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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Damaged bridge will affect Arrowwood school's enrolment



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

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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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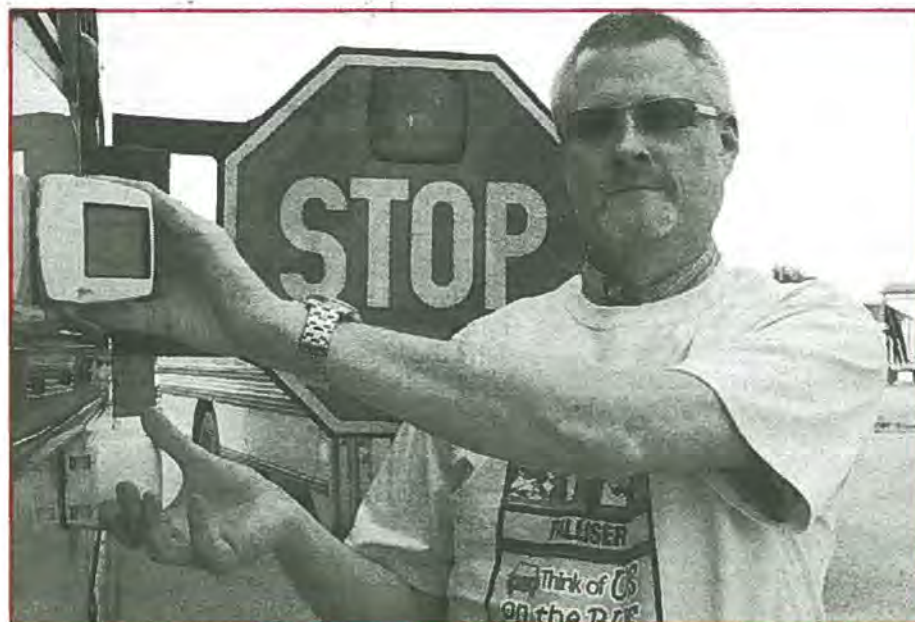
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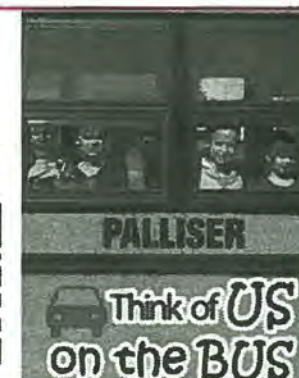
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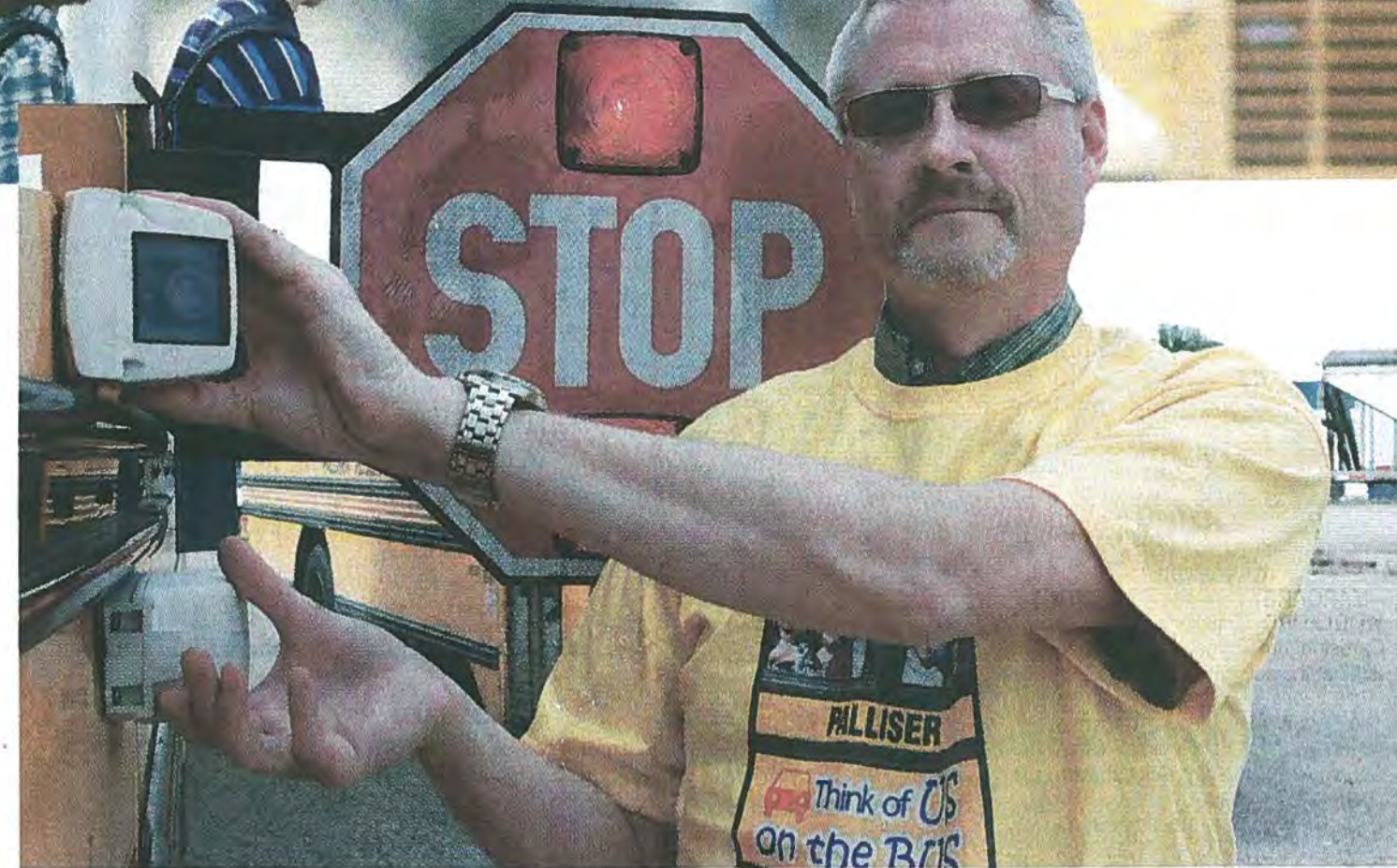
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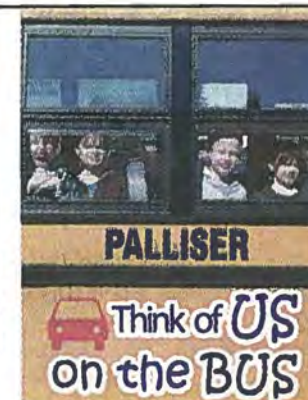


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# Arrowwood teenager first in novice horse riding standings

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

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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.





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

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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.





## Exterior cameras to be used on five school buses



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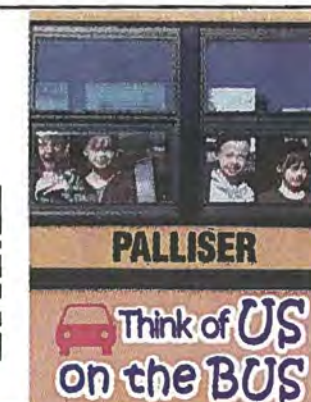


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# Westwind starts the school year focusing on bus safety

**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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**I**t was a crisp, clear January 2012 morning when Taylor Moreau dragged her daughter out of the path of a speeding truck and near certain death.

Her daughter was walking toward a waiting school bus, eager for a day of kindergarten. Her mom's been haunted by those few seconds ever since.

Taylor's daughter, Megan, was half-way across the eastbound lane of Highway 25 when both the bus driver and Taylor realized the oncoming cat-teliner was not going to stop, despite the bus's flashing red lights and stop sign. The bus driver laid on her horn, and Taylor lunged forward, grabbing the girl by her backpack and yanking her out of harm's way.

The rush of air from the truck roaring by knocked the little girl to the ground as it sped away.

There was no fog or snow. Sunrise was an hour away, and the school bus's brilliant white strobe light cut through the darkness along the pin-straight stretch of highway. There was no excuse, Taylor says, for what the driver did. The penalty for passing a bus when it's stopped with its red lights flashing can be \$402 and six demerits.

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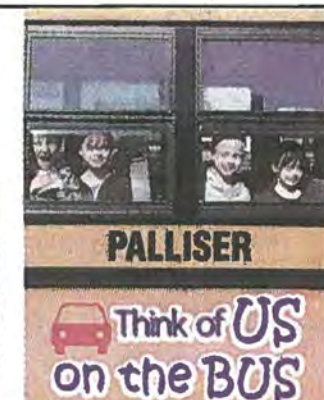


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# Palliser inducts three more members into Wall of Fame

➤ Induction ceremony held at CRC on Thursday

**Kassidy Christensen**  
Reporter

Palliser Regional Schools held its annual ceremony last Thursday to induct individuals into the Wall of Fame based on their successes in life, all the while having come from small community schools.

"Some people say you get an inferior quality of education in a small school, but you don't," said Don Zech, chair of Palliser's board of trustees.

"It is so important for people to realize that if you attend a small rural school, you receive a quality education, and it's probably much more personalized than in a large school and that you can go on and do great things," said Zech.

Dr. Henry Janzen, a soil scientist from the Coaldale area who attended Readymade School and Kate Andrews High School, was one of the inductees.

Another was Marla Middleton-Freitag, a program co-ordinator at Medicine Hat College. She grew up in the Vulcan area and attended Vulcan Prairieview Elementary, formerly Hazel Cameron Elementary, and County Central High School.

The third was Terry Vogt, news director and reporter with CTV Lethbridge. He grew up in Picture Butte and attended Dorothy Dalglish School and Picture Butte High School.

The three were honoured and humbled to receive the award, and some even felt undeserving.

"The first thing that comes to my mind seeing all the other achievements the other recipients have attained makes me feel like I don't belong there," said Vogt. I don't feel like I've accomplished the same things."

Dr. Henry Janzen felt the same.

It feels "undeserved because I look around at what my classmates have done, where they've been

and what they've accomplished, and I don't see what I've done is particularly meritorious."

The three graciously accepted their awards and presented inspirational speeches thanking family, friends and the teachers who helped them get to where they are today.

Middleton-Freitag was grateful she finally got the chance to thank the teachers that greatly influenced her career choice.

"I always appreciated my teachers, but sometimes they need to be told that, and it's nice for them to have it come from a past student," said Middleton-Freitag. "Sometimes they don't hear it on a day-to-day basis, and today it was nice to express that to the group."

Thirty-eight individuals, all coming from southern Alberta and having attended at least one Palliser school, have been inducted into the Wall of Fame over the past seven years.

"For me, it's really important that our rural students recognize that you don't have to go away. We have had success in our small rural schools and that these people, in some cases, have become internationally famous," said Zech.

Nominations are accepted throughout the year, and Zech encourages people to contact the school board if they wish to nominate someone for the award.

"The criteria is being successful in your field, and attending a Palliser school for a good part of your education career," said Zech.

All career fields are considered eligible to maintain a diverse bunch of successful individuals.

"We have individuals that sometimes go unrecognized once they leave the community," said Zech. "We've been digging and I'm always amazed by who we find, who has been through here."



**Kassidy Christensen** Vulcan Advocate  
Terry Vogt, left, Marla Middleton-Freitag and Dr. Henry Janzen were inducted last Thursday into the Palliser Wall of Fame.



# Former Calgary school bus driver still faces tense moments in Vulcan County

Submitted

School bus driver Fernanda Eisler started driving bus on the streets of Calgary.

For the past year and a half, she's been enjoying more idyllic driving conditions in Vulcan County, transporting students from the area northwest of Vulcan and delivering them safely to Vulcan's elementary school and high school.

While the traffic can't compare to what she faced in Cowtown, she says her rural route has its tense moments, as drivers pass her, disregarding her flashing red lights and stop arm.

"Some drivers seem not too keen on sharing the road with bus drivers," she says. "I think it's mostly impatience."

She shakes her head remembering the day she was honked at and passed on the right by a vehicle as she signalled and slowed to make a left turn off Highway 23.

It's not a wide highway, and it left her bus in a tight squeeze. What drivers may not realize when they squeeze along the right side of the bus is that a school bus is considerably longer than a typical passenger vehicle.

The end of the bus swings wide as the bus is turning.

"They could clip my bumper and push me into oncoming traf-

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fic and we could have a collision," she says.

Buses also take longer to speed up and slow down, and the speed limit for them on the highway is 90 kilometres per hour. Three times last year alone, she had motorists pass her while she was

stopped for students, a no-no that could earn a driver a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

In the worst instance, three separate vehicles cruised by her while she was stopped.

Such behaviour puts students at

risk as they board or unload. While Palliser's bus drivers routinely talk about caring for the students on their bus as if they were their own kids, the sentiment is especially true for Eisler's precious cargo.

"I literally have my two children on the bus with me," she says.

Her voice chokes with emotion at the thought of what could go wrong if drivers don't take care and caution around the school bus.

"When you get in a really close situation, it shakes you up quite a bit," Eisler says.

"I'm carrying all their lives in my bus. How much time do you save by risking the lives of my kids on the bus?"

"It probably takes less than one full minute for me to stop and get kids off my bus. What are they saving? One full minute?"



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Fernanda Eisler, who drives a school bus in Vulcan County, has had numerous experiences with impatient drivers on local roads.

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# Think of US on the BUS!



