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Alberta Wildfire airtankers pick up a load of water from the Waterton Reservoir as they fought the fire burning in Waterton Lakes National Park and surrounding area last week. For a related story on the firefighting efforts and strategies, see Page 3. For more photos from *Lethbridge Herald* photographers Ian Martens and Tijana Martin, please see Page 4. For more updates on the fire, please see [www.parkscanada.ca/fire](http://www.parkscanada.ca/fire)

## Aerospace Artists meet in Bomber Command Museum

BY DEMI KNIGHT

The Canadian Aerospace Artists Association (CAAA) have made their way to Nanton from September 14th through to the 16th to continue their celebration of aviation heritage through art.

Members of the association gathered at the Bomber Command Museum this September for their annual meeting where many of their art pieces were on sale and display for viewers delight.

Secretary of Membership at the Canadian Aerospace Artists Association, Elizabeth McRae says each year members look forward to these events to be able to explore new facilities and meet with like-minded people.

"Each year we go to a different locale. It gives us the opportunity to meet new artists and connect with our local members. It also allows us to reach new audiences. Each location we visit offers us unique planes and aviation themes to explore and paint. We get to meet a variety of aviation enthusiasts."

Each year the association comes together in new aviation themed locations across the country to attend events and showcase their paintings.

This year at the Bomber Command Museum in Nanton, Aerospace artists and members of the association saw the nighttime run-up of the Lancaster Bomber engine and a salute to the Halifax event. With the artist's all having a passion for creating paintings that capture the beauty and essence of aviation machines, many new paintings were available during their visit to the Bomber Command Museum this year for the public to purchase.

"Often, we have lectures by staff and volunteers at the Museum or Military Base that we are touring. We have had chances to get up-close-and-personal with individual aircraft, with behind the scenes stories of the recovery and restoration of historic planes," says McRae of the experience that the association gets from each new facility that they travel to.

Some of the paintings even incorporated airplanes from the museum's collection to add a local essence for those who attended the event and wished to purchase the displayed artwork.

However, it wasn't only artwork that the members of the CAAA brought to Nanton but also stories of their

past meetings in different cities throughout the country to share with the public.

The weekend also boasted an update on the recovery of the Halifax Bomber which is currently in progress off the coast of Sweden right now.

Although the Aerospace Artists Association has only been active for 20 years, since 1997 they have attended events across the whole country to showcase their artwork from the Shearwater Aviation Museum in Nova Scotia, to Winnipeg's Royal Aviation Museum of Western Canada and the Montreal Aviation Museum at *Ste. Anne de Bellevue* in Quebec.

Before heading to Alberta to experience Nanton's nationally acclaimed museum, members of the CAAA found themselves at the National Air Force Museum in Trenton, Ontario late last year.

"By the late 1990's, the group were meeting regularly in places such as the Shearwater Military Base, The National Aviation Museum in Ottawa, the British Columbia Aviation Museum and several other sites across Canada. This is our second visit to Alberta," says McRae on a final note of the journey's that the association takes.



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# Southwest Alta. to receive extra funding to take care of post secondary students' mental health

BY DEMI KNIGHT

Students' mental health is set to receive more support in post-secondary education environments throughout the next few years thanks to increased provincial government funding.

The University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College are two institutions within southern Alberta that will reap these benefits within the years to come. After receiving a combined \$1.2 million every year for the next three years, Lethbridge post-secondary students will be able to explore more resources to help them through mental health related issues.

Minister of Advanced Education, Marlin Schmidt says these investments are needed as far too many students are suffering within today's society and schooling systems.

"Mental health challenges have a significant impact on far too many students, and we are making these public investments so all students across the province have access to these programs when they need them."

Over the set three-year period, the government will invest a total of \$25.8 million into resources for post-secondary institutions around southern Alberta, including Lethbridge, Calgary and Medicine Hat.

With the stress of personal life, classes and work, students can feel the combined pressure and not know which way to turn.

Paula Burns, President and CEO of Lethbridge College, says that not only are these investments pivotal, but also essential to growing the already existing support that is offered, making them even more effective.

"We are thankful to the Government of Alberta for its commitment to prioritize the mental health of our students. This funding will allow us to create new mental health initiatives, as well as expand and enhance our existing programs. We will focus on providing customized supports for all students, including our Indigenous, LGBTQ+ and international groups."

Although both the College and the University within Lethbridge house existing mental-health resources such as face to face, online and telephone counselling sessions, 24-hour support programs and mental health teams and nurses, President of the University of Lethbridge Mike Mahon says acknowledging these resources are important and furthering them is endlessly important to universities across not just the province, but the entire country.

"Like many universities across Canada, the University of Lethbridge has seen increased demand for student mental health supports. The investment made by the Alberta government is critical in ensuring that we are able to deliver effective student wellness programs and counselling supports to our students."

The funding given to Lethbridge is particularly important as with the high volume of out-of-town students that Lethbridge sees each year, many students believe coming to a new and bigger environment can help stimulate mental-health related issues and therefore cause a higher demand for improved resources.

Nursing student at the University of Lethbridge and former resident of the small southeast Alberta town of Oyen, Kathleen Skjenna says moving to a bigger

community can eliminate many common comforts from small-town residents.

"It's more difficult because you don't have access to the things you enjoy doing anymore like quadding, hunting, spending time outdoors away from people. This could eliminate someone's coping mechanisms, leading to a mental illness especially with the stress of school in the first year."

Skjenna adds the change in size can also be a factor to rural residents perhaps needing the expanded options of these resources.

"There's also a huge decrease in the sense of community in the city in general and people aren't necessarily as friendly, so you can feel like you don't really belong there."

"The pressure to succeed while being in a new and different environment can lead students to be vulnerable to anxiety, depression and stress. We thank the province for giving Lethbridge College the resources to have a direct and positive effect on its students' lives," says President of the Lethbridge College Student's Association, Arthur Torres, on students coming to a new environment and the toll that could take on their personal well-being.

This new funding plan was prompted by the National College Health Assessment survey that was conducted in 2016 across 10 post-secondary institutions. This survey showed high levels of anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts among students, and showed the government the necessity of these mental health resources to institutions across Alberta to care for each and every student's personal well-being.

## Coaldale rescue centre praised for efforts as more birds released into wild

BY MELISSA VILLENEUVE

SOUTHERN ALBERTA NEWSPAPERS

Six rescued and rehabilitated birds of prey flew to freedom Sept. 1. The birds were released overlooking the picturesque Oldman River valley near Cottonwood Park with the help of Environment and Parks Minister and Lethbridge West MLA Shannon Phillips and her two sons, Finn, 8, and Hudson, 6.

The birds had been nurtured by the Alberta Birds of Prey Foundation over the past couple of months.

The foundation is a volunteer-based organization that has provided wildlife rescue and release of injured and orphaned birds of prey since 1983.

"These are the moments we live for," said Colin Weir, managing director of Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale.

Two Swainson's hawks, two Great horned owls, a Merlin falcon and a Short-eared owl were released. The

boys handled the smaller birds while Phillips was given the task of releasing those with bigger talons. Phillips said it was a little intimidating to hold some of the birds, including a Great horned owl she released.

"The Great horned owl is a pretty big bird. They're our provincial bird and it was just so amazing to get up close to one. I've never been that close," she said.

The foundation operates the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale, which is open to the public over the summer months as an educational facility and tourist attraction.

However, staff at the centre are available year-round to accept injured birds of prey for rehabilitation. At the centre, there are about 90 birds on display.

Another 150 birds are off display and many of them will also be returned to the wild.

Phillips praised the Birds of Prey Centre for its rescue efforts and for giving the public the chance to learn

and get up close to wildlife.

"We have so much interesting wildlife right on our doorsteps in the city, outside the city. We're just so pleased that they're able to provide that service that rehabilitates birds that get found, maybe fallen out of their nest, and then they can go back out into the wild."

The six rescued birds released earlier this month came from both within the city as well as the outskirts of town. The two Great horned owls were rescued from Galt Gardens park near the end of April.

"A lot of people weren't aware there was actually Great horned owls nesting in Galt Gardens this spring," said Weir. "They just fell out of their nest during a great big wind storm."

