

# 81st Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo July 20 - 21

BY KRISTEN MCEWEN This year the Town of Kennedy will be hosting their 81st annual professional rodeo.

At least, what they believe to be the 81st year of the event. "(From what) anyone can figure, this is

our 81st rodeo, but there were no rodeos because of the war and what have you," said Moose Mountain Rodeo committee president Tye Cancade.

During the mid-80s the rodeo turned professional.

Currently, the Moose Mountain Pro Ro-deo is on both the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) as well as the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA)

The Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo is one of only four professional rodeos east of the Alberta-Saskatchewan border.

Since the rodeo takes place just after the Stampede Rodeo in Calgary, the rodeo in

Kennedy also sees professional riders. "As we are the weekend following the Stampede finals we often catch not only CPRA circuit riders but various PRCA rid-ers returning from Calgary back to their own southern circuits," said vice-presi-dent Derek McMillan. "We catch a lot of contestants, who a week earlier had been riding in the Calgary Stampede, so it's as



A saddle bronc rider at last year's Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo.

high rodeo as you're ever going to get in the world. Period."

The town with a population of approxi-mately 300 people hosts the weekend event which can attract up to more than 2,000 riders and attendees from around the world.

"As far as contestants, there are contestants from all over North America, Aus-tralia, Brazil, New Zealand," Cancade said

McMillan recalled one year that a man from Toronto had shown up at the rodeo grounds and asked where he might be able to find a bank machine.

McMillan was able to tell the man wasn't from the area and asked how he ended up in Kennedy. It turned out he had found out about the rodeo from the

had found out about the rodeo from the CPRA website and had always wanted to attend a professional rodeo. "(We were) like, 'I hope you have a good time,'' McMillan said. "We get people form amazing places—downtown Toron-to what's better? He's going to get a good rodeo, as good as Stampede and actually gets to spend the weekend in Kennedy." The rodeo is run entirely by volunteer work. During the course of the weekend.

work. During the course of the weekend, approximately 150 people volunteer to make things go smoothly.

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## **Regional Park to celebrate 50 years**

BY KRISTEN MCEWEN

In addition to celebrating its 50th an-niversary the Moosomin and District Regional Park will be hosting the fourth annual The Living Skies Come Alive fire-works competition on Aug. 3 and Aug.

"It'll be much the same format as last year ... we'll have the entertainment on stage, the beer gardens, the games for the kids in the morning, all those kind of things," said Janice Walker, of the

Moosomin Regional Park. She said at the moment the committee is trying to secure local bands for stage entertainment during the evening of Sat-urday, Aug. 3 and on the evening of Sun-day Aug. 4, a senior and junior idol con-test will take place.

For those wanting to enter the junior and senior idol contest email moosomin-

regionalpark@sasktel.net. "We've had it every year and it just turns out really well," she said. A free market will also take place on Sunday.

Throughout the weekend pontoon boat rides will be offered on the lake as well as barbecue suppers in the evenings starting

at 5 p.m. The fireworks competition began five years ago, with one year of the competi-



A scene from last year's Living Skies Come Alive firework competition at Moosomin Regional Park.

tion being cancelled due to flooding at the

Walker said that the fireworks competi-

tion began when members of a fireworks team out of Regina went to Moosomin Regional Park and set off some small fire

works on a long weekend.

"They decided that it was such a beauti-ful perfect venue for a fireworks competithe perfect vertice for a freework's competi-tion to shoot off across the water because then you get a beautiful double effect they tried to talk us into holding a fire-works competition a couple of years and finally we said yes we'll try." Walker said. "It's well known across the province, of course I'd cay form workers" (and a ba course. I'd say from western Canada be-

cause people come from everywhere." The competition features fireworks from two companies based out of Mani-toba—CanFire Pyrotechnics Ltd. and Ca-

adian Pyro Ltd. According to Walker, she said the fire-work shows are co-ordinated with music. "There are fireworks dancing in the sky.

It's beautiful. The reflection in the water is lovely. One firework company sets off it's fire-

works on one evening and the other com-pany receives the other evening because it takes hours for each company to set up a show.

Both evenings are judged and whoever scores higher receives bragging rights for the year, said Walker.

She added that it takes many volunteers to prepare for the competition each year. Continued on page 3 18





### **Moose Mountain Pro Rodeo** Some riders come right from Stampede formance at 5 p.m. On Sunday, July 21, a pancake breakfast will take place at 9 a.m. at the Friendship

Will take place at 9 a.m. at the Friendship Centre in Kennedy with a Christian cow-boy church service at 11 a.m. The kids' carnival rides will once again take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. The rodeo perfor-mance will take place at 2 p.m. and the de-molition derby and a supper will be held afterward.

afterward. "We literally have as good as any rodeo you can go to in the world—right in the small town of Kennedy, Saskatchewan," McMillan said. "It's all put on by volun-teers, the money goes back into the com-munity, it's something to be part of and something to be proud of."