**I**t was a crisp, clear January 2012 morning when Taylor Moreau dragged her daughter out of the path of a speeding truck and near certain death.

Her daughter was walking toward a waiting school bus, eager for a day of kindergarten. Her mom's been haunted by those few seconds ever since.

Taylor's daughter, Megan, was half-way across the eastbound lane of Highway 25 when both the bus driver and Taylor realized the oncoming cattleliner was not going to stop, despite the bus's flashing red lights and stop sign. The bus driver laid on her horn, and Taylor lunged forward, grabbing the girl by her backpack and yanking her out of harm's way.

The rush of air from the truck roaring by knocked the little girl to the ground as it sped away.

There was no fog or snow. Sunrise was an hour away, and the school bus's brilliant white strobe light cut through the darkness along the pin-straight stretch of highway. There was no excuse, Taylor says, for what the driver did. The penalty for passing a bus when it's stopped with its red lights flashing can be \$402 and six demerits.

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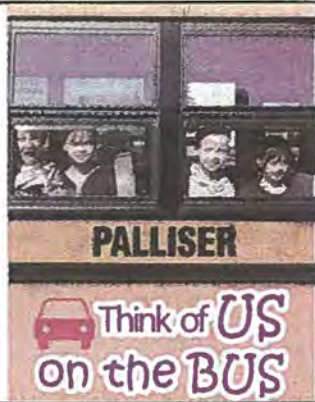
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**J**ustice Parrott, a student at Picture Butte High School, rides the bus more than most rural students.

In addition to the morning and afternoon drives to and from classes every school day, the teen boards the bus for a weekly trip to attend therapeutic riding at a centre near Coaldale.

Parrott travels in a motorized wheel chair, which is loaded and securely strapped into a specially equipped school bus for every trip.

For years, the 18-year-old sat directly behind his bus driver, the same driver he's had since he was in elementary school.

"We've been friends for quite a while," he says. "I can tell when she's angry, when she's happy, and I can tell when she's afraid."

From his seat, Parrott says he's seen vehicles speed by his bus as it stops to pick up or drop off passengers.

"Speeding is the biggest thing," Parrott says, describing how sometimes it feels like the bus windows might break as vehicles roar by.

"If something happened, I'm totally dependent on my bus driver to unbuckle me quickly and get me out of there. I trust her a lot, but she can't control what others are doing."

As part of Palliser Regional Schools' bus safety campaign, the division asked its junior high and high school students – young people who are driv-

ers or soon-to-be drivers – to contribute their ideas for improving bus safety. Among the suggestions was Parrott's slogan "Flashing Red = Kids Ahead." The phrase was printed on large canvas banners for display at school bus safety assemblies and at other gatherings. In Parrott's home town of Picture Butte, the banners have been displayed on the side of a bus that was entered in the community's summer parade.

Parrott says he hopes drivers take the safety message to heart and start exercising more caution around school buses and their human cargo.

"I just want it to stop," says Parrott of the speeding and unsafe passing of buses, "so I can have a safe bus ride and stop worrying about whether we're going to crash."

In addition to adhering to speed limits and rules for passing, drivers can make the roads safer for students by knowing what to do when they encounter a bus that's stopped. Drivers approaching from the front or behind a school bus with its red lights on and stop arm extended must stop and stay stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is retracted. Flashing yellow lights on the bus serve as a warning that the bus will be stopping soon. Drivers should proceed with caution. Passing a bus with its red lights flashing could result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.



Picture Butte High School student Justice Parrott is shown near his school. Parrott and his motorized wheel chair travel by bus to school daily.

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# DRIVERS HAD BEST BEWARE

## CAMERAS INSTALLED ON SCHOOL BUSES DESIGNED TO NAB MOTORISTS WHO PASS BUSES WITH FLASHING RED LIGHTS

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Flashing red lights mean "Stop!"

Or else they could mean a \$402 ticket for motorists who drive past a school bus that's flashing those warning lights.

Palliser Regional Schools bus drivers reported 70 of those potentially life-threatening incidents last year. So now, as part of its student safety emphasis, the division has installed photo radar-like cameras on some of its buses.

David Shaw, transportation services supervisor for the large jurisdiction, unveiled the new initiative Thursday at Palliser's headquarters in

Lethbridge. It's one part of the "Think of Us on the Bus" campaign launched as schools reopened across the province.

RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs and commercial vehicle officers are partners in this month's campaign, Shaw said. But throughout the year, school officials will give police photo evidence of drivers breaking the law.

Members of the Lethbridge regional police will also help enforce the flashing-red law in Coaldale. But in Lethbridge, Shaw said, city officials have prohibited the use of the flashing lights and "Stop" arms on school buses.

When a peace officer observes a motorist breaking the school bus law, he added, the penalty is six demerit points in addition to the fine. For failing to

pass with caution when a bus is flashing amber lights while slowing for a stop, the fine is \$345.

Palliser is the first school jurisdiction in southern Alberta to use the cameras, Shaw said. But it's working with the Westwind School Division on other aspects of the safety campaign.

At Palliser schools, meanwhile, students are being reminded about school bus safety and behaviour. They're also learning how to leave safely through the rear emergency exit.

Palliser operates 61 bus routes from bases in Vulcan and Lethbridge, Shaw said, transporting about 1,700 students every school day. Its 90 regular or spare drivers clock about 1.8 million kilometres each year.

Cameras have been installed on a limited number of buses, Shaw said, so they'll be assigned to routes where drivers report violations.



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Palliser transportation services supervisor David Shaw, alongside Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Acting Sgt. Rick Smith, will have a new tool in cameras installed on some of the region's school buses to collect evidence of motorists driving past a school bus flashing warning lights.



## Sweet return



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**FRIDAY SUNDAES:** The student council at Picture Butte High School were some of the most popular students at the school Friday as they served up sundaes to welcome students back to the school for another year. Classes resumed a week ago for the start of the 2013-2014 school term.





SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**PRIDE PRACTICE:** Members of the Kate Andrews Pride football team take to the practice field last week ahead of their opening season win against Cranbrook on Friday.

## Pride opens high school football season with a win

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

The Kate Andrews Pride, Coaldale's high school football team, opened the 2013 season with a win Friday evening against Cranbrook's Mount Baker Wild.

The Pride won the game 31-0, leading 14-0 at halftime. Connor Chartier lead the rushing with 108 yards including a touchdown. He averaged almost 22 yards a carry during the game.

Skyler Reid had 53 yards rushing and a touchdown, averaging just under seven yards a carry. Peter Peters had 65 yards receiving with one touchdown and an average of almost six yards a carry while Steve Tokariuk had 49 yards receiving and a touchdown in the win.

The Pride's passing game went two for six for 94 yards and a touchdown.

Coach Joe Buckler has taken over the head coaching duties for the Pride this season after long time coach Blair Takahashi took a new job and had to step back from his coaching duties.

"We've had a real struggle getting the team going this year," said Buckler.

Numbers are always an issue in a smaller high school and he has been working to bring those number up. He said he is focused on building a football program at Kate Andrews not just a team.

He would like to see 12 players at each grade level, giving the Pride 36 players on their roster.

"We have 24 registered now, we're excited about the season."

He has implemented a tutorial time after school to allow players to work on their homework before they head out on the practice field.

This week the team will play Willow Creek at the University of Lethbridge

field on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Play continues through September and October with the league playoffs the week of Oct. 25 and provincials playoffs starting Nov. 9.

Thanksgiving weekend the team will be traveling to Pullman, Washington to watch a high school playoff game. Buckler said he tried to organize an exhibition game but by that time the high schools in the states are into their playoffs and don't want to risk player injury in an exhibition game.

The Pride will also take in a Washington State vs. Oregon State university football game.

"That's exciting," noted Buckler who wants to expose the Coaldale team to the culture of football.

Given the number of high school students that are juggling part-time jobs with their school work and sporting activities, Buckler said it can be challenging for smaller high schools to fill their sports rosters.

He feels being part of a team is beneficial to students in other aspects of their lives.

He said because football has so many roles for players to fill, it is more available for players of all body types and skill levels.

He believes in the inclusive nature of the program at Kate Andrews which tries to involve as many students as it can in a variety of roles both on and off the playing field.

He is looking to returning players to set the tone for the team. Chartier is fast and has lots of moves on the field. He said Peters at running back is a strong player for the Pride along with Reid as a full back who can pound up the middle.

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## Football season underway

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Senior Jason Thomson will lead the team at quarterback this season and Buckler is looking for some great things from receiver Tokariuk.

"He has one of the best sets of hands in the league."

On the line he is looking at Grade 12 players Wyatt Mihalicz and Justin Shorey to lead. He also has some large, six-foot players coming up in the program including Grade 11 players Steven Chaaf and Dexter Bezooyen.

"It's a work in progress."

Buckler said he likes the high school football program because it not only provides for different roles for students to fill but not ever team has a football program, which means there are more opportunities for players to go on to play college and university ball.

He also likes the positive aspect of a team sport. He said the "me first" attitude that is common in today's society doesn't work with a team approach. He feels students benefit from being part of

a team and what they learn about teamwork carries on in their lives.

In addition to his coaching duties, which he shares with seven other coaching staff, he is also vice-principal at Kate Andrews. He has three trainers working with the team and an equipment manager.

"We have quite an organization around the team."

The parent advisory council for the team is also slated to meet this Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the school. All parents of players in the program are encouraged to attend.

Practice time this year has been set for 5 to 7 p.m., giving students time to finish their homework before they hit the field.

Buckler said it also provides a window of opportunity for players in Coalhurst, Nobleford and Picture Butte to join the team and still be able to make practice times. He hopes students in these three communities will consider joining the football program at Kate Andrews.





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**NEWEST INDUCTEES:** Terry Vogt, left, Marla Middleton Freitag and Henry Janzen were all honoured by Palliser Regional Schools as they were named to the district's Wall of Fame at the start of the new school year. Photo courtesy of Palliser Regional Schools.

## Janzen honoured by Palliser

# Vogt named to Wall of Fame

**By Dawn Sugimoto  
Palliser Regional Schools**

About 900 teachers and support staff from Palliser Regional Schools were challenged and inspired during an Opening Day Celebration in Vulcan, Thursday, Aug. 29.

The challenge was issued by Superintendent Kevin Gietz, as he announced this year's theme: "Literacy: Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader." He called on all staff to support the ongoing development of student literacy skills, at all grades and in all subjects.

"Why literacy? Because it's the key to everything else," he said.

He said literacy can no longer be considered the work of elementary teachers alone.

"How can you say our work is done, that we've lived up to our responsibilities, if a student struggles through Grade 12 but we know he or she still can't read at a level needed in our world? If that struggling student was your child, what would you want your school and your teacher to do?"

The impact of school staff on student success was driven home by all three of this year's Palliser Wall of Fame inductees. Henry Janzen, a soil biochemist at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre in Lethbridge; Marla Middleton Freitag, a program co-ordinator and instructor at Medicine Hat College; and Terry Vogt, a veteran broadcast journalist from CTV

Lethbridge all spoke of specific teachers whose work influenced their lives.

Janzen, whose work studying the flows of carbon and nitrogen between the soil and atmosphere is recognized internationally, described being a timid and awkward student at Readymade, R.I. Baker and Kate Andrews schools in Coaldale. He hated school yet became "a grateful scholar" thanks to the work of many people in his school and community, including a teacher, Mrs. Beatrice Garrow.

He credited her for instilling in him a love of writing.

"I have written myriad forgettable reports, labored on many manuscripts, perspired at lectures and talks in far-flung places, but always to this day, when I hunker down to write, I hear the whispered wisdom of Mrs. Garrow," he said.

Middleton Freitag, who received an Excellence Award from the Texas-based National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development among other awards for her work at Medicine Hat College, said she had no idea what career to pursue as a Grade 12 student at County Central High School in Vulcan. A teacher, Mr. Lien, predicted a shortage of business education teachers, and he was right. As she emerged from university at age 22, jobs were in abundance and her career took flight.

"Most of the students were older than I was," she said.

Vogt, born and raised in Picture

Butte, spoke of the influence of many teachers, including Mary Oikawa, whose son Scott is now principal of Noble Central School, and George Hanna, whose son Terry teaches at Kate Andrews High in Coaldale. He was joined at the ceremony by the most influential teachers of all: his parents, Eleanor, also a school teacher, and Bill, who introduced him to the value of storytelling on Picture Butte's coffee row.

Vogt, who stayed in southern Alberta despite being wooed even by legendary newsman Lloyd Robertson to larger markets, led his newsroom to a national award this year.

He has served as teacher and mentor to many others pursuing their own dreams in broadcast journalism and after decades of storytelling, he's "constantly amazed" by "the strength and the grace people bring" to challenging times.

Janzen described Palliser staff as being in the business of hope.

"If hope is the thrill of doing something meaningful, something that persists and grows behind and beyond you, then you, surely, are uncommonly hopeful people. . .," he said.

"You, in Thoreau's words, are 'on the trail of mind.' Enjoy your work, relish it, knowing that your legacy, the mind-prints left behind, will linger and last. I have sought to leave a footprint in the soil; you leave your imprint in much more fertile ground: the developing, endlessly inventive human mind."



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# Student enrolments about the same as last year for Vulcan County public schools

**Stephen Tipper**  
Editor

Enrolment at public schools in Vulcan County is about the same as last year, said school officials last week.

Arrowwood School has 85 students, down from about 100 last year. Due to a bridge crossing along Highway 547 being suffering major damage in the

June 20 flood, only nine students from the Siksika Nation are enrolled so far. The school can take as many as 23 students from Siksika.

