day in the lake at

Moosomin Regional Park, and a day on the slides at the Kenosee Superslides. The group then left the Moosomin area to see the Moose Jaw Tunnels and go to a Roughrider game in Regina (where some of the Alouette fans were turned into Rider fans). After an action-packed 10 days, and with life-long friendships underway, the Saskatchewan group said goodbye to

on July 31. Just a week later, with enthusiasm and excitement, the Saskatchewan 4-H youth, accompanied by Easton and three other chaperones, landed in Montreal on August 9. Picking up right where they left off, the youth re-united and kicked off another 10 day

whirlwind of activities.
While in Quebec, the group took farm tours and group took farm tours and participated in demonstrations like rabbit showing, dairy showing, hand milking and sheep shearing. They had a Mechoui (spit BBQ) and a camp-out, visited a sugar camp, had a corn roast and turned maple syrup into taffy. The Quebec delegates taught the Saskatchewan youth how to square dance, took them bowling, to water slides, stock car races, and go-cart racing. They went canoeing and kayaking, and to La-Ronde amusement park in Montreal—a highlight for the Saskatchewan youth.

"The amusement park

"The amusement park was the best part for sure," says Brooke Hourd of Kennedy. "It was so huge and different from anything we have here. I rode on the world's biggest roller

Adding some history to the fun, the group spent a day in Quebec City, took slate museum and quarry tours, and toured the Bombardier museum.

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## **Exchange built long-term friendships**

"It was an absolutely amazing experience. We had no problems and no issues," says Easton. "The biggest thing I learned, coming from Western Canada, is that there are a lot of English speaking people in

Quebec.
"I kind of think that what we hear out here is that ev-

we hear out here is that everyone in Quebec speaks French and is a separatist, and that's not true."

The 4-H group from Richmond were all English speaking, and few even had a French accent, but the Saskatchewan youth were still exposed to lots of French culture while in Quebec. Hourd was happy to have experienced life to have experienced life outside Western Canada and found it interesting to be immersed in a new cul-

"It was different to see all the French around you (in Quebec) and not being able to read the French signs or understand some of the people who spoke the lan-guage," she says. "It was really different."

In the limited hours that the youth weren't busy with scheduled activities, they scheduled activities, they spent time in the homes of their exchange partners— really learning the way of life in the eastern province. "Exchanging this way where you live with each

where you live with each other and spend every day together, you get to know the people on a different level than you would if you were a tourist," says Easton. "You see things on a different level than just withing the level than just withing the state. visiting. It's a full 10 day exchange and you're with a family the entire time, so you get caught up in their life and way of living." Easton says there was



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Members of the Richmond 4-H club get a riding lesson from Tracy Olson while in Moosomin.

ever a dull moment when

the groups were together.
"When the delegates first arrived from Quebec, we arrived from Quebec, we met at the airport in Regina—everyone met their 
partner, and off they went 
to Moosomin. They got 
along great right from the 
beginning," she says.

"We brought three kids 
home in our vehicle and

home in our vehicle, and there wasn't a single moment of silence on the whole two hour trip."

two hour trip.

Previous to the exchange, the youth exchanged emails and contacted each other through Facebook, so when they met for the first time, there weren't many surprises. Hourd says there were no awkward moments between the groups, and the Saskatchewan youth gelled with their Quebec partners right away.
"It was really good. They

were all really nice. Every-one is a bit shy at first, but it all works out. I was more comfortable with them here (in Moosomin) just because

I'm at home, but it was good to visit there too.

The flights were paid for by the Department of Ca-nadian Heritage, and the local 4-H club paid for the rest of the exchange with help from the Canadian 4-H Council as well as sponsors in the community.

"It never ceases to amaze

me how supportive people are of the 4-H program,"

"We did everything we wanted to do, plus a little bit more. We were very fortunate-our community was nate—our community was very supportive in a num-ber of ways. When the kids left, they got goodie bags with all things Moosomin. Lots of local businesses included trinkets and the mine gave them a sample of potash to take back home."

After reaping all the benefits of a national exchange, the District #5 club would be happy to participate in the program again, but says that might not happen for a "We usually do apply every year, but usually only get approval every other year," says Easton. "You have to have enough kids and someone to organize it

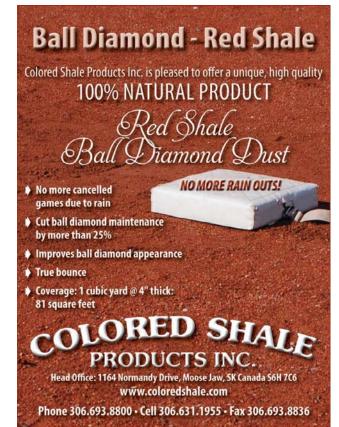
and someone to organize it all, so it's a big task. We'll see what happens."

But even if they don't participate in another exchange any time soon, the group will still have the triendships and memories they made during their summer 2011 exchange.
"The people filled our

"The people filled our hearts. When it was time for good-byes we all knew we had made life-long friendships and indeed some of us will be together again," says Easton.







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