Continued from page 1 Between 10 and 15 committee members organize the event each year.

Almost all of the members of the com-

mittee have been part of the rodeo com-mittee for the past eight years. "Our crew is very knowledgeable and experienced with what we're doing,"

Cancade said. On Saturday, July 20 a pancake break-fast will kick off the day from 7 a.m. to 9

a.m.

a.m. The parade will take place at 11 a.m. The parade said that this will be one of the largest parades held in Kennedy in years. The kids' carnival rides will take place from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the rodeo per-

Below: Some action from last year's pro rodeo in Kennedy.





The Living Skies Come Alive fireworks competition draws thousands of visitors each year.

### **Park expecting** big crowd again

\*\* Continued from page 1 "It takes about a kajillion volunteers," she said. "We're always looking for help." "As far as the fireworks themselves, (the

company) takes care of them, we just have to get them across the water with their fireworks," Walker said. "It's months we start planning this months ahead. We keep notes, when you keep notes it gets easier every year bécause you know what you have to do."

She estimated that approximately 5,000 people per evenings attend the shows.

As a result of the influx of people, and vehicles, the regional park reaches out to Taylor's Bus Line to provide transporta-tion to the park so vehicles can be parked in Moscomin

in Moosomin. Walker said that families from as far as British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have heard of the fireworks competition and attend the shows. "I don't even know if words can de-

scribe the spectacular show they see in the sky. They're just in awe. I know I am every time I see them," Walker said.



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# Area could play key role in Energy East

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK Moosomin area The could play a key role in TransCanada's Energy East initiative, which aims to transport western Canadian crude to eastern Canadian refineries.

TransCanada plans to build four terminals across the country for Energy East, including one in the local area, which would include a tank farm. The Moosomin Compressor Station would

Compressor Station would connect a Bakken oilfield feeder pipeline to the Tran-sCanada main line. TransCanada's main line transports primarily natural gas from Western Canada to eastern markets, but one of the pipeling her but one of the pipelines has been converted to transport oil as part of the Keystone Pipeline, and as part of the Energy East proposal, a second pipe would be con-

verted to transport oil. The existing mainline would be used across Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, and a new pipe-line would be built to carry the oil to Montréal, Quebec City, and possibly as far as the Irving Oil refinery in St. John, New Brunswick.

The idea is for western Canadian crude to replace imported oil as the feedstock for eastern refineries.

The Moosomin compres sor station—located in the RM of Moosomin north-east of Moosomin, directly north of Fleming and south of Welwyn-would be the on-ramp for oil from the Bakken formation to the TransCanada system.

The proposal to get Bak-ken oil into the system would involve building a new pipeline from Cromer, Manitoba—just southeast of Kola—to the Moosomin compressor station, and a tank farm to store oil.

The 4,400 km Energy East pipeline system— including 1,400 km of new pipeline—would carry be-tween 500,000 and 850,000 barrels of oil a day from Al-berta and Saskatchewan to

eastern refineries. On Monday, June 17 TransCanada wrapped up its "open season" process, in which oil shippers could bid for transportation ca-pacity on the Energy East system. Between April 15 and June 17, shippers could bid on capacity in the line. "We went out to the

market and opened it up

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for expressions of interest and bids, for our customers to commit to using the pipeline," explained Grady Semmans of TransCanada.

'We'll be taking some time in the next few weeks to go through the bids to determine the scope of the project—what the demand is . . . to go to Montréal, Quebec City, and east." While the formal appli-

cation for the project hasn't gone to the federal govern-ment yet, TransCanada has started communicating with landowners about its

"All of this is in the early development stage, but we have started going out along the route of the pipe-line to share information with landowners, gather-ing their feedback, and we're starting to go out and discuss the potential route, especially the feeder line, because we will be dealing with new landowners.

"In the next few weeks, we will finalize the scope of the project, and we would make initial application to the National Energy Board by the end of 2013.

"We would hope it would be approved by the end of 2015, and we would be in construction from 2016 to 2018.

Past pipeline construction projects have had a big impact on the local economy. "Generally speaking,

pipeline construction is very labor intensive—it requires a lot of laborers," said Semmans.

said Semmans. "We're working on the south end of the XL pipe-line right now. We're em-ploying about 4,000 people on that job, and seeing lots of spinoffs." There is potential for some new permanent jobs at the Moosomin-area ter-minal/compressor station

at the Moosomin-area ter-minal/compressor station once Energy East is online. "It's not something we have detailed estimates on at this point," said Sem-mans. "We're not able to discuss the scope of the project yet... Energy East as a whole will have a lot of full-time people dedicated full-time people dedicated to it. Pipelines once they're operating aren't labor in-tensive, but there could be potential for more (posi-tions) at Moosomin as there could be terminal facilities

and storage tanks." Semmans said the process of regulator approval for the Energy East project is similar to that for building an entirely new pipeline

"The regulatory process is similar . . . but it is a dif-

ferent project, with 3,000 km of existing pipeline. We have lots of longstanding relationships with land owners already." While some provincial

regulation will apply to the project, most of the regula-tory process will be with the National Energy Board. 'There are a whole host of different regulatory ap-plications and permits that need to be attained along the way, but the overall ap-

plication will be with the National Energy Board," said Semmans. Part of the impetus for Energy East, besides the demand from western oil

producers to get their products to eastern markets where prices are higher, is the fact that TransCanada has unused capacity in its main line.