Brant Christian School has 113 in kindergarten to Grade 12, and the overall enrolment is about the same as last year.

About 45 students have enrolled at Carmangay School.

Champion School had 104 students as of Sept. 3, and that figure is up a bit

from last year.

At Lomond School, a total of 81 students had enrolled as of last week in Grades 1-12. The private kindergarten had 12 kids registered.

Milo's initial enrolment was approximately the same as last year, with about 50 students attending classes.

In Vulcan, County Central had 123 kids enrolled in junior high as of Sept. 3, and 156 in high school.

Vulcan Prairieview Elementary was on par with last year, with 203 students enrolled in kindergarten to Grade 6.

These are preliminary enrolment figures. Alberta Education uses

schools' Sept. 30 enrolment numbers when determining the number of students attending a school. The department uses a per capita formula to determine school funding.



## Chipping onto the green



**Simon Ducatel**  
Vulcan Advocate

Jarred Geschwendt, a Grade 12 student at County Central High School, successfully chips on to the No. 6 green last Thursday at the Vulcan Golf and Country Club. Eleven students tried out for the school's golf team, which will be playing in Claresholm today (Wednesday). The students who made the team are Geschwendt, Brandon Baynes, Brayden Kohut, Kurtis Maisey, Brianna McKay, McKenzie Perley and Christie Bach.



## School bus stop arms would improve children's safety

Last year I expressed concern over the lack of stop arms on buses running from my child's school, Nicholas Sheran. The answer I received from the city was that stop arms would impede the flow of traffic.

At the time there was no crosswalk on a major intersection in Copperwood where I live. My children, as well as many other children riding the bus, had to cross the street at an uncontrolled intersection after getting off the bus. There are now crosswalk signs for this busy intersection; however, the lines are no longer visible. The children are told again and again to use the crosswalk, but this is not always the case.

I understand that it is up to parents to teach their children to use crosswalks and wait for the vehicles to stop before crossing, but let's be honest: it doesn't happen 100 per cent of the time. By installing stop arms on the buses, vehicles could see far in advance that they should watch for children and ultimately stop and wait for them to cross the street.

The bus stop where my children get off is close to a busy intersection and because of the constant construction going on in our area, there are many large trucks and equipment using the roads where the children must cross. The crosswalk signs don't stand out enough for many people to see them or they are in too much of a hurry to notice them in time.

The city's "reason" for not having the stop arms on school buses makes little sense. Impeding the flow of traffic is done every day in other parts of the city. Scenic Drive, for example, is down to one lane in sections while crews are working adjacent to the road.

I cannot for the life of me see how impeding the flow of traffic is OK for other parts of the city but not for children crossing the road. I hear the radio ads for Palliser and from the RCMP about stopping for the bus when the stop arms are out. Why does this rule only apply to children outside of the city?

I think it's time to re-examine what is important when deciding when and when not to "impede the flow of traffic." I sure don't want my child getting hit by a vehicle to be what changes people's minds.

Carrie Stevenson  
Lethbridge



# Think of US on the BUS!



In 23 years of driving school bus in Vulcan County, Veronica Matheson has enjoyed quiet mornings when hers is the only vehicle on a rural road.

But there are other times when she's come too close to potentially fatal consequences of drivers either not knowing rules of the road or not paying attention.

In one instance, a driver passed her bus despite the solid line, a hill blocking visibility ahead and another car coming toward them.

Both the approaching car and the bus had to slam on their brakes. Fortunately, Matheson didn't have any students on board, and she alone experienced the unnerving swaying and swerving as the bus abruptly dropped speed to avoid a collision.

She remembers seeing the look of shock on the faces of the two girls in the oncoming vehicle, as they too braked and swerved out of the passing car's way.

Matheson followed the car and eventually confronted the young driver about what he'd done.

The teen admitted he was just learning to drive, and he'd passed unsafely on the advice of his grandmother, his lone passenger.

"I told him, 'You could have killed yourself, your grandma and the two girls in the car,'" Matheson says. "'You could have killed all of us.'"

It was a harsh lesson, and Matheson suspects he won't repeat the mistake.

In another incident, a car coming toward the school bus passed it, despite its flashing red lights



Palliser Regional Schools bus driver Veronica Matheson is urging drivers to pay attention to buses. When they're stopped with red lights flashing and stop sign out, vehicles coming toward or behind the bus must stop.

and stop sign. Matheson recognized the driver, and she made a point of contacting the woman to discuss the incident.

The driver admitting being unaware that the bus's flashing lights and stop sign mean stop for vehicles travelling in both directions.

"Stop means stop," Matheson says. "Even if you can see the kids are getting on the bus on the other side of the road, you still have to stop. That driver

doesn't know if a piece of paper will fly out of a backpack and the kid will run across the road after it. You can't foresee what's going to happen."

Drivers approaching from the front or behind a school bus with its red lights on and stop arm extended must stop and stay stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is retracted. Flashing yellow lights on the bus serve as a warning that the bus will be stopping soon. Drivers should pro-

ceed with caution. Passing a bus with its red lights flashing could result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

The speed limit for buses is 90 km/h on Alberta highways.

"Our No. 1 concern is the kids," Matheson says. "It could be your granddaughter or grandson on that bus, or your friend's kid. I treat these kids like they are my own. There is no more precious cargo."

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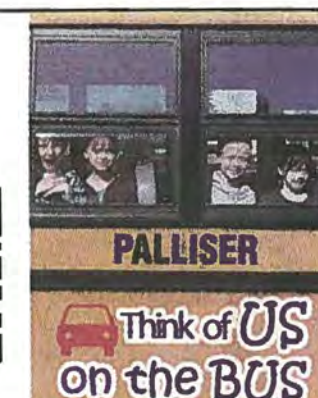
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# Think of US on the BUS!



Shelley West is a 25-year school bus driver with an accident-free record, but there was a time not long ago when she thought about hanging up the keys.

In the worst of three incidents in a two-week span, West watched helplessly as a driver came whisper close to striking a little boy who had just exited the bus and was about to walk home.

Too many times, West has had to keep students in the bus because she can see an approaching driver has no intention of stopping.

This time, the driver coming toward West's bus on a Picture Butte-area highway had slowed. West opened the door to let the boy and his sister out, then she watched helplessly as the vehicle mysteriously sped up toward the kindergarten-aged child about to cross the road.

"The only thing that saved him was he realized his sister wasn't behind him," West says. "She was just a little slow getting her backpack and that saved him."

For West, watching helplessly from inside the bus, those few seconds seemed to play out in slow motion.

"My heart was in my throat," she recalls. "It was just a sick feeling. I've lost a child so I know what it's like."

West's daughter Chelsey Robinson, a member

of the RCMP, was killed in a motor vehicle collision in June 2010 while pursuing a suspected drunk driver.

"It's a parent's worst nightmare," she says.

"These are my kids while they're on my bus," she says. "I would want someone else to look after my kids that way."

The threat of steep fines and demerit points for passing buses stopped with their red lights flashing isn't enough, it seems, to stop reckless and potentially deadly behaviour.

Drivers approaching from the front or behind a school bus with its red lights on and stop arm extended must stop and stay stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is retracted. Flashing yellow lights on the bus serve as a warning that the bus will be stopping soon. Drivers should proceed with caution, and generally that means stopping, not passing, the bus.

Whether it's inattention, the hectic pace of life, or ignorance of the law, West shakes her head at the senselessness of the loss of life and hurt those split seconds can cause.

"Drivers have to realize we're carrying pretty precious cargo," West says. "If I could say something to that driver, I would say 'Do you have children and would you like to see their life end that way?'"



School bus driver Shelley West holds a portrait of her daughter Chelsey Robinson, an RCMP officer who was killed in a vehicle collision. She hopes drivers will pay attention to safety around school buses to spare other parents the heartache of losing a child.



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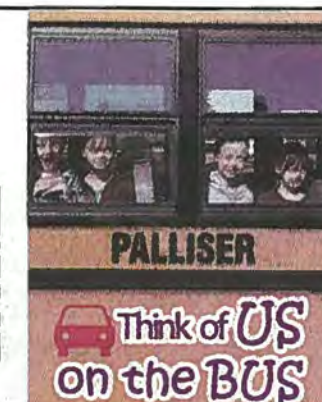
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# Palliser Regional Schools honours three new Wall of Fame inductees

**SUBMITTED BY PALLISER  
REGIONAL SCHOOLS  
VULCAN**

About 900 teachers and support staff from Palliser Regional Schools were challenged and inspired during an Opening Day Celebration in Vulcan, Aug. 29.

The challenge was issued by Superintendent Kevin Gietz, as he announced this year's theme: "Literacy: Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader."

He called on all staff to support the ongoing development of student literacy skills, at all grades and in all subjects.

"Why literacy? Because it's the key to everything else," he said.

He said literacy can no longer be considered the work of elementary teachers alone.

"How can you say our work is done, that we've lived up to our responsibilities, if a student struggles through Grade 12 but we know he or she still can't read at a level needed in our world? If that struggling student was your child, what would you want your school and your teacher to do?"

The impact of school staff on student success was driven home by all three of this year's Palliser Wall of Fame inductees.

Dr. Henry Janzen, a soil biochemist at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Centre in Lethbridge; Dr. Marla Middleton Freitag, a program co-ordinator and instructor at Medicine Hat College; and Terry Vogt, a veteran broadcast journalist from CTV Lethbridge all spoke of specific teachers whose work influenced their lives.

Janzen, whose work studying the flows of carbon and nitrogen between the soil and atmosphere is recognized internationally, described being a timid and awkward student at Readymade, R.I. Baker and Kate Andrews schools in Coaldale.

He hated school yet became "a grateful scholar" thanks to the work of many people in his school and community, including teacher Beatrice Garrow.

He credited her for instilling in him a love of writing.

"I have written (a) myriad (of) forgettable reports, laboured on many manuscripts, perspired at lectures and talks in far-flung places, but always to this day, when I hunker down to write, I hear the whispered wisdom of Mrs. Garrow," he said.

Middleton Freitag, who received an Excellence Award from the Texas-based National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development among other awards for her work at Medicine Hat College, said she had no idea what career to pursue as a Grade 12 student at County Central High School in Vulcan.

A teacher, Mr. Lien, predicted a shortage of business education teachers, and he was right. As she emerged from university at age 22, jobs were in abundance and her career took flight.

"Most of the students were older than I was," she said.

Vogt, born and raised in Picture Butte, spoke of the influence of many teachers, including Mary Oikawa, whose son Scott is now principal of Noble Central School, and George Hanna, whose son Terry teaches at Kate Andrews High in Coaldale.

He was joined at the ceremony by the most influential teachers of all: his parents, Eleanor, also a school teacher, and Bill, who introduced him to the value of storytelling on Picture Butte's coffee row.

Vogt, who stayed in southern Alberta despite being wooed even by legendary newsman Lloyd Robertson to larger markets, led his newsroom to a national award this year. He has served as teacher

and mentor to many others pursuing their own dreams in broadcast journalism and after decades of storytelling, he's "constantly amazed" by "the strength and the grace people bring" to challenging times.

Janzen described Palliser staff as being in the business of hope.

"If hope is the thrill of doing something meaningful, something that persists and grows behind and beyond you, then you, surely, are uncommonly hopeful people..." he said. "You, in Thoreau's words, are 'on the trail of mind.' Enjoy your work, relish it, knowing that your legacy, the mindprints left behind, will linger and last. I have sought to leave a footprint in the soil; you leave your imprint in much more fertile ground: the developing, endlessly inventive human mind."



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**Terry Vogt, Dr. Marla Middleton Freitag and Dr. Henry Janzen were inducted in to the Palliser Regional Schools Wall of Fame in August.**



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# Terry Fox run still going strong

## PROCEEDS BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH

**Katie May**

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When her best friend was diagnosed with cancer last spring, Bailey Campbell knew she had to do something.

She rallied old friends from back home in Vulcan and new friends from the University of Lethbridge, ultimately pulling together close to 50 people to

participate in this year's Terry Fox Run on behalf of Erin Hyslip, a 20-year-old U of L student who is undergoing treatment for osteogenic sarcoma — the same type of cancer that ultimately took Terry Fox.

"She's one of the best people I know," Campbell said, adding that running for her best friend meant everything to her. "Everyone here knows Erin. It's a small-town community coming together."

Dressed in purple shirts emblazoned with yellow ribbons and four words — "No

one fights alone" — Team Erin raised more than \$8,000 for cancer research. That's more than half of the total fundraising goal for this year's run.

As dozens of runners crowded Henderson Lake Park on a sunny Sunday afternoon for the 33rd annual Terry Fox Run in Lethbridge, 55-year-old Arlene Mantie pinned a ribbon to her T-shirt in honour of her friend Cookie, one of her "too many to count" other friends who have been diagnosed with cancer since she began participating in the run three decades ago.

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Team Erin runners embark on their first run for Vulcan's Erin Hyslip, who was diagnosed in April with osteogenic sarcoma, the same type of bone cancer that Terry Fox had.

Herald photo  
by Katie May

## TERRY FOX

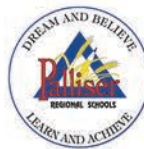
Mantie runs every year. She hasn't missed a chance to further Terry Fox's legacy since he began his cross-country quest in 1980 — she even shaved his name into the back of her head as a cancer fundraiser last month.

