

COMMUNITY

Northern Star - Shane and Jason Lamotte

FNSS Classes of 2002 and 1999

Brothers Jason and Shane Lamotte, born and raised in Fort Nelson, moved into a small apartment in downtown Edmonton in 2002 with one goal in mind: to get serious about their music careers. What started as just a few guys jamming in a garage in Fort Nelson was beginning to form into something greater. With little money, a couple of guitars, and a whole lot of ambition, the brothers sat in their smoke filled apartment and started to work on their first album. When released it would be a self-titled album called, "Living Illusion."

The brothers' musical education began young. While they were enrolled in Fort Nelson Secondary they were both active



- Singer/Songwriters

also received wonderful musical direction from Dan Craven and Matt Wallace at FNSS, even if their tastes in music didn't always align.

After releasing their first album, which the brothers produced and engineered themselves, they played numerous live shows and festivals in western Canada. Their biggest personal show was in small town Alberta where they played for over 5,000 people. Along the way they had the opportunity to open for many bands, including Econoline Crush, The Art of Dying, Tin Foil Phoenix, Ninja Spy and Ashes Divide. During this time their first

members of the school band. Through this elective they were both able to perform at the national Music Fest Canada. During these formative years they had accessed great, local music teachers, including Dave Whigham and Maureen Wiebe. The boys

single "Whispers" made it to the top ten of numerous university and college radio charts receiving airplay in Canada, the UK and the United States.

After a few years of playing live heavily the brothers were ready to record their next album. For a change of pace they chose to work with one of the Edmonton's best rock producers Kevin Hoskin and they headed into Beta Sound Recording Studio to work on their second record. Nearly a year later, they released "Suffering" to an almost sold out show at the Starlite Room in Edmonton. Their first single "Let's Start Over" received mainstream radio airplay in Canada and charted into the Top 100 for Canadian Rock Radio.

The brother's music has since been used by many internet personalities and shows including The Phillip DeFranco

Show, That Guy with the Glasses, The Spooky Experiment, Atop the Fourth Wall and Weekend Confirmed. Their YouTube Channel has received over 300,000 video views and they have maintained their website since 2003. The internet has been a big part of their success.

Jason now lives in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island attending University and Shane lives in Edmonton working as an Event Coordinator, but don't assume they have given up on music. The brothers still continue to write and work on music together even from different provinces using the internet. They are currently half way done writing and recording their third album which is set to be out in the fall. Not bad for a couple of kids from Fort Nelson.

Check out the band online at: <http://www.LivingIllusion.com>

Food banks Canada asks you to "give it up" for Hunger Awareness Week

Join food banks across the country and take action to reduce hunger in Canada from May 7th-11th

TORONTO - Today, Food Banks Canada and its network across the country launch the first annual Hunger Awareness Week, from May 7th-11th, 2012. Formerly Hunger Awareness Day, Hunger Awareness Week is a week-long initiative that challenges Canadians to learn more about the issue of hunger in our country and to take action to make a difference for those in need. Across the country, Canadians are being asked to "Give It Up" for hunger awareness. Join Toronto Argonauts Vice-Chair Michael "Pinball" Clemons and ET Canada's Senior Entertainment Reporter and host of Food Network Canada's Family Cook Off, Kim D'Eon, at the Second Annual "Lunch-In". The event will also feature lunches prepared by Top Chef Canada competitor Ryan Gallagher.

Canadians can help in three simple ways - Give It Up, Give a Shout, and Give It Out:

Give It Up:

Give up your meals for a day, lunch for a week, or a staple food item. Walk in the shoes of hunger to begin to understand what it means to go without food, experiencing the effects of hunger first hand.

Give a Shout:

Share your experience by going online to show your support via Facebook, Twitter or blogging.

Give It Out:

Donate food, funds or your time to a local food bank.

On Wednesday May 9th, more than 140 federal Parliamentarians and staff will fast as an act of solidarity with Canadians in need. On May 10th, they will come together to discuss the issue of hunger at a breakfast in the Parliamentary restaurant. For a complete list of Parliamentarians and staff participating, please visit: <http://hungerawarenessweek.ca/parliamentarians>. Special thanks to Breakfast Sponsor, Turkey Farmers of Canada.

"Nearly 900,000 Canadians will visit a food bank for assistance this month alone. Of those, 38 per cent are children. Together we can help reduce hunger in our country," said Katharine Schmidt, Executive Director, Food Banks Canada. "It's important for Canadians to understand that hunger is easily hidden and often overlooked, but inevitably lives in all of our communities."

The 2012 Lunch-In takes place on May 10th at St. Andrews Playground in Toronto. Torontonians can enjoy Chef Ryan Gallagher's one-of-a-kind packed lunches, for a small donation, together as a gesture of frugality and solidarity to reduce hunger. Canadians across the country are also encouraged to hold Lunch-Ins in their own communities with friends, family and co-workers during the week of May 7th-11th.

