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## In Elkhorn

# Young singer signs recording contract

By KRISTEN McEWEN

Kendra "Kay" Kvemshagen had no idea a trip to Nashville, Tennessee would lead to signing a recording contract.

Kendra began singing competitively when she was 11 years old.

"It's just something that I can do, I've always loved music," she said. "And I was very competitive growing up and it was something I could do that other people couldn't, so I figured I could pursue that and see how it worked out."

Kendra said her aunt, who is also a singer, inspired her to take her music a step further.

So in February, 16-year old Kendra travelled from her hometown of Elkhorn, Manitoba to Nashville to record a demo to use for singing competitions.

While walking down a street in Lower Broadway, home to many honky tonk bars, Kendra and her mother, Sandra, began talking to a musician.

Sandra asked if Kendra would be able to sing in one of the bars, even though she was under 18.

The musician directed them to speak to the manager of the bar. When Kendra and Sandra returned to the bar later that day, they caught the eye of a talent scout.

"I came back to that area and there was a talent scout that started talking to me and said, 'What are you doing down in Nashville?' and I said, 'My daughter's got a demo made,' and he said, 'Well, I'm a talent scout, I would like to hear her,'" Sandra said.

Chris Dobson of Makin' Music invited Kendra to



## Kendra Kay

Kendra will be releasing her first single in January 2014.

stop by his office the next day so he could hear her sing.

He then offered her a contract with the company. Makin' Music is a music company based in Nashville, which focuses on record production, artist development and artist management.

Dobson then introduced Kendra to songwriter Rafe Van Hoy. Van Hoy began writing songs for Kendra to perform. Van Hoy has written songs for Tammy Wynette, including "Cheatin' Is," "Right Here in Your Arms," and "You Never Cross My Mind."

When Kendra returned to Manitoba, Van Hoy emailed songs for her to

choose from and decide what would end up on her first single.

In April, Kendra returned to Nashville and signed a recording contract with Foremost Records, a national independent music label. When she signed the recording contract, as a performer her last name was shortened to Kay.

"It's okay," Kendra said. "I think it fits me well because no one could ever pronounce Kvemshagen, so they shortened it to 'Kay.'"

She also received recordings of the songs Van Hoy wrote for her. "A studio performer recorded the songs and I listened to them and kind of made it my own,"



## Singing in the saloon

Kendra had the opportunity to sing with the Lower Broadway Band in Lower Broadway, Nashville at the Cowboy Kewl Saloon.

Kendra said.

Kendra's family is excited about the path her career is taking. "I think we're still absorbing it, we're kind of shocked, everything's come so fast," Sandra said.

"We're really excited for her and (the label is) really good to work with. They know that she's only 16, we're working around school. They're not pushing her to leave school or anything. They said that's very important for her."

While she's back home finishing up her Grade 11 school year, Kendra still has plenty of work to do. Every day I've got to be working on something," she said. "If it's not working on songs,

it's social media and working on all that type of stuff."

Currently, Kendra is running a Facebook page under the name Kendra Kay. The purpose of the Facebook page is to promote Kendra's music and features a cover song each week.

In July, the young singer will be going back to Nashville to record her first single. "Once the single comes out, they want to get me with someone on the road, to get my name out there," Kendra said. "And then we build up a fan base . . . because you need fans before you can do anything."

The single is set to be released in January 2014.

Once Kendra Kay has been on tour, the next step is to sign on with a larger music label.

"What (Dobson's) hoping for is to sign me with a major label, someone like Sony, CURB or Universal," she said. "Something bigger that's more worldwide rather than just national based."

In less than four months, Kendra has gone from just recording a demo tape to recording her first single and eventually going on tour.

"It's overwhelming, it's hard to believe. It's one of those things — is it really happening, am I really capable of this type of thing," Kendra said.

"I'm really enjoying every minute of it."

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## In Wawota Relay For Life coming up this weekend

BY KRISTEN MCEWEN

Only a day separates organizer Kristen Murray from the upcoming Wawota Relay For Life event set to take place this weekend on June 15.

"(It's been) awesome," Murray said. "I can't wait until the 15th to see it all come together. We have a very good committee that's backing us, it's been lots of fun."

So far Relay For Life has raised a total of \$22,342. There are three different categories the committee is focusing on this year, pledges, corporate sponsorship and team fundraisers.

"The goal is \$50,000 for pledges, corporate sponsorship was \$10,000 and team fundraisers was \$25,000. So that's sitting at (a total of) \$85,000," Murray said.

"Our representative with the Canadian Cancer Society is pretty confident that we'll break \$100,000," she added.

With some donations sitting with the Canadian Cancer Society, the Wawota Relay For Life committee won't have a complete total of the money raised until after the event is over.

For those who have not purchased luminaries and would like to, they will be available at the registration table until 9:30 p.m. on the evening of Relay for Life. Other donations will also be accepted. The luminary goal this year is 2,000. Murray expects that most of the goal has been met so far.

She added that the committee set out to encourage cancer survivors to join in the Relay for Life walk. So far a total of 40 survivors have registered.

Murray said on Friday, June 14, the day before the big event, set up for the venue is set to begin at 5 p.m. Anyone is welcome to help.

With approximately 30 teams registered with a total of 300 participants, Murray is looking forward to the evening.

From 6 p.m. on Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday morning, Relay for Life teams will be walking the track that leads through the Wawota Community forum and around the outside of the building.

At any given time, one member of each team must be on the track.

Fortunately, Murray has some entertainment planned to keep the dedicated participants from nodding off.

"We have entertainment starting on the stage at 7 p.m.," Murray said. "The stage will always have something going on whether it's somebody singing, or somebody dancing."

Owen Garratt who took third place on "Canada's Greatest Know It All" will be emceeing the event.

