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# More upgrades coming for rodeo grounds

Over the years, Moosomin's rodeo committee has taken on the task of continually upgrading and improving the rodeo grounds.

That will continue this year with a project to convert a large grassy area west of the rodeo arena to gravel, allowing for the area to be used for parking for the rodeo and for other events at Bradley Park.

The project will be done in conjunction with the town and the RM of Moosomin, with the rodeo committee looking to spend up to \$20,000 on the project depending on donations, rodeo proceeds, and the total cost of the project.

Derek Smart, president of the Moosomin Rodeo Committee, says the rodeo grounds have been constantly improved and this latest project will be just one more improvement to the rodeo area and to Bradley Park.

"There has been a bunch done to the rodeo grounds just to make it so that anybody can come in and throw a rodeo on without too much work," he says.

"Now we've been talking with the town about this area and, with the partnership of the RM, we are going to scrape off the top soil and then we're going to pay to have gravel put in this whole area as parking. We will take out the posts and there will just be temporary fences put up from now on, and it can be an open overflow parking area for any events that go on here."

Smart says the area can be used not only for parking, but also for things like displays during the rodeo.

"I think Versatile is going to bring us some equipment and be an ag dealer sponsor, so they'll have some stuff on display, and we're thinking there may be an area to have some equipment here as people walk to the rodeo ring."

He says the ability to have extra parking, not just for the rodeo, but for the park in general, is a big deal.

"They can use some extra parking for everything that's going on, and it also allows for 4-H to park when they bring their trailers in and they are all parking here. So it just allows us to have a little more versatility. You either had to do something to make it into nicer grass or turn it into parking lot."

Moosomin town councillor Murray Gray says he's pleased to see the project go ahead.

"Bradley Park has a shortage of parking because, as this area has built up over the years with the Sportsplex and the MCC Centre, we've actually lost parking," he says. "We have more people using these facilities than we did before with less parking essentially, so this is very welcomed."

"We've talked a little bit about trying to find more parking as it is, so this is a good joint venture for us. We're going to help supply some manpower in order to get this done. It doesn't have to be dug down four feet and a million dollars



Moosomin town councillor Murray Gray and Moosomin Rodeo Committee members Derek Smart, Bobby Stevens and Mike Sidoryk look over the field that will be redeveloped into a parking lot in front of the rodeo grounds.

spent on it in order for it to be overflow parking. In order for it to be overflow parking, like Derek said, we just need to take the top soil off, get some gravel here and make it a little more usable space, because right now it's just kind of dead space in between everything."

#### OTHER IMPROVEMENTS MADE OVER THE YEARS

What else has the rodeo committee improved over the years?

"The last seven or eight years here, we built on," says Smart motioning to the beer garden area. "There were two shelters here before and we added on another three and then we put in permanent wind breaks to be able to have a contained beer gardens."

"Last year we were able to get the bleachers done. Hat Creek Welding was able to do a donation as well, and we did the bleachers for a reasonable price, and then we also had Aaron Lewis with A Plus Construction do the new sound booth. We took the old one down."

"We were a little worried, as it was leaning and obviously safety is one of the most important things. And we wanted to move it because the announcer wasn't able to see the crowd or anything when he was announcing. So we moved it inside the arena kind of out of the way and then it angles so you can see the whole arena plus the crowd and what's going on."

"At the start we put in all the rough stock permanent panels. Prime Time used to come a week before and we would take all his corral panels and get it all set up prior to rodeo, and now it's pretty much turn key. I know Angie Turpie and Trent Schmidt (rodeo committee members) said they used to take a week off work the week before

the rodeo to get it all set up. You are not going to be able to get people to do that these days. We need to just make sure it can run on its own."

**PARKING AREA WILL BE BIG ADDITION TO BRADLEY PARK**  
Rodeo Committee member Mike Sidoryk points out how busy Bradley Park has become and how much it could use the extra parking area.

"It's grown so much since I moved to town," he says. "It's been nine years since we moved here. You take a weekend and you throw a ball tournament on and then someone is always having a wedding—so you're busy there, and you're busy with ball and everything else, and it gets congested fast, and that's the big reason behind this. Even for football, they had a flag football tournament a few weekends ago and there were campers lined up in here. So it's going to get used by everyone."

