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Photo by Frank McTighe

Kenadie Tobler cuddles up with Athena, a ball python, Thursday afternoon at W.A. Day school. Archie's Angels Rabbit Rescue brought a variety of animals, including snakes, a tortoise, rabbits and lizards, to the Spring Bonanza. Family and Community Support Services teamed up with Kids First Family Centre to sponsor an afternoon of fun.

Council planning to lower mill rates

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod council intends to reduce the residential mill rate by nine per cent in 2023.
Council also plans to reduce the non-residential mill rate by 10 per cent.
"I think we're coming to somewhat of a historic move to reduce our mill rates to the extent we're proposing," Mayor Brent Feyter said.

Council gave first reading to By-law No. 1968 to set the mill rate during its April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.
Council will consider second and third reading of By-law No. 1968 during its meeting Monday, April 24.
Council will see the 2023 budget at that same meeting.
Director of finance Kris Holbeck made a presentation at the April 10 meeting, reminding council of an

earlier presentation by Lance Wehlage of the town's assessor, Benchmark Assessment Consultants.
Wehlage told council Fort Macleod's residential assessment is up 15 per cent on average and the non-residential assessment is up 16.6 per cent on average.
Holbeck said that at a committee of the whole meeting council decided reducing the mill rates would give residents a break in

difficult economic times.
"Council tried to help the ratepayers in the community by adjusting the mill rate down so that the increases in assessment that people will be seeing on their 2023 assessments won't be quite such a financial difficulty for families and businesses," Holbeck said.
The mill rate funds the town's operating budget deficit.
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Fort Macleod Community Clean-up on Earth Day, Wednesday, April 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Meet in the south parking lot at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Willow Creek Rural Crime Watch organizational meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20 at Claresholm Community Centre.

Alberta Genealogical Society, Lethbridge branch, meeting 7 p.m. April 20 at Room 128, 909 Third Ave. N., Lethbridge. Guest speaker is Kevin Maclean, collections technician at the Galt Museum.

Legion ham supper Saturday, April 22. Dine in at 6 p.m. or call Mary at 403-317-4936 to place a take-out order.

Empress Theatre Centre Stage Series presents The Lonesome Ace String Band at 7:30 p.m. April 28.


Empress Theatre 50-50 tickets on sale until Saturday, April 29.

Drop off gently used clothing at the FCSS office before May 1 for the Spring Clothing Exchange.

Oldman Watershed Dams Downstream Stakeholders Guild annual general meeting 7 p.m. May 8 at SALE.

Fort Macleod Lions Spring Market from 12 noon to 7 p.m. May 12 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 at Holy Cross Hall

Fort Macleod Lions Club Walk for Guide Dogs May 27 at Lions Campground.



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MARSHMALLOW RACE



Freya Shaw and Preslie Tobler compete in a marshmallow race Thursday during the Spring Bonanza at W.A. Day school. Using starws, children blew marshmallows toward the finish line.

Photo by Frank McTighe

Council considers history podcast

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod council will consider contracting a company to create a history podcast on the community.

Craig Baird of Canadian History Ehx appeared virtually as a delegation at council’s April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

“The whole point of this is to drive traffic to the community,” Baird said of the podcast generating tourist visits to Fort Macleod.

Since Canadian History Ehx was created in 2019 it has produced more than 500 episodes of history content.

Baird said the content has ranged from Canada’s slavery history to a smallpox epidemic among Indigenous people to iconic television shows such as Mr. Dressup and The Beachcombers.

“If you can think of Canadian history, I’ve probably covered it by this point,” Baird told council.

About 20 per cent of the content has been about the history of small towns. “I dive into a small town and look at its history,” Baird said.

Canadian History Ehx generates more than 100,000 downloads a month, or about 1.4-million a year.

Ninety per cent of those downloads come from within Canada.

Each episode of the podcast is archived on the Canadian History Ehx Web site.

Baird said Canadian History Ehx is a top history podcast on Apple podcast, Amazon and Spotify.

Canadian History Ehx would create a live Fort Macleod podcast episode for a cost of \$1,000 and it would be posted on the Web site.

“The episodes aren’t actually released until the content is approved by the town,” Baird said.

Canadian History Ehx does not require any resources from the town as

far as creation of the podcast.

“I handle all the research and everything myself,” Baird said.

Creating the podcast takes two to three weeks.

For a lower fee of \$250, Canadian History Ehx will create a Fort Macleod Web site post. The Web site attracts about 700 visits a day.

Later in the meeting, council considered the opportunity with Canadian History Ehx.

Director of community and protective services Liisa Gillingham, who was acting CAO at the meeting, suggested reviewing the town’s marketing budget.

“I don’t think it’s a bad idea,” Gillingham said. “I would just like to be sure our marketing plan will encompass that.”

Council referred the matter to administration for future discussion at a regular meeting.

Macleod council plans to lower mill rates

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Holbeck said the nine per cent decrease in the mill rate will still result in a five per cent increase in municipal taxes for the average residential property, due to a 15 per cent increase in assessment.

A house with a \$230,000 assessment in 2022 would increase to about \$266,000 in 2023.

The nine per cent decrease in the mill rate would see municipal taxes increase by about \$80.

The 10 per cent decrease in the non-residential mill rate will result in a \$230 increase in municipal

taxes on a property.

The by-law sets the municipal residential mill rate at 5.809002, down from 6.38352 in 2022.

The by-law sets the non-residential mill rate at 11.260962 mills, down from 12.51218 in 2022.

According to By-law No. 1968, the Town of Fort Macleod will collect \$4,821,305 through taxation in 2023.

The by-law also sets the town’s requisitions, over which council has no control.

The Alberta School Foundation Fund requisition is \$1,185,145, including \$756,610 from residential and farm land

and \$428,535 from non-residential.

The seniors foundation requisition is \$113,455.

Machinery and equipment remains exempt.

Holbeck said Fort Macleod’s residential mill rate is low compared to other communities, and the non-residential mill rate is “competitive.”

“I think from a governance perspective council is being very cognizant of the financial hardships that everybody’s in this year,” Holbeck said.

Feyer said deciding on mill rates is challenging as council balances inflation against assessment.

Fort Macleod RCMP conduct traffic blitz

SGT. CHRISTIAN LAFLEUR
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

During the week of April 9-17, the Fort Macleod RCMP responded to 47 various calls of service throughout Fort Macleod, Granum and MD of Willow Creek, which included:

- One assault.
- Six requests for assistance to the general public and other agencies.
- Two child welfare checks.
- Four complaints of disturbing the peace or causing a disturbance.
- Eight complaints of mischief.
- One report of someone uttering threats.
- Four well-being checks.

Additionally, a traffic blitz was conducted in conjunction with the RCMP Traffic Unit, which resulted in the following enforcement actions:

- Three charges of driving with no insurance.
- One charge of driving while unauthorized.
- Nine speeding charges.
- One charge of distracted driving (cellphone).
- Three charges of impaired driving.

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- Three other non-moving traffic violations.
- One charge of driving while disqualified.
- One roadside suspension.
- Four traffic collisions.

Fort Macleod RCMP is seeking community feedback.

In order to seek important input from all community members, Fort Macleod RCMP will be completing weekly police briefs (like this one) in order to keep the public aware of our activities in the community. We look forward to hearing from you.

(Sgt. Christian Lafleur has command of the Fort Macleod RCMP detachment.)



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- Inventory and site cleaning.
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Qualifications and Experience

- Valid Class 5 driver's license is required; a driver's abstract must accompany your resume.
- Standard First Aid Certificate is considered an asset.
- Experience in operating equipment is considered an asset

Compensation

Summer Labourer I (1st year): \$ 19.86 per hour
Summer Labourer II: \$ 21.05 per hour
Hours of Work: 40-hours per week and some evenings and weekends

This position is within the CUPE Local 70 Union Collective Agreement.

Closing Date: Friday, April 28, 2023.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Market on Main Co-ordinator

The Town of Fort Macleod is actively recruiting a dynamic, self-motivated individual to co-ordinate, schedule, advertise and essentially manage the Market on Main for July and August of 2023. We are looking to revamp and energize this amazing community event.

Role

- Organization and communication skills are essential and will be a primary key to success for this position and event.
- Ability to have conversations with vendors, business owners, and residents in a respectful and diplomatic manner.
- Recruiting vendors and mobile food trucks.
- Scheduling and mapping of event area.
- Marketing and advertising through various means.
- Apply for various permits as required.
- Other related duties as required.

Qualifications and Experience

- A valid Class 5 Driver's License is required as well as reliable transportation.
- Experience in large scale event planning is considered an asset.
- Proven marketing and communications skills.
- Social media savvy.
- Market Manager Training consider an asset but can be completed upon hire.
- Alberta Food Safety Basics for Farmers Markets.

Compensation and Hours of Work

Hourly Rate: \$23-\$25/hour based on experience.
This is a contract position beginning in May 2023 with random hours of work to best suit the managing of marketing and communication plans, correspondence with vendors and scheduling for the markets. Markets will be held Wednesday's from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., July and August. It is not anticipated that this position will work more than 15 hours per week in preparation for the market and that once vendors and market is somewhat established those hours may decrease. Additional hours can be discussed and approved as required.

Closing Date: Midnight April 30, 2023

HOW TO APPLY:

All applications must quote the position they are applying for. Interested applicants should submit a resume to:
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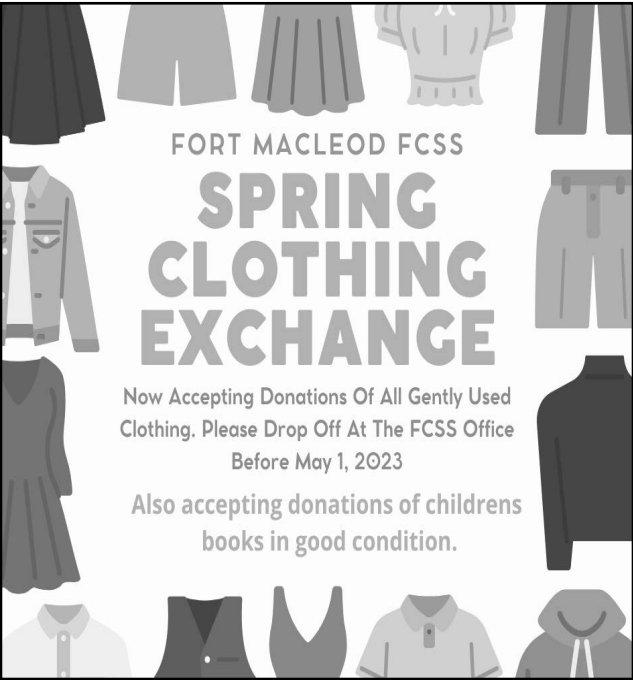
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 7 P.M.
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Filming ‘Bones of Crows’ emotional experience

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Filming *Bones of Crows*, a movie based on true events at Canada’s residential schools, was an emotional experience for cast and crew.