Later in the evening he will also be hosting "Wawota's Greatest Know It All."

The luminary ceremony will take place at 10 p.m.

Team activities will take place throughout the evening.

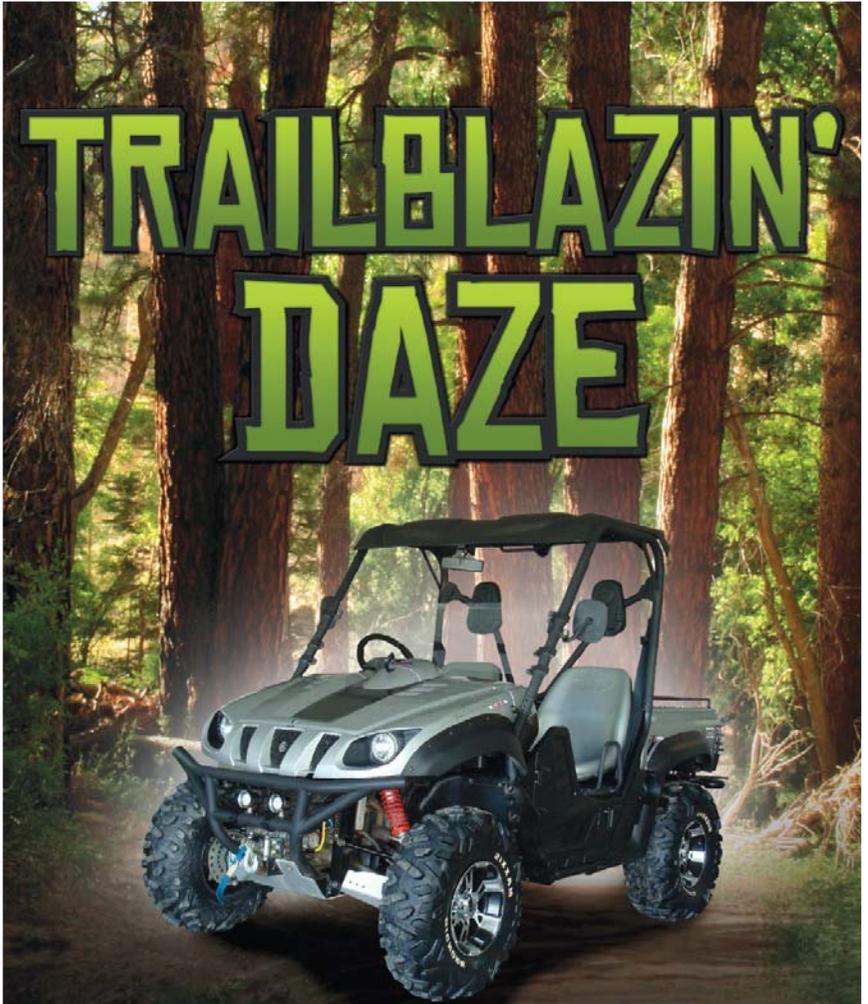
"There will be team activities at 1 a.m. for when they start to get sleepy to wake them up," Murray added.

For those attending the event, Murray said there will be about 150 folding chairs available, however if individuals would like to bring their own chairs they are welcome to. Team members are encouraged to bring their own cups for coffee to save on recycling.

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In St. Lazare:

# Amalgamation with RM on hold

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

St. Lazare Mayor Martin Dupont says plans for the municipal amalgamations the Manitoba government would like to see are on hold from his village's standpoint.

"We've put everything on hold until we know more," he said. "There has been an amendment forwarded by the PCs," he said. "They wanted to possibly address populations of under 1,000 people. We're waiting to see where that goes. We've done a little bit of talking—everyone is just feeling everyone out."

"Everyone is trying to join with their neighboring municipalities to make it a very doable thing, but if they insist on the 1,000 population, that will make it tough for us."

"If we had to join the RM it's not a big deal for us. If we join any other municipalities, people worry they would be losing their identity and unique culture."

Even if the Village of St. Lazare amalgamated with the RM of Ellice and the RM of Archie, the new municipality would not have the required minimum 1,000 population.

"The government is pushing it very hard, but Mr. Lemieux isn't making any friends with it being forced and the very short timeline," said Dupont.

"We're disappointed the government is not showing much willingness to sit down with municipalities that have concerns."

"They're still looking at options, whether those options will be good for municipalities or not, we will find out. The 1,000 population is a problem. I don't know how that would go."

"Much like a lot of municipalities, everyone is sitting back to see if this will pass in the Leg."

Dupont said he's hoping the government is flexible.

"We're hoping Mr. Lemieux and the NDP allow a lot of flexibility in this. If they

allow flexibility, people are indicating they will probably amalgamate at some point.

"We have talked to our neighbors. They're talking with their neighbors. The government is forcing people to talk about it and think about it."

What happens if municipalities do not amalgamate isn't clear.

"A lot of municipalities are saying if we don't amalgamate what happens," said Dupont. "The answer to that at the regional meetings was that government runs municipalities, and if you don't join, they will force you to join with somebody else. We'll see how far they go."

The deadline for making amalgamation plans is just a few months away.

"Dec. 1 all municipalities are supposed to have a proposal in place indicating what their choice would be," said Dupont. "Everyone I've talked to thinks the period is way too short."

"There are some municipalities and towns that have presented their plan and are going to amalgamate. Some people are saying allow the ones that want to amalgamate do so, and don't force the rest right now."

Dupont is worried about increased costs with amalgamation.

"There are a couple of scary things," he said. "From what we can see it's a download issue for provincial government. They want to download policing costs to municipalities with population of 1,000 or more, and also some services like roads would be downloaded onto municipalities."

