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Juno Award nominee Pavlo, second from left, brought his band to the Empress Theatre on Thursday. Pavlo and his band

kicked off the 2023-'24 Center Stage Series before a large, enthusiastic audience.

## Council accepts affordable housing project

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod council last week accepted a proposal from VB Block Commercial Inc. for an affordable housing project on Ninth Street.

As part of the agreement the Town of Fort Macleod will donate five lots to the project.

The town's request for proposals stated a minimum of 10 per cent of the affordable housing units are required to rent for 60 per cent of the market rate.

A maximum of 30 per cent of the units can rent for market and near-market rates.

Other affordable units can rent for 60-90 per cent of market rates.

Twenty per cent of units should be barrier free to ensure access for people with disabilities.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation indicates market monthly rental rates are as follows: bachelor, \$880; one bedroom, \$1,020; two bedroom, \$1,129; and three bedroom, \$1,355.

Chief administrative officer Anthony Burdett brought the proposal to the agenda of council's Sept. 25 meeting.

"This next item is quite a historical item — a monumental item," Burdett said.

In 2017 council voted to designate five lots on Ninth Street for an affordable housing project

that did not come to fruition.

Council in early September directed administration to issue a request for affordable housing proposals for the lots.

The request for proposal process was quick in order to allow applicants to apply for government funding by the Oct. 15 deadline.

"There was a window that was quick but reasonable," Burdett said.

The Town of Fort Macleod received one response to its request for proposals, which was determined to be acceptable.

Council then met with VB Block Commercial Inc. during a committee of the whole meeting.

Burdett said the applicant has

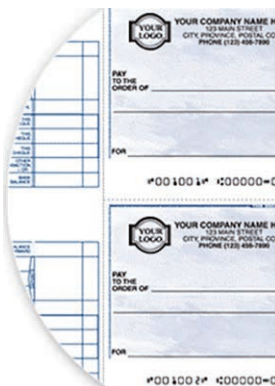
worked with the Fort Macleod Affordable Housing Committee and government officials to ensure the project is successful.

"It's nice to see that they're not just going it alone, but are using the resources that are available."

Burdett said the meeting with VB Block Commercial Inc. was productive and provided council and administration with the assurance they can manage an affordable housing project.

"They've demonstrated their commitment to the community as they are committed builders and owners of property and businesses in Fort Macleod," Burdett said.

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Farmer's Market 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 at Midnight Stadium Agriplex.  
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"Everybody Say Love" fund-raiser for the Empress Theatre and Fort Macleod Pride featuring music and a silent auction of art at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Fort Macleod and District Community Hall.  
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Lethbridge Historical Society presents an evening with Connor Thompson, author of "The Engagement Letters of Marie Harwood and Sam Steele" at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 at Analog Books.  
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The Center Stage Series presents Diyet and the Love Soldiers at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Empress Theatre.  
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Granum Educational Support Society annual roast beef supper 5-7 p.m. Oct. 13 at Granum school.  
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Fort Macleod Skating Club annual general meeting 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18 upstairs at the arena.



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# Macleod needs more doctors

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

The Town of Fort Macleod is looking for a prescription to solve the town's doctor shortage.

"There's definitely a critical need to be addressed, and I imagine we're not the only community," chief administrative officer Anthony Burdett said.

Two notices from Alberta Health Services regarding temporary emergency department closures at Fort Macleod Health Centre were included in council's Sept. 25 consent agenda.

Coun. Christina Fox asked the notices be brought to the regular council agenda for discussion.

Fox asked Burdett for an update on physicians in Fort Macleod.

"I wish I had an abundance of good news when it comes to doctors in our community," Burdett told council.

Council that it was advised last year that five new doctors were to locate in Fort Macleod.

"That is probably not the case at this

point," Burdett said.

Burdett said it has been difficult to get information on physician recruitment from Alberta Health Services.

The Town of Fort Macleod contacted Alberta Health Services last month to find out when new doctors could be expected in Fort Macleod.

Burdett said the town's contacts with AHS could not provide an answer.

"We're kind of left in the lurch," Burdett said. "We're hoping some of that information can get to us soon."

The five physicians who were expected would bring Fort Macleod to its bare minimum, Burdett said.

One of those doctors did come to town, and one other went to Pincher Creek instead.

Coun. Jim Monteith said the MD of Willow Creek at one time was interested to partner with the town on doctor recruitment.

"Should we be re-looking at that?" Monteith asked.

Burdett agreed that might be worth-

while. "I think any potential solution would be worth looking into."

Coun. Mackenzie Hengerer said doctors who immigrate to Canada face a daunting process to practice in Alberta.

"I'm just wondering if there's ways that we can advocate for immigration," Hengerer said. "Obviously you want to have a person who is well-versed in their field but the process for Alberta is so difficult."

Hengerer told council a family member had been rejected by Alberta, but was immediately welcomed by Nova Scotia and is practising in a town with a population of about 4,000.

"Maybe that's an area where we can advocate with our local government," Hengerer said.

Burdett said a stumbling block for Fort Macleod is that it has too few doctors to work with newly-accredited immigrant doctors, which is an AHS requirement.

Council directed administration to contact the Rural Physician Action Plan.

# Council receives hotel study

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

A branded, mid-scale hotel could be a profitable venture in Fort Macleod.

That was one of the findings in a study conducted by Cushman and Wakefield on behalf of the Town of Fort Macleod and Chamber of Commerce.

Town council accepted the study and report at its Sept. 25 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building.

The consultant based the study on a 60-room hotel with a 900 sq. ft. meeting and event space, breakfast room, business centre, fitness centre, pool and waterslide, to be built in the new Macleod Landing subdivision.

"Cushman and Wakefield does not make a recommendation," chief administrative officer Anthony Burdett said. "They just provide their estimate and projections."

Council reviewed the study during a

committee of the whole meeting and forwarded it to the Chamber of Commerce, who co-funded the study.

The recommendation before council from staff on Sept. 25 was to accept the report and study, and direct administration to work with the Chamber on marketing the results.

"With something like this it's not a one and done," Burdett said. "There's a lot of work that's going to go into this to use this tool and information and potentially attract future hotels to our community."

Cushman and Wakefield reviewed the exiting hotels and motels in Fort Macleod.

The consultant also looked at hotels and motels in Fort Macleod as well as Pincher Creek, Taber, Okotoks and High River.

The consultant projects the hotel would fill 11,007 of the 21,900

available room nights in its first year of opening, projected to be 2027.

That number would rise to 11,680 the following year, 12,342 in 2029, 12,527 in 2030 and 12,715 in 2031.

"It's actually better than I anticipated," Burdett said. "I'm not going to lie, I was a bit of a cynic on this one. I wasn't sure what kind of numbers were going to come back but it's good to see there is some potential."

The consultants provided estimate revenue, expenses and profit for the 60-room hotel.

"It was nice to see that they projected it could be a profitable endeavour for someone," Burdett said.