The centre also receives lots of calls about other types of birds from sparrows to magpies to families of ducks in need of rescue across southern Alberta, said Weir.

## Revisions made recently to Nanton's new Community Standards Bylaw proposal

BY DEMI KNIGHT

A new *Community Standard Bylaw* has been the talk of the town in recent months in Nanton.

The new proposed bylaw has gone through feedback sessions with the public, before being presented at late April's council meeting where since recently, it has since been taken under review for changes.

The proposed bylaw which outlines the prohibition of certain activities in hopes to prevent noise, nuisances, unsightly premises and public disturbances was 'scrapped' in its current form at April's council meeting. This was done so a new version could be authored with clarified language and small changes requested by the council.

The changes were rendered necessary by councillors during their meeting after a community feedback night was held April 3. At that event, there seemed to be a common complaint amongst those in attendance relating to the proposed 'curfew' section of the bylaw.

Kevin Miller, chief administrative officer for the Town of Nanton, says during the months that followed the meeting, this concern was one of the revisions made to the document.

"At this point, after public feedback, we have removed the previously proposed sections regarding behaviours and the curfew," says Miller.

After the council meeting, another topic that needed addressing was the language regarding the unsightly properties section of the proposed bylaw. This segment of the proposed document refers to the appearance of any property, premises and structures throughout the town that lack in general maintenance, upkeep or repairs. With concerns about the wording surrounding the proposed actions to be

taken on such 'unsightly properties' the council also called for a re-write with more clarified language within this sub-section.

Miller says this was also seen to, and changes were made appropriately to accommodate council's request.

"The language in the Unsightly Properties section has been made a little more specific during the re-write while still allowing for some level of discretion by our bylaw enforcement," he explains.

The bylaw, which goes into detail not only about noise, nuisances, unsightly premises and public disturbances, but also the repercussions of such actions, has sat before council for a reading two times thus far in its journey to being brought into effect.

Now, with revisions, Miller says the final stages of this bylaw are taking place before it will finally go back to council once more.

"The bylaw is currently in the final stages of work in the services committee. We have a couple of very small changes that are still desired by the committee prior to it going back before council."

With no set acceptance date in sight, Miller hopes the bylaw can be sent to be read once more before council soon, so it can progress further into adoption.

"The new bylaw has not yet been adopted. I am expecting this to go back to council and public engagement prior to the end of this term of council," says Miller.

Although public engagement is not a necessity when adopting a new bylaw into effect, the Town of Nanton hopes to continually work with the community to gain input and feedback throughout the continued process to create a new *Community Standards Bylaw*.

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# Crews work tirelessly to protect landmarks within Waterton park

BY DEMI KNIGHT

As the Kenow wildfire continues to blaze throughout southern Alberta, a report released Sept. 12 stated the fire has grown to over 35,000 hectares within Alberta, with the remainder of the fire burning through British Columbia, and as it continues to grow with each passing day Waterton Lakes National Park is still not out of danger.

Although cooler weather has graced the area, which allowed for temporary relief, the blaze continues to threaten many back country and front country areas of the park including Cameron Valley, the Crandell Mountain area, Blackiston Valley and grasslands in the north of the park.

With the immediate threats still looming over the land, officials are rallying to protect the precious infrastructure within the park, says responsible Minister for Parks Canada and Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna.

"Parks Canada and fire management partners have put in place extensive fire protection measures to protect critical infrastructure, park resources, and in the townsite including high volume pump and sprinkler systems around the town."

One feature especially important to Waterton is the 90-year-old landmark and designated National Historic Site that is the Prince of Wales Hotel.

Teams of firefighters from Cardston, Taber, Lethbridge, Coaldale, Claresholm area's Willow Creek, and Calgary arrived at the scene on Sept. 9 and have been working ever since to help battle the blaze and keep landmarks such as the hotel free from flames. They've achieved this so far by constantly wetting down the land and buildings and eliminating fuel sources throughout the area that could ultimately aid the fire.

"At this stage, these measures have been holding within the townsite. Fire crews remain in place in the park and Parks Canada and its partners continue to make every effort to slow the

advancement of the Kenow Fire and protect the townsite," says McKenna.

Although there has been infrastructure damage so far from the fire to the park including the Visitor centre at the base of the bears hump mountain being burnt completely down. So far, the townsite remains mostly unscathed and the efforts of the firefighters to minimize damage has been paying off.

All firefighters that remain in the area while attempting to preserve the National park are faced with the current objectives of ensuring safety, minimizing risk to structures and repositioning resources in priority areas. So far, the crews within the area are working tirelessly to both prevent the further spreading of the fire and preparing for flames or embers to filter through that could cause ultimately result in a new fire occurring.

One way of doing this is by having ladder vehicles set up along the Prince of Wales hotel ready to spray foam and water should any burning embers threaten the exterior of the building.

Containment lines have also been established within the northeast portions of the park that include fire retardants and fire guards to help try and stop the spreading of the fire further. However, it's not just the infrastructure that officials are fighting to maintain, but the precious lands and surrounding areas also.

McKenna says officials from across the country are coming together to battle the blaze with the help from heavy equipment groups, air tanks and helicopters, all with hopes to slow the progress of the fast burning fire until the weather can stabilize and aid in the distinguish of another devastating wildfire.

"Fire crews, Parks Canada staff, provincial and local partners, and emergency management organizations from across the country continue to work tirelessly to slow the progress of the wildfire and protect key infrastructure and resources."



Photos courtesy Parks Canada

Fire Crews work together to test the Sprinkler system at Crandell Theatre in Waterton Lakes National Parks.



Picnic shelters within Waterton Lakes National Park sprayed with a biodegradable fire retardant foam to help protect from the growing flames.

## Pincher Creek, Turner Valley and Black Diamond getting financial help with transit

BY DEMI KNIGHT

With the increased demand for better public transit infrastructures within small towns and cities, the government of Canada is working with the government of Alberta to give the communities what they need to reduce air pollution and build upon their economic growth by creating more accessible routes to the public.

Together the federal and provincial

government is working to provide \$1.3 million for new transit projects within 3 southern Albertan communities.

Alberta's minister of infrastructure and Transportation, Brian Mason says these kinds of investments are pivotal to communities throughout the province to better support local growth.

"Regional public transit is critical for residents in smaller cities and towns, giving residents better access to jobs,

health care, education, recreation and shopping in larger centres, while supporting local growth."

One town receiving funding as part of the newly announced plan is Pincher Creek. With enough money being given to the town to purchase a fully accessible compressed natural gas bus, as well as funding to build 5 new bus shelters to improve both the resident's safety and comfort while using public transport.

Turner Valley and Black Diamond

will also be seeing changes made to their communities thanks to these new grants.

In Turner Valley, a new park and ride facility will be in the works as well as public washrooms for the user's convenience.

Whereas the funding being given to Black Diamond will go towards developing the town's inter-municipal transit system as well as allowing the town to purchase 3 new wheelchair accessible transit vehicles.

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 (Above right): The sun rises over a smoky sky as a crew from Pincher Creek Emergency Services waits on standby Sept. 12 at the community of Twin Butte. Southern Alberta Newspapers photo by Ian Martens  
 (Right): The Waterton Lakes National Park entrance along Highway east of Mountain View features significant fire damage from the Kenow wildfire. Southern Alberta Newspapers photo by Tijana Martin



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**A fire truck heads down Highway 6 Sept. 12 near the community of Twin Butte as smoke rises from the mountains and foothills in the background.**



Southern Alberta Newspapers photo by Tijana Martin  
**A rancher leads cattle west of Twin Butte on Tuesday. On Sept. 13, local ranchers in the Twin Butte area were given approximately two hours to re-enter the evacuation sites in order to feed their livestock.**

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Well, “problem” isn't really the right word. A “conundrum” is more accurate. As a lover of mountain-fueled culture and adventure, I've certainly found my happy place, albeit for only a weekend. The region is one of my personal favorites for a quick shoulder season getaway.

An outdoor playground webbed with wicked single-track mountain biking, majestic mountainside golf, rivers teeming with trout, soothing hot springs, and heavenly hiking trails, the options are enough to make any multi-sport, outdoor enthusiast have a dizzy spell.

