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From The EDITOR

As May draws to a close, it is so nice to finally get some mild, sunny weather. It is very relaxing to start enjoying our outdoor living spaces.

I trust you will enjoy reading the articles – they will read better on your deck or patio.

There are lots of events going on in our communities over the next while. These events are great opportunities to connect with your neighbours, friends, and family.

You can see many of these community events posted on our online calendar at highcountrynews.ca/events.

If you have an event you are hosting or organizing, please feel free to utilize this service. There is no charge for community groups and non-profits. Calling all artists! Photographs, paintings, or sketches. Amateur to professional. We are looking for artwork that captures life in our varied neck of the woods, be it local activities, places, animals, etc. (Please avoid photos/renderings of recognizable people).

Please send us your art, and we will consider it for the front cover of the paper as well as give you a bit of a written personal history in our Artist Profile column.

Send your art or photos to submission@highcountrynews.ca and include your name, contact info, and a

brief write up of your history with art and any other pertinent details you would like to see added!

> From our family to yours, Lowell Harder



Longview artist Deanna Lavoie's "Little Creatures" series includes bustling visitors from her garden and the Foothills region.

Born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan, making art was a large part of Deanna's life as long as she can remember. She graduated in 1994 with distinction from the Alberta College of Art & Design (ACAD), in Calgary, where she majored in printmaking. In 2002, she achieved her Bachelor of Fine Arts from ACAD. Deanna's work has been included in exhibitions and collections in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

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A Big Thank You To All!

The Opioid Awareness and Naloxone Kit training sessions were a great success. We had over 50 participants between the two sessions. I can not express how much I appreciate the cooperation and efforts by our entire Bragg Creek and Redwood Meadows Wellness Network for spreading the word and participating.

Special thanks goes out to:

- Robin Mayer, from Saferworks, for her comprehensive and informative presentations, and providing free Naloxone kits.
- Laurelle Edwards Jones for sharing information on her Addiction Counselling services through Cochrane Mental Health.
- Gaynor Hoyne for initiating the information sessions, collaborating and advertising.
- BCCA (Shawntell and Christine) for providing EXTRA space, room set up, equipment, tea and coffee, advertising and support.

- Pastor Dave for connecting us to great people and spreading the word.
- Anna Grist for making awesome posters.
- Lowell Harder for free advertising in the High Country News.
- Eric Howey for providing delicious treats and answering questions on Mental Health Services in the area.

Wendy Farnsworth, Community Support Worker 403-851-2286, Wendy.Farnsworth@cochrane.ca Town of Cochrane, www.cochrane.ca

Be Seen and Be Safe

Spring is here and Alberta farmers and ranchers are back in the fields. This means there will be an increase in slow-moving equipment on rural roads, which can create a hazard for farm equipment operators and motorists.

Remember to share the road and be patient. Give slow-moving farm equipment plenty of room to maneuver. The typical speed of a piece of farm machinery is 30-40 km/hour. You need to slow down to react. Agriculture for Life has a Rural Road Safety video to help motorists understand the details, as well as a video for farmers and ranchers.

Let's keep everyone safe. For more travel tips visit AgricultureforLife.ca. We're In It For Life.

About Agriculture for Life:

Agriculture for Life is an organization dedicated to Alberta agriculture through

awareness, education and farm safety programming. Ag for Life envisions a province where all Albertans understand and appreciate the agriculture industry and the impact it has on their lives. Ag for Life works with various stakeholders including corporations, not-for-profits, farmers, ranchers, educators and government, who are passionate about agriculture and rural and farm safety education.











I am both excited and honoured to write you my first report as our new, United Conservative MLA for Banff-Kananaskis.

What a month it has been! Our United Conservative caucus has only been sworn in to the Alberta Legislature for less than a month, but we have already gotten down to serious business. Contrary to a regular year in which the government sits for a Spring and Fall session, we have decided to additionally sit for an immediate, emergency summer session. The work required to get Alberta's economy back on track is extensive, and we don't have time to wait.

Our Premier and Energy Minister spent their first few days in Ottawa, testifying to the Senate against the "no-morepipelines" Bill C-69.

Bill 1 of our United Conservative Government has officially been introduced as of May 22nd. As voted on

and supported by so many Albertans, Bill 1 of our new United Conservative Government is the Carbon Tax Repeal Act – a bill that is projected to put \$1.4 billion back into the pockets of everyday Albertans. Promise made, promise kept. Of course, once our provincial carbon tax is repealed, the federal carbon tax will inevitably kick in. At this time, we will be joining forces with Saskatchewan and our many other provincial allies across federation in their formal court challenge against the jurisdictional authority of this tax. It should also be noted that, in the meantime, this federal carbon tax that will be imposed on us is approximately 33% lower than the previous Alberta carbon tax was, which was imposed on Albertans by the previous NDP government. This means there will still be some immediate relief.

In the weeks to come, you will be seeing many more exciting, economy-boosting pieces of Legislation presented by our government. These will include the Open for Business Act and the Job Creation Tax Cut Act.

On a more local level, I am sure you heard the announcement from our Transportation Minister in regards to the Springbank Dam (SR1) project. I want to ensure you that I have written

Minister McIver with my grave concerns surrounding the project, and have expressed my desire to find a solution that protects all Albertans from future flooding.

"I am writing you with regards to the Springbank Dam proposal, and Alberta's need for proper flood mitigation.

The flood of 2013 was catastrophic – peoples' lives were endangered, family homes were ravaged, and businesses and livelihoods were destroyed. Building proper infrastructure to protect Calgary from future flooding must be a top priority for our government, but building proper infrastructure to protect the thousands of people and businesses located in the upstream communities must also be a top priority. SR1 does not satisfy the latter.

I am writing you to request two actions for the interim while the SR1 project is stalled by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (CEAA) ongoing review. Firstly, consultations with the affected communities of Springbank, Bragg Creek, Redwood Meadows, and Tsuu T'ina Nation must be conducted. This is something that has never been adequately done since the project was first introduced six years ago. Secondly, I implore you to take this time as we await a verdict from CEAA to research, study, and consider other flood mitigation strategies, such as MC1, that could protect all of our upstream and downstream communities, without the need for expropriation, the devastation of agricultural lands and groundwater, and the uprooting of Kamp Kiwanis.

We need to protect Albertans from future flooding, but we should not protect only a few at the expense and detriment of the others. We must ensure that all Albertans in affected flood areas are safe from harm."

Throughout my election campaign, I promised to do my honest best to represent you in Legislature, and I hope that this letter can serve as the first step towards honouring my word.

As a final update, I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to the Standing Committees on Public Accounts, Resource Stewardship, Environment, and Rural Crime. I hope that these four committees will give me opportunity to better serve you, and look forward to informing you of committee updates as they arise over the subsequent months.

Being granted the opportunity to represent you in Legislature for the next four years is my absolute honour. I hope to use my four years in office to represent you as best as possible.



ROCKY VIEW COUNTY | DIVISION ONE COUNCILLOR UPDATE



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It wasn't a surprise to see snow over the Victoria Day long weekend as many of us are accustomed to it and it truly is a sign that summer isn't far away. We just have to get through this month, our wettest month, before we can look forward to that.

Emergency preparedness

With regards to wetness, flood mitigation efforts are under way and the plan is to start berm building this summer/fall. Final negotiations and details are being worked out so activity should start soon according to my latest updates.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our FireSmart Committee, Rocky View County Emergency Management folks and local businesses for putting on the recent Open House at the Bragg Creek Community Centre. It was certainly an eye-opener for this Councillor/resident to hear from scientists, historians and emergency management staff on how precarious our situation is. And I urge everyone to take initiatives to FireSmart their properties. Did you know that you can get a free FireSmart assessment of your property by visiting the RVC website and entering 'firesmart' in the search bar? There you will find the link to the form. Just knowing how your property scores can be an impetus to do whatever you can to start planning.

Internet needed

Staying on the topic of emergency preparedness, given our internet and

cellular coverage is somewhat lacking in many areas, I want to thank the Bragg Creek Connect Committee for their efforts over the past year and a half to help bring about a potential county-wide Internet Service Strategy for all residents of RVC. The research gathered by this group of local volunteers will serve as a foundation to be used by RVC Administration to move forward to seek funding from the province and hopefully bring this essential service to all residents.

Since I just mentioned flood and wildfire in the last few paragraphs, before I turn to other issues in Division 1, I want to make sure as many residents as possible are signed up for RVC's Safe & Sound System. By simply visiting the RVC website and providing contact information, you can be notified of emergency alerts in your area as well as receive updates on local information or activities such as fire bans, bylaw changes, etc that could impact you or your family. The 'Safe & Sound' page can be found under the 'County Services' dropdown bar on the home page.

Drivers needed

Have some spare time on your hands as well as a reliable vehicle? The Bragg Creek Snowbirds Senior Fellowship could use some volunteers to help our seniors with transportation needs to and from their medical and/or therapeutic appointments outside of our area.

Please contact Bryan Hodgkins, BCSSF president for more details if you require the service or want become a volunteer.

Hamlet Expansion Open House

It was great to see over 120 residents show up and participate in the Bragg Creek Hamlet Expansion Open House last month which was held at the Bragg Creek Snowbirds Chalet. This was an event to explain the Bragg Creek Hamlet Expansion Strategy and give residents their first glimpse at the potential for various land use scenarios. The public feedback and consultation process will help set guidelines for development of the expansion lands that exist south of the Hamlet, between Highway 22 and Bragg Creek Provincial Park. I want to thank RVC staff for making this happen. More details can be found on the RVC website or by contacting Johnson Kwan at jkwan@rockyview.ca or by calling 403-230-1401.

Live-streamed RVC meetings

Did you know that if you really wanted to stay on top of all of the issues your elected Council debates at each Council meeting, you can watch from the comfort of your home and in your pajamas? Catch all the action by visiting the RVC website and under the 'Government' dropdown menu you will find 'Live Video'. Pour yourself a coffee and pop up some popcorn.

- Cheers, Mark



Springbank Creative Arts Club Update

The Springbank Creative Arts Club MISSION is "to encourage the development of arts and crafts within the Springbank community and schools."

To demonstrate our mission – junior artists are being contacted to take part in the fall sale, to show their talents and demonstrate the development of their skills. More details to follow.

May found some of us at the Heritage Club Strawberry Tea! What fun – the ladies were presented with "fascinators" in keeping with the High Tea theme which was enjoyed by all.

The club welcomed new members this spring, and we are delighted to have fresh new people join us, but there is still room for many more. If you have some skills that can be utilized, or would like an opportunity to showcase your work at the sale, please let us know and we can send the information. Do you have a craft that you would like to

share with the group? Send the details and we will see if there is interest.

Please contact Janice at janice3lambert@gmail.com for any new business to be introduced at meetings.

No formal meeting will be held until the Fall, but there will be several make and take social evenings – dates are to be determined. These are a great way to socialize with the group and to take a home a creation.

We are an enthusiastic and diverse group and welcome new members to come out and be a part of this community organization. This is an opportunity to meet artists, artisans, and other crafters living in Springbank. Bring along your latest creations (show and tell) to share with the group. For more information about the annual sale Nov 2 & 3th, 2019 or membership, email yjo999@gmail.com. Follow us on facebook.com/springbankchristmasmarket

Submitted by Yvonne Bamlett,







Wild Fires Smoke is Coming ... Early

C moke invaded our homes during 2018 wildfires. Regrettably, 2019 wildfires showed up early yet forecast to stay.

B.C. premier Horgan recently said

that "we had the first fires of the year back April which is well beyond what's a normal fire season." Municipal reeve Saskatchewan in April advised that "It's viciously dry." During writing this article, we see news about "Out of Control Wildfire Burning North West Manning NW Alberta]." It seems everywhere we turn,

Calgary reached 7 on a 10 scale, or high risk - that's before we even heard concerns of 2019 fires.

and concerning, last

March, the air quality

health index for

Somewhat

STAY INFORMED: How can you stay aware of what's going on in your community?

- Regularly check public service notices on local media (e.g. T.V., radio, online). Listen to public service notices.
- Older adults and people with heart/ lung issues are more likely to get sick from smoke. Check those that live alone.
 - When you keep doors and windows closed to keep smoke out, your house might get very warm. Watch for signs of heatrelated illness like exhaustion heat heatstroke. or Turn on your air-conditioner, ventilation furnace fan.
 - Know safe places go in your community if asked shelter-in-place like community centres and shopping malls.

• If you're in the wildfire area, be ready to evacuate.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

What if you have asthma or a heart or lung or COPD concerns?

- Carefully monitor your health. Take your regular medicines as prescribed. Have a week's supply of meds on hand.
- If you plan to use a portable air cleaners, buy one that is right for the room size (as per manufacturer instructions); do this before a smoke emergency happens. Do not use units that might produce ozone.
- If you have any health concerns, talk to your nurse or doctor or call Health Link at 811 (24 hrs/day, 7 days/week).

BETTER HOME COMFORT:

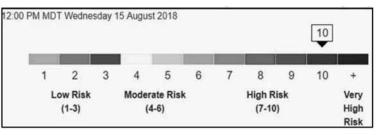
you improve environment to increase your family's comfort and safety?

- Install a high efficiency whole home filtration system that removes wood fire
- Install a whole home air conditioning system or at a minimum improve your ventilation system.
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> By Carla Berezowski with parts adapted from myhealth.alberta.ca





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A Look back at April: April "snow" showers hopefully bring May flowers! Last weekend's snow event was most certainly eventful! I hope you were all safe and snug at home. We had family stuck in the city and were very thankful for our friends who were able to accommodate a late overnight guest on such short notice! I'm looking forward to seeing those May flowers soon! Also, I'll give you a heads up, I've added a lot of information on recreation here.....