"The natural gas main line has a lot of excess capacity at this point, because of changes in natural gas production," said Sem-mans. "It was designed to

move huge volumes of natural gas from Alberta out to the east 50 or 60 years

ago." Now that fracking technology has led to more natural gas production in the eastern half of North America, there simply isn't the need to transport as much natural gas to eastern

markets. This won't be the first TransCanada line convert-ed to carry oil instead of

natural gas. "We did convert one of the pipes in the mainline to oil service from Alberta to Winnipeg for the Keystone Pipeline, so it's something we have done before," said Semmans. The Keystone Pipeline

carries oil from Western Canada to Winnipeg and then south to the United States.

Moosomin mayor Larry Tomlinson said he is happy that TransCanada is look ing at expanding in the Moosomin area, and said sets a challenge for the town to develop the infrastructure to accommodate

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structure to accommodate more growth. "This is very important for Moosomin," he said Wednesday. "This is excit-ing news. If we're going to keep growing, this is the sort of thing that we need. "We've got to be looking at infrastructure and trying to expand landwise and ev-

to expand landwise and everything else—everything that goes with it. "In this budget we had

tried to put some funds away in the hopes of get-ting some land. We'll see how much money we can put away for that."



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BY IOAN BRYDEN

THE CANADIAN PRESS Millions of Canadians living in many parts of the country could find their homes declared uninsur-able, as the insurance indus-try graphics utils lowrocket

able, as the insurance indus-try grapples with skyrocket-ing water damage claims. That's the grim future predicted by Blair Feltmate, chair of the Climate Change Adaptation Project at the University of Waterloo.

"That's going to be the harsh reality," Feltmate said.

"In the absence of weath-er-hardening infrastructure, under the new extremes of climate change and extreme weather events, we are cat-egorically heading towards an uninsurable housing market in Canada in many,

many regions." Feltmate's project, jointly funded by the university and Intact Insurance, is aimed at finding practical, affordable solutions to the challenges presented by cli-mate change. Over the past 15 years, Feltmate said studies have

indisputably shown that the frequency and severity of extreme weather events across the planet have increased. In Canada, that's meant water damage has vaulted ahead of fire as the leading cause of property insurance claims. Indeed, Feltmate said in-

surance companies are now losing money on water damage insurance—even though it covers only water that backs up into basements. And they're under mounting pressure to expand cov-erage to include the even more costly damage caused by ``overland flooding" as

well. While most Canadians believe they're insured for flood damage, in reality Felt-mate said Canada is the only G8 country in which prop-erty insurance does not include damage caused when water pours in through win-dows and doors—as was largely the case in southern Alberta.

Insurance companies are between a rock and a hard place. The potential cost of overland flood insurance is enormous but, at the same

time, Feltmate said companies are aware there are repercussions for the industrŷ's already dismal image in try's aready distrial mage in continuing to allow victims of devastating floods to "go apoplectic" when they dis-cover they're not covered. Moreover, if the industry doesn't deal with the issue itraff he caid the cover

tiself, he said the govern-ment could impose a solu-tion that is less palatable. Immigration Minister Ja-son Kenney, the minister responsible for southern Al-

responsible for southern Al-berta, strongly encouraged insurance companies to pay the claims of people whose homes were damaged by both backed up water and overland flooding, without being overly nit-picky about the exact cause of the dam-age age

In a survey last month of presidents and CEOs of the country's biggest property and casualty insurance companies, Feltmate and a colleague found agreement that overland flood insurance is an issue that must be addressed.

Insurance executives Insurance executives "know we have a prob-lem and business as usual is not acceptable," he said, although there is no agree-ment as yet on how to address the issue.

As a first, urgent step, Felt-mate said either the industry or governments must pay to develop up-to-date maps of flood plains in Canada.

After that, he said "we can After that, he said we can start to say, okay, in these ex-treme regions of high poten-tial for flooding, these will be designated as uninsur-able markets, do not build there " there.

In areas with a lesser degree of vulnerability to flooding, insurance could be conditional on the infra-structure being "weather hardened" to reduce the risk

of flood damage. "We're talking about large sectors of Canada that could be potentially uninsurable," Feltmate said. "So we're talking millions (of Canadians effected), we're not talk-ing 10,000 people in a city somewhere

"In my opinion, this is one of the key problems facing the country today."