The second phase of the study would provide more in-depth information, Burdett told council.

The Town and Chamber will now work together to market the study and report to potential investors.

# Council accepts affordable housing project

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Coun. Mackenzie Hengerer agreed.

"They have been in our community for a very long time and they are doing this because they see a need," Hengerer said. "There is a huge need and it is only going to increase over the next few years."

As part of the commitment to Fort Macleod, VB Block Commercial Inc. promised to be transparent and open when it comes to communicating with neighbours and other residents.

Burdett told council having title of the land gives the company a better chance of receiving the government funding.

Coun. Marco Van Huigenbos asked about any risk to the Town of Fort Macleod, in the event government funding does not come through for the project.

Burdett said in the town's standard

development agreement there is a clause that if land is not developed, the town can reclaim ownership.

"That's something we have pushed for as we don't want people buying land in our community and sitting on it, waiting for the price to go up and then selling it again," Burdett said.

Burdett said the risk to the town in this case is that if the project did not go forward, there could be a costly legal battle.

The worst case scenario, Burdett speculated, is the Town of Fort Macleod would be out the cost of the land.

"I wouldn't anticipate that is a potential issue with this group, because I think they are working collaboratively," Burdett said.

Burdett said it is possible to develop an "out" agreeable to both parties.

"I think the potential benefit of this project outweighs the risk," Burdett said.

Van Huigenbos stressed he has no issues with the group, but wants the town's interests to be protected.

Hengerer asked about amenities for the area to support the high density of population.

Burdett said administration has been working with designers on developing a green space between Ninth and Eighth streets.

The green space would be developed in phases, eventually being comparable in size to Centennial Park.

"We recognize the (population) density that's going to be happening there with the multi units," Burdett said.

VB Block Commercial Inc. is not expected to hear whether its funding applications are acceptable until early next year, Burdett said.

# RCMP investigate more licence plate theft

**CONST. AMANDA GROUETTE**  
GAZETTE CONTRIBUTOR

During the week of Sept. 25 to Oct. 1 the Fort Macleod RCMP responded to 48 various calls of service throughout Fort Macleod, Granum and the MD of Willow Creek which included:

- One abandoned 911 call.
- Three requests for assistance from the public and other agencies.
- Four reports of someone disturbing the peace or causing a disturbance.
- One drug offence.
- Two reports of

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harassing communications.

- Three items lost or found.
- Three complaints of mischief.
- Seven other moving traffic or speeding violations.
- Three reports of suspicious persons, vehicles or property.
- Three investigations of theft under \$5,000 from a motor vehicle.

- Five traffic collisions resulting in property damage.
- One Trespass Act complaint.
- Two well-being checks.

**Theft of licence plates**

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**YARD WASTE**  
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Starting on the North side of Town moving South. No bags are allowed, please place leaves, grass and tree trimmings in the alley.

**BULK GARBAGE**  
Friday, Oct 13 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 14 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
1-3 truck/trailer loads will be accepted at the Willow Creek Landfill, a voucher will be required from the Town Office

**HOUSEHOLD CLEAN UP**  
Friday, Oct 13 — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 14 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
1-3 items per household can be taken to the Arena Parking Lot, 225 21st Street, a voucher from the Town Office will be required.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE**  
Friday, Oct 13 — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
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**FORT MACLEOD HOUSING COMMITTEE**  
Three vacancies, each for a two-year term  
Meetings are held monthly  
*\* Facilitate partnerships and collaborative planning towards effectively developing housing strategies in Fort Macleod.*

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Photo by Frank McTighe

Lane Nelson paints her tile for the mosaic mural at F.P. Walshe school.

F.P. Walshe students  
create mosaic mural

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

F.P. Walshe school students embarked Friday on a mosaic mural project in honour of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

The Grade 6-12 students will each paint a scene on an individual tile that will combined to make up the mural to be displayed in the school’s hangar.

“We wanted to honour reconciliation,” art teacher Shanan Hunter said. “As an entire school we have not done a project like this.”

“We thought this would be a wonderful way to bring the whole school together and to create a work of art that is individual yet together as one.”

F.P. Walshe school teachers spent the week preparing students by showing videos related to truth and reconciliation, having students do their own research, and assigning reading.

The school’s elders also spoke to students about truth and reconciliation.

With that information, students sketched an image that they would paint on their individual tile.

The individual tiles will then be united to create a fall scene of the iconic Chief Mountain.

Chief Mountain was chosen for its prominent place in the southern Alberta landscape, as well as its significance to Indigenous people.

“We all have connections to Chief Mountain,” Hunter said.

The fall scene also incorporates an image of a tipi students erected at the base of Chief Mountain during a land camp.

When students complete



Photo by Frank McTighe

Bella Hardy at work on her tile for the F.P. Walshe Friday school mosaic mural.

their work, the more than 500 tiles will be combined in a three-panel mosaic mural that will fill an alcove in the hangar that is the entrance to the school.

“I think it’s a good idea,” Grade 9 student Alexi Lemke said of students doing research to come up with their own designs.

Riley Goldenbeld, who is also in Grade 9, also liked the idea of the entire school working on one project and the sense of togetherness it can create.

“I like that the whole

school can work on it together to make something really nice,” added Grade 9 student Lane Nelson.

The Grade 9 students are optimistic the project will achieve the goal of bringing students together.

“I think so,” Lane Nelson said. “Because everybody contributes.”

Hunter said it will take some time for all the students to get their tiles painted.

It is anticipated the mosaic mural will be in place prior to the Christmas break.



Artist Bryce Singer designed the poster for the Blood Tribe’s opioid crisis campaign.

# Blood Tribe launches opioid crisis campaign

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
MACLEOD GAZETTE EDITOR

The Blood Tribe last week released a poster and billboard as a part of a strategic messaging campaign battling the opioid crisis.

The campaign developed by the Blood Tribe communications and community engagement department had input from front line workers, medical professionals, and persons with lived experience.

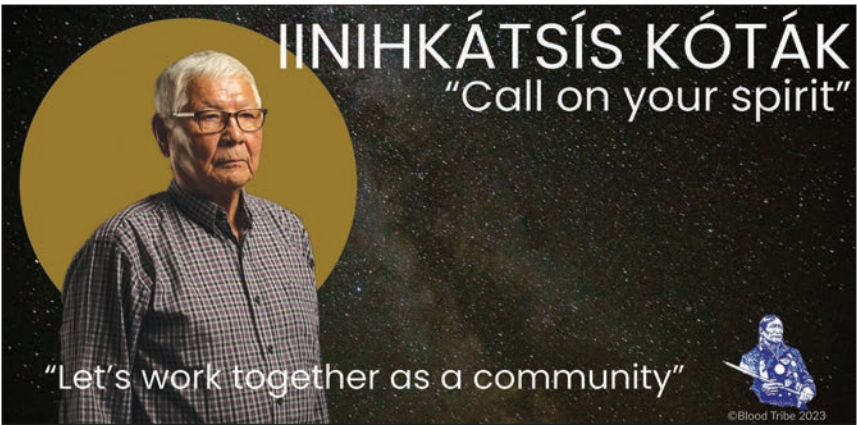
The campaign intends to prevent opioid misuse and reduce the amount of opioid-related deaths.

