

Mundare News



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Council Meetings: April 7 & 21

April 2015

Town Stuff

The Town's 2014 Financial Statements are now available **online** or in print at the Town Office.



Spring is coming, the snow is melting and .. Yikes: where did all the poop and butts come from?

Please remember to scoop and use the garbage cans/ ashtrays all along Main Street.



Town Recycle Yard will be open Saturday, April 11 from 10 a.m.- noon.



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 ★ **Gentle** ★
 ★ **Reminder** ★
 ★ **Mundare Fire & Rescue** ★
 ★ **are hosting our annual** ★
 ★ **S.T.A.R.S. evening on** ★
 ★ **Saturday April 18.** ★
 ★ **Tickets are only** ★
 ★ **available on Advance** ★
 ★ **Sale - no tickets at the** ★
 ★ **door. Buy your ticket** ★
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Saturday, May 2
 Town-wide Garage Sale - register at the Town Office (\$5).

The Town has taken the next step: we're on Twitter and Facebook. Follow us @TownofMundare and participate as we learn the ropes! Our Town Social Media Policy and Guidelines are on the [website](#): we appreciate your cooperation in 'chatting' with respect and courtesy!

Mayor's Corner

Charlie Gargus

Growing up with "Stampede Wrestling" in the house, made me very aware of the way people can get emotionally caught up in little dramas. What good preparation for the many issues we must deal with as a council.

First there was the "snowfall dumps" of November and January, followed by thaws that filled the ditches and culverts just before the next "freeze up". Then we had rains several times in Jan, Feb and March that created havoc in town and all over Alberta. As we wrestled with those issues and the problems created by melting snow filling up low spots, we are told that a similar spring thaw in 1947 led to a very dry year. This means we must be prepared for a dry spring and a busy "fire" season. [Be sure to think "fire safety" this year as our department may be away dealing with several rural fires at once – especially if other areas require mutual aid.]

Every season has its challenges so be assured that each problem is being "wrestled" into submission. Some ideas are better than others, but in the end the "problem of the day" is resolved so as to make the

most sense for the majority of residents. [It seems that several other rural towns are now including snow removal from sidewalks for their residents – we are happy to let them copy our model!]

I'd like to welcome 2 new businesses to our fine town: Jen Lovallo's home-based Eco-Fabulous Color by Amber Jewelry and Stephanie Krause's 'a touch of everything THE TREASURE CHEST' on Main Street. Stephanie has been working hard for almost a year, getting her store ready to open. We look forward to celebrating her Grand Opening with her on May 1 and 2.

Looking forward to a hot, dry summer means that there will be opportunities for evening walks, street festivals, and getting to know all of those new neighbors that recently moved in! The addition of a purple marten house - by our Community Orchard at the north end of Town - will happily provide a natural means of mosquito control to help deal with the pesky critters while enjoying the great outdoors.



2015 marks Canada's flag's 50th birthday: we'll be doing something special to mark the occasion on July 1, so mark your calendar now. Come out and participate in events that show our allegiance to a great country. Travel abroad certainly reinforces that fact that Canada is still the best place to live!

And last - but definitely not least - do remember to remind folks you talk to about the **Volunteer Appreciation Evening** put on by FCSS at the MRC on **April 15** for all our wonderful volunteers - call or stop by the Town Office to get your tickets.

Charlie

Editor's Apologies:

Missed in the Mayor's Thank You's in March were Shannon Kowal and Deanna Kobbero (Family Day) and Colin Zyla (World's Longest Hockey Game).

Missed in the list of Mundare volunteer groups: Mundare Fish & Game, Mundare Minor Ball

WHAT'S ON IN TOWN ...

Saturday, April 11 - Mundare School Bottle Drive - a fundraiser for Grade 7/8 Outdoor Education trip end of June: start saving up those bottles!