"I identified with him because he was my age and my plan, way back, was that I was going to meet him at the Alberta border when he came through. But we all know that didn't happen. So I've just continued his mission ever since," she said. "It was pretty gutsy, what he did."

"Cancer has touched everyone," Mantie added. "There's not one person that can say they don't know a friend, a neighbour, a teacher, a coworker, a family member that hasn't been somehow touched by cancer."

This year's local run aimed to raise \$15,000. Last year, the Terry Fox Foundation contributed \$29.3 million nationally to cancer research.





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**TOAST:** To Palliser Regional Schools, the committee for bus safety and the team who came up with the Think of Us on the Bus ads that have been published in The Herald recently. Each one has a different story of an almost-tragic situation and each serves as an excellent reminder to drivers to be aware of the rules about stopped school buses!



# Watson facing challenge for school board seat

**By Kathy Bly**  
**Sunny South News**

With current Picture Butte school trustee Joe Watson indicating he will seek re-election next month, a pair of new candidates came forward last week to challenge him for his seat.

Joan Boras, a newly retired school teacher, said she will be submitting her nomination papers on Monday, Sept. 23.

"I've been in education for 36 years, it's what I do."

With her retirement she was seeking to stay involved in education and put her experience to use outside the classroom.

Having been raised in a family of educators she felt it was a natural step to seek the opportunity to serve as a school trustee for Palliser Regional Schools.

"It's what I believe in."

Boras said she wants to be part of what is happening in the region with education.

"I think we all need to work together."

She also believes in staying current which is why she decided to run this fall, just a few months after she retired from teaching.

Boras said she understands that education is in a period of fiscal restraint but it's important to use the funds to address the educational needs of each and every student, keeping the funds in the classrooms.

Terry Whitehead is also letting her name stand for school trustee for Picture Butte. A newer arrival to the community, she has been involved in education for 32 years.

She has taught at the junior, senior and university level and even in Nigeria for two years.

She said feels now is a good time to serve on school board.

"I want to stay involved in education."

She said, given the multi-cultural nature of today's classroom enrolment in Palliser, she wants to see all students provided with the opportunity to succeed.

Whitehead retired from teaching in 2010 and moved with her husband, Craig, to Picture Butte in 2012.

"We're still getting to know people."

She is still involved in education, working part-time at the Lethbridge College.

She has also worked for the Alberta government developing diploma exams and conducting field testing, which she still continues to do.



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**Taylor Moreau holds her children, Megan and Trystin, in the driveway, as traffic on Highway 25, near Iron Springs, passes by.**

It was a crisp, clear January 2012 morning when Taylor Moreau dragged her daughter out of the path of a speeding truck and near certain death.

Her daughter was walking toward a waiting school bus, eager for a day of kindergarten. Her mom's been haunted by those few seconds ever since.

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Taylor's daughter, Megan, was half-way across the eastbound lane of Highway 25 when both the bus driver and Taylor realized the oncoming cattleliner was not going to stop, despite the bus's flashing red lights and stop sign. The bus driver laid on her horn, and Taylor lunged forward, grabbing the girl by her backpack and yanking her out of harm's way.

The rush of air from the truck roaring by knocked the little girl to the ground as it sped away.

There was no fog or snow. Sunrise was an hour away, and the school bus's brilliant white strobe light cut through the darkness along the pin-straight stretch of highway. There was no excuse, Taylor says, for what the driver did. The penalty for passing a bus when it's stopped with its red lights flashing can be \$402 and six demerits.

Megan, a plucky kindergarten student at the time and nicknamed "Mother Goose" for her nurturing manner, had no concept how close she'd come to disaster, and she insisted on boarding the bus for school like it was any other day.

Taylor spent the rest of the day at home, overwhelmed with tears of shock, fear and anger. She shares her story with friends and encourages them to spread the word about bus safety.

"I saw my child almost die in front of my eyes," she says. "It's something I'll never forget."

Megan's father, Tom, called police to report what hap-

pened. Later, police were contacted by the driver, confessing what he'd done. The Moreaus have never heard from him.

"I'd like to know if he has children, and if so, how would he feel if he had to watch his child die in front of his eyes. . . Has he had a nightmare about what happened? Has he ever had a second thought about it? We think about it almost every day."

Megan, who's about to start Grade 2, is now joined on the bus by little brother Trystin, Grade 1 student. As their mom relives her memories of the day, the kids are content to play with their pets and show off their skills with numbers and letters.

It's these little moments with her kids that are all the more precious as a result of that driver's recklessness.

"Every day I wake up and see she's learned something new or she's made a new memory," Taylor says. "She's growing into her own person, and that almost didn't happen."

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# Drivers had best beware in Palliser region

**By Dave Mabell**  
ALTA Newspaper Group, LP

Flashing red lights mean "Stop!"

Or else they could mean a \$402 ticket for motorists who drive past a school bus that's flashing those warning lights.

Palliser Regional Schools bus drivers reported 70 of those potentially life-threatening incidents last year. So now, as part of its student safety emphasis, the division has installed photo radar-like cameras on some of its buses.

David Shaw, transportation services supervisor for the large jurisdiction, unveiled the new initiative Thursday at Palliser's headquarters in Lethbridge. It's one part of the "Think of Us on the Bus" campaign launched as schools reopened across the province.

RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs and commercial vehicle officers are partners in this month's campaign, Shaw said. But throughout the year, school officials will give police photo evidence of drivers breaking the law.

Members of the Lethbridge regional police will also help enforce the flashing-red law in Coaldale. But in Lethbridge, Shaw said, city officials

have prohibited the use of the flashing lights and "Stop" arms on school buses.

When a peace officer observes a motorist breaking the school bus law, he added, the penalty is six demerit points in addition to the fine.

For failing to pass with caution when a bus is flashing amber lights while slowing for a stop, the fine is \$345.

Palliser is the first school jurisdiction in southern Alberta to use the cameras, Shaw said.

But it's working with the Westwind School Division on other aspects of the safety campaign.

At Palliser schools, meanwhile, students are being reminded about school bus safety and behaviour.

They're also learning how to leave safely through the rear emergency exit.

Palliser operates 61 bus routes from bases in Vulcan and Lethbridge, Shaw said, transporting about 1,700 students every school day. Its 90 regular or spare drivers clock about 1.8 million kilometres each year.

Cameras have been installed on a limited number of buses, Shaw said, so they'll be assigned to routes where drivers report violations.



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**CANDID CAMERA:** Palliser transportation services supervisor David Shaw, alongside Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Acting Sgt. Rick Smith, will have a new tool in cameras installed on some of the region's school buses to collect evidence of motorists driving past a school bus flashing warning lights.





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## PBHS secures first zone banner of 2013

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

Less than two weeks into the new school year and Picture Butte High School has already secured its first zone title.

The girls golf team took the 1A/2A zone title based on the play of Melissa Bexte, Geni Witdouch, Karly Groenenboom and Jessica Lelekach, who also captured individual gold. The foursome made the trip to Claresholm for the golf zones and now will be off to Strathmore Sept. 23 and 24 to compete in provincials.

Jon Vande Griend, athletic director at the high school, said this is the second year in a row the PBHS girls golf team has captured the zone title.

Last year the team also advanced to the provincials but were unable to compete due to conflicts with other sporting events and the time commitment required to travel to Fort McMurray.

This year the team will be going to provincials to compete.

On the boys side of the draw, the PBHS team finished middle of the pack at zones and does not advance to provincials but Ryan Loman took the silver medal in the individual competition with a 74 and will be going to provincials.

"It's a career best for him," said Vande Griend.

He anticipates all of the PBHS golfers will find the provincial competition very challenging.

Vande Griend noted at the zone level, with so many smaller schools involved in basketball and volleyball, the golf teams don't seem to be as competitive as they are once the competition moves to the next level, the provincials.

This year zones and provincials are buzz words around PBHS. The school will host both a zone and provincial championship tournament this school year, first up is zones for the girls volleyball and then in the spring provincials for boys basketball.

But first the school will host its Royal Rumble in the newly modernized gym. Last year was the first time for the reformatted girls and boys volleyball tournament but due to construction on the new gym floor the tournament had to be hosted in Coaldale at Kate Andrews High School.



**ZONE TITLE:** Picture Butte High School golfers Karly Groenenboom, left, Melissa Bexte, Jessica Lelekach and Geni Witdouch have captured the 1A/2A Zone title and advance to provincials later this month. Photo submitted.

Vande Griend said the teams are looking forward to finally being able to play on their home court.

The Royal Rumble is set for Oct. 25 and 26. Vande Griend said he is working with teacher Jason Kwasny to invite 2A and 3A teams that have had previous success at provincial level competition.

"We wanted to make our tournament more competitive."

He said the coaches and players are excited to be able to host this year's event, the second annual Royal Rumble, in the newly modernized gym.

"Our high school kids missed out on home games and our home tournament," he said of the loss of a gym for the entire volleyball season.

PBHS will host the 2A girls volleyball zones Nov. 15 and 16. Vande Griend said Sugar Queens coach Deanna Ward is working hard with her team in anticipation of both the regular season and the zones.

"Deanna is doing a great job preparing the girls."

Basketball takes centre stage in December as the school hosts the Rule the Court tournament for both girls and boys teams. This is the second year of rebranding for the tournament and bringing both the Sugar Kings and Queens under the same tournament. The competition runs Dec. 12 to 14.

As coach of the Kings, Vande Griend said the team lost seven seniors to graduation but has some strong up and coming young players.

"We're anticipating a great season. We have some great young players."

"The goal still hasn't changed for us," said Vande Griend.

The Kings have won provincials three of the last six years and have taken the zone title six of the last seven years.

The Kings will host the 2A boys provincials for basketball March 20 to 22. The team last hosted the event five years ago. Principal Sterling Paiha and teacher Kerri Masnyk are heading up the planning committee for the event.

"We're really excited about the opportunity to host," said Vande Griend. "It's a terrific community event and we really have community support."

Vande Griend said all of the sporting events hosted at the school each year require a team approach.

He noted everyone is involved from coaches, staff and community members. Being an athletic director in a small school can be demanding and he said he appreciates the number of people who are always willing to step up and help out.





## GOOD NEWS

# Brave beginning for Little Warriors' Be Brave Ranch for children victimized by sexual abuse

BY JENNA MCMURRAY,CALGARY SUN

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**(L-R) Glori Meldrum, founder and chair of Little Warriors, supporters Theoren Fleury and Alison Lee pose Tuesday September 17, 2013 in Calgary, Ab during the kick off to the new campaign for Little Warriors Be Brave Ranch. Little Warriors is a national charitable organization that educates adults about how to help, prevent, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Jim Wells/Calgary Sun/QMI Agency**

Albertans have big dreams for the littlest of warriors.

The dedication and generosity of Albertans will be recognized in a new campaign to support children who have suffered from sexual abuse.

On Tuesday, Little Warriors launched its Everyday Albertans campaign, aimed at raising the money needed to establish the Be Brave Ranch.

The campaign will highlight stories and accomplishments of everyday Albertans who support the organization through everything from lemonade stands to art sales.

In the last 16 months, \$2.6 million has been raised to help purchase a site that will be transformed into the country's first long-term treatment centre for children that have been sexually abused, said Little Warriors founder and chairwoman Glori Meldrum.

Another \$2 million is required to buy a spot the organization has its eye on just outside Edmonton.

"We're going to get this facility built for these kids," said Meldrum, a victim of sex abuse herself.

Once the site is purchased, it will need to be renovated and then the organization will shift its efforts to raising the money needed to run it.

When it's fully operational, it will be able to help 600 kids annually, using a custom-designed, one-year treatment program, said Meldrum.

It will change how kids who have been abused can heal, as one-on-one counselling is one of the only options currently



available, she added.

Former NHL star Theo Fleury, who went public in 2009 with his story of being sexually abused by former junior hockey coach Graham James, was on hand for the launch Tuesday.

“This place, the Be Brave Ranch, is so, so needed ... what a great place to start,” he said, applauding how supportive Albertans are.

“You are going to change the life of a very young, innocent person who has had something taken away from them that wasn’t their fault.”

Alison Lee, a 15-year-old sex abuse survivor from Coaldale, was also on hand to explain how the ranch will make a huge difference for young victims.

Leading up to Christmas last year, Lee sold sponsorship of Christmas lights in support of Little Warriors and strung the lights up on a tree to represent victims of abuse.

She raised \$9,100 for the organization.

This year, she’s hoping to raise \$100,000.

“I want to go big or go home,” she said.

“We are going to get this ranch built ... we won’t give up.”

For information on Lee’s project, email [shedlightfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:shedlightfundraiser@gmail.com)

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Const. Desmond Pike, left, Const. Nathan Cutler and Const. Tony Ramotowski investigate the scene of a collision between a 52-year-old cyclist and a Palliser school bus at the west end of Whoop-Up Drive Tuesday morning. Both the bus and cyclist were travelling eastbound at the time and the collision sent the cyclist to hospital with numerous injuries.

# Cyclist hit by school bus

LETHBRIDGE HERALD

A 53-year-old cyclist was taken to hospital after she was hit by a school bus Tuesday morning.

The woman's injuries are serious but non-life-threatening, according to Lethbridge regional police, who are still investigating. Police believe sun glare may have contributed to the crash.

Around 7:30 a.m., a Palliser school bus driven by a 35-year-old woman was going eastbound on Whoop-Up Drive when the bus' front bumper crashed into the cyclist, who was travelling in the same direction around the 2800 block. The bus was at the beginning of its route on the way to Coalhurst at the time and one student was aboard.

