

SCIENCE TAKES CENTRE STAGE

The work of Canada's brightest young science minds comes to the city

Lindsay Ducharme
For the Sun Times

Canada's youngest and brightest science minds are prepping to invade the city when the 2013 Canada Wide Science Fair (CWSF) comes to town May 11-18. The national fair, which boasts over 500 participants, will be held at the University of Lethbridge. The week-long event is a momentous occasion, not only for the participants, but the entire city.

"It's huge. Being at some of the different places it's been — Charlottetown, Peterborough — and seeing what the community does to incorporate it, to rally around the event is great and I can see that here in Lethbridge," said Chris Roedler, CWSF 2013 co-chair.

"Also it's a big economic impact; we're talking upwards of, on some days, 1,100 people here. You'll have 800 kids here and parents here for the whole week. It's great and it's putting Lethbridge on the map; a lot of people don't know that we exist down here," he added.

Roedler said hosting the event in Lethbridge has long been a goal of his. Lethbridge applied to host the Canada wide fair in 2009; however, the application was denied. The regional committee then made it their mission to increase participation in local science fairs. They determination paid off when the original host of this year's fair was forced to withdraw; event organizers asked Lethbridge to step to the hosting duties.

"I've always wanted to be on a host committee to try and get this down to Lethbridge and I think Lethbridge is a great place for the fair and especially with the University and that. It's been a long time coming. We are really excited to open it up to Canada to bring in 500 of the brightest kids."

Adding to the excitement of hosting is the fact that four local students will be participating in the event. Clara Kuk, a Grade 9 student from Noble Central, Quentin Golsteyn, a Grade 10 student at Catholic Central, and Charlene Golsteyn and Chloe Devroy, both Grade 8 students at Ecole la Verendrye, earned entry into the Canada-wide fair by winning at the regional level.

Kuk, who is participating in the fair for the first time, blended her love of writing with her interest in science to come up with a unique project.

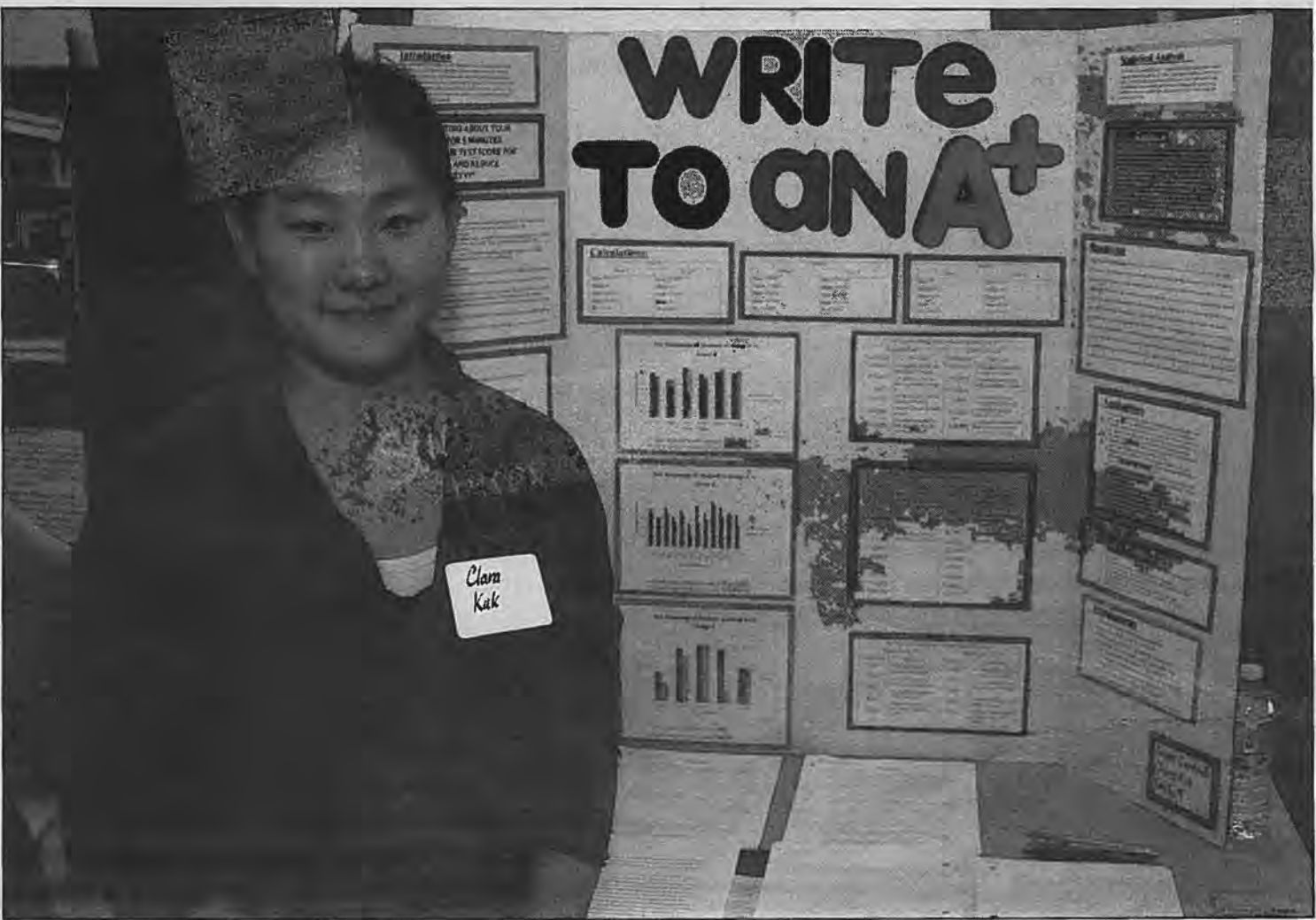
"My project is called 'Write to an A+' and it's based on how expressive writing can reduce test stress and improve your score on the exam you are taking."

Kuk tested her hypothesis on Grades 8 and 9 students and found 70 per cent of students who wrote about their anxiety and stress before a test did better than those who did not participate in the writing ritual. She says she was inspired to enter the contest through the encouragement of two of her teachers.

"If it wasn't for Mrs. Saad and Mr. Harper I wouldn't have even been in the science fair in the first place; I am so thankful."

Quentin Golsteyn took a green approach to his project by trying to turn "wasted" tap water into electricity.

"First I was thinking when we open our tap the water flows and we are using only a tiny, tiny portion of that water. I was thinking if there was any way to get a bit of



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Clara Kuk of Noble Central School is one of the local participants in the national science fair being staged in Lethbridge.

that energy instead of wasting it all the sink. I have found that it is possible to generate electricity from tap water, that in a normal household tap there was 200 watts of energy available, which you could light 13 30-watt light bulbs, or two 100-watt light bulbs, which is what you use in the ceiling. So I made a prototype and I was able to generate 49 milliwatts; it's enough to blink an LED."

This year will be Golsteyn's third appearance in the Canada-wide fair since moving to Canada from France five years ago.

Roedler said having the event in their hometown presents a unique opportunity for the Lethbridge participants to represent the region.

"They are actually quite excited to be able to represent Lethbridge in Lethbridge for the Canada-wide fair and they are going to be more of ambassadors. They are going to be local celebrities for the week; people are going to be coming up to them to talk to them about what to do in Lethbridge. They are very excited about that; I think in some cases they are more excited to have it here than they would be to go travelling somewhere just because they get to have that 'I get to do this in my hometown.'"

"I feel proud that we get to represent the national science fair which is huge," echoed Kuk.

Roedler, who has been involved in science fairs as a participant, judge and organizer for 20 plus years, believes that participation in competitions such as these will create opportunities for students in the future.

"I know of some people who have gone on Dragon's Den to sell some of their inventions they have made. I know one guy who is in San Francisco right now, who's done massive things. It opens the doors up for a lot of potential for them. And they love it."

The CWSF brings together students with the top science projects from across the

country giving participants the opportunity to meet and learn from their peers. The event is also an opportunity for visiting students to learn about our region.

"They are going to be in a new place. I don't know of that many people other than some from around southern Alberta — Medicine Hat, Calgary, some of those areas that know or have been down to Lethbridge, so they are going to get to experience a new place."

"They are going to be able to experience the university, they are going to be able to check out a lot of neat things that are happening here in southern Alberta and see that Alberta is not just Calgary, Banff and Edmonton, which I think is great," Roedler said.

Participants will have a packed schedule, which includes trips to cultural and historical sites in the region.

"Monday, they are going to do some tours around the university, some science-y kind of stuff. Tuesday is all day judging.

Wednesday they go all over southern Alberta, so they are going to the Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale, they're going to Head-Smashed-In by Fort Macleod and then they are going to Waterton to do some touring for the day. Thursday is the awards ceremony and Friday they are going throughout downtown Lethbridge, to the museum, also Galt Gardens. restaurants and businesses all throughout the downtown are involved," Roedler explained.

The public will have the opportunity to view the projects, which will be located in Exhibit Hall in the 1st Choice Savings Centre (Gym) at the university on Sunday, May 12 from 2 until 4:30 p.m. or Monday, May 13 Thursday, May 16 or Friday, May 17 between 9 a.m. and noon. The fair is free to attend.

Those interested in further information on the 2013 CWSF, including complete scheduling are invited to visit the website at <http://cwsf.youthscience.ca/>.



Quentin Golsteyn is a Grade 10 student at Catholic Central High School.



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SPORTS

KAHS Pride post win against Cougars

The Kate Andrews High School Pride baseball team played their lone game of the week against the Cardston Cougars and came out victorious with a 10-5 win.

Austin Gurr gets credit for the win last week going three innings giving up two runs, on two hit with six strikeouts. Alex Ross closed out the game giving up

three runs, on one hit, with seven strikeouts in four innings of work.

The Pride scattered eight hits and combined for 12 free passes with Nathan Parker leading the way going one for two with three walks.

The Pride return to action on May 21 traveling to play the Crowsnest Pass.

Coalhurst High School's Class of 2013 "On Our Way"



ALL DRESSED UP: Above, Coalhurst graduate Josie Reynolds poses for a pre-ceremony photo at the Lethbridge Lodge Friday night. Below, fellow graduate Gabriel Cassie does is part of the Toast to the Teachers during the graduation program.



PALLISER MEDAL: Above, Valedictorian Barbra Entz accepts a Palliser Regional Schools' Valedictorian Medal from Don Zech, chairman of the board of trustees at Friday's Coalhurst High School graduation program. Below, Jordyn-Anne Kennedy takes part in the entrance of the graduands to their theme song.



PARENT APPRECIATION: Above, Shelby Zmurchyk takes part in the Toast to the Parents while below, Ryan Watmough thanks the guest speaker.



FORMAL ATTIRE: Coalhurst High School graduate Hannah Duda poses for a photo with her boyfriend Dylan Beaudin who served as her escort for the evening as she joined the Class of 2013 in their graduation program. Below, graduate Tyler Vos came all dressed up from head to toe to celebrate his high school milestone. This year's graduating class has adopted a new tradition and will also be celebrating the end of their high school years with a cap and gown ceremony, June 21 at the school.

Photos by Kathy Bly



CONGRATULATIONS Coalhurst High School

"On My Way"

Valedictorian - Barbra Entz



CLASS OF 2013: Coalhurst High School's graduating class poses for a group shot just ahead of their graduation evening Friday at the Lethbridge Lodge. In front are Katherine Anderson-Bain, left, Gabriel Cassie, Karen Waldner, Luc Adam, Hannah Duda, Gideon Entz, Josie Reynolds, Owen Ress and Joey Beer. In the middle are Kyrá Lundgren, left, Tyler Vos, Brittany Lanz, Mackie Weiss-Higbee, Danielle Sera, Richard Harold, Amy Entz, Ryan Watmough and Rheanne Foden. In back are, Cassi Pierson, left, Shelby Zmurchyk, Mike Mead, Matthew Wallocha, Michael Head, Jaycie Slade-Casson, Barbra Entz and Jordyn-Anne Kennedy.