Award-winning actor Michelle Thrush, whose recent work includes the latest installment of the *Prey* franchise, said Saturday *Bones of Crows* touched her unlike any other production.

“When we work on Indigenous stories there’s a lot of stuff we carry as actors,” Thrush said. “There’s a lot of times that I have left sets and walked into the trees and bawled my eyes out by myself.”

“On this film it was my first time, my first experience ever in the film industry, where in the scene where I lost my children that pain that I felt was my mom’s and my kookum’s, all the women in my family.”

When filming stopped on that emotional scene, Thrush found herself in the dirt crying.

“The director (Marie Clements) came out and she laid with me and held me and rocked me,” Thrush recalled. “Then we cried together in that moment. And that’s never happened to me as an actor before, to have my director do that.”

“That’s the type of film this was. And that’s the honour that I felt being a part of this one.”

Thrush and location manager Jerome Turner hosted a screening of *Bones of Crows* on Saturday night at the Empress Theatre.

Bones of Crows is a multi-generational story of resilience told through the eyes of Cree matriarch Aline Spears.

Removed from their family home and forced into Canada’s residential school system, young musical prodigy Aline and her siblings are plunged into a struggle for survival.

Aline and her descendants fight against systemic starvation, racism, and sexual abuse — and to build a more just future.

Thrush acknowledged the residential

school survivors in the audience at the Empress Theatre, sharing a comment from a woman who watched *Bones of Crows* the previous night at the Ermineskin First Nation.

“There were a lot of beautiful comments but something she said was how we’ve been through so much as a people, but we’ve also been so strong,” Thrush said.

Bones of Crows was written and directed by award-winning Metis/Dene filmmaker Marie Clements.

Bones of Crows stars Grace Dove, who stars alongside Hilary Swank in the TV series *Alaska Daily*.

Other cast members include Phillip Forest Lewitski of *Wildwood*, Remy Girard of *District 31*, Karine Vanasse of *Cardinal*, Alyssa Wapanatâhk of *Peter Pan*, Gail Maurice of *Night Raiders*, Cara Gee of *The Expanse*, Toronto International Film Festival Rising Star Joshua Odjick, Summer Testawich and Carla Rae.

Bones of Crows had its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

Bones of Crows was produced by Ayasew Ooskana Pictures Inc, with Marie Clements Media, Screen Siren Pictures and Grana Productions.

Bones of Crows was filmed on the residential school site in Kamloops, B.C., prior to the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves.

All of the prairie scenes in *Bones of Crows* were filmed just south of Kamloops.

More than 400 crew members were involved in filming *Bones of Crows*, and more than half were Indigenous.

“That’s something that generally doesn’t happen in any production in Canada,” location manager Jerome Turner said.

Bones of Crows has a cast of more than 250 actors.

Audience members observed a moment of silence following the movie to honour residential school survivors and the children who did not come home.



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‘Bones of Crows’ location manager Jerome Turner and actor Michelle Thrush hosted a screening of the feature film Saturday at the Empress Theatre in Fort Macleod.



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When: May - August, 2023
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When: September - December, 2023
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DOUGHNUT PURSUIT



Brigham Burdett attempts to coax a powdered doughnut from his forehead to his mouth Thursday at W.A. Day school. The contest was part of the Spring Bonanza.

Photo by Frank McTighe

Town clean-up on Wednesday

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod residents are encouraged to don work gloves and join a community clean-up Wednesday, April 19.

The annual event will see volunteers patrol various areas in Fort Macleod to pick up garbage that has accumulated over the winter.

The community clean-up is organized by the Fort Macleod Environment Committee and is intended to celebrate Earth Day.

The clean-up gets under way at 4:30 p.m. behind the G.R. Davis Administration Building on 20th Street.

Volunteers will be provided with garbage bags and assigned an area of town to clean.

“They’ll put you on your way and then we’ll do a free barbecue for participants after that,” director of community and protective services Liisa Gillingham said.

Gillingham brought the community clean-up to council’s attention during the April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Last year, about 71 people turned out for the clean-up organized by the Fort Macleod Environment Committee.

The volunteers aged 10 to 70-plus

years combed the banks of the Oldman River, parks, green spaces, ditches and other areas collecting garbage.

The result was 74 large garbage bags filled with trash and turned in for disposal by the Town of Fort Macleod public works crew.

F.P. Walshe school students will also take part in the community clean-up on Wednesday afternoon.

Students will be out in force to collect garbage on the school grounds and along the railway tracks that run south of F.P. Walshe school.

The students will be treated to a barbecue following their clean-up.

Town sets policy for paving gravel roads

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A policy is in place for upgrading gravel roads in the Town of Fort Macleod.

Council reviewed a new gravel road improvement policy during its April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

“Gravel roads are getting more attention this year,” director of operations Adrian Pedro said. “Not a bad thing.”

The comprehensive gravel roads policy is the result of council’s desire to pave them.

Pedro said it was necessary to review gravel roads to determine the viability of paving them.

“We’re looking at a number of things there to help us determine which roads we can do,” Pedro said.

The policy defines terms including average annual daily traffic, gravel road, paved surface, surface width, priority index, and roadway.

The policy states the Town of Fort Macleod may upgrade gravel roads based on the following considerations:

- Priority — Where the gravel road has been allotted as high priority.
- Financial — Where an analysis of the capital costs, operational costs and life cycle cost indicate a savings to the town or where there is a significant saving by combining or splitting the upgrading of adjacent roadways.
- Condition, structure and drainage — Where the roadway has been determined to have sufficient structure and adequate

drainage to support the increased traffic flow.

- Surface width — Where the roadway meets the minimum standards for paved roads.
 - Horizontal and vertical alignment — Where the existing horizontal and vertical alignment or the roadway is compatible with the posted speed limit.
 - Traffic — Where the gravel road meets the minimum vehicular traffic volume of 75 average annual daily traffic and the functional road classification of the roadway based on its use and purpose.
 - Traffic composition — Where the roadway is experiencing high truck volumes and high pedestrian or vehicle volumes.
 - Risk management — Where the non-standard condition of the roadway is correctable by upgrading to a paved surface and upgrading is determined to reduce liability issues.
 - Operational benefits — Where there is a benefit from the reduction of operation and seasonal maintenance activities.
 - Asset management — Where the roadway is included in a capital improvement plan as per the town’s asset management program.
 - Complaints — Where there are a high number of legitimate concerns and complaints from the members of the public.
- The policy states that not all gravel roads will be paved.
- “There’s limited budget dollars,” Pedro said. “At the end of the day we do have to be conscious of that.”

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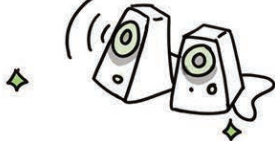
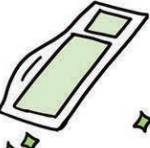
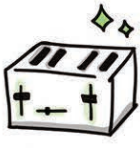
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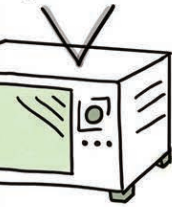
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GAZETTE OPINION

Volunteering is good for town

This week we take a moment to recognize the contributions of the many volunteers who work to make Fort Macleod and district a better place to live. That volunteer commitment holds true right across the country as people dedicate countless volunteer hours to worthy causes and community efforts that improve the quality of life for themselves and others.

You don't have to go far in Fort Macleod on any given day to find volunteers at work, running programs, coaching teams, leading classes, serving on boards and organizations, taking on any and all jobs that need doing.

In fact, if you went around town later today you would see those willing workers picking up trash and bagging it for collection during the annual Fort Macleod community clean-up organized by the environment committee. You are welcome to join the effort — garbage bags will be provided — by marshalling at the G.R. Davis Administration Building on 20th Street at about 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. By so doing you will earn the gratitude of the community at large as well as a free meal at the barbecue that follows the clean-up.

The clean-up is an example of the National Volunteer Week theme "Volunteering Weaves Us Together." The clean-up brings people from all walks of life together in a common cause for the good of the entire community. We get a chance to work together for the common good, and afterwards we'll share a meal together. These kinds of things strengthen the bonds of "community" in Fort Macleod and district.

Becoming a volunteer is no more difficult than showing up this afternoon for the community clean-up. It's easy, it's free, and it can only lead to positive connections with other people who have Fort Macleod's best interests at heart. For that is what volunteering is all about. At its core, volunteering is about making your community a better place to live.

The list of organizations that run on volunteer power is seemingly endless. From the Chamber of Commerce to minor sports, from the Empress Theatre to the seniors' Welcome Mat, people are giving their time and energy to make programs and events happen. The STARS charity volleyball tournament on the weekend is a prime example of Fort Macleod residents coming together to stage a major event that serves to benefit a program — in this case the air ambulance system in Alberta — that daily saves the lives of Albertans.

As we mark National Volunteer Week, we encourage you to find the courage to step forward and get involved in the community. Find something that interests you or feeds a passion and offer to get involved. The FCSS office in town can point you in many directions.

By becoming a volunteer you'll help our community, and will be surprised by the rewards that come back to you.



Cocaine Bear isn't life of the party

COCAINE BEAR — 1.5/5 14A

Yeah. I know what you're thinking. "What were you expecting, dummy? It's called *Cocaine Bear*, of course it's stupid! That's the whole point!" And I would agree. *Cocaine Bear* became a surprise hit last month specifically because of its total lack of pretensions. The title, the poster, the trailer — all of it was like a real chubby guy wandering into the public pool with a leopard print speedo. It said, "Here I am, world; take it or leave it." That kind of chutzpah was something I quite admired about *Cocaine Bear*, until I actually sat and watched the thing. I don't hate the movie because it's dumb and schlocky, because those elements are what makes it fun (as well as other "bad on purpose" movies of its ilk, like the outrageously entertaining *Snakes on a Plane*, *Congo*, or *Anaconda*). I hated the movie because it's boring. Whenever the bear attacks, you get what you paid for. Unfortunately, that's only about 15 per cent of the film, and the rest

of the time, you get to see dull characters wander around a forest, sit in a cave, chat in a tree, or just stand in an office and gab about nothing.

The issue, I think, is that the filmmakers thought this was a comedy first, goofy horror second. Director Elizabeth Banks (who I'll always remember as the crazy blonde girl in *40 Year Old Virgin*) is a comedic actress and filmmaker, so she was probably fine littering the majority of her movie with people walking around cracking jokes. The problem is none of those jokes are funny, so for most of *Cocaine Bear*, we're twiddling our thumbs waiting for the good stuff to appear (there's also way too many

characters to care about — this flick has a *Mars Attacks* problem, in that we follow about five different groups of people, none of them remotely interesting).