"What we're seeing, it's a big downloading issue for the government. They're indicating the savings will be fantastic, but when Mr. Lemieux was asked what are the savings, he really couldn't answer. He just said his advisors had indicated it would be great for towns and municipalities. He didn't indicate at any time what the savings would be and who would be saving the money."



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# Artist aims to capture curling champions

By KRISTEN MCEWEN  
Jayne Childs walks down the hallway of her home studio and the old Maryfield hospital which features a number of her watercolour paintings on the walls. These paintings are all portrayals of curling champions. The painting she points out is three-time Brier champion and two-time World champion Jeff Stoughton.

It shows Stoughton lining up a shot on the ice. He is surrounded by strokes of blue and reddish-brown flecks. "See with Jeff, his background is not really bright or anything but to me it's fireworks and that's what he does," Childs

says. "He just goes straight through the fireworks of life." She adds that he is a committed sort of person, to his job, his wife, his family and curling. "It just struck me that he, like many of the curlers that they have so many parts of their life and they have this dedication to this season."

Childs began her curling champions portfolio in 2011, when Maryfield entered a contest called "Any town, Anywhere in Canada." The contest asked curling clubs to submit why they would benefit from a day with Olympic champion Russ Howard. When Childs heard that Maryfield

had won, she thought that something should be done to commemorate the event.

"Even though I don't curl, I had been here long enough, just about 12 years that I knew this was a really big thing for this community," she said. "In this part of the country, these rinks are like the heartbeats of these communities. It keeps them alive in the wintertime." Her friend and artist, the late Bill Hausseker of Maryfield, inspired Childs to paint Howard. "And he (Hausseker) would have done something," she said. "I know he would have been doing something. That's when I dug out my pencils."

Each curling champion painting is based on a number of different images taken during bonspiels. She then draws the champions by hand before beginning to paint. Childs had plenty of experience drawing people, however she had never combined watercolour with her drawings.

Childs has tried her hand at a number of mediums, including dry walling, window tinting and metal working. "I like to work with mediums that are alive," she said. "Oil or acrylic (paint) could reproduce (the image) but I never saw the light. They never had any depth to me."

However, when she tried painting Howard with watercolour, she fell in love with the medium again. When Howard visited Maryfield, he endorsed the two vignette prints by signing them. They were auctioned off later that day. Childs was able to sit with Howard for 10 minutes and talk with him.

He especially liked the name she chose for the painting, "Focus." "He said I couldn't have picked a better name, 'Focus,'" Childs said. "It's something he kept all through his life and curling career." She said the word champion is more



Kristen McEwen photo

## Capturing champions

Jayne Childs sits in her home studio in Maryfield in front of her painting of champion Jim Cotter.

than just a title for Howard. "He is a champion, he really is an inspiration," Childs said. "The effect I've seen these champions have on people in communities, they have such incredible energy. He's really one of the best."

Since then, Childs has travelled to many bonspiels, championships and curling clubs. Her most recent trip was to the 2013 Ford World Men's Curling Championship in Victoria this March. By attending the event, she was able to meet face-to-face and speak with the champions. "Because I have learned that I can take any photo, I can reproduce it, but I can't bring them alive unless I've met you. . . but once I get to

know them a little bit, then I'm able to bring out their personality."

At the championship, she was able to show the curlers some of her work and ask if they would like to be part of her portfolio. "I'm trying to pick champions," Childs said. "They're not just winners, they have to be champions." For each champion she picks a characteristic to try to bring out in each piece. "More often than not, I've already picked their characteristic before I've really got into them, it's something struck me about them or I know they're a champion and it's going to come."

Childs has almost 40 champions from around

the world in her portfolio. Some include Scottish champions Tom Brewster and David Murdoch as well as Norway's Thomas Ulsrud. Though she hasn't started Ulsrud, she already has a name for his painting — "Charisma." Because the champions are endorsing her paintings, Childs said they receive 25 per cent of the sale.

She knows many of the champions support charities so she knows the money is in good hands, she said. Fifty per cent goes into publishing, which she does at home and online distribution. Childs' paintings are available on her website at [www.curlingchampions.com](http://www.curlingchampions.com)

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# Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region: Needs assessment to be presented June 26

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

A needs assessment for the Moosomin area will be presented to the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority June 26.

The Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region has been working on a needs assessment to determine if the health needs of the Moosomin area are being met or if changes to facilities or services are required to meet those needs.

The needs assessment was proposed by the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation a year ago. A presentation was made to the regional health authority last June, and the health authority approved the needs assessment in August.

Bill MacPherson, chair of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, says the impetus for the study is the foundation's belief that the Southeast Integrated Care Centre in Moosomin does not have the capacity to meet current and future needs.

"The place is too small," he said. "There are just not enough beds for the area that we're serving from there. If they had listened to us to begin with (when the facility was originally planned) we wouldn't be where we are at."

"The doctors are doing their best with what they've got there, but they're so busy it's just crazy."

"If you go into outpatients, you appreciate what Moosomin's got—you've got people coming from all over to use that facility and to be treated by our doctors."

MacPherson said he has been involved as much as he could be in the

needs assessment process. "I think they have been very thorough in looking at the needs of the entire area," he said. "It's not just the Moosomin area they've looked at, but the Kipling, Broadview, and Whitewood facilities, and the Rocanville area—they've been very thorough."

MacPherson said he's hoping the needs assessment concludes that Moosomin needs additional services and space.

"I'm hoping for a bigger facility, more acute beds, more long term beds, more services, more doctors," he said. "It's a big wish list. I think we need more doctors to handle the people who are coming to them now, and for that we need a bigger facility. There is so much more that we could do here. I would like to see a scope program in Moosomin, but we're just not big enough. We don't have the beds."

A small steering committee oversaw the needs assessment. The committee included a representative of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, a manager from SEICC, a data analyst for the health region, a representative of population health, and two senior executives of the health region.