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Noble Central School Graduating Class of 2013

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there is no path and leave a trail"*

Valedictorian - **Bennardo Anker**

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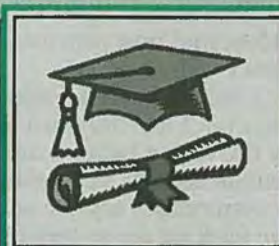
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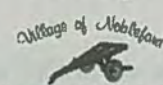
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HIGHWAY MESS: A three-car pileup slowed traffic on the eastbound lane of Highway 1A at 5 p.m. Lethbridge Regional Police Service and Coaldale and District Emergency Service responded to the collision, which took place in front of Coaldale Nurseries.



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Pride, Kings in provincial baseball

By Kathy Bly
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Wet weather last week may have delayed the final standings for the Southern Alberta High School Baseball League but it won't stop Coaldale's Pride from hosting the Tier II provincials this weekend.

The Kate Andrews High School Senior Varsity team will play host to the provincial tournament with action slated to start this Friday, May 31 at 10 a.m. with the home team facing off against the Cardston Cougars.

"There are a number of other games rained out," Coach Dennis King said of the final week of regular season play.

Picture Butte High School's Kings will face the Maple Creek, Saskatchewan squad at 5:30 p.m. The other four teams in the provincials, Taber's W.R. Myers Rebels facing the Willow Creek Cobras and Brooks Buffalos facing

Crowsnest Pass Panthers will round out the provincial action that carries through to Saturday.

Eight teams will be taking part in the provincials including the team from Saskatchewan which, due to its location, has no teams close enough to play in league action.

The tournament format calls for the first team in the west division to play the fourth place team in the east division, the first in the east will play the fourth in the west and the second and third place teams will play each other but from the opposite division.

King said in the east Brooks is currently in first but Taber is a close second.

"They've split their games between them."

In the west division, King said Picture Butte, Coaldale and Claresholm played strong against each other all season.

This is the first time the Pride has hosted the provincials and they will

be highlighting the newly upgraded fields during the tournament. All games will be played at the Quads in Coaldale on the south side of town.

In league play last week, the Pride gave up seven runs in the first inning of their May 22 game as they were thumped by the PBHS Kings 16-7. Losing pitcher Nathan Parker was victimized by shoddy defense and wildness, said Coach King. The Pride offense knocked out nine hits led by Alex Hlas-Ross who homered for the second time this season.

In other league action the Pride hammered Crowsnest 19-6. Winning pitcher Dustin Yanke gave up only four hits, while Alex Ross threw two innings of hitless relief. The Pride's bats came alive as they pounded out 17 hits. The quartet of Nathan Parker, Andrew Gauthier, Cole Parkinson and Alex Hlas-Ross all had three hits apiece in the victory.

The Picture Butte Kings played Claresholm, Friday, May 17 and won 20-4. They then beat Cardston last Tuesday by a score of 16-6 and the wrapped up the week with the win against the Pride.

The Kings' Marc Fillier pitched five strong innings and hit a two-run homerun as well.

"A good all around team effort," said Coach Zach Rhodes.



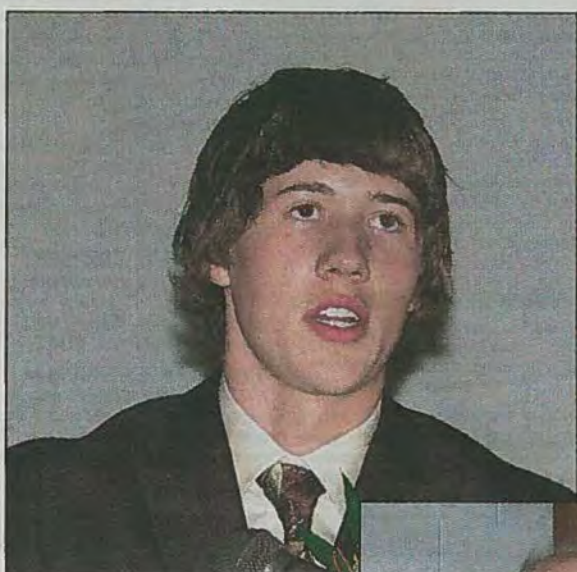
Noble grads encouraged to leave a trail



THANK YOU: Above, Austin Plomp, a member of the Class of 2013 at Noble Central expresses appreciation for the members of the grad committee while below, fellow graduate Brayden deBoer delivers the Toast to the Parents.



HELPING HAND: Noble Central graduate Marianna Van Voorst gets a little help with the stairs from Tyson Pariseau at Friday's graduation ceremony after she accepted her school certificate.



PALLISER MEDAL: Don Zech, board chairman of Palliser Regional Schools, presents Noble Central graduate Bennardo Anker with a Palliser Valedictorian medal following his speech Friday evening at the NCHS graduation. The Class of 2013 celebrated with family and friends Friday with a banquet, program and dance.



**Photos by
Kathy Bly**



THE GIRLS: Noble Central's Class of 2013 includes just four girls in a class of 12 and all of them were sporting the glamour for their graduation ceremony Friday evening. Rachael Gaboury, left, Marianna Van Voorst, Maria Neufeld and Liza van Rhee pose for pictures before their official entrance into the graduation ceremony.



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Sr. Pride remain undefeated in high school slo-pitch

The Kate Andrews Senior Pride slugged nine homers in a double header sweep in Milk River last Monday.

The Pride downed the host Novas 23-8 and 13-7 to remain undefeated on the season. Cailin Bechard, Brooklynn Gathercole and Myriah Marino all homered twice while Bailey Blanchette, Nicolletta Roelofs, and Sara Kloot homered once in the sweep. Roelofs was the winning pitcher in game one while Jordy Unger got the win in game two.

"The senior girls have played a lot of ball in the past couple of weeks. I think they could use a little break so the long weekend is coming at a perfect time," said Coach Kevin Holland last week.

For the Junior Pride, Aleesa Gurr's one out single scored Devany Holland from third to give the JR. Pride a 7-6 walk off victory over Milk River. One batter earlier, a single by Bailey Parkinson scored Julie Pirot to tie the game at six.

"Julie, Devany, and Miranda Janzen did what

they are supposed to do. They are all so quick that if they hit ground balls, their speed is going to put pressure on the defense."

Janzen had three hits in the game, including a triple, in support of winning pitcher Jessica Hegedus. The JR Pride fell behind quickly in game two and dropped a

20-2 decision to the Novas.

One bright spot for the Pride was the first league action for pitcher Brittia Tonin.

"Brittia is only in Grade 9 and for her to come off the bench in relief and throw strikes is really a bonus going forward. You can never have enough pitching."



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Lavoie off to national competition

By Katie May
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She's set on a career in chemical engineering, but in her spare time, Megan Lavoie practices a yummiier kind of chemistry.

With scientific focus, she concocts prize-winning cookies, cakes and pastries.

The Grade 12 student from Coaldale's Kate Andrews High School recently took first place in a baking contest at the provincial Skills Canada trades competition in Edmonton and will soon test her sweets on the national scale.

"It was an amazing feeling. I don't know how to describe it. It's almost unreal to be standing on the top of the podium and looking out over the crowd," said Lavoie, who got involved in the competition for the first time this year.

For her gold medal, Lavoie scratch-made a fully-decorated sponge cake, a dozen round dinner rolls, braided bread, free-form bread, six cream puffs, six eclairs, a fruit flan and 18 cookies. She did it all in two four-hour sessions and her baked goods were judged the best out of 19 entries.

The teen has been baking with her mom "since before I can remember," first trying her hand at a

batch of gingersnap cookies - still one of her favourite things to bake.

She already bakes two to three times per week and pulls out all the stops creating desserts for her family, but Lavoie said she isn't cooking up any plans to

become a pastry chef. She's set to graduate high school this year and she's already been accepted into the University of Alberta to study chemical engineering.

"Chemistry is mixing stuff together, and same with baking," she said.

"For baking, it's an emotional release for me. It gives me something to do that I just love to do so much that I don't have to worry about anything else. And chemistry - I've always liked all the sciences and chemistry's been my favourite."

At the national competition in Vancouver June 5 to 8, Lavoie must bake everything she did for the provincial competition, plus an additional 18 cookies and another dozen buns.

"I just focus on getting the end product the best I've ever made. I don't really think about anything else. My mind goes clear. It's just a time I get to focus on nothing but the baking," Lavoie said.

Other local first-place provincial skills competition winners include Coalhurst's David Grisnich (landscape gardening), Monarch's Ken Howe (plumbing) and Picture Butte's Daniel Dekok (sheet metal).



GOLD MEDAL: Kate Andrews High School Grade 12 student Megan Lavoie stands on the podium after receiving her gold medal in the provincial Skills Canada trades competition. Photo submitted.

Dalglish students looking forward to no slivers

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

Slivers- the overwhelming reason why students at Dorothy Dalglish School are looking forward to seeing their playground replaced.

"It's fun, because it doesn't have any wood," said Grade 1 student Cameron Hillaby about the design for the new \$120,000 playground slated to be built this August on the north side of the school.

At a special assembly last Thursday, students learned the funding and in-kind donations had been secured and the build was a go.

Lethbridge-East MLA Bridget Pastoor stopped by the school to deliver a \$40,000 cheque from the Community Facility Enhancement Program, Ray Schlamp of Richardson Pioneer Ltd. in Nobleford presented the school with a \$10,000 donation and Coun. Morris Zeinstra with the County of Lethbridge presented a \$17,000 contribution from the county's Land Trust Reserve.

"I can't wait to see it all in place," Zeinstra told the students as he praised the volunteers from Picture Butte and the county who have made it possible for the project to proceed.

In making her presentation, Pastoor asked if she would be invited back for the opening of the playground, to which the gym full of students responded with a very loud, Yes!

"That's going to move you on," she told the kids as she delivered the largest cheque of the day.

"I like that and that and that," said Grade 2 student Kirsten Fremstad as she excitedly looked over the plan for the new playground with Pastoor.

"It's really cool and we'll be able to play on new things. I'm just really happy," she said.

❖ Turn to **STUDENTS, 2**



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THE PLAN: Lethbridge-East MLA Bridget Pastoor goes over the new playground design for Dorothy Dalglish School with students Kirsten Fremstad, left, Camerson Hillaby and Tallulah McKelvey following a special assembly last Thursday. Grant funds, donations and in-kind contributions have raised the \$120,000 needed to replace the aging wooden playground on the north side of the Picture Butte elementary school.

Students eager for new playground

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Tallulah McKelvey, in Grade 2, was more direct in her praise for the new playground design calling it "cool" and labeling the old wooden playground as simply "bad".

When asked what was her favourite part of school she was quick to say, "the playground".

The parent duo of Sandra Fremstad and Kelly McLeod, with five children attending the school between them and one waiting in the wings, headed up the fundraising for the project working through the Public School Betterment Society of Picture Butte.

As members of the school council they have

been working on the project for about a year. Fremstad said when they learned the old wooden playground had to be removed for safety reasons, they started to looking into funding for a new playground.

"Where do you start? It's like eating an elephant."

So they started one grant at a time, one letter at a time asking for corporate support.

McLeod said Fremstad had already started on fundraising when she came on board. She helped send out letters seeking corporation support and was pleased with the initial response.

"We got great response, awesome donations."

The first on board was the county and then local businesses started sending in \$1,000 cheques and the project was underway.