There is one scene that fully embraces the schlocky silliness of the premise, where a hopped-up bear goes after an ambulance and bloody mayhem ensues. And it's glorious. Apart from that scene, there's nothing to really enjoy here, except maybe if you're at a party and everyone's drinking and eating wings and only pay attention to the TV during those bear attack scenes.

The more you pay attention, the more your brain hurts — and remember, this is coming from someone who proudly owns *Snakes on a Plane*. This is no *Snakes*.

Cocaine Bear is available on Blu-Ray and DVD, as well as to rent or buy on most streaming platforms.

(Riley Webster is an award-winning videographer and filmmaker. He is the CEO of Downside Up Media in Fort Macleod where he lives with his wife and daughter.)

MOVIE MATTERS



Riley Webster

Don't be afraid to stretch your comfort zone

There's so much good happening right now, in the larger world, and our world closer to home. Canadian authored books, shortlisted and winning awards, trips into space, tulips emerging, robins arriving, and so much more! The list is going to vary from person to person. I find that getting moving early sets me up for a more comfortable day. It's not always easy, sometimes my not-so-young bones protest, but I let my brain lead the charge, knowing that a bit of gentle movement helps stretch the muscles, gets things warmed up.

In the same way we can stretch our muscles, we can stretch our comfort zone. During a few months of cooler weather, I have grown accustomed to the cozy comforts of a bowl of hot food, my easy chair, books and Internet. Just like I use my

brain to help my body feel more mobile, I try to get my mind and spirit into the bigger, brighter step of spring and pursuits. I am eager to tackle outdoor projects that have lain in wait for better weather. I comb through the *Gazette*, and latch on to library events, community teas and suppers and musical offerings, et cetera. The movies at the Empress are a delight — even if the movie is silly and light, it's at least an

MARY'S MUSINGS



Mary McIntyre

excuse to enjoy a bag of popcorn. Likewise, I follow nearby communities on social media to find out what's happening just a few short miles from home. There are new restaurants to discover, art and craft shows to check out, all sorts of things that are different from our ordinary experience. There are multicultural offerings of all sorts.

If you don't drive, I encourage you to ask for a lift to an event. Sharing an outing is pleasurable, comparing notes afterward — what worked, what was maybe not so hot. Stopping for a coffee or a snack, seeing the world from a point of view that you're not used to. And trust me, it benefits the person who is being asked for a ride! It feels so good to help, to be able to help, to keep the community feeling going. There's no need to be shy. In 20 years, are you

going to be embarrassed at asking for help, or sad that you missed out on a fun movie, or a new food? And you, yes, you, there in your easy chair? Reach out to neighbours on your block, or neighbours across town. Who haven't you seen for ages? They miss you, too! A friend of mine often says, "If you think maybe you should pick up the phone and call, call! Do it!"

Let's be braver and bright. Go see something you haven't seen before, head to the hills and watch the willows start to green up. Make some cookies, take a few to someone you care about. Talk about whatever amuses you. Go, put down your paper, go!

(Mary McIntyre retired and returned to Fort Macleod, where she grew up. Reconnecting in a new way, she spends time creating art, reading, and gardening.)

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FROM PAST ISSUES

140 Years

April 21, 1883, The Macleod Gazette — The advance guard of settlers is beginning to come in, and more are on the road.

The barge which started from Macleod for the Coal Banks only got a short distance below Kipp. The lumber was floated down from there on rafts.

Andy Grogan has the old police garden and is now hard at work preparing to put in seed.

Jim Wright, with his bull teams, came into Macleod from Pine Coulee en route to Montana.

Sgt.-Major Lake of E Troop arrived at Macleod from Fort Walsh on Wednesday last. He has just returned from his trip to Eastern Canada.

130 Years

April 21, 1893, The Macleod Gazette — The largest wolf reported thus far this winter was captured near Big Sandy by M.F. Marsh. The wolf weighed 142 pounds.

The members of the Chinook branch of the International Order of Foresters introduced themselves to the public of Macleod on Wednesday evening by one of the most successful balls ever given in Macleod. The music, consisting of an orchestra of five instruments, was excellent. Dancing was kept up until 4 a.m.

The opening shoot of the Macleod Gun Club was held on Monday evening. Dr. Kennedy was the winner.

120 Years

April 23, 1903, The Macleod Gazette — Charles Young, alias North-West, was remanded in custody in Macleod police court, charged with bringing stolen horses into Canada.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Grady on Friday.

Eugene Dalton, a Magrath boy, met with a shocking death last week by being dragged to death by a runaway horse. He was dragged about four blocks before the horse stopped before its owner's house and the boy was picked up by his mother.

110 Years

April 17, 1913, The Macleod Advertiser — Robert Patterson, the Conservative candidate in Macleod, was re-elected by a hard-earned majority of 31 votes over A.L. Sifton.

The CPR has decided on a second tunnel in the western mountains. It will be 16 miles long.

The school board voted to build a two-room brick school house on 19th Street and a one-room framed school house on the south side.



Fort Macleod Minor Hockey named the Atom Steelers the 1983 Team of the Year. Front row, from left: Chad Gray, Earl Dietrich, Aron Platz, Robbie Asuchak, Brent Radlinsky, Shane Koopman and Clint Jordan. Middle row, from left: Derek Sawchyn, Jeff Schwindt, Teddy Butler, Wayne Hudson, Wade Gray, and Bobby Moulton. Back row, from left: coach Robbie Asuchak, coach Dennis Gray and Minor Hockey president Mike Heric.

100 Years

April 19, 1923, The Macleod Times — Dr. Alan Kennedy was elected captain of the Macleod Golf Club for 1923.

Macleod town council approved the application of P. Burns and Co. to rent the former Macleod Creamery buildings for a cheese factory or creamery for \$10 a month.

Last night in the town hall the Macleod Agricultural Society held one of their enjoyable concert entertainments. The large orchestra under the able leadership of John A. Edgar deserve special praise for the number of spirited and well-rendered selections they gave.

90 Years

April 20, 1933, The Macleod Gazette — The meeting of the Macleod Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Armer on Tuesday.

The Easter dance sponsored by the Macleod hockey boys, which was held in the Elks Hall on Monday, proved a pleasing success both socially and financially.

An enjoyable evening is reported from the McBride Lake district, where about 75 friends of H.J. Anderson called at his home on Tuesday evening. Cards and dancing were enjoyed until the wee small hours. During the evening a presentation was made to the host in the form of a coffee pot.

80 Years

April 15, 1943, The Macleod Gazette — Despite gasoline rationing and other restrictions, car licences in Alberta do not appear likely to fall far short of the previous year's total, with 21,000 issued at the end of March, compared to 31,000 at the same time a year ago.

Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of Art Goeson, Terry DeMaere and Carl Heward.

Macleod has a target of \$176,000 in the Fourth Victory Loan campaign, much higher than previous.

70 Years

April 16, 1953, The Macleod Gazette — Fort Macleod Fish and Game Association's first banquet was held Wednesday in the Palomino Dining Room.

Gus Gustafson of Granum suffered several broken ribs Saturday while driving home from High River. Just west of Stavely another car side-swiped Mr. Gustafson's car.

60 Years

April 18, 1963, The Macleod Gazette — One hundred and 25 members of the Legion gathered to honour veterans who fought at Vimy Ridge. The veterans who attended were Pete Parker, Ted Britton, Chris Rudick, Charles Ingram, Jim McNab, Harry Benson, Carl Edlund, J.J. Huntley, James Hartley, R.E. Patterson, Jack Foot, W. Whitworth, Joe Grier, Harry Jones, Percy Folkins, Harold McCrae and Richard Lane.

The Chamber of Commerce held a banquet to honour the Fort Macleod Broncs, who won the Alberta Senior C hockey championship.

50 Years

April 19, 1973, The Macleod Gazette — John Wilson skipped his rink, which included Jack Doyle, James Bourassa and Sherill Doyle, to first place in the F.P. Walshe school bonspiel.

Colleen Bertrand was offered a \$2,000 scholarship by the University of Alberta to further her studies at Yale University.

40 Years

April 20, 1983, The Macleod Gazette — Rick Kutt was hired as the Town of Granum administrator.

Twenty-nine women exercised in front of council to protest their fitness group being locked out of the arena after they refused to turn the program over to the Town of Fort Macleod recreation department.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay attention to election campaign

The Editor:

For those of you who know me you already know I am a conservative, for those I do not know please never mistake me for anything else. My father Ken Hurlburt was a former mayor of Fort Macleod and federal Member of Parliament in Ottawa from 1972-'79. Dad passed away in 2016 followed by my mother ReNee in 2017, and I am sure glad they did not have to witness the federal and provincial politics of today. Politics are embarrassing to most Canadians. Embarrassing, yes, but do not give up hope. Do not give up hope to the point that you decide not to vote, it is your right and as far as I am concerned your duty as a Canadian.

So now we are coming into a provincial election in May here in Alberta, and the politicians are slinging mud already and the election has yet to be called. We can only imagine what kind of dirt the NDP will be hurling toward the UCP, and vise versa. I hate it, but it is the way of today in our divisive culture. My plea to everyone today is "don't take your eye off the ball" no matter what "crap" you hear. Why am I so extremely concerned? It is quite simple, I turn 65 this year and I have five children and nine grandchildren, and what kind of province and country am I leaving them after I am gone? Not so good at this point.

Consider the major contenders in the up-coming provincial election, UCP and NDP. (Remember I am a conservative so this is the slant I will always use.)

I will not vote NDP because I do not want to be taken care of, I do not want the government to move us slowly to a place where we have no choice but to depend on them for almost everything. That is not my nature, I would sooner live in a mud hut in the country, without running water and electricity, caring for my wife and family. This is possible, our ancestors did it.

I will not vote NDP because they will spend too much money for health care. Health care is an extremely important privilege we have in Canada, yes privilege, and we all love it. But the health care system needs an overhaul from the ground up. Throwing money at it and creating more high paying management positions to solve the problems is not the answer. A slow and methodical, well thought out plan to rebuild our Alberta Health Services is the only answer.

I will not vote NDP because they lean way too far left, towards socialism. They want total control, and if we vote them in, they will immediately move in this direction as they did in 2015. They always boasted that the net jobs created were positive during their tenure. The answer is yes this is true, but do we want to lose 46,000 private sector jobs and have them replaced by 79,000 public sector (government) jobs? Does not make sense to me as we need how many private sector jobs to pay for new public sector jobs? Simple math states that if the average Canadian pays 25 per cent income tax this would take four private sector jobs to pay for one public sector job, yet the real number is more like 10 to one because of government inefficiencies in fiscal management. NDP are not money managers, they are money spenders.

