



# MOOSE JAW MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

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**Saskatchewan Facts:**

- ◆ First people : Chipewyan (north) , Assiniboine (east), Blackfoot (west) and Cree
- ◆ motto: "From many peoples strength"
- ◆ majority of Saskatchewanians are of British origin, followed by Germans and Austrians, native people, Ukrainians, Scandinavians, and French
- ◆ population just over a million (2008)

## True Spirit of the Holidays



Above: Dejene Family

Dear Editor,

I am a settlement worker at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council and on Friday, December 10, 2010 I took my clients, who are an Oromo Refugee family, to Zellers to purchase their essential household items before moving into their new home. As we were waiting in line a woman approached us and was talking with us and asking questions about their child and where they were from and the settlement process in Canada. She left for a few minutes and returned with a Fisher Price farm set for their child. She said to the cashier that she wanted to add this s toy to their items. We said that this

was very nice but not necessary but she insisted. When we got to the till the woman took out her credit card and said, "I will be paying for these items", all \$450.00 of it. We were in shock and said to her that it wasn't necessary. She said "I know what it's like to start-up again after moving, let them spend the money on something else they need." I gave her a big hug and thanked her and then we left. She would not give us her name and we just want to thank her from the bottom of our hearts. It is people like this that truly know the meaning of that time of year and deserve to be honoured. Whoever you are please accept our sincerest thanks and the

following words are from the Newcomer family that you have helped out so much.

" We would like to say thank you so much to the woman that purchased our household items for us at Zellers on Friday. We are very grateful for this and we will never forget you kindness.– Galatom Bayyesigal tofadhaa Galan Ke Rabin biraa si hade bw Rabin Akaa ani Gamaode Kanti jen tan si hagamachisw."

May God grant you all the happiness in the world!

Dejene & Family



## Membership Fees Reminder

All fees due by April 1, 2011.

Fees are as follows:

Group Membership: \$20.00

Individual Membership: \$5.00

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## A city by any other name!

- ◆ One of the most asked questions is, "How did Moose Jaw get its name?"
  - ◆ First theory— First Nations word Moosoochapiskanissippi, meaning "the river shaped like the jaw of moose."
  - ◆ Second theory— short form of another First Nations word, "Moosoochapiskin", that means place where the one mended his cart with the jawbone of the moose.
  - ◆ Third theory— a name that comes from the Cree word, "Moosogaw", which means warm wind. The warm breezes part might be a bit of a hard sell, especially in February. Come to think of it though, -25°C with a wind-chill of -42°C, in Moose Jaw, is warmer than -30°C with a wind-chill of -50°C in Regina! Guess our breezes — and stiff winds — are warmer.
- What ever the facts of the matter are, one thing for sure is: Moose Jaw truly is a city as unique as its name.

## Employment Services

Students in the last Career and Employment Workshop have ended their session, which concluded February 2011. Two of the five students have already gone on to new employment opportunities. The next Career and Employment Workshop will take place February 28 to May 27, 2011 focusing on everything from Communicating Assertively to Resume Building and Interview Skills.

On December 15, approximately 11 students from the LINC 3 class had the chance to tour the Moose Jaw Times-Herald. The tour began at their press building, where Fraser Wareham, Press Room Foreman, showed students the various stages and equipment used to print the Moose Jaw Times-Herald and other publications. Wareham then met the students at the Times-Herald building so students could tour the various departments. Wareham explained the role each department plays in the production and distribution of the newspaper. Thank you to Fraser Wareham and the Moose Jaw Times-Herald for a great learning experience, and for the Times-Herald gloves the students were very happy to receive.

The same day, students from MJMC were

among the hundreds of men and women who showed up to Thunder Creek Pork's Open House. Applications were on hand and interviews were conducted for the approximately 200 positions available. Many past and present students were successful in gaining positions at the facility, which opened its doors January 17. Three students are also gaining valuable volunteer work experience, by lending a hand at the MJMC Daycare. In the beginning of January, Mariam Abdelraim, Gisma Mohamed and Emiko Hennefent started as volunteers, helping with daily daycare activities. Emiko has recently moved on to a new employment opportunity, opening a position for another interested student. Semira Abdallah is the newest addition to the Daycare's team of MJMC student volunteers.



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## Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program

On January 20, 2011 Representatives from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration conducted a presentation on the recent changes to the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program Family Members Category. This presentation was held at the MJMC Regional Newcomer Gateway. There were 22 people in attendance from throughout the region.

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### Egyptian Families



Above: Gisma Mohamed

children and husband to start a new life in the “Friendly City”. Gisma called Egypt her home for seven years after fleeing Sudan.

Living in Canada for the last 4 years she believes the uprising was inevitable. Her primary concern at this moment is the welfare of her Sudanese father, sister, brother, and uncle, who are still living in Egypt. They cannot at this time leave their home for fear of getting arrested—or worse. Since making her home in Moose Jaw Gisma ~accomplished Henna tattoo

artist, has started to live her dream and started her own Henna Tattoo art business and cleaning service, called Gisma Mohamed Enterprises. While taking on this new endeavor she hopes that her family in Egypt will one day be able to come to Canada as well.

Gisma continues to maintain regular contact with her family in Egypt with hopes of a peaceful end to the violence for the safety of her family.

Violent protests have rocked Egypt this month. Worrying about her family and the country she called home for several years is taking an emotional toll on Gisma Mohamed. Gisma came to Canada with help from the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in May 2007 with her

### Quilting Club

The Quilting Club from St. Andrew’s United Church invited the LINC classes to visit the club’s quilting show. Many of the learners had not been in the church and were impressed with the pipe organ and the stained glass windows. The quilts were draped over the pews throughout the church and the learners spent time with the quilters and other visitors asking questions about quilting.

### LINC Shuffleboard~ Game On

The LINC students were learning that there are games to play indoors that are fun and provide a little exercise during our cold Canadian winters. They visited the floor shuffleboard courts on the lower floor of St. Andrew’s United Church. Students were divided into teams and each team was given a few practice shots, a demonstration of the basic rules of the game and then the tournament was on! It was a fun afternoon with students cheering each other on. They worked to help each other stretching their use of the English language, to help a teammate from another country with advice on how to make a better shot.



#### Citizenship Ceremonies

Date: March 30, 2011  
Location: Central Collegiate  
149 Oxford Street West  
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
Time: 1:30 PM



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## Upcoming Events

### 2011

**March 16**– Motif Meeting

**March 17**– St. Patrick's Day

**April 20**– Motif Meeting

**April 22**– Office Closed

**April 25**– Office Closed

**May 18**– Motif Meeting

**May 23**– Office Closed



### Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year celebration starts with the new moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade.

### Citizenship Classes

Come and get help to study the new citizenship book and prepare for the Citizenship Test.

Mondays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

March 21st and March 28th

April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

May 2nd

**Instructor:** Carol Moran

**Location:** MJMC Classroom– 60 Athabasca St. E, Moose Jaw, SK

Please call 693-4677 to register for these classes. New and returning members are welcome. You do not need to have applied to write your Citizenship Test.

### Youth Glow Curling Night



MJMC held a youth curling night on February 19th, 2011 through the True Sport Grant. There were 25 youth in attendance ranging in age from 10-17 years of age. The first half of the evening was a glow curling party, followed by refreshments in Pappa Tee's restaurant. The youth then

divided into teams and played a full game of curling. The kids were very excited to try a new winter sport. Thanks to Joanne Ogilvie, Ken MacTavish and the Hillcrest Curling Club for volunteering their time.