"I just about fell off my chair," Fremstad said when Schlamp phoned to tell them Richardson Pioneer would be contributing \$10,000.

Another \$5,000 came in from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta and a casino through the betterment society raised another \$20,000 for the project. With \$97,500 in the bank the equipment can now be ordered. Fremstad said the additional funds needed to push the project to the \$120,000 will come from

donations for labour, materials and equipment.

"Now all we need is people for the build date."

Now looking ahead to the build, which will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10, McLeod said lots of volunteers will be needed, not just parents of students attending the school but community support.

"We really need adult volunteers. We need people to help build it," said Fremstad.

"It finally seems real," she added. "I honestly thought it would take a couple years."



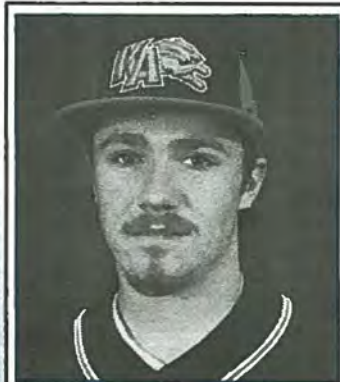
Good Luck to the Kate Andrews Varsity Baseball Team

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Good Luck!

Picture Butte celebrates graduating Class of 2013



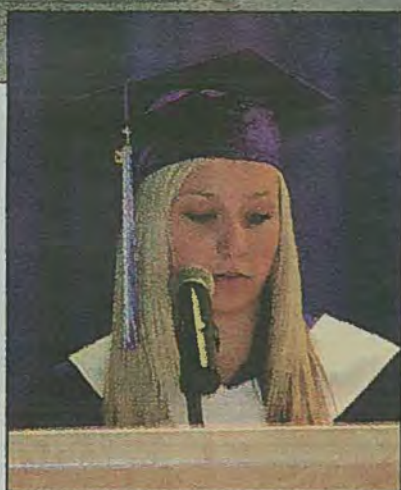
GRAD TRIO: Megan Bezooyen, left, Melissa Bahler and Kimberly Atkinson listen as principal Sterling Paiha addresses the Class of 2013 at the Picture Butte High School graduation May 25. Below, Broek Murray, left, Curtis Elashuk, Brady Gillies and Taylor Sosick arrive via carriage.



PALLISER MEDAL: Picture Butte High School Valedictorian Nicole Desautels accepts the Palliser medal from Don Zech, chairman of Palliser Regional Schools' board of trustees.



BRASS WORKS: PBHS graduates Iris Krosse and Bryan Moore joined a group of fellow graduates and teachers to perform O Canada during their convocation ceremony. Below, graduate Derek Tokai arrives at the wheel of a backhoe for the graduation banquet.



SPEAKER INTRO: Above, graduate Kaylee Hage helps introduce the guest speaker for the Picture Butte High School graduation while, at left, Casha Jones accepts her school certificate from Principal Sterling Paiha. Below, Marisa Lelekach sings with a group of graduates during the evening's program.



Photos by Kathy Bly

CONGRATULATIONS 2013 Picture Butte High School Grads

Graduation Song: *There is a place for us*

Lyrics by: *Carrie Underwood*

Theme: *Country*

Valedictorian - *Nicole Desautels*

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PBHS spotlights athletic achievement

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

A tradition of success on the court and on the field of competition were highlighted last Thursday at Picture Butte High School.

The annual athletic awards were presented to a host of students who have achieved success in a variety of sports ranging from cross country running to basketball.

Among the top awards handed out during the evening were two memorial awards, presented each year to students who demonstrate not only skill as athletes but also as students in the classroom.

This year the Karri Sucher Memorial Award was presented to Jessica Watson while the Doug Dudley Memorial Award was presented to Broek Murray.

Both students were also honoured among the Career Athletes along with Kim Atkinson, Mariah Leusink, Megan Bezooyen, Warren Asplund, Keaton Craig, Ryan Kiczula, Brady Gillies, Braeson Schacher, Broek Murray, Curtis Elashuk and Ryan Nummi.

The Athlete of the Year honours were presented to Nummi, Elashuk and Bezooyen to cap off the evening.

This year a guest speaker was also part of the evening's program as alumnist Todd Bergen-Henengouwen returned to talk about the success of the PBHS athletic program and what it has meant in his life as a former student and athlete. When he was at the school he was part of two provincial basketball teams and one provincial volleyball team.

Heading into his fifth season this fall, as a member of the University of Alberta's Golden Bears basketball team, Bergen-Henengouwen said he couldn't be more proud than to say he comes from Picture Butte.

"We're a bunch of athletes and we know how to play."

He said Picture Butte players have a reputation for being strong athletes and driven to succeed.

"Everything else aside, we want to get the banner," he said as he referred to the numerous championship banners hanging on the walls of the gym.

He said the banners represent 48 championship teams, 27 zone titles and 21 provincial titles.

He praised the community support student athletes have always received

from the community, from parents, from teacher and coaches.

"If we are successful it's because of their support."

He also offered a little advice, encouraging the students, whether they are returning in the fall or are graduating on to new challenges, to always set goals. "Always have some-

thing to strive for."

A number of additional awards were handed out during the evening by sport and team level.

CROSS COUNTRY: Most dedicated- Willy Enns.

VOLLEYBALL: MVPs: JV Mini Queens - Eva Enns, Mini Queen - Britni Bezooyen, Queens- Megan Bezooyen. JV Mini Kings - Jaxon Reiter, Mini Kings - Jordan Butler, Kings- Ryan Nummi and Curtis Elashuk. Outstanding players: Queens- Casha Jones, Taylor Sosick, Mariah Leusink, Jessica Watson and Megan Bezooyen. Kings- Joshua Nieboer, Broek Murray, Warren Asplund, Brady Gillies, Braeson Schacher and Keaton Craig.

BASKETBALL: MVPs: JV Mini Queens- Chayanne Reles and Braidyn Simpson, Mini Queens- Jessie Secrist, Queens- Megan Bezooyen. JV Mini Kings- Willy Enns and Jaxon Reiter, Mini Kings- Jacob Neufeld, Kings- Ryan Nummi. Outstanding players: Queens- Katarina Bartz, Jessica Watson, Emily Johnson, Mariah Leusink, Jillian



GUEST SPEAKER: PBHS alumnist Todd Bergen-Henengouwen expresses his pride at being part of the sports tradition at the school.



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TOP ATHLETES: Taking home some of the top hardware from last Thursday's athletic awards at Picture Butte High School were Curtis Elashuk, left, Ryan Nummi, Megan Bezooyen, Broek Murray and Jessica Watson.

Koenen and Megan Bezooyen. Kings- Warren Asplund, Ryan Loman, Broek Murray and Curtis Elashuk.

BASEBALL: MVP: Eric Davies. Outstanding players: Marc Fillier, Braeson Schacher, Ryan Kiczula, Ryan

Nummi and Curtis Elashuk.

A special recognition award was presented during the evening to Mel Bexte for her "outstanding contribution to the Picture Butte High School Athletic Program".

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On the left is a picture taken of the school in 1953, on the right is a picture of the current Sunnyside School

Sunnyside School celebrating 60 years

By Kathy Bly

With a look back at six decades of history, today's students of Sunnyside School will be touring alumni, former staff and community members through their school Tuesday, June 25.

Jill McIntyre, a Grade 1 teacher at the school, is the staff representative on the organizing committee for the 60th anniversary and said students and staff are excited to host an open house in celebration of the historic milestone.

While a special evening open house is planned for the public, students will spend the Tuesday afternoon taking part in a variety of activity centres aimed at introducing them to the history of the school and what it was like to grow up in the Sunnyside region in the 1950s.

McIntyre said the goal of the afternoon activity is to teach students about the historical significance of the area.

A variety of centres will be set up with guests coming in to speak to the students. The Galt Museum will have a display, a local family will be demonstrating ice cream making, Coaldale's Gem of the West Museum will be highlighting artifacts from the region, the Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society from just outside of Picture Butte will be bringing an antique tractor to the school.

The students will be able to compare a tractor from the 50s with a current tractor to note the changes over the past six decades.

Alberta Agriculture will also have a display at the school, teaching the students about the

different grains grown in the region. There will also be a dairy farm display where students will learn how to milk a cow.

The students will also learn how to play marbles and jacks.

"It's activities of that nature," said McIntyre of the afternoon portion of the anniversary which will focus on the students.

The centres will run from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. and students will be in cross graded groups, with children from different grade levels visiting centres together.

In the evening the students will switch gears and become the hosts of the evening at 5 p.m. as they tour former students and staff along with community members through the various displays.

"The kids will kind of be the experts."

In addition to a room set up with artifacts, there will also be a display of student art work. There will also be a photo area with pictures from the school's 60 years of history. At 6 p.m. there will be a general assembly where dignitaries in attendance will be recognized and the new school song will be introduced. The evening will wrap up with a barbecue.

The public is invited out to the evening's event but are asked to RSVP for the barbecue so enough food can be prepared. Please RSVP by email at sunnyside60yr@gmail.com by June 20 or contact the school at 403-327-9214 for more information.

McIntyre said the school hopes former students, staff and community members will join in the celebration and visit the school next Tuesday evening to be a part of the 60th celebration.

Congratulations on your celebration!



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VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS: Courtney Rickert, KAHS' Valedictorian for 2013 reminisces about the many years she and her fellow classmates spent together at the Coal Dale high school during the June 28 graduation ceremony. At right, Brooklynn Gathercole enters the graduation ceremony.



Class of 2013 bids farewell to Kate Andrews High School



DIPLOMA STATUS: Danny Robertson, principal of Kate Andrews High School hands Robert Murdoch his diploma, with honours last week at the 2013 graduation ceremony in Lethbridge. Below, Kenzie Campbell walks through the entrance to the 2013 graduation ceremony.



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Hayley Tanner



ALL LIT UP: Above left, Principal Danny Roberts, left, hands graduate Courtney Smith her diplomas during the 2013 KAHA Graduation Ceremony. Above right, David Ockerman struts his stuff as a sharp dressed man, in an all camouflage suit during the grand march.

Kate Andrews High School honours academic achievement



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By Kathy Bly
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Courteney Rickert, Valedictorian for the Class of 2013 at Kate Andrews High School, was a multiple winner during the academic awards portion of the June 28 graduation ceremony.

Rickert took home the Biology 30 award from Coaldale Funeral Home, the Jeremy Dickout Memorial Scholarship, the Leo Club Scholarship from the West Lethbridge Lions Club, the Math 30-1 from Donkersgoed Feeders, a Rogers Sugar Scholarship from Lantic Inc., the Social Studies 30-1 award from Knights of Columbus, the Students' Council Grade 12 Academic Achievement Award, a Palliser Regional Schools Valedictorian medal, the Jostens Canada award and the Government of Alberta's Premier's Citizenship Award.

Tilly Van De Pol won the Gen Manufacturing Ltd. 110 per cent award and a Coaldale and District Ag Society Award along with Jordan Laturus, Shelby Barrus and Megan Lavoie.

Kenzie Campbell won the Art 30 award from Desert Spring Bronze and the Choral Music 30 award from Herman's Carpets.

Jesse Felske won the Billy Derochie Memorial Scholarship, the Communication Technology 30 Award from Sunny South News and the Design Studies 30 award from Scotiabank.

Stephanie Martin won the Business Education 30 Scholarship from Van Rijn Electric, the Citizen of the Year award from the Town of Coaldale and the Students' Council Service Award.

Dylan Nikkel won the Chemistry 30 award from GEN Manufacturing Ltd., the Math 31 award from Kenner Electric, a Palliser A.T.A. Award for second highest average and the Physics 30 award from Tex-Style Silkscreening.