Wednesday, April 15 - Volunteer Appreciation Night - Mundare Recreation Centre, 6:00 p.m. Tickets free at the Town Office

Friday, April 17 - Perogy Supper Seniors Centre 5:00-6:30pm Adults \$12, ages 6-12

Thursday, May 14 - Mary Immaculate Hospital Auxiliary Annual Strawberry Tea (11am-1:30pm)



What's Happening in Town ...

Communities in Bloom had a lovely afternoon on March 30, celebrating birthdays with the residents at Father Filas Manor. Our thoughts are now turning to spring and the things that need to be done in preparation for planting. Darvonda Nurseries are again supplying the flowers for the Town display. We have some trees that are infected with knot/rot, that we will be removing - and of course general clean-up once things dry up. We welcome all ideas - and of course added hands! Our next meeting is **April 20, 7 p.m.** at the Town Office. Hope to see you there!

CiB is planning a 'greenhouse tour' on **April 9**: if you'd like to join us, call Debby at 780-764-3062.

Lots of news from the Seniors Drop-in Center: The building is getting a **face-lift inside**: ceilings and walls re-painted, new back and side doors and a door ordered for the handicap entrance, so that someone in a wheelchair can access the building on their own. We've also ordered new floors. If you'd like to **rent table space at the Seniors Centre** for the big **Community Garage Sale on May 2**,

please contact Anne at 764-3777 or Judy at 764-2359. And: Our new bylaws now include anyone **over the age of 18** joining as a full club member. We look forward to new members! Upcoming events:

- **Bingo** - Tuesday evenings (doors open at 6 p.m., games starting at 7 p.m.)
- **Floor curling** - every Monday and Wednesday at 1 p.m.
- **Perogy suppers** will continue - **April 17, May 15 and June 19**. Thanks to all who've attended we appreciate your support.

Mary Immaculate Hospital Auxiliary is holding a **Regal Fundraising Campaign** - order online at www.miha.shopregal.ca by April 30 or call Kim at 780-764-2644.

And mark your calendars for our **Annual Strawberry Tea - Thursday, May 14 from 11a.m. to 1:30p.m. at the Mundare Seniors Centre**. Enjoy delicious food - great company - door prizes, raffle draws. Funds in support of resident comfort.

Thanks for supporting our Auxiliary! We meet the first Monday of each month

(except July & August) at 1 p.m. in the activity room at the Hospital. Contact Wanda at 780-764-2691 for more information.

Bowling, anyone? League starting up - Thursday, April 9 - Town Office @ 7p.m.

CALS Family Literacy has a new program starting April 8 - **123 Cook With Me** - and every Wednesday til May 13 - at Lamont Alliance Church from 10 a.m.-noon.

Alberta Works Open House - all day **Tuesday, April 28 - 5129 49 St., Vegreville**. Call 780-632-8685 for more information. For all your educational and career needs, visit alis.alberta.ca. Check out the display at the Town Office.

Happy National Volunteer Week April 12-18:

to everyone who helps make our Town a good place to live! If you want to join in the volunteer fun, contact any of the folks mentioned here - or visit Susan at the Town Office for ideas about how you can make your valuable contribution!

Business Buzz:

Mundare Bakery News— Paska - Babka - Kolach are now available. Call Marissa at 780-764-3988 to reserve yours today! Starting April, we will have sweet pepper & cheddar bread on Saturdays. Bakery will be closed Good Friday (April 3), open on Saturday April 4 and closed Easter Monday (April 6). Happy Easter/Khrystos Voskres from all of us.

Mundare Registry: Road Tests are starting again with our first date being Monday, April 20. Please come in or call us to book a spot! **Hunting & Fishing** - you can now purchase your Annual Fishing Licence for the 2015/16 year. Also, you will be able to purchase **Special Walleye Licence Draws** as of Tuesday April 7 until Thursday April 30. We are located at 5008 50 St. (Kowal Realty Building); hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feel free to stop in for an insurance quote as we also offer a full range of insurance services. Lisa, Karen, Robin and Kim

U-Do-It Crafts reminds you: we have Avon products, all available at 30-40% off the book price.