I will not vote NDP because they changed the donations rules when they were in power. They made it so any business or company could not donate to a political party, as they believed that the major contributions to the UCP were corporate, so if they could stop this the UCP would not have enough money to operate. On the surface there are parts of this I agree with, like not having a major corporation donate millions to help get a certain candidate or party elected with the expectation of favours to their company. But what about unions? How many high-ranking union officials sit on almost all federal and provincial NDP boards? They cannot donate directly to political parties, but the major unions are registered as TPAs (third party advertisers) and they are allowed to collect and spend thousands of dollars every year advertising against the UCP in Alberta, and typically against all conservatives across Canada. These "public" employee unions advertise

directly cutting down conservatives and their policies, I believe this to be immoral and plain wrong and should not be allowed. They push the NDP agenda.

I will not vote NDP because I do not like their ideology around education. Simple philosophy "control how we educate our young, and they will grow up to believe what we want." History shows that this is not just socialist propaganda, but more a power grab. Indoctrination of our children into a specific way of thinking is wrong. Our children Kindergarten through Grade 12 should be educated to think and to analyze and form their own opinions, not the opinions of others, and this indoctrination is ramped way up in post secondary. Bullying and discrimination has always been an issue and it needs to be dealt with strongly and firmly. The full "inclusivity" ideologies are more divisive than inclusive, in my opinion.

I will not vote NDP because they are bad for private small business. As a business owner and employer, it is especially important to me that our employees are successful and can flourish in today's world. It is of the utmost importance to me that they can raise their families and have less worries about financial, education and health care matters. Business decisions are much more difficult to make under an NDP government, this was proven when NDP took office in 2015. The uncertainty of their policies made for an extremely anxious and difficult few years.

So how do I see the individual candidates? Do not forget that "the moon will be promised but seldom delivered" in any political election.

Kevin Van Tighem, NDP. Do your own research as I did and I believe he is a very nice person, but I have not met him. His time as superintendent of Banff National Park is not to be taken lightly as it was a prestigious posting. But he worked inside a government agency, he managed budgets that are "backstopped" by the federal government. If there was a major issue in Banff that needed more money over and above the budget, I assume it would just be provided to the park. In the private sector one must make their own backstopping arrangements as there are no guarantees. Will he fight for his constituents, or just tow the party line? I feel the latter.

Chelsae Petrovic, UCP. She is a nurse, current mayor of Claresholm, runs a non-profit group. I know Chelsae a little now because she is a conservative and I have had discussions with her because of her preparations for the up-coming election. Her morals and values align with my own. One thing I have come to learn about her is she is "grounded in reality." Will she fight for her constituents, or just tow the party line. Most definitely the former.

I could continue with many more reasons why I will never vote NDP, but I am sure if you read this far you have had enough!

**Thane Hurlburt
Fort Macleod**

Operating rooms sit empty in Alberta

The Editor:

Empty beds will not reduce surgery wait times. We already have operating rooms that are sitting empty across this province because of severe staffing shortages caused by the United Conservative Party.

Danielle Smith and Jason Copping can announce all the expansion and development of hospital operating rooms they like, but that will not help one single Albertan without a plan on how to staff them.


The UCP began their term in government by waging war with doctors and chased them out of the province.

The UCP's approach to the crisis in health care has been to undermine the public system in favour of directing resources and people to enrich private companies.

The Alberta NDP's family health teams plan to support primary care through the significant expansion of team-based care will connect a million more Albertans to a family doctor and accessible primary care.

We will ensure that Albertans get the care they need, when they need it, close to home.

**David Shepherd
NDP Health Critic**



MD of Willow Creek

COFFEE

with Council

Wednesday, May 3
from 6-8 p.m.

Granum Drop-In Centre

An informal event for residents of the MD to meet with Council to discuss current events, issues or concerns. This is the second in a series of similar events to be hosted by Council during 2023 being undertaken in lieu of the prior practice of hosting a single 'Council Open House'.

Please join us!



Interested in being a member of a Rural Crime Watch Committee?

Awareness – Education – Report Suspicious Activity

Willow Creek Rural Crime Watch ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, April 20 | 7 - 9 p.m.

Claesholm Community Centre
690 59 Ave. West, Claesholm


All MD Residents

who are interested in participating in the establishment of a Rural Crime Watch association are invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting will be to establish the board of directors and to begin the process of forming the association.

Help us make our community a safer place to live.

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ICE CREAM TREAT



Photo by Frank McTighe

Fort Macleod Housing Worker Stacey Morcom dished up ice cream treats Thursday at W.A. Day school. The cool treats were part of the Spring Bonanza hosted by FCSS and Kids First.

Notice of Application

Confined Feeding Operation

Hutterian Brethren Church of Thompson has filed Application LA23009 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the SE 34, N½ 34, NW 26, and NE 27-005-27 W4M in the Municipal District of Willow Creek, Alberta. The application is to construct additional feedlot pens (147 m x 366 m), a catch basin (122 m x 24 m x 3.1 m), and expand the existing feedlot to a total of 15,500 beef finishers. This will bring animal numbers at this CFO to 15,000 beef finishers, 6,600 swine feeders, 80 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements), 5,000 chicken broilers, 4,000 chicken layers, 1,400 ducks, 300 geese, 10,700 turkeys or 32,000 chicken broilers, and 2,000 sheep.

Filing a Statement

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before 4:30 pm on May 17, 2023. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. A copy of the statements will be sent to the applicant for review and comment. Statements submitted regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response should include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and a detailed summary that describes how you would be directly affected by this application. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca. You may also file an application for directly affected party status at this time.

Failure to submit a written response may affect your rights to apply for an NRCB review.

Viewing the Application


A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications) until May 17, 2023. The application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Lethbridge office during regular business hours. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

Carina Weisbach, Approval Officer
100, 5401 1st Ave S
Lethbridge AB T1J 4V6
carina.weisbach@nrcb.ca
T 403-381-5422

The closing date for submissions:
4:30 p.m. on May 17, 2023

Dated at Lethbridge AB, on April 19, 2023

www.nrcb.ca



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RCMP advise of grandparent scam

The RCMP advises there are active investigations throughout Alberta involving a group who has defrauded victims in multiple jurisdictions using the grandparent scam.

A scammer contacts an elderly person and pretends to be a grandchild or a family member in some kind of trouble and in need of immediate financial assistance.

In typical scenario the scammer will tell the victim that they have been arrested and require bail money, have been in a car accident, need money to cover hospital costs or are having trouble returning from a foreign country.

For verification, the elderly person is given a phone number to call, which will be answered by someone pretending to be a lawyer or a police officer.

The scammer will ask questions during the call, getting the victim to volunteer personal information.

The "grandchild or family member" will insist that the victim not contact their parents or relatives as they don't want to get into more trouble.

The victim is then asked to use a money service business to send several thousands of dollars for bail.

There has been one instance in Fort Macleod where it is believed that the scammers were able to mimic the relative's voice.

The RCMP offers the following tips to prevent falling victim to this scam:

- Police, judges, or legal entities will never request that money be sent through money services business.
- Don't give out personal information to the caller.
- Confirm with other relatives the whereabouts of the family member or friend in question before even considering sending money.
- Never send money through money wire services to someone you don't know personally.
- Verify the person's identity before you take any steps to help.

The money can be picked up anywhere in the world once it is given a transaction number.

◆◆ ANNOUNCEMENT ◆◆

Some months prior to our last municipal election, I announced that I would not be seeking a second term as a town councillor. A primary reason shared with the community for that decision was to have the option to serve a mission with my wife Nony without triggering a byelection should I have run and been elected. I feel the need to report and share, having put forward our names to serve such a mission that we recently received a call to serve for a period of eighteen months in Zimbabwe, Africa, as voluntary welfare service missionaries beginning October 2, 2023. We will serve with "Latter-Day Saint Charities," an arm of our church's humanitarian efforts to relieve suffering for families of all nationalities and religions. The focus in Zimbabwe is education, health care and nutrition, clean water, and food security. We work in conjunction with other non-profit organizations and government departments. Major projects are under way, new ones being developed, and we work with the local population to facilitate and complete these most needed services. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to serve our fellow man.



David L. Orr



Find right volunteer role

Giving back to one’s community can provide a sense of purpose and improve an individual’s overall well-being.

Data from Volunteer Hub indicates that people who volunteer improve their health by strengthening their bodies, improving their moods and reducing stress.

Volunteerism also produces additional benefits, including boosting one’s positive perception to others.

A study from Career-BUILDER found 60 per cent of hiring managers see volunteerism as a valuable asset when making recruitment decisions.

Furthermore, human resources executives attest that contributing to a nonprofit can improve leadership skills.

By understanding the value behind volunteer work — for the people or organization on the receiving end as well as the volunteer — more individuals may decide to donate their time and services.

However, finding the right volunteer opportunity



Photo by Metro Creative Connection

Finding the right volunteer opportunity may take some trial and error.

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The following are some tips for finding the right fit.

- **Consider skills and interests**

Before choosing a volunteer opportunity, make a list of activities that you enjoy. This may help guide volunteer choices.

For example, if you like hiking, you may volunteer to clean up a local park.

- **Assess your skill levels**

Is there something you are particularly adept

at doing?

For example, if you are a certified public accountant, you may be able to volunteer by mentoring young accounting students, or doing taxes or book-keeping tasks for the elderly or less fortunate.

- **Think about commitment level**

Figure out how much time you can spend volunteering.

Maybe you only have the weekends or a few hours in the evenings?

Understanding how much free time you have can help you choose opportunities that fit within these parameters.

- **Research potential organizations**

Not all nonprofit groups are created equal. Utilize resources such as CreativeVolunteer that vet charitable groups to determine if they are trustworthy.

- **Define your goals**

Have goals in mind when selecting opportunities.

Defining a goal can help you maintain the motivation to volunteer and see a project through to completion.

- **Start small**

Wade into a volunteer opportunity slowly to see if it is the right fit.

This may include volunteering one day a week or month.

Increase the time you spend volunteering once you’ve found the right place for you.

Volunteering can bring joy to a person’s life, especially when individuals find an inspiring opportunity.

PM salutes Canada’s volunteers

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau paid tribute Sunday to Canada’s many volunteers.

The prime minister released a statement to mark the start of National Volunteer Week.

“In Canada and around the world, volunteers are the backbone of our communities, helping those most vulnerable by generously donating their time, skills, and talent,” Trudeau said.

“During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate and recognize the positive impact of Canada’s volunteers, from delivering meals to those who need them to organizing community events for kids.”

Each year, the government of Canada recognizes the significant contributions to improving the lives of others through Canada’s Volunteer Awards.

Canada’s Volunteer Awards recognizes volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises and businesses for their contributions across the country.

In addition to the national Therese Casgrain Lifelong Achievement Award, regional awards are presented in the categories of community leader, emerging leader, business leader, and social innovator.

The theme for this year’s National Volunteer Week is “Volunteering Weaves Us Together.”

“It speaks to the power of collective action and reminds us that we are



Justin Trudeau

stronger when we work together,” Trudeau said. “That is why the government of Canada continues to support initiatives like the Canada Service Corps, which provides young Canadians with meaningful service opportunities that help them gain valuable skills and experience that they will carry with them throughout their lives.”