Dustin Yanke won the Chilako Drilling & Coaldale Hydraulics Civil Engineering Award, Carrie Wall won the Cosmetology Award from Suzanne's Hairstyles and Brianna Bute won the English 30-1 awards from Good Health Dispensary.

John Hinton won the Community Service Award from the Lethbridge Lodge, the Construction/Fabrication award from Adora Kitchens, the Dustin Beyer Memorial Scholarship and the Merit Contractors Award from Merit Contractors Association.

Tyler Wilson won the English 30-2 award from Roblynn Farms Ltd. and the Social Studies 30-2 award from UAP/NAPA Auto Parts- Coaldale.

Shannon Horvath won the Fashion and Design Studies 30 award from CJD Trucking, Shantelle Middlekoop won the Fashion Illustration and Design 30 award from Booster Juice, Paige Horlings won the Food Service, Management and Hospitality award from Coaldale Food Market and Rachel VanderPyl won the Food Studies 30 award from Subway-Coaldale.

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DIPLOMA AWARD: KAHS Principal Danny Roberts, left, presents Andrew Gauthier with the High School Diploma Award for the highest average in four core classes combined.



BIG AMBITION: Katherine Pritchard, left, hands Dylan Nikkel a plethora of awards for his hard work over the 2012-13 year. Nikkel received the second-highest Math 30 mark, in addition to the Physics and Chemistry 30 Award.

Academic honours handed out for KAHS

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Hunter Antal won the Helen Dueck Memorial Nursing Scholarship from the Coaldale Community Wellness Association and the Social 30 Humanities award from Wally's Pizza & Family Restaurant.

Andrew Gauthier won the High School Diploma Award from the KAHS Alumni Fund and Blake Holland won the Instrumental Music 30 award from Kurt Roy- Lifetouch.

Cody Nelson won the Instrumental Music 30 award from Lethbridge West Lions Club and Matt Clark won the Len Scheibner Sportsmanship award from the Rotary Club of Coaldale.

Syvanna Reid won the Mark Bourque Memorial Achievement Award and Kayla Bergman won the Math 30-2 award from Stop 'N' Go.

Keanna Lutz won the Palliser A.T.A. award for third highest average.

Rachel Reimer won the Non-University Post-Secondary Scholarship from Kinsmen Club of Coaldale and the

Peter Slemko Volunteer of the Year award from the Rotary Club of Coaldale.

Megan Lavoie won the Palliser A.T.A. award for fourth highest average and the Physical Education 30 award from Impressions Embroidery & Engraving.

Paul Dyck won the Personality award from the Lethbridge Regional Police Service.

Riley Mackenzie-Grieve won the Physical Education 30 award from Land-O-Lakes, Brittany Harkness won the Power Mechanics award from Silver Automotive Ltd. and Megan Donkersgoed won the Science 30 award from the Coaldale Firefighters' Association.

Gail Classens won the Medical Education Scholarship from Tuxedo Steam Cleaners and the Science Learning Award Gen Manufacturing Ltd.

Shane Dorchak and Christine Boltezar won the Governor General Awards for 2012 which were awarded at this year's ceremony.

Congratulations Kate Anderson



"On top of the world"

Valedictorian: Courteney Rickert

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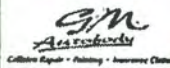
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PBHS recognizes academic achievement

By Kathy Bly
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The Picture Butte High School celebrated the end of another school year at the end of June with the presentation of this year's academic awards.

For the Junior High awards Jaxon Reiter claimed the highest marks in Grade 7 for Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. In Grade 8 Savannah Bahler claimed the awards for Language Arts, Math, and Science while Mackenzie Tokai won the Social Studies award. At the Grade 9 level Desiree Capton won the highest marks in Language Arts, Science and Social Studies while Brayden Bezooyen won the award for Math.

Under the special awards Doug Eldridge won the Koster Family Award, Kelsey Rempel took home the Velva Haney Memorial Award while Nakota Eagle Child won the Mary Nolan Memorial Award.

The Wilbur Ellis/Daniel Sawa Memorial Awards were presented to Gerrie-Mae Salisbury, Claudia van Diemen and Hannah Sauer.

The awards for highest averages, the Alberta Teachers Association Local 19 awards, sponsored by Dennis King were presented to Jaxon Reiter in Grade 7, Mackenzie Tokai for Grade 8 and Desiree Capton for Grade 9.

At the senior high level the Grade 10 subject awards were presented as follows: Art 10 Friends of the Picture Butte Municipal Library Society and Phil and Traci Mack to Jillian Koenen, Choral Music 10 Shumaker Petroleum to Rachel Reurink, Construction Technologies 10 Papworth Farms to Mike Groten, Cosmetology 10 Witdouch Farms to Marie Duguay-Wattier and Drama 10 Shumaker Petroleum to Justina Wiebe.

The English 10-1 Re/Max Real Estate- Leeon Hage to Rachel Reurink, English 10-2, 5 Suns Transloading to Aylin Hurtado and English 10-4 Cactus Pub, Grill and Pizza to Brett Anderson.

Fabrication 10 RCL metalworks and The Tire Shop to Justin Witdouch, Financial Management 10 Witdouch Farms to Travis Wright, Food Studies Bert's AG Foods to Justin Wiebe and General Music 10 G & E Insurance to Jessica Lelekach.

Information Processing 10 Shumaker Petroleum to Derian Desautels, Instrumental Music 15 B.P.O. Elks Lodge #268 to Rachel Reurink and Legal Studies 10 Masterfeeds to Rachel Reurink.

Mathematics 10-3 Shimek Services to Riley Vonkeman, Mathematics 10-4 G & E Insurance to Samantha Jorgensen and Mathematics 10C Lethbridge Northern Beet Growers to Derian Desautels.

Mechanics 10 Home Hardware and Rocky Mountain Equipment to Justin Witdouch, Media 10 Sunny South News to Kyle Groenenboom and Personal Psychology 20 Papworth Farms to Derian Desautels.

Physical Education 10 Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels to Rachel Reurink and Reid Murray.

Science 10 Grandview Cattle Feeders to Jillian Koenen, Science 10-4 Witdouch Farms to Afreen Mohamed and Science 14 Shumaker Petroleum to Justina Wiebe.

Social Studies 10-1 North County Liquor Store to Derian Desautels, Social Studies 10-2 Lee's Heating & Air Conditioning to Benie Fast, Social Studies 10-4 Eddie's Cuisine and Pizza to Brett Anderson and Sports Performance 10 Masterfeeds to Justin Witdouch.

The Grade 11 subject awards were presented as follows: Art 20 Friends of the Picture Butte Municipal Library Society and Phil and Traci Mack to Lian Boras. Melissa Bexte took home the Biology 20 Grandview Cattle Feeders, Career and Life Management Cor Van Raay Farms, Chemistry 20 Grandview Cattle Feeders, Choral Music 20 B.P.O. Elks Lodge #268, English 20-1 Re/Max Real Estate-Leeon Hage, Mathematics 20-1 Lethbridge Northern Beet Growers, Physics 20 Granview Cattle Feeders and Social Studies 20-1 North County Liquor Store.

Drama 20 Shumaker Petroleum to Erin Pickard, English 20-2, 5 Suns Transloading to Agatha Berg, English 20-4 Cor Van Raay Farms to Justice Parrott and Fabrication 20 RCL metalworks and The Tire Shop to Cole Vavra Peacock.

Food Studies 20 Bert's AG Foods to Merel Krosse, Instrumental Music 20 Witdouch Farms to Darcy Juhar, Mathematics 20-2 Shimek Services to Emily Johnson, Mathematics 20-3 Cor Van Raay Farms to Andy Toews and Mechanics 20 Home Hardware and Rocky Mountain Equipment to Cole Vavra Peacock.

Physical Education 20 Eldorado Petroleum Service to Katarina Bartz and Ryan Loman.

Science 24 Shumaker Petroleum to Caylee Bezooyen, Social Studies 20-2 Lee's Heating & Air Conditioning to Neil Reimer and Social Studies 20-4 Cor Van Raay to Justice Parrott.

Jana Bowden won the Job Safety Skills Society 100 per cent award.

The Grade 12 subject awards were presented as fol-



TOP STUDENT: Nicole Desautels accepts one of several academic awards she received this year from Principal Sterling Paiha at the Picture Butte High School Academic Awards evening in June. Photos courtesy of Mike Oliver.



WEST HONOUR: Shelley and Sam West present the Chelsey West Memorial Award to Braeson Schacher at the Picture Butte High School Academic Awards.

lows: Art 30 Friends of the Picture Butte Municipal Library Society and Phil and Traci Mack to Jessica Colley.

Nicole Desautels took home the Biology 30 Family Medical Centre award, the Chemistry 30 Dr. Mohamed, Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 Picture Butte Pharmacy, the English 30-1 Marion Court Memorial Award, Mathematics 30-1 Lethbridge Northern Beet Growers, Mathematics 31 BDO Dunwoody, Physics 30 Grandview Cattle Feeders and Social Studies 30-1 North County Liquor Store.

Construction 30 Home Hardware to Derek Tokai, English 30-2 Scotiabank to Justin Fisher, Food Studies 30 Bert's AG Foods to Emily Johnson, Instrumental Music 30 Picture Butte Lions Club to Tysen Sushelnitski who also won the Jazz Band Eddie's Cuisine and Pizza award.

Mathematics 30-2 Cor Van Raay Farms to Kaylee Hage, Mechanics 30 Butte Motors and Farm Supply to Jeff Soule and Social Studies 30-2 Lee's Heating & Air Conditioning to Denver Stronks.

The Physical Education 30 North County Old Timers Hockey Association to Megan Bezooyen and Ryan Nummi.

Additional academic awards were presented during the evening including the 5 Suns Transloading award went to Nicole Desautels, the ATB Financial to Marisa Lelekach, the ATCO Gas to Jessica Watson, BDO Dunwoody to Megan Bezooyen, Cactus Pub, Grill & Pizza to Ryan Nummi, Cor Van Raay Farms to Curtis Elashuk and Dr. D. Scott Bowden Professional Corporation to Ryan Kiczula.

The Dr. Mohamed awards were presented to Jessica Watson, Liberty Ruser, Marisa Lelekach, Megan Bezooyen and Nicole Desautels.

The G & E Insurance awards were presented to Erin Pickard, Marisa Lelekach and Nicole Desautels.

The Haney Farms award went to Erin Pickard, the Home Hardware awards to Warren Asplund and Liberty Ruser and the Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels awards to Curtis Elashuk.

The Noble Concrete awards went to Braeson Schacher and Keaton Craig while the Papworth Farms awards went to Brady Gillies, Keaton Craig and Ryan Kiczula. The Paskal Cattle Company awards went to Megan Bezooyen and Taylor Sosick.

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Summer reading



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

STUDY TIME: School may be on a break for another six weeks or so but nine-year-old Amber Helle is keeping up on her reading skills over the summer with help from Kaylee Hage. The pair were taking advantage of the cooler temperatures in the Picture Butte Municipal Library last Thursday while enjoying a little reading time.



Local baseball trio off to Nationals

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

A group of local baseball players are in Ontario this week competing on the national stage for a shot at the Canadian Big League title and a run at the World Series.

Austin Gurr and Nathan Parker from Coaldale and Marc Fillier of Picture Butte are all members of the Lethbridge Giants, which captured the Alberta Big League Championship last Monday in Edmonton.

The players had very little time to get back home and make the turn around in order to leave for Windsor, Ont. last Wednesday at midnight for the Canadian Big League Championship. The competition began Friday and will run through until July 20 with the winner advancing to the World Series in Easley, South Carolina, July 24-21.

At the provincial finals the Giants defeated Calgary Fish Creek 11-7 to take the Alberta title. The Giants opened the weekend with a 10-0 win over Edmonton East Park with Gurr and Tyson Gruninger combining for a perfect game.