The poster titled *Compassion* and made by Blood Tribe artist Bryce Singer is aimed towards both adult and youth demographics.

The topic is on the prevention of opioid misuse and opioid related deaths in the community.

A small map of Akainai is seen in the sky aligned in the direction with the Milky Way to remind Blood Tribe members of the story about the wolves that took pity on them in the past and taught them to live with one another, care for each other, and to have compassion and empathy.

A small child and her mother are



Artist Blaire Russell designed the Blood Tribe’s billboard.

seen walking toward a young woman. The Standoff tower is in the background to show the location.

The image is about checking in on the people we love and visiting with our families, communities, and allowing ourselves and others to be heard.

Bryce Singer is an artist and member of the Blood Tribe whose mixed media art aims to build an understanding of Niitsitapi culture and history, as well as a relationship to the land.

The billboard titled *Call on Your Spirit* and designed by artist Blaire Russell.

The statement reminds Blood Tribe members the importance of calling on your spirit, bringing balance and harmony to oneself.

Blood Tribe council member and elder Martin Heavy Head is featured in the image with the Milky Way in the background. The translation was provided by Blood Tribe community member and elder, Duane Mistaken Chief.

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# GAZETTE OPINION

## Transit funding needed in town

The Alberta government is deserving of praise for its recent decision to provide \$1.7-million to expand low-income transit programs in six new communities across the province.

We want the government to now extend the same consideration to Fort Macleod and other rural communities, where public transportation is much more limited, but no less important.

Without question, this investment is going to benefit the many Albertans using public transportation to go about their daily lives, whether it is travelling to work, going to medical and other appointments or attending recreational activities.

For so many people in large urban centres, public transportation is a must when it comes to being active, involved and employed.

The recent \$1.7-million allocation follows more than \$14-million the government has already awarded for low-income transit passes across the province, including \$6-million each for Calgary and Edmonton to operate their programs.

Good on the province for taking care of individuals who need a helping hand with their daily transportation.

Edmonton, Calgary and 10 Alberta communities offer low-income transit passes. With the additional \$1.7-million funding boost, low-income Albertans in Camrose, Hinton, Leduc, Lethbridge, Red Deer and Spruce Grove will now be able to apply for a low-income transit pass.

The government funding will fully cover the municipality's cost of subsidizing the low-income transit program, including an additional 10 per cent for administration costs.

Here in Fort Macleod, many seniors and people with physical challenges rely on the handibus as their form of public transportation.

The Fort Macleod Handibus Society is volunteer-run and has served the community for close to three decades.

The handibus picks people up at their homes and delivers them to their destination — the Fort Macleod Health Centre, doctor and dentist appointments, grocery shopping . . . the list goes on.

For seniors who do not drive the Fort Macleod Handibus represents independence and freedom. They are able to live independently in their own homes longer thanks to the availability of rides around town on the handibus. The same goes for people who have physical challenges. They are able to maintain their independence.

Imagine what a provincial government investment in Fort Macleod could do for these citizens. A transit pass would ease some of the pressure of inflation, while at the same time making it possible for people to use the handibus more often without worrying about the cost.

We would encourage Livingstone-Macleod MLA Chelsae Petrovic to raise this issue with her colleagues in Edmonton, and deliver some needed funding to Fort Macleod and other rural communities.



## Implausible plot hurts horror film

TALK TO ME — 2.5/5 14A

Let's play out a scenario. You're at a party and someone whips out a decapitated hand. They say if you hold on to it and say, "Talk to me," you get possessed and see dead people. Foolishly, you try it, and yes, you see dead people.

Now let me ask you — how many of you would try that again? Not just later at another party, but immediately afterwards too? And if you didn't partake, but saw your friend do it and they started speaking low demonic talk and their eyes went all black and other gross stuff happened . . . how stoked would you be to grab that evil hand and give it a whirl?

*Talk To Me*, a horror indie flick from Australia that opened to rave reviews and big box office, is trying to use this premise as a metaphor for drug addiction — you feel peer pressure to start it, you get addicted, etc. The problem I have is that if every time you smoked a joint you

had demonic ghosts try to enter your body . . . I'm sorry, I don't care how stupid teenagers are. Everyone at that party would be sticking to light beer.

Fundamentally, this was such a big issue for me that I was unable to get into the film, even though it's very well shot (the low budget is never evident as the directors have lots of nifty techniques and spooky images) and the performances are almost all excellent. I was especially impressed by Sophie Wilde, a young actress I've never seen before, as one of the primary teens who goes too far

with the ghost hand and now is seeing her dead mother wander around.

I just couldn't get past the logic-defying premise that these kids would willingly keep performing the "talk to me" ritual. I know horror movies are often defined by the main characters doing silly things, like going down a dark alleyway when they know a killer is loose. But *Talk to Me* takes this failing of the genre too far, making it impossible for me to enjoy it as a creepy anti-drug metaphor. It would be like if in *Psycho*, Marion Crane avoided getting stabbed by Mrs. Bates, then said, "Well, good thing she didn't kill me, I guess I'll stay in this hotel another night."

*Talk to Me* is available on DVD, Blu-Ray, and for digital rent and purchase 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 two daughters.)

### MOVIE MATTERS



Riley Webster

# Previous generation left a lasting legacy

I like those memes that talk about how "cool" your grandmother's generation was. They had the snazziest cars, great music and big hair. I was joking with my granddaughter about it the other day.

We went through the list. For the cars a few examples are the awesome big boat of the Cadillac with its shark fins, the '57 Chevy was just plain cool and we are still loving the sweet little 1964 Ford Mustang convertible. My granddaughter had to agree with me on the cars as we both think the cars nowadays all look the same.

She didn't really want to give me the point for the music until I reminded her that we were the ones who brought in the good old rock and roll. We not only had

Elvis we also had the Beatles, the Monkees and heck we still have the Rolling Stones.

This great music also brought some new dances like the Twist and the Jive.

As for the hair, well we had a lot of it. Puffed up or long and straight, either way we had so much of it that they even made a song about it.

She was laughing and ready to concede

when I clinched it by reminding her that we were also the ones who brought the mini skirt to the world.

Gentlemen you may say thank you now. We both had fun with that conversation and I think it did give her a bit of a different perspective of me and others in my age range.

It also made me think of my own grandmother and what her life had been like. She was born around 1897 in Iceland and three years later they came to Canada and homesteaded in east Saskatchewan. This would have been a hard life those first decades or so. She got married in 1917 during the World War One. During the free and easy years of the '20s with the big

band music and flapper dresses she was working on her farm and looking after two little girls so I don't think she was doing too much dancing. After that the Depression came along and when they got through that they had to go through the hardship of another world war.