Cash store fails to comply with ruling from Consumer Protection BC

VICTORIA - Consumer Protection BC has filed a Notice of Penalty and Compliance Order with The Supreme Court of British Columbia after Cash Store Financial Inc., a Canadian payday lender more commonly known as The Cash Store or Instaloans, failed to meet requirements laid out in their March 23rd, 2012 compliance order and notice of administrative penalty.

Cash Store Financial was ordered to immediately comply with BC payday lending laws and was given 30 days to pay a \$25,000 administrative penalty as well as costs incurred by Consumer Protection BC. Cash Store Financial has failed to comply with this order.

"Cash Store's failure to take action has led us to take the next steps to ensure consumers are protected when using payday lenders," said Manjit Bains, vice president of corporate relations, Consumer Protection BC.

Consumer Protection BC has added 10 per cent in late penalty fees to the \$25,000

administrative penalty owed by Cash Store Financial bringing the total to \$27,500. Cash Store Financial has also been directed to maintain all documentation related to loans subject to the original compliance order.

Cash Store was also ordered to begin refunding consumers who had been overcharged since November 1st, 2009 and they have been given until June 21st, 2012 to meet this requirement. The total amount to be refunded is not yet known, but may be in the millions of dollars.

"Consumers who have been overcharged must be reimbursed immediately by Cash Store Financial," said Bains.

In response to consumer concerns, an online refund tracking form has been set up on Consumer Protection BC's website for customers of The Cash Store and Instaloans who think they are eligible for a refund.

"We are encouraging any consumer who received loans from The Cash Store or Instaloans with a cash card to contact

Consumer Protection BC and register on our website," said Bains. "Our job is to ensure consumers know their rights and are able to seek a refund if they have been overcharged."

An investigation launched in 2010 by Consumer Protection BC concluded that Cash Store Financial was charging customers more than the maximum legal amount of \$23 per \$100 on payday loans by charging additional fees to issue loans on cash cards. The payday lender was issued a Compliance Order in November 2010 to stop charging the unlawful fees and refund customers. Cash Store Financial requested a reconsideration of the decision which was completed in March 2012; the key elements of the original decision were upheld.

Updates about payday lending can be found at www.paydayloanrightsbc.ca. Consumers with questions about payday lending in BC may contact Consumer Protection BC toll free at 1-888-564-9963 or info@consumerprotectionbc.ca. Follow this conversation on Twitter #debitinfoBC.

Carrier of the Month (April)
David Hoff!



Congratulations to

David Hoff!

He has been doing his route since September 2011.

David is 11 and in Grade 6. His favourite subject is socials and he likes biking. He delivers papers to Southridge. When David grows up he wants to be a contractor. His favourite part of the newspaper is the Police Beat.



Sponsors of the
Carrier of the Month are:

The
Annual General Meeting for the Mile 300 Figure Skating Club will be held on Thursday May 10th, at 7pm in the Raven Room, Town Hall.



REPRESENTATIVE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2012 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
Nominate a Deserving Individual or Organization!

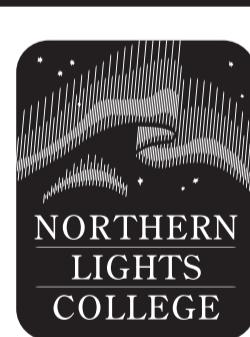
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
4:00 PM Pacific Time

August 1, 2012

These awards encourage excellence by honouring people and organizations whose work makes the lives of children and youth better, and exemplifies innovation and respect.

Winners will be recognized and honoured at awards ceremonies in the fall.

To make a nomination or for more information on the Representative's Awards, including previous awards, visit www.rcybc.ca



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NLC's Board of Governors is empowered by the College and Institute Act of British Columbia to manage, administer, and direct the affairs of the College. If you would like more information on the activities or decisions of the Board or to view Board meeting minutes, go to the College website at nlc.bc.ca, visit your local campus library to view a paper copy, or request a copy from your local Campus Administrator.

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Aircraft Maintenance Engineering

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Business Management

Cook Training

Cosmetology and Hairstyling

Criminology

Electrician

Esthetics and Nail Care Technology (Feb)

Health Care Assistant

Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic

Millwright

Plumber

Practical Nursing

Social Services Worker

Visual Arts

Welding

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Wildlife Awareness May 14
Confined Space May 14, 29
H2S Alive May 17, 28
UTV (side-by-side) safety May 23

To register or for information, call 250-774-2741

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Ramona Nehring – rnehring@nlc.bc.ca

or drop it off at the Fort Nelson campus.

For more information call 250-774-2741.



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For more information or to be placed on an interest list, contact: **Amanda Legge, Student Recruiter, Fort Nelson Campus, 250-774-2741 or email alegge@nlc.bc.ca**

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