"This park is the hub of our community for sure, definitely," says councillor Murray Gray. "The number of people that travel through that gate is more than any business, more than anything. Thousands, and thousands of people use this park every summer. Probably 25,000 people come through that gate."

"I think Minor Ball said there was 500-some kids registered this year," adds Sidoryk. "So Monday to Thursday this place was just bulging with bodies and this could be used for putting some vehicles on, that's for sure."

"If you look around, between the organizations that have built the things around here, the Elks, Kinsmen, the Moose, the Rodeo Committee, I mean it has been a real community effort. That's why everyone has so much pride in it," adds Murray Gray.

"That is the mentality of our community—everyone pitches in when something needs to get done and that is why we have what we have for facilities. "We have a communi-

ty that is second to none for that. As far as giving time, giving money, we are lucky and very fortunate to be a part of this." "The nice thing with this is it helps us, but we're

only one weekend out of the year," adds Derek Smart. "The biggest thing is it will be used by everybody and I think that gives it way more value and it's worth the time to do it."

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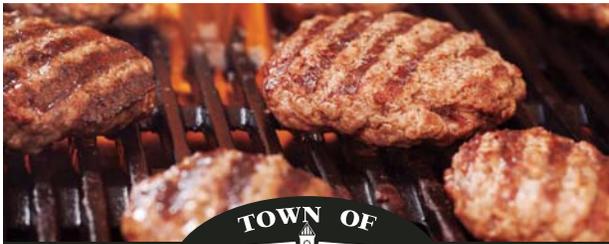
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## Kay, Blair performing at rodeo

The Moosomin Rodeo will include performances both nights in the beer gardens following the rodeo by two country music artists who have made a name for themselves in Canada.

Friday night, Elkhorn's Kendra Kay will be performing, and Saturday night country artist Quinton Blair will be performing.

Kendra Kay is a rising country star from Elkhorn, Manitoba. She just celebrated the release of her latest EP, "More to Me," and she is looking forward to hitting the road this summer to perform as much as possible.

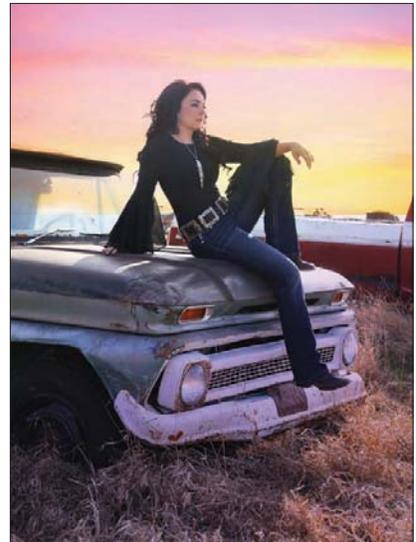
She has been called a 'star in the making', earned the Manitoba Country Music Association Female Artist of the Year award and became a CBC searchlight regional finalist.

Blair describes his music as "honest as a day spent on a tractor, and driven like the drifting Prairie snow." He was the 2017 Manitoba Country Music Association Male Artist of the Year.

Blair was named Manitoba Country Music Association's 2015, 2016 Roots Artist of the Year, along with most recently being named the MCMA 2017 Male Artist of the Year.



Above: Quinton Blair. Below: Kendra Kay.



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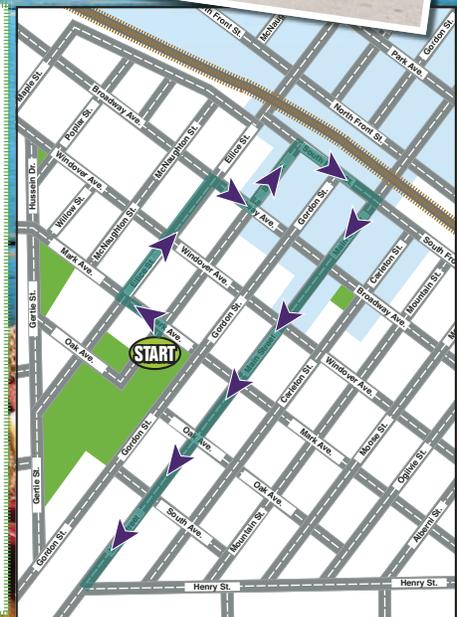
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The Korean community serving up food at last year's event.