Front country activities, such as museums, festivals, shopping, dining, craft breweries, zip-lines, and wildlife viewing are also ideal for any weekend getaway.

The Kootenay Rockies is one of North America's most exciting and adventurous places to play golf. And thanks to 27 mountain golf courses, it's always difficult to decide which courses to play (just another conundrum in the Kootenay Rockies). On day one we decide to play Wildstone, a Gary Player design in Cranbrook that just gets better and better every time I play it. On day two we play Trickle Creek in Kimberley, a dramatic mountain track that tumbles down Northstar Mountain.

On day three, on our way back to Calgary, we play Eagle Ranch in Invermere, a gorgeous layout that soars along aerie bluffs high above Lake Windermere.

And, to be clear, it's not just the East Kootenay corridor that is ripe for the pickin'. From Rossland to Revelstoke, Golden to Nelson, the entire Kootenay Rockies region is a mountain-filled Mecca for exploration and adventure.

In Golden, for example, where the mighty Columbia and Kicking Horse Rivers collide, a recreational renaissance, of sorts, has taken place the past few years. Thanks to the Kicking Horse Resort – home to the highest restaurant in Canada! – as well as a new micro-brewery, spectacular hiking, heart-pounding mountain bike trails, and some of the best white-water rafting and kayaking on the planet, the town is buzzing. More and more stories of people coming – and refusing to leave! – are playing out. Other towns, such as Fernie, Invermere, Revelstoke, Creston, Nelson, Nakusp, Kaslo, and Radium Hot Springs are on similar trajectories.

There are numerous resort hot springs to choose from such as Ainsworth, Canyon, Fairmont, Halcyon, Nakusp, and Radium. Spa lodges and rejuvenating retreats offer accommodation, adventure and wellness packages.

But, in terms of its global recognition, I'd put the Kootenay Rockies in the “somewhat discovered” category. For visitors, especially those willing to hang with the friendly locals and do a little digging around, new discoveries, regardless of your passions and interests, are there for the taking around every bend in the pine-lined road. –Andrew Penner

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## Have to keep children active

It's that time of year again. The time of year when alarm clocks are set extra early; morning routines are back in action; school lunches are carefully prepared the night before; and new fall activities have filled the calendar.

The long days of summer and family vacations are nothing but a memory, and although getting back to "routine" can feel like a relief to some – to others it feels more like organized chaos. Parents have an important job as they are responsible to ensure their children get enough sleep, are fueled by healthy foods, and remain active throughout the day. As a health promotion co-ordinator, I often get asked what is the right amount (of sleep, healthy foods and physical activity) to ensure a child's optimal health.

For optimal health children and youth need to sweat, step, sleep and sit the right amounts. According to the 2016 ParticipACTION Report Card, if you think your child can get a little physical activity and then play video games into the wee hours, yet remain healthy, you're in for a rude awakening.

"Sleep deprivation is becoming a problem for Canadian children and youth, creating an insidious threat to their mental and physical health," says Dr. Mark Tremblay, Chief Scientific Officer, ParticipACTION Report Card. Currently, only nine per cent of children get enough heart-pumping physical activity and only 24 per cent are meeting screen time guidelines of no more



SONYA BROWN

than two hours per day (2016 ParticipACTION Report Card).

Increased sedentary behaviour in children and youth has been a growing concern for years. What has been most alarming is the relationship between increased sedentary behaviour (screen time) and sleep deprivation in children. For the first time, the 2016 ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth includes a new 24 hour

Movement Guidelines. So what does a healthy 24 hours look like for your child?

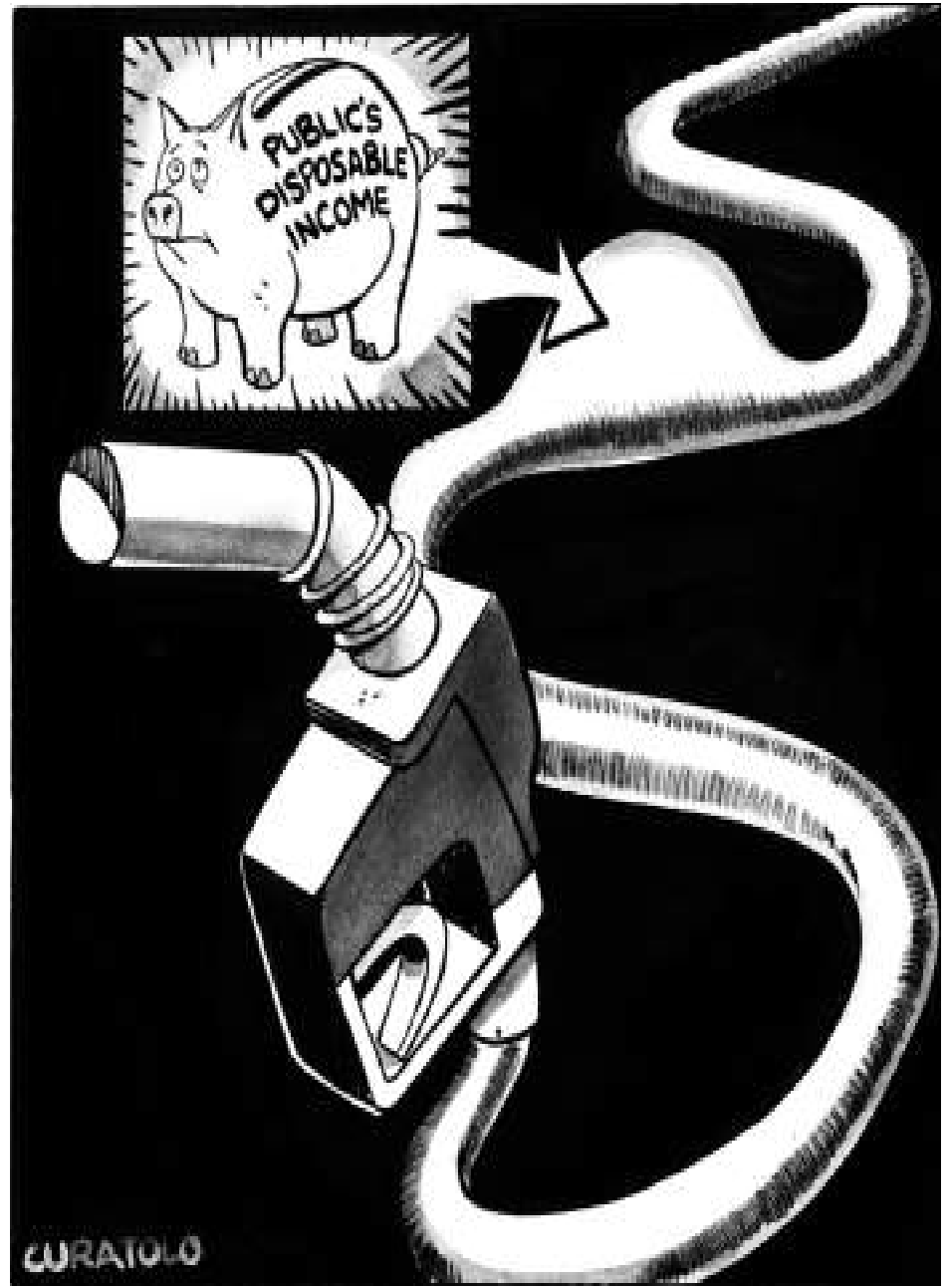
- Nine to 11 hours of uninterrupted sleep per night for those aged 5-13 years and 8 to 10 hours per night for those aged 14-17 years, with consistent bed and wake-up times;
- An accumulation of at least 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity involving a variety of aerobic activities. Vigorous physical activities and muscle and bone strengthening activities should each be incorporated at least 3 days per week;

- Several hours of a variety of structured and unstructured light physical activities;
- No more than two hours per day of recreational screen time;
- Limited sitting for extended periods

For more information on the 2016 ParticipACTION Report Card and the 24-hour Movement Guidelines visit:

<https://www.participaction.com>

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## Albertans collaborate on public lands stewardship

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The public forest lands of Alberta's Porcupine Hills and upper Oldman drainage (Livingstone planning area) have been in need of better care for many years now. New land use plans, scheduled for public consultation and finalization this fall, may finally address that need.