Servus Credit Union - Spectacular Spring Escape Contest: ask Elaine or Melissa how you could go on your dream vacation! At Servus, we care about your financial well

being and goals: we could help you save money and earn more on your profit share. It's time to think outside the banks.

Are you thinking about spring renovations or a new vehicle? We would like to help you reach your goals and save money at the same time! Do you ever wish your money could work harder for you to help you reach your goals? We would like to help you: call us today for an appointment at 780-764-8801 or stop by the branch Tuesday to Saturday.

Introducing **Color By Amber**, now available right here in Mundare through Jen Lovallo (587-984-0963): a new Eco-Fabulous jewelry line in Canada. Our eco-friendly company focuses on improving lives of women and children worldwide, offering free education, valuable skills training and fair employment. Our jewelry contains NO harmful chemicals, and is made in an award winning, ZERO-waste facility. Each piece is made as ordered, and all of our inter-layers are laid by hand and pressed between 2 pieces of eco-resin: no two pieces are identical. Jen is available to help you host themed or jewelry pop-up parties (pop-up boutique

also available online: it does not have to be in your home!) and with fundraising programs. Fabulous specials on right now for **Mother's Day**. Please get in touch if you'd like to know more.



Hi, Mundare from **Stefanie Krause**: my store at 5107 50 St. - 'a little of everything'

YOUR TREASURE CHEST - will have its Grand Opening May 1 and 2. I bought the old Mundare Upholstery Building in April 2014, and after a way too long time and large amount of renovations and restorations on everything from basement to roof by me and my family ... my vision of opening my own store will become reality very soon. You will find a wide range of items, from new to used, modern to vintage and everyday to seasonal. I invite everyone to my Grand Opening: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed. May 1 and Thurs. May 2: there will be refreshments, so come on in and join me on this joyous day! Store hours will be Tues.-Fri. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coming in May Newsletter: an update on our \$1 lots and what's in the works!

Fire Department Tips

I had planned on writing about fire safety in the yard with Yard Clean Up being the hot topic lately with all the nice weather. Well, we live in Alberta, even though the calendar says its spring we all know we were due for at least one more dumping of snow. Well it seems Mother Nature has forgotten how to count so let's go with Home Safety and Smoke Detectors.

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape? The most effective way to protect yourself and your home from fire is to identify and remove fire hazards. Since we can't get out in the yard – let's start inside and do some spring cleaning. 60% of house fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms. During a home fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.

Test smoke alarms once a month, if they are not working change the batteries. Smoke detectors do have a shelf life of 10 years. Can't remember when you bought it? - replace it. Test your smoke detector using the "TEST" button. If when you push the button the alarm goes off, the detector is good, if not replace

batteries. Smoke detectors have saved literally tens of thousands of lives and prevented hundreds of thousands of injuries over the years. They are cheap and easy to install and there is absolutely no excuse for not using them. You can purchase them almost everywhere.

How many do you need? At a minimum you need at least one for every level of your house. If all bedrooms share a common hallway, one detector in the hallway should do. If the house is laid out with bedrooms separated in different areas, you need one for each separate area. Any bedroom where people sleep with their door closed should have a detector inside the room.

What happens when your smoke detector keeps going off – consider where it is located – possibly close to a stove. Don't just take the battery out to get rid of the annoyance. Change locations as removing those batteries thinking you will put them back later

(which seldom happens) can be a deadly mistake.

And finally ... a 'legal update' from your Emergency Rescue volunteers: thanks in part to the efforts of local resident Renaye Wade, the **Traffic Safety Act** has been amended to provide that the penalty for distracted driving now carries with it 3 demerit points on your license: yet another reason to pay attention to the road when you are driving.

Keep thinking Positive – Spring will arrive !!!

Gentle Reminder

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Community Feature: New School is Open!

Message from Tracy Arbuthnott, Principal



We have moved in to the new School building! I hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break with your children and yes we are now in the new school.