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# Sod turning ceremony for new hospital

#### By KRISTEN MCEWEN

Members of the community, the Kipling Health Centre and Foundation, the Sun Country Regional Health Authority and the Ministry of Health gathered together to make the first turn of soil for the new Kipling Integrated Health Centre project on June 25.

Make the first turn of son for the new kiping integrated Health Centre project on June 25. More than 50 members of the community, residents and staff of the Kipling Memorial Health Centre and the Willowdale Lodge sat in the tent and stood outside of the tent set up at the health centre to witness the ground breaking ceremony.

"It's an exciting day for the residents of the community for those currently living in the long term care facility and for the foundation, the health region, all of the different partners that are part of bringing a project like this to fruition," said Health Minister Dustin Duncan. "Today is an important step on the process of building a replacement facility but it's just one step in the journey and ultimately we look forward to coming back in 2014 when it's complete."

<sup>1</sup> Projected to be completed in December 2014, the total cost of the Kipling Integrated Health Centre is \$25.1 million. The Ministry of Health is funding more than \$18 million. The community, including the Kipling District Health Foundation, RM of Hazelwood, RM of Kingsley, Village of Windthorst, RM of Silverwood, Village of Glenavon, RM of Chester, Village of Kennedy, RM of Golden West and RM of Wawken, is contributing more than \$6.9 million.

"This is a great announcement, in a year's time it will be completed and it's great for Kipling and for the health care region as well," said Minister of Rural and Remote Health Randy Weekes.

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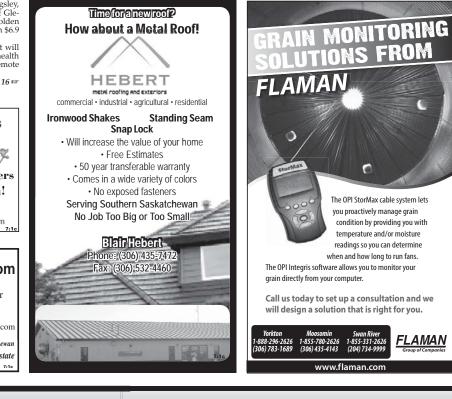






From left: Bob Stamm of the RM of Chester, Linc Brickley of Kennedy, Gary Bruce of Kipling Health Foundation, Bob Brickley of Sun Country Regional Health Authority, Rhonda Kapell of Kipling Health Foundation, Minister of Health Dustin Duncan, MLA Don Toth, Mayor Duane Leicht of Kipling, Minister of Rural and Remote Health Randy Weekes, Marylin Charlton chairperson of the Sun Country Health Authority and Allan LaRose chairperson of the Kipling District Health Foundation.

In front: One hundred year old Charles Johanson, who currently resides at the Willowdale Lodge also participated in the ceremony.



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# **Discovering the Moose Mountains**

BY KRISTEN MCEWER

Moose Mountain Pro-vincial Park and area can offer a lot to anyone who might find themselves in the southeast part of the province.

However, before reaching the park, on the southeast corner where Highway 9 and Highway 48 inter-sect, lies Moose Mountain

Pottery. The artist residing there Gerald Morton, creates his own pottery. He doesn't like using the term "natu-ral materials" but the clay and glazes he uses for his pottery is what he was able to find on his own.

The clay he finds near the Assiniboia. In some of

"You can mix 10 per cent "You can mix 10 per cent limestone with any of these rocks and grind them to make them into powder," he said while showing the samples of minerals he uses to create glazes for the potterv.

Upon pulling off of Highway 9 into an area sheltered by trees there are two buildings—the one on

Moosehead Inn overlooks Kenosee Lake. The Inn, famous for its pizza, cabaret and ghost stories draws a crowd each

evening. The Moosehead Inn was established in the 1970s as a dance hall. It was later converted to a restaurant in the 1980s.

Currently, the building hosts two areas, the restau-rant on the main level and a cabaret and bar area upstairs.

"We tried to keep it as much the same as we could," owner Dale Or-sted said. "Nothing's really we changed, just a few tables. The food stays the same If you come next year, in two years or in five years the food will be the same thing."

As to why the institu-tion hasn't changed much over the years, Orsted has

"It's just a popular place and everybody has their fa-vorite things and we don't want to change a good thing." thing." Even though the Mooseh-



Gerald Morton of Moose Mountain Pottery sits in the house that is filled with shelves of his handmade pottery.



Dale Orsted, owner of the Moosehead Inn, in his restaurant which was established in the 80s.

the left is the main house, which holds the majority of Morton's work for sale. The building to the right contains more recently made bowls and cups and

his workshop below. Morton taught himself how to create this type of potterv.

pottery. "No one else knows how to do this," he said. Morton isn't sure how long exactly it takes to make a piece. "Oh, I don't know. There's about 20 steps," he said. "I hope to make \$20 an hour." make \$20 an hour."