Around the Division: Road sweeping (removal of gravel) is commencing for Springbank. Roads should have all gravel removed in the next 4 weeks. The County has also commenced road shoulder sweeping on long lane roadways to minimize sanding debris on road shoulders.

If you have a gravel road that requires attention, please call our Service Request line at 403.230.1401 or send us an email at questions@rockyview.ca to

get your request in, or to get an update to determine if your road is already on the list. I have highlighted a few very problematic areas for the crews already and they will be working on those soon!

Recreation: I continue to advocate for recreational/community in Springbank. I know this is important to you and your families. There are many steps to this process and Council will ultimately decide where recreational dollars are spent. Until it comes in front of Council for a decision, my responsibility is to advocate for Springbank.

In 2004, Councillor Brenda Goode, in Division 2 had the vision and foresight to make a motion to allocate 4 acres of land in Commercial Court for the use of a Community Hall and then presented to the Springbank Community Association at that time, the land was allocated to them. (Supporting files are available from our office if you are interested).

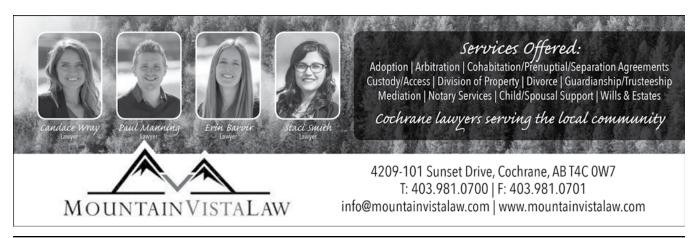
Feb. 24th, 2004: Staff report on the Commercial Court application applicant's response to the requirements. If you review this file, both administration and the recreation board wanted cash in lieu (page 4 of 18) however, the applicant was aware that there was actually going to be a request for 4 acres for a community centre, and the applicant objected because this was "prime commercial land" (page 15 of 18). This establishes it was known to the applicant, staff and Council there would be a request for 4 acres of land for the purposes of a Community Centre during this hearing.

Feb. 24th, 2004: Minutes from Council Meeting. The above application is approved. Brenda Goode's motion includes a condition #9, on page 23 that specifically states that a 4 acre municipal reserve lot be taken (this was carried).

April 19th, 2004: Finally, an excerpt from the minutes of the Springbank Community association indicating Brenda Goode reporting to the Springbank Community Association that she secured the 4 acre MR for a community hall. I have the full minutes if anyone would like them.

Now, I've been publicly accused of trying to usurp the traditional process for proceeds for MR lands, and try to steal it away from all of Rocky View for the purposes of this division. Nothing could be farther from the truth. What I am trying to do is honour a commitment that was made to this community in 2004. This commitment shouldn't have taken 15 years to fulfil, but I never look backwards so we move forward.

I bring this to your attention, so that you have all the information, not just what gets printed by a couple of letters to the editor. It is NOT required, is that RVC allocate any funding to Recreation Boards from the sale of MR lands. This is only past practice. In fact, all recreation boards have a bank account of zero. Recreation boards from across the County bring recommendations to Council and Council decides whether to accept a board's recommendation, modify or even reject in its entirety. Council has authority, to spend all the money evenly throughout the County, or if need be, a majority in a single area. This is and will always be dependent on need. Historically, in our area, most of the recreational allocation has gone to Bragg Creek (no offensive here!) - to assist in the completion of trails and pathways. Now that the bulk of that work has been completed, it is time to focus on our community and the greater Springbank area. We have no community centre. We have a very well run, but aging



Park for All Seasons. We have a dedicated volunteer group (STAPA) working to try to get our pathway system started. We have many projects we could be spending recreational dollars on in the Springbank area that would add value to our community.

Now I am just one person, trying to advocate for you. There is a small group of folks out there that insist on making this issue about something else. If recreation is important to you, then I'd love to hear from you. If you believe that we do need more facilities, improved facilities, a community centre, pathways, etc. I need to hear from you! The public needs to hear from you! We can work towards a better Springbank together, I think that is what you elected me to do and I will continue to do that until I hear the larger community has different interests.

Approved Development Permits:

- Application for Athletic and Recreation Services (existing building), tenancy and signage for a gymnastics studio, Unit 27, Plan 1810211; SW-34-24-03-05 (6, 110 Commercial Drive)
- Application for Automotive, Equipment and Vehicle service (existing vehicle storage), placement of hail protection shelters and additional accessory buildings
- Application for Dwelling, Row, construction of six multi-family townhomes, an internal access road, site grading and signage; SE-07-25-03- 05, located approximately 1.61 km (1 mile) north of Township Road 250 and 1.61 km (1 mile) east of Range Road 40.
- Application for a dwelling, single detached (existing), relaxation of the minimum side yard setback requirement, Lot 34, Block 2, Plan 1612676; NW-05-25-03-05 (19 Brome Bend)

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Rural Crime Watch – guest submission:

Rural Crime Watch Update May 1, 2019

We really do live and play in a very safe part of the world. And yet, we do have rural crime that comes at unpredictable times and in a variety of ways. This article encourages thought and planning of what to do if faced with an intruder on your property. Recall that intruders really are opportunists? Wanting easy targets of value and wanting not to be seen or caught. A suggestion is to disrupt the intruder's perceptions and plans. Possible strategies might include:

- Making your presence known with assertiveness. And the presence of others
- Dogs
- Add noise: loud noise that continues
- Turn on bright lights inside and out
- Have cameras visible and recording
- Call 911 with location, nature and details
- Alert neighbours promptly
- (Many others you may wish to contribute)

These strategies may be accomplished in many ways - quickly and without much cost. Remember

our strongest goal is the safety of ourselves and our family. Stuff is stuff. Be aware that most intruders' actions are the product of some form of addiction or mental health. They can be very unpredictable, aggressive violent. So please completely cautious.

To reduce the perception of an easy target, continually do some basic things. Be entirely aware of what is usual in your area. Pay more attention to all suspicious activity. Record the details immediately in any handy form to assist with complete reporting. Actions taken while an intruder is scouting are more likely lead to crime prevention. Call in the suspicious activity to the RCMP using the complaint line 403 932 2211 for most of western Rocky View. Alert neighbours to be part of community defence.

Alberta Rural Crime Watch is the joint effort of 17,000 rural members Alberta. We throughout share experiences and tips through newsletters, websites and community meetings. New members are welcome. Check out the website for the local chapter - Cochrane Foothills Protective Association. cfparcw.ca. Become part of a community movement to send a message to wouldbe intruders. "Beware. These rural people are informed, prepared and connected to deter crime."

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Submitted by Jim Willson

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Millenial Money Mistakes

Saving is Not a Priority

Since the dawn of the millennium, there has been an alarming trend with "millennials" (people who have reached adulthood after the year 2000), who have not been growing their money through careful and diligent investing. According to an article in the Business News Network, only 5% of millennials¹ aged 25-34 were matching the previous \$5,500 contribution limit to their TFSA (the 2019 Federal budget raised the annual TFSA contribution limit to \$6,000).

The aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis took its toll on the millennial generation, with a report that only 61% of millennials invest while the other 39% keep their assets in cash and only 19% prefer equity investments mostly in Canada. Saving is difficult because it involves delayed gratification, which calls for discipline and self-control now to reap the benefits later.

The easiest ways to save is to have the money automatically deducted from your paycheck or bank account and put into your RRSP or TFSA. If your employer offers contribution matching, you get an instant return on your investment. The savings should be invested in global equites while minimizing fixed income investments.

Spending on Unimportant Things

Every now and then, there is no harm indulging in amenities such as coffee or a muffin. However, purchasing small items excessively can begin to add up down the road. Also, frequent and/or expensive vacations, frequent leasing/buying of vehicles, etc. aggravate the situation. In most cases the problem is instant gratification as opposed to saving for the future. Identifying unimportant purchases can go a long way to saving money. The odd treat is OK but in terms of saving for retirement exercise restraint.

- 1. Business News Network, April 2015
- 2. Business News Network, November 2014

Buying Risky Investments

While many millennials are risk-averse, some of those who are in the equity market are too wild. Instead of taking a long-term approach, they look to getting rich quickly by taking on increasing financial risk. Unfortunately, this does not always work out: one study analyzed a set of portfolios from a sample of millennials and discovered both higher risk and lower returns. Concentrating on good quality global equity mutual funds is much better.

Investing is a marathon, not a race.

Avoiding Insurance

Millennials are in their physical primes and have a mindset of "invincibility," which can lead to a false sense of security and a refusal to purchase insurance believing it will "never happen to them." Declining

insurance is one of those decisions that can seem like a great money saver at first – until life proves otherwise.

Taking a Casual Approach to Learning about Finance

Instead of seeking professional advice, millennials might just ask their friends about what they are doing. A report² by the Investor Education Fund (IEF) discovered that 64% of millennials surveyed said they do not even understand the financial terms used by their investment advisors.

Not being serious about money can be very expensive. If millennials consider the common mistakes made by their generation, they can be one step closer to securing their financial future.

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What Is Intramuscular Stimulation?

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Intramuscular stimulation (IMS) is a dry needling technique that is a neurophysiological evidence-based treatment. This treatment technique requires an effective manual assessment of the body, in particular, the neuromuscular system. It is mainly used for the diagnosis and treatment of myofascial pain syndromes. Myofascial pain syndrome is a chronic pain condition that occurs in the musculoskeletal system when there is no obvious injury or inflammation.

IMS doesn't specifically target the painful area, rather the assessment technique helps to identify the cause and attempts to relieve the symptoms from there. Often the pain is blamed on "unwell nerves", the nerve roots in the peripheral nervous system that branch off our spinal cord and feed the structures in our periphery. This is referred to as neuropathic pain or a radiculopathy.

In the 1970's, Dr. Chan Gunn studied chronic pain and discovered a pattern in which "patients who have pain, but no obvious sign of injury, generally have subtle but discernable signs of peripheral nerve involvement" (*The*

Gunn Approach to the Treatment of Chronic Pain, 2007). In other words, when he studied patients with tennis elbow symptoms, he found that tender points at the elbow related to cervical spondylosis (osteoarthritic changes in the neck) and therefore found that treating the neck and not the elbow provided relief.

When a nerve is affected (due to spinal compression, arthritis, a pinched nerve root, disc bulge, tight spinal muscles) the structures that nerve innervates are deprived of the fuel and food necessary for the maintenance of cell function. These structures (muscles, tendons, ligaments, bone, blood vessels, skin, organs) then become highly irritable and develop abnormal sensitivity. This results in observable motor (strength), sensory (sensation) and autonomic dysfunctions (skin changes, hair loss, nailbed integrity).

When muscles are deprived of nutrients and the chemicals that enable muscles to contract and relax, tight bands form within the muscle belly. These tight bands within the muscle cause tension on the tendons, restrict nutrient flow within the muscle, compress joints and restrict movement. This causes pain! The aim of IMS is to target these deep muscle bands with an acupuncture needle. As the needle penetrates the muscle it stretches the muscle fibres and triggers a local twitch reflex. This is felt as a spontaneous twitch in the muscle and a deep ache sensation. This mechanical stimulation of the needle into the muscle and the subsequent twitch response, stimulates the flow of electrical energy necessary for healing to begin. This effect has been shown to increase the electrical current along our muscle cell membranes locally as well as regionally within that nerve pathway. For example, the nerve root from the 3rd lumbar vertebrae in our lower back innervates our quadricep (thigh) muscle. When the needle stimulates the muscles at the 3rd lumbar vertebrae in our lower back, the local muscles are released as well as the quadricep muscles that nerve supplies. Often people feel pain, aching, or numbness along the thigh area that can be attributed to changes at the spinal level that is supplying those upper groin and thigh areas.

The effects of IMS have been shown to be mechanical (target tight muscles and stimulate receptors), electrical (depolarize cell membranes), chemical (reduce local inflammation), and trophic (improve the nutrients to target structures). Overall this stimulates a new pathway of healing and breaks the cycle of chronically tight muscles that compress nerves, blood vessels, and joints such as the spine and peripheral joints (shoulders, elbows, hips and knees).

If this cyclical pattern of pain, tightness, sensory changes and dysfunction sound familiar to you and have persisted for no apparent reason, you may be suffering from neuropathic chronic pain. A thorough neuromuscular assessment and diagnosis of your pattern of pain may help you begin your journey to healing. We would love to help you start this journey!

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Summer is fast approaching. Here are some important tips to keep your camping and outdoor adventures safe:

Campfire Safety

- Respect fire bans.
- Don't use accelerants like gas to start fires.
- Supervise children and pets around any fire outdoors, including campfires, fire pits, chimneys, and outdoor fireplaces.
- Before starting a campfire, have a bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to extinguish the fire.
- To put out a campfire...Soak it, stir it, soak it again.

RV Fire Safety

• Everyone in your family should know and practice your RV fire escape plan.

- Have at least two ways out one in the front and one in the rear of the RV.
- Test all escape windows, hatches and doors to make sure they work properly. Keep escape routes clear of obstructions.
- Never re-enter a burning RV to retrieve anything - GET OUT & STAY OUT!

RV Alarms

- Test your RV alarms weekly, when your RV is in use.
- Install and maintain at least one smoke and carbon monoxide alarm in your RV near the sleeping area. Special 12v alarms, designed specifically for RVs, are available from specialized retailers. Residential style

alarms that plug directly into the electrical outlet will only work and sound an alarm when your RV is plugged into an electrical source at a campground.

• Install a propane leak alarm at floor level, no more than 6 inches

above the floor or lowest level to alert you in the event of a propane leak.