After a 20-3 win over Fish Creek, the Giants were up 2-0 on the weekend. The team moved to 3-0 with a win last Sunday over the East Park Orioles 23-9 but then took a 12-6 loss to Fish Creek.

The two teams met again in the final and the Giants once again came out on top with Gurr and Kris Phillips teaming up for the win.

This will be Gurr's second time at Nationals with the Giants, who won the title in 2011 but went 1-3 at the World Series.

Gurr said it's hard to compare the 2011 to the 2013 Giants as it's a whole different team this season. While the team's first three games at provincials were blow-outs, he said Fish Creek really turned it around and gave the Giants a real challenge. The Giants dug in for the final and took the win, the provincial title and set their focus on nationals.

Gurr had a strong final on the mound going five innings with a no hitter before splitting the win with Phillips.

"It felt great."

Despite pitching almost a full year of baseball, starting with the Prairie Baseball Academy in September 2012 through to April 2013 followed by the high school season and then in Big League, Gurr said his arm has held up.

"I take good care of it."

After a game he goes for a run and then ices up his arm, followed by a day's rest before he's back pitching.

Heading off to nationals last week, he said it helps that he has already played on the national stage two years ago. He knows what to expect on some levels but it's always a different set of teams, with different players to pitch against. He said the Giants are very excited to be going back to nationals and hope to get another win and be back on the plane this Saturday, head-

ing to the World Series.

At this point, he said he is "taking it one step at a time, focusing on each game."

"Once we step between the lines, it's game time."

Gurr said the Giants are a strong team this season and went to Edmonton with a goal to take the provincial title. Now that goal shifts to taking the Canadian title with the Giants scheduled to play a game a day right through this Saturday.

Parker is in his first year with the Giants playing left field and catcher. He was the team's designated runner for the provincial final.

He only started playing baseball when he entered Grade 9 at Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale. He just graduated with the Class of 2013 at the end of June.

"It was a totally different experience for me," he said of the provincial championship.

Even though he was on the provincial winning KAHS Pride team this year, Parker said it was different winning a provincial title with the Giants. Now he is excited to play at the nationals.

"It's going to be such an experience."

He said he had no clue in Grade 9, when he started playing baseball, that he would end up playing for a Canadian title. While he has always been involved in sports, he didn't play baseball until he started at KAHS.

He praised the Giants for their team effort, noting everyone did their part which is why they took the provincial title and are now in Ontario for the Canadian championship.

Fillier is in his second season with the Giants, enjoying the provincial win but with his sight set on his first time at nationals. He plays first base and is also a designated hitter. He started playing baseball when he was still living in Nova Scotia. When he moved to Alberta about six years ago he joined the Picture Butte baseball program and has been playing ever since.

He played on a couple of Lethbridge based all-star teams before making the Giants.

"It was really exciting, it was quite the opportunity. It was great," he said of taking the provincial title.

"It's going to be quite an experience for me," he said of getting to play at nationals.

"I had a good feeling about this season. We have a great team."

He felt they had a shot at making it to nationals, in fact he quit his job three months ago so he could concentrate on his school work and baseball. This summer he will be moving back to Nova Scotia but he wants to return to graduate with his Picture Butte High School class and hopes to have another chance at playing with the Giants next spring.

He is also adopting a "one game at a time" approach to the national. He expects it will be an experience the whole team will enjoy and he praised the coaching staff who have kept the team motivated.



Herald photo by Dylan Purcell

Lethbridge Mantas' Teran Hancock hauls a weighted practice dummy through the water as part of his training for the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships.

Mantas diving Down Under for lifesaving championships

Dale Woodard

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A dip in the pool is more than just swimming a few leisurely laps for Merel Krosse and Teran Hancock.

Put the two 16-year-old swimmers and members of the Lethbridge Mantas in the pool and the duo can certainly put on a few laps, but the event Krosse and Hancock — as well as Dallas Walker from Fort Macleod — are heading to will be a lot more demanding as the three head Down Under to Canberra, Australia for the RLSS Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships Sept. 4-8 as members of Team Canada.

"Right now I'm still feeling pretty good," said Krosse, who is from Picture Butte. "I think as it gets closer nerves will start to come up."

Having moved to Canada from Holland six years ago, Krosse is already used to international travel.

"When we moved here we saw an article in the newspaper about it so we just joined for fun, not thinking anything about it and here is where we are today. It's not a very high-profile sport, for sure. I don't think the average person would say 'Yeah, I'm going to go into lifesaving swimming.' You have to have some strength. Sure, you have to be a fast swimmer, it's swimming after all, but you have to have the strength and skills to do it, too."

Getting ready for his first Commonwealth Games, Hancock noted the physical toll placed upon the athlete.

"It's a lot of swimming mixed with lifesaving," he said. "So it's towing mannequins, lines and ropes. It's almost like lifeguarding, but practical lifeguarding. You're trying to get everyone out the fastest and the safest."

The swimmers are put through a variety of obstacles and situations.

"The main events include throwing a mannequin on the bottom of the pool and you have to pick him up and carry him," said Krosse. "There's one event where you have to tow (a mannequin). So you have a rescue line and you clip it around him and you tow him back. There's an event where they throw an obstacle in the middle of lane and you have to swim under it. There's an event where you have to swim 17-and-a-half metres under water to pick up a

mannequin, not one of my favourites. It's all sorts of unique things."

Hancock used to swim with the Excalibur swim club.

"My coach over there was the coach for the Mantas and she got me into it. I tried it once a week for a year and then I went in two or three times a week for the last year."

That time in the pool has earned Hancock his first international competition.

"I swim every night for at least two hours," he said. "I'm with the Spartans. It's a lot of agility and strength training there and I can come in here and use a lot of the strength to pull something. Going out and swimming lengths, you go there and back, there and back. That can get kind of boring. But here you can pick up a mannequin and go back or throw a line to somebody else or go under something. It's a lot more concentration and a lot more finer technique things you need to work on than just swimming."

Hancock earned his berth in the Commonwealth games at nationals in Trois Rivieres, Que. In June even though it wasn't his best outing.

"The 11 events I was in, I was disqualified in seven of them, so I only actually finished in four (events) and four counted," said Hancock. "So a lot of it was I was nervous going in."

Still, he made an impression.

"The coaches for the Commonwealth were there and they're sitting in the stands and watch you and see if they think what you have to keep swimming," said Hancock. "They saw something in me in the four events I finished, they saw something they liked, so I got picked."

Krosse competed at the Dutch Nationals last September as well as at nationals in June, but like Hancock, this will also be her first Commonwealth games.

"I just want to finish events and not get disqualified," said Krosse. "Making finals would be great. I'm not setting the bar really high, because I don't want to be disappointed in my first Commonwealth games. But it's just exploring and seeing how I'll do and then for next year I can set goals, for sure."

Hancock was simply looking forward to the international travel and getting back to the next Commonwealth Games.

"The fact I'm on the other side of the world and all these people I've never met before, I can meet and learn and see them all again next year."

Picture Butte designates new school bus stops

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

In an effort to increase safety for both students and motorists in Picture Butte, town council has approved five specific bus stops in the community.

"We wanted to create a safe situation for bus students and other motorists," said Chief Administrative Officer Mike Derricott.

The issue of safety came to town council's attention earlier this spring at which time the town hosted a meeting and invited the various schools, who bus students in and out of Picture Butte, to attend. Their input was given consideration when the five stops were designated.

Derricott said establishing the five stops was based on the desire to keep students from having to cross the two highways that run through the town and to limit the distance students have to walk to a stop to two or three blocks.

The five designated school bus stops will be in addition to the school yard stops already designated at St. Catherine's School, Dorothy Dalglish School and Picture Butte High School.

One of the stops will be across the street from St. Catherine's, another will service the North Ridge subdivision with a stop to the North of the Dorothy Dalglish School and there will be another at the corner of Crescent Avenue and 4th Street across from the Cornerstone Community Evangelical Free Church.

There will be a bus stop on Cowan Avenue by the former hospital site and on 6th Street South by the Trinity United Church.

Derricott said the bus stop signs are scheduled to be installed sometime this



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

OFF DUTY: A row of school bus await their turn at summer maintenance before a new school year rolls out in a month. Picture Butte town council has approved five new school bus stops in the community in a move to improve safety for students and motorists.

week. The bus stops will be designated as no-parking areas from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on school days.

He noted when the town was determining where to place the bus stops it considered several criteria including low impact to parking, reducing the number of blocks students need to walk to catch a bus and avoiding highway crossings.

Currently there are four school districts which bus in and out of Picture Butte but two of them use the same buses. The bus stops will be mainly used by buses taking students out of town. In the past buses were picking up in various sites around the community which made it difficult for motorists to know when buses would be stopping as the town doesn't not allow buses to use

their flashing lights within the municipal boundaries.

"Awareness is what we're hoping for," said Derricott of the town's move to have the signs in place a few weeks before school resumes in September.

The bus stops will be in affect as of the start of the school year and anyone who would like more information can contact the town office.



Young gardeners



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTOS BY KATHY BLY

BOX GARDEN: Above, Jenna-Lee Brobbell, left, and Chloe Robertson help their Grade 4 classmates plant a garden earlier this spring at Jennie Emery Elementary School. The garden is being watched over the summer but students involved in a summer play program. At left, Tyson Neufeld, left, and Cole Milligan plant their seeds. The school received an Alberta Healthy Schools grant and support from the local Coaldale Community Wellness Association to assist with the project.



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Palliser trustee election takes place in October



Municipal and
school board
elections on

Oct. 21

Kassidy Christensen
Reporter

The Palliser trustee

elections will be held on the same day as the town elections, Oct. 21, and any additional costs incurred by the trustee board to have the

joint election will be paid by the school division and will not cost the town any money.

Coun. Judy Sanderson assured council that Palliser

"has their own people who count the ballots. They have their own room and do their own thing."

The counting process

should not be slowed down due to the joining of the two elections since both parties will have their own people to get the job done.



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Vulcan teenager makes U-16 Team Alberta squad



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file photo

Kasselle Menin, right, was selected to play for the Alberta team in the Rugby Canada National Festival in Vancouver. The event takes place today (Wednesday) to Sunday. She's pictured here with older sister DaLeaka, who recently played on the Canadian U20 women's team that won the Nations Cup in England.

Simon Ducatel
Reporter

A County Central High School rugby player will be competing with Team Alberta at the Rugby Canada National Festival in Vancouver.

Kasselle Menin, 16, who will be going into Grade 11 this fall, attended two tryouts in Calgary in July.

Menin said she was thrilled to make the team.

Since the team's roster was announced, she said there have been several practices that have gone very well.

There are 25 girls from throughout the province in the squad, which will be playing against two teams from B.C. and one from Ontario in the Rugby National Festival Championships, which starts today (Wednesday) and wraps up Sunday.

On Monday, Aug. 5, the team will take a bus out to Vancouver, where the Rugby Canada National Festival Championship will be played out over about a week.

"I'm a little nervous to go, but excited too," said Menin, who plays forward and back.

Her sister, DaLeaka, 18, recently returned from an historic win for Canada's U20 rugby squad, which won the Nations Cup in England for the first time. Players are invited from across the country to try out for the national U20 team.

Although it will be a couple years before Kasselle even qualifies for an invite to the national squad, it's an opportunity she wouldn't turn down if offered.

"That'd be exciting if I was invited for that team," she told the *Advocate*.

Visit www.nationalfestivalrugby.com for more information on the Rugby Canada National Festival Championship.



YOUNG TALENT: Shane Radke, left, Cole Avison (drums), Craig Avison and Picture Butte's Marissa Van Hell work on their song list for next week's Cornfest in Taber.