There was a long lineup for food at the Filipino food booth last year.

## Multicultural celebration always popular

The Multicultural Celebration held the Saturday of rodeo weekend is always a popular event. This year the celebration will include food served by the Filipino community, the Korean community, the East Indian community, the Honduran community, and the Ukrainian community. The event also includes entertainment, including tra-

ditional music and dance performed by members of the local ethnic communities.

The event will be held outdoors this year at the Tim Horton's Outdoor Eventplex at Bradley Park and will run from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Don't be late, as this is such a popular event that food tends to run out!

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Chloe Crossley, left, and Jacey Crossley, right, competing in barrel racing.

# Pro barrel racing a lifestyle for Crossley sisters

**BY KARA KINNA**

While other people spend their week over the summer months camping, boating, and taking vacation time, two sisters from Moosomin—Jacey Crossley and Chloe Crossley—spend the majority of their weekends on the road, horse trailers in tow, off to the next barrel racing competition.

The Crossley sisters are professional barrel racers, and it's not uncommon for them to be at multiple competitions around the Prairies on any given weekend.

Jacey and Chloe spoke to the World-Spectator last week about their time spent barrel racing.

"I'm on my way to Arrowwood, Alberta," Jacey said Friday. "It is a CCA rodeo. I'm up there tonight, and then Raymond, Alberta, then Swift Current on Sunday."

"This is actually a nice weekend," she adds with a laugh. "Next weekend I will start in Weyburn, then am in Moosomin Friday night, and then I go to Kelliher, then Wood Mountain on Saturday."

"I would say I am full time rodeo. I also

work part-time for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance as an adjuster. I basically work for Crop Insurance during the week and then I'm usually gone for three- to four-day weekends."

Jacey currently lives by Lloydminster, but got her start as a barrel racer when she was a young girl in Moosomin.

"I started in Gymkhana when I was really young. My sister always did it so that is where I got attached. She started with jumping and western pleasure and that kind of stuff. I skipped over that and went

into riding western and barrel racing. I think I've been riding since I've been super young, maybe five or six. I started with Gymkhana and then 3D barrel racing, and then I started rodeoing in high school."

What does she like about barrel racing?

"It is more of an adrenaline rush, it's a speed event, so it is exciting and fast. With your western pleasure it is slower paced."

Jacey started racing competitively around the age of 10.

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Left: Hunter McEwen of Moosomin barrel racing.

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# Moosomin Rodeo Idol will be Saturday



Tera Harper presents the prize in the senior category to Kent Koroluk.



Tera Harper presents the prize in the junior category to Lance Placides.



Tera Harper presents the prize in the Pee Wee category to John Francisco.

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Moosomin Rodeo Idol is held in the beer gardens on the Saturday of the rodeo weekend. There were 17 entrants who signed up to sing last year. This year's Moosomin Rodeo Idol will take place at 3:30 pm at the rodeo grounds, following the Kids' Rodeo.

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# Pro barrel racing a lifestyle for Crossley sisters

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"I started with the 3D racing when I was nine or ten. Then I got into rodeo. My first rodeo I think I was maybe 15, and then I guess I made my first finals in 2013, then I started with CCA, which is the semi pro association that same year. I started with them around 2012/2013. I basically have been going ever since. I started with doing Canadian College Rodeo in 2014. Then I started with CPRA, so pro rodeo, last year.

"I have been going a bit more (with pro) this year, just kind of easing my way into it because it's a lot farther to travel too. You basically have to be based out of Alberta because everything is based in central Alberta. It is a lot more travelling, until you're basically living there. I have just been easing my way into the professional circuit."

Why has she chosen to do this on her weekends versus other activities?

"I guess I would say it is kind of addicting," she says. "I talk to my friends and they're going camping in the summer, travelling, even just hanging out at the lake or going golfing. I can't see myself doing anything different in the summer. And it is kind of a bonus because you're making money. People obviously don't do it unless they really enjoy it. It is like a hobby, but then the money is a bonus if that makes any sense.