• Ensure that all travellers in the RV know what the sound of each type of alarm indicates and what to do when they hear it.

Keep Your Children Safe Outdoors

Teach your children four simple rules when they're heading outdoors:

- Tell an adult where you are going.
- If you're lost, "Hug-A-Tree" and stay put.
- Keep warm and dry.
- Help searchers find you by answering their calls.

Until next month, stay safe!





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Quinterra Project to Leave a Legacy to Honour and Educate

A part of South Glenmore Park will soon be turned into Calgary's first fully dedicated music garden and performance space thanks to the efforts of five families and their friends who have turned tragedy into hope.

In 2014, Lawrence Hong, Josh Hunter, Kaiti Perras, Jordan Segura, and Zackariah Rathwell lost their lives in a senseless murder.

Now five years after the tragedy, the Quinterra Legacy Garden is being planned to celebrate and honour their lost loved ones and leave a legacy of each of their children.

"The Quinterra Legacy Garden will be full of unity and love," said Barclay Hunter, father of Josh Hunter, who lives just outside of Priddis. "It is our way of thanking Calgarians for their incredible support during the last five years and for reminding us that there is light beyond tragedy and loss."

The Garden will house interactive musical and play elements along with a 30-foot diameter stage for music, dance, theatre, spoken word, yoga and healing circles. Plans include placing weather-resistent musical instruments throughout the garden. The park will include elements representing the five individuals lost, reflecting each of their personalities through art. Design elements will embrace motifs that represent the number five. Five branches, leaves and roots in the garden logo; a five-pointed star on the performance stage; and five chairs placed in front of five flowering trees planted in the garden.

"We are in the fundraising stage," said Barclay. "We hope to raise \$800,000 for the garden with a construction start this summer. Because Josh and some of the others were involved in music, it makes sense that a garden that allows Calgarians to express themselves through the arts would be a unique experience."

Barclay explains that the garden will support the arts, mental health, youth, and strong families while giving back to the community through creativity, meditation, inclusivity, play and discovery.

The Quinterra Group is partnering with organizations in Calgary to build the garden:

City of Calgary Parks Department, Parks Foundation Calgary, Bassett Associates Landscape Architecture and the Prophets of Music.

Prophets of Music is a Calgary organization that helps young musicians further their careers. A documentary about the program

(Above the Noise, Straight to the Heart) was recently produced by Sherana Productions for Telus. Look for it on the Telus YouTube Channel, or use the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tNF0vhBP28

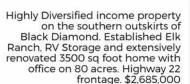
For more information, send an email to quinterralegacygarden@gmail.com.

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by Garry Bridgewater



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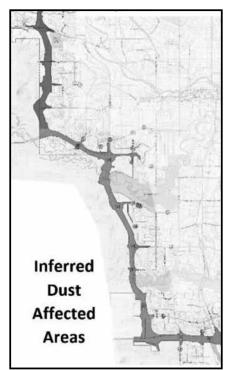


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South West Ring Road (Stoney Trail) Coming Fall 2021 ... or later

ike most of the region's commuters, LI really look forward to the faster commute when the South West Ring Road opens, in late 2021. Until then, I endure construction dust, invading my car, previously my home and my family's lungs.

Only once I started my research on construction dust issues, I realized that Calgary's west side communities have been petitioning long term for solutions to mitigate the construction dust. Realistically, this dust affects many communities within a reasonable proximity of construction, pit or road - dryness and wind are great for spreading the dust around. I recently experienced dust storms impairing my visibility while driving on Glenmore.





Dusts are tiny solid particles scattered or suspended in the air. The particles are "inorganic" or "organic," depending on the source of the dust. Inorganic dusts can come from grinding minerals such as rock or soil. Examples of inorganic dusts are silica, asbestos, and coal. Organic dusts originate from plants or

animals. An example of organic dust is dust that arises from handling grain. These dusts can contain a great number of substances. Aside from the vegetable or animal component, organic dusts may also contain fungi or microbes and the toxic substances given off by microbes.

- I also like to educate. We all like breathe. The dust produced at construction sites can lead to respiratory illnesses which eventually may be irreversible. According to research, principal risks of inhaling construction dust includes:
- Asthma when dust and fumes are inhaled, it has the potential to damage lungs. Some common symptoms wheezing, Asthma include breathlessness and painful coughing, as well as heaviness and tightness in the chest.
- COPD is a grouping of different types of breathing problems generally caused by the inhalation of dust, chemicals, gases and fumes; it results in either long term cough or damage to lungs.
- Silicosis is rare to an average person; on the other hand, 380,000 Canadians are occupationally exposed to silica through construction trades (www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/diseases/ silicosis.html), the majority of those at risk being construction workers, heavy equipment operators, and plasterers or drywallers. Silicosis is permanent lung damage caused by breathing in dust containing respirable crystalline silica, found largely in sands, clay, and stone.

Is this concerning? In my opinion, yes. I like to breathe easy. Should we stop progress, like stop road construction? No. I look forward to our new, less busy road. After my research, I will however improve the air filters in my home and car.

By Carla Berezowski with parts adapted from www.cadrillers.com and www.ccohs.ca

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FireSmart Update

What the Experts Are Telling Us

In May the FireSmart Committee brought together community leaders and wildfire/forestry experts. Here are some highlights:

- Rick Arthur (forestry expert) described the history and life cycle of the Rockies eastern slopes forests and the natural role of fires on forest renewal and health. Rick noted that the Bragg Creek area forests are continuing to mature (last major fire was in 1919) and the fire hazard is increasing with fuels accumulation, aging and climate change.
- Dr. Jen Beverly (University of Alberta wildfire studies) presented a preliminary assessment of the wildfire hazard of the Bragg Creek area using exposure and pathway techniques. Jen's work indicates that airborne embers present a high/extreme risk to properties throughout the area and that wildfire can enter our community through multiple pathways. She will be seeking funding to conduct a more detailed assessment of our community to assist us with developing mitigation measures.
- Alan Westhaver (FireSmart expert) highlighted that 80-90% of property losses with wildfires are due to ignition from airborne embers. The 2016 Fort McMurray disaster had "ember blizzards" (up to 60 embers per square foot) in town. Alan found that FireSmarted homes had significantly higher survival rates underscoring that FIRESMART WORKS and starts with simple home maintenance. Every small step towards becoming more FireSmart can make a difference.
- RVC Fire Chief Randy Smith discussed the learnings from the nearby May 2018 Champion Lake fire and constant improvement in emergency management practices. Chief Smith announced that an emergency evacuation procedure is being developed for the Bragg Creek area. An evacuation exercise similar to a recent one in Banff is also in the planning stages. Finally, RVC is collaborating with the Canadian Red Cross on a new Resilient Communities Program more details to come.

Thank you to the community for getting involved in our recent Open House and BBQ and a special thank you to the BCCA, Bragg Creek Foods, Sugar Shack Bakery, Sanjel Energy Services and the volunteers and participants that helped with the event!

FireSmart Free, Confidential Home Assessments

A great starting point for planning FireSmart activities on your property is with a free, confidential home assessment – these can be requested by any home owner through Rocky View's website under County Services / Fire & Emergency / FireSmart. These assessments are always voluntary and the results are left only with the home owner and not kept on file or shared with RVC or insurance companies. There is no obligation to do any of the suggested activities.

For more information about what a home assessment includes, pick up your free FireSmart brochure at the Moose Mountain General Store.

FireSmart Community Programs: Coming Up

This summer the FireSmart Committee will be introducing a FireSmart

Canada program that helps individual neighbourhoods come together to reduce the risk of wildfire. Interested neighbourhoods will be asked to form a small board, a Fire Services professional will conduct an overall assessment of the neighbourhood and provide a report of actions the neighborhood can take to reduce their risk. Actions might include social events around vegetation clean-up (fuel reduction), voluntary home assessments or education.

We will be introducing this program as soon as we've put in place processes for managing the requests for training and funding.

Stay In the Loop

By the time you're reading this, we should have news on our projects for this summer and fall: chipper weekends, FireSmart planning for Bragg Creek Provincial Park and vegetation management (fuel reduction) on municipal lands in the Hamlet. Stay upto-date with the Greater Bragg Creek FireSmart Committee by following us on Facebook. Or sign up for our newsletter by sending an email to Michele at mlongo620@gmail.com.





Greetings Community!

Some of my most interesting conversations this past month have involved discussing Community. As someone told me - we agree, we disagree, but what matters is respect. With respect and open mindedness our exchanges can evoke an internal call to action to be involved in creating a Community you personally help to create and be proud of.

Did you know we have a volunteer sign up page on Facebook? It is called Bragg Creek Volunteers page. Or, please call our office at 403.949.4277 as we create a database of folks interested in contributing towards Community.

Here are a few of our regular events:

Something for everyone - Pickle ball, Acrobatics, Movie Night, Artsy Afternoons, and more!

Please sign up for our newsletter to be notified of all upcoming events at www.braggcreekca.com.

Upcoming Events:

Tunes for Trails: June 1st at 7pm. Tickets available at www.braggcreektrails.org This popular event sells out

quickly!

· Nashville Fiddlers Music City Strings with special guests The Bow Valley Fiddlers: June 2nd at 3pm. Tickets at the door - \$10 individual, or bring some friends for a discount.

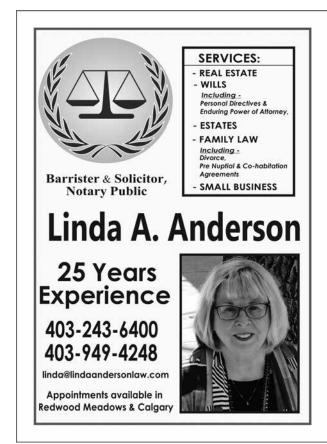
- Community Rummage Sale & Cerebral Palsy Donating Drive: Sat, June 8 from 10am 3pm. Sell or Purge! Table Rental \$20 for items to sell. Or, purge by donating clothing, recyclable beverage containers, shoes, linens, toys, books, and small household items.
- Family Rollerblading Night & Dance Party: June 14, 7 9pm, \$15 each, \$40 per family. Fun for everyone! Rollerblade, dance, fun lights, DJ, dance floor! Cash bar, concession with hotdogs.
- Bragg Creek Days: July 20th, free Admission! Parade, Redwood Meadows Emergency Services Pancake Breakfast, Olde Time Carnival Games, Market Square, BBQ, Live Entertainment & Beer Garden.

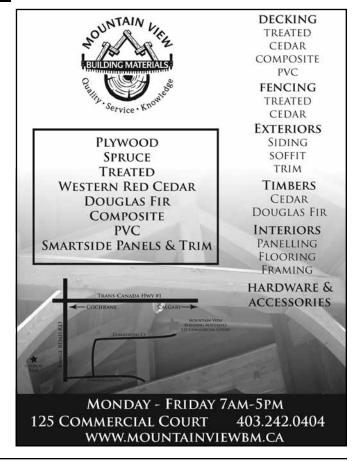
This year we are going back to our roots and focusing on community. Over 50 years ago Bragg Creek Days started as a community BBQ and we are looking to recapture that small town feeling.

We invite you to come together with your neighbours and celebrate Bragg Creek Days 2019!

• Please remember to register for the 52nd Annual Bragg Creek Chamber of Commerce Bragg Creek Days Parade.







We welcome floats, antique vehicles, marchers, riders or whatever. Free to participate. We are also pleased to announce this year's Parade Marshall is Donna "Rhonda" Godlonton. Donna is a longtime resident and active community member who also happened to play Rhonda on the Jann Arden show. The parade starts at 10:30 sharp.

Contact braggcreekdays@gmail.com to register as a market vendor or to enter the parade.

Thank you to:

- Deborah Clark of Century 21 Bamber Realty for our new sign!
- Bragg Creek Community Church and Redwood Meadows Community Association for their contributions to this year's Easter Pancake Breakfast.
- The FireSmart crew for offering a free FireSmart Assessment! Sign up at rockyview.ca, and look for the FireSmart inspection link.

And something for fun!! Watch out for Hendrix the Goat around town this summer!

Until next issue, Sherri Olsen BCCA Board Director



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TRAIL TALK! The Latest from the Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association

Please Avoid Trans Canada Trail During Spring Thaw!

Due to current soft trail conditions on the new WBC Trans Canada Trail in Rocky View County during this spring thaw, we are experiencing damage from horse hooves and narrow bike tires. The GBCTA is asking for your co-operation in staying off the trail until it has had a chance to dry and firm up. Signage will be removed at that time. Many thanks from the volunteers who maintain this community trail for your enjoyment.

For further information on any of these articles, or any other items, please contact info@braggcreektrails.org



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Green Timbers

Apopular cabin retreat during the 1950s and early 60s, Green Timbers sat on a couple of acres in the hamlet on White Avenue, just south of where the Bavarian Inn sits today. Entrepreneur Nick Fry had purchased decommissioned streetcars from the City of Calgary and renovated them into cabins to create the resort. (Electric transit had been introduced in Calgary in 1909, and operated as public transit until 1950.)

Fry Family

Placed in the shape of a horseshoe, the twelve streetcars could be rented by visitors, mainly from Calgary. They had electricity for lighting and cooking and were heated with propane gas. Utensils were included, but you had to bring your own bedding. One streetcar hosted a sandwich bar, and another was renovated as a chapel for worship.