In 2018, more than 24-million people volunteered in Canada, dedicating about five billion hours to volunteer activities.

“Sophie and I would like to thank all volunteers, from coast to coast to coast, who generously give their time and energy to help build stronger and more resilient communities across the country,” Trudeau said.



Fort Macleod & District Chamber of Commerce

To all the community-minded citizens of Fort Macleod and district

we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who, in the spirit of volunteerism, make our community a richer place to live.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 46



is very appreciative of all that our volunteers do to help with the success of our club.

Your efforts and support do not go unnoticed and we thank you!



Fort Macleod Lions Club

would like to thank all our volunteers and those who support us . . . so we are able to serve others in our community.

THANK YOU!

Volunteering Weaves Us Together

Thank you!

Thank you for everything you do for the library. Your dedication and support strengthens the fabric of our community.



Town of Fort Macleod
Public Library

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

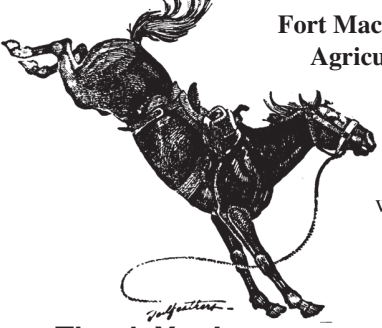


ELKS OF CANADA

New members are always welcome!

Volunteers are the backbone of our community!

We truly appreciate our volunteers as they help create successful events and fundraisers!



Fort Macleod and District Agricultural Society

would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have committed time and energy to the Ag Society


Thank You! *Many hands make light work!*



Thanking everybody

for their time volunteering within our community

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK | APRIL 16-22, 2023



FORT MACLEOD MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Thank You!

to ALL volunteers, coaches, managers, parents, hockey players and board members

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, but they do have the heart!

Your dedication to the children in minor hockey programs is truly appreciated!

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Helping people live better

VOLUNTEERS

are an important part in our goal of “Helping People Live Better.”

They keep our residents active, interested, and healthy with their visits and help create lasting memories for each resident they work with and their families.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them and tell them how much they are appreciated!

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK | APRIL 16-22, 2023

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for
125 years

As a volunteer organization
we would like to thank
all of our community supporters.

Together we can
make things happen!

40TH ANNUAL

FORT MACLEOD'S

Santa Claus

PARADE

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

is a testament to the citizens of Fort Macleod
and district in continuing a long standing
and important event in Southern Alberta.
Thank you to all for all the success we have enjoyed!
Santa Claus Parade Committee

Alberta Lodge
No. 3 A.F. & A.M.
The Masons

Thanks to the many Volunteers
who makes our community great,
we look forward to reaching out to the
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VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 16 - 22, 2023

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Families volunteer together

Strong communities are built by strong people who recognize the importance of giving back.

Children recognize when their parents give back to their communities, and often that recognition compels youngsters to want to do the same.

Volunteering as a family is a great way for parents to instill their values in their youngsters while strengthening the communities in which those children live.

Volunteering also provides a host of additional, potentially surprising benefits.

For example, a 2003 study from researchers at the University of Texas found that taking part in helping one's community lowers rates of depression and anxiety.

In addition, research has indicated that adolescents who volunteer may perform better at school and take a more positive approach to education.

Family-friendly volunteering opportunities abound, and the following are some ways that families can give back together.

• **Feed the hungry**

The role of charitable organizations that feed those in need was highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The economic fallout of the pandemic was significant, as tens of millions of people lost their jobs and, subsequently, their ability to feed



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themselves and their families.

Local food banks stepped in to feed those families, and organizations are always in need of volunteers to help prepare, deliver and serve food.

Volunteering at a local food bank or soup kitchen is a great way for parents to show their children that they have a lot to be thankful for while instilling in them a sense of responsibility to community members in need.

• **Create art**

Art can be as beneficial to its creators as it is for those who appreciate it.

That's especially so for

children in relation to their development.

According to a report from Americans for the Arts, art education strengthens problem-solving and critical thinking skills.

Art also encourages kids to innovate, a benefit that will pay dividends throughout their lives.

Art also is fun to create, and parents can turn kids' natural inclination toward fun and creativity into a way to give back to their communities.

The New Jersey-based organization Color A Smile distributes cheerful draw-

ings to senior citizens and overseas troops, among others.

Adults and children can volunteer to bring smiles to the faces of strangers, all the while reaping the many benefits of engaging in art projects.

• **Nature clean-up**

Local park and beach clean-ups help to keep the great outdoors pristine and pollution-free.

Whether it's helping those in need, exploring one's inner artist or helping keep local parks clean, the opportunities for families to give back together are numerous.

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Volunteers get benefits

Many people are compelled to volunteer out of a desire to help others.

Though helping others is the primary motivator for many volunteers, the men, women and children who give up their free time in support of a good cause gain much from their experiences.

The Mayo Clinic Health System researchers have attempted to measure the benefits volunteers receive from their volunteer efforts.

Various health benefits have been noted, but the perks go beyond that.

• **Make new friends**

Volunteerism is a great way to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships.

Having common ground, like a volunteer activity, is a way to build a friendship with like-minded people.

• **Increase social skills**

Volunteering enables you to meet new people from all backgrounds.

You also may be placed into different situations and have to act on the fly.

This can help you develop social relationship skills.

• **Help build community**

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Volunteers receive many rewards for giving back to their communities.

Service says volunteers help strengthen their communities through volunteer service. Connections are made with the people you are helping and with other volunteers.

• **Improve self-esteem**

When teens or young adults volunteer, they get positive responses to their efforts, which can improve their self-esteem, which can keep people away from drugs or alcohol or problem behaviours.

• **Stave off dementia**

There is some evidence people who volunteer may be

at a lower risk for dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. This is particularly helpful for seniors.

• **Overcome loneliness**

Volunteering is a simple way to deter feelings of loneliness.

• **Reduce stress levels**

By devoting time spent in service to others, people can get a sense of meaning and appreciation that helps them to slow down and feel less stress.

Volunteers walk away from their experiences benefitting as much as the organizations they help.

Volunteering helps careers

National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration highlighting the invaluable contributions of the over 12 million volunteers in Canada.

In 2023, National Volunteer Week takes place from April 16-22.

On top of the social benefits of volunteering, here are three ways that giving back to your community can boost career prospects.

1. Develop your skills

Volunteering for a cause related to your current or future career can help you expand your existing skill-set and gain valuable real-world experience.

After all, you're still working, but instead of getting paid, you're donating your time to your community.

2. Expand your network

Meeting new people though volunteering

opens new doors to future paid opportunities.

A strong network is essential to advancing your career. Never miss a chance to make yours bigger.

3. Build references

Professional references can be hard to come by, especially if you haven't worked several jobs.

However, they're crucial for scoring a well-paying gig.

Fortunately, you can ask the people you volunteer with, especially supervisors, to vouch for your employability and work ethic.

Finally, volunteering shows potential employers that you're a well-rounded person who cares about your community.

If you're ready to become part of Canada's extensive volunteer community, inquire about exciting opportunities in your area.

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly of their time, talent, and treasures.

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Council discusses Alberta Municipalities membership

ROB VOGT
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

The MD of Willow Creek, already a member in Rural Municipalities of Alberta, is looking at what benefit there would be in joining its urban counterpart, Alberta Municipalities.

Coun. Glen Alm brought the suggestion to the March 29 council meeting.

Alm asked if council should see what Alberta Municipalities is talking about, what their issues are, and maybe it would not hurt to send someone to their annual convention.

Reeve Maryanne Sandberg said membership is \$1,245, they should keep it in mind, and will come back to talk about it again.

Noise complaint

Council was advised Coun. Earl

Hemmaway received a complaint regarding noisy trucks on Highway 519 from a citizen whose residence is near the highway.

The resident registered their noise complaint with the RCMP and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

Council agreed it is not the municipality's jurisdiction and there is nothing they can do.

Meeting change

Council agreed to move its council and municipal planning commission meetings from May 10 to May 17.

Agency review

Council nominated Sandberg to sit on Rural Municipalities of Alberta's quasi-judicial agency review committee.

The member committee will help the RMA to better understand how development approvals and other decisions made

by quasi-judicial agencies such as the Alberta Energy Regulator and Alberta Utilities Commission affect rural municipalities.

Coffee with council

Council decided to make its coffee with council meeting in Granum on May 5 two hours long, from 6-8 p.m.

The last one, in Fort Macleod, was three hours long.

Clerical error

Council approved all three readings of a by-law correcting a clerical error in By-law No. 1826, which updated the municipality's guidelines for renewable energy projects.

Justice town hall meeting

Sandberg indicated she would attend a town hall meeting in Lethbridge on April 4 hosted by Public Safety and Emergency

Services Minister Mike Ellis, along with some dates co-hosted with Justice Minister Tyler Shandro.

It will be an opportunity to learn more about government priorities and ask questions.

Rezoning

Council indicated it has no objections to two applications to rezone land to accommodate subdivision in Vulcan County near the boundary with the MD of Willow Creek.

Willow Creek was notified for comment as an adjacent municipality.

Closed session

Council went into closed session part way through its meeting and again at the end of its meeting to discuss several advice from officials items.

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Crossword

PUZZLE

23. A place to relax

24. Critical and mocking

27. Consumed

30. You get one in summer

31. Bath

32. Luxury automaker

35. Spiders spin one

37. Guy (slang)

38. Greek personification of Earth

39. Large instruments

40. Domestic cattle genus

41. Appetizer

42. Oil group

43. Where to put groceries

44. Speak incessantly

45. Popular color

46. A place to sleep

47. Make fun of

48. Former CIA

49. Salts

52. Bleated

55. Never sleeps

60. Water (Spanish)

61. Cyprinids

63. "Dark Knight" actor

64. Fictional demon

65. Old World lizard

66. The content of cognition

67. Makes a mistake

68. A way to make wet

69. Tide

CLUES DOWN

1. One-liner

2. Evergreen genus

3. College in Rome

4. Prevents from seeing

5. Cycles/second

6. Mischievous child

7. Less common

8. Honorably retired

9. Midway between south and southeast

10. A confusion of voices and other sounds

11. Bony fish genus

12. Type of pear

13. Egyptian cross

21. Satisfies

23. Founder of Babism

25. Bar bill

26. Chicago ballplayer

27. Performer

28. Hairpiece

29. Partner to flowed

32. Aircraft formation

33. You have 3 per day

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5. Makes healthy

10 The Who's "O'Riley"

14. Side sheltered from wind

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Council approves farm equipment storage

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod council gave permission last week for a business to store farm machinery and equipment for sales and service.

Council approved a development permit application from GMS Mechanical during its April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Director of operations Adrian Pedro told council the property is zoned direct control. “Which means council has authority over what goes on there,” Pedro said.