Every bowl, cup and plate has been handmade by Morton who has owned and lived at Moose Moun-tain Pottery since 1977. Further down Highway 9, the turn off for the Pro-

vincial Park appears on the right hand side. Just be-fore the Park's boundaries lies the Village of Kenosee Lake.

Approximately 500 peo-ple occupy the cabins and apartments there. One of the main attractions the village has to offer is the

ead Inn has been around for approximately 40 years, the place is packed in the

"Tourists, they love it, some people love it for the restaurant, some people love it for the bar upstairs and they just love the area," Orsted said. "Kenosee's a magic area. They stay in

magic area. They stay in the cabins and escape to the wilderness... People just keep coming back, they're addicted to the place." During the summer, after visitors spend an afternoon across Highway 9 at the Kenosee Superslides—a large water park built on the valley wall—many will go to the Moosehead Inn for pizza—a dish the res-

for pizza—a dish the res-taurant is well known for. And if you're into ghost hunting, the Inn has had some spooky events hap-pen within the walls— some of which Orsted has avnerianced bimself as

experienced himself. "For me I used to live upstairs, a lot of weird stuff would happen like things missing, noises, you know like waking up in the night

and things banging or even hearing footsteps." Orsted said paranormal

activity sometimes hap-

pens in the restaurant. "You'll have the chairs set up nicely and then you'll come back and they're all mixed up." Alittle further past Keno-see Lake is Moose Moun-

tain Provincial Park. There are approximately 400 campsites within the park. It was established as a provincial park in 1931.

"It's absolutely the most beautiful place to be in this area. What we found this year is with the winter as long as it was, as soon as it turned warm the park was full," said Moose Mountain Provincial Park acting

manager Joan Adams. During the Depression era, the government put together a project to build a chalet made of fieldstone from the area. "That just means that

people who were down on their luck and needed a job could come and they were paid to build the cha-let, and they actually also cleared the trees for the golf course, and they would be paid and fed so it was actu-ally a Depression project," Adams said. "This park is one of the

original parks (in the prov-ince) and was established in 1931 so the building was built in 1931," said Adams. The chalet, which re-cently received heritage

designation, now serves as the park administration office and visitor centre-"chalet" is the local term for the building, Adams for said

"I think they realized ay back when that this wav was the perfect place for recreational users, and I think it showed really a lot of foresight on behalf of the of toresight on behalf of the government at the time to build the chalet and the golf course," Adams said. "And with the lake we have lots of recreational opportuni-ties so people have been coming for years for that." Adams said it can be hard to keep a balance be-having people use

tween having people use the park and keeping nature intact. "We are actually a natu-

ral environment park so on one had we have our on one had we have our back country," she said. "When it's natural it's hard to balance recreational us-ers. For example the ATV users, they want to be able to use their quads on the back country. On one had you have people and all this traffic and on the oth-er hand you have to bal-ance that to look after the ecological integrity of the ecological integrity of the area



The Moosehead Inn at Kenosee Lake is famous for its food and ghost stories.



A dragonfly sits on a yellow metal fence at Kenosee Lake.

A wind surfer takes advantage of the weather at Kenosee Lake.

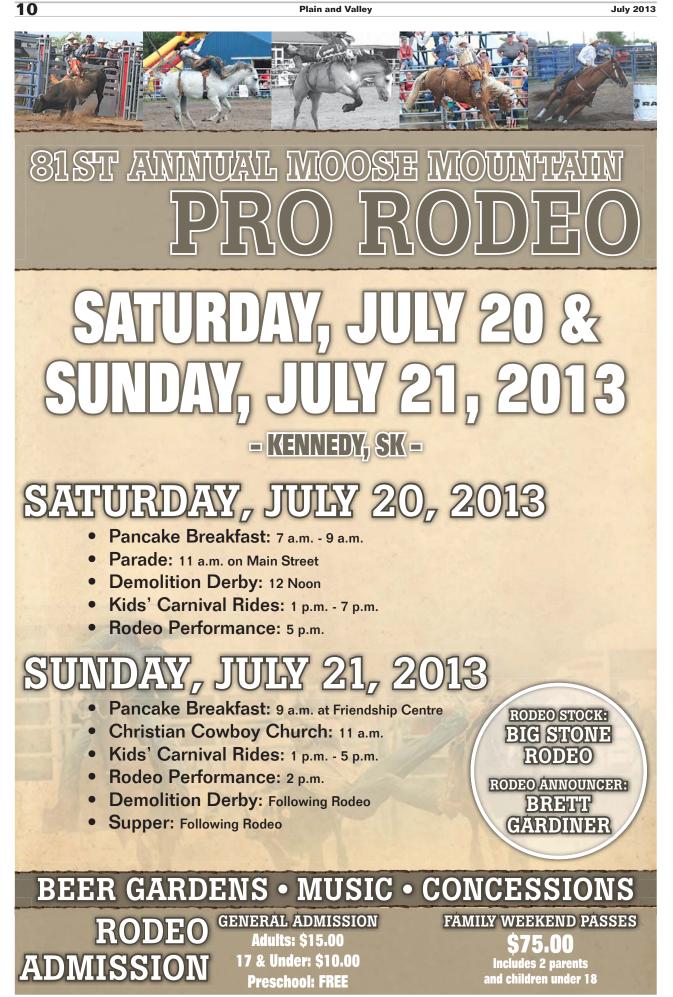


**Above:** A flock of geese and goslings relax on the shore of Kenosee Lake. **Below:** A view of Kenosee Lake.

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**Wawota's Relay for Life** raised more than \$140,000 on June 15. Shown here are some of the moments from the weekend. For the full story, see page 13.