Not just a *garage* band

By Stan Ashbee
 ALTA Newspaper Group, LP

From out of the Avison's wide-open garage door, the sounds of a rock band echo throughout a Taber back alley, as Craig and Cole Avison along with singer Marissa Van Hell from Picture Butte and Shane Radke, also from Taber on guitar, perform Tom Petty's "Free Falling" — one of the many hits being performed by the nameless band at this year's Taber Cornfest. Rachel Reurink is also a member of the band and plays piano and guitar.

Brothers, Craig and Cole, as well as Radke, attended W.R. Myers in Taber this past school year while Van Hell, 18 years old, has been singing since she was five. Craig, who is 17, plays bass and Cole, 15, plays drums. The Avison's are no stranger to the rock and roll scene, as the two Taberites performed in the band Project 89 previously. The latest incarnation has only been together since the beginning of summer, while Project 89 lasted about two-and-a-half-years, according to the older brother.

Craig's musical influences include Shinedown, a band who recently opened up for KISS in Lethbridge, and Paramore. The bassist has been playing for approximately four years now with Cornfest being an inaugural outing for the new line-up. Cole has been playing the drums for five years with musical influences such as Blink 182, Slipknot and also Shinedown.

"We play covers right now. We'd like to write originals for Cornfest, but I don't know if we'll have time right now," said Craig, in regards to what audiences

can expect from one of the band's live shows.

"We're trying to play genres like country, rock — pretty much everything," Craig said, adding it was an awesome feeling playing in front of a large crowd at Cornfest in the past and the band looks forward to gracing the main stage at Confederation Park once again.

Cole noted he was pretty nervous prior to the last Cornfest experience but he said it was pretty fun once the band got into it. Cole also offered up how he feels the upcoming show at the 2013 Taber Cornfest is going to go.

"It's going to be a great show."

Van Hell concurs with Cole about the Cornfest gig being a great show.

She noted the setlist will be songs most people will know, from

rock to classic rock to country to pop — a musical gamut of favourites.

The vocalist recently graduated in June from Catholic Central High School in Lethbridge and will be attending the University of Lethbridge in the fall to start work on a Bio/Chem degree.

Over the years, the Picture Butte performer has shared her musical talents during Lethbridge and Coaldale Idol, at hockey games, in other various bands and has performed in Edmonton and Calgary. Right now, Van Hell is content in hanging with her new ensemble.

"I think they're great. It's fun to be around them. I think it should work out good," said Van Hell, adding she hopes to continue her musical pursuits in the future. The band performs Friday Aug. 23 at Taber Cornfest from 4-5:30 p.m.

"I think they're great. It's fun to be around them."

— Marissa Van Hell
 Picture Butte vocalist

Coalhurst centennial parade



FIRE DAMP: Above, a float decorated in the fashion of the Coalhurst High School's Fire Damp play, which was put on for the town's centennial earlier this year, makes it's way through Saturday's parade. At left, the Calgary Stampede float moves down the parade route. The Stampede celebrated it's centennial in 2012. Below, one of the most unique floats in this year's parade was one that depicted the town's history of mining.

**Photos by
Hayley Tanner**



Administrative changes mark new school year

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

Students returning to classes in less than a month in the southern part of the Palliser Regional Schools division will see some new faces among their school administration in at least seven schools.

Several changes in principal and vice-principal positions were made over the summer break. Kevin Garinger, associate superintendent over human resources, confirmed 10 changes in school administration were in place as of mid-August with the possibility of a couple more positions to be filled before the Sept. 3 start of the new 2013-14 school year.

"We're looking at a slight increase in students," he said of the pupil projections for the new school year.

He's spent about four weeks in total, since May, working to fill positions which opened up in the division this year due to retirements and changes in staffing. In some cases teaching staff who joined Palliser part way through last school year will be returning under full-year contracts. Filling maternity leaves has also provided additional open positions.

In all he projects about 40 new teachers will be joining Palliser schools this fall and of those, about 25 are new teachers to the profession.

"We've been doing a fair bit of hiring."

When it comes to filling open teaching positions, Palliser receives

upwards of 1,000 applications from teachers seeking positions with the school division.

"It's probably between 800 and 1,000 applications for jobs with Palliser."

Garinger said that number has been holding around the same level for the past couple of years.

He said student numbers have also been holding steady over the same time period.

And while Palliser has done some hiring such is not the case with other districts in the region.

"There's not a lot of hiring that's being done in the south."

He said school-based administration staff changes in the southern part of the Palliser division have kept him busy for much of the summer. He anticipates by this week he should have all of the positions finalized with some tweaking in the fall once actual student numbers are known.

In Coaldale, Jennie Emery Elementary School students will be welcomed back to class by a new principal as Sherrie Nickel makes the move from Huntsville School in Iron Springs.

Principal Dave Fender is moving down the street from Jennie Emery to be principal at R.I. Baker Middle School.

He will be joined by Jason Prebushewski, the new vice-principal, who makes the move from being vice-principal at Coalhurst Elementary School.

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Palliser schools gear up for fall

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The principal's position left open at Huntsville will be filled by Shari Rogerson, the former vice-principal at Jennie Emery.

On the other side of town, Katherine Pritchard, a teacher at Kate Andrews High School, will be moving into that school's office as the new vice-principal.

A change in vice-principal is also taking place at Coalhurst Elementary School where Chris Spanos will take on the new position having previously been vice-principal at Barons and Carmangay schools. His former position in Barons/Carmangay will be filled by Fred Jack.

Noble Central School in Nobleford will also see a change to its administration with vice-principal Scott Oikawa moving into the principal's position and Kathy Oviatt-Petrunik, former vice-principal at Raymond Elementary School, stepping in as the new vice-principal.

Former R.I. Baker Middle School principal Terri-Lynn Duncan is moving from a school-based position to one in central office as the co-ordinating principal of early intervention. She is taking over for a departing Isabel Plomp.

Garinger said central office has reduced its staffing this year as it will not be filling Donna Dalby's position as a director of learning.

She retired at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

While students and staff have a break over the summer months work has continued at school buildings throughout the region.

While most of the work is regular summer maintenance, a major project to replace the roof at Jennie Emery was completed this summer.

While some projects are on going through the summer break, Garinger said none are as big as last summer's modernization at Picture Butte High School.

The school will open its doors this fall on the first full school year as a newly modernized facility.

While students still have just over three weeks before classes resume, school-based staff and central office staff will be gearing up for a the new year over the next couple of weeks.

The grand opening for the 2013-14 school year, including the annual induction into Palliser's Wall of Fame, will take place Aug. 29 in Vulcan.

The day before, Aug. 28 the superintendent's leadership meeting with principals, vice-principals and central office staff will take place.

There will also be a big induction of new staff Aug. 18-20 with several school implementing the Leader in Me program during the last week in August as the prepare for the start of a new school year.

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Norcrest All-Stars take provincial bronze

By Kathy Bly
Sunny South News

With a host of local players on the field the Lethbridge Norcrest Minor AA All-Stars captured the provincial bronze medal over the weekend.

The Norcrest Bulls defeated the Medicine Hat Red Sox 10-3 to take the medal.

After finishing 3-0 in round robin play the Bulls faced the Lethbridge Southwest All-Stars in the semifinals and lost 16-10.

The game went to extra innings before the final match up for the medal round was determined.

The Bulls won their first game of the weekend with a 15-0 win over Calgary Bowridge Bulls. D.J. Tonin took the win for Norcrest and solid defense and massive hitting were the keys to victory.

RBI hits came from Darien Tonin, Kalem Haney, Zach Healy, Carson Cleland and Seth Gurr had a huge two-run RBI triple to lead the way to the win.

Next up the Bulls defeated the Medicine Hat All-Stars 14-5 with Jake Roggensack earning the win. The bats came alive for the Bulls in the fourth with Haney and Ethan Smith each pounding three-run homers with Gurr adding a triple in the win.

The Norcrest team then defeated Calgary Fish Creek 8-4 to advance



DIVISION WIN: The Lethbridge Norcrest Minor AA All-Stars, the Bulls, recently captured the silver division at the Billings Summer Showcase and went on this past weekend to take a bronze at provincials. The team includes, back row, Ethan Smith, left, Zachary Lyon, Garrett Smith, Ragan Roth and Seth Gurr all of Coaldale along with Carson Cleland of Taber. In front are Coaldale's D.J. Tonin, Nobleford's Jake Roggensack, Coaldale's Tyson Mostyn, Zach Healy of Lethbridge, Darien Tonin of Coaldale, Picture Butte's Kalem Haney and Coaldale's Trevor Sheppard. Top left is coach Nathan Lyon with coach Jerry Gurr on the right. Missing coaches are Trevor Mostyn, Darren Smith and Terry Roth. Photo submitted.

to the semifinals.

The bronze medal is added to the team's collection of trophies this summer.

Prior to playing at provincials the Bulls won the silver division of the Billings Summer Showcase.

With players from Coaldale, Picture Butte, Taber, Enchant, Barnwell, Vauxhall and Milk River the team faced off against the Billings Rattlers and won 19-16 to take the division win the first weekend in August.

In round robin action the Bulls lost 20-0 against a Billings team which

went on to win the gold division.

In the second game the Bulls tied 7-7 with a team from Meduce Lake, Montana and then lost 9-8 to the Billings Athletics.

In semifinal action the Bulls rallied and with a come back took the 20-12 win against the team from Glendive, Montana.

"Our pitching came around," said Jerry Gurr, one of the coaches for the Bulls.

Hitting, base running and heads-up plays were also a key to the win.

"Our bats came alive in the last games," said Gurr. "It was a complete

turn around."

Gurr said he was very proud of how the team came together to take the silver division.

"They played their hearts out."

He said the Bulls had to adjust their game somewhat to play in Billings because they play high school rules.

"It was real baseball."

They used bigger bats, players could lead off base and could run on dropped third strikes.

He said the adjustment was a challenge for the team being a small club team from southern Alberta.



Leusink faces RCMP training test

PICTURE BUTTE TEEN PART OF
UNIQUE RCMP YOUTH CAMP

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Taking bad guys off of the streets has been her dream. Now, Mariah Leusink will be put through her paces as she spends a week in the life of a typical RCMP recruit.

The 18-year-old recent graduate of Picture Butte High School is one of 32 teens from across the Prairies to ship off to Regina this week for a youth camp designed to entice young people to become Mounties.

Her high school counsellor recommended her, and after Leusink made it through the application and interview processes, she went to camp with 11 other young Albertans, as well as teens from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Until Friday, they'll see if they have what it

takes to become a real recruit. "A neat experience" for Leusink, who's enrolled in Lethbridge College's Criminal Justice program starting this fall.

"I thought this was a really neat time to be able to go into the RCMP program just before I'm going in (to school), just to know for sure that's what I want to do," Leusink said before she left for the RCMP Training Academy.

"I just think it's a solid career to go into. It's a positive career because obviously you're helping your community. You're helping the good people stay safe and the bad people off the streets. It's the kind of thing where if you needed help, the cops would be the first people you'd look to and I just want to be that kind of person."

Now in its third year, the youth camp receives an overwhelming number of applications, according to Lethbridge-based RCMP recruiter Const. P.J. Demuriak, who helped create the camp.

"It's a starting point for them. From experience from the last two summers, I think every kid that came with us to camp, if they could sign up and join the RCMP on the

Friday when we're leaving, they would," he said. "So it's a really positive thing for us for them to go home and even tell their friends about their experiences and their families, and it just trickles down the road."

Some past participants have taken the entrance exam and are in the process of applying to work with the RCMP after completing the youth camp, Demuriak said. It's one of the only remaining RCMP programs for young people after former programs for summer students and aboriginal youth landed on the chopping block because of budget cuts.