Council learned machinery and equipment was already being stored at 336 25th

St. without a valid development permit.

The Town of Fort Macleod issued a stop order, which led to the application for the development permit.

“Administration does recommend approval of the permit with a variety of conditions,” Pedro said.

Those conditions are as follows:

- Development must conform to the application.
- All refuse and garbage storage areas shall be effectively screened prior to collection and disposal.
- The application shall ensure that all materials and equipment is contained on the site and does not create a nuisance

to adjacent properties.

- Heavily soiled equipment shall be cleaned before placement on the lot.
- Placement of equipment shall be neat and orderly and shall not impede vision or vehicle lines of site for the motoring public or block any road or traffic signage.
- Equipment shall be placed far enough back from the highway that winter maintenance will not be affected.
- Equipment shall not obstruct other on-street parking or pedestrians.
- Equipment shall be weighted, blocked, tethered and secured in such a way that they do not become a nuisance in the event of high winds.

- If signage is required, a separate application shall be submitted to be reviewed by council.

Coun. Jim Monteith asked whether the conditions had been discussed with GMS Mechanical.

Pedro said there would be discussions once council had approved the conditions.

“If council did feel the conditions need to change at all, this would be the forum to do that,” Pedro said.

Monteith did not take issue with any of the conditions.

Mayor Brent Feyter said the conditions seem to make sense.

“It seems all very reasonable,” Feyter said.

SPRING BONANZA CRAFTS



Colter Zielinski, Lydia Burdett and Kaydence Zielinski had the opportunity to create necklaces and bracelets Thursday. The craft activity was part of the Spring Bonanza at W.A. Day school.

Photo by Frank McTighe

Handibus society appreciates help

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

The wheels on the Fort Macleod Handibus keep going 'round and 'round, thanks in part to support from town council.

Handibus society secretary Linda Ripley wrote council last week to express the society's appreciation for the Town of Fort Macleod's ongoing support.

“The Fort Macleod Handibus Society and its patrons are grateful for your continued generous support,” Ripley wrote.

The letter was on the consent agenda of council's April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Town council included \$10,000 in its budget to help fund handibus operations.

The Town of Fort Macleod also contributed \$5,000 to the handibus replacement fund.

“For the past 36 years seniors, disabled and temporarily disabled individuals have relied on handibus service for a dependable, safe and affordable transportation option in maintaining their independence,” Ripley told council.

Ripley noted the handibus society took delivery of its new vehicle in September.

“This new model will

accommodate seven ambulatory passengers or two passengers using wheelchairs,” Ripley wrote.

“Clients are enjoying the smoother ride. Increased fuel efficiency is an added bonus.”

Purchase of the new handibus was made possible by a \$50,000 donation from the Cuppen family in honour of their mother Jean (Cuppen) Sinclair.

A Community Initiatives Program capital grant along with municipal funding and ongoing support from community organizations and individuals completed funding for the new vehicle.

Ripley said the society appreciates the support it gets from council, and the community.

“Thank you for recognizing the importance of handibus service to our community,” Ripley added.

Fort Macleod Handibus hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fare schedule is as follows:

- Single ride (one way) \$4.25.
- Pass entitling the holder to ten rides \$40.
- Monthly pass entitling the holder to unlimited rides \$125.

When possible, clients are encouraged to book trips in advance.

Policy approved for gravel road upkeep

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A new policy will guide the Town of Fort Macleod in maintenance of its gravel roads.

“The intent is to have something on paper that we can follow, as opposed to just being subjective,” director of operations Adrian Pedro said.

Pedro presented the gravel road maintenance policy to council during its April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

Pedro told council there was a need for a policy on gravel road maintenance.

“Currently it's largely done based on complaints, or the guys have a rough idea of when it needs to be done,” Pedro said.

The policy states that the Town of Fort Macleod maintains its gravel roads based on traffic volumes and condition assessment

Higher volume roads are maintained with greater frequency than lower volume roads.

The policy calls for monthly gravel road inspections in order to provide an acceptable safe level of service through maintenance.

That maintenance may include blading, grading, gravel replacement, reshaping and ditch maintenance.

The gravel roads are to have uniform crowns and proper drainage.

Gravel roads are to be free and clear of large rocks that may appear after blading.

Town updates vacuum truck policy

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

The Town of Fort Macleod has updated its policy governing vacuum truck dumping.

Council reviewed the revised policy at its April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

“This is not a completely new policy,” director of operations Adrian Pedro said. “This has been in effect for a few years now.”

“We just clarified some of the language, and clarified what the restrictions were.”

The policy governs vacuum trucks dumping their contents at the Town of Fort Macleod's waste water treatment facilities.

The policy is intended to ensure the

safety of the waste water system and compliance to environmental legislation.

A vacuum truck is defined as one that has a pump and a tank designed to pneumatically suck liquids, sludges, slurries or mixtures of sand and water.

Vacuum trucks are used to transport the collected material to a treatment or disposal site.

The Town of Fort Macleod allows vacuum trucks to dump only domestic waste water from septic tanks.

The contents must originate from within the municipal boundaries of Fort Macleod, or a designated site approved by the Town of Fort Macleod.

The policy sets out the following restrictions:

- Only domestic waste will be accepted. Car wash sump material or any other liquid waste product will not be accepted.

- No more than one load per hour will be accepted and must not exceed approved limits.

- The Town of Fort Macleod reserves the right to refuse any load for any reason deemed acceptable to the town.

- Dumping takes place only between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, on prior arrangement.

- Vacuum truck operators must have a utility billing account in place with the Town of Fort Macleod prior to dumping.

- Operators must provide the town with the origin of the septic tank waste.

Man fined for missing 8 court appearances

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A man who skipped eight court appearances was fined \$800 Wednesday in Fort Macleod court of justice.

Cluney Sherman Vincent was also fined \$3,000 on a charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Court was told Vincent missed scheduled court

appearances on May 5, 2021, July 7, 2021, July 14, 2021, Aug. 18, 2021, Dec. 20, 2021, two on March 30, 2022 and one on Dec. 12, 2022.

Crown prosecutor Nailah Decicico told court Vincent does not have a prior criminal record for failing to attend.

The Crown and defence lawyer Jason Demers sought \$100 fines on each

of the charges.

“Ignoring court orders of failing to show up for court is always a serious matter,” Justice Paul Pharo said.

Vincent also pleaded guilty to a charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle, which attracts a \$3,000 fine inclusive of victim fine surcharge.

Vincent pleaded not guilty to charges of possession

of stolen property under \$5,000, fraud under \$5,000, possession of identity documents, use or traffic in credit cards, and intent to obtain property by crime and a trial was set for July 5 at 1 p.m.

Vincent also pleaded not guilty to a charge of shop-breaking with intent and a trial was set for Aug. 16 at 1 p.m.

Town sets new policy for gravel dust abatement

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A new policy for dust abatement is in place for the Town of Fort Macleod. The dust abatement policy was presented for council’s review at the April 10 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

“It’s pretty exciting from my end,” director of operations Adrian Pedro told council. “I think it represents the increased level of service that we’re trying to provide to our residents.”

The policy states the Town of Fort Macleod recognizes the need for dust abatement to minimize driving hazards. There is also a need to suppress dust to improve quality of life for people whose homes are on gravel roads.

“Essentially what this covers is any sort of dust abatement we’re going to

do for our gravel roads in town,” Pedro said.

The policy defines dust suppressants as any treatment material for reducing dust emissions, which may include MG30, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, DowFlake, DL10 and oil.

“We do have a few different products that we can use,” Pedro said.

The town is to help maintain its gravel roads in early spring through use of a dust suppressant chosen from a recognized product list provided by Alberta Transportation.

If people request more frequent treatment, the town can consider a cost-share or user-pay arrangement.

The policy also allows the Town of Fort Macleod to consider a second annual application of dust suppressant based on environmental conditions.

The public works foreman will assess gravel roads to set an annual priority list. Priority will be given to those roads with higher traffic volumes and proximity to residents and businesses.

The are two priority categories.

Priority 1 roads that shall routinely receive annual dust suppression are Range Road 261; Deer Path Meadows Road; Avro Anson Road; River Valley Estate Road; Ninth Avenue by the cemetery; and Lyndon Road.

Priority 2 roads that may be added to the annual program based on budget availability are Southwest Industrial Park; Sgt. Wilde Road; 14th Street; Eighth Avenue and Seventh Avenue between 14th Street and Eighth Street; 30th Street east of Ninth Avenue; 27th Street east of Eighth Avenue; and First Street.

GIANT JENGA



Corbin Tobler and Landen Swastky played a giant game of Jenga Thursday at W.A. Day school during the Spring Bonanza.

Photo by Frank McTighe

Macleod, Granum food banks funded

Two area groups will share in \$10-million in provincial funding to support food banks and related organizations.

Salvation Army Fort Macleod received \$40,000 and the Granum Drop-In Centre received \$8,000.

“After hearing from those representing food banks in Alberta, we knew our government needed to act,” Seniors, Community and Social Services Minister Jeremy Nixon said in a news release.

In November the government announced \$20-million over two years to support food banks and related food security organizations across the province.

To date, \$10-million of that funding has been distributed to 210 organizations that help put food on the tables of Albertans.

“These grants are ensuring that food banks and other organizations big and small can carry out the incredible work they do,” Nixon added.

Of the funding, more than \$3.4-million was used to match donations made to food security organizations, up to \$50,000.

All 113 organizations

that applied for the donation matching grant were provided with funding.

In November the government announced three grant streams.

Those grant streams included the \$2.8-million food bank grant, which funded 109 food banks in December.

The \$2.9-million food security grant funded 76 organizations through an open grant call in January.

The \$3.4-million Donation Matching Grant gave up to \$50,000 to 113 organizations.

In addition to the three grant streams, the government is providing \$510,000 to Food Banks Alberta to strengthen the food bank network in the province.

This funding will be used to provide training to food bank staff, develop an improved data system and enable bulk food purchases.

“Food Banks Alberta and organizations across the province are grateful for the support from Alberta’s government,” Food Banks Alberta CEO Arianna Scott said. “We are encouraged by their actions to address food insecurity and the issues Albertans are facing today.”

Man jailed for stealing donation box

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A man who stole a donation box from a coffee shop was sentenced Wednesday to 30 days in jail.

John Peter Szanto, 54, pleaded guilty in Fort Macleod court of justice to a charge of theft under \$5,000.

Court was told Szanto was seen cutting the security cord on a donation box at the Tim Hortons in Nanton about 5:40 a.m. Aug. 1.

Szanto left the restaurant with the donation box, which Crown prosecutor Nailah Decicio said was estimated to hold \$100.

The theft was captured on surveillance video and Szanto was arrested on Aug. 23.

Szanto, who was in custody at Calgary Remand Centre and appeared via closed circuit television, also pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to attend court on Feb. 1.