Cancer survivors Pat Adair, left, and Fay Donovan of Maryfield sit in the crowd and wait for the opening ceremony to begin at Wawota's Relay For Life.



Relay For Life teams "Takin' Strides for those who can't" and "Clowning Around For A Cure" begin the first of many laps around the track.



During the luminary ceremony, families and friends honoured loved ones who had been lost to cancer.



Wawota's Gary Dickson plays accordion with Southern Country, which was some of the featured entertainment that played throughout the evening.



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# Wawota Relay For Life raises \$140,000

EY KRISTEN MCEWEN With close to 500 people in attendance, Wawota's Relay For Life raised a total of \$141,084.29, well surpassing the committee's goal of \$100,000. "It was awesome," said organizer Kristen Murray in re-flecting upon the event. "It went too fast, I couldn't be-lieve it when it was 4 o'clock in the morning and the sun was coming up." In total, 30 teams registered for the 12-hour walk, includ-ng 58 caroer survivors. A total of 913 luminarias ware

ing 58 cancer survivors. A total of 913 luminaries were sold, not quite meeting the Relay committee's goal of 1.000

Murray also thanked everyone who was involved in Murray also infinited everyone who was involved in making the event happen, including the Wawda Rink Board for sponsoring the survivors' supper as well as all who contributed to setting up on Friday and cleaning up on Sunday after the event was over.

as well as cancer.

side as well. His cousin asked if Garratt would be inter-ested in emceeing the event as Garratt's father was from the Wawota area.

'It's very emotional," he said. "Everybody is to be com mended for wearing a brave face in the light of this trag-edy whether it was this event or a hockey game or any-thing else ... every single person here has been touched by cancer in one way or another. It's a poignant experi-

"There's something about the shared devastation of can-cer that makes events like this happen," he said. Guest speaker Dionne Warner was invited to speak about her past and current struggle with cancer. Warner

has been diagnosed with cancer eight different times, in-cluding breast, brain, lung, bone and liver cancer. She was diagnosed with liver cancer once more in 2012 and is determined to fight it.

ning and told her she was an inspiration, Warner said it was the cancer survivors in attendance that night who were her inspiration. "For every survivor I meet, they're the ones who are in-

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spiring to me," she said. "It's not about me, it's about ev-erybody together. We're all on this yellow brick road for victory and when I see all of the yellow T-shirts there is hope, there is, and you have to believe it. They wrote me

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### **Moosomin area health needs assessment:** recommendation for more beds

BY KEVIN WEEDMARK

needs assessment study for the Moosomin area commissioned by the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region found increasing numbers of inpatients at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre, increasing num-bers of outpatients, and increasing patient loads for local doctors, but makes no recommendations for additional beds at the Southeast Integrated Care Centre.

Bill MacPherson, chair of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, says the report reiterates the problem of high and increasing demand for health care services in the Moosomin area, but doesn't propose any solutions. "It's not telling me any-

thing I didn't know— we've seen all this before," said MacPherson.

"I think she's laid the groundwork. I hope the board sees this and realizes the need. It shows there's a problem—hopefully the board wants to solve the

"The beds aren't going to come overnight. We want it done yesterday, and the doctors want it done, but it's going to take some time. At least this report shows how big the need is. I think this is a stepping stone to where we want to get." While the report notes that use of the SEICC has

increased, it recommends that more use be made of empty beds at Broadview. One recommendation recommendation:

Acute care

28 per cent increase in inpatients at SEICC over five years, to 1,700 in 2012/13 50 per cent increase in outpatients at the Moosomin facility, to 22,227 in 2012/13 Physician care

23 per cent increase in patients served by local physicians over four years, to 11,163 in 2011/12 33 per cent increase in patient visits to local physicians over five years, to 53,038 in 2012 Long term care

Broadview has 211 beds per 1,000 population over 75, ratio will increase to 220/1,000 Whitewood has 123 beds per 1,000 population over 75, ratio will increase to 175/1,000 Moosomin has 100 beds per 1,000 population over 75, ratio will decrease as population rises Provincial standard is 115 long term care beds per 1,000 population over 75

"Improve the uuiza tion of the current beds in Mossomin, Whitewood and Broadview to alleviate the pressures . . . (with) the expanded use of the beds, especially at Broadview Union Hospital (current occupancy of 23 per cent.)"