The consultant who completed the needs assessment sought local input from focus groups, administrators and health care professionals. The study covered the entire range of health care services in the region.

The SEICC currently has 58 long-term care beds and 27 acute care beds, and provides a wide range of services, including community oncology.




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# Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo coming in July

For one weekend each year, the population of Kennedy, Saskatchewan grows to several times its normal size.

Cowboys in campers pull into town, and rodeo fans from across Saskatchewan and Manitoba converge on the small community to watch those cowboys compete in the rodeo arena.

"I would say it is *the* event in Kennedy," says rodeo committee vice-president Derek McMillan. "There are probably 30 volunteers involved in putting on the rodeo, and about 2,000-2,500 people in the stands."

"We're one of the few pro rodeos in Manitoba or Saskatchewan. We're both CPRA and PRCA certified, so we get cowboys both sides of the border."

He said a lot of cowboys who compete at the Calgary Stampede follow up that event on the "eastern swing" of pro rodeos in Saskatchewan and Manitoba—Maple Creek, Kennedy, and Morris, Manitoba.

"We catch a lot of people going back to the States. Last year we had a lot of the top cowboys from the Calgary Stampede. We get a good turnout of cowboys and they're the cream of the crop."

Kennedy is one of only four Canadian pro rodeos east of Alberta, and it's one of the smaller communities to host a pro rodeo. "There are the three on the eastern swing, and later in the fall McCord has a pro rodeo,"

says McMillan.

Kennedy is also one of the smaller communities to host a pro rodeo, and McMillan says a lot of competitors like the small town atmosphere of Kennedy's event.

"A lot of the cowboys tell me they wouldn't miss it for the world," he says. "The Calgary Stampede is one thing, but a lot of the cowboys are from smaller places and they like coming out to a small-town rodeo after the stampede."

Hosting the pro rodeo for eight decades has made a name for Kennedy in rodeo circles, says McMillan. "I was in Calgary and said I was from Kennedy, and the response was, 'Isn't that the rodeo that's right after the Stampede?' We have in past years had all of the winners from the Calgary Stampede at Kennedy—that gives you an idea of the calibre of rodeo."

McMillan says it takes a lot of people to put on the huge event each year—from the rodeo committee to the volunteers in the concession stand.

"There are about a dozen of us who are regular attendees of meetings, but there are a lot of volunteers past the board members. We're not an exclusive group—anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome to."

The Moose Mountain Rodeo Association will be hosting its 81st Annual Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo in Kennedy on Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21 this year.

"We are dual sanctioned by the Canadian Pro Rodeo Association (CPRA) and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), which means we draw cowboys and cowgirls from all across North America, Brazil, Australia and everywhere in between," says rodeo president Iye Cancade. "These pro athletes are competing for points and money to make it to the Canadian Finals Rodeo in Edmonton and for the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas."

"Many of the contestants are just coming out of Calgary Stampede and we will have some of the champs here," says Cancade. "Our stock contractor is Big Stone Rodeo Company, and they bring us NFR and CFR quality stock. We also welcome Brett Gardiner back for his second year at Kennedy. Brett is 2011 and 2012 CPRA Announcer of the Year. The rodeo consists of all the major rodeo events including saddle bronc, tie-down roping, barrel racing and of course the fan favorite bull riding."

On Saturday morning there will be a parade at 11 a.m. winding through the streets of Kennedy. The town is usually full for the parade. At 1 p.m. the demolition derby will take place at the rodeo grounds. The demolition derby has been part of the rodeo weekend for more than 10 years.

Grand entry for Saturday's rodeo is 5 p.m. Sunday morning the day kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the Kennedy Friendship centre starting at 8 a.m. There will be a Cowboy Church Service in the beer gardens at 11 a.m. Then grand entry for performance #2 starts at 2 p.m. The demolition derby finals goes immediately following the rodeo.

The beer gardens are open at noon both days and stays open until 2 a.m. There will also be a kids play area both days.

You can purchase a family weekend pass (two adults, three children for the entire weekend) for \$75. A single adult day pass is \$15. A 17-and-under day pass is \$10. Pre-school students are admitted free of charge.

McMillan says the rodeo is a good fundraiser for the community, and proceeds are always returned to the community.

"I remember one year we made more than \$10,000 and gave the bulk of it to the health foundation. Other years it's gone to recreation facilities and programs in Kennedy, and to improve the rodeo arena. We've spent some money on infrastructure, but we've also given money to some clubs in the area, we've put money back into the rink—we've helped where the help was needed."

Why does he volunteer for the rodeo each year? "Somebody's got to do it," says McMillan. "Whether the rink or the rodeo, somebody did it when I was a kid, and those things were there for me. Now it's my turn to make sure that these things will be there for the future. It's an opportunity to give back."

"In the end, it's ingrained in you. I don't think you make a conscious choice to do it. It's just the cloth you're cut from—you're either interested in doing things like this or you're not. But when you're involved, and you work hard to make sure it's the best it can be, and the cowboys say 'this is a great town, you people are so friendly, this is awesome' it really feels good."



## Rodeo action

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"This area was damaged by flooding in 2011 and since then we have been working hard to repair and upgrade the highway," Moosomin

MLA Don Toth said on behalf of Highways and Infrastructure Minister Don McMorris. "I'm pleased to see that the contractors are able to move forward with the project, which upon completion will be a real economic benefit. The improved road surface helps to create a primary weight corridor, which will attract more traffic and open up transport routes for the burgeoning

oil industry in the region."

Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times during construction, and motorists passing through the area are advised to obey flag people and consider setting aside extra time for travel.

Completion of the project is currently targeted for summer 2014.