If so, it will be because government finally teamed up with grassroots Albertans to get it right.

Commitments to protect and better manage Alberta forest reserves go back more than forty years. The Lougheed government brought in the Eastern Slopes Policy in 1977. More detailed Integrated Resource Plans for specific areas along the Rocky Mountain front ranges and foothills soon followed.

Our public lands haven't lacked for promises and good intentions, but lack of funding, compromises to appease special interest groups, insider politics, and simple inaction and neglect frequently got in the way of results. Degraded landscapes and damage streams resulted

Demands for better stewardship of our public lands have ramped up over the years, in response to ongoing degradation. To its credit, the previous government responded by creating a provincial Land Use Framework and, in 2014, by releasing a new South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP). Pointing out that our public forest lands produce most of southern Alberta's water, sustain fish and wildlife and offer some of our best outdoor recreation and tourism opportunities, the SSRP put a priority on the Porcupine Hills and Livingstone areas for more detailed strategies to manage the land disturbance footprint and manage recreational use.

In 2015, the newly-elected current government (to its credit as well) committed to follow through on those planning commitments. Following two years of intensive consultations and effort, draft Footprint Management and Recreation Management plans are to be released for public review in the coming weeks.

The government's planning team appears to have done an exemplary job. They started by consulting the science literature and knowledgeable stakeholders, including off-highway vehicle user groups and area residents, to assess how much activity the lands and waters can handle without damage. They met repeatedly with a wide variety of interested stakeholder groups and hosted open houses and workshops in nearby communities. Officials invited submissions and made themselves freely available to discuss issues with interested groups to make sure nobody was left out.

Finally, the planners rolled up their sleeves to produce the plans, but rather than go it alone, they established a Southwest Alberta Recreation Advisory Group (SARAG) in May to help them get it right.

The SARAG met on five occasions from May through early August to work through planning issues with government staff. SARAG participants represented a full range of interested stakeholders — including First Nations, rural municipalities, forestry and oil and gas industry, cattle ranchers, local residents, OHV users, snowmobilers, hunters and anglers, mountain bikers, backpackers and hikers, outfitters and equestrian groups, stewardship organizations, and nature enthusiasts. All SARAG participants were given repeated chances to present their views and concerns, table information, and contribute ideas for the plans. As

the meetings progressed, it became clear that planners were using suggestions from all quarters to shape the plan. It was a fair, balanced, inclusive and meaningful process: collaborative planning at its best.

If the pending Footprint Management Plan and Recreation Management Plan for the Porcupine Hills and Livingstone areas fail to meet expectations, it won't be because the government and planning officials failed to engage effectively with Albertans.

The mountains, foothills, trout streams, grasslands and forests of Alberta's Eastern Slopes are provincial treasures. They need, and deserve, careful stewardship and responsible recreational use. No single interest group should be allowed to dominate discussions about the future of land and waters that belong to all of us. No government should assume it has all the answers. All of us have a vital stake in ensuring that land use brings out the best of our public lands — and of ourselves.

We just might see that happen this time. Both plans are to be released for public comment early this fall.

If the plans are as good as the process put in place to draft them, all Albertans will be able finally to see our best wild places made whole again. Those public forest lands deserve no less. Nor do we.

(Contributed on behalf of Alberta Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; Alberta Hiking Association; Antelope Butte Ranch; Blue Ridge Outfitting and Guiding; Burton Cattle Company; Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society — Southern Alberta Chapter; Great Divide Trail Association; Livingstone Landowners' Group; Municipal District of Ranchlands; Outdoor Recreation Council of Alberta; Porcupine Hills Coalition; Porcupine Hills Stock Association; Southern Alberta Land Trust Society)

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# Reynolds-Alberta Museum celebrates 25th anniversary

BY DEMI KNIGHT

Reynolds-Alberta Museum is celebrating 25 years of bringing a unique slice of history to Alberta on Sept. 30.

After bringing the important history of transport, aviation and agriculture to Alberta, the museum is gearing up to celebrate its continued success and pay thanks to those who have helped them along the way.

Nicole Mueller, communications and marketing assistant for the Wetaskiwin museum, says it's important to celebrate the museum as it has played such a big role in so many people's lives throughout the community.

"It's great that we've been around this long. I came here as a child and now I get to come and bring my own son here and we see that a lot of that here. It's a great place because people can share it with their family and obviously that means people have made a connection with this place."

Officially opening its doors to the

public for the first time on Sept. 12, 1992, the museum has spent 25 years showcasing an arrangement of machines from the transport, aviation and agriculture industries. Since its grand opening, exhibits within the facility have worked to tell its guests the stories of change these industries have seen from the 1890s until now.

With the 25th birthday on the horizon, the team at the museum has planned a day full of events to not only celebrate the anniversary of this treasure, but also look back at the history of the museum and gather memories from all those who have played a significant role in its past.

"At this event, we're going to have large paper that stretches on the wall from the museum's store down to the café. We want to give everyone that visits the opportunity to sign it and write down memories they have from the museum," says Mueller. "We're also encouraging people who have been here before, maybe when the museum

first opened or have a significant moment here, to bring and post pictures up on there too."

The museum will be open on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the day of festivities with free admission for all those who would like to be a part of the celebrations.

The day will also boast free coffee, juice and a large birthday cake to tickle guests taste buds during the afternoon. A vehicle tour program is in the works as long as the weather permits as well as a photo booth with fun props for people to embrace their goofy sides and have some fun.

"There will also be fun facts posted throughout museum and pieces of history posted throughout the gallery. The restoration shop will also be open so people can go down and view our work as well as the resource centre will be open so people can go there and see what's going on," says Mueller of other options the day has to offer for those in attendance.

The assembly room within the museum will also play a part in the day's celebrations and will be home to a display of past exhibits that the facility has worked on over their 25 years in business.

Mueller adds the museum will host a Jeopardy style game that people can take part in as well as offering the first 100 people through the doors a free copy of 'Spirit of the Machine' which is a book containing information on various artifacts from the museum.

Although the day-long celebrations are open for the entirety of the public to enjoy, museum officials are hoping to see past volunteers and employees in attendance to help show them how far the museum has come thanks to all of their dedication.

"We have such an amazing group of dedicated volunteers and its our way of recognizing them and saying thank you for all their hard work and we want them to come and see what they've done over the years," says Mueller.

## Vandalism ruins work of volunteers and organizations at Chipman Creek

BY DEMI KNIGHT

After vandals ruined the restoration efforts to re-establish the fish habitat within Chipman Creek, volunteers were left disheartened but not beaten.

On Aug. 19, people from multiple organizations including the Oldman Watershed Council, Trout Unlimited Canada and the Oldman River Chapter of Trout Unlimited came together with volunteers and local community members to rejuvenate the creek as well as re-vegetate a stream crossing.

Unfortunately vandals abolished all the work done just days before.

Sofie Forsström, education program manager at the Oldman Watershed Council, says this vandalism, although disappointing does not dismiss the character and dedication the majority of the community who worked on this project holds.

"This vandalism does not represent the will and character of the community. Many dedicated people and organizations worked hard to repair this stretch of Chipman Creek," she says.

"It's terribly disappointing to see that somebody took it upon themselves to destroy the hard work that these generous volunteers put into improving their local creek," Forsström added, "just for the sake of a joyride."

The initial restoration event that took place in mid-

August saw everyone working hard to place 300 native plants to create an effective buffer zone, however within 48 hours of the volunteers completing their work and leaving the site, the plants had been dug up and all of the hard work dismantled.

No matter how disheartened those involved with the restoration feel, there will be a collective effort once more to work on the creek and to continue creating positive change to lands around southern Alberta, no matter the small setbacks, says Forsström.

"Working together to overcome these challenges will not only improve our watershed but also build stronger, more resilient communities."

With building resilient communities in mind, the Oldman Watershed Council, along with many partners, are gearing up to host their biggest restoration event of the year this October, The Backcountry Restoration Event.