On the waiting list for nursing home beds, while the report suggests that, while other communities are "overbedded" and are "overbedded" and Moosomin has a waiting list, there is no recom-mendation for additional long term care beds in Moosomin.

The report recommends RQHR "initiate dialogue in the Moosomin and surrounding communities to explore the best options to support senior housing and aging in place. There may be an expanded role for the local foundations to assist with the development of a model adapted from best practices to optimally service community needs

The report further recom-

mends RQHR "support the community to explore op-tions for the development of personal care homes to enhance the aging in place options," as well as enhanc-ing home care and working to prevent falls among seniors

While the report was commissioned at the urging of the Moosomin and District Health Care Foundation, and the foundation was hoping to determine if the SEICC needs to be expanded, RQHR Interim Executive Director of Rural Facilities Fran Neuls

says the focus is more on primary and preventative health care.

health care. "We need to look at how do we focus on the preven-tion side of things and pre-vent people from being sick in the first place," she said. The report acknowl-edges the local physicians coverage at SEICC. One of the recommenda-tions is that the RQHR "en-gage in dialogue with the gage in dialogue with the Moosomin Family Practice Clinic (their error—it's Family Practice Centre) to truly understand and ap-

preciate their concerns and to participate in joint problem solving efforts related to the findings and recom mendations outlined in this report."

However, the report doesn't suggest doing any-thing about the physicians' longstanding request for greater physician coverage at SEICC.

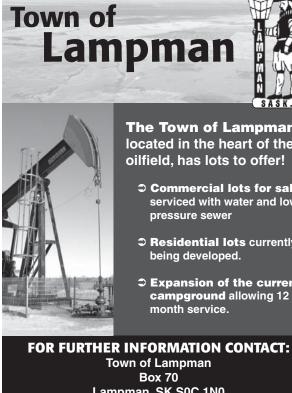
Neuls said that there's nothing the health region could do to provide 24/7 physician coverage at SE-ICC as the provincial gov-ernment designates region-al hospitals, which require 24/7 on-site coverage.

"The health region doesn't provide the desig-nation for hospitals," she said.

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# Sod turning for Kipling health centre

🖙 Continued from page 6 Mayor Duane Leicht of Kipling said the sod turning ceremony was a way for the community to see that progress on the new facility was beginning. "Today I believe was the

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first concrete step towards the completion of the hospital, I acknowledge that an amazing amount of work has been going on for it with the design teams for the architects and everything, but this brings reality to the community," Leicht said. "It let's the residents see that this is going to happen. Fortunately with the building process most people don't really get to see the designs and be part of the meetings ahead of time but this should solid-if recently reside that use ify people's minds that we will have a new hospital in

less that two years." According to Leicht, the current facility is outdated. "For the hospital itself it's the age and structure, parts of this building predate World War II . . . The new

facility is going to be much more open much more light which is going to be much healthier facility for people to live in and recover in and to work in too."

The ceremony was the first step of many towards building the health centre which will replace the Willowdale Lodge and Kipling Memorial Health Centre. The new facility will have 32 long term care beds, one multipurpose bed, 12 acute care beds, emergency services, laboratory services,

diagnostic imaging, private long term care rooms and ceiling-mounted safety lifts.

"We're so pleased that we're finally moving ahead, there's been a lot of planning in partnership with the community and surrounding areas," said Marga Cugnet, CEO of Sun Country Health Region. "This is a great day because we've hit that milestone where we can finally start building which is pretty exciting." There is one permanent

physician practising at the current health facility. Ac-cording to Cugnet, another

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physician in an assessment program in January. She said they are looking to attract and retain three physi-

cians in total. Health Minister Duncan said the focus Government of Saskatchewan as well as the health regions has been to retain physicians in the

province. "We've seen some success and we know we have to build on that success and I think obviously new in-frastructure and facilities are a piece of the recruit-ment and retention but it's only one piece of the work that needs to be done," he said.

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### **Moosomin hospital** won't see more beds Section Continued from page 15

However, health minis-ter Dustin Duncan has said that, while 24/7 coverage is required at a regional hospital, there is nothing to stop health regions from providing the same coverage at a community hospi-tal such as the SEICC.

"The Southeast Integrat-ed Care Centre is currently designated as a Commu-nity Hospital," the health minister recently wrote to Moosomin town council. "The Facility Designation Regulations describe the range of services to be provided at hospitals in Saskatchewan. The Regulations do not prevent hos-pitals from providing additional services as planned by the regional health authority. Regional health met. We did community authorities may deliver ad-ditional services if they can meeting with staff and show that they are being delivered safely and reli-ably, and can be sustained over the long term." Asked about the health

minister's comments, Neuls replied "that's not my understanding." Neuls said there is no

feedback from the regional health authority on the re-

port yet, as it has just been presented. "We just presented it to the board last night. They have to come back with their suggestions," she said Thursday.