The girl wasn't hurt and her mother picked her up and took her to school. The school board has brought in a replacement bus driver for the rest of the week.

Palliser Regional Schools Superintendent Kevin Gietz said the school board is awaiting the outcome of the police investigation.

"Once we have a better idea of what they have found, then that will help us with that information to determine what we need to do to make sure things like this don't happen again," he said. "Right now, I just don't know enough about what happened and what mistakes were made, because obviously somebody made a mistake along the way somewhere, and we'll just need to wait to see what the police find out."

In the meantime, the school board has counselling available for students and staff and is thinking of the victim and the driver.

"We want to make sure that our thoughts and prayers are with them. And our driver is shaken, of course, from the incident," he said.

Earlier this month, the school board launched its second annual "Think of Us on the Bus" safety campaign urging drivers to be cautious while sharing the road with school buses.



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our editorial

# Be safe around school buses

**P**alliser has launched its second annual Think of Us on the Bus campaign.

The campaign, now in its second year, is Palliser's multi-pronged, four-week campaign of education, awareness and enforcement related to school bus safety for students, bus drivers and the motoring public.

Palliser and law enforcement partners are spending this week during the campaign's enforcement blitz with officers aboard designated routes.

But they plan on focusing on the Lethbridge, Coaldale and Picture Butte areas, as David Shaw, Palliser's transportation services supervisor, said the problem is not as bad in this area.

Good to hear.

We're sure though that every bus driver in the county has had some issues with drivers, perhaps some already in this new school year.

Last Thursday, Shaw said that there have been five cases of drivers passing a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing.

That's unacceptable.

With the precious cargo that school buses carry, why take the risk? What's a minute or two out of a person's life to ensure the safety of kids?

If that somehow doesn't make people think twice, drivers should know passing a school bus with its red lights flashing can result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

As part of the campaign's education component, Shaw and other members of the Think of Us on the Bus team visited southern Alberta schools, including Vulcan Prairieview Elementary and Champion schools. They learned some general bus rules and how to properly get off the bus depending on the situation.

Palliser deserves to be commended for driving home the importance of school bus safety. The provincial government, which provided an initial grant to set up the new initiative, Lethbridge County, which provided some funding, and law enforcement also deserve kudos for recognizing the value of the campaign.



# Palliser launches second annual bus safety campaign



Photos by Stephen Tipper Vulcan Advocate

**Above:** David Shaw, Palliser's transportation services supervisor, gave a school bus presentation last Thursday at Vulcan Prairieview Elementary (VPE) school. **Right:** VPE student Alexis MacDonald jumps out the back of a school bus last Thursday with help from teacher Lorraine Kirk, left, and Heather Bianchini. during a practice of a rear door evacuation. Behind them, school bus driver Hans Hulstein shows VPE student Tayler Dowell the "skier stance" before she takes her turn jumping off the bus.

**Stephen Tipper**  
Editor

Vulcan Prairieview Elementary school students received some school bus safety lessons Thursday before taking up the "skier stance" and practising a rear door evacuation of a bus.

David Shaw, Palliser's transportation services supervisor,

told kids things such as never walk behind a bus, that a bus driver can probably see a child if that child can see the driver, and to remain seated at all times.

Hans Hulstein, a Coaldale bus driver, then showed the attentive students the "skier stance," the proper way to get ready when jumping out of the rear of the bus.

Students watched videos on front door, rear door and split door evacuations, in which students exit from both the front and rear of the bus depending on where they're sitting.

Shaw and the rest of Palliser's team involved in the Think of Us on the Bus campaign also visited Champion School last Thursday.

Think of Us on the Bus,

now in its second year, is Palliser's multi-pronged, four-week campaign of education, awareness and enforcement related to school bus safety for students, bus drivers and the motoring public.

To help some bus drivers when incidents do occur, Palliser has installed exterior cameras on five of its school buses.

Passing a school bus stopped with its red lights flashing can result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

Since Palliser schools started their school year Sept. 3, the school division has reports of five cases of drivers passing school buses when their red lights have been flashing, said Shaw.

"It's not a record I want to see repeated," he said.

But the problem isn't in Vulcan County, Shaw told the *Advocate*. The problem is mainly centred in the Lethbridge, Coaldale and Picture Butte areas, he added.

And Shaw said that's where Palliser and law enforcement partners are spending this week, during the campaign's enforcement blitz, with officers aboard designated routes.







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# Arrowwood School students pay it forward, help flood-damaged school

**Stephen Tipper**  
Editor

After Arrowwood Community School was badly damaged by a fire last year, the school received help from all over Alberta and Canada.

A group of students from the school has returned the favour, helping out Holy Spirit Academy, a Catholic elementary school in High

River, that was badly damaged in the June 20 flood.

At the end of the last school year, Grade 1 students at Arrowwood Community School created small five-inch by seven-inch paintings, said teacher Kyla Smith.

"We thought that's where we should send" the money, said Smith.

The framed paintings — the kids made about 35 in all — were sold

for \$10 each at the awards ceremony held on the last day of the school year. A few leftover paintings were sold during the pancake breakfast at the Arrowwood Sports Day. Some paintings were purchased for more than what the students were asking.

The students raised just over \$400 from the fundraiser, and the cheque was sent along last Wednesday, Sept. 11.

The Grade 1 class also donated

the rest of its ice cream trip funds — leftover coins in a jar — that totalled about \$10, said Smith.

After going through the experience of having to buy things again after losing everything, Arrowwood teachers and staff knew colleagues at Holy Spirit Academy would need funds to buy items that hadn't occurred to them while setting up their classrooms again.

"We kind of can understand what

it's like to lose everything," said Smith.

By making paintings instead of asking for donations, the students had more ownership over the fundraiser, she said.

"This was something that they created and did themselves."

It was also a project the students could easily do in the classroom and something they could be proud of, said Smith.





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**Simon Ducatel**  
Vulcan Advocate

Luke Jackson,  
11, was one of  
21 junior golfers  
taking part in the  
annual Junior  
Championship at  
the Vulcan Golf  
and Country Club  
on Sept. 7.





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# Drive safe around precious cargo onboard school buses, says local school division

➤ **Palliser launches second annual Think of Us on the Bus school bus safety campaign**

## Submitted

In 20-plus years of driving school bus in Vulcan County, Veronica Matheson has enjoyed quiet mornings when hers is the only vehicle on a rural road.

But there are other times when she's come too close to potentially fatal consequences of drivers either not knowing rules of the road or not paying attention.

In one instance, a driver passed her bus despite the solid line, a hill blocking visibility ahead and another car coming toward them.

Both the approaching car and the bus had to slam on their brakes.

Fortunately, Matheson didn't have any students on board, and she alone experienced the unnerving swaying and swerving as the bus abruptly dropped speed to avoid a collision.

She remembers seeing the look of shock on the faces of the two girls in the oncoming vehicle, as they too braked and swerved out of the passing car's way.

Matheson followed the car and eventually confronted the young driver about what he'd done.

The teen admitted he was just learning to drive, and he'd passed unsafely on the advice of his grandmother, his lone passenger.

"I told him, 'You could have killed yourself, your grandma and the two girls in the car,' "Matheson says. "You could have killed all of us."

It was a harsh lesson, and Matheson suspects he won't repeat the mistake.

In another incident, a car coming toward the school bus passed it, despite its flashing red lights and stop sign.

Matheson recognized the driver, and she made a point of contacting the woman to discuss the incident.

The driver admitting being unaware that the bus's flashing lights and stop sign mean stop for vehicles travelling in both directions.

"Stop means stop," Matheson says. "Even if you can see the kids are getting on the bus on the other



Submitted photo

Palliser Regional Schools bus driver Veronica Matheson urges drivers to pay attention to buses. When they're stopped with red lights flashing and stop sign out, vehicles coming toward or behind the bus must stop.

side of the road, you still have to stop.

"That driver doesn't know if a piece of paper will fly out of a backpack and the kid will run across the road after it.

"You can't foresee what's going to happen."

Drivers approaching from the front or behind a school bus with its red lights on and stop

arm extended must stop and stay stopped until the lights stop flashing and the stop sign is retracted.

Flashing yellow lights on the bus serve as a warning that the bus will be stopping soon.

Drivers should proceed with caution. Passing a bus with its red lights flashing could result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

The speed limit for buses is 90 kilometres per hour on Alberta highways.

"Our No. 1 concern is the kids," Matheson says.

"It could be your granddaughter or grandson on that bus, or your friend's kid.

"I treat these kids like they are my own.

"There is no more precious cargo."



**Stop means stop. Even if you can see the kids are getting on the bus on the other side of the road, you still have to stop. That driver doesn't know if a piece of paper will fly out of a backpack and the kid will run across the road after it. You can't foresee what's going to happen**

— Veronica Matheson, school bus driver in Vulcan County



# Move to give junior golfers their own championship day a hole in one

**Simon Ducatel**  
Reporter

Weather hampered the junior golf championship on Saturday, Sept. 7, but the event was able to proceed.

However, the family activities that had been planned following the junior club championship were cancelled because of poor weather.

But the young golfers — 21 in all — got a chance to complete their round of golf.

Considering there was a volleyball tournament in Fort Macleod that several junior golfers attended, and that it's harvest season, it was a good turnout, said Dusty Rhodes, who runs the junior golf program at the Vulcan Golf and Country Club.

"It went well," said Mike Fenske, the golf course's general manager.

"We got lucky — didn't get rained out!"

The junior club championship used to be held with the men and women's championship, and the decision to run the junior event separately was a good one, he said.

Volunteers with the Vulcan Kinsmen Club kept score for the kids.

"I can't say enough about Mike and the Kinsmen," said Rhodes, adding that he also appreciates the help from about a dozen local volunteer instructors who spend a lot of time with the young golfers.

"I'm proud to be a part of this whole thing," he said.

The junior golf program has been around since 1994, said Rhodes.

"It's just fun," said Luke Jackson, 11, about the junior golf program and why he's kept coming back over the last four years.

"The instructors make it fun and improve the program every year," said Christie Bach, 15, who's been involved in the junior golf program since she was 7.



**Simon Ducatel** Vulcan Advocate

**From left:** Mike Fenske, general manager of the Vulcan golf course, Rebecca Routly, winner of the female age 16-17 category, Cole Hartung, winner of the male age 16-17 category, Damion Grant, runner up for male 16-17 category, Dusty Rhodes, junior golf program co-ordinator, Braden Willerton, winner of the male age 13-15 category, Kinley Helland, winner of the male age 10-12 category, Emily Routly, winner of the female age 13-15 category and Sean Carey, president of the Vulcan Kinsmen.



## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Bill West from Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, left, and Sheriff Thomas Kuehrt lend a hand to Coalhurst Elementary School student Kolton Smith during a rear-door evacuation drill. Palliser Regional Schools Transportation Services staff, with partners from law enforcement, met with students to talk about school bus safety and etiquette as part of Palliser's Think of Us on the Bus safety campaign. The campaign includes a public education effort through local media and wraps up with an enforcement blitz that sees law enforcement officers riding aboard specific high-traffic routes, with support from roaming patrol cars.

Photo by Dawn Sugimoto,  
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# Bergen-Henengouwen serves leadership role, on and off the court

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

A former high school star athlete in Picture Butte continues to enhance his leadership skills both on and off the court.

Picture Butte High School alumnus, Todd Bergen-Henengouwen is now into his fifth year at the University of Alberta as a member of the Golden Bears basketball team.

The forward, who had an impressive run in high school basketball with the Picture Butte Sugar Kings, has taken his game to the next level with his university team. Off the court he is a student in the Agricultural Business Management program.

Bergen-Henengouwen said he chose to take four courses a semester instead of five so he could juggle both his school work and basketball. "It would make life a little uncomfortable to do five a semester."

He learned quickly the need to balance school and basketball along with his commitment to being a student leader, both on campus and in the community.

He serves in student government as a member of the University Athletic Board. The focus of the board is to get athletes out into the community as volunteers in addition to their involvement on campus.

"It gives athletes a voice," he said of the UAB.

He has served as an advocate for student athletes and is now in his fifth year on the board having served as a student rep, vice-president and for the past two years as president. This fall he serves in the position of past president, bringing four years of experience to the board.

"I hope to still be involved."

Among the programs Bergen-Henengouwen has been working with as a member of the UAB include visiting children at the Stollery Children's Hospital, reading to younger kids during read-in weeks, promoting tobacco-free education programs in elementary schools and NSTEP, a nutrition and exercise program involving stu-



**TODD  
BERGEN-HENENGOUWEN**  
... student leader

dents, teachers and parents.

Bergen-Henengouwen believes in the program as it gets athletes out in the community to speak with kids about being healthy and active.

"We can speak from experience."

"I do enjoy interacting with the different athletes

and different teams."

Taking on a leadership role with the UAB came naturally to Bergen-Henengouwen who said he had similar roles growing up but his leadership skills have grown and developed since he started classes at the U of A.

"It's just kinds of how I am and what I do in every day life."

On the court he has also seen his game grow and develop.

"I've learned there's a lot more of a mental aspect to the game."

In high school his main focus was to stop the other team and score points.

"I've learned a lot from my coaches," he said of his past four years at university.

He has adopted new strategies, improved his mental game and learned from his life experiences.

Among his long term goals are a desire to play professional basketball overseas and to eventually move into coaching roles. He sees coaching as a natural progression

in his basketball.