I cannot say that my grandmother was cool but I can say that she had been strong. I think it was her strength that she passed on to my mother that gave me the freedom to be able to be cool and have fun.

Thank you, Grandma.

We need to remember that sometimes we are what we are because of what they were.

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# FROM PAST ISSUES

## 140 Years

**October 9, 1883, The Macleod Gazette** — Several of our citizens have been down with a dangerous fever, and one poor fellow was last Friday put to his long rest. Little wonder, the main street of Macleod is made the receptacle of all the filth and garbage which must accumulate in the course of events.

Judging by the big talk and noise and excitement on Main Street we imagined that at least \$1,000 would have changed hands on the contemplated horse race. One side or the other weakened, and there was no race.

Few winters now pass without Macleod being well represented in the East. Muirhead and Steed will sing our praises and fight our battles there this season and we have heard of others who will follow them down soon.

## 130 Years

**October 6, 1893, The Macleod Gazette** — Crop Eared Wolf was arraigned before Justice Macleod on charges of breaking, entering and stealing from the building of the Oxley Rancho Co. and stealing from the house of Card and Harker on the St. Mary's River. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

About 3 p.m. on Monday a very heavy hail storm accompanied by deep rumblings of thunder, passed over. The hailstones were fully as large as marbles.

The Peigan and Blood Indians received their treaty money and yesterday afternoon began to arrive in Macleod.

## 120 Years

**October 2, 1903, The Macleod Gazette** — The bill to increase the representation of the North West Territories in the Senate was put through its final stages in the House of Commons. This gives the Territories four instead of two representatives in the upper house.

Andrew Chrometz, the Hungarian globe-trotter, came into Macleod on Tuesday. Chrometz left Hungary in September 1901 intending to walk around the world by 1906.

## 110 Years

**October 2, 1913, The Macleod Spectator** — Acting Mayor McNay threw open the switch to start filling the 750,000 gallon reservoir for the new filtration plant.

St. Andrew's will build a new church building.

Sam Watts has taken receipt of three-inch aluminum numbers to be placed on every home in Macleod.



Macleod Gazette file photo

**Alberta Fish and Wildlife officer Terry Mack inspects a black bear in 2005 moments after it was tranquilized in Fort Macleod. The bear was relocated to more suitable habitat in the mountains.**

## 100 Years

**October 4, 1923, The Macleod Times** — Canada's population at the end of June was 9,146,457, an increase of 179,623 from last year.

Harvest festival services will be conducted at the Salvation Army Hall on Oct. 7. There will be special singing and music by the band.

The failure of water, power and light service in Macleod was due to the shutting off of water at the LNID headgates.

## 90 Years

**October 5, 1933, The Macleod Gazette** — A 20-inch rattlesnake was killed by Dorsey McNeil in the garden near the Stand Off post office.

While hunting near the Hunter ranch, George Stewart, Lawrence Dixon and Leo Noel picked crocuses in full bloom. There are also reports grasshoppers are hatching.

Chuck McGregor of Granum received from his brother Jack in Chicago a souvenir from the World's Fair — a turtle. Painted on its back was a bunch of flowers and the words, "Century of Progress."

## 80 Years

**October 7, 1943, The Macleod Gazette** — There was joy in the Shaw household when their dog Shadow was returned after a three-week absence.

A new bridge is being built across Willow Creek near Earl Sherman's place to replace the one that washed away during the flood a year ago.

The Ed Fletcher ranch about 10 miles west of Granum was sold to George Wesley of Wrentham.

## 70 Years

**October 1, 1953, The Macleod Gazette** — A well-known figure from southern Alberta in the person of Archie (Slivers) Pettibone died at Freemont, Neb. Slivers came to Alberta as a boy of 14 and later home-steaded in the Porcupine Hills west of Macleod. He bought a stately old hearse from Lyle

Snodgrass years ago and fixed it up to drive around the country.

R.W. (Reed) Ainscough made a trip to Toronto by plane and spent two weeks on a course related to his new vocation as representative for the Canada Life Assurance Co.

## 60 Years

**October 3, 1963, The Macleod Gazette** — Alberta Lands and Forest Minister N.A. Willmore cut the ribbon to open the Fort Plywood Factory at the Macleod industrial airport. About 100 people turned out for the ceremony, which was followed by a tour and an open house.

More than 50 people turned out at the Palomino Room to honour Charles Mason, retiring sheriff and clerk of the Fort Macleod court.

Judy Hutton won the colt show at the Fort Macleod Saddle Club's final show of the year.

## 50 Years

**October 4, 1973, The Macleod Gazette** — The fire-gutted building that once housed Kingston's China was a beehive of activity on Sunday as the community turned out to assist the Kingstons. Trucks, trailers, manpower, food and fellowship were given willingly.

Earl (Brian) McKenna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKenna of Fort Macleod, was inducted into the RCMP and is training at Regina.

Funeral services were held for well-known businessman Herbert E. Pinske at Christ Church with Rev. Ron Hunt officiating. He worked at Scougall's garage before opening Herb's Service Station.

## 40 Years

**September 28, 1983, The Macleod Gazette** — Larry DeMaere and Russell Wees announced their candidacy for mayor of Granum. The eight council candidates are Robert Bourke, Jeremie Brule, Thomas Carey, Ken DeMaere, Frank Gillespie, Doug Gunderson, Bruce Ostrowski and Kay Swanson.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Canada must support trusted local media

### The Editor

Every week about 30-million newspapers are delivered across Canada.

More than four out of five people in Canada read newspaper content each week.

Why do they read print and digital news sources?

The answer is simple: Trust. Canadians value and trust fact-based, fact-checked journalism.

Journalists hold the powerful to account. They cover city hall, the courts, and the police. They also keep communities connected by reporting on everything from the high school football team to 100th birthdays.

But real journalism, created by real journalists — rather than by artificial intelligence — costs real money. If we want to sustain it, we must support it.

One of the best ways for the local community to support local journalism is to take out an ad. When you buy a newspaper ad — whether print or digital — those dollars stay in the community and allow the publisher to employ journalists.

Conversely, when you buy an ad from a Web giant, those dollars flow south to California to companies that don't employ a single journalist.

One thing government can do to keep scarce advertising dollars in Canada is establish tax measures to incent businesses to advertise with private sector Canadian news outlets and bring fairness to the different tax treatment of advertising purchased from foreign Web sites.

Governments — municipal, provincial, and federal — also have a role to play when it comes to their own advertising spend.

It makes no sense that the federal government was spending almost twice as much on Facebook and Instagram — which are now blocking news in Canada — as they were on all print publications combined.

Governments — at all levels — should earmark 25 per cent of their advertising spend toward trusted Canadian news sources.

And the federal government should end the "double dip" by eliminating commercial advertising associated with CBC News, the public broadcaster.

National Newspaper Week is a time to reflect on the champions who report the news without fear or favour, and it's a time to remember that local news needs to be supported by the community.