"If we can come up with more money to do it, we're going to do it because it's a very successful program. And it's unfortunate because we don't have many programs in our organization for people that aren't affiliated with the RCMP to see what we're all about," he said.

"These 32 individuals, if we show them what we're all about and what quality of an organization we are, hopefully they'll lean to us instead of another police agency," Demuriak added.



Palliser School Board notes

submitted

Palliser board's June meeting highlights **Work on staff, admin evaluations and hiring for next year continues**

Associate Superintendent (Human Resources) Kevin Garinger updated the board on key processes underway in Palliser including evaluations and staffing decisions.

This year, Garinger's office co-ordinated evaluations of 16 principals and vice-principals. The administrators provide evidence that they are meeting professional practice competencies for school leaders.

Garinger, with support from a number of other central office administrators, also evaluated 25 teachers who were seeking permanent certification.

Meanwhile, school administrators conducted evaluations of 120 support staff and submitted that documentation to the Human Resources office. Support staff evaluations are intended to be done every three years.

Garinger said he continues to work with school administrators and staff to address staffing next year. The board's budget for 2013-2014 projected a reduction of 12.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers and 11.2 FTE support staff. In 2012-2013, Palliser had 438.3 FTE teachers and 383.2 FTE support staff.

Some of the reductions to support staff reflect a reduction to instructional hours at schools, related to the tight budget and the new cap on

teaching hours for full-time teachers, as outlined in the framework agreement negotiated between the Alberta government and Alberta Teachers' Association. For the first time this year, the board set a maximum number of instructional hours for schools.

Garinger said Palliser's staffing projections might change as new students register and those adjustments will continue in September once the division determines actual enrolment. **Brant Christian delivers solid academic results in a family-like atmosphere**

The board welcomed Principal Rob Cowie from Brant Christian School to the meeting to share his school's response to the school review conducted in December 2012.

Brant Christian School is a faith-based school that serves about 115 students from kindergarten through Grade 12.

Cowie began by sharing the school's May 2013 Accountability Pillar from Alberta Education.

"I've never in 35 years been part of a report card like this one," Cowie said. "We're very blessed at Brant Christian School."

Positives emerging from the review data included high approval of the school's academic focus, its safe, caring and family-like atmosphere and its positive relationship with the society that supports the faith programming at the school and other partners.

The review found a lack of awareness of the school's annual goals. Cowie said copies of the goals will be posted conspicuously at the school, as well as in newsletters and on the website.

In response to the review, the school will also be working to improve awareness of school rules and discipline policies. For example, some parents and students reported being uncertain of the school's dress code and rules regarding use of student-owned devices.

Cowie said another issue at the school is attendance. Brant had been a four-day school for many years and many families now expect their children to have Fridays off. He said he's begun booking popular activities on Fridays to encourage improved attendance.

He said although student awareness of learning outcomes is high and students benefit from considerable individual attention, parents might be less familiar. The school will begin posting learning outcomes in newsletters, on the website and will be encouraging more teachers to use the website as a communication tool with parents.

One of the key successes identified in the school review was the creation of school "families." These cross-graded pods bring students of various ages together, encouraging mentorship and leadership. The program, called Fruit of the Spirit, has proven popular, offering regular fun activities that are spiritually based.

Carmangay's annual parade



Photos by Stephen Tipper Vulcan Advocate

Left: Sue Dahl, left, Carmangay's fire chief, and 13-year-old daughter Jasmine wave during Carmangay's annual parade, which took place Aug. 3. The parade started at the same time, 10 a.m., as the Vulcan centennial parade. Right: Sparky the Fire Dog threw out plastic fire hats to kids during the parade.

Rocking the greenhouse



Simon Ducatel
Vulcan Advocate

Local band
Pulse performed
a CD-release
event at the
Market Street
Greenhouse
before a nearly
packed house
Aug. 1. Here,
Chelsea Inaba
demonstrates
her vocal talent.
The rest of the
band is made
up of Tayte
Mitchell, Rhys
Kirk, Colin
Bexte and Josh
Cookson. The
group strives
to create all
original songs.



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2012 VAPPA bursary winners — 2013 application deadline on Aug. 31



Kassidy Christensen Vulcan Advocate

Nine Vulcan area students were awarded a \$1,000 bursary through the Vulcan Area Public and Petroleum Association (VAPPA) for pursuing careers in either agricultural, oil and gas, medical or emergency services fields at a post-secondary institution. The students submitted essays on why they want to pursue careers in these fields in order to receive the bursary. Photographed above are the 2012 winners, from left, Kurt Nelson, studying surgery, Danielle Fraser, studying medical lab technology, Kelly Nelson, VAPPA chair, and Becca Carlson, studying nursing. Not photographed are David Lobdell, studying science enroute to veterinary medicine, Heather Stanko, studying crop technology, Kelsey Webber, studying nursing, Mark Saunderson and Roy Saunderson, who are both studying science in the oil and gas industry. Applications for the 2013 bursary are open until Aug. 31. For more information, contact Linda Cloutier at vappa@synergialberta.ca.

Spotlight From Westwinds website 08/13

Westwind safety campaign focuses on precious cargo inside the school bus



Every school year is filled with lessons that will serve students well for the rest of their lives. This year, Westwind School Division is joining several partners to deliver a message to the entire community that can save lives.

The goal of the multi-pronged, public

awareness campaign – ‘Think of Us on the Bus’ – is to personalize the issue of bus safety. While Westwind’s Transportation Department has a very impressive safety record, with some 1,200 students being bused a total of 3,500 kilometres every day, their well-being can’t be emphasized enough.

Instead of looking at a school bus as nothing more than an inanimate chunk of yellow and black steel – and an obstacle motorists need to find a way to maneuver around – Westwind wants to put a ‘face’ on the bus operator and the precious cargo he transports.

A multi-faceted advertisement blitz over the next three weeks Westwind will explain the reasons rules exist by introducing a bus operator and several young students who take the bus to school each day. To hear one of the radio advertisements [click here](#).

“If you thought that you personally knew someone on that bus – it could be your child’s hockey coach driving that particular route, or perhaps one of the passengers is your neighbor’s daughter – it’s unlikely you’d knowingly put their lives in danger,” says Bronc Pilling, Westwind School Division’s transportation supervisor. “It might make you think twice and decide if gambling with their lives is worth it.”

The concept is based on a very successful campaign first launched by Palliser Regional Schools last year. Westwind will join Palliser in running promotions simultaneously this year so the potentially life-saving message will be amplified across southern Alberta.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Damaged bridge will affect Arrowwood school's enrolment



Submitted photo

An entire section of this bridge along Highway 547 was taken out by the June 20 flood.

Stephen Tipper
Editor

Palliser officials are unsure how many students from the Siksika Nation will attend Arrowwood Community School this fall after a bridge connecting the two communities was badly damaged in the June 20 flood.

The bridge along Highway 547, which crosses the Bow River, suffered major damage and Alberta Transportation does not know long it will take to repair.

"It will have an impact" on enrolment, said Pat Rivard, Palliser's associate superintendent of education services. "To what degree at this point we don't know."

Siksika was hit hard by the flood, Rivard pointed out.

Palliser's "first position is to support them," just like Siksika supported the Arrowwood community when an arsonist set fire to the school last year, he said.

"We're working with them" on possible solutions, said Rivard.

Palliser will have a better idea of how many students from Siksika will be attending Arrowwood Community School when school starts on Sept. 3, he said.

Siksika children also attend Milo School, but the effect is less there, he said.

"The transportation route to Milo hasn't been affected," said Rivard.

The First Nation is still trying to determine the number of families displaced by the flood and where they went, said Rivard.

A total of 23 kids attended Arrowwood School last year — a significant proportion of the school's total enrolment of about

100. Siksika officials and parents have been happy with the education the students receive at the school, said Rivard.

"We want to do anything we can to support those kids," he said.

Alberta Transportation spokeswoman Nancy Beasley Hosker said repairing the bridge is "a very complex affair."

"An entire section of the bridge is gone," she said.

An inspection of the bridge, including a look under the water, has recently been completed.

Transportation will receive an assessment of the inspection "shortly," she said.

The province has also hired an engineering specialist to conduct a study of the river, particularly around this bridge.

"It's all about making sure we have accurate and comprehensive information," she said.

The province does not know when the bridge will be open again to the public.

"We can't give a timeline on it," said Beasley Hosker. "We want to make sure it's done right for the safety of travellers and for the long-term future of the bridge."

Several bridges are considered "major bridge projects," and this bridge is among them, she said.

The bridge is an important structure, and the province is not going to rush completing the work, said Beasley Hosker.

"Thanks to people for their patience as we move forward with these repairs," said Beasley Hosker. "It is going to take some time."

Another bridge in the area, along Highway 842 near Cluny, was also damaged due to the flooding but reopened on Canada Day.