"I won't ever leave the game."

He said it has always been part of his life.

"It's always going to be there."

He also wants to be involved in the agriculture sector but he would first like to explore the world and learn more life lessons before he considers coming home to the family farm south of Shaunnessy. He admits it was bit of a shock going from a small town basketball program at PBHS to the U of A program. The speed of the game and the physicality challenged him.

"I had to put some muscle on."

Being part of a team gave him an immediate set of friends which helped with the transition from high school to university. It took him almost a full year to feel like he fit with the basketball program and about a semester to settle into his studies. As a goal-setter he set goals in both his schooling and basketball which helped him to excel in both areas as a student.

He shared this life lesson with student athletes at PBHS when he spoke earlier this year at the annual athletics awards.

"You've got to be able to prioritize," he said.

Bergen-Henengouwen said if he hadn't learned time management at a young age he couldn't have done all he has both in school, on the basketball court or as a volunteer. Between the regular season and tournament play he will play 35 to 40 games this basketball season. He is practising six days a week, Monday to Saturday, and works out on top of that which means a time commitment of two to three hours a day. His weekends, when he's not playing basketball are for catching up.

He expects the Golden Bears will have a strong season this year. A lot of the pieces from last year's team are coming back and if everyone can stay healthy the team looks to be strong on the court.

"We do have the pieces of the puzzle to do really well this year."



**DEFENSIVE POSITION:** Former Picture Butte High School basketball player, Todd Bergen-Henengouwen goes for the block during university basketball action last season. He is a member of the University of Alberta's Golden Bears and has begun his fifth and final season with the university program. Photo submitted.



# Spanish teacher enjoys visit

**By Nick Kuhl**  
**ALTA Newspaper Group, LP**

A high school teacher from Spain has been job shadowing some of her Canadian counterparts in southern Alberta for the past two weeks.

Manuela Sanchez Vicente arrived to the region on Sept. 6 and has spent her time visiting a number of southern Alberta schools, including one at a Hutterite colony, and helping out with a variety of classes at Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale.

She is one of five teachers from Spain visiting Alberta this month, as the regional education authority she works for has had an agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association for the past five years for student exchanges, but added the international teacher exchange element this year.

Sanchez Vicente is from Valladolid, which is about 200 kms north of Madrid and has a population of more than 300,000. She has taught English at IES Zorilla school more than 20 years, but said many of her students are still in need of much help.

"When I came here my goal was to find ideas to make my students speak English and to feel confident about speaking English," Sanchez Vicente said last Wednesday morning at Kate Andrews.

"Most of them are writing and understanding English, but the problem happens when we want them to speak. They get stuck. So I am always looking for new ideas to make my students speak English, so when I was offered this opportunity I really wanted to take it."

One of the ideas she plans to adapt is asking students how they feel connected to stories, rather than just rate their comprehension.

"That's the most important dif-



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**COOKING TIPS:** Manuela Sanchez Vicente, right, helps Food Studies students Shayla Van Bezooen, left, and Ashley Fritzler during a visit to Kate Andrews High School.

ference I've seen here — is making them feel what they are doing instead of just reading and asking them questions about reading. I want to ask them how they can compare themselves to the story."

Sanchez Vicente also worked with a Kate Andrews foods class to teach students how to create an authentic Spanish meal, took in a Lethbridge Hurricanes preseason game and a weekend visit to Waterton Lakes National Park.

"When you are in Spain and people talk to you about Canada the first image that comes up is the landscape, the scenery, the mountains," she said, adding that was her highlight of the trip outside of

the classroom. Sanchez Vicente left Alberta on Saturday and was set to arrive

back to Spain on Sunday.

"People here are really, really nice. They always seem to have the time to show interest about the things I have been doing," she said.

"And they always ask me if I'm having a good time here and they're very interested in the things I have seen. I find it really welcoming."

Sanchez Vicente will host students from Alberta at her school in the spring and Kate Andrews principal Danny Roberts will be heading to Spain a year from now as part another exchange.





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# Sheriffs support Palliser blitz

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

It was a very quiet ride to school last Tuesday as Coaldale-area school bus driver Hans Hulstein added a new passenger to his pick-up list.

Sheriff Shaun Jorgensen was along for the morning run helping to keep an eye on traffic as Hulstein shuttled his young charges to school.

"It was the quietest ride we had this year," said Hulstein.

The ride home was full of questions from the students asking about the sheriff's time on the bus that morning.

Jorgensen said there weren't a lot of problems during the morning commute but on the main highways there are still a lot of potential for problems. He noted some motorists are not sure if they should be stopping on the secondary paved highways when they are on the opposite side of the road as the school bus.

He said drivers need to realize they have to stop when a school bus has its red lights flashing regardless of which side of the road they are on.

The sheriff was not looking in particular for infractions last Tuesday but was more focused on helping to promote the bus safety message that Palliser Regional Schools has been championing since before the new school year began.

"It's a positive thing," he said of the school division's efforts to bring awareness to the need for drivers to be more aware of the school buses and students on the local roadways.

"I think it shows both sides are trying to be proactive instead of just picking up the pieces after,"



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**EXTRA RIDER:** Sheriff Shaun Jorgensen chats with school bus driver Hans Hulstein after he joined the bus for its morning pick-up and delivery of students to Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale.

said Jorgensen.

Hulstein, who began driving school bus five years ago after retiring from R.I. Baker Middle School after 32 years of teaching, has been going from school to school this fall helping to teach students about bus safety.

"We've been going to all of the elementary schools."

He helps with the bus evacuation drills and supports the program being delivered by Palliser Transportation Services Supervisor David Shaw.

"It's sort of like practicing a fire drill."

Hulstein said it seems some drivers are still not getting the message when it comes to stopping for school buses. He doesn't know if there is an actual increase in the number of people failing to stop or if there is just better reporting of

such incidents this year but the numbers seem to be higher than previous years.

"I think it may be both."

He said last year construction on Highway 3, between Coaldale and Lethbridge, resulted in more drivers using Highway 512 which made it more dangerous for him to stop on the road and pick up students. Instead he opted to drive into the farm yards as a safety precaution.

"I had to change what I do."

This year, with the construction completed, he said the traffic volume is much lower and he has returned to picking up students at the side of the highway.

"I hope the message gets through."

He's witnessed a few close incidents and he just doesn't want to see a tragedy unfold.





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# Voting for two seats in Palliser

Coaldale, Iron Springs and Picture Butte residents will be voting next month for school trustees to represent them in Palliser Regional Schools.

Current Coaldale trustee Jean Mrak declined to run in the upcoming election and voters will now be casting ballots for either Heather Lee or Debbie Laturnus on Oct. 21.

One of them will fill the position representing Ward 1, Subdivision 2 which takes in the town of Coaldale.

In Ward 1, Subdivision 4, which takes in Picture

Butte and Iron Springs areas voters will be casting ballots for either Joan Boras or Terry Whitehead. Both are retired educators and are vying for the position currently held by Joe Watson.

Watson has served 15 years on the school board but declined to run again, opting to put his name forward as a candidate for Picture Butte town council. The remaining four members of the school board including Chairman Don Zech, Esther Willms, Coleen Deitz and Robert Strauss, all returned by acclamation.





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## Cultural exchange



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**DISHING UP:** Kate Andrews High School teacher Angie Roelofs, left, accepts a bowl of paella from Manuela Sanchez Vicente, a teacher from Spain visiting the Coaldale school last week. The paella was created by Food Studies 20 and 30 students with direction from Sanchez Vicente and then enjoyed by the students and their teacher. For story and photo turn to Page 7.



# Bonjour, parlez-vous français?



**Photos by Stephen Tipper** Vulcan Advocate  
Left: Heather McBride teaches basic French to Grade 3 students at Vulcan Prairieview Elementary. Right: Grade 4 student Megan McCreddie holds up a question that allows students to ask what something in English would translate to in French.



**Stephen Tipper**  
Editor

Vulcan Prairieview Elementary (VPE) school has re-introduced a French class, for its Grades 3-4 students.

Theo Wiebe, a teacher at Palliser's Menno Simons Christian School in Calgary, provides instruction to about

40 Grade 4 students in one classroom by teleconference while down the hall VPE's Heather McBride teaches the school's 20 or so Grade 3 students.

"It's a good experience," said Grade 3/4 teacher Karma Kubik.

After their first French class, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Grade 3s and 4s were excited to share with each other what they had learned, she said.

The Grade 4 class ran into a technical glitch on the first day of French class, with the students unable to connect with Wiebe partway through

the class, said Kubik. The VPE teachers played a game with the kids for the rest of the class, she said.

On Thursday, Sept. 12, the second day of French instruction, the Grade 4 students could see and hear the students throughout the lesson, and they then practised what they learned and played a game with their VPE teachers.

Students in the Grade 4 class learned phrases like "Asseyez-vous" (sit down), "Levez-vous" (stand up) and "Je ne comprends pas" (I do not understand) while the Grade 3s learned the days of the week.

While the new French program is in its infancy and the logistics are still being sorted out, the idea is to continue the French program on into Grades 5 and 6.

"That is the plan," said principal Shane Cranston. "We'll see how this goes."

Staff had been discussing introducing a second language back to the school for a while, he said. It's been years since French was taught at VPE, said Cranston, who's been the school's principal for five years.

"So far, so good," Cranston said of the feedback from parents. "It's still early on."

## Signing up for local activities at annual Mass Registration



**Simon Ducatel**  
Vulcan Advocate

Residents of Vulcan and the surrounding area got a chance to check out some of the available clubs and organizations Friday, Sept. 6 at the Vulcan Prairieview Elementary school gym, where the annual Mass Registration event was held.



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# Young archer a natural marksman

➤ Cameron Warren, 11, brings home a gold and two silver medals from Canadian championship event in New Brunswick

**Simon Ducatel**  
Reporter

It must run in the family. Cameron Warren, 11, is a local archer who got started with a bow early at the age of three after picking up an interest in the sport from his grandparents.

"He shot his first tournament when he was five," said his coach and grandmother Jude Hooey.

Jude and her late husband, Dennis, used to have an archery business in Lethbridge, where she resides. The couple was heavy into archery — Hooey remains very involved in the sport to this day — and Warren started to attend archery events with his grandparents.

Since then, he has continued to practise and has competed in many tournaments.



Cameron Warren, 11, recently returned from an archery event in New Brunswick with one gold and two silver medals.

The most recent competition was in Woodstock, New Brunswick, where the 2013 Canadian Outdoor 3D Championship was held.

There were actually several parts to the championship, said Hooey.

The first part was 3D, in which archers shoot at three-dimensional animal targets at unknown dis-

tances. The second part of the championship was the field round, in which archers shoot for paper targets at known distances up and down hills and through trees. The final part of the competition is a shoot for targets at known distances on a flat hill, said Hooey.

"We went a couple days early so we could see some

sites," she said. "And then we shot from Aug. 2 to Aug. 9."

Warren ended up winning a silver medal in the 3D event, a gold medal in the field event and a silver medal in the flat-field target event, said Hooey. Although Warren wasn't a stranger to 3D competitions, it was his first time participating in field and target events.

"It was fantastic," she said. "He did a super job."

In the three weeks leading up to the championships, Warren had been practising a little bit every day and had also attended several 3D tournaments over the weekends.

"He put a lot of effort into his shooting," said Hooey.

"I'm really proud of him."

Their trip to New Brunswick, which lasted 12 days, was the longest they'd gone on together.

"It was great," said Hooey. "We had a wonderful time."

So long as Warren displays an interest in archery, Hooey said she'd gladly continue to coach him.

She also enjoys competing, and will be headed to Sassari, Italy, in October for the world championship with Jennifer Warren, her daughter and Warren's mom. Hooey is on the Canadian World 3D team.



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Champion's Mackenzie Perley, pictured here with High River's Ashley Skory in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. joined other Alberta delegates this summer on a UN Pilgrimage for youth trip, which is sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The six Alberta youth met in Calgary on July 5 and flew to Philadelphia the next day. Some other stops included New



York City, where they spent five days, Ottawa, Niagara Falls, Washington, Baltimore and Fields of Gettysburg. Perley won a speaking competition last November in which each competitor is required to write a speech eight to 10 minutes long. Perley spoke about children's rights to education. An information night for this trip is being held on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Blackie Oddfellows Hall with the speak-offs on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in Blackie. Perley encourages any youth in Grades 10 or 11 to take advantage of this incredible opportunity. For more information, call Kevin Skory at 403-652-7942.



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## County Central boys' golf team finishes in top half of zone competition

The County Central High School boys' golf team finished sixth out of 14 in the south zone competition Sept. 12 in Claresholm.