"The study was conduct-

physicians. "We would like to set up

a meeting with the founda-tion fairly quickly and ex-plain our findings to them. "There are four main rec-ommendations:

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### 'A Night to Fight' breast cancer fundraiser Group hoping to pass the torch

#### by Kara Kinna

By KARA KINNA Between the five of them, they have raised \$67,500 for breast cancer \$67,500 for breast cancer research over the last two years, and now a group of women is hoping to pass the torch in hope that new volunteers will step forward to help organize "A Night to Fight for the Girls" ladies night out. "A Night to Fight" has been hosted for the last two years at the SN Boreen Centre in Esterhazy as a

Centre in Esterhazy as a way to raise money for breast cancer services in Saskatchewan.

The fundraiser started in 2012 after five wom-en—Judy Brown from Tantallon, Patricia Daniels from Tantallon/Rocanville area, Pauline Chewka from Esterhazy, Corinne Pomainville from Stock holm, and Donna Erhardt from the Tantallon/Ro-canvill area—decided to throw an event together in

just over five weeks. Brown says the group was inspired by the Think Pink ladies night out to raise money for breast cancer in Moosomin.

Three of the women in the group are also breast cancer survivors

"I had just finished my radiation," says Brown, "and when I heard about Think Pink I went and talked to Pauline and we de-cided we should be doing that too. Like Think Pink, we wanted the money to stay in Saskatchewan."

The five women got to work, and were able to pull work, and were able to pull off a ladies night out com-plete with hors d'oeuvres and a fashion show in just over five weeks. They were stunned when the event raised \$32,000. "It was phenomenal"

"It was phenomenal," says Brown. "Everyone was just so receptive and helped out.

"We figured if we got \$5,000 or \$10,000, we'd be doing phenomenal. We sold our tickets in less

We sold our tickets in less than a week." Brown says the five women who organized the event were passionate. "They were right into it," she says. "I've worked on a good many organi-rations raising money for

zations raising money for different things, and that



Above are the five women who have organized "A Night to Fight for the Girls" for the last two years in Esterhazy. From left are Judy Brown, Patricia Daniel, Pauline Chewka, Corinne Pomainville, and Donna Erhardt. More than \$67,000 has been raised in 2012 and 2013 for breast cancer research and treatment.

was the best group of la-dies I have ever worked with.

As planned, the money was donated locally to the Saskatchewan Breast Can-cer Society, the Saskatchewan Breast Cancer Action Group, and the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina.

the five women decided they would hold the fund-raiser again in 2013, this time planning for a larger crowd.

Brown says that's just what they got. Tickets went on sale on March 23 for the May 3 event, and were sold out in under an "We had advertised and

We had advertised and there were people want-ing tickets and wanting tickets," she says. "And there were still people waiting for them when we had sold out."

There were still 30 people wanting tickets after sellout, so Brown says they decided to sell 30 more tickets and fit the women in, bringing the total num-ber attending the event to 430 this year. Not surprisingly, the

event raised more than last year at just over \$34,000. There were also hundreds

There were also hundreds of sponsors, and tons of volunteers helping pull the event off this year to make it bigger and better. "It makes a person feel very good," says Brown. "I just couldn't get over how people were just great about it. Everyone was volunteering, it was just so hard to believe. But breast cancer especially breast cancer especially effects pretty well every

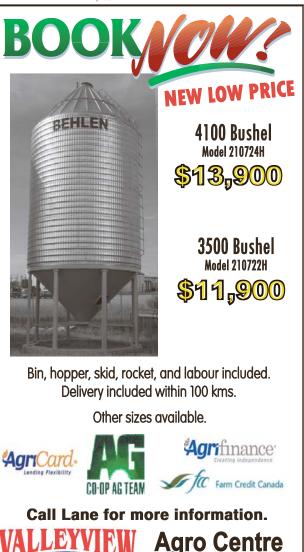
"What our group is so happy about is that we are able to keep the money in Saskatchewan to help out Saskatchewan people."

This year money was also donated to the Saska-



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toon Cancer Centre which is run through the Saskatchewan Cancer agency and focuses on cancer pre-

and focuses on cancer pre-vention, detection, treat-ment and research. With "A Night to Fight" turning out to be a much larger success than antici-pated, Brown says the five women who have been boeting it berself includwomen who have been hosting it, herself includ-ed, are looking to keep the momentum going with new volunteers. Brown says she is look-ing to step back from the overt pout that doe is a

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event now that she is a grandmother. "It's our last year doing it," she says. "I have said I will help out anyone else who wants to do it, but I'm just running out of steam."

Brown says a few volunteers have come forward, but they are still needing more interest if the event is to continue.

She says anyone inter-ested in helping to host the event in 2014 can call her at 306-643-2106.





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