Szanto has a criminal record that runs from 1994 to 2022 which includes 10 convictions for theft under, which netted him up to 40 days in jail.

Szanto also has four previous convictions for failing to attend court.

The Crown sought a jail sentence of 30 to 45 days with a year of probation

that includes an order Szanto not attend the Tim Hortons in Nanton.

Szanto is also required to take any treatment or counselling as directed by the probation officer.

Defence lawyer Marcus Mueller, who also appeared via closed circuit television, said Szanto has struggled with substance abuse.

Mueller said that substance abuse, which has included an addiction to crack cocaine, is linked to Szanto’s criminal history.

Justice Paul Pharo sentenced Szanto to 30 days in jail, with credit for the time he had spent in pre-trial custody.

New Year’s Eve stabbing case adjourned to May

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

A man charged in connection with a New Year’s Eve stabbing in Fort Macleod will be in court next month.

Defence lawyer Robin McIntyre appeared Wednesday in Fort Macleod court of justice to request an adjournment to Wednesday, May 3.

“I’m going to be reaching out to (the Crown) to have a conversation,” said McIntyre, who appeared via closed circuit television.

RCMP were called at 3:56 a.m. Jan. 1 to a report a man had been stabbed at a Fort Macleod residence.

Police located the victim, who had been stabbed numerous times.

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Monstars top STARS charity tournament

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A record 48 teams competed in four divisions in the 19th STARS Co-ed Volleyball Tournament held April 14-16.

There were 14 teams competing in the competitive division, 12 teams in the intermediate division, 12 teams in the recreational division and 10 teams in the beer league division.

The competition was intense in all divisions with a lot of close matches as teams pushed to make the playoffs.

Competitive division
Monstars (Jon Cahill) defeated Jamie Brown's team in an exciting final.

Third place in the competitive division was won by Big Dig Energy (Conlan Donahue) as they defeated Ace Holes (Jordan Wanaas).

Competitive consolation side winner was Gingas Retirement Home (Haiden Hurtig).

Intermediate division
Gunderstruck (Thomas Gunderson) defeated Calm Your Tips (Guy Day Chief) in an exciting three-set final.

Third place in the intermediate division was won by Flatten The Serve (Brooklyn Gathercole) as they defeated Jared Poytress's team.

Intermediate consolation side winner was No Dignty (Heather Ancil).

Recreational division
Bumper Muffin (Lindsey Zielinski) defeated Back Door Dumps (Leslie Kramer) in the final.

Third place in the recreational division went to Bump, Set, Pysch (Marnie Ling) as they defeated Hit For Brains (Chelsie Wolff).

Recreational consolation side winner was The Farm Team (Brittany Flynn).

Beer league division
Volley Llamas (Dustin

Auger) defeated Mike Bourassa's team in the final.

Third place in the beer league division was won by Hits and Giggles (Leanne Neels) as they defeated Wannabees (Barry Campbell).

Beer league consolation side winner was Jell-O Shots (Brandy Archbald).

The Fort Macleod Volleyball Club would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the players, volunteers and donors who helped make the 19th STARS Volleyball Tournament for Charity a great success.

The Fort Macleod Volleyball Club was once again able to work with a variety of organizations and individuals in town to not only raise money for STARS but to raise money for their individual organizations.

Our door prize and cash donations were fantastic again this year and the number of people who were willing to donate their time to help out was much appreciated.

The stands at the arena were full of fans and family members all week-end as well.

A special thanks goes out to the following people and organizations. Without the efforts of these people, and many others too numerous to mention, this year's STARS tournament would not have been possible.

Thanks to F.P. Walshe Grad 2023; F.P. Walshe senior boys and girls referees; Town of Fort Macleod recreation staff; Jake Roelofsen; Ryan and Katherine Doyle; Craig Patton and the staff at W A Day school; Sarah Jordan and her crew from Taber Minor Basketball; Lacey and Aaron Poytress; LVC U14 Boys; and Citizens on Patrol.



Jamie Brown spikes the ball Sunday in the competitive division final of the STARS charity tournament.

Ticket sellers were Richelle Ives, Hanna Kvame, Mary Paiha, Erin Williamson, Marlene Trotter, Adelynn Van Herk, Sydney Tobler, Sarah Foote, Kathleen Van Herk, Sharon Cleaver, Kate Glover and Amy Boyd.

The front door crew was Bruce and Pam Young, Lynn Asuchak, Coralee Markland, Nina Vandervelden, Ute Eremenko, Marilyn Roemer, Janet Tilbe, Rowena Perrin and Vicki Larson.

Bartenders were Jaenessa

Ives, Hanna Kvame, Mary Braconnier, Jaimie Orr, Leroy Rogers, Wes Stockton, Brad Holtz and Mike Davis.

Thanks also to MA Catering staff; *The Macleod Gazette* staff; Ken Kain; Tyler Ivy; Sarah Eccleston of STARS; Bella Duce; Nate Garstad; Abby Bourassa; Tyler Van Herk; Drayden Weir; Garrett and Andrea McDougall; Steve Hoglund; Laurel Anderson and Chris

Adamiak; and anyone else who was not on this list who helped out in some way. There are so many people who are willing to help out with this tournament that sometimes it's hard to keep track of you all.

We think the fact that so many businesses and individuals found it in themselves to give so generously to this worthwhile event says a lot about the spirit of this great community

and the participants in this tournament. Thank you again to those who helped us keep STARS in the sky.

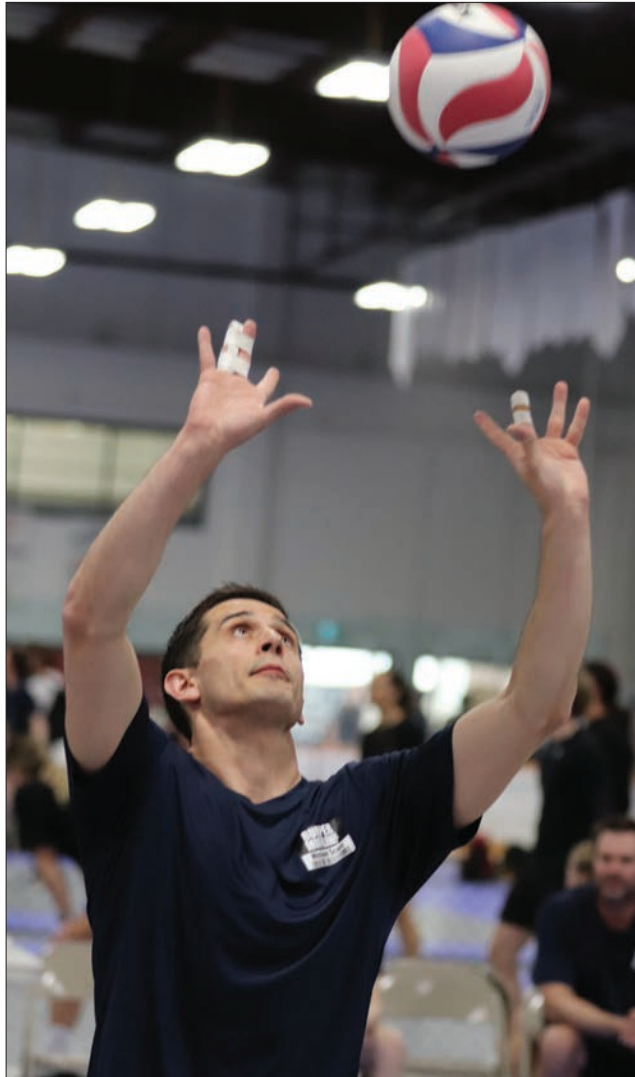
Many thanks from the STARS tournament organizing team of Brayden Van Driesten, Lauren Roelofsen, Leanne Neels, Janene Van Driesten, Landon Schneider, Wes Stockton, Lindsey Zielinsky, Paige Knauf, Chelsie Wolff, Tom Lyon, Angela Martin and Mike Bourassa.



Christina Fox attacks in the beer league final.



Jordan Gunderson in the intermediate final.



Anthony Burdett sets in the recreation final.



Photo courtesy Lethbridge College
Jamie Brown and Cooper Williams received Tim Tollestrup Leadership Student-Athletes of the Year awards Thursday at Lethbridge College’s annual KODI Awards Night.

Jamie Brown is college’s female athlete of the year

A Fort Macleod athlete is Lethbridge College’s Female Athlete of the Year.

Jamie Brown and track athlete Cooper Williams were named the Tim Tollestrup Leadership Student-Athletes of the Year Thursday during the annual KODI Awards.

The awards capped a strong season for Kodiaks athletics that saw every Kodiaks team compete for their respective conference championships.

Kodiaks athletics and recreation services director Todd Caughlin, who was also raised in Fort Macleod, said overall the season was a great success.

“To have every team compete for a championship is something that not every college can say happens, and I believe it is a first for the Kodiaks,” Caughlin said.

“The dedication, determination and resilience that every coach and student-athlete committed to this first full year back to competition showed, and I could not be prouder.”

The three pillars of Kodiaks Athletics — academic accountability, athletic excellence, and the student-athlete experience — steered the voting on all awards.

Awards are selected by members of the Kodiaks athletics administration team and factor in the results of a public vote that had 615 participants, setting a new KODIs record.

An F.P. Walshe school grad in her fifth season with the Kodiaks where she is studying Exercise Science, Jamie Brown finished her collegiate career strong.

The five foot 11 Brown played in 19 matches, recording 216 kills, 186 digs and 244 points.

Brown was named an All-Conference outside hitter and Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) Player of the Year.

Brown was also named a Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Academic All-Canadian and CCAA All-Canadian.

Brown also played a big role in her

team’s historic run during the ACAC championships, where they attained the highest finish in team history by placing fourth.

The women’s volleyball team was also honoured for the best comeback, rallying from being down 2-0 in the ACAC quarterfinals to defeat the nationally ranked No. 6 team, the Kings University Eagles, in a five-set thriller.

Williams earned the award after an impressive year earning All-Conference Team honours for both cross-country and indoor track.

Williams was a big factor in his team winning bronze at cross-country championships and gold at indoor track championships and is a CCAA Academic All-Canadian.

The men’s indoor track team was named the Val and Flora Matteotti Kodiaks Team of the Year, capping a year that saw them break school and ACAC records, collect gold medals and bring home the ACAC championships banner.

Lacrosse camp for Piikani youth

Spirit North is hosting a lacrosse camp at Piikani Nation on April 22-23 in partnership with local First Nation partners, Lacrosse Associations, and the Lethbridge Sports Council.

Held at the multi-purpose arena at Brocket, the camp involves Indigenous youth aged seven to 20 years.

Registration is free and equipment can be arranged for participation.

On Saturday evening, there is an Alberta Lacrosse Association sanctioned game between the Cudas and the Chaos. Entrance is \$2 and a donation to the local food bank.

Special guest Jeff Shattler will lead the camp with his extensive professional lacrosse experience.