Kurtis Maisey had the best score of

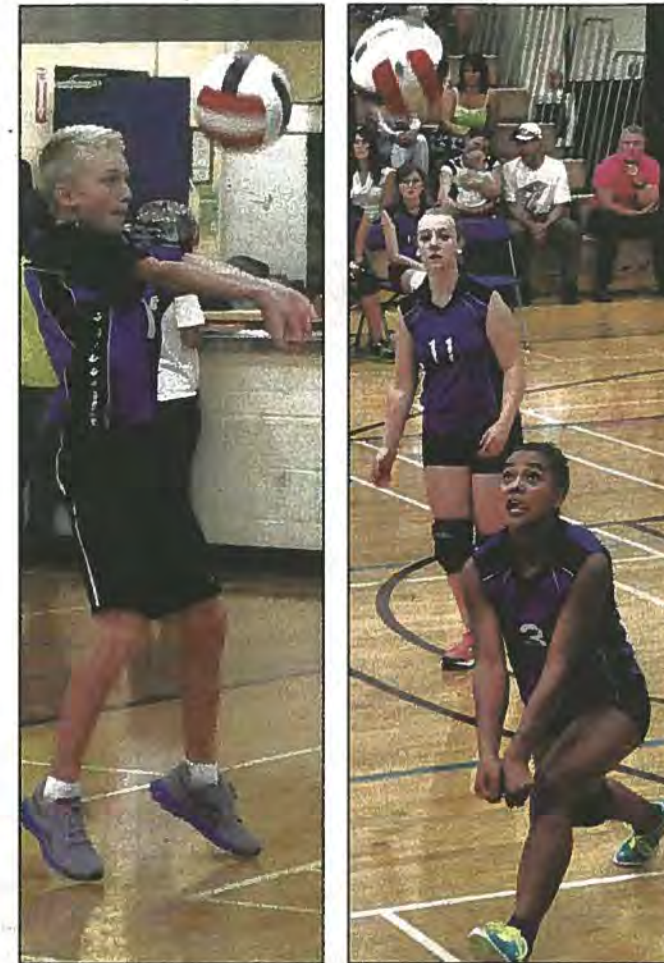
the four boys who took part, shooting an 82, while Brayden Kahut shot an 84.

Rounding out the boys' teams were Shane Fox and Brandon Baynes.

The CCHS team of three girls finished last out of the four teams.

Brianna McKay, Christie Bach and McKenzie Perley were on the girls' team.

## Junior volleyball season underway



Photos by Stephen Tipper Vulcan Advocate

Left: County Central High School junior Hawk Jakob Krause, a Grade 8 student, bumps the ball back during a game last Thursday at the Cultural-Recreational Centre. Right: Junior Hawk Keyara Wardley, a Grade 9 student, gets under the ball and bounces it back recently, while teammate Naomie Groves, Grade 9, watches the play.



# Think of Use on the Bus motoring along in Palliser



**BY STEPHANIE LABBE  
COALHURST**

The Think of Use on the Bus campaign is in its second year for Palliser Regional Schools and is running well.

On Sept. 10, Palliser and enforcement officers attended Coalhurst Elementary School as part of their campaign school assemblies. The second week of September, Palliser and enforcement officials attended nine different schools and a few more the following week to finish up their school stops.

While at the schools, David Shaw, the Palliser transportation services supervisor, says they talked to the students about the campaign and their role in bus safety.

"When we're at the schools, the whole assembly just talks a bit about the program itself and the three weeks of it," explains Shaw. "We have a PowerPoint presentation for the students on what their part in making sure that they get on and off the bus safe is and that's about a 10-minute PowerPoint presentation just on bus rules, best practices and safe ways to wait at a bus stop and how to board and get off a bus."

Following the PowerPoint, they talk to the students about a bus evacuation and then allow the students to take part in one.

The three-week campaign involves advertising, the school assemblies and then the ride alongs with the sheriffs and RCMP officers in the third week.

For the first year of the campaign, the school division received funding from the Alberta Traffic Safety fund and this year they received funding

for their media portion from the County of Lethbridge.

This funding allows the campaign to run.

Shaw says this campaign is important for motorists to see and realize that whenever a bus has its red stop arms out and the flashers on, they have to stop.

Palliser always has a start meeting with its bus drivers to ensure they know the safety procedures when driving the bus, picking up and dropping off students.

Motorists passing school buses when stopped and lights flashing has been an ongoing problem.

From the statistics collected from last year's campaign, there were a total of 70 instances where people passed the red flashers.

That's one instance every three days of school.

"It's a little disturbing," says Shaw about last year's stats.

There have already been five instances in eight school days this year as well.

"The overall goal is public awareness and best safety practices for all of our bus drivers and students within Palliser Regional Schools," adds Shaw.

He explains the only way to get motorists to stop passing the buses when the lights are flashing is to keep up the awareness.

He says Palliser plans on running this campaign well into the future.

New this year, Palliser has placed

five external cameras on five buses. Those buses will rotate in areas where officials find problems and record those instances.

When a bus driver observes an incident he or she will press a button at the time it happens, which makes a note.

When Shaw pulls the hard drive he can go to that spot and see what happened.

It will give Shaw the chance to see the incident and also print a picture off with the licence plate of the vehicle. He can then send the video and picture to law enforcement.

Law enforcement will determine if they will send out a ticket or they will just contact the driver and let them know what he or she did was wrong.

Shaw says they will probably increase the number of cameras they have next year depending on what they get for incident reporting this year.

Failure to stop when a bus is stopped with its red lights flashing and its stop arm is extended will result in a \$402 fine and six demerit points.

Failure to use caution when passing a school bus with its amber lights flashing is a \$345 ticket.

Shaw says the point of using these cameras isn't to send out tickets, it's to stop people from passing school buses when stopped by making drivers more aware of their dangerous behaviours.

Photo submitted by Palliser Regional Schools Coalhurst Elementary student Kolton Smith is helped out of a school bus by Bill West from Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (left) and Sheriff Thomas Kuehrt (right). Students are led through a rear-door evacuation drill following an assembly on bus safety and etiquette.



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## Former CCHS rugby player named Canada West's rookie of the year

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It hasn't taken DeLeaka Menin long to make an impact on university rugby.

The former County Central High School student, who has finished her first year on the University of Calgary Dinos squad, has already made her mark in the Canada West, being named recently as the university league's rookie of the year.

"DeLeaka is one of those special athletes that doesn't come around very often," said Simon Chi, the Dinos' head coach. "For lack of a better term she is a freak."

"We are excited to be working with and developing such a talented athlete. She has already represented her country at the U20 level and with some more hard work and polish she certainly has the potential to compete at the highest level. Her addition this year provides impact player to an already imposing front row and she will no doubt be a feature player in this program for years to come."

In Grade 12, Menin made the U20 Canadian

women's rugby team that won the Nations Cup in England, which was a first for the Canadian U20 rugby program.

Menin, who plays prop, said competing at the university level has been a "big adjustment."

"I had a really good first year, I really loved it," she said.

She said she was "really excited" to be named the Canada West's rookie of the year. "I guess I was surprised just because of the calibre of players you meet in university," she said. "It was a really big honour, I just didn't expect it."

Towards the end of the season Menin was brought on in the second half as an impact player, and she started both games during the Canada West playoff tournament. The Dinos finished second in the league.

"It's quite a new program for a university-based sport, but the coaches are always there, we can call or text them whenever," said Menin.

She wants to continue playing rugby as long as she can, but school trumps rugby, said Menin, who's taking the law and society program at the U of C and hopes to become a lawyer.



## Painting the town



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTOS BY KATHY BLY

**COLOUR CREW:** There was no lack of volunteers last Friday to throw coloured cornstarch at participants in this year's Terry Fox Run at Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale. The students ran the track and collected the colours for their efforts.



**DUCKING OUT:** While some runners tried a duck and run approach, others took the colour booms square on, trying to avoid a facial impact. Students and staff at Kate Andrews High School added in the paint element this year for a little variety to the traditional run.





# Palliser candidates asked about their educational concerns



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*The Sunny South News, in an effort to give candidates in the upcoming school board election a chance to reach our readership, has asked each candidate to answer the same two questions.*

1. What skills and experience would you bring to a position on the school board?

2. What issues do you feel should be priority for the school board to focus on during the next four years?

As follows are the responses from the Palliser candidates who submitted their answers to these two questions.

For the Coaldale trustee's position there are two candidates, Heather Lee and Debbie Laturus.

## Heather Lee

1. I am a diversified and committed individual. I have been an active volunteer in my community and extensively in the schools for the past 11 years. My experience on councils and advisories, I participated in public forums and volunteering directly in the classroom has given me a well rounded understanding of all aspects of our education system. With this extensive experience I have acquired the skill set that will help me in the position of an effective public school trustee.

2. Palliser has approximately 7200 students and our division stretches from the County of Lethbridge to the City of Calgary, 1200 here in Coaldale. The issues I feel should be priority for Palliser Regional School Board in the next four years. 1) The Education Bill. The policies that will need to be rewritten with the Alberta education Act being replaced by this bill. What will the new policies look like, for our rural and urban students? I feel it is important in the development of policies to include stakeholders, the parents, and members of the community, students and staff. 2) With the loss of funding from Alberta Education for distance learning, and the development of our newest school Cyber School (unnamed at this time). How will this board be able to gauge its success or make it a success? We know that the evidence shows teachers in front of students and hands on learning develop positive learning outcomes. As this is such a new approach for our division we need to focus on making it successful. 3) With the Town of Coaldale realizing that the heavy oversized traffic increase on the 845 highway (20th Street). What provisions will be put in place for student safety, traveling to and from school? I believe that the school division needs to be proactive and involved in the conversations with The Town of Coaldale and the Alberta Department of Transportation. This will foster caring for our students.

## Debbie Laturus

1. I have been a mom for the past 18 years and have been involved in my kids' education as much as I possibly could. I have volunteered in numerous areas from Jennie Emery through to Kate Andrews and have been involved in each of the schools. I will bring my passion for the students and their education and make sure that they are given the best education that we can possibly give them. I have also worked as an

office manager now for 12 years and will bring my experience from working in an office to the school board as well.

2. There are three areas that I feel should be a priority for the school board to focus on during the next four years. First, I feel that the students should be a priority. I feel that we should be focusing on making sure that our students are getting the best education that we can offer them. So often we focus on too many other things that we forget that the bottom line is, we're all here for the kids and what we can do to help make their years in school the best and make them the most equipped for society.

Secondly, teachers. We need to make sure that we have the right teacher in the right spot doing what they love to do. When a teacher is teaching where they are confident in, they will enjoy their students more and the students will thrive and do well in that class. Throughout the years, I have seen teachers teaching classes that were definitely not suited for them and it really affects the students' education, marks and their passion for school.

Thirdly, leadership. In order to have well-running schools, the leadership at the board level needs to be working together as a team. There needs to be unity and cohesiveness and where everyone is committed to making our schools the best they can be.

For the trustee position representing Picture Butte and Iron Springs residents there are two candidates, Joan Boras and Terry Whitehead.

## Joan Boras

1. I bring a deep understanding of the dynamics and workings of the schools in our area through my work as an educator with 36 years of experience (Dorothy Dalgliesh Elementary and Huntsville School), as a parent of two wonderful girls, and as a partner in our family farming business.

It has been my honour to work and build relationships with students, parents, grandparents and other community members. I have committed my life to improving our community through education, and I want to continue this work as a publicly elected trustee. I am relentlessly committed to ensuring we continue to build the excellent public system that we now have in Palliser School District.

2-1. In the last few years Alberta has been struggling financially and our children and schools are feeling the impact of declining resource revenues. We must allocate our precious resources so that they can provide the maximum educational benefit for each and every one of our children. Our classrooms are full of students with diverse needs and we must ensure that they are supported and given every opportunity to be the best they can be.

2. My experience in rural Alberta is that it takes an entire community effort to raise children. In Public Education we welcome all children through our doors, regardless of their needs or background, and I wouldn't want it any other way.

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We cannot educate our children alone or in isolation. I am willing to listen, engage in positive discussions and thoughtfully make decisions that are truly in the best interests of our schools and students. As citizens, we all need to become involved in education; indeed it is our shared future.

3. I want to be part of the team that helps Palliser move into the 21st century. These are exciting times; many amazing opportunities await our children; many that have not even been invented yet. Now more than ever we need school trustees who understand the opportunities and challenges in education, and who have the talents to support great schools as our kids are prepared to succeed in this exciting world.

## Terry Whitehead

1. I was raised on a cattle ranch in the Peace River Country. After receiving a B.Ed. from the University of Lethbridge, I decided that I wanted to use my skills to help others so I signed up as a volunteer teacher and spent the next two years teaching mathematics at a teacher college in Nigeria. Relating to my Muslim students helped me become sensitive to other cultures and to embrace diversity. I also taught at the Lethbridge Correctional Institute, Junior and Senior High School, University supervising student teachers and finally at the college working with learning disability students. Throughout my career I have been involved with the development and administration of

PAT's and diploma exams.

2. I am very excited about the initiatives in Inspiring Education. Alberta's vision is for our students to develop competencies to become engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with entrepreneurial spirits. Going in this direction requires some changes in our education system and requires flexibility on the part of teachers and students. I spent the last five years of my career as an assessment specialist looking for innovative assessment techniques for students to use to demonstrate achievement of the learning objectives. I believe students need to be responsible for their education and can use many ways such as projects or power point presentations instead of traditional tests and quizzes.

Elimination of the PAT's is in line with the new vision. Using the new diagnostic tests, students can demonstrate skills and competencies rather than knowledge. This is a new innovation and needs patience to implement since curriculum is changing as well. I support linking credits to mastery rather than time spent in class. I am, however, sensitive to making sure the new innovations actually improve student learning rather than just adding to the workload of our professional teachers and support staff. After working with learning disability children, I realize the importance of ensuring our resources are used to help all students achieve success regardless of their individual needs. My goal is for accountability for the efficient use of our funds.



photo by David Russell

Manuela Sanchez Vicente, a school teacher from Valladolid, Spain, spent two weeks this fall on an exchange to Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale, meeting with staff and students as well as other locations in Palliser Regional Schools.