"I usually cover my travel costs then make a bit extra. It just depends on the weekend. Some rodeos have a \$1,000 add in, and some have up to \$3,000-\$4,000 add in, so it just depends. At one event and a couple weekends ago I actually placed at all three rodeos, and that was a really good weekend. I really made enough that weekend to even make some on top of my expenses."

What are some of Jacey's biggest accomplishments so far?

"In 2016 I won the Canadian College finals in barrel racing," she says. "I would say between that and just making CCA finals is a



Jacey and Chloe Crossley on their horses together.

pretty huge accomplishment for me.

"I actually remember when I was young, we used to always go to Moosomin Rodeo, and I would have filled in just competing in gymkhanas and little girl races, and I remember watching the barrel racing and really being envious of those ladies and always wishing and hoping some day I would be at that level. But I don't know if I really ever knew that I would be. It is a pretty huge deal now for me to be competitive with that association and having two qualifications now."

Jacey says she wants to take barrel racing as far as possible.

"My goal is to be successful with professional rodeo and hopefully some day try and make the Canadian finals, the CFR. That would be like the CPRA finals. So basically just bring my career more to the next

level—to the professional level."

Chloe says she started riding early and got into jumping, but because the sport wasn't common in the Moosomin area, she got involved in 4H, then in gymkhana and barrel racing.

"It's all for the love of the sport and your horse," says Chloe. "You don't necessarily do it for money, that's for sure, because everything adds up—the vet bills, the gas bills, the rodeo entries. And when you don't place all weekend you're down in the hole."

"It's really just for the love of the sport and the feeling you get when you run, and the adrenaline rush. It's just such an amazing, fulfilling feeling being able to do this every weekend."

"It's not really like any other sport. This is an individual sport. You and your horse are your team, and

when you work so hard and you get a good run it's not about the amount of money you win, it's about achieving a goal you set for you and your horse."

Chloe says she's proud of how her horse, who is still young, performed at some of last year's events. "My horse is still young and last year was his first full rodeo season," she says. "I didn't have very high expectations of him. But to my surprise we ended up making the MFR, Manitoba Finals Rodeo. So that was a huge accomplishment for me."

"And when I got to MBRA Finals, it's all of Manitoba, and I think there was about 400 girls there last year. It's an indoor rodeo and Chrome prefers to run outdoors. When it came to MBRA finals, I didn't have too high of expectations, and we went in there and on the first day we ended up being the fast-

est time out of everybody, so I got the fast time award for that day, and then I was the average winner of the two long goes. Out of about 800 runs our average was the fastest.

"And then in the short go on the final day to be the MBRA champion, I fell on third barrel. It wasn't fun but I was just so proud of how well he did that weekend. Those would be two of my most cherished accomplishments to date."

Chloe says she wants to get to a higher level in the sport, and eventually make a career out of barrel racing.

"I would like to make CCA finals," she says. "That's my goal for this year, to make the Canadian Finals. I do have a lot of young horses coming up that I want to train and compete on and go to futurities. I want to create a business out of it where I can build these young horses into rodeo horses and be able to sell them to go on and win with other people."

"That's my goal—to make a career out of this eventually and keep making horses like Chrome, because he's pretty special to me."

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# Rodeo celebrating 25 years of success

It's the 25th anniversary of the Moosomin Rodeo this year, and Moosomin Rodeo Committee members are looking forward to another great event.

As part of the 25-year celebration, the committee will be paying tribute to those people who got the rodeo started.

"Both nights, Friday and Saturday, we are honoring members who got the rodeo off the ground and made it what it was," says rodeo committee president Derek Smart. "We've given a buckle the last couple years on the Saturday night, but we're going to do one volunteer each night who have been instrumental to getting it to where it is."

There is also a kids rodeo that has been added this year at noon on Saturday—a first time event for the Moosomin Rodeo.

"It will be local and surrounding kids ages 5-10," says committee member Bobby Stevens. "The entries were open for approximately two days and it's full. It will be something different. People can come down and check out their relatives or friends and see how they do."

"There are 20 kids in it and I believe it is five different events. Some are entered in all of the events and some are just entered in a couple."

The kids rodeo events include barrel racing, pole bending, calf riding, miniature bareback riding, and goat undecorating.

"It will be good to get those kids started and see



It was a busy weekend for last year's Moosomin rodeo. Dale Woods took this aerial photo of Bradley Park during the rodeo weekend.

the future of the sport," adds Stevens.