The Backcountry event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 in partnership with Cows and Fish to restore riparian habitats along Dutch Creek which is a tributary in the headwaters of the Oldman River.

Days before the event, Oldman Watershed Council officials will work to harvest willows that will be ready for planting in time for the event.

Although these events can be a lot of hard work, Forsström says communities, volunteers and organizations coming together to care for their environment is something of which they can be proud.

"It's hard work, but it's also a lot of fun. Last year we had community members, random campers, families, OHV riders, post-secondary students, government staff, and even a group of Scouts volunteer."

The upcoming backcountry restoration had a successful event last year with 600 willows being planted that began to grow in nicely this spring and Forsström says the Oldman Watershed Council are excited once again host this event.

Although there are times when these collaborative efforts experience setbacks such as vandalism, the communities affected and volunteers wanting to make a difference stand strong together to continue to try and raise efforts for a better future for our watersheds.

"The restoration work was a great example of what a dedicated group of volunteers can accomplish by working together at the community level. There will always be setbacks when trying to effect positive change (be they natural or anthropogenic), but it's important not to give up."

## Transforming of Medicine: A sacred trust of wisdom and hope

Canada is on the path of closing a dark chapter in Canadian history with respect to its treatment of Indigenous people.

A legacy plagued with trauma, hurt, and distrust is on the threshold of becoming a time of healing.

On a cold November day, I was sitting with two respected elders: Phillis and Marcia (not their real names).

We discussed politics and family life. I was so pleased to see the two catching up on old times: they hadn't seen each other since they were children in residential school. I could see the joy and happiness they shared in that moment.

The two hugged and eagerly reconnected. I observed a long standing deep connection. Then the moment came that would change my life forever: Marcia declared with a lump in her throat

"Not a day goes by that I thank the Creator that I was born an ugly child".

I stood in disbelief. I asked myself, "Did I hear that right?"

Phillis was an elderly woman: her beauty radiated. I couldn't imagine how beautiful she must have been as a child if she was this beautiful as an elderly



TREENA TALLOW

woman. I always thought to myself that beauty was an asset - something that helped one get ahead in one's life.

Phillis had lovely long grey hair.

However, her eyes told a story of pain and suffering. In the residential school era, beauty could make one vulnerable for abuse.

Phillis struggled her entire life: she experienced profoundly lasting and damaging impacts from the sexual abuse

experienced in residential school that impacted every area of her life.

Even today, many Indigenous people like Phillis crave the validation and acknowledgement of the horrific abuses imposed upon them: they want closure.

Reconciliation aims to support the healing of Indigenous people from the destructive legacies of colonization and the long lasting impacts that continue on to today.

The Canadian Government (2016) adopted the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous people as an officially binding International document.

What's more, the Truth & Reconciliation commission's calls to action acquired through residential school survivor testimony is considered "healing medicine" by many of Canada's

Indigenous people.

Lethbridge and participating organizations will be contributing to a week-long celebration in the spirit of Reconciliation September 19 to 23. Every single Canadian can contribute. As Canadians we have a sacred trust to act in support of Canada's most vulnerable no matter their color, creed or social standing.

The statement of apologies and the TRC has begun the process of healing. The 94 TRC Calls to Action and the Lethbridge "Reconciliation Implementation Plan 2017-2027" has inspired the important work of creating an awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm, and action to create a more cohesive Canada.

The final report outline's 94 "calls to action," 18) which states

"We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and to recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as

identified in international law and constitutional law, and under the Treaties."

Providing Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people the opportunity for dialogue on reconciliation and appropriate action is considered the Medicine that can improve the Indigenous plight. Building sacred trusts by acknowledging the past wrongs, and providing education and awareness for a better future can provide some atonement for those suffering.

Reconciliation is about establishing and maintaining a mutually-respectful relationship among Indigenous and Non-Indigenous. Coming together to find local solutions to assist our most vulnerable Canadians is key.

Reconciliation can ignite Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people to transform Canadian society so that future generations can live together in dignity, peace, and prosperity on these lands we now share.

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# Clinic expansion still on the table for Nanton following meeting

BY DEMI KNIGHT

With spacing issues, lack of office's and waiting times becoming a recurring issue for the current health services within Nanton.

Local officials met recently with Alberta's health minister to discuss the hopes for an addition to Nanton's already thriving clinic.

Mayor of the town, Rick Everett says that this addition is necessary because it will make life for both the doctors and the patients more efficient with the extra room.

"The reason for wanting this addition is quite simple, efficiency for physicians is critical. Right now, our physicians only have 1 exam room each, so if a patient comes in and has cold or the flu then they have to wait longer until the air clears to bring in next patient."

With the concern for doctors not having enough space within the existing clinic, the town partnered with the

MD of Ranchland Reeve, and Willow Creek and the Mosquito Creek Foundation to bring the notion of an addition to the health minister.

With each doctor at the current clinic only having one examination room, it has become an issue with waiting times for both the doctors and the patients.

It has also become a problem for workers within the clinic that there is no office space of their own to reside to in between seeing patients.

Rather the doctors are forced to go to a common room should they have time or need to call a patient, Everett says this current set up is just not practical.

"We've had a lot of our workers complain, for a while now. What we're looking for is to be more efficient and bring in additional services to the clinic for an extra component, and it's difficult to do that now because we are full."

"A 1,500 square foot addition would be one solution to this or building a brand-new building entirely," added Everett of the proposed solution to their current problems.

Although this process has been a long one, Everett says recently meeting with the Health Minister has been a positive turn of events for getting the addition on it's way. Over the past eight years, two different councils and the town have been rallying with this idea, however have run into constant problems, consisting mostly of a lack of available funding from Alberta Health Services.

With the recent meeting in June where

representatives from the town and neighbouring municipalities met with the province's health minister being a large step forward in the process, there's still a long road ahead says Everett.

"One of reasons we met was to look at how we could fund it or how we would be able to build it. There's two sides to this thing. You can have a building that doesn't meet AHS standards and is easier to fund but then you can't have AHS workers in there."

Everett added that costing issues are a main factor within this expansion, as creating a building that does meet Alberta Health Services standards comes at a hefty price.

"However, building something that meets these standards raises the cost! Sometimes it takes as much as three times the construction cost of a building that doesn't."

Besides residents and workers expressing their need for more room, there has also been several studies throughout the years that shows the necessity and the hopes for an expansion within Nanton Health service's, especially since there are many neighbouring communities that send their patients Nanton's way since their own clinics are already so backed up.

With this in mind, Everett says after waiting almost a year for this meeting, the town met with the Alberta minister of health to showcase not only the need for the addition, but also to help them move forward with the process.

"By meeting with the Health minister, we wanted to bring her up to speed on issues with the clinic, and secondly we asked her to help us get on Alberta project priority list for this addition."

"We also sent a letter out to her on behalf of the town of Nanton," added Everett.

"We wanted her to come and do a tour of the clinic and this past week we got a letter back saying she was unable to fit that in her schedule."

Everett says this was a disappointment, "Sometimes it's much more effective to see things for yourself rather than see pictures or read the information."

However, the town has not lost hope and instead continue their efforts to pursue this addition through other means such as looking for other opportunities to get investors involved as hopes for the addition continue to play on the town's mind.