Green Timbers promoted dancing at Gerry Cooke's Corral for the adults, but no doubt inspired by four rambunctious sons, Fry also ensured kid-friendly activities. They could horseback ride, fish and hunt, but the biggest draw was a grassy playground with an outdoor swimming pool! As Fry's son, Nick, recounted later: "The pool was dug by hand with help from a horse-drawn scraper. We had to dig by hand through coarse gravel and river bottom rock. We

tried a horse-drawn scraper, but it caught on the rock and flipped forward, which was dangerous for the handler and no fun

for the horse either. The guy who finally mastered the scraper came over from the Reserve and could easily have played tackle in the NFL."

However, innovation did occur. A big boiler was installed down by the "engine" house where our electricity was originally

Visitor Jenny Ditchburn



The youngest brother E.J. (also known as Roger) added: "My memory of the immense concrete hole in the ground was that it would be warm enough to swim in at exactly the same time it

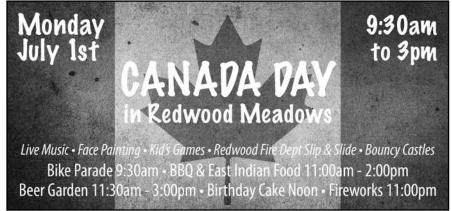
would become an interesting shade of green. As the pool morphed into a swamp, the big pump would be pulled up from the river, the emptying process would begin and Big R (another brother), myself and our buddies would scrub the thing down. Pump back down to the river and....repeat.

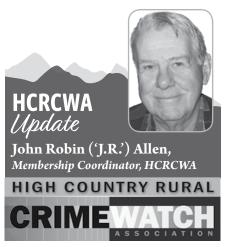
generated by batteries. This had a simple hot water line that fed the pool and marginally increased utilization. The morphing from pool to swamp still persisted, and no doubt quickened. Innovation number two occurred with the installation of a filtration system, which perhaps brought the pool somewhat into compliance with health regulations.... but I doubt totally."

Nevertheless, the resort was well-used and loved by tourists to the area and local swimmers, including Camp Cadicasu campers who would arrive every second day for a swim. The Fry brothers are convinced that the venture probably lost more money than it made, but it was good times at Green Timbers... all for only \$27.50 per week!

by Michele McDonald

Sources: Robin Fry, Nick Fry, E.J. Fry, Philip Fry: Interview, December 2018; Ditchburn, Jenny: Interview January 2019; Stark, Erika Calgary Herald, December 7, 2015.





It's been a quiet month in the High Country out here on the edge of the prairie somewhere west of Calgary. Our column for last month mentioned our annual May 15 snowstorm that marks the end of each Spring season, yet on May 15 we had beautiful, warm weather. Where did the snow go? I got the answer from a friend in Massachusetts: They had a big snowstorm on May 14 and stole our snow. We soon got it back again on May 16-17, so Spring is finally over, here in Paradise.

I recently described the outstanding presentation on FireSmart at our AGM in Priddis. The good news is that if you missed that presentation, the Foothills Fire Department will repeat it Saturday, June 22, 2019, from 9:00 to Noon, at Square Butte Community Hall (290132 Hwy 762), on "Wildfire Community Preparedness Day." It is open to the public, and a potluck luncheon will follow. For details, go to www.squarebuttehall.com.

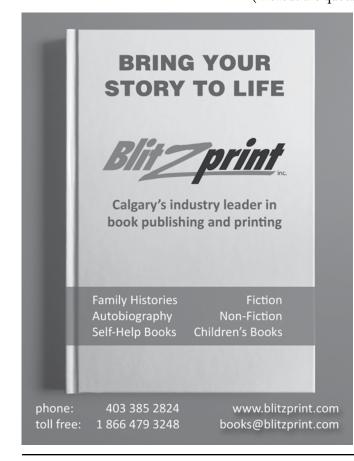
For more personalized information, Captain Cody Zebedee of the fire department will, at no charge, come to your home and offer suggestions on how you can easily reduce forest fire damage to your property. To schedule a visit, call him at 403.603.3576. The visit will take only about an hour and will be most instructive. As I write this column, there are twenty-three fires currently burning in Alberta, a number that will no doubt increase by the time you read this.

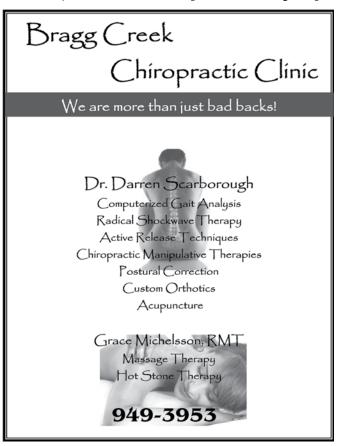
On a more somber note, the huge increase in dog thefts, missing animals, and heavily injured abandoned dogs in our province suggest there may be several secret dog fighting rings here. If you Google "fighting rings Alberta" (without the quotation marks) you can

read a recent Global News article on this disturbing trend: "Spike in stolen dogs could point to underground fighting rings." Warning: the article contains several disturbing pictures, videos, and links to other pieces.

The suspicion of fighting rings has been going on since 2013, when the Calgary Herald published an article entitled "Rumours of dogfighting ring heat up in central Alberta." The article concluded that it was just an unsubstantiated rumour. Perhaps that is still true today. A six-year officer of the Turner Valley R.C.M.P. told us that she had never heard of any dog fighting in this area since she first joined the force.

On the other hand, one of our H.C.R.C.W.A. members recently received the following e-mail from a friend who lives on an acreage near Edmonton. The friend, a championship dog owner, wrote, "Today a young undesirable punk was at the end of my driveway taking pictures of my dogs. When I asked him what he was doing, he ran down the road and joined a companion in a half-ton truck. A friend told me that some persons are stealing dogs to use for dog fighting. Sadly, some have turned up in ditches in rough shape."





While there is still no hard evidence (i.e., actual rings found), the increase in missing and injured dogs, and anecdotal reports of suspicious persons taking photos of people's dogs, are enough for us to be wary. The letter writer concluded, "Do not leave your dogs unattended. [The criminals] are targeting acreages, as many dogs are outside. We are always out front with ours and have a lock on the end of our gate. Keep your babies safe!"

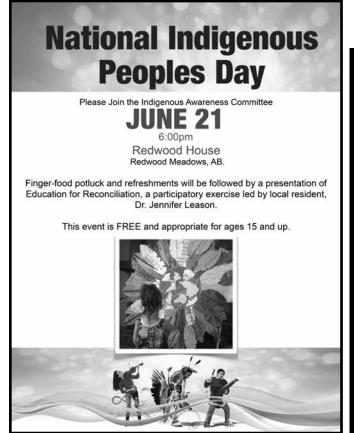
On another matter, we, along with many other crime-watch groups, recommend that members use the free WhatsApp program to set up local networks to combat crime in their area. It is the most popular messenger app in the world. Individuals of any group may be located anywhere and can be in many networks, but if they are in a neighbourhood network, when any persons there see something unusual—perhaps a crime, or just a suspicious car—they can instantly alert all the neighbours nearby with a confidential text message or phone call announcement. Endto-end encryption makes it virtually impossible for hackers to read any messages exchanged.

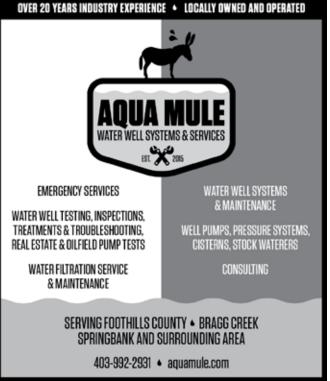
Or so we thought. But recently some government hackers found a security

flaw in WhatsApp that could let them not only read messages sent but also turn on computer phone microphones to record everything anyone nearby was saying, even when no one was using the app or phone. The good news is that WhatsApp engineers have now found and corrected the flaw, and they urge users to download the patch to do just that. Anyone downloading program now will get the corrected version. For more information. please go www.whatsapp.com.

So that's the news from the High Country, where all the grownups are youthful, each child is smarter than all the other children, and our rural crime watch is alive and robust.









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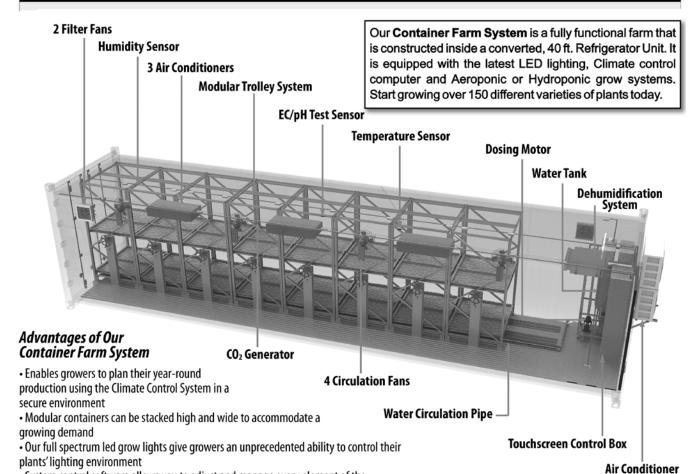
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- Spinach yields are 50lbs week or 18,250 lbs per year (Wholesale \$18,250 Retail \$32,850)
- Strawberry yields 7000 lbs per year per container (Wholesale \$28,000 Retail \$42,000)

Examples of Cannabis Yields/Micro Grower Opportunities

- 4 6 container farms equal one Micro Cultivation / Micro Processing / Nursery facility
- 1 Clone / Seedling Container, 1 Vegetation Container, 2 Flowering Containers can yield over 450 kg of dried cannabis per year (Wholesale \$2,250,000; Retail \$4,500,000)
- 6 container farms can be customized to facilitate the 600kg maximum Micro Processing yield

*Alberta.ca - Alberta Direct Market Average Fruit and Vegetable Prices 2017/18 Growing Season



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Department if you want them to visit you to provide some specific FireSmart advice about your home, yard, etc. Phone 403.603.3571 to discuss with Foothills Fire Inspector Cody Zebedee.

Clean Air Day "Fair": The Calgary Region Airshed Zone (CRAZ) will be hosting a Clean Air Day Fair on Wednesday, June 5th, 2019, at the Crescent Point Regional Fieldhouse Alberta Aldersyde, (125)Fieldhouse Drive). The Fair is open for everyone to come and enjoy from 9am to 3pm. Join CRAZ to explore and learn about air quality and environmental stewardship in our community. Learn how air quality is measured. Enjoy interactive displays environmental initiatives in our area. Explore electric vehicles. This event will be introducing the Portable Air Monitoring Laboratory (PAML), which will be operational

and monitoring air quality data in the Foothills C o u n t y / Okotoks/High River corridor.

2019 Budget and Tax Info: This summary includes a collection of details prepared

by our Finance Department and approved by Council. Similar info will also be mailed to you with your Tax Notice. The 2019 operating and capital budgets for Foothills County total \$71.13 million. Of this amount, \$41.58 million is for municipal operations, \$5.94 million for capital projects, \$1.29 million for debt repayment, \$21.33 million for school requisition and \$0.99 million for seniors housing requisition. To finance its budget, the municipality will use a combination of taxes, user fees, government grants and reserves. Capital purchases decreased by 43% compared to 2018. Three-quarters of the capital purchases/projects will be funded through Provincial or Federal grant programs. Foothills County collects taxes for its own operations and is required to collect taxes on behalf of third parties, including the Province for public school purposes, the separate school district and Westwinds Communities for seniors housing. The taxes collected for third parties amounts to 38.8% of all taxes collected and 43.1% of the residential tax bill. Foothills County has four assessment classes, each with a separate mill rate. The majority of the assessment in Foothills County is from residential assessment. Therefore, the majority of tax revenues come from residential

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) Update: Foothills County is one of 10 members of the CMRB, which is tasked with developing a long-term plan for managed, sustainable growth in the Calgary region. The CMRB

must develop a Regional Growth and Servicing Plan by December 31, 2020, as well as a Regional Evaluation Framework, which will determine which types of plans will need to go to the Board for approval. Meetings of all Committees and the Board are taking place monthly in order to get through the major work necessary to accomplish this work. I am pleased to represent Foothills County on the Servicing Committee (as Vice-Chair) and as alternate on the Land-Use Committee. In particular, items such as available water are key to the conversation about regional collaboration and

development. Studies are under way to bring in current information about water complexities, flooding, transportation, transit, environmentally sensitive regional employment, land supply, agricultural lands, governance, recreation, etc., and a growth plan consultant selection process is under way. More information, agendas, minutes, draft plans, etc., can be found on the CMRB's website: www.calgarymetroregion.ca

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Happy Father's Day!

Time to get out and enjoy a wonderful day with Dad!

Parent & Tot Playgroup: Our dropin playgroup meets the first Friday of each month at the Hall. The next date is June 7th. There will not be any playdates in July and August for summer break. No fee is charged. If you are new to our community with a young family, this is a great way to get to know your neighbours and find out what programs are available in the Priddis area. This event is also listed on the PCA website, www.priddisalberta.com.

Millarville Run to the Farmers' Market 1/2 Marathon: The Millarville Farmers' Market starts on June 15th. Join us on Saturday, June 15th for one of our point-to-point runs through the Foothills, finishing at the Millarville Farmers' Market, west of Calgary. Invite friends and family to meet you at the finish line then spend the rest of the morning enjoying the Millarville Farmers' Market. To register visit www.millarvillehalfmarathon.com. Make it a family event. Post-race children events will be at the finish line.

