

Producer's Biography and Program Note – Fracking in Lethbridge:

Kristin Haefemeier was a volunteer producer at CKXU for a very short, yet fruitful, three months. Kristen studied at the University of Lethbridge as an exchange student from Germany for the Fall/Winter semester of 2013. She became interested in the grass roots movement No Drilling Lethbridge, which was organizing against the development of three exploratory gas wells within Lethbridge's city limits by a company named Golden Key. These proposed wells would have conducted fracking operations beneath the city of Lethbridge, and would have transported toxic chemicals through the city near schools and through residential areas. Kristen teamed up with CKXU's news collective (Coalbanks Dispatch) and our local PIRG (Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group) to research and cover the story. The resulting story was an in depth and detailed assessment of both the community's resistance to the project and the company's obvious detachment from the environmental and social impacts of their proposed project. This story was a vital component in a larger struggle going on in our community, and as a result of these many coordinated efforts Golden Key recently withdrew their application to drill within the Lethbridge city limits.

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