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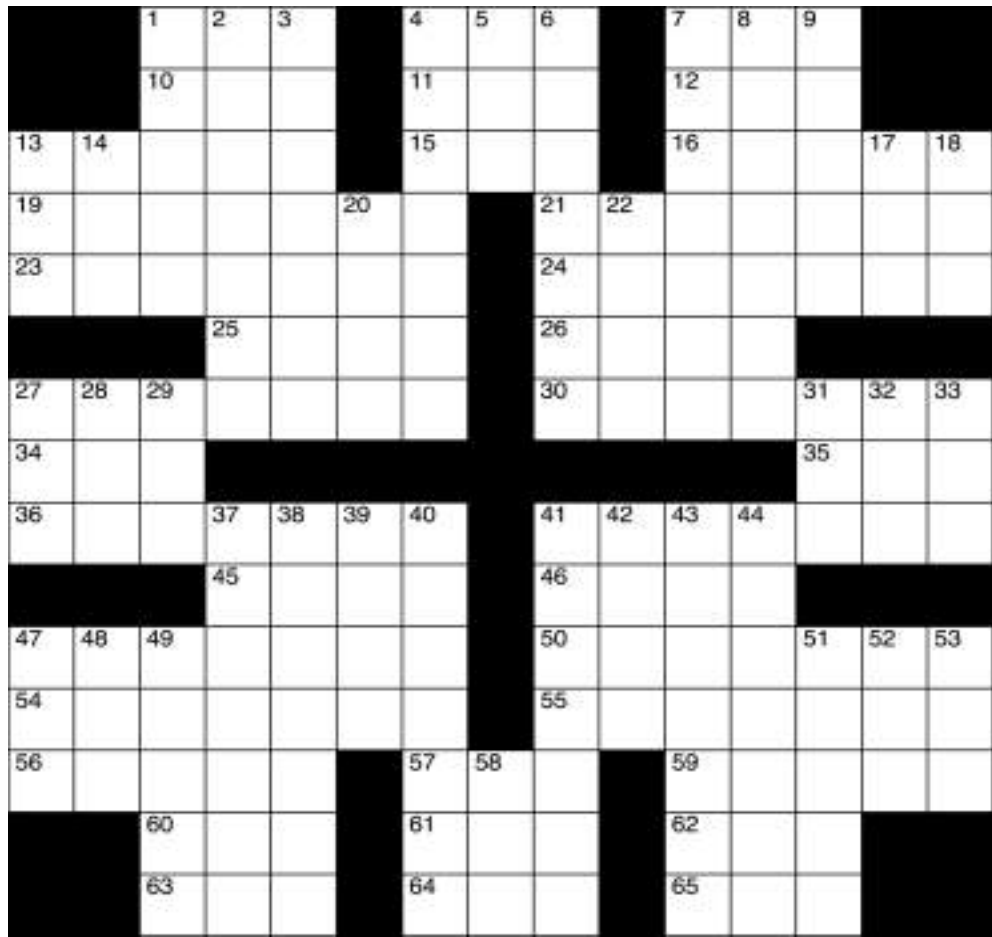
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Current unit
- 4. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 7. Confederate soldier group
- 10. Car mechanics
- 11. Australian TV station
- 12. Trouble
- 13. Getting up there
- 15. Cool!
- 16. Adventurous English aristocrat Jane
- 19. Glow
- 21. A way to appear like
- 23. Absence of bacteria
- 24. Type of water
- 25. Cool Hand \_\_\_
- 26. German river
- 27. Partial paralysis
- 30. Immobile
- 34. Federal savings bank
- 35. Swiss river
- 36. The Windy City
- 41. Female's genitals
- 45. German courtesy title
- 46. Matter

### CLUES DOWN

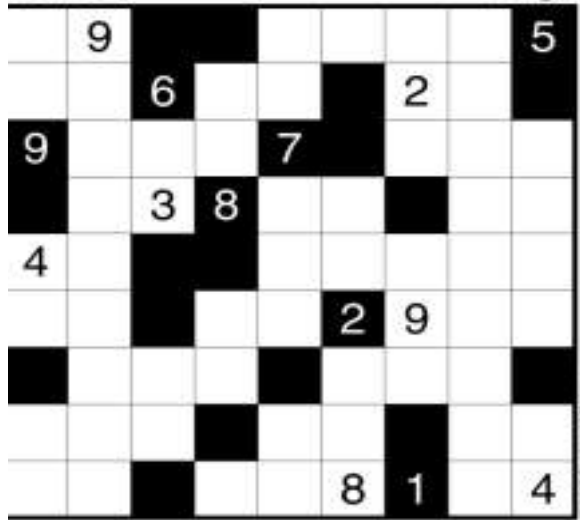
- 1. For future use
- 2. Church garb
- 3. Winged horse
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Directories
- 7. Bases
- 8. They clean up manuscripts
- 9. S. Wales river
- 13. Small constellation
- 14. Fuel
- 17. British thermal unit

- 18. Thus far
- 20. One of football's Barber twins
- 22. Manner in which something occurs
- 27. Beginning military rank
- 28. Powdery residue
- 29. Baseball stat
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. Fellow
- 33. A distinct period
- 37. Cap
- 38. Treated a lawn
- 39. Bryant Gumbel's brother
- 40. Mandated
- 41. A route
- 42. Home to the Utes
- 43. Sunday (Span.)
- 44. Involve
- 47. Television tube
- 48. Order's partner
- 49. Make improvements to
- 51. Home to rockers and athletes alike
- 52. Snake-like fish
- 53. Tooth caregiver
- 58. Defunct phone company

## STR8TS

No. 351

Tough



Previous solution - Medium



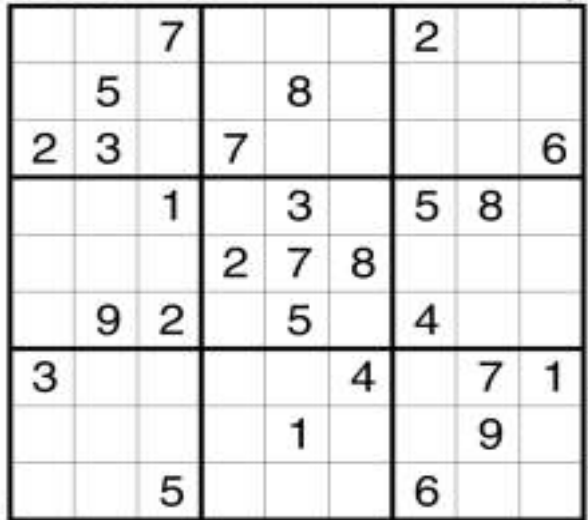
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## SUDOKU

No. 351

Easy



Previous solution - Very Hard



To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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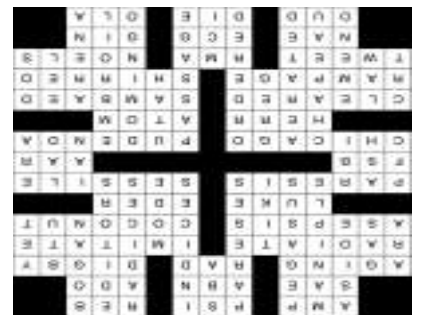
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Announcements - Stavely

Get your tickets in September for Raise The Woof — a fundraiser for the Claresholm Animal Rescue Society (CARES) at the Stavely Community Center Oct. 6. Comedy night with supper, silent auction and door prizes. Tickets are \$ 35. For tickets, contact 403-625-3116 or email [hartsoup@shaw.ca](mailto:hartsoup@shaw.ca). The website is [www.claresholmcares.org](http://www.claresholmcares.org).

### Sept. 26 - Coaldale

• A Ladies Only Car Care Clinic, featuring race car driver and TV personality Kelly Williams, will be held Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at Graham's Garage, 1412 20 Ave. in Coaldale. This fun and informative evening will cover topics including: How to check tire pressure, emergency roadside kit contents, oil and air filters, brakes, various vehicle fluids and more. There is no charge for this event, but seating is limited. Call 403-345-3082 or email [com-mech@hotmail.com](mailto:com-mech@hotmail.com) for more info and to reserve your spot.

### Sept. 29 - Lethbridge

Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner and Silent Auction, Sept. 29 at the

Italian Cultural Centre, 1511 St. Edward Blvd, North in Lethbridge. Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and silent auction throughout the evening. Individual tickets are \$65 each or tables of 10 are available. Featuring entertainment by Trevor Panczak and dinner music by Dale Ketcheson. All proceeds benefit the Interfaith Food Bank Society of Lethbridge. For tickets or to donate auction items phone 403-320-8779. Tickets are not available at the door.

### Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - Fort Macleod

Buffalo Harvest Days at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. The ancient buffalo harvest is a very important story told at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Celebrate Alberta Culture Days, Saturday, Sept. 30: Join our Blackfoot guides on a guided tour through the building. Participate in our "Living off the Land" artifact demonstrations. Taste buffalo themed cuisine from our cafeteria. Watch First Nations artists demonstrate their skills and display their artworks. Sale discounts in our gift shop for all three days. Free Admission all three

days. Shuttle bus service and cafeteria open. More information online at: [www.history.alberta.ca/headsmashedin](http://www.history.alberta.ca/headsmashedin).