"Warriors of Hope" - Yoga Cancer Fundraiser at Priddis Greens - June 22nd: Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual yoga fundraising event, "Yogis R Warriors of Hope" taking place at Priddis Greens Golf Club on Saturday, June 22nd, 9am to Noon. The cost is \$40/person. There will be a silent auction and refreshments. Wings of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation is a 100% volunteer run registered charitable organization. The funds raised will assist in supporting people living with breast cancer in Calgary and area. Many breast cancer patients are unable to work during their

treatments. Wings of Hope lifts the burden by providing funding to cover basic needs such as rent and groceries. For more information contact Lori Colwell at 403.472.5349. Register at www.warriorsofhope.ca

Priddis Stampede Breakfast - July 7th: There is a planning meeting scheduled on June 3rd at the Priddis Pub at 7:00 pm. Come on out to help us get organized for the annual Priddis Stampede Breakfast on Sunday, July 7th. Bring your family and join your neighbours for a great breakfast, music and lots of activities for the kids, including a bouncy castle and face painting. Free parking is available in the Foothills County lot off Priddis Valley Road, just north of the View & Brew. You will be transported to the Hall and back by horse and wagon. The Priddis Volunteer Fire Fighters will be cooking up the pancakes again this year. Azuridge Resort is kindly sending their Chef and helper to keep things running smoothly in the kitchen. The Fire Fighters will have a fire truck and equipment on site for display. We are looking for volunteers

so contact priddissecretary@gmail.com. See you at the Priddis Community Hall on July 7th.

112th Annual Priddis Millarville Fair: Mark your calendar for Aug 17th & 18th, from 9am - 4pm. Cost is \$5/ person per day, children 8 and under are free. There is lots to see and do with items available that are made. baked or grown in Alberta. Learn about Alberta's agricultural history, touch the animals, watch horse riding events of all types and participate in various contests. Sign up for pie eating, watermelon eating, rooster crowing or youth talent. View the antique tractors, cars and trucks. Support local farmers and crafters, while browsing the judged entries. Anyone can enter as an exhibitor. Check out the 2019 Priddis & Millarville Fair Book for the full range of fair activities. A copy can be picked up at the Priddis Store or Priddis View & Brew. For info: fair@millarvilleracetrack.com

Fitness at the Hall: Check out our website to see when Jazzercise and





Yoga classes are scheduled at the Hall.

The annual Priddis Garage Sale on May 11th was a huge success. It was a very busy two days of setting up on Friday and organizing donations, then selling on Saturday and cleaning up. This is a fundraising event for the Hall so we would like to thank local residents for their donations and everyone for coming out and purchasing their treasures. Thanks to Arlene Jelfs and her team of volunteers.

Priddis Early Learning Program (**PELP**): As part of their programme, the children planted flowering annuals in the barrels on the Hall deck in May. PELP's fundraiser, Mabel's Labels is ongoing. Great labels for kids' things, e.g. jackets, t-shirts, pants, hats and shoes. We appreciate all your orders as 20% of sales through the link come back to our community preschool.

The 3 and 4-year old programs are full, with a waitlist for 2019-2020. Contact

pelppreschool@gmail.com for more information on this local program.

Priddis Multi-Purpose Building: To complete Phase 1 of the Outdoor Rink Rebuild Project, the Multi-Purpose Building Committee set a goal of \$100,000. So far, \$70,000 has been raised with this current fundraiser. corporate donations, 50/50 ticket sales at 2 Flames Games, 50/50 ticket sales at the Hitmen Teddy Bear Toss, and grants. An additional \$30,000 is needed to complete Phase 1 so the Committee is looking for donors and corporate sponsors. If you would like to donate, contact Dave Thompson at 403.921.3640 or email priddishockey@gmail.com

Booking the Hall: To view or book the Hall, contact the Hall Rental Director at PCAhallrentals@gmail.com. Check the website www.priddisalberta.com for availability, pricing and updates.

Staying Connected: Did you know that along with The Priddis

Community Association's webpage we have a few Local Facebook pages to keep the community connected? These are great resources for seeing what is going on in the community, asking questions, finding out about local businesses and so much more. Be sure to check out the following Facebook groups:

- Priddis Community Association
- Priddis Moms Connect
- Priddis Buy and Sell
- www.priddisalberta.com

Looking to volunteer in our community and meet new people? Many helping hands are always needed for PCA functions. Anyone interested in volunteering is requested to make their interest known to any Board Member listed on the website www.priddisalberta.com

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Upcoming Events and Programs:

Dinner Church

Saturday, June 8 at 5pm

Dinner Church is a monthly gettogether for families, working professionals, and anyone looking for a place to connect and explore faith and spirituality. After dinner, the children enjoy an activity while the adults digest a delicious meal and discuss compelling topics.

Serving at the Drop-in Centre

Thursday, June 13 at 4:45pm (meet at RDLUC)

We serve dinner at the Calgary Drop-in Centre on a regular basis. We need up to 25 volunteers to help serve the meal. Meet us at the church to carpool downtown. For more information, call the church office at 403.256.3181.

Sandwich Bee

Monday, June 24 at 9am

We also prepare about 40 loaves of sandwiches for the Drop-in Centre on the last Monday of each month. It's a fun way to get to know us and help out those in need.

Stampede Breakfast

Sunday, July 14 at 9am

Wrap up an awesome week of stampeding by attending our annual Stampede Breakfast. Everyone is most welcome. Bring your friends and neighbours!

Camp Caravan

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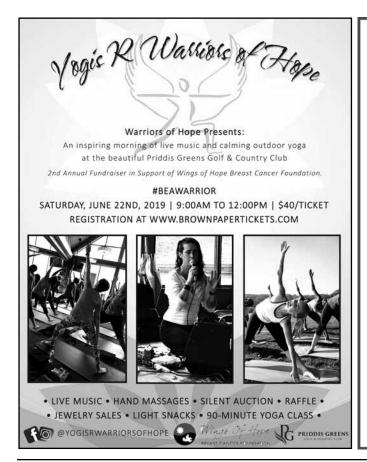
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For more info about our programs/ events please call the church office or visit reddeerlakeeuc.com

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Millarville Community /ibrary

May 2 was the last Storytime of the year and the last organized by inveterate library and community volunteer Karen Whitlie and her merry band of cohorts - Kim Burns, Dixie and Tony Webb. Karen has been orchestrating Storytime to the delight of local pre-school and kindergarten children for 19 years and she will be sorely missed. Fortunately Kelley Nutbrown has volunteered to take over the program. Thank you Karen and thank you Kelley.

Library hours are as usual for the month of June: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9 - 3; Wednesday 9 - 7:30 and Fridays 9 - Noon. You will be treated to a visual delight of textiles entitled The Abstraction Show by Spectra Fibre Arts in our library during the month of June. When you come in don't forget to check out the new display of favourite reads for adults: "Millarville Reads." For young adults there is a new set of books in our library for the month of June: "Young Readers' Choice."

For the summer months of July and August the library will only be open one day a week: Wednesdays, 10:30 - 7:30. Of course, you can order books online and can pick them up on Wednesdays as well as peruse the shelves. We welcome Brittany MacDonald who will be our summer library manager beginning June 5th.

We are also running our popular Summer Reading Program for kids on Wednesdays beginning July 3 thanks to Anna Carnell and Brittany MacDonald so be prepared for creative fun. Just drop by during summer library hours.

The library is always in need of volunteers. It is a user-friendly, flexible commitment and a chance to connect with like-minded readers. Contact Janine Jones at 403.931.3919 for more information if you are interested.

Here's a tip to boost your summer reading. Many of us get hooked into one author and a particular series, aka binge reading! If you want to research books by a favourite author check out www.fantasticfiction.com/ph/author (insert your chosen author's name instead of "author".)

Happy Summer Reading everyone!





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very second Tuesday of the month (Sept to May) at 7:30pm a speaker is arranged L to talk and share their knowledge with the club. We meet at the Millarville Church house. Thursday, June 6 is our annual Plant Sale, held at the Millarville Racetrack Quonset. Doors open at 7pm. This exciting event is over by 7:30pm as plants sell out quickly. Plants are donated by club members from Chinook hardy plants that have been divided. There are also some annuals and greenhouse tomatoes and peppers. Come early to check out the selection...

Also please remember to like us on Facebook! Whether you are a novice or expert in landscaping or gardening, join our club. It is only \$15 /year. We welcome new members. For more information email svirgo@mithril.ca or call Sheila at 403-931-3989.



We are excited to share the news about upcoming events sponsored by the Square Butte Community and offered at Square Butte Hall on Hwy. 762

Music Jam Nights: Wednesday night at 7:00pm, June 5 and June 19. All instruments and all levels of talent are welcome.

Sat, June 8 Chili Cook-Off and Dance: We have community members going head to head (actually crock pot to crock pot), each vying to be crowned Chili King or Queen. Come out and help us judge the: Vegetarian Servings, Locally

Sourced Ingredient Submissions, and Meat as well as Mystery Meat Based Offerings. Prizes: There is a \$100 prize for first place along with a \$50 voucher to be used toward the July BBQ and Auction Event. Bring your appetite for the Chili supper at 6:00 and your partner for the dance at 7:30. \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Ticket information at www.squarebuttehall.com.

Sat, June 22 Wildfire Community Preparedness: sponsored by Fire Smart Canada and Square Butte Community Association. 9:00am to Noon. Stay for the Pot Luck Lunch.

RSVP terapyriver@gmail.com. This is a free event held at Square Butte Community Hall. Preventing Fires is Everyone's Responsibility.

Sat, July 27 BBQ and Fund Raising Auction and Silent Auction: We are receiving some amazing donations for the auction being held in conjunction with our summer BBQ. Information about tickets for both community members and non-members is available at squarebuttehall.com. More information about this event in next month's edition of High Country News.

Save the Dates: September 15th - Family Games and Pot Luck event; October 5 – Bring out your lederhosen for the Square Butte 'Oktoberfest'

Membership in the Square Butte Community Association is \$10/ individuals and \$20/family. Contact sq.butte.comm.assoc@gmail.com for membership information.











Millarville Communit **School News**

Edited by MCS Students, Alyssa, Reese, Jack and Heidi

Junior High Swim Like Fish! Gr. 7 and 8's go Scuba Diving at Adventures in Scuba!

By Bailee and Kaja

The Gr. 7 and 8 class went to the ▲ Adventures In Scuba diving facility on May 6th and May 8th this spring.

The students had a full two hours with a certified PADI Instructor. They started in a three foot pool and ended up diving in a fourteen foot pool. "I really enjoyed having the opportunity and a fantastic experience." stated Gr. 7 student Kaylynn.



Biggest Test Yet: P.A.T's at MCS By Bailee and Kaja

The Gr. 6 class at Millarville have just taken their biggest test! The class was given two hours to complete the language arts Provincial Achievement Test on what they have learned throughout the year. Good luck to the Gr. 6's with their other upcoming P.A.T.'s.

Gr. 8 Graduation Ceremony

By Dalton, Tyree, Evon and Wyatt

On June 24, the Gr. 8's will be having their Graduation Ceremony. This year the graduation will be galaxy themed. It's an awesome opportunity for them to celebrate their accomplishments. In past years, groups have had real jousting and live bands at their celebration. You can't forget the tears of joy and great catered food.

Friendly Competition: Mcs Hosts An Incredible Track And Field Day

By Shona, Nathan, James and Micah

On May 9th, Millarville Community School held a track meet for students to enjoy. The meet consisted of six different races, three throwing and

three jumping events. The younger grades had shorter runs and easier throwing events. For example, instead of a shot put, they used a soft ball and they threw a frisbee for discus. Even though kids enjoy the MCS track meet it can turn into a heated competition between friends. Junior High athletes who finished top two in each event on Track and Field day went to divisionals which took place

on the May 22nd. The gym teacher, Mr. Cantelon was excited to send about

> thirty junior high athletes. The top two junior high students in the divisional events went to Zones which was on May 28th. Thanks to Mr. Cantelon and Ms. Oliver for organizing a great track meet as well as the many volunteers who made it possible.

Does Your Boat Float? Gr. 2 And 8'S Go To The Pool

By Amber and Dominique

On June 18th, Gr. 2's and Gr. 8's will be going to the Okotoks Pool. At the pool they will be testing if the boats the Gr. 2s constructed will be buoyant and move as they were designed. The students are also excited to go swimming. "... I want

to see if the boat sinks or floats. I am also looking forward to the water." said Evan, a Gr. 2 student. The Gr. 2's think that they will have an amazing time on this

Tea Time: Celebrating Volunteer's On Relaxing Afternoon By Amelia and Stetson

Every year MCS hosts an event for parents and community members that have volunteered with school actives. The volunteers have the privilege of eating pie and drinking tea which is served by junior high students. The younger students at MCS perform music and plays that they have been



practicing for this special day. It's also a great way for the students to show their family and other parents what they have learned.

Gr. 8's Goodbye Present To The School: Gr. 8S Gift The School With Picnic Tables By Amelia

The Gr. 8's say goodbye to Millarville as the school year wraps up. Some Gr. 8 students have gone to school here since Kindergarten and leaving this school will be challenging. The students are planning on giving the school a goodbye present before they all leave. They have decided to build picnic tables around the school with their initials carved into them. That way people will always see and remember their class. This present will surely be memorable for the younger students. Thank you Gr. 8's!



TURNER VALLEY & BLACK DIAMOND News

Hello, Diamond Valley. Well it's been a pretty nice month of May. We've had some rain which is needed, and some really beautiful days which felt good after such a long winter. The first day of summer is officially June 21st, and I hope you are getting out and enjoying the weather and checking out what goes on in our Foothills community.

Discovery Days is always the first Saturday of June. There is a Parade followed by events in both towns. For a full list, check last month's issue or either Town's website. The weekend was started to celebrate the discovery of oil in Turner Valley. In 1911 farmer Stewart Herron saw gas bubbling up alongside the Sheep River, and decided to invest in it along with Senator James Lougheed, R.B. Bennett, and A.E. Cross. They called their company the Calgary Petroleum Company, which drilled its first well in 1913. On May 14, 1914, their #1 well blew, and history was made.