**Paul Deegan  
President and CEO  
News Media Canada**

## Meaningful change for reconciliation

### The Editor:

On Sept. 30, Alberta's government honours First Nations, Inuit and Metis survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

It is an important day to acknowledge and reflect on the history and ongoing legacy of residential schools, and to honour those children who did not make it home.

On Sept. 29, I was honoured to attend the opening of the reconciliation garden *Kihciy Maskikiy/Aakaakmotaani*. In Cree and Blackfoot, these words mean "sacred medicine/save many people."

A large stone sculpture titled *Mother Earth Circling* stands in the garden on the legislature grounds as a memorial to the victims and survivors of Canada's residential school system.

The memorial is Alberta's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 82 to create a permanent memorial in the capital city to honour residential school survivors, their families and communities.

I want to thank the elders and Indigenous leaders whose insight and wisdom helped shape the memorial garden

and monument. It is my hope that *Kihciy Maskikiy/Aakaakmotaani* will become a sacred place for learning and reflection that honours survivors, their loved ones and all those affected by the residential school experience.

Each of us has a responsibility to move reconciliation forward. We do this by deepening our understanding of the harms experienced at residential schools and offering compassion to those still suffering from intergenerational trauma. Learning from Indigenous people is at the heart of reconciliation.

Alberta's government is committed to reconciliation. We are working with and alongside Indigenous leaders and communities to build a better and more equitable future.

Please take the time to reflect on the painful history of Canada's residential school system and the steps we can take to make meaningful change.

**Rick Wilson, Minister  
Indigenous Relations**

## Premier must keep hands off pensions

### The Editor:

Albertans work hard for their pensions and they aren't willing to hand them over to Danielle Smith.

Saturday, on her radio show, Smith again pushed those worried about leaving the Canada Pension Plan to fill out her on-line survey, yet that survey doesn't even ask if they support leaving CPP in the first place.

This isn't public consultation, it's pure propaganda.

The UCP is also spending \$7.5-million of Albertans' money to push phoney numbers to try to trick Albertans into handing over their pensions. This is shameful.

The Alberta NDP has also launched a survey at [Albertasfuture.ca](http://Albertasfuture.ca) that actually asks if people support leaving the CPP — and the message has been overwhelmingly that they do not.

Danielle Smith and the UCP need to keep their hands off CPP.

**Shannon Phillips  
NDP Critic for Finance,  
Pensions, and Insurance**

## We must take action to generate change

### The Editor:

Sept. 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, was a time to reflect.

But it was also a day to take action. In ways both big and small, Canadians are making reconciliation a part of their daily lives.

They are more open to different perspectives, to developing a better understanding of our history with Indigenous peoples, and to acknowledging the pain caused by decades of abuse, neglect and racism.

What can we do to make a difference? Listen to the survivors who have carried the weight of their collective experiences for so many years.

Honour the memory of the children who died at residential schools, alone and scared.

Believe the stories of Indigenous peoples, who are sharing their experience of trauma and healing.

Learn from the mistakes of the past, and build relationships based on respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Together, we all have a responsibility to bridge gaps in knowledge, to unite people through our stories, both the good and the bad. It is our collective responsibility to carry these stories forward — stories of pain and disappointment, stories of joy and courage.

Together, we can move forward with awareness and hope. Our voices have power, and I believe that power can change the world.

Let us commit to action that will further our collective journey of reconciliation.

**Mary Simon  
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Fort Macleod Chamber of Commerce held its first Industrial Showcase Thursday at East End Park to promote the businesses on 12th Street and in the industrial area. Clockwise from above:

- Garth McCrady and his band provided entertainment.
- Remington Williamson and other children played Plinko.
- Businesses had booths.
- Owen Vandervalk played.





**Blood Tribe Department of Health Inc.**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 2023

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Blood Tribe Multi-Purpose Building**  
**Standoff, Alberta**

**PURPOSE:**

1. Blood Tribe Department of Health Inc. activites for the fiscal year 2022-2023 report.
2. Blood Tribe Department of Health Inc. Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 and reports from the auditor.
3. Appointment of a public accountant (auditor) of the corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

Copies of the Director's Report and the Audited Financial Statement for fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 (auditor's report) will be available at the Blood Tribe Department of Health Inc. Administration Office

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# Jordan's Principle supports Livingstone Range students

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

An agreement with an organization whose mandate is to support First Nations students has benefitted Livingstone Range School Division.

Trustees received an update on Jordan's Principle funding Sept. 25 from associate superintendent Richard Feller.

Feller told trustees during their meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building in Fort Macleod that Livingstone Range has accessed \$944,213 to support First Nations students in six schools.

That funding has supported 11 educational assistants, three teachers to support intervention and graduation rates and increased elder support.

Livingstone Range at present is looking

for a Blackfoot language teacher in schools in Fort Macleod and Pincher Creek.

"We're extremely grateful for those dollars coming in to our communities, knowing they are going to benefit the students who are in our buildings," Feller said.

Feller said Jordan's Principle area director Beatrice Little Mustache has helped Livingstone Range schools access resources.

"It is very exciting to hear these students are getting support," school board chair Lacey Poytress said.

Feller said Livingstone Range is



Richard Feller

working with other partners to secure other funding.

Livingstone Range last March entered into an contribution agreement for funding from the First Nations and Inuit health branch of Jordan's Principle.

The agreement runs from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025.

Jordan's Principle came out of a tragedy involving Jordan River Anderson, a young boy from Norway House Cree Nation in northern Manitoba.

Jordan was born with complex medical needs and received treatment in a Winnipeg hospital for more than two years.

When doctors cleared Jordan to return home, a dispute over which level of government would pay for his in-home care ensued.

Jordan had to remain in Winnipeg hospital for two more years, where he died at the age of five in 2005.

Jordan's Principle responds to unmet needs for Indigenous children no matter where they live in Canada.

Jordan's Principle will pay for such things as mobility aids, wheelchair ramps, specialized hearing aids, traditional healing services and mental health and other services.

Jordan's Principle can also provide support for social workers, land-based activities, personal support workers, and specialized summer camps.

Jordan's Principle will further provide school supplies, tutoring services, teaching assistants, specialized school transportation and technology.

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- **Offer reassurance**  
Simply knowing they are not alone can help a small business owner survive.
- **Share opportunities**  
A business owner who discovers a resource or an opportunity that worked for him or her, or even one that didn't work but may for another, can pass on the information to another small business owner.



Small business owners can support one another to make a vibrant business community.

It's not about driving others down, but lifting them up.

- **Cross-promotion**  
Business owners can show support by promoting other businesses in their communities. Make a bulletin board (either in-person or on-line) of other local business cards to recommend. This exhibits your community spirit and builds camaraderie. Use every opportunity to refer complementary businesses. For example, a local pet shop may recommend a pet groomer or veterinarian.
- **Organize networking events**  
Whether it's done through a local Chamber of Commerce or individual efforts, small business owners can spearhead events that get other business owners together to network and share ideas.