### Sept. 30 - Picture Butte

• Coyote Flats Pioneer Village will hold its annual Pig & Pull Sept. 30 at the facility just south of Picture Butte on Highway 843. Free fall tractor pull at 1 p.m., fundraising dinner with silent and live auctions at 6 p.m., Tickets \$35. Phone 403-732-5451 or visit [www.coyoteflats.org](http://www.coyoteflats.org) for more.

### Sept. 30 - Lethbridge

Join us at Green Haven Garden Centre for our 28th Annual Giant Pumpkin Festival and Auction, in Support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be many great activities for children and families. Each child's \$5 wristband includes access to face painting, Astro Jump, games, the petting zoo and horse-drawn wagon rides. For an additional \$5, express your creativity in the Pumpkin Craft Corner. Parking and gate entry are free of charge. There will also be a cash concession with hot dogs, fries, beverages and pumpkin pie. The live auction happens

at 1 p.m. Pumpkins will be available to purchase by donation. All proceeds benefit the Children's Wish Foundation in Southern Alberta. Green Haven Garden Centre is located at No. 5 South Sunnyside Rd.

### Sept. 30 - Pincher Creek

Moon Shadow Run — a fun family run with a 2.5km, 5km, or 10km route. No matter your age, you can participate and enjoy the atmosphere at the Moonshadow Run, so lace up your shoes and join us in getting active and outside. Takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Register at: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=96803>.

### Oct. 4 - Lethbridge

Southwest Service & Tourism Awards is an evening about recognizing outstanding businesses, employees and volunteers in the service and tourism industry. The evening begins with drinks and appetizers and later moves into the awards presentation. Nominees are honoured along with the winners presented with trophies for their dedication and providing outstanding customer experiences.

Takes place at the Lethbridge Multicultural Centre (421 6 Avenue South). Reception and registration at 5 p.m. with awards at 7 p.m. More information online at: [www.southwestalbertaawards.com](http://www.southwestalbertaawards.com).

### Oct. 7 - Fort Macleod

Hike to the Drive Lanes: Moon of the People Going to Winter Camp at Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Hike to ancient drive lanes with Blackfoot guides. Hear stories of how the plains people hunted the mighty buffalo. Be prepared for an off-trail hike and dress appropriately for inclement weather. Bring lunch and a water bottle. Register in advance as space is limited. This program is not recommended for small children. Takes place 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes a four-hour hike. Registration: 1-403-553-2731. More information online at: [www.history.alberta.ca/headsmashedin](http://www.history.alberta.ca/headsmashedin).

### Oct. 14 - Coalhurst

Miners Days Historical Association of Coalhurst is hosting a Fall Craft Sale on Oct. 14 at the Community Centre 527-50 Ave from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be marketers, and used children's clothing and toys.

# Niitsitapi program will return next fall for students

BY DEMI KNIGHT

The University of Lethbridge in partnership with Red Crow College are re-launching a program in the fall of 2018 to better prepare students for teaching within the Blackfoot community.

The Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program will officially be offered in September of 2018 to all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students or interested non-Indigenous students wanting to work with Blackfoot children and youth.

Roy Weasel Fat, president of Red Crow Community College, says not only is the College proud to be partnered with the University for this program but this course will also be great preparation for those wanting to learn about the Blackfoot community.

"We look forward to working with the U of L on the Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program. The program will prepare students to teach from a Blackfoot perspective and ultimately, to pass along language and culture to future generations."

This program which was previously first offered in 2004, is back next fall with exciting opportunities for all those

who wish to apply.

The Niitsitapi program will be offered to after degree students as a four-semester program, or to current undergraduate degree students as a five-year combined degree's program.

By offering classes specialized in Blackfoot language, values and ways of knowing, the first courses offered in the program are designed to create a solid foundation of the necessities needed moving forward.

The program also offers courses in educational psychology, language in education, communication technology and a language seminar.

The program also includes social context of schooling classes, education electives and 27 weeks of a practicum, where the program as a whole is designed to meet the expectations and competencies of the *Alberta Teaching Quality Standard*, as well as further knowledge and experience for those wanting to work within the Blackfoot Culture.

After the program's initial success in its launch in 2004, members of the faculty at both the University of Lethbridge and Red Crow College are

excited to build on the program's name and once again make it available for students.

"We first offered the program in 2004 to a full cohort of students and we look forward to building on that success. We are happy to once again offer the Niitsitapi Teacher Education Program in collaboration with our partners at Red Crow Community College," says Dr. Nancy Grigg, acting associate dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge.

The program which was originally brought into the system in the fall of 2004, had similar core values, with 24 students originally enrolling in the program, and nine of those 24 going on to graduate with the double degree.

A report in 2006 stated that eight out of those nine were employed after obtaining their degree in a career related to their field of study.

However, after making the program available a review showed there were certain factors that needed to be addressed, such as permanent funding, and an initiated curriculum review so lessons of the Niitsitapi can be brought into the general program of education.

Finally, the idea to expand the capacity of the Red Crow Community College regarding cultural and transitional offerings was also discussed.

With these changes in mind the program is back in the fall of 2018 so students are once again offered this career-expanding and important opportunity.

Dr. Chris Mattatall, education professor and member of the Niitsitapi Steering Committee, says this time the program is offered with a better understanding of the students' needs.

"We learned a lot of lessons from the first Niitsitapi program so we have a better understanding of what our students need. We have been planning with our partners at Red Crow College from the start so we have a shared vision."

With the program set to launch in the fall of 2018, the upcoming academic year will see the two institutions working on recruitment for anyone interested in joining the program. More information on requirements necessary and the program itself can be found online at: [edu.sps@uleth.ca](mailto:edu.sps@uleth.ca).

# Noble Central grad inducted into Palliser's Wall of Fame

BY CRAIG ALBRECHT  
PALLISER REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Perry Luchia's career took him to soaring heights, but it was his Nobleford roots that nourished that journey.

The Noble Central School graduate, Class of 1976, is the first to be inducted into the Palliser Regional Schools Wall of Fame posthumously. Luchia, who passed away in March 2016 at the age of 57, is being recognized for his outstanding achievements in aviation.

His wife, Sandra, who accepted the honour on his behalf at Palliser's



PERRY LUCHIA

Opening Day Celebration for staff Wednesday, says his beginnings in southern Alberta served him well in his roles as a technical crewman with the Snowbird aerobatic team, an Air Force pilot, and finally a production test pilot for Bombardier Aerospace.

While aviation took him across North America and to various destinations in Asia, Europe and the Middle East, she says Perry always appreciated his upbringing on the family farm near Nobleford and the work ethic that instilled in him.

"In the Armed Forces they tell you, 'you work 24-7 for us,'" says Sandra. "On a farm you might have other plans for the evening, but if conditions were right and the crop had to be sprayed or taken off, you were not doing what you were hoping to do. You were out in the field."

She notes Perry successfully

completed pilot training with only a Grade 12 education and what he had learned through working on the ground crew.

A rare occurrence even at that time, he couldn't have earned his Air Force wings today without first having a university degree.

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## Palliser's new superintendent no stranger

BY DAWN SUGIMOTO  
PALLISER REGIONAL  
SCHOOLS

An educator with 27 years of teaching and leadership experience in southern Alberta will bring a focus on teamwork and relationship building to his new role as superintendent of Palliser Regional Schools.

Dave Driscoll will take the reins of Palliser on Oct. 1, after spending the past four years as superintendent of Livingstone Range School Division, overseeing schools from Nanton to Fort Macleod and Crowsnest Pass.

"I'm looking forward to the new challenges and working with the staff and board of Palliser Regional Schools," Driscoll says. "This is an opportunity to go to a system with a strong history of success and continue to build on that."

Palliser Board Chair Robert Strauss welcomed Driscoll to the division.

"Dave brings a wealth of experience to the position of superintendent," Strauss says. "He is very familiar with southern Alberta and understands the culture and diversity of our schools. We're very pleased to have him join the organization."