We have our very own Music Festival here in Black Diamond, called **Diamond Music Fest** and will be held on Canada Day, July 1st. There will be live local bands all day, vendors, food and beverages, kids activities, and fireworks at dusk. Also our local Legion #78 will be putting on a mini restaurant and beer gardens. If you would like to book a vendor table or help to sponsor the Fest, give BD Town a call at 403.933.4348. The Fest will be held in Ethel Tucker Park, behind Oilfields High School, and admission is by donation. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the talent we have right here in our community.

And keep the music coming on June 8th for "Music for Our Vets", in support of the Calgary Veteran's Food Bank. The Vet's Food Bank is in the process of establishing a drop-in centre to help vets with the transition back into the community, and providing services and access to programs. This is a fun filled day with draws, a silent auction, specials, and music from Julian Austin, Bucking Horse Moon, and tons more from noon til closing. Bring a non -perishable item for the Food Bank, and admission is \$10 at the door. If you would like more info, or to help sponsor the event or have a silent auction donation, give the venue a call at 403.933.7878. The event will be held at the Woodstock Hotel in Turner Valley at 112 Kennedy Drive.

The *Turner Valley Gas Plant* is open for tours again this year. This gas

production expertise in Canada's west and has a colourful history. The tour is a hands-on, interactive learning experience. The tours run on Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays until September 2nd. This year Canadian military and their families have free admission with a CFOne card. Kids under 6 are free also. For more information, check out turnervalleyoilfield society.ca.

Lace up your runners for the annual *Millarville Run to the Farmer's Market Half Marathon*. There are different categories for the Run, from 3-21 kilometres, and there is a shuttle bus service to get you from the end back to the start. Start at the Oilfields Arena in Black Diamond and run to the Millarville Race Track, then enjoy the 37th opener of the Farmer's Market. The Run will be held on June 19th, registration is required, so for more information check out millarvilleracetrack.com.

Also in Millarville, their Horticultural Club will be hosting their annual *Plant Sale* on June 6th. This is a popular event with sales of hardy chinook zone perennials and annuals from member's gardens. The Sale will be held at the Millarville Racetrack at 7pm sharp. For more info, please call Jill at 403.995.0699.



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Cochrane AB—403 981 5558 info@ExplorationsAfrica.com Www.ExplorationsAfrica.com Our very own Diamond Valley Community Garden is also holding their Plant Sale on June 9th. All their beds have been rented out this year, which is great. They have put down mulch on the pathways and have a new squash bed this year. It looking like a great season if the hail can stay away! The Plant Sale will be held in the Country Food Mart parking lot. For more info, check out Diamond Valley Community Garden on Facebook.

It's Lemonade Day on June 8th! Lemonade Day was first introduced in Texas in 2007. The mission is to help today's youth become the business leaders, social advocates, community volunteers and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow - one lemonade stand at a time. Since inception, the program has had over 750,000 kids take part in cities and towns all over North America. The program teaches business skills and is founded on three major pillars, "Save

Some, Spend Some, Share Some". 63% of kids participating chose to give to a charity of their choice. Way to go! The event will be held around the Diamond Valley and Okotoks communities, for more information or how to participate, visit lemonadeday.org. Make sure you stop and buy a cup!

The Leighton Art Centre invites everyone to their annual Clothesline Festival and Art Sale on June 3rd and 4th. Over 1200 original works of art and fine crafts will be on display and for sale for that one of a kind gift. Admission is free and it is a lovely place to spend the day. For more information, visit leightoncentre.org.

STARS Air Ambulance hosts many different fundraising events throughout the summer. Some of these events include Rescue in the Rockies. Farm to Food BBQ, Trail Rides, Poker Runs, lots of Golf Tournaments, and the 2019 Southern Alberta Music Festival. Help keep STARS in the sky by participating in one of these events and helping a life-saving organization. Check out all the information at stars.ca/upcoming events/ab.

The annual Guy Weadick Days is coming up the weekend of June 20-23 in High River. This is a Pro Rodeo with Chuckwagon Races as well. There will also be a Ranch Horse Race and Ladies Breakaway Roping. Guy Weadick was an American-Canadian cowboy best known as the founder of the Calgary Stampede, and was married to famed cowgirl Florence LaDue. Lots for the whole family to do this weekend and there will a Saturday night Cabaret as well. Camping is available. The event will be held at the High River Rodeo Grounds, for more information, visit highriverag.com.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Foothills is offering free youth drop and roller **skating** on Friday nights (excluding holidays) from 6 - 8pm for ages 11 and up. This will be held at the Black Diamond Club upstairs at the curling rink behind the high school. The space is youth led, but supervision will be present. Besides the roller skating, there will be access to computers, wifi, a pool table, air hockey and a low cost canteen. There will also be a shuttle bus service from Turner Valley School at 5pm with return to the school at 8pm. Thanks to Pharmasave in Black Diamond for sponsoring the free skate, which everyone is welcome to come to, helmets are mandatory. Bring your own helmet and skates to the Oilfields Regional Arena from 5:15 - 6:15pm.

If you have any events coming up in July that you would like to see in the High Country News, please email me at elaine.w@telus.net. The deadline for this issue is **June 15th**.

Happy Father's Day on June 16th!

Elaine Wansleeben





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The Longview Library has been awarded an Honourable Mention in the small library category. This award is given by Marigold, and recognizes our poetry program that is proving very successful. Congratulations go to Myrim Wilson, who was the winner of this year's contest.

The Eden Valley Project is underway and is proving to be better than we had hoped. This project provides an opportunity for residents of the Eden Valley Reserve to be in a work place environment and to reconnect with it.

We are really excited to be a part of this program and to have the support of the

Eden Valley community and its Elders. It has been a very positive experience for everyone. Two very congenial and charming participants have been Tuff Dixon and Alke Lefthand. Congratulations to you both!

Due to popular demand, the library has purchased some new books on mermaids and unicorns. Our librarian, Lynda, has purchased two sets of snap circuits. Hundreds of electronic circuits can be built with these kits, and they are popular for children and adults alike.

Two good reads are Daughters of The

Night Sky by Amie K. Runyan. It is the story of Katya, a young Russian pilot, who when the Nazis were storming across Europe, is called defend her country. Her unit is the only comprised

of just women. They were so successful that the Germans learned to fear their nocturnal raids and called them "The Night Witches.

Another is *Forgiveness* by Mark Sakamoto. It is a true life account of one of the darkest periods in Canadian history. It tells of the courage and resilience of two Japanese families interned in camps in Alberta during the Second World War. It reaffirms the power of forgiveness for achieving peace and equanimity.

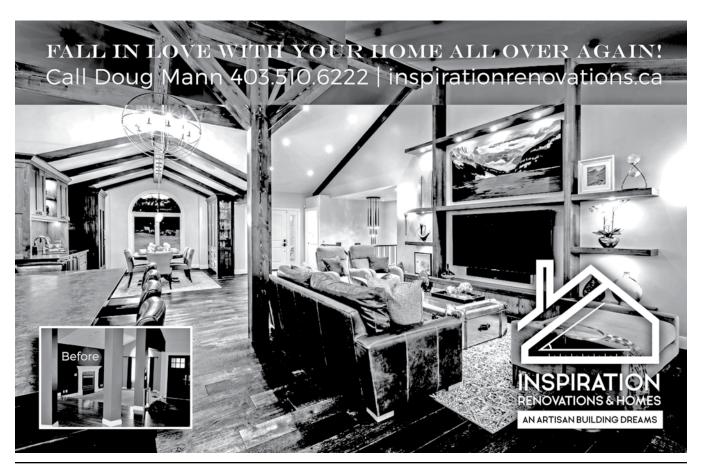
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If you are a resident of Turner Valley and have wanted to sit down and chat with the elected officials on the Turner Valley Council in an informal setting, then mark Tuesday, June 11 on your calendar. From 6-8pm, we will be hosting a Council and Coffee evening by the fireplace. This is your chance to come and meet your councilors, along with Todd Sharpe, the CAO, and other members of the Town's administration. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity to speak with council members outside of the formal setting of a council meeting.

There is still time to join the happy band that is the Diamond Valley Songwriters. This group started in March and its members cover a wide spectrum of songwriters from beginners to those who have been at it for a while. Come and learn from those with experience in writing both lyrics and music in a variety of

genres. There is guaranteed to be a laugh or two. The next date is Wednesday June 12 at 7:30pm.

On Wednesday, June 5th at 1:30pm Neil Godfrey, along with his wife Joanne, will be speaking about his journey since being diagnosed two years ago, with early onset Alzheimer's disease. Neil is 63 years old. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Calgary and worked as a geoscientist for 38 years. Neil is also an accomplished artist and an avid outdoorsman. Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other cognitive abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. This devastating disease worsens over time, and at the moment there is no known cure. Neil's talk will allow the audience to journey with him as he shares his story of sliding into the disease. There will be time for questions and answers after the talk. Please register at the library or call 403.933.3278.

It is with much sadness that we note the passing of Wayne Odegard. Wayne worked as the treasurer of the Friends of the Sheep River Library Foundation since 2012. He was instrumental in the raising of funds in many ways including writing grants and organizing Casinos. He diligently kept track of the money and reporting as required by AGLC. Without his efforts and those of the Friends in general, the library would not be able to provide the high caliber of programs offered, such as Out Loud, and to keep up with the replacement of computers and other technology. Wayne will be greatly missed by us all.

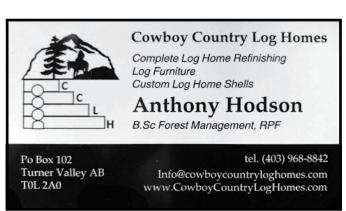
Story of Highway 22

"Back in the 1800's sometime in the Indian war days, when they were still on horseback, the Stoney tribes followed the buffalo on the prairie grass. These tribes, they were a family of 22. They traveled from Montana to Rocky Mountain House. While they traveled through the coulees, they tried to avoid the soldiers or blue coats. At the same time they traveled this area of the foothills in Alberta, a North West Mounted Police scout was looking on the high range. He saw this tribe coming with their travois. He counted many of them. He reported it must be 22 families traveling together following the buffalo.

Sometimes they traveled over night to get to the Cochrane and Morley area. They were headed to Rocky Mountain House. As they traveled, the Chief sent warriors ahead to kill the buffalo on the jumps. Sometimes it took a couple days. When they came to the

encampment the Chief sent his warriors to gather the buffalo at the jumping site. All the families followed the day after to the kill site. Families gathered together to put up their tipis near the kill site. The families would be happy, cheering. The mothers and the children gathered wood and set up their tripod to smoke the meat right away so the meat wouldn't spoil in the hot summer sun. They used the whole buffalo for food and tools and the hide for the coming winter. The bladder was used to carry water to drink from. The encampment was quite a sight to see with the Stoney families of 22. They always traveled through this area of the foothills. When leaves turned orange and yellowish colours they headed back down south and north when the snow melted. And that's how Highway 22 got its name."

> Stoney Legend told by Allie Lefthand Submitted by Longview Library Allie is a resident of the Eden Valley Community





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I'm aging and, I wonder, am I becoming hard, like a Parmesan cheese, constricted with stainless steel, all the moisture squeezed out till I am hard and dry, difficult to manage and crusty?

When I was young I was pliable, like a string of melting mozzarella, wavering in every wind of opinion, not able to choose but drifting with the tide and the current, a ship without an anchor.

With age comes firmness. As moisture recedes from skin pores, I see firmness in the elderly that is good. Attitudes soften and a settled peace emanates from a soul founded on truth distilled through pain and love.

I desire the gentle creaminess of Camembert, the peace of aging with understanding and humility and I desire the sharp flavour and stability of Old Cheddar, ripened in caves of reflection and quiet.

Illustration by Russ Rodman



How is Your Mind Health: Do You Have Your Own Back?

Ispent a lot of my life being really critical of myself. I wasn't good enough at my job. I didn't look as good as other women. If I was skinnier my life would be different. How other moms did so much more with their kids than me. Trust me, I spent a lot of time trying, obsessing, and comparing myself to other people.

But it wasn't just that. My thoughts would just run on negative loops. You aren't good enough. You don't make enough money. Your house isn't nice enough. Your house isn't clean enough. You don't keep in touch enough. You eat too much. And these thought were just there. Every day. All the time. They would just loop over and over. You're always late. You don't cook healthy enough meals for your kids. You don't read enough for your kids. You didn't work out again.

Stop Beating Yourself Up: It took months of me journaling daily, to just watch my mind and how every day, saying these things to myself over and over, I was being so mean to myself. I was so brutally mean. All of the time.

So many of us get caught in this pattern and we think we are just being critical and we think we are just pointing out facts. And we feel terrible.

But these aren't facts. They are not truths. These are just sentences we say to ourselves.

For me, it was a mantra that would slowly and surly ensure that I would never do anything more that what I had been. And if anyone else showed even a bit of doubt in my ability, I would see that as proof of why I sucked, and agree with them, and believe I was terrible.

I Would Never Say These Things To a Stranger: So why was I constantly saying them to myself? I would never tell anyone that they looked fat, or that they couldn't do something. I would be encouraging. I would cheer them on and be excited they were just trying.

When I realized this, I was shocked. Here I was, a professional who had accomplished so much. I never gave up with school or business, yet I was giving up on myself every single day. I didn't have my own back.

Once I learned this, I couldn't go back. I could never go back to being that destructive to myself. So I started to be nicer to myself.