These meetings can be informal to help others let off steam at the same time.

- **Volunteer and donate**  
Small businesses can meet other business owners, but also become more involved in their communities through volunteer events. Partner with charities or other local businesses to promote philanthropic efforts. School supply giveaways, beach sweeps, community park refurbishments, or even supporting efforts to clean trash from Main Street are great ways to get involved. Small business owners willing to work together can collectively improve their communities, which should benefit everyone's bottom line.

  
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PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARY BYLAW 1955

WED., OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

MD of Willow Creek No. 26 Council Chambers  
273129 Secondary Highway 520 West

In accordance with the *Municipal Government Act* , please take notice of the following proposed bylaw:

ELECTORAL BOUNDARY BYLAW 1955

A bylaw of the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 to establish the composition of the Municipal District of Willow Creek Council; divide the MD of Willow Creek into divisions, establish the boundaries of each division; and determine the title of the positions MD of Willow Creek Reeve and Councillors.

The first reading of Electoral Boundary Bylaw No. 1955 is scheduled to be considered by Council at the October 11, 2024 Council Meeting at 1 p.m.

The bylaw may be viewed at the M.D. of Willow Creek administration office prior to the meeting or online at [www.mdwillowcreek.com/p/agendas-minutes-documents](http://www.mdwillowcreek.com/p/agendas-minutes-documents)

Council meetings are conducted at the M.D. of Willow Creek Administration Office located at 273129 Secondary Highway 520 West.

Persons wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to the bylaw may register to speak in advance by notifying the Chief Administrative Officer at [MD26@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:MD26@mdwillowcreek.com) or by calling 403-625-3351 ext 224 prior to 4:30 p.m. October 6, 2024. Council meetings are conducted at the M.D. of Willow Creek Administration Office located at 273129 Secondary Highway 520 West.

Questions regarding the Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26 Electoral Boundaries Bylaw No. 1955, or meeting procedures may be forwarded to the Chief Administrative Officer by email at [MD26@mdwillowcreek.com](mailto:MD26@mdwillowcreek.com) or by telephone to 403-625-3351 ext 224.

Dated: October 4, 2023

Derrick Krizan, Chief Administrative Officer  
The Municipal District of Willow Creek No. 26, Box 550 Claresholm, Alberta T0L 0T0




Photo by Frank McTighe

Students and staff at W.A. Day school joined hands Friday for a round dance.

# Students celebrate Orange Shirt Day

FRANK MCTIGHE  
GAZETTE EDITOR

W.A. Day school held an Orange Shirt Day assembly Friday in honour of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Masters of ceremony McKenna Herweyer and Claire Hewlett welcomed students, staff and guests to the assembly.

“This day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools and day schools, as well as their families and communities,” Claire said.

Student Hudson Dalshaug offered the land acknowledgment.

“The Niitsitapi have been here since time immemorial and have faced and overcome many challenges,” Hudson said. “With one of those challenges being colonialism, which is still present today.”

Orange Shirt Day began in 2013 when Phyllis Jack Webstad shared her story of having her clothing and brand-new orange shirt taken away from her on her first day at a residential school and, with it, her identity.

The clothing was never returned to the woman.

The orange shirt is thus used as a symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children that the residential school system enforced.

Orange Shirt Day is part of an ongoing conversation about residential schools, their impact on Indigenous people and the legacy they have left behind.

Sept. 30 was chosen for Orange Shirt Day because it is the time of year in which Indigenous children

Photo by Frank McTighe  
Guest speaker Sheldon Day Chief.

were taken from their homes to residential schools.

“Truth and Reconciliation to me is a celebration,” guest speaker Sheldon Day Chief said. “It’s a celebration of not only remembering but of beginning.”

Day Chief said it is important to remember and acknowledge the children who did not come home from residential schools, and generational trauma inflicted by the system.

In that process, people must learn from the mistakes of the past. “When we learn from our mistakes we can make things better,” Day Chief said.

Day Chief had spent the previous week making presentations to students, and is pleased with the work that is being done at

W.A. Day school.

People have a choice to either come together, or to remain divided.

“We can choose to see each other as neighbours, neighbours who can help one another, neighbours who can support one another,” Day Chief said.

W.A. Day school, Day Chief said, is a leader in promoting Truth and Reconciliation.

“It’s not just a one-day event with W.A. Day,” Day Chief said. “It’s all year round.”

Arnold Mountain Horse, who later provided the beat for a round dance, agreed.

“The schools here in Fort Macleod have done a very good job educating the children about residential schools,” Mountain Horse said.

Photo by Frank McTighe  
Teacher Kira Goodrich and Livingstone Range School Board chair Lacey Poytress joined students in the Orange Shirt Day walk.

# Parent calls for action on school bullying issue

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

Livingstone Range School Board was challenged to stop bullying in schools.

Claresholm resident Mark Dyrholm appeared as a delegation at the Sept. 25 school board meeting to urge trustees to act. “This is a friendly, but challenging, shake the box presentation,” said Dyrholm said. Dyrholm told trustees he graduated from Willow Creek Composite high school in Claresholm in 1988 and now has a son in Grade 10 in the school. Dyrholm, who chairs the school council at Willow Creek Composite, admitted he did not come to the board with solutions — only a plea that trustees act.

“Right now crimes are occurring in facilities that you are responsible for,” Dyrholm said. “Crimes that you are not tracking. Crimes that you are not reporting.” Dyrholm said it is concerning to him that years after he was bullied in school the problem still exists despite measures such as cameras in schools. “How many more kids are going to experience criminal activity against them in school than any other time in their life?” Dyrholm said bullying in many forms — including assault, battery, harassment, theft and cyber — happens daily in schools. “Crimes are happening in our schools and we don’t call the police,” Dyrholm said.

# Fort Macleod supports regional housing plan

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

The Town of Fort Macleod will write a letter of support for a regional housing initiative. Council decided during its Sept. 25 meeting to write the letter requested by Alberta SouthWest Regional Economic Initiative. Alberta SouthWest has been working with AND Villages on a proposal. The project’s first phase would be regional consultation, education and planning. The second phase would be a request for \$10-million in government funding to build housing in 2023-’25. “The town has taken the position that we support the idea,” chief administrative officer Anthony Burdett said. “We recognize the need for housing in our area.” The Town of Fort Macleod supports the structure, Burdett said, but is not interested in funding its own housing project. Alberta SouthWest requested a letter of support from the Town of Fort Macleod. The letter will be sent to Seniors, Community and Social Services Minister Jason Nixon along with Alberta SouthWest’s proposed regional solution for housing supply. Alberta SouthWest wants the minister to give the project approval in principle. “The housing need isn’t a local issue,” Burdett said. “It’s not Fort Macleod alone, it’s the area.”