It's not easy keeping a big event like the Moosomin rodeo running for 25 years. How has the committee kept it a success for so long?

"There are a lot of long-time committee members that keep coming out," says Smart. "I think it's key to have them, because they know what needs to be done."

The committee has also made the event a bit more

lucrative for some of the contestants.

"A few years ago we upped the money to some of the rough stock events because there is no doubt that the bull riding is one of the more exciting events, and a lot of people like to come out and see it, and so we've added money to the prize pots," says Smart. "Also Bobby's got a lot of connections being that he was a bull rider. He actually started the Champion's Challenge. So what

we do is the MRCA and the CCA and the BRC, the champions who are the leaders in points.

"The champions from the previous year get a bye, and the high score from each performance all get on another bull," adds Stevens. "We started at \$1,000 four years ago and they have been unsuccessful to ride that bonus bull, so this year it's up to \$4,000, winner take all, plus the first they are riding for during the rodeo."

"I was actually just on the phone with a guy from

Red Deer yesterday and he is coming all the way out here for it. He is the number two man in Canada right now in the Bull Riders of Canada standings. It should be pretty good watching, he is pretty excited to come check it out."

"So stuff like that has really made a big difference—you have people that know what needs to be done," says Smart.

"And a group of people that care," adds committee member Mike Sidoryk. "All of here have either been involved in or are

still involved, and have followed it over the years, so there is a little bit of a passion there to keep it running and make it successful and try and grow and improve the grounds. If none of us really cared and were just keeping the old name going because 15 years ago these guys did this and that, it wouldn't be a success."

The committee members say they realize this is one of the biggest events in Moosomin every summer, and that's part of what keeps them motivated.

"Other than the fireworks, I would say these are the two biggest events Moosomin has," says Stevens.

"It's to have something that sort of encompasses the town for a weekend," says Sidoryk. "You get the fireworks at the lake and you get this. When I was a kid all of us went to the town fair, that was the big thing and that doesn't happen any more. The 4-H is getting a little lower every year it seems to be. For me I'm hoping the older my kids get they're going to start getting involved a little bit more and riding and everything else and maybe get into the sport, and then hopefully at that point when I'm done with the committee they're going to move up as well."

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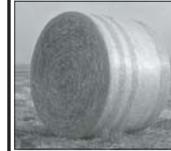
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A bull rider hangs on tight hoping to make his eight seconds.

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"With the rodeo for 15 years, I supply all the bulls here for Moosomin," says Stevens. "I kind of got the mentality that either a guy's got to do it or it's going to get shut down, and that is like that in any community. Everyone has got to take the bull by the horns and do it or it doesn't happen. That is just like any thing, whether it be football, baseball, hockey—you have to have organizers and get it done or they just don't happen."

How many people does the rodeo bring to town?

"I think the last tally was 1,100 over the weekend, at least that's through the gates, and there's obviously the free tickets we hand out that weren't necessarily tallied, and then your contestants, so it would be a little more," says Smart. "1,100 is what we figure goes through the gate to watch."

"A pretty safe bet on a good weekend 1,500 people between spectators, competitors and everyone else," adds Sidoryk. "That is definitely an influx for the town. There are trucks and trailers all over the place. It is a pretty good little boost."

Good luck rodeo contestants!

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## Bobby Stevens rodeo career: From bull riding to raising rodeo bulls

Bobby Stevens is a member of the Moosomin Rodeo Committee whose involvement with rodeo ranges from riding bulls at the Calgary Stampede to raising rodeo stock.

He sat down for an interview with World-Spectator editor Kevin Weedmark last week about his career in rodeo.

### Tell me about your rodeo career.

I've rodeoed since '93. I started when I was 12-years-old. I started riding steers. I did that for six years. Then when I was 16 I started riding bulls and did that for 12 or 13 years, and I was fortunate enough to ride in the Calgary Stampede. I was a four time MRCA champion, 12 time CCA finals qualifier, four times Professional Canadian Bullriders finals qualifier, and competing at the Calgary Stampede.

### What was the highlight of your bull riding career?

Riding at the Calgary Stampede was pretty key—that was 2002.

That was pretty cool—I got to ride on the big stage I guess you would say.