This has not been easy but it sure has been amazing for my mental health. I was down on myself for so long and I was finally learning to love and appreciate myself. I started by having compassion that I had allowed this for so many years. Then I began thinking that I was learning to be a better friend to myself. Over time this turned into "I am perfect in my imperfection." And I really can do anything that I put my mind to. I am an amazing mom, wife and friend. I am amazing in business, was a really good accountant, but now I am an even better life coach.

Just changing these thoughts changed my life. It doesn't matter what anyone says to me, or thinks of me, I know I'm great. No one gets to bring me down. Especially not me.

You can start too. Ask yourself every day for 30 days: "What is one thought in your brain would you like to never say to yourself again? What thought can you add? How can you be nicer to you?"

by Angela Wigand



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Ways To Love Your Job: Part 1

Cometimes when you're in the early Istages of your career, you have to do something less than glamorous.

By sometimes I mean 'most of the time.' Very rarely do we get to start our careers by launching into our dream jobs. Even when we're lucky enough to work at our dream companies, we have to start at the bottom. You have to earn trust, gain respect, and do a lot of gruntwork to get to the top.

Even then it isn't perfect. When you've finally climbed your way to the top, you'll realize that the day-to-day work in your dream job can be boring and messy. No matter what you're doing, to be successful, you have to stay focused. It helps a lot if you enjoy what you do.

Enjoying what you do isn't some magic thing that either is or isn't. It's something you can intentionally cultivate. This list will give you a place to start.

Remember how your work is helping you grow.

No matter what you're doing, you're learning — from your bosses, your coworkers, the details of your day-to-day responsibilities, the new situations you're being thrust into, and the problems you have to solve. This learning is making you more valuable. It's setting you up for future, better opportunities. It makes you more competent in the work you're doing right now. It's making you a better person, and a better entity.

This growth is easy to lose in the shuffle of day-to-day life — forest for the trees and all that. Maintaining an awareness of it is very important.

Keep track of benchmarks.

How have you gotten better over the past month, quarter, etc.? Don't just remember that you're growing. Measure it. Remember when you were a kid and you measured your height with a pencil and a ruler on the closet doorjamb? If you were anything like I was, you did it often — how much have I grown since I measured last month? Apply that same dedication — fascination — with measurement to your work.

Tracking benchmarks from month to month helps you see the forward progress - the things that get lost in the day-today, but when looked at over a broader timespan, become blatantly obvious.

Start a spreadsheet, if that's valuable to you. Create a set of journal prompts to work through each month, or better yet, every weekend. When you do something well, write it down. When you make a mistake, note it. When you figure something out, record what you learned.

Where you are right now might not feel impressive, but look at it in direct comparison to where you were three months ago. What things do you know that you didn't know then? What skills have you developed? What problems have you solved that would have daunted you before? In what concrete ways are you better at your job?

Enjoy the day-to-day process.

Enjoy the rhythm of your work. A lot of life is about settling into a flow. Even when you're working your dream job, there will be monotony — very similar types of emails to respond to again and again. Detail work that requires painstaking focus. Record keeping. Backend stuff.

When confronted with this type of work, you have two options. Option one is to resent it, wish for it to be over, get restless. You know the feeling — barely able to focus, desperate to jump out of your seat and go do something. It's not fun. Option two is to settle into the rhythm of it, and take pleasure in the process.

Enjoy paying attention to the details in an email you're sending. Instead of getting bored and restless, think about the value the recipient is going to gain when they open the email. Think of the human connection you're building. Enjoy the rhythm of sinking into a deep focus. Enjoy the act, the craft, of paying attention to your work.

Boring tasks become pleasant when you enjoy not the task itself, but the rhythm of doing it.

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15 Low Cost Tips To Improve Your Property For Sale

When preparing to sell your home, the goal is to sell it as quickly and at the highest price possible within the current market conditions, while investing as little as possible in renovations and updates. You don't need a \$150K+ renovation to sell as likely you won't necessarily get the value back anyway unless, for example, if you own an older home that requires significant work such as required electrical and mechanical systems updates.

Below are some of the lesser expensive ways to improve your look and presentation applicable to city & small town homes and country acreages alike. Even if you are not selling in the very near future, doing many of these things will help you enjoy your home and property more and also help you be more prepared for a possible future sale!

- 1: Refresh the Exterior: Many buyers will not venture out of their car if they do not find the exterior of a home appealing. Painting trim, pressure washing vinyl siding and windows, painting worn steps or decking and replacing damaged eavestroughs are some ways to simply improve the exterior look. Also, repair exterior siding if needed and paint any outbuildings to tie them to the home and reflect overall property care.
- 2: Tidy up Lawns, Fields and Landscaping: Home buyers associate the condition of your property, lawn and landscaping with the interior of your home! Keep the lawn mowed and edges tidy. Prune trees that are out of hand and blocking light to the home or taking over an entry area. Remove any dead trees or shrubs. Weed around trees and flower beds and clear walkways. Repair and stain or paint fences. There is a lot more focus these days on the outside spaces so ensure the decks & patio areas are tidy and spruce them up with some new colorful outside furnishings.

For acreages, keep your pastures and fields tidy and if you have horses periodically remove or harrow manure. Repair and paint fences. Avoid stockpiles of dirt and debris as they become a visual distraction to your property and maybe an eyesore to your neighbours! Get rid of old vehicles or parts you do not use or place behind vegetation. Buyers often avoid properties with excessive "stuff" on them.

- **3:** Create an Inviting Entrance: A fresh coat of paint on the door or perhaps the installation of a new modern, attractive door system, a new welcome mat and a colourful planter will make the entrance much more inviting.
- 4: Reduce Clutter and Furniture: A buyer cannot envision living in your home if they cannot see the house properly. Remove clutter, clean countertops, put away magazines, books and laundry, remove family/personal pictures on walls, and reduce excess furnishings in rooms that are over furnished and blocking window spaces. Buyers should be able to easily walk up to windows and look out! Give away things you do not intend to use anymore. If you haven't used something in a year or two, you will likely never use it.
- 5: Clean, Clean, Clean: The cleanliness of your home also influences a buyer's perception of its condition. In particular, bathrooms and kitchens must be spotless. Don't forget to tidy the garage. Men in particular want to envision themselves puttering there or parking their treasured autos in an adequate space.
- 6: Make Minor Repairs: The small stuff does count! Without dismissing the importance of major repairs, focus on the small things: repairing faucets, drawers, installing newer cabinet handles, painting interior trim, ceilings and walls, replacing old light fixtures with brighter, modern LEDs, etc.
- 7: Showcase the Kitchen: The heart of the home is the kitchen. If you are going to spend any money on renovations, this area will be one of your greatest returns. Kitchen renovations typically have around a 60 to 70% value return on

- investment. Some simple tips without a major investment, however, would be to update the lighting, modernize light fixtures and change hardware. Replacing counter tops and/or possibly a new sink will add a refreshing look to your kitchen. Repair and repaint cupboard doors. There are companies that will remove doors and shop paint them and re-install. Consider new flooring if badly worn. And if the appliances are old, some newer stainless steel ones give a kitchen a modern touch.
- 8: Stage Furniture: Furniture placement is key to enhancing a space. Create cozy corners and turn an empty space into a reading area or a computer work-station. Move out some furniture if a room is crowded. "Stage" your home or get a stager to advise on layout if you don't have a flair for that. It has been shown statistically that staged homes sell faster.
- 9: Light up the House: A bright house could be the "right" house! Open all window coverings when showing a property. Increase light bulb wattage for brightness, add lamps in areas that are dark. From experience this is a very important tip to implement as buyers are highly affected by darker versus bright homes.
- 10: Freshen up the Garage or Workshop: Make sure there is room for a vehicle! Use shelving or wall units to store items. Create a sense of space. Replace garage doors if old and sagging or quite an old style. Ensure openers are working properly.
- 11: Add Natural Touches: By displaying flowers, candles and fresh fruit you add colour and style.
- 12: De-personalize: When listing your home remove family photos and other personal items that potential buyers can't identify with. It keeps them focused on the house and not the contents.
- 13: Pets: Pets need to be kept under control or confined to a specific area. Pet odours need to be eliminated and



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14: Backyard: If you're selling in the city or a town, buyers doing a drive by will try and look into your backyard. Include it in your curb appeal efforts. Get rid of any junk stored there and treat it like the front of your home.

15: Evening Curb Appeal: Buyers will quite often take a drive in the evening. Lighting is once again the key here. Porch lighting and exterior feature lighting enhance the property's appearance. Maybe add some garden lighting. But make sure your lighting points downward and is not too bright, particularly on acreages, so as not to interfere with night sky viewing. For example, the MD Foothills now has a night sky bylaw which you can review to ascertain recommended and acceptable outside lighting.

There are plenty of ways to update and renovate your property without breaking the bank. The trick is to select a few key areas you can afford and implement and be creative.

Aging, Comfortably on Your Deck

Well, springtime has finally arrived in Calgary!

All this beautiful weather has people spending more time outside, especially on their decks, getting their furniture out of the shed, cleaning from the long winter and getting pots planted with flowers and veggies! Springtime is also a great time to think about deck safety so that you can enjoy the summer, safe and comfortable on your deck.

The first thing I repaired on my deck were the loose boards and popped nails or sticking out screws. Ensuring that all decking is securely fastened and even (flat) is extremely important to prevent any tripping hazards or areas where I could lose my balance because the boards under-foot are moving.

Once the decking was all even and secured, I went around the perimeter of my deck testing the railing to see if it was still stable and strong. A few of my posts were shaky so I checked to see if they were rotten, in need of replacing, or if I could just secure them better to the deck, therefore making them sturdy.

Once all the decking and railings were safe, I then turned my attention to the stairs. Stairs can be challenging to maneuver at the best of times, not to

mention when I, my parents, and in-laws are tired after working hard in our garden or if our hands are full of garden tools! I made certain that the stairs were cleared of pots and other items and that I had a clear path to the bottom. I also ensured the landing was cleared of tufts of grass, dandelions growing through the cracks and anything else that I could trip on.

The final step in making my

deck safe was to apply antislip grip tapes to the edges of the steps, and any other

areas where the elevation changes; same for step surfaces to increase friction and lessen the chance of slipping, especially when wet.

When selecting furniture for your deck, don't just focus on style and colour it needs to be functional, too. Make certain the chairs are very stable and you can easily get in and out of them. They should have arm rests that you can lean on so you can support yourself if your

legs are tired. The table should also be very sturdy in case you need to lean on it for a moment if you need to find your balance after resting in the seat for a while. Here is an interesting video for how to get up from the floor (after a fall) - MacGyver style! www.youtube.com/ watch?v=4ETgQD8QhZs

We all love to grow flowers in pots on our decks making our outdoor spaces bright and fresh. A few words of caution about watering them. Keep the hose coiled up safely out of the way when you are not using it. Leaving it on the deck only creates a tripping hazard. Also, be very

careful after you finish watering as the wet deck can be extremely slippery. If you are going to have plants on your deck you may want coat your deck with

one of the many anti-slip products on the market today. You can brush or roll them on like a stain or paint or you can use anti-slip tapes or even add grit or fine sand to the stain or paint that you already

I hope you can see how a few small considerations can make a big difference to your safety this summer!

By Carla Berezowski, Certified Aging in Place Specialist (CAPS)

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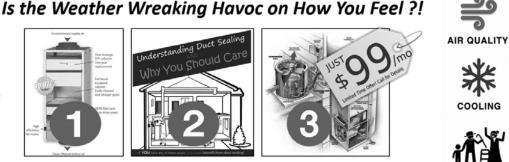












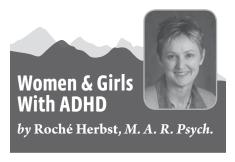
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Is Female ADHD Under-Diagnosed?

 \mathbf{F} irst of all, ADHD is not gender biased. Symptoms can be seen in girls and boys, where most kids never outgrow it. Many women grow up assuming that ADHD is a diagnosis for hyper little boys or a "male disorder". In other words, men and women are equally likely to have ADHD symptoms. Girls tend to develop ADHD later than boys and have more emotional turmoil as a result of their symptoms. These are some of the reasons why so many women go undiagnosed (misdiagnosed).

What Is ADHD Like In Girls?

Parents and children often miss the warning signs. The pressure to perform means that many girls internalize their symptoms and then end up with depression, anxiety, perfectionism, a sleep or eating disorder. They typically have fewer friends, mostly daydream, have trouble following instructions, and make careless mistakes on homework and tests. During puberty some girls may experience an increase in PMS severity, promiscuity, a greater risk of cigarette smoking (as early as age 11), alcohol and drug abuse, and unhealthy relationships due to low self-esteem or self-loathing.

What Are The Symptoms That Sabotage Adult Women?

Inattentive (ADD) presentation and disorganization are more common. A person constantly ends up feeling overwhelmed and frantic about coping with day-to-day basic things. Do you impulse buy, wonder what to cook (again), forgot the washing in the machine or cookies for school, struggle to prioritize, overcommit, feel embarrassed to invite people over because the house is a mess? Relationship difficulties may include: marital difficulties, sexual issues, sexually transmitted diseases, unplanned pregnancies or parenting issues. Each case needs to be diagnosed individually based on their situation and risk factors.

Examples Of Succesful Women With ADHD

"Of course you don't have ADHD. You're smart." Even if you have a high IQ, work very hard or have a lot of support, you can keep your symptoms in check for long enough to get to college, or not. Women everywhere are using their ADHD to do amazing things and become successful. They are caring, sensitive, never boring, see things differently, try out new things, are innovative entrepreneurs, creative artists, athletes, trailblazers, comedians or astronauts. Some examples are Avril Lavigne, Agatha Christie and Karina Smirnoff, and the list goes on. We have a long way to go in addressing the stigma and misunderstanding that surrounds this diagnosis. What is important to remember is that while we increase awareness, you can get support and strategies to move forward in a healthy and positive way.