"The RM of Kingsley is looking forward to an upgraded, completed Highway 48," Rural Municipality of Kingsley Reeve Lorne Rygh said. "An improved highway will provide a serviceable

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## Saturday, June 29

### Celebrate Summer in downtown Moosomin!

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- 11 a.m. Pingpong Ball Drop: As pingpong balls are dropped from a bucket truck and bounce across the parking lot, gather as many as you can. Some pingpong balls will include specials and deals at Moosomin businesses.  
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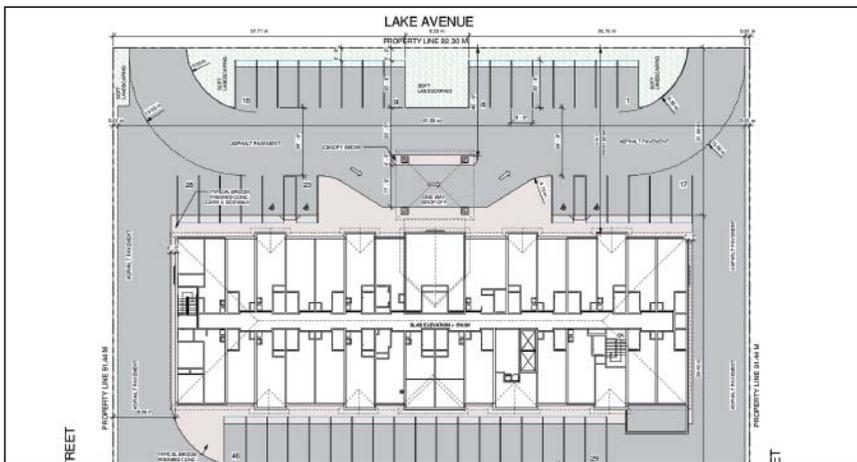
BY KEVIN WEEDMARK  
Moosomin town council approved a building permit for a \$9 million, four storey, 98-room Best Western hotel complete with indoor pool. The building permit was issued to Moosomin Investments Ltd.

Town council approved the hotel along with several other building projects at a May 22 council meeting. In total, the town had more than \$11 million worth of building projects on the agenda at that meeting.

The hotel will be the third new hotel in Moosomin in the last few years, and will be the largest. Developer Raj Sandhu acquired the option to purchase the block of land from Bata Dorj last fall.

Sandhu was interested in the land two years ago, before Dorj bought it. Dorj had originally had the option to purchase the property to build a "rustic-style" motel on the property. The one-year option to purchase the land was issued in 2010 and expired in 2011, but town council extended the option for an additional year.

In December, town council agreed to give Dorj the right to assign the option to Sandhu. The building



The new Best Western hotel will face Lake Avenue, and will be located between the Canalta Hotel and the Motel 6.

site is 1.86 acres and measures 270 feet by 300 feet. It is located immediately east of the Canalta Hotel and immediately west of the Motel 6.

Sandhu also owns Estevan Investments Ltd. and West Fraser Developments, which has built apartment buildings, condos, townhomes and hotels in the Vancouver area, and over the last couple of

years has started developing in Saskatchewan.

West Fraser built the 95-room Best Western Plus in Estevan in 2011, and currently has an apartment building under construction in that city. It also has a hotel under construction in Melville. The company now has one year to complete construction of a Best Western in Moosomin.

Mayor Larry Tomlinson

said he is happy to see the new hotel go ahead. "I think this is an important development," he said. "I think it's great—it's huge. To be honest, I was a little surprised by the size of the hotel. I hope all three hotels will be busy, but I think there is going to be some more industry attracted to town, which will keep them busy."

"That completes that

motel row—there will be three in a row, and I think it will look impressive from the highway, and cause more people to stay in Moosomin."

What does he think is

driving development in the town?

What does the mayor think is driving development in the town?

"It's partly location," he says. "We're very lucky to be where we are, with the potash and the oil."

"There's a lot happening and there's going to be more happening in the oil. We're kind of central and that's helping us."

"Our hospital is also an attraction for people to live here, and our doctors are doing a great job, which makes our town a good place to live for seniors."

Sandhu said when he purchased the option from Dorj that he based his decision to build in Moosomin on his experience in Estevan. "We have a Best Western Plus in Estevan, and people in the oilfield are telling me there's a lot of activity in the Moosomin area," he said.

He said he believes a Best Western Plus, similar to the property in Estevan, will work well in the Moosomin market.

The project will likely take a year to complete.

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# MB wants accord signed to save lake

BY CHINTA PUXLEY  
THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Manitoba is setting out to persuade half of Canada and a handful of northern United States to sign an agreement to save the country's "sixth great lake."

Manitoba Conservation Minister Gord Mackintosh said the high levels of pollution in Lake Winnipeg has earned it the dubious distinction of "Canada's number one water hot spot" and the world's most "threatened lake of 2013."

Lake Winnipeg is being threatened by huge algae blooms—some so large they can be seen from space—which feed partially off pollution that flows into the lake. Half the water going into the lake comes from Manitoba and the rest comes from other parts of Canada and the United States, Mackintosh said.

The clean water agreement would see signatures from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario, as well as North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota, Mackintosh said.

He said it's time everyone did their part to save the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world.

"The clock is ticking. We have to get going now," Mackintosh said. "Clearly, we have got to take efforts to save our great lake to a new level."

The province is now putting together a "Lake Friendly" alliance, which will hold consultations and draft language aimed at cutting in half the pollution flowing into Lake Winnipeg. It won't be easy to convince everyone to clean up local waterways, but Mackintosh would like to see an accord signed in the next few years—by 2020 at

the latest. "There will be negotiation. There will be a lot of effort needed," he said. "But we know that it can be done."

Manitoba has brought in restrictions on hog farming and fertilization, as well as forced Winnipeg to upgrade its sewage treatment plant in a bid to reduce the phosphorus and nitrogen flowing into Lake Winnipeg.