Driscoll's appointment followed a four-month search process, facilitated by an international executive search firm. The process included a survey inviting stakeholders to share what they consider the most important quality a new superintendent should possess, and open houses in the division to give staff and public opportunities to meet directly with the recruiters.

Strauss says the process resulted in the board considering several high-calibre candidates.

Driscoll spent 22 years of his career in Horizon School Division, located in Taber and area, as teacher, principal, director and associate superintendent. As a principal, he had experience at



DAVE DRISCOLL

all grade levels. In his associate role, he oversaw several key portfolios including English as a Second Language, inclusive education, counselling services and international education.

As superintendent of Livingstone, Driscoll says he led a strong team that introduced innovative programs to meet student needs.

"Everything we do is teamwork," he says of his approach to leadership.

Among his priorities are ensuring students at small schools experience the same high quality educational opportunities as their peers at larger schools, and giving students opportunity to learn from and with peers from different backgrounds and cultures.

Part of Palliser's appeal is its unique diversity, with urban and rural schools, including programs for Low German-speaking Mennonite, Christian and Islamic students, Driscoll says.

Driscoll earned his Bachelor of Physical Education and his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Calgary. He completed a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Driscoll's wife Tracey has a background in family support and parent coaching. They have two daughters: Kelsey graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and psychology, and she now works in Calgary doing recreational planning for preschool-aged children; Hailey is working toward the same degree as her sister and she is part of the U of L rugby squad.

Until Driscoll's appointment takes effect Oct. 1, Brian Andjelic will serve as Palliser's acting superintendent. Andjelic recently retired as superintendent of Prairie Rose School Division, headquartered in Dunmore, near Medicine Hat.

Palliser Regional Schools is a public school board with schools from Coaldale to Calgary, serving about 8,300 students.

## Luchia loved Nobleford

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"He obviously received a good, solid education (at Noble Central School)," says Sandra, adding colleagues through the years were amused to learn he attended the same school from Grades 1 to 12, and "just kind of kept moving down the hall."

When it came to reminiscing about his school days, Perry spoke most passionately about his provincial-winning basketball team.

He was wearing his team jacket when he and Sandra first met at dance at the base in Moose Jaw, and that well-worn trophy survived every move through the years.

Sports may have been one of the more valuable things Perry took away from Noble Central School, she says, in that the "team thing" was a prevalent theme throughout his time with the Air Force and his test pilot days.

Although she says Perry would have likely claimed others were more deserving of such recognition, Sandra expects her husband would have humbly accepted the Wall of Fame honour if it might inspire other small-town students to dream big.

Mary Ann Goldade, who provided introductory remarks and recollections for Perry's tribute, says the importance of role models shouldn't be downplayed. Perry's Grade 4 teacher at Noble Central School notes a number of previous Wall of Fame inductees had their doctorates.

"I think that's absolutely awesome but at the same time, I think you can do a doctorate in non-doctorate things," says Goldade, whose husband Paul is a former Noble Central principal.

"...Not to undermine any of the other Wall of Famers, but I think that's so inspirational to see what you can do if you set your mind to it and develop the excitement and interest in something

## Overes stirs up passion for culinary arts, honoured by Palliser

BY CRAIG ALBRECHT  
PALLISER REGIONAL  
SCHOOLS

Earning a place on Palliser Regional Schools' Wall of Fame was an honour, but for Doug Overes the possibility he might inspire future chefs is much greater reward than the recognition itself.

Although his resume includes impressive results at the highest of levels of culinary competitions, the Kate Andrews High School grad points out he didn't choose his career path to win accolades.

"My greatest success is watching another cook succeed," says Chef Overes, a culinary arts instructor at Lethbridge College since 1996. "I do it purely for the legacy. Any good chef wants to make sure they have one or two or three protégés that they can pass on."

He recalls fondly his years at Sunnyside School in Lethbridge County and his time at Coaldale's KAHS,



DOUG OVERES

where he graduated in 1985. Overes considers his high school Social Studies teacher, Egidio Vuch, as a major influence.

"I try to teach much the same way he did — very high energy, very impactful," says the Lethbridge native.

Overes earned a diploma in Hotel and Restaurant Management at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology as well as his journeyman papers as a Red Seal Baker and Cook. He graduated from the Professional Cooking Program at Lethbridge College in 1987 and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1992.

Overes honed his skills in a number of restaurants, including a Michelin-rated establishment in Holland. A desire to instill his passion for cooking in others brought him back to Lethbridge College as an instructor and he was named program chair in 2013.

If grooming future chefs wasn't satisfying enough, Overes has experienced the thrill of the grill on the world stage. In a test of technique, taste and presentation he won an individual gold medal at the Culinary World Cup in 2002 and gold medals as part of Team Alberta at the World Cup in 2006 and 2010. He added to his trophy case with gold medals in the World Culinary Olympics with either Team Alberta or Team Canada in 2004, 2008 and 2012, twice as team captain.

Among his other career highlights was being inducted into the Canadian Culinary Federation's Honour Society and being named Chef of the Year, both in 2014. Overes was the youngest chef to be inducted into the society, which recognizes leadership, professional excellence, lifetime commitment and significant contributions to the culinary profession. He served as vice president of the Canadian Culinary Federation from 2011-14.

Overes will be inducted into the *Chaine de Rotisseurs* in December. Created in France in 1901, the association brings together enthusiasts and professionals from all over the world in the appreciation of fine cuisine.

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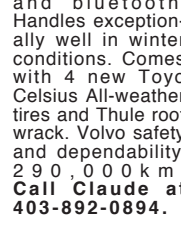
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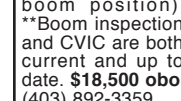
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County of Warner No. 5 Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, the Council of the County of Warner No. 5 in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw No. 930-17 being a new Land Use Bylaw for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw No. 930-17 is to update the current land use bylaw and more effectively implement land use controls and address new development guidelines for certain types of uses within the County of Warner No. 5 and to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

WHEREAS the Council is adopting a new Land Use Bylaw to update, enhance and clarify regulations, land use districts, and development criteria and standards. The main updates include incorporating new uses, definitions, standards and criteria, including but not limited to: secondary suites, solar-collectors, small wind energy conversion systems, medical marijuana production facilities, shipping containers storage, home occupations, wetland regulations, cellular tower siting processes, and amending municipal road setback restrictions for development.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 930-17 will be held in the County of Warner No. 5 Council Chambers at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Municipal Administrator no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 2, 2017. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

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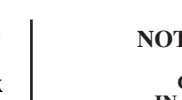
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**COUNTY OF WARNER NO. 5 IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**  
**PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 930-17** (A new municipal Land Use Bylaw)

To be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017  
County of Warner No. 5 Council Chambers

PURSUANT to sections 230, 606 and 692 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 as amended, the Council of the County of Warner No. 5 in the Province of Alberta hereby gives notice of its intention to adopt Bylaw No. 930-17 being a new Land Use Bylaw for the municipality.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Bylaw No. 930-17 is to update the current land use bylaw and more effectively implement land use controls and address new development guidelines for certain types of uses within the County of Warner No. 5 and to comply with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan.

WHEREAS the Council is adopting a new Land Use Bylaw to update, enhance and clarify regulations, land use districts, and development criteria and standards. The main updates include incorporating new uses, definitions, standards and criteria, including but not limited to: secondary suites, solar-collectors, small wind energy conversion systems, medical marijuana production facilities, shipping containers storage, home occupations, wetland regulations, cellular tower siting processes, and amending municipal road setback restrictions for development.

THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE THAT a public hearing to consider the proposed Bylaw No. 930-17 will be held in the County of Warner No. 5 Council Chambers at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT anyone wishing to make a presentation regarding the proposed bylaw should contact the Municipal Administrator no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 2, 2017. Both written and/or verbal presentations may be given at the public hearing.

A print copy of the proposed bylaw document may be inspected at the County of Warner No. 5 office during normal business hours. A digital version of the draft bylaw is also available for viewing or downloading at the following website: [www.orssc.com](http://www.orssc.com)

DATED at Warner in the Province of Alberta this 14th day of September, 2017

Shawn Hathaway  
Municipal Administrator  
County of Warner No. 5

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