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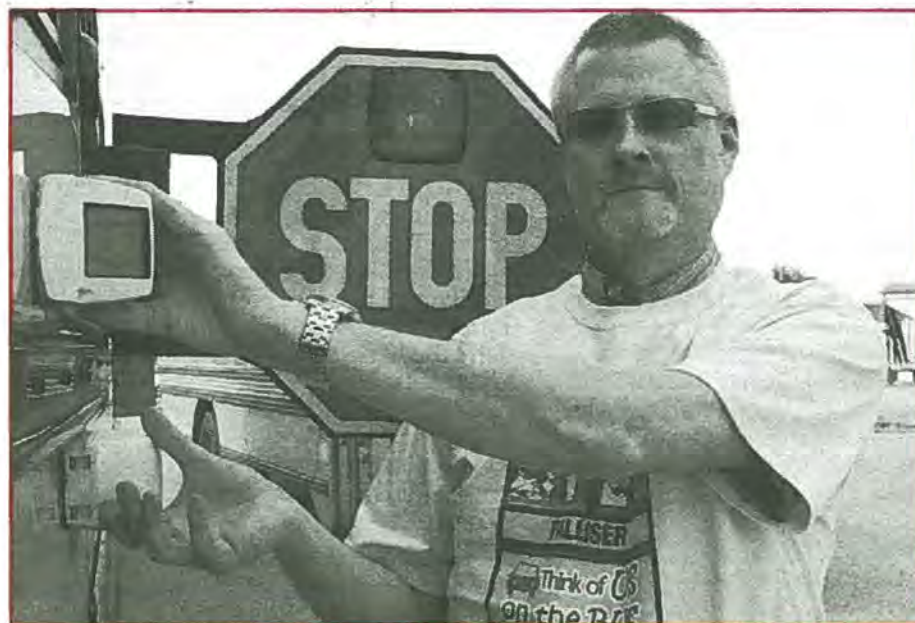
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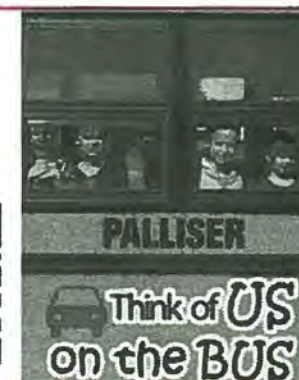
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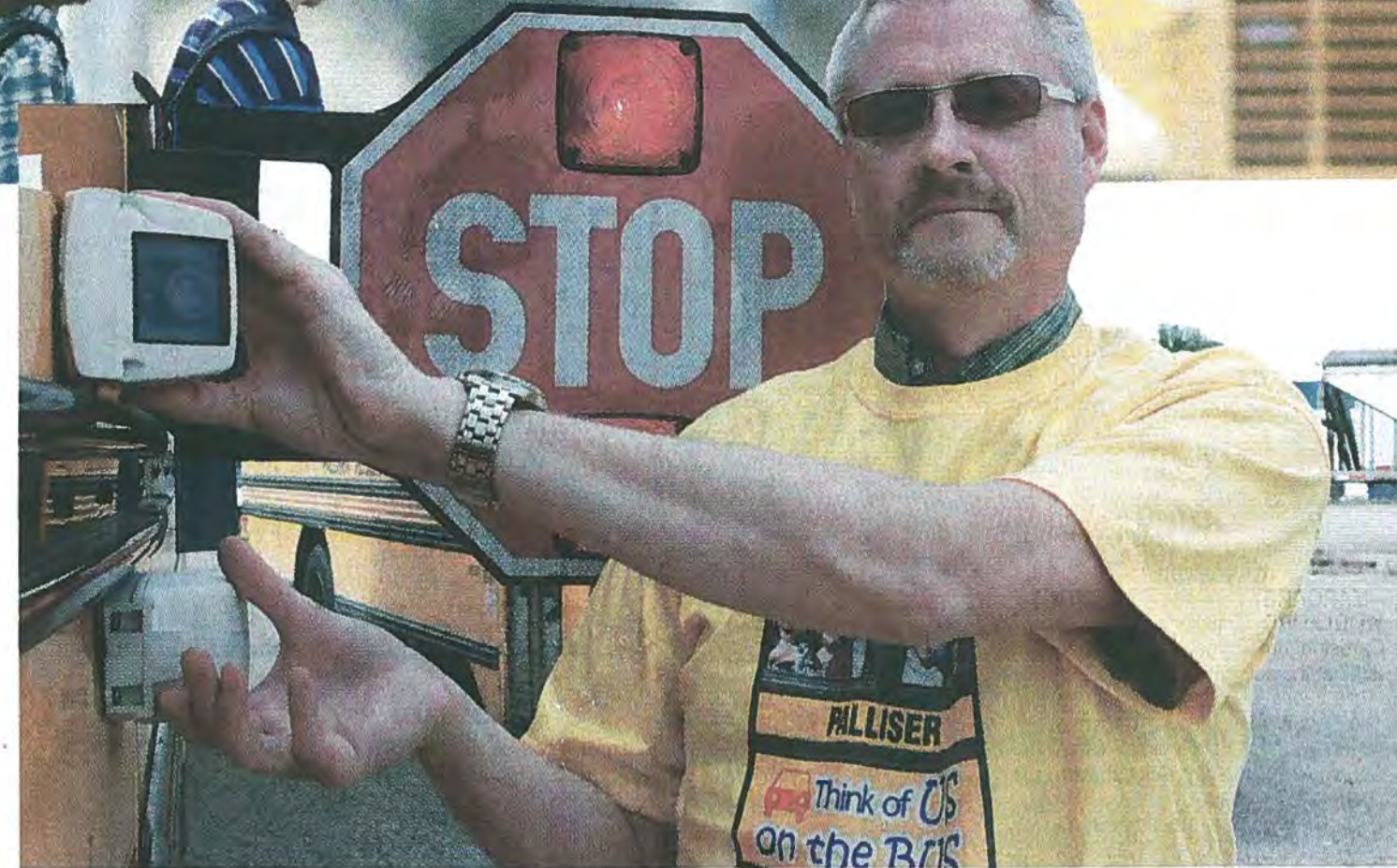
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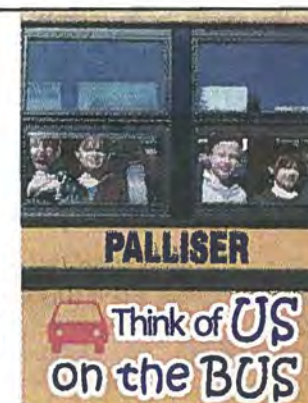


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Arrowwood teenager first in novice horse riding standings

➤ Kole Ashbacher leads going into the last rodeo of the season before finals

Stephen Tipper
Editor

An Arrowwood teenager heads the novice horse riding standings of the Foothills Cowboy Association going into the last couple of rodeos of the season.

Kole Ashbacher has accumulated \$600 in earnings this summer and leads his nearest rival, Stettler's Lane Stuckey, by roughly \$200.

He was bucked off during the Sid Hartung Memorial Rodeo, Aug. 17-18, and competed this past weekend in Gleichen. Results from that rodeo were not posted by the *Advocate's* press deadline.

The last rodeo of the season takes place in Cochrane from this Saturday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 2.

Six spots are open for the finals, which take place in October in Red Deer.

Ashbacher, in his second year in novice horse riding, told the *Advocate* he didn't expect he would be leading the standings, but did really well at two of the higher-paying rodeos.

Ashbacher won the event at his home town rodeo in Arrowwood and finished second in Millarville.

"I'm still learning a lot," he said.

While Ashbacher, who's going into Grade 12 at County Central High School this fall, has three years of eligibility left in novice horse riding, he can move up to the main saddle bronc event at any time, he said.

"I'll set it how it goes," said Ashbacher, who will be competing in novice horse riding at high school rodeos during the school year.



Exterior cameras to be used on five school buses



Submitted photo

Palliser's Transportation Services Supervisor David Shaw hopes putting exterior cameras on five of its buses will increase the safety of students.

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Local rugby player back home after playing on Alberta U16 team in Vancouver

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Simon Ducatel
Reporter

A local teenager recently returned home after playing rugby at the highest level

she's ever competed in.

Kasselle Menin, 16, was in Vancouver competing in the Rugby Canada National Festival on the U16 team Alberta squad.

"We did pretty well," she said. "We got a lot of compliments from other coaches who said we were a strong team — they were impressed with us."

There were four teams: two from B.C., one from Alberta and another from Ontario.

A total of five games were played, and Alberta ended up in third.

"We won the plate final," said Menin.

The winner of the championship bowl was the B.C. No. 1 team, she said. Ontario placed second.

Alberta lost its first game against Ontario and then went on to win against the B.C. No. 2 team. The squad lost to B.C. team No. 1 in game three and then played Ontario in the semifinals. It was a close round but Alberta lost, said Menin. The squad won its final game against the B.C. team No. 2 to win the plate.

"It was a really neat experience just to play at the higher level and see how other people play," said Menin, adding that she also enjoyed the opportunity to get to know new people.

She mostly rotated between the "eight man" and inside centre positions. The

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eight man is placed at the very back of the scrum while the inside centre is part of the back line that gets the rugby in play.

Looking ahead to next year, she'll be eligible to make the U-18 squad.

"I'm going to try out for it," said Menin.

Think of US on the BUS!



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School bus driver Lana Midgley regularly sees a long line of vehicles behind her on Highway 845 north of Coaldale. It's a busy highway, and the Palliser Regional Schools bus, with its 90 km/h speed limit and multiple stops for students, is clearly an obstacle to the free-flow of traffic.

That stretch of 845 and her 11 stops are the most stressful 15 minutes of her hour-long route delivering students to and from Coaldale's schools. Each stop, even at a minute or less, must feel like an eternity to the person already running late.

As understanding as she is to motorists' frustrations, she also keenly aware of the dangers a few seconds of impatience could have for the students who live along the highway, some of whom have to cross a lane of traffic to board the bus.

Her students hear her safety warnings regularly, and they know if she honks the horn, they are to stop in their tracks because there's a vehicle ignoring the flashing red lights and stop arm that are intended to compel drivers in both directions on the highway to stop.

Last school year alone, Midgley reported nine close calls, eight of them involving vehicles passing her as she was stopped with her red lights flashing.

She has enlisted the help of students at the front and rear of the bus to help jot down information

about vehicles that ignore the road rules. It's a lot of extra paperwork, but worth every second of her time, she says.

Thanks to the Think of Us on the Bus safety campaign, organized by Palliser with support from local police and peace officers, reports of such incidents are being acted on and bus drivers appreciate the partnership and communication that's developed with enforcement agencies whose members share a deep commitment to student safety.

The day after Midgley reported two close calls in a single morning, a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officer in a clearly identifiable truck followed her bus. The next day, there were well placed enforcement vehicles along the route to further drive home the safety message.

The support is priceless, she says.

"I want to tell them thank you," she says of RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs and especially Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. "Thanks for having my back. As drivers, we know we're not alone out there."

Midgley, a driver for the past six years, says her route runs like clockwork, and travellers who find themselves frustrated by the bus and its frequent stops could avoid her entirely by just leaving home just 10 minutes earlier.

"They would never see me if they did."



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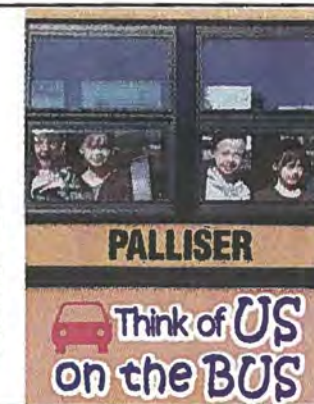


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Westwind starts the school year focusing on bus safety

**BY WESTWIND SCHOOL DIVISION
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Every school year is filled with lessons that will serve students well for the rest of their lives.

This year, Westwind School Division is joining several partners to deliver a message to the entire community that can save lives.

The goal of the multi-pronged, public awareness campaign – 'Think of Us on the Bus' – is to personalize the issue of bus safety. While Westwind's Transportation Department has an impressive safety record, with some 1,200 students being bused a total of 3,500 kilometres every day, their well-being can't be emphasized enough.

Instead of looking at a school bus as nothing more than an inanimate chunk of yellow and black steel – and an obstacle motorists need to find a way to maneuver around – Westwind wants to put a 'face' on the bus operator and the precious cargo he transports.



Photo by Westwind School Division

Sgt. Arthur Anderson, of Lethbridge District Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, answers questions from Westwind School Division bus operators, from left, Carl Bevans, Melodye Earl and Norm Jensen about trip inspections as part of the Think of Us on the Bus safety campaign.

A multi-faceted advertisement blitz over the next three weeks Westwind will explain the reasons rules exist by introducing a bus operator and several young students who take the bus to school each day.

"If you thought that you personally knew someone on that bus – it could be your child's hockey coach driving that particular route, or perhaps one of the passengers is your neighbor's daughter – it's unlikely you'd knowingly put their lives in danger," says Bronc Pilling, Westwind School Division's transportation supervisor. "It might make you think twice and decide if gambling with their lives is worth it."

The concept is based on a successful campaign first launched by Palliser Regional Schools last year. Westwind will join Palliser in running promotions simultaneously this year so the potentially life-saving message will be amplified across southern Alberta.

Westwind School Division and its partners in the Committee for Bus Safety – the provincial Office of Traffic Safety, Alberta Sheriffs, RCMP, South Zone Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Safety City Society of Lethbridge, AMA School Patrol, the Town of Cardston and County of Cardston, and Brain Injury Relearning Services – were able to access money through the Alberta Traffic Safety Fund to cover the cost of the public service announcement campaign.

Think of Us on the Bus also takes into account that bus safety is everyone's responsibility, including bus operators. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and Sherriff's department representative sat down with bus operators from across Westwind School Division prior to the school year to offer their insights into bus inspections and other safety issues like distracted driving.

"The safety of our students has always been our bus operator's top priority," says Pilling, noting mandatory safety courses for new operators, annual 'refresher' meetings with all operators and regular and thorough mechanical inspections of buses. "But that face-to-face meeting provided them with a fresh perspective on

things and hopefully an understanding that 'it's not us against them', that we all have the same goal in mind."

The co-operative effort will also see a formal incident reporting process introduced to help identify high-risk areas and practices, as well as streamline the procedure to involve enforcement officials when necessary.

Students also have a responsibility in ensuring each bus trip is a safe one and the Think of Us on the Bus campaign includes special assemblies at each elementary school in Westwind School Division. Early this school year bus etiquette will be discussed and every student will be put through a mock bus evacuation exercise.



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