I rode a few of the better bulls in Canada back in 2004-05. Riding those key bulls was sure good because there were only a few of us in Canada that rode those kinds of bulls.

I never made the CFR, the Canadian Finals Rodeo, which is too bad. I sure wish I could have, but I never did.

But I was fortunate to be able to stay on a couple of those good ones that only the best guys in Canada could.

### What kind of training and work goes into being a bull rider?

It's a lot different nowadays than when I was going.

A lot of the bull riders nowadays are almost athletes, especially at the professional ranks. They hit the gym once or twice a day.

When I was going a guy was working and doing whatever—no one went to the gym.

Nowadays it's more of a business in the professional ranks because there is so much money to be won.

With that being said, you get out of it what you put into it. It's not like any other professional sports. If you are a baseball or hockey player and you are in a slump you are getting that salary anyway.

As a rodeo contestant, if you're in a slump and you don't compete well, you don't win any money, and the money is still coming out of your account to pay your entry fees and get up and down the road. So you got to take care of business, and that's in all of the seven rodeo events. If you don't take care of business there is very little money to be made in the sport to be brutally honest.

### How did you get into bull riding in the beginning?

I'm originally from Bengough, and that was just kind of the thing everybody did there. It was a small town, and there were a dozen of us riding steers. That's pretty good considering there were only maybe 40 kids in that age group in the whole community. It was just what everybody did.

I moved to Moosomin in 2006 and rodeoed out of Moosomin, and then in 2011 I called it quits on the bull riding part and started working with the bulls. In 2014 I got hired by Prime Time Rodeo which is the contractor for the Moosomin Rodeo, and I supply bulls for the rodeos they do. With bull riding events we pretty much go somewhere every weekend during the summer and fall. We ranch raise quite a few of our bulls and we buy the odd bull.

There are 20 that go on the road. Those are three-year-olds and up, and there are some two-year-olds and yearlings that are up-and-comers and part of the breeding program.

### You've won some awards with your bulls...

We were fairly fortunate. We won the CCA bull of the year last year with a ranch raised bull that we call Blue Monkey. I was fortunate enough to win bull



Blue Monkey, raised and trained by Bobby Stevens of Moosomin, won the CCA's Bull of the Year and Bull of the Finals in 2017.

of the year with him and then he ended up winning bull of the CCA finals which is pretty cool. Bull of the Year is good, but I'm pretty proud of the Bull of the Finals because they take 55 of the best bulls in the association to the finals and he was the best bull that weekend, so he had good competition, and being ranch raised means a little more too.

We were fortunate enough to win Bull of the Year in the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association and that was with the bull called Brindle Bob. He is just a nice draw. Guys really like getting on him, he's a money bull, they win money on him every time they stay on him.

### Was it hard to get established in the rodeo stock business?

When I got started I was fortunate to have Ken Bonkowski own a share of some bulls up this year. His contribution made a big difference. He helped a lot.

I also need to thank 3M Beef Supply in Moosomin and Farm Boy Realty. They jumped on board with me in 2014 and they've been supporting me right through until this current year. I really appreciate their support.

### What makes a good rodeo bull? What sort of traits are you looking for?

It's getting to be more like the horse race business. The genetics mean everything. 20-30 years ago you could possibly find a rodeo bull out in your pasture, but nowadays very seldom do you see an Angus or Charolais in the rodeo ring. Everything is bred to do it and they have got to have some life to them.

### How do you develop a rodeo bull?

When they are young, when they're a yearling, we bring them in and put them in the chutes and settle them down. When they are young and first start they are almost like a wild animal and you want to calm them down. You want to show them all the atmosphere they could see as they get older.

The calmer they can be, the better they do. If they are worked up they are going to be tired before they open the chute on them.

We train them. There's a 14 pound dummy we put on them as a yearling and two-year-old and it's remote controlled and that kind of tells us how they're going to perform.

Some bulls are late bloomers, they don't figure it out until they're three or four years old and then some bulls are not cut out for it.

That's pretty much it—just working with them and handling them and

putting trips on them with the dummies and trying to expose them to other events. When they are three-year-olds, they maybe go to three rodeos a year because they are inexperienced and immature.