Still, others believe the province could do more while it tries to convince other jurisdictions to pass legislation protecting local rivers, streams and lakes. Ron Thiessen, executive director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society in Manitoba, said getting a signed agreement is a good plan.

But he said Manitoba could do more in its own backyard, including banning the sale of detergents containing phosphorus and extending protection for the boreal forest, which filters out water flowing into the lake.

"I'm quite pleased with the fact that there will be a Manitoba-specific component of the initiative as well because . . . we have to get our act together in Manitoba and (show) we're serious about it here," Thiessen said.

"All Manitobans need to look at themselves personally and how they can do a better job at protecting the lake."

Experts say the very health of the lake is at stake. Henry Venema, vice-president of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, said collective action is crucial.

Without having a cross-border alliance, Venema said jurisdictions don't

have a way to share what practices work best. Although the lake is under serious threat, Venema said

it's never too late. "The best time to plant a tree is 100 years ago. The second best time to plant a

tree is today," he said. "You can accept the slow process of degradation or you can say at some point,

we're going to start and we're going to get organized . . . because we're not going to wait any longer."

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# From the ground to the gas tank: Saskatchewan's oil

BY MATT DUGUID

With more than 50 years of exploration, oil companies have a much better understanding of what is underneath Saskatchewan today. It was not always this way.

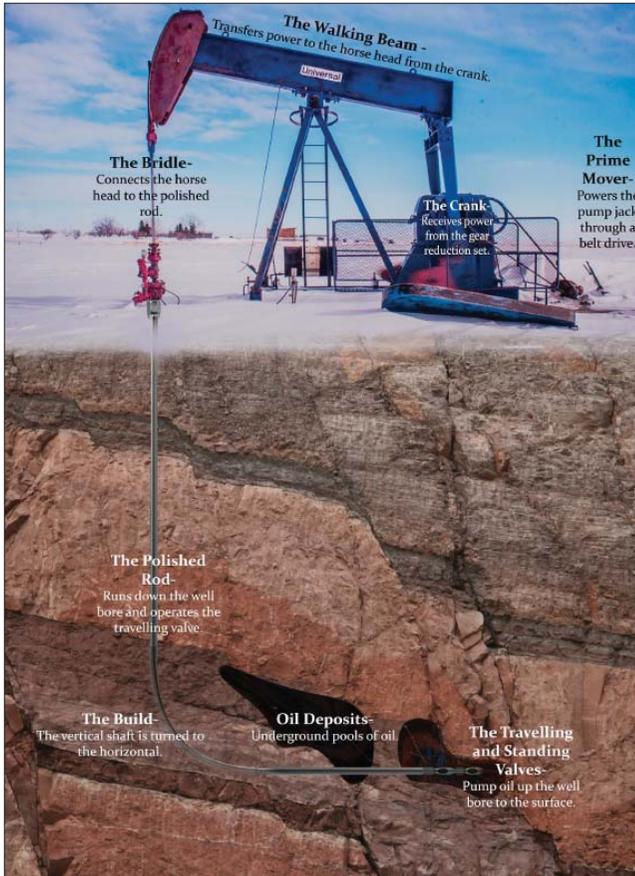
Major commercial development of oil did not start in Saskatchewan until the early 1950s. In the beginning, finding oil in the province required a good deal of luck. With little information on the province's oil and gas reserves, oil companies would simply pick a location they thought might have oil and drill a "wildcat" or exploratory well.

If they struck oil, the well would begin production and if they did not they moved on to try again. Many did strike oil though and the industry has now become a major sector in the Saskatchewan economy, paying \$1.7 billion in oil and gas royalties to the province in 2012. Saskatchewan is the nation's second largest producer of oil, behind Alberta, and sixth largest producer among American states and Canadian provinces.

Oil is found in two broad locations in Saskatchewan - in the southeast near Weyburn and Estevan, and also along the western edge of the province from Lloydminster, through Kindersley and Kerrobert, and down to Swift Current.

A few things are key to the areas where oil is found. First there needs to be a source rock - a rock which is rich in organic material that eventually breaks down and forms petroleum. Secondly there needs to be a trap, a zone underground that stops the low density petroleum from migrating to the surface, for instance some folding in the layers of the earth that creates a high spot. Thirdly a cap rock is needed. The cap rock is a layer that has low permeability, stopping the oil from migrating upwards to the surface.

Today companies find oil by examining years' worth of core samples taken from



previously drilled wells, as well as information gained from seismic sensing. In seismic sensing, waves are sent into the earth and reflect back towards measurement equipment, revealing the makeup of the rock below the surface. Seismic sensing cannot predict the location of oil for sure but it can reveal whether a trap exists, necessary for the formation of oil deposits.

If a trap is found, a drilling rig is brought in. Rigs drill anywhere from several hundred to a few thousand metres underground to reach oil. New technology has changed the way many wells in Saskatchewan are drilled, moving from vertical to horizontal drilling and incorporating hydraulic fracturing or "fracking". Horizontal drilling is used to access more pockets of oil, allowing the well to be able to draw from multiple pockets of oil.

One of the most difficult parts in horizontal drilling is the "build", where the vertical well is curved to the horizontal, said Kyle Weir, a wellsite geologist with Coyote Consulting.

"Sometimes you have to hit a half metre zone that is a kilometre and half underground. If you go too low in some cases you end up drilling a water well instead because there is an oil and water contact, with the

oil floating on the water," Weir said.

Following the drilling of a horizontal well, it is often fracked. Water, combined with sand and chemicals to create fracking fluid, is pumped under high pressure into the well. The pressure turns cracks in the surrounding rock into fissures, allowing more oil to reach the well bore, increasing productivity.

"This is the only way it is economically feasible in some areas; if (the rock layer) is not porous they have to bust it open," Weir said.