Fort Macleod would benefit from any government funding for housing in neighbouring communities, he said. Burdett said Alberta SouthWest is hopeful to generate up to \$10-million in funding from the province. Mayor Brent Feyter said the government funding would be used to develop eight buildings across southern Alberta, with 12 units in each. “If the funding does come through I don’t

Dyrholm said these incidents in schools are not properly tracked. Often the bullied student responds, acts out and receives far harsher punishment than the bully ever receives. When other students see that inequity they are less likely to speak out. Dyrholm urged trustees not to be constrained by the School Act when considering ways to address bullying in schools. “If it’s good solution, that’s where change in policy and law come from,” Dyrholm said. Dyrholm volunteered to challenge the education system on the trustees’ behalf if they have a good solution. “I try not to do it too much, but I can be a thorn when needed,” Dyrholm said. Dyrholm said bullying must be treated as crimes, and that students should be offered some sort of incentive to report incidents. “In business we know one thing: if you do not track it, it does not get addressed,” Dyrholm said. “As a minimum, I would ask you take that into consideration.” Dyrholm ended his presentation by stressing that trustees need to act on bullying. “The question is, are you going to make it so our children do not have criminal acts against them while in the facilities that you manage?” Dyrholm said. “And I say that in the friendliest way possible.” School board chair Lacey Poytress thanked Dyrholm for his presentation and said a response will be forthcoming.

think Fort Macleod wants to miss the boat,” Feyter said. “That’s something we could consider at a future date.” Feyter said there is no funding commitment required from the Town of Fort Macleod, only a letter of support. “I think the province is very interested,” Feyter said. “They see the need. They want to see some action.” Coun. Jim Monteith asked what type of housing is proposed, and who would own the property. “If this actually works, could we join later?” Monteith added. Feyter said the government wants communities committed from the outset. Feyter said the town would initially own the property, and it would be rented at market value. The property could be sold to private interests. “I would be opposed to municipalities getting involved in the housing market,” Coun. Marco Van Huigenbos said. “I understand there is a (housing) crisis, but government doesn’t do these things well.” Van Huigenbos said housing should be left to private developers. Feyter stressed government would only be a funding partner, and not actively involved in development. Feyter said the project is a fit for other communities that struggle in getting builders to invest. “When it comes down to it and we have to make a final decision, we may decide it’s not for us,” Feyter said. Van Huigenbos and Feyter argued whether there was enough information on which to base a decision. Coun. Mackenzie Hengerer introduced a motion to write a letter of support. “This doesn’t bind us to anything,” Hengerer said. Council voted in favour of the motion, with only Van Huigenbos opposed.

# Council sets ATCO franchise fee

**FRANK MCTIGHE**  
GAZETTE EDITOR

The Town of Fort Macleod will not increase the franchise fee it charges ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to operate its natural gas distribution system. Council voted during its Sept. 25 meeting at the G.R. Davis Administration Building to keep the fran-

chise fee at 12.5 per cent. “I think it shows that council understands that it’s tough times out there for a lot of people and businesses,” director of finance Kris Holbeck said of not increasing the fee. “I think the Town of Fort Macleod can hold the rate for another year.” Holbeck estimated the Town of Fort Macleod will

receive \$137,000 next year if the franchise fee remains at 12.5 per cent. The franchise fee has not increased since at least 2011. Holbeck recommended to council that the franchise fee remain at 12.5 per cent. “It is revenue that we set the rate for, and they charge it to the consumer. It flows straight back to the town.”

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Cheryl-Ann Chester, born Jan. 31, 1959, in Victoria, B.C., passed away suddenly on Sept. 23, 2023. Cheryl leaves behind her husband Dennis, son Lucas (Kristen) and the light of her life, her three grandchildren, Joe, Jackson and Emma; brother, Mark (Jo) Schoor; brother-in-law, Brian Superle; and sister-in-law, Lorraine Schoor. As well as numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and nephews, as well as an abundance of wonderful friends.

Cheryl was a shining light to all who crossed paths with her. From the mass amounts of children, she interacted with in her 25 years in the local school division, to everyone else she interacted with, within the community who felt the warmth of that light.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at the Trinity United Church at 220 20th Street, Fort Macleod.

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Solution: 1. Stripe on girl's pants is missing. 2. Spout on milk carton is missing. 3. Extra can in recycle bin. 4. Flower on girl's pants is missing. 5. Label on bottle in bin is colored in. 6. Picture on newspaper is colored in. 7. Pocket on shirt has moved. 8. Paper behind desk is missing. 9. Bottle in boy's hand is taller. 10. Tree branch is longer. 11. Label on bottle on table is taller. 12. Straw is shorter.

## CHIROPRACTIC WORD SEARCH

Y O C E A T N O I T A L U M I T S V G A  
Y U N F D B H D A P P A P A J P C C A L  
J H M O G E N I H N C N S E V R E N M V  
C V N V I A G O V T E G A S S A M S K L  
E E V U F T R J I D Y L N A K M M K E A  
D R L A H B A V A T V G U I T Y A D S C  
L T U O N G A X B R A N X M N L U G K I  
M E F J S T D H U A T L U U B G A N H V  
H B N A O R A D O L O I U V D A L S M R  
B R I R J N Y T V B B O C P R U R M U E  
N A A O D H A L O H D U X U I U J O R C  
S E P S V S R O X E L F S S L N V R C M  
S O H P B O N E S G J I R T V A X A F  
H P M E U T N E M T S U J D A P T M S X  
D F I C I T C A R P O R I H C S X E H Y  
M U T N E E S K S P S I S O N G A I D K  
L X N C A M I K R H J P I A T N I O J X  
U F E I B L D B G D D K I H F P Y L M F  
E K C T R M A N L D J K R U E R A J E A  
X I K L X Y C C O C M P R S L N S X K L

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

ACTIVATOR  
ADJUSTMENT  
ARTICULATE  
ATLAS  
BONES  
CERVICAL  
CHIROPRACTIC  
COCCYX  
DIAGNOSIS  
DISC  
FLEXORS  
HANDS  
JOINT  
LUMBAR  
MANIPULATION  
MESSAGE  
NECK  
NERVES  
PAINFUL  
SACRUM  
SPINAL  
STIMULATION  
SUBLUXATION  
VERTEBRAE

### ANSWERS

A. 16 11 6 10 17 9  
B. 17 23 21 22 25  
C. 23 16 21 22  
D. 5 25 14 21 25 24

## SUDOKU

							8	2
2	5						9	
			4	9				7
1	2	7	6	5			4	
6			7		9			
				2				
		5						1
		6	9			4		5
3				1				8

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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8	7	9	1	4	2	5	6	3
5	1	4	2	5	6	3	8	7
6	3	8	7	6	5	2	4	1
9	2	5	6	3	8	7	1	4
1	2	7	6	5	4	8	3	9
3	6	4	8	9	1	5	2	7
7	4	6	3	1	8	2	5	9
4	6	7	9	8	1	3	5	2
2	5	3	8	6	1	4	9	7

ANSWER:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to chiropractic care. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 16 11 6 10 17 9