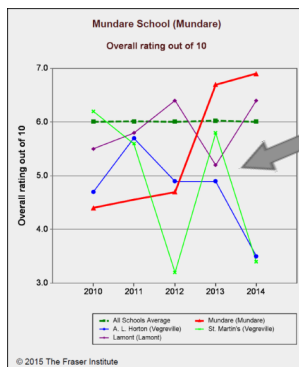
April 8, students' first day back from Spring Break will also be their first in their brand new classrooms.

I know it is nice to reconnect with family during this time. With the seasonal spring weather and the melting snow this is a great reminder that the end of the year is fast approaching. This is also a great time to start spending a little time each night with your child reviewing and prepare for their year-end assessments. The additional review time you put in now can make a substantial difference in their overall achievement.

As we head into the home stretch of this school year, I wanted to let you know that we sincerely appreciate your continuing focus on education as a family priority, even though sports and other outdoor activities are beginning. We have a lot of

teaching and learning to accomplish in the next few months before the end of the school year. Thank you for continuing to check your child's agenda daily, monitoring homework completion, and reinforcing the importance of being at school each day.

According to the Fraser Report (www.fraserinstitute.org), we are proud to report that our students are again achieving wonderful academic results.



By continuing to work together we will help build a successful future for all our students and your children.

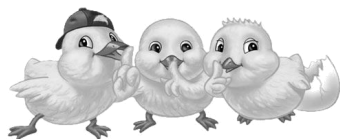
On the fundraiser front, we'd like to

remind you that the Grades 7 and 8 classes at Mundare School are holding a bottle drive on Saturday, April 11. This will help our students to fund their 3-day, 2-night Outdoor Education trip at the end of June. Thanks in advance for your help!

Mundare School would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the following for their generous donations to our project to upgrade our school technology for our students: Mundare Community School Association, Elk Island Public Schools, Mundare School, ATB Financial, Town of Mundare, Mundare Family Foods, Stawnichy's Meat Processing, Mundare Senior Citizens Club, Mundare Curling Club, and Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion. We purchased 54 Dell Chromebooks including 2 charging carts for our students and they are being used extensively throughout the school.

As with many of our community organizations, Mundare School continues to benefit from the hundreds of hours of volunteer work donated for the benefit of our students: staff and students alike celebrate **National Volunteer Week, April 12-18.**





LIBRARY NEWS



Book Club

Great chance to meet new people in the community. Now Reading

“Remember Me” by Sophie Kinsella

Next April 29th @ 6:30 pm

Please give me a call to join as we are having a pizza night

Next book is Perfect Poison Amanda Quick

Copies of both books are available at the

Library librarian@mundarelibrary.ab.ca

780-764-3929

I am doing my best to keep our Facebook Page CURRENT

So please “LIKE”

us on Facebook

This is an easy way to register

for programs or ask me to

put a hold on items

NEW BOOKS THIS MONTH

EVERY FIFTEEN MINUTES Lisa Scottoline

SKINNY HABITS THE SIX SECRET BEHAVIORS OF

THIN PEOPLE Bob Harper

THE MOUNTAIN STORY Lori Lansens

YOUR NEXT BREATH Iris Johansen

MEMORY MAN David Baldacci

MIRACLE AT AGUSTA James Patterson &

Peter de Jonge

THE DEAD LANDS: An novel Benjamin Percy

THE LIAR Nora Roberts

A HAND ON THE MIRROR: a true story of life

beyond death Janis Durham

HOPE: A Memoir of Survival Amanda Berry &

Gina DeJesus

THE HUNGRY GIRL DIET COOKBOOK: Healthy

Recipes for Mix n Match Meals & Snacks

Lisa Lillien

PRESCHOOL

STORYTIME & CRAFT

THURSDAY April 23rd

@ 10:15AM

Thursday May 7th

@ 10:15 AM

FREE OF CHARGE

MUST PREREGISTER

DVD RELEASES

Kidnapping

Mr. Heineken

April 14

Big Eyes April 14

The Wedding Ringer April 28

Paddington April 28