### How much time do you put into this over the summer?

We're away every weekend during

the summer and fall. We rodeo for about four months straight. It's a family deal. My wife Leah and my two kids go 70 per cent of the time and they enjoy it. It's pretty much a family deal—it's what we do for fun.

### How far do you go on the rodeo circuit?

We venture east of Winnipeg and go to a couple events out there, and we go to Lloydminster for bull riding finals in the fall, and Swift Current is where they have the Canadian Cowboys Association Finals, so we go there every year with a load. We're very fortunate we supply stock to the Moosomin Rodeo and Wapella Rodeo, Virden Rodeo, Spy Hill Rodeo. We're very fortunate that a lot of our work is right close—very fortunate.

### Is the rodeo circuit getting busier? I know Spy Hill just became a full fledged rodeo last year—are a lot more communities joining the rodeo circuit?

It kind of evens out—for every one that starts, one might not keep going. They are an expensive thing to put on and it's just like any other community event—volunteers are very crucial, and if your community is not behind it, you don't have the volunteers or the sponsorship dollars. I know from rodeoing there are a lot of old time rodeo committees that the average age of the committee members is 65-plus and they can't get younger people to volunteer.

### That isn't the case in Moosomin—what's different here?

We've got a good, young base of committee members. I think everybody wants to jump on board and put on an event that Moosomin can be proud of.

Our rodeo, I would say, is one of the better ones in the Canadian Cowboys Association.

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# From bull riding to raising

**Continued from front**  
The contestants like coming here. We have good added money for them, so it's worthwhile them coming here.

Three years ago we were runner up for rodeo of the year in the Canadian Cowboy Association, which is a pretty good feat because they sanction 60 rodeos. Moosomin should be proud of that.

When you take the bulls to the rodeos or are working on the committee of the rodeo, do you actually get to enjoy the rodeo?

I really enjoy that part of it, working with the stock and doing a little bit of the committee stuff.

During the actual rodeo performance my main key is taking care of my bulls. That is what I'm paid there to do. As soon as the rodeo performance is over then I've got to go back to being a committee guy. I get to see most of the rodeo because I'm in there doing work with the stock, and I enjoy it. I do it every weekend—I wouldn't if I didn't enjoy it.

Are you looking forward to the Moosomin Rodeo this year?

I think it will be good. The 25-year feat is pretty good for a small town.

The committee has come a long way and the rodeo has come a long way.

I remember riding here in '96. That would have been the third rodeo Moosomin would have had, and it sure has come a long way. There wasn't a whole

lot down there other than a dirt patch.

We've got bands coming both nights, and the addition of the kids' rodeo will be great.

If you want to come down to the grounds and see a full day of rodeo action, the slack starts at 9, which is free admission, and that goes to before noon, then at noon the kids' rodeo starts, and that will run for about two and a half to three hours. Then at 3:30 the Moosomin Rodeo

deco Idol is at the beer gardens. That goes to pretty much to an hour before the rodeo, then the rodeo and then the cabaret right after the rodeo.

There is a little of something for everybody to come check it out and come down. The CCA rodeo in the evening is the only thing you have to pay to get into. Everything else is free to come check it out, have a beer and hamburger and support the community.



Bobby Stevens competing at the Calgary Stampede.



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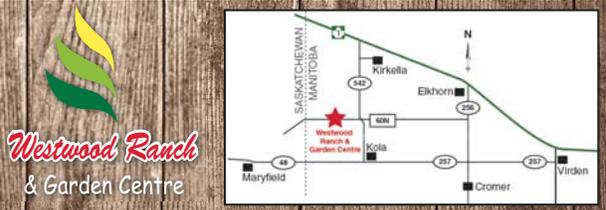
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- Entertainment in the Beer Gardens following the Rodeo featuring *Kendra Kay*

## Saturday, July 7

- 7 a.m. Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Hall
- 9 a.m. Slack
- Kids Rodeo: 12 Noon - 3 p.m.
- 2 p.m. Beer Gardens Open
- 3:30 p.m. Moosomin Rodeo Idol at the Beer Gardens
- 6:30 Rodeo Performance
- Wild Pony Race at Intermission
- Entertainment in the Beer Gardens following the Rodeo by two-time Manitoba Country Music Association Roots Artist of the Year *Quinton Blair*

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