Clue: Move or tweak

B. 17 23 21 22 25

Clue: Keeps people upright

C. 23 16 21 22

Clue: Hurting

D. 5 25 14 21 25 24

Clue: Ease of pain

Answers: A. adjust B. spine C. pain D. relief

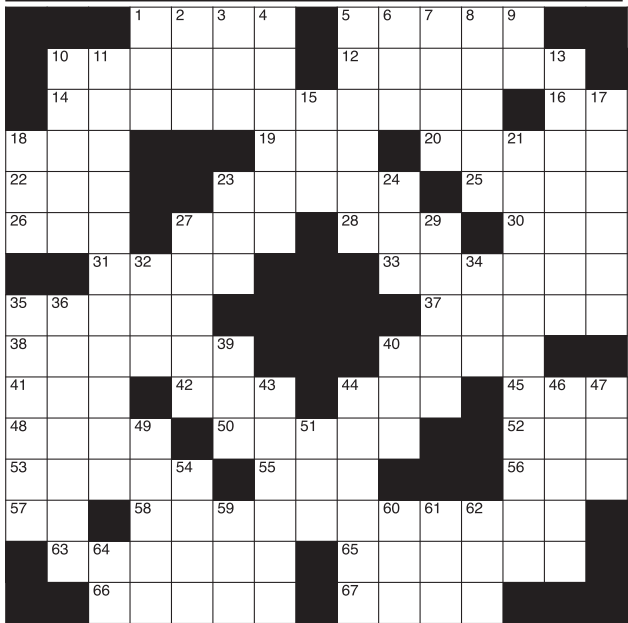
## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to chiropractic care.

K C N E

Answer: Neck

## Crossword PUZZLE



### CLUES ACROSS

- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Byproduct of fire
- Talked

### CLUES DOWN

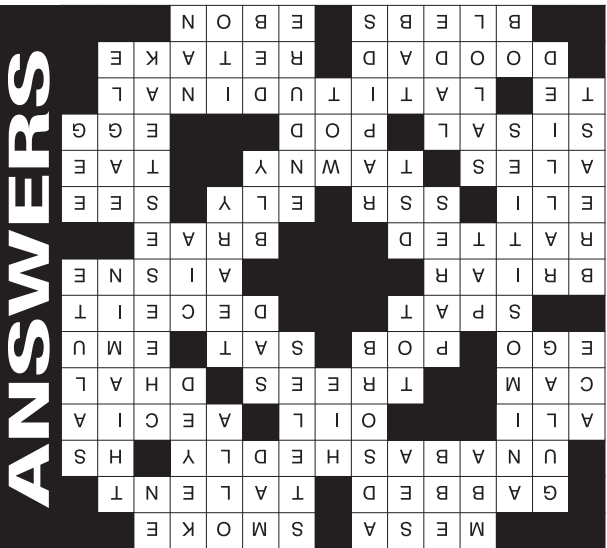
- Unique skill
- Unembarrassed
- Where teenagers go
- Boxing's GOAT
- Used to anoint

- Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- Auburn great Newton
- Some are for Christmas
- Dried, split pulses
- Self
- Where to get your mail
- High schoolers' test
- Flightless bird
- Expectorated
- Practice of mis-representing the truth
- Type of patch
- French river
- Told on
- Hillside
- Peyton's little brother
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Progressive country musician
- Witness
- Brews
- Yellowish-brown
- Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- Mexican agave
- Type of "cast"
- Popular breakfast food
- Atomic #52

- Position north or south of the equator
- Gadget
- Another recording
- Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- Dark brown
- CLUES DOWN
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Partner to flow
- A very large body of water
- Accumulate on the surface of
- Central cores of stems
- Angry
- Spanish stew: \_\_ podrida
- Fastened with a pin
- On your way: \_\_ route
- Soviet labor camp system
- Enmities
- B complex vitamin
- Go quickly
- Toast
- A team's best pitcher
- Philly culinary specialty
- Small child
- Unhappy
- Trims away

- Full of tears
- Touch softly
- Former OSS
- A person's chest
- Came from behind
- Fall back
- Nellie \_\_, journalist
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Weather

- Sports broadcaster Ian
- Electroencephalograph
- Phenyl salicylate
- Web of Things
- Ship goods as cargo
- The bill in a restaurant
- Young female
- OJ trial judge
- One's grandmother
- West Siberian river





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Les Vonkeman spoke to Pioneer Lodge residents about his experience as someone caught in the Sixties Scoop. Here, he is showing an eagle feather to Delle Schmidt.

# Indigenous man lost his culture in Sixties Scoop

FRANK MCTIGHE  
GAZETTE EDITOR

Pioneer Lodge residents gained perspective Thursday on Canada's Sixties Scoop.

Les Vonkeman, who was taken from his First Nations family and placed with a Dutch family outside Iron Springs, was guest speaker as part of National Truth and Reconciliation Day activities.

During the Sixties Scoop Indigenous children were taken from their birth families and communities, usually without the consent of their family and band.

Vonkeman explained that along with his three siblings he was taken by government officials from the family home five kilometres south of Lac La Biche.

Vonkeman's Cree mother was an alcoholic and the family was destitute.

"We were struggling," Vonkeman said. "We had no food, no money."

Vonkeman was flown to Lethbridge from Lac La Biche and later placed with a new family, where he was accepted and loved.

He learned the value of hard work and perseverance as part of the new family.

"I grew up with all my needs met," Vonkeman told Pioneer Lodge residents gathered in the activity room. "I was able to thrive."

Vonkeman laughed that he was an indifferent student, but it was an experience in his Grade 5 classroom that would help shape his life.

After graduating from high school in 1987, Vonkeman was uncertain about his future and worked at a variety of jobs over the next 13 years.

In the back of his mind, though, was a visit to his Grade 5 classroom by a police officer, who made a strong imprint on the young



Photo by Frank McTighe

Les Vonkeman shows a Metis sash during his presentation at Pioneer Lodge.

Vonkeman, who recalled being impressed by the man's authority and the respect he received from others.

Vonkeman joined the Lethbridge Police Service and is in his 22nd year, approaching eligibility for retirement.

Vonkeman told the seniors he "grew up Dutch," and in the process lost any connection with his First Nations culture. He did not reconnect with his biological family until he was 30 years old.

Since then, he has been on a quest to learn Indigenous ways of being and to use that knowledge in his work, and to teach others.

"I love the way they think," Vonkeman said of First Nations people. "It's all about relationships."

Vonkeman is thankful for the family that raised him and provided him an opportunity for a good life, but said First Nations people were wronged by the government and the Sixties Scoop.

By being separated from his mother, siblings and community, Vonkeman grew up without his family, language and culture.

"I don't tell you that for sympathy," Vonkeman told the seniors. "It's just part of my story."

As he has learned about Indigenous culture, Vonkeman has taken it upon himself to share that knowledge, along with his story of the Sixties Scoop, with others.

Sharing knowledge and creating awareness is the key to bringing about change.