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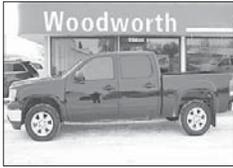
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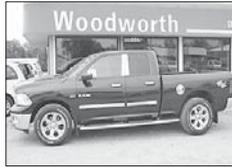
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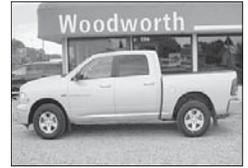
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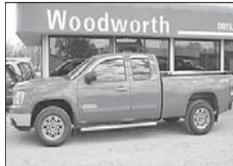
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BY IAN FREITAG

### MOOSE MOUNTAIN PROVINCIAL PARK

Something fishy is definitely going on in the Moose Mountains. However, I am not speaking figuratively, for in fact, the park has some new guests—walleye!

On Friday, June 7, approximately 300,000 fish were released into Little Kenosee. To be fair, the 300,000 Walleye will not quite be ready for big catches this year as the fish released were fry (that is, juvenile fish). However, for those wanting to hit Kenosee Lake for fishing this summer, do not despair because last year the lake was stocked with 1,500 Yellow Perch. I understand that 1,500 does not sound quite as awe inspiring as 300,000, but all the perch were adults and ready to be caught, so anglers wishing to come to Kenosee have no need to despair!

This influx of fish is definitely exciting news for anyone familiar with the Moose Mountain area. For many years the lake levels had been too low to support fish life as the fish were typically subject to winter kill. However, in recent years the lake levels have risen significantly and hopes for a sustainable fish population within Kenosee Lake have risen along with the water level. Also, the increase in water levels is not just good for the anglers, but for anyone wishing to come and visit the beach! The beach is now in beautiful shape and the lake is a beautiful blue with the fresh runoff water.

Furthermore, if fishing just in Kenosee Lake is not enough to get you hooked on coming down to the park, then I should probably remind you of the park's fishing pond. Each year the pond is stocked with a variety of fish. For

instance, in 2012 the pond was stocked with 500 brook trout fingerlings, 500 rainbow trout fingerlings, and 100 adult rainbow trout. Fingerlings refer to the stage of a fish's life between fry and adulthood; fingerlings are fish that have developed scales and working fins, but are still not capable of reproduction. The fish at this point in life are—surprise surprise—about the size of a human finger. Anyways, the pond is aerated meaning that there is no risk of winter kill—good news for anyone hoping to snag the fish released in previous years.

So there you have it, Moose Mountain Provincial Park is getting hit by a wave of fish fever. Anyone hoping to try their angling skills is welcome at the park, and we hope to see you soon!

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## On Temporary Foreign Worker Program:

# Davidson appears before parliamentary committee

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

Moosomin restaurant owner Dan Davidson had an opportunity to address parliamentarians last week on the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

Davidson—who owns the Red Barn restaurant and Dano's Lounge on the TransCanada Highway in Moosomin—addressed a meeting of the Human Resources Committee recently. He was invited to address the committee by Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki, who chairs the committee.

Davidson flew into Ottawa briefly—he was in the capital for less than 24 hours—to make his voice heard at the committee meeting.

The federal government is looking at changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker program and Davidson is worried about the potential impact on his business and other businesses in a similar situation.

Because few local workers are available, Davidson and other businesses have come to depend on temporary foreign workers to allow them to grow their businesses.

"I just wanted to make sure they heard the voice of a small business in an area of rural Saskatchewan that is booming," Davidson said.

"In all of Saskatchewan, the provincial unemployment rate is low, and in Southeast Saskatchewan it's very low, and we really need the temporary foreign workers we have.

"I understand that there have been some issues in other parts of Canada, with a higher unemployment rate and lots of foreign workers, and there have been some abuses, but we cannot paint all of Canada with the same paintbrush by getting rid of accelerated LMOs (labor market opinions)," Davidson said.

"It was a good feeling to have my input. I spoke for close to seven minutes in front of members of parliament on an issue that's important to me. I had a good feeling when I walked away from that meeting. I had a sense that they were listening. They referenced my comments throughout the rest of the day, so I get the sense that they were listening."

The MPs on the committee had a lot of questions for Davidson.

"They were asking if there are ways of doing training instead of bringing in foreign workers, and I said we need the people to train first."

He said he hopes his testimony before the committee will have some impact.



Moosomin's Dan Davidson, left, with Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki in Ottawa.

"I do believe it was well received," he said. "I've never done something like this before, but I hope for the best. I hope they heard what I was saying and will think about it.

"The LMO process does work. I am happy with what our government has done. They've made it possible for me to grow my business. Just because there have been some abuses doesn't mean it's not a good program. In a rural area, with no universities or colleges, there aren't those young people looking for jobs in service industries, and people are not willing to move.

Davidson sat in for part of the committee meeting, and went to the House of Commons gallery to watch Question Period, and said it was a good experience.

"It's amazing," he said. "It was a huge experience—to see how the committee works, and the House of Commons, and the media and the political process.

"A lot of good people put in long hours—some of those meetings run till 11:30 at night. They definitely put in the hours. It was good to have my input."

Komarnicki said he asked the clerk of the committee to invite Davidson to testify.

"We were dealing with this (Temporary Foreign Worker) issue, and I thought he would be a good example of an enterprise

in Saskatchewan that has come a fair way with the help of foreign workers.

"People like him do want to provide a service and they feel badly if they don't have the staff to do it.

"Sometimes if you didn't have these temporary foreign workers maybe you can't operate your business at the level you want, and then you can't employ as many Canadian workers either."

Komarnicki says committee work often does influence the final legislation.

"Given that you have the majority of government members on the committee, and the minister is part of the hearings, there is a significant impact," he said. "Hearing from stakeholders is how legislation is developed.