Myth: Kids grow out of it.

Fact: Although previously considered only a childhood disorder, up to 80% of children with ADHD continue to show symptoms into adolescence. Symptoms may include being easily distracted, losing things constantly, and difficulties with sustaining attention, following instructions, staying on task, or controlling anger.

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Now that we've finished the 2018 income tax filing period we can breath a sigh of relief and be thankful the dreaded task is over with.

Filing and paying your income taxes is an important part of your financial well being. Keeping up to date on your taxes demonstrates your financial stability. But what you really might want to know is this: if the Canada Revenue Agency hasn't been receiving my tax contributions, will I be able to buy/refinance a property if I owe income taxes?

If you're an employee, your employer will deduct a percentage from each pay in accordance with how much you make and submit to CRA on your behalf. Before the end of February, you should be given a T4 slip, which you'll then use to file your taxes. Even though your taxes are deducted automatically, you still need to file your T1 General once per year, before the deadline of April 30th, to reconcile the amount you've paid verses the amount you owe.

However, if you're self-employed, you won't have a T4 slip to submit. This is where some people make the mistake of not filing their taxes or under-reporting the amount they've made.

Eventually CRA will become aware of the income you're made and you will be expected to pay taxes on it. If you do not, you may incur hefty fines or worse. The good news is, there may be expenses you can use as tax deductions to receive a better tax refund. CRA guidelines dictate that business expenses must be reasonable and for more information on the business expenses you can deduct, visit the CRA website.

By law, you are required to pay taxes on all income you generate. Mortgage lenders are very aware of this fact and are mandated to verify your income and tax arrear situation during the course of business. In fact, federal OSFI B20/21 legislation demands that they do "financial institutions should obtain third-party proof of income (e.g., Notice of Assessment and T1 General) and relevant business documentation." OSFI added the "T1 General" requirement and is now explicitly equating self-employed income validation procedures with non-self-

employee procedures.

Will owing taxes affect my ability to get a mortgage?

Yes. Debt managed properly is excellent for your overall credit health. However, like any other debt that is mismanaged, unpaid taxes will burden you. Not only will being late on your taxes result in penalties and interest fees, it may show negatively on your credit bureau as a collection, but not paying them entirely for years at a time will cost you fines or even worse.

What are the consequences if I don't file and pay my taxes?

It may be considered "tax evasion." The CRA can take precedence over any other form of debt, your mortgage included. If you already have a mortgage on a house, no matter how much you owe your lender, the CRA gets paid first. They may put a lien on your house, make you sell it, then give them whatever proceeds you make. They can seek wage garnishment, even seize your other assets, like your house, other properties, car, etc until you've paid them back in full. They may sell your account to a collection agency, damaging your credit and making it harder for you to get any loan in the future. I often see CRA listed in the collection area of a credit bureau for tax arrears, they can be quite aggressive in this regard.

Oh no, what if I am in this situation?

It's understandable that a lot of lenders not want to approve you for a mortgage. Banks and other accredited financial institutions, have far stricter borrowing guidelines than non-bank private lenders. If they see that you owe taxes you cannot repay, your application is a tough sell.

However, if you work with a knowledge broker, they can access alternative and private lenders who may approve you even if you've had debt problems in the past or a low credit score.

But, if there are any concerns regarding your ability to pay them back, the less any lender, private or otherwise, will let you borrow from them.

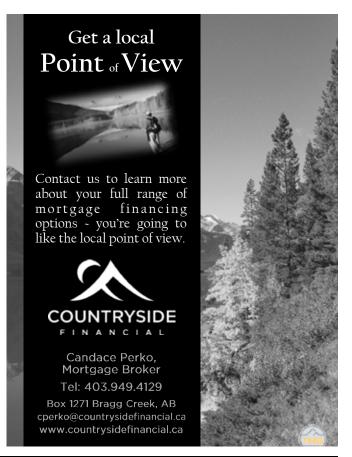
If I pay the taxes I owe, can I be approved for a new mortgage?

Yes. If you owe a little bit in taxes but intend to pay them promptly, you'll have no problem acquiring a mortgage. This issue can be mitigated. However, if you owe a lot in taxes, even if you're in the midst of paying them back, it may be difficult to get approved for a mortgage from prime lenders (ie banks).

Should I refinance my property to pay taxes?

Yes, most definitely (if you don't have the means otherwise). If you do not have a mortgage, or have the equity to allow a refinanced or second mortgage, consider accessing your equity to pay your tax debt in full. Once you're back on track, you'll have no problem getting approved for the final mortgage you want. OAC.

While on the topic of CRA, did you know that they are currently in the process of asking Canadians to rate their performance and service? You can also provide your personal story and complaints. www.cra-engage-arc.ca/en. Choose "Participate now!" and then "Serving Canadians Better".





The plan? Conclude our series with an outline of the essential steps in planning. As someone has said, "If we fail to plan, we plan to fail."

First, let me highlight the essence of the last article. 1) We trade time for the things we value most. There are three time filters that help us separate the diamonds from the rhinestones: the goodness filter, the responsibility filter, and the truth filter. 2) We need to allow past performance and achievement to bring perspective into the present. The past roots us in reality and helps shape the prospects of the future.

The biggest problem people have with planning is that they don't do it. "administrivia" creeps into your work and the trap of activity relegates planning to the trash. We need to be convinced that planning is to our success what sharpening the ax was to the woodsman.

Step One: Analyse the present — Where am I now? This requires an honest evaluation of my worldview. Those who study the brain tell us that pessimism and negativity reduce creativity, hinder sequential thinking, and distort our logic. As one man said, "The pessimist may be right, but the optimist has more fun on the journey."

The following four areas have a significant impact on our steps of action in planning.

- Lack of purpose. What is it that you want written on your tombstone? You were a billionaire? You established a world record in the ultra-marathon? You made it into the "who's who" of Canada? Life without purpose is like a ship without a rudder. Without purpose, planning can be an exercise in futility.
- The desire to escape. This is often tied to "I deserve a break!" We need periods of rest and recreation. However, those need to be part of our planning process not just random events.
- Self as the primary benefactor. When self is at the center of the universe, we evaluate life on the basis of how

it will benefit me. This puts us in competition with others, not a place of complementation where shared resource brings benefit to all.

• *Envy and jealousy.* These have been described as the jaundiced eye of the soul. We believe we have the right to what others have without the investment of time and resource to obtain it.

Something I have found helpful in the analysis of the present is learning how to turn problems into projects. You write out your goal and then put down the major hindrance to that goal. Now, what step of action can be taken to overcome the new hindrance? What new hindrance would block the new goal? Again, what step of action could be taken to overcome that hindrance? You work through the exercise until all the possible hindrances have been countered with a step of action. Now you start with the last step of action you wrote down and work your way through the process until you have achieved your original goal.

Step Two: develop relevant assumptions
— What conditions exist that will affect the plan?

A few years ago I wrote a book. In the editing process I was asked the question, "Duane, who are you targeting?" In other words, "Don't expect a 'best seller' if your material only has appeal to a limited readership." A great product must be directed to the right market at the right time.

Developing relevant assumptions involves consultation, collaboration and constructive criticism. Involve others in the planning process knowing that in a multitude of counselors there is wisdom.

Step Three: look at alternatives — Be willing to think outside the box. Don't throw away ideas just because you think they won't work. In 1914 Paul Getty purchased land in Oklahoma that he knew was on a large reservoir of oil. The problem—he only had a four foot right of way leading into the property. Adjacent

property owners were not willing to negotiate a deal. He met with some trusted friends for brainstorming session. The result: a miniature railwav that would transport the necessary d o w n s i z e d equipment the site. The plan

worked and launched him into a very successful career.

Step Four: Allow past performance and achievement to bring perspective into the present — The past roots us in reality and gives us a basis for realistic expectation in the future. That sounds good but what do I do with my failure? You don't allow it to define you, but it can become the teacher you need to succeed. Furthermore, each of us have many areas of success — exams we have passed, projects successfully completed, friendships that have stood the test of time, people who have benefited from our contribution, and the list goes on. I don't know of anyone who has never succeeded in anything. Learn from your failure, honour those whose investment in your life has enabled your success, and remember Wayne Gretzky's famous saying, "You'll never score a goal with the shot you don't take."

Step Five: establish a start date that has the finish line in site — Our son challenged me to run a marathon. I had been running for years but had never considered anything beyond my few miles a day. Reluctantly, I said yes. We chose our marathon and then planned out a training schedule. Everything was being geared for the finish line of the marathon. Careful planning helped maximize training in spite of a heavy travel schedule. Crossing the finish line with my wife, Lowell, and his wife waiting to greet me was a great joy.

That marathon was a life parable. I embrace the rigors of a disciplined lifestyle, set my goals, invest in the betterment of people, desire to bring excellence to my sphere of responsibility, and remain faithful to my wife and family because I look forward to crossing the finish line and hearing, "Well done good and faithful servant." And as for my tombstone, I'd like it to read, "He died climbing!"

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As I was purging my way through almost 10,000 emails this week, deleting with gay abandon and with not a little irritation at the slowness of the process, I came across a rather interesting message from June 2013 and thought I might share some of it with you:

"Travelling Kat update - from a submerged Bragg Creek.

I send this from a car in Bragg Creek - most of the area I wanted to get to is submerged under several inches of water... but I'm close enough to get an internet connection! So here we go:

This morning, I awoke beneath my own roof in Canada. I woke early and tossed and turned seeking sleep, eventually falling into that deep, vivid dream-state that often finds us at these times... missing my dog here in this old familiar place, she came in my dreams and we cuddled together as we used to do, curled around each other in a heap on the floor... until I awoke and lay in wistful silence for a while. The rain skittering across the steel roof creates a familiar overture for the day and I step outside onto the south-facing silvered wooden deck to stand naked in the rain, arms spread and face lifted to the sky. It is a soft rain... steadily soaking everything, provoking the uniquely southern Alberta burst of greenery. I walk across the grass and dandelions feeling the leaves wrap themselves around my ankles, prepared to pay the toll to the mosquitoes that this small excursion into nature exacts from me.

In a few days' time this house will be inhabited by new people and I will be a nomad once again. Sitting here writing at my table in my own living room with the shadows of familiar plants against the walls, the round curve and comforting glow of lamps against the red logs, it's hard to fathom that I've been away so long. I anticipated perhaps some difficulty with this returning, but it is as natural as slipping my hand in yours.

Rain is now pounding down, pouring in torrents from the ends of the guttering. Lightning and thunder are rolling overhead, around the house, between the tall spruce. The poplar trees are dancing and shimmering as the rain beats the topmost leaves into a

weaving shimmering cadence. Trees on the far hill have become gray ghosts. There are tornado warnings for areas north-east of here. It was brilliantly sunny when I arrived, flying over lush green landscapes, coming home, following the spiral that twists me back into the Alberta foothills on an irregular basis. "

Ironically, the massive flooding that submerged half of the southern part of Alberta failed to even pour a moat around my house which is what happened a couple of years previously when we had flooding in our area. Now we're six years on and Bragg Creek no longer looks like the war zone it did for several years after. Nature has peeled back some layers, it's true, but she's spring-cleaned very effectively, done a bit of harsh pruning and everything is growing up and out and onward.

I'm bouncing around the area discovering new people and places, as I do. I have been entertaining a few too many close encounters with coyotes – although some of the locals swear they have been hearing wolves, so they could be wolves. Ghosts in the woods they are. Even three fair-sized dogs presented little deterrent for them ... seeing a grey coyote-wolf just materialize in the midst of a bunch of dogs & watch as instantly, faster than a blink in fact, all four vapourize into the trees at top speed is pretty nerve-wracking. We are now practicing three-in-hand dog-walking and reorganizing our routes for a while.

Other fabulous things less intimidating included a brilliant seminar with the esteemed Dr Steven



Aung from Edmonton. He was lecturing at the Canadian Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, I was fortunate enough to get a space along with all the students

on the four-year course and sat at the front of the room, hanging on his every word. In fact, hanging on his words is rather a given as he's getting on in years and it's quite difficult to discern exactly what he's saying at times. What was not

difficult to discern was his absolute control of his own energetic body. We watched him move Qi (Chi – energy) through his body into that of another without physical contact. A young woman had suffered a severe concussion two years previously and was still experiencing problems with her eyes and head. Dr Aung moved her body in different directions and changed the shape and size of her pupils in an energetic healing that had him place his hands no closer than two inches to her head or back. He did not actually touch her at any point in the process and most of the time she sat with her eyes closed. Quite dramatic stuff.

When we practiced on each other, returning to some of the energetics I haven't focused on in quite a while, I was delighted to find that I haven't lost my touch as they say. It was a thoroughly inspiring session and the acupuncture graduates from this institute are highly regarded. I had a treatment with some fourth-year students a few days later and was impressed. I've had a lot of acupuncture from different types of professionals in different countries and I came away from this session feeling relaxed and refreshed by the whole experience.

The green depths are deepening around us, the poplar trees are about to go crazy and fluff all over the place. I've been buzzed by hummingbirds glittering red and green, and wowed by moose trailing winter coats half-shucked from their great shoulders. The robins are racing each other across the grass in upward-pointed gold-beaked strutting fashion that makes me laugh. I saw a giant mosquito on April 8 and only two more since then... oooh, not looking forward to their comeback.

However. It is as it is.

Isn't it?

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