Shattler has played in the National Lacrosse League for 15 years on teams such as the Calgary Roughnecks and the Saskatchewan Rush.

Shattler also represents Team Iroquois on an international level where he helped secure three world championships; one bronze medal in field lacrosse, and two silver medals in box lacrosse.

Spirit North leaders Chad Chief Moon and Zane Chief Moon

will also coach the workshop.

“I want to reach out to our youth, teach them the game and history,” Shattler said.

“I want to give our youth a chance to be a part of something, interact and be active.”

“My promise is to teach our youth the game I love, the skills I’ve learned, and share in the life lessons and opportunities that I’ve had along the way.”

Spirit North is a national charitable organization that uses land-based activities to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous youth.

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Catherine Dietrich
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Beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, auntie, grandmother (great), and supportive friend.
Cathy is survived by her sons Darryl, Earl (Kara), Lloyd (Christie) and daughters Debbie and Suzanne. She was also blessed with seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and myriad of friends and family all over the world. Her love will be felt for eternity in us all.
In lieu of flowers Cathy and the family requests that anyone who wishes to may donate to the Fort Macleod Community Support Beds which lovingly cared for her, Frank, Laura and Marie during their final days. You can send cheques to Fort Macleod Healthcare Auxiliary Association, P.O. Box 1866, Fort Macleod, AB T0L 0Z0.
The family would like to invite everyone to an open celebration of life on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. From 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will be a remembrance ceremony, 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. cemetery and a roast beef dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Please limit phone calls to the family. If you would like to reach out, have questions or to send a message please e-mail: dietrichcathy@gmail.com



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Infrastructure projects are under way in Willow Creek

ROB VOGT
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

The MD of Willow Creek continues to work on several infrastructure projects throughout the municipality, including roads, airport improvements, and more.

Director of infrastructure Craig Pittman outlined the projects as follows: **Granum storm water**

This project involves designing and constructing drainage improvements in Granum and surrounding area to add resiliency to the community as historic flooding occurs.

The project, budgeted for \$1,614,000 from provincial funding, is 60 per cent complete with the tender awarded to the low bid and construction likely to begin in late April.

Transportation plan

This project involves updating a planning document to guide the municipality's actions and investment into transportation infrastructure.

The project, which is budgeted for \$100,000 from the municipal budget, is 80 per cent complete with a second draft of the plan reviewed and edits required to complete.

Airport storm water

Phase 1 of this project involves engineering and maintenance of the storm water system to protect the airport from flooding.

The project, budgeted for \$250,000 from the municipal budget, is 50 per cent complete, and awaiting construction.

The Phase 1 construction contract has been awarded.

Construction is to commence in the spring, and a larger drainage analysis is under way.

Township Road 122

This project involves rebuilding Township Road 122 from Highway 2 to Highway 520 to accommodate future base and paving work.

The project, budgeted for \$1,125,000 from provincial funding, is 90 per cent complete, with topsoil finishing and fencing as outstanding items. All work is to be completed prior to seeding.

Airport Phase 2

This project involves engineering and regulatory approvals for large-scale drainage improvements to Willow Creek to protect development with storm water management.

The project, budgeted for \$35,000 from municipal reserves, is 40 per cent complete, with engineering under way.

Moon River Estates

This project involves the replacement of raw and potable pumps and motors, meter installation and other work, to replace end-of-life infrastructure components.

The project, budgeted for \$185,000 from municipal reserves, is 40 per cent complete, with engineering under way.

Granum compound

This project involves the purchase of an adjacent lot, minor lot grading, and fencing for future planning for potential service growth.

The project, budgeted for \$100,000 from Granum land sale reserves, is 40 per cent complete, with land purchase under way.

Claresholm lot servicing

This project involves the subdivi-

sion and servicing of eight lots in the Claresholm Industrial Area east of Highway 520 with the goal to service and sell the lots.

The project, budgeted for \$150,000 from airport reserves, is 20 per cent complete, with project scoping subdivision planning under way.

Claresholm sewer

This project involves the lining of sanitary sewer mains and reconfiguration or replacement of manholes in the Claresholm Industrial Area to renew end-of-life infrastructure components.

The project, budgeted for \$350,000 from reserves, is 30 per cent complete, with design under way.

Granum sidewalk

This project involves the replacement of existing end-of-life sidewalk on First Avenue.

The project, budgeted for \$100,000 from federal gas tax funding, is 10 per cent complete, with project preparation under way.

Granum surfacing work

This project involves the replacement of existing end-of-life road and curb and gutter on Grey Street.

The project, budgeted for \$210,000 from Granum special tax funding, is 10 per cent complete, with project preparation under way.

Granum industrial area

This project involves looping of a potable water line with servicing, sanitary sewer servicing and road build to enhance water quality, water for fire flow, and the service and sale of three lots.

The project, budgeted for \$675,000 from Granum reserves, is 40 per cent complete, with pre-qualification of contractors complete.

Granum storm water work set

ROB VOGT
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

MD of Willow Creek council was recently updated on a project involving the design and construction of drainage improvements in Granum and surrounding area to add resiliency to the community as historic flooding occurs.

Director of infrastructure Craig Pittman appeared at the March 29 council meeting explaining the Granum storm water management and flood mitigation project was advertised publicly and closed on March 17.

A total of 11 bids were received ranging from \$648,204 to \$1,484,840, with the majority of bids in the \$750,000 to \$925,000 range.

The MD of Willow Creek is

projecting project completion to be well below the original grant amount.

Construction is expected to begin in late April and be completed prior to the end of October.

Pittman also provided background on the project.

Alberta Environment through the Alberta Community Resilience Program is funding 90 per cent of the total estimated costs of the project.

This agreement was executed in February 2020.

Since its original application for funding, the project scope has changed considerably and includes an outlet into Willow Creek.

This solution was expected to be considerably more affordable than the

original with less capital cost and minimal ongoing operation and maintenance costs. The original estimated cost established in late 2018 was \$1,613,600 and would result in significant ongoing costs.

A trade agreement compliant competitive process was conducted to secure a consulting firm to complete option assessments, preliminary design, detailed design, environmental approvals, contractor procurement and contract administration in early 2021.

Scope amendments were approved by the funding body and work on the detailed design, land owner discussions and approvals began.

Approvals were granted and contractor procurement began.

MD denies golf carts on Granum streets

ROB VOGT
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

MD of Willow Creek council turned down a request by residents of Granum to use golf carts on streets of the hamlet.

Council reviewed a report from administration March 29 explaining 77 Granum residents signed a "resident proposal" which requests council rescind or amend the Granum traffic by-law to permit the use of golf carts within the hamlet.

Background in the report stated Alberta's Traffic Safety Act and supporting regulations specifically prohibit the registration of a golf

cart as a motor vehicle.

Although municipalities may pass off-highway vehicle by-laws, a municipality cannot pass an off-highway vehicle by-law to authorize the use of a golf cart on a roadway as the act specifically notes vehicles authorized by a municipality under a by-law for use on a road must be registered.

The Town of Granum traffic by-law remains in effect within the boundaries of the hamlet. The by-law prohibits the operation of off-highway vehicles within the boundaries of the hamlet in a number of sections.

The MD of Willow Creek's off-highway vehicle by-law permits the

use of off-highway vehicles provided the vehicle is registered, licensed, insured, equipped with headlights, tail lights, exhaust muffler, is operated by a licensed operator, and all passengers are equipped with helmets.

However, one section indicates off-highway vehicles are specifically not permitted to be operated within a municipal hamlet.

Municipalities may not pass by-laws which are in direct contravention of existing laws.

Council agreed to reply to Granum residents that council is not prepared to authorize the operation of golf carts on roads within the hamlet.

MD council updated on discretionary funds

ROB VOGT
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

MD of Willow Creek council was updated on its discretionary funds, which are used to meet donation requests from community organizations and activities.

Council was provided a

report on how much funding each councillor has in their discretionary account.

Each councillor is provided \$1,500 annually to meet requests at the beginning of the year.

Council was advised the current total discretionary

funds of council as of Feb. 22 are \$10,666.46.

The discretionary funds are broken down as follows:

- Division 1, Coun. John Van Driesten, \$1,300.
- Division 2, Coun. John Kroetsch, \$1,383.75.
- Division 3, Reeve

- Maryanne Sandberg, \$825.
- Division 4, Coun. Glen Alm, \$1,475.
- Division 5, Coun. Earl Hemmaway, \$1,408.46.
- Division 6, Coun. Evan Berger, \$2,100.
- Division 7, Coun. Brian Nelson, \$2,174.25.

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7	8	9 9am Regular Sale	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 9am Regular Sale	17 1pm Spring Pair & Bred Sale	18	19	20 6pm Cut Above Superior Horse Sale
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Spotlight on

Pioneer Lodge

residents Elba and Irwin Packham

The Macleod Gazette, with the help of enrichment co-ordinator Nicole Tomik, is profiling the residents of Pioneer Lodge in Fort Macleod. This week's profile puts the spotlight on Elba and Irwin Packham.

Where were you born and raised?

We were born and raised in Pincher Creek. Elba was raised on a small farm in the community of Twin Butte. Irwin was raised on a grain farm east of Pincher Creek and we both attended high school in Pincher Creek.

What can you tell us about your family?

Irwin and I were blessed with five children, Scott, Joanne and Darren (deceased), Gary and Jody. We have seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Were you involved in any clubs, organizations or community groups?

While in High Level, Elba was on the Chamber of Commerce board and Irwin was on town council for seven years and served as mayor for three years.

What hobbies and interests have you pursued in your life?

Reading novels.

What kind of jobs did you have, and where

did you work?

While in Fort Macleod, Elba worked at the pharmacy (Mr. Price and Merv Ducek) and then at The Macleod Gazette. Irwin worked for Safeway Systems. After a short business experience in Yellowknife they invested in a Macleod store (later True Value). While in High Level, we

had a V&S Variety Store for about 20 years.

What can you tell us about your vacations or travels?

We had many wonderful years with our family at Shuswap Lake, boating and water skiing with family and friends. We enjoyed our condo in Fairmont and travelled to Arizona several times.

Have you had pets, and what were your favourites?

Elba's favourite pet was a spaniel named Beery. Irwin gave him to Elba for her birthday. Irwin had a collie dog for a pet named Buzz.

What are some of the big changes you have seen in your lifetime?

Seeing the changes that electronics have made.

How long have you lived in Fort Macleod, and what do you like about our town?

The first time we lived here for 14 years and since retiring, we have lived here for 22 years. We celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary on April 2.

What do you enjoy about life at Pioneer Lodge?

The wonderful staff and the good food.

What are some wise words of wisdom for everyone?

Be friendly and smile often.



Photo by Nicole Tomik

Elba Packham is a new Pioneer Lodge resident.



Photo by Nicole Tomik

Irwin Packham now calls Pioneer Lodge home.