"In this case, there is reform that's needed—you need to make changes—but you should not shut down a program which would hurt places where the economy is hot and unemployment is very low.

"In a place like Moosomin where you have a booming economy, you don't have the local workers to keep businesses growing, and you have to take that into account. The highest percentage of temporary foreign workers in the service industry are in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

"In booming areas, many people are

drawn to other occupations and professions, and you don't have the people you need in the service industries.

"My view was we needed to hear from businessmen like Dan who are trying to do their best. It was an opportunity to present the story of the small business that's making good use of this program, and he presented it well."

Some of the changes proposed to the Temporary Foreign Worker Program include: increasing the government's ability to suspend and revoke work permits and labor market opinions if the program is being abused; temporarily suspending the accelerated labor market opinion process; ensuring that the program is not used to facilitate the outsourcing of Canadian jobs; and introducing fees for processing labor market opinions and increasing the fees for work permits so the cost of the program is borne by employers, not taxpayers.

"It was important for me, as chair, that the committee get the small business perspective from Saskatchewan when dealing with the reforms to the temporary foreign worker program," said Komarnicki. "As much as the abuses need to be addressed, small business owners, particularly in remote parts of Saskatchewan want some assurance that the program continues to work to allow them to meet their business demands and to expand when necessary.

"The committee considered evidence from various witnesses. I was quite happy to invite Dan Davidson of Moosomin to appear before the committee to share his thoughts and perspectives with respect to the use of temporary foreign workers by small business and to provide his views on the proposed immediate reforms.

"Dan appeared on a panel that had a representative from the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association, an organization with over 30,000 members across Canada, and the Air Canada Pilots Association.

"He also had the opportunity to hear the presentation of the United Steel Workers, the Canadian Labour Congress, and Blue Mountain Resort Ltd. Notwithstanding immediate legislative changes, there will be continued consultations with a number of groups and business owners as to any proposed future changes. I felt, however, that it was important to get southeast Saskatchewan's perspective at this stage. Dan's thoughts and perspectives on the program were well received by the committee."

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Manitoba

# Some confused about higher sales tax

BY STEVE LAMBERT  
THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Some Manitoba store owners are confused about whether they should obey the government and start charging a higher provincial sales tax on July 1, the Retail Council of Canada said Thursday.  
Spokesman Lanny McInnes said merchants face a tough choice—start charging the higher tax on schedule and refund customers if the tax

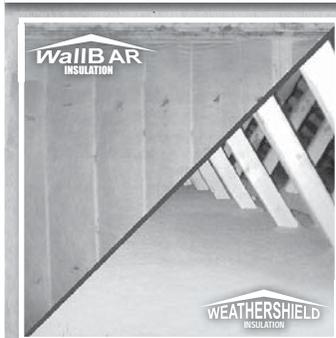
is later quashed, or not charge the higher tax immediately and risk facing government penalties.  
“We don’t want to be put in a position where we have to choose one or the other. We want some clarity and we want some concrete guidance from the government,” McInnes said.  
The government tabled a bill in April to boost the sales tax to eight per cent from seven per cent on Canada Day. But the bill

has been stalled by the Opposition Progressive Conservatives, who say it may be illegal.  
Under the province’s balanced budget law, a referendum must be held before any bill to boost the sales tax can even be introduced in the legislature. The government’s legislation would do away with the referendum requirement and raise the tax simultaneously.  
The Tories have man-

aged to stall debate in the legislature to such an extent, the bill appears highly unlikely to be passed before July 1.  
Government house leader Jennifer Howard said that doesn’t matter, because governments of all stripes routinely raise gasoline, tobacco and other taxes on budget day and then take weeks to make it official.  
“This is like every other tax that comes into effect,” Howard said.

“This is the way Canadian governments operate.”  
The government has already directed retailers, through annual tax bulletins, to start charging the higher tax on schedule.  
McInnes said there may be court challenges and the tax could be struck down. The Canadian Taxpayers Federation has mused about taking the government to court, although it has not made a decision.

Bryan Schwartz, a law professor at the University of Manitoba who specializes in legislative process, said in April that the government appeared to be contravening the balanced budget law by raising the tax without a referendum.  
But he added the move would likely survive any court challenge because judges have ruled that governments are usually free to rewrite their own laws.



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# Kipling Integrated Health Centre going ahead

The community of Kipling will be getting a new health care centre with space for both acute care and long-term care services.

At least 100 members of the public gathered at the Kipling Community Centre on May 29 to hear the announcement that construction will begin immediately on a new Kipling Integrated Health Centre.

The announcement came from the Sun Country Health Region after approval had been received from the Sun Country Regional Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health.

"This project has been a long time coming. We know the residents of Kipling and area have been anxiously awaiting an announcement and it is a great day for the Region and the community now that the time has come," says Marga Cugnet, CEO of Sun Country Health Region.

Kipling currently has no resident physicians, but one will be arriving June 28 and a second should be ready to practice in September.

Cugnet said the new facility may help with recruitment efforts.

"I believe it does help encourage people to come and stay," she said.

She noted that the community has been working toward a new facility since before the region was formed in 2002. "It's been a lot of work, but it will all be worth it," she said.

The Kipling Integrated Health Centre



Kipling Integrated Health Centre

will replace Willowdale Lodge and Kipling Memorial Health Centre. It will provide 33 long term care beds and 12 acute care beds, emergency services, as well as space for laboratory services, and diagnostic imaging, in about 4,600 square metres.

The total cost of the new facility will be \$25.1 million, with the Ministry of Health funding 72.2 per cent and the community funding 27.8 per cent.

The project is a design

build model through the combined efforts of Van-Mar Construction, along with Farrow and Number Ten Architects.

A sod turning ceremony is planned for June 25.

"Construction will begin immediately and we

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