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## Teachers from Spain glean ideas from southern Alberta schools

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A high school teacher from Spain has been job shadowing some of her Canadian counterparts in southern Alberta this fall.

Manuela Sanchez Vicente arrived to the region in September and spent her time visiting a number of southern Alberta schools, including one at a Hutterite colony, and helping out with a variety of classes at Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale.

She is one of five teachers from Spain who visited Alberta, as the regional education authority she works for has had an agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association for the past five years for student exchanges, but added the international teacher exchange element this year.

Sanchez Vicente is from Valladolid, which is about 200 kms north of Madrid and has a population of more than 300,000. She has taught English at IES Zorilla school more than 20

years, but said many of her students are still in need of much help.

"When I came here my goal was to find ideas to make my students speak English and to feel confident about speaking English," Sanchez Vicente said Wednesday morning at Kate Andrews.

"Most of them are writing and understanding English, but the problem happens when we want them to speak. They get stuck. So I am always looking for new ideas to make my students speak English, so when I was offered this opportunity I really wanted to take it."

One of the ideas she plans to adapt is asking students how they feel connected to stories, rather than just rate their comprehension.

"That's the most important difference I've seen here — is making them feel what they are doing instead of just reading and asking them questions about reading. I want to ask them how they can compare themselves to the story."

Sanchez Vicente also worked with a Kate Andrews foods class to teach students how to create an authentic Spanish meal, took in a Lethbridge Hurricanes preseason game and went to Waterton Lakes National Park.

"When you are in Spain and people talk to you about Canada the first image that comes up is the landscape, the scenery, the mountains," she said, adding that was her highlight of the trip outside of the classroom.

"People here are really, really nice. They always seem to have the time to show interest about the things I have been doing," she said.

"And they always ask me if I'm having a good time here and they're very interested in the things I have seen. I find it really welcoming."

Sanchez Vicente will host students from Alberta at her school in the spring and Kate Andrews principal Danny Roberts will be heading to Spain a year from now as part another exchange.



## ATB turns 75

**By Kathy Bly**  
**Sunny South News**

Picture Butte's ATB Financial celebrated a milestone in Alberta Sept. 27.

Katie Van Hierden, branch manager, said the first branch opened 75 years ago in 1938 in Rocky Mountain House.

"Even then - in the darkest days of Alberta's economy - we made it our commitment to put people first by offering the very best customer service and expertise. Today, we help over 635,000 through our network of 171 branches, 130 agencies and our Customer Care Centre."

When the celebration began Friday, Sept. 27 in Picture Butte, simultaneously in 301 ATB communities across Alberta the announcement was made that the branches would be investing a total of \$236,000 in celebration of the anniversary.

"I'm also happy to announce that in our community, we are pleased to support the Picture Butte Fire Department with a gift of \$1,000."

The local branch also planted a blue spruce tree at Coyote Flats in co-operation with the Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society.

"This tree not only represents ATB's deep



**LOCKING UP:** Above, A group of students from Dorothy Dalglish School help lock up a time capsule as part of the recent ATB Financial's 75th anniversary celebration. Photo submitted.

community roots, but also our hope for the continued growth and prosperity of Town of Picture Butte."

By way of honoring local schools, students and teachers, ATB partnered with St. Catherine's School and Dorothy Dalglish Elementary School to save a small piece of the celebration in a time capsule.

"One thing we all know for sure is that these young people are the future, and we are very happy to preserve their dreams today, while looking forward to helping them achieve them tomorrow."



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**ADDING GREEN:** Above, Katie Van Hierden, left, branch manager of Picture Butte's ATB Financial joins Merle Goode of the Prairie Tractor and Engine Museum Society and Jeff Chisholm at a tree planting celebrating the bank's 75th anniversary.





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## Fall daze



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**BUS DROP:** Students bound for Coaldale schools arrive at Kate Andrews High School for their morning switch from their home routes to their designated school buses. The bus drop is orchestrated to keep students on time and safe as they change buses.



# New Noble Central principal moving up

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

The new principal at Noble Central School is not a new face to staff and students.

Scott Oikawa was serving as vice-principal of the school when he was named to the new administrative position for the 2013-14 school year.

Born and raised in Picture Butte, Oikawa is the son of the late Mary and Tricky Oikawa and grew up with his own mom as one of his teachers at Picture Butte High School.

She taught 35 plus years, the majority of the them at PBHS. Oikawa admits it was a little challenging to have such a close personal relationship with a teacher but the plus side is he intuitively knew what she was looking for from her students.

"She had some high expectations."

His dad originally worked for Harry Watson and then managed Growers Supply Ltd. in Vauxhall.

Oikawa was the younger of two sons, older brother Dean carving the path with their mom at school for Scott to then follow. Dean now works for the City of Lethbridge in the Human Resources department.

Growing up, Oikawa said teaching was not the career he chose right out of high school but because he enjoyed coaching kids and loved literature it made sense he would end up a teacher. "It flows into that."

"My mom warned me it wasn't an easy job."

But he said once he made the decision a few years after high school, while he was attending the University of Lethbridge, both his parents supported his career choice.

"They were always so supportive in education, in sports, in whatever I wanted to pursue."

After coaching baseball and hockey, watching kids succeed and become better people and players he realized he could have a similar impact as a teacher working with more kids.

"I got to see some of the rewards."

"I've always said it can be the best job in the world or the worst sometimes but it's always different, every day."

"It can be quite humbling."

After finishing up at the U of L he took his first teaching position, covering a medical leave, in Enchant. Then he spent a year at John Davidson in Coaldale followed by over a decade at Coalhurst High School. It was there that he made the move in to administration as a vice-principal, followed by a transfer to Noble Central 11 years ago, also as a vice-principal.

"I truly enjoy the classroom," he said but he was encouraged to make a move to administration.

He realized he could affect change and support others throughout the entire school. While it has been a great opportunity for him he admits it can be a bit daunting at times.



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**NEW ROLE:** Scott Oikawa, named principal of Noble Central School this fall, is settling into his new position having already served 11 years as the school's vice-principal.

It was a logical progression in his career to take on a principal's position and he said he was excited when he learned he would be appointed the new principal at Noble Central.

"I just enjoy working with the kids."

Oikawa said he tries to import some sort of knowledge, helping them to achieve what they can. He feels fortunate in his new role to be working with a staff, that for the most part, has been at the school for a number of years.

"They get things done with my help or in spite of me."

He has high praise for the Noble Central staff and said they work collaboratively. Being a K to Grade 12 school there are so many programs, ages and interests throughout the school that he is amazed sometimes at how it all rolls along.

As a new principal he admits he faces a steep learning curve with added responsibilities that come with the new job description. The role involves a great deal of communication and he admits his email inbox is growing exponentially.

There is also a certain stress that comes with the final decision making being his. Already being on staff and serving as vice-principal has afforded him the opportunity of already knowing the school community, something that would have taken a new principal a while to learn.

After all of the years on the job, in the classroom and in the school office, Oikawa said he's still excited to work with kids.

As principal he said he is in a position to affect change on a larger scale but is still forging one-on-one relationships as well. It's a combination that makes his job interesting on a day to day basis.

Outside of his school commitments coaching is still a big part of his life. He said it remains to be seen this year if he can juggle his new job with his coaching duties.

He has been coaching for 30 plus years, the bulk of it with the Lethbridge Elks where he has been head coach of their American Legion team since 1995. Baseball was a family sport. His dad played baseball and his mother started score keeping when he was playing as a kid and continued right through his coaching career.

When he can find the time he also enjoys fishing, a past time his late father also shared.

A month into being principal at Noble Central, Oikawa said the job is a little less stressful than it was the first day but it's still keeping him busy. He is managing to get into the classroom and teach 25 per cent of the time, a connection he enjoys keeping with the students.

With 230 plus students at NCS this fall, Oikawa said the school remains committed to offering a number of different programs including compliments to the core subjects.

"Our numbers are up a little bit."

His focus this school year is to concentrate on literacy and numeracy while also emphasizing leadership.

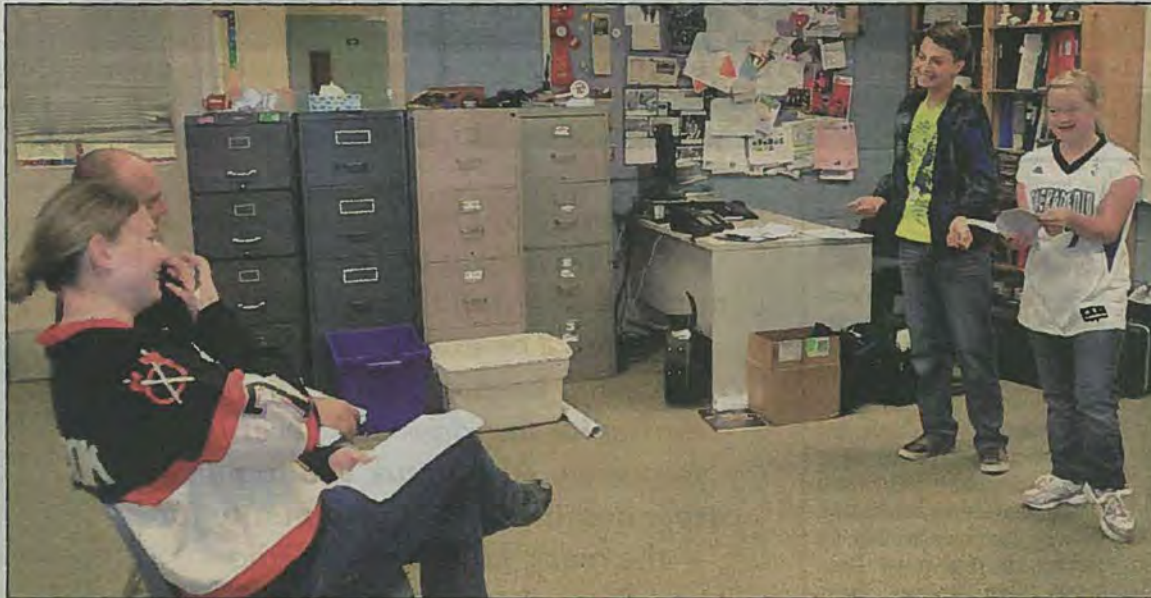




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### Auditioning for annual drama production



**Stephen Tipper**  
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County Central High School students Jon Zimmer and Ashlynn Smith were among the 20 or so students who auditioned recently for parts in the school's production of *Alice in Wonderland* that will run March 20-22. Many students will have more than one part, said teachers Brian Rodgers and Lee Blackwell, who ran the auditions.





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**Vulcan Prairieview  
Elementary students  
Drew Donovan, left,  
and Wyatt Olson  
took part in the  
school's annual Terry  
Fox run on Sept. 27.**

**PHOTO BY SIMON DUCATEL,  
VULCAN ADVOCATE**



# Literacy the key to success in school and in life

**E**ach year in late spring, the central office team at Palliser Regional Schools spends a bit of time brainstorming ideas for a theme for the coming school year.

This year, we adopted "Literacy: Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader." The words call to our staff to support a next generation of leadership by ensuring every student has the literacy skills needed for success in an information-laden world.

Palliser has two full-time literacy coaches working with teachers across our division in support of student literacy. We are helping all teachers, at all grade levels, of all subjects, to be teachers of literacy. We see literacy as the key to success in school and in life.

While it may be assumed that literacy is an end product of every school for every child, we can all think of individuals from our own time in school who struggled with reading and writing. They struggled academically as a result. For those of us who enjoy reading for leisure and for lifelong learning, it's difficult to comprehend what our lives would be without literacy, but we have to acknowledge that there are students in our schools right now who are in this position. If they struggle with reading, they'll struggle with math, social

studies, sciences and technology.

As long as these students are in Palliser, we won't give up on addressing their literacy needs. No longer can we think of reading and writing as the work of elementary teachers.



## EYE ON EDUCATION

**Kevin  
Gietz**

Each Wednesday superintendents from around our region offer insights and news on the school system.

Right now, in Palliser, our teachers at elementary and middle school levels are conducting one-on-one reading assessments of every student to determine strengths and areas of growth. This assessment will help teachers map out a plan of instruction to cater to the individual student's level and learning needs. I've charged our high school teachers with identifying students who need literacy supports so we can create an action plan to develop their literacy skills as well.

The need is great. In 2007, TD Bank issued a report, "Literacy Matters: A Call for Action," citing StatsCan data that 40 per cent of young Canadians and 50 per cent of

adults don't have adequate literacy levels to cope in society. Those figures are a national shame.

I'd invite readers to share their comments on this literacy focus by writing to me at [kevin.gietz@pallisersd.ab.ca](mailto:kevin.gietz@pallisersd.ab.ca). I'd appreciate hearing from you.

*Kevin Gietz is the superintendent of Palliser Regional Schools.*



# Vulcan County schools hold annual Terry Fox runs



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Every year, schools around the country take part in annual Terry Fox Runs, and Vulcan County is no exception. Top, left: Champion school students Autumn Jackson, Colter Reed and Quade Nichols run full-tilt during the recent annual Terry Fox Run. Top, middle: Arrowwood school staff marked the hands of students to keep track of the number of laps completed in the school's Terry Fox Run. Top, right: Milo school students Brody Lamotte, Camryn Bertschy, Liberty Spring Chief, Deanna Heather, Taya Nelson and Ava Deitz. Above: Vulcan Prairieview Elementary School students and staff took part in the school's annual Terry Fox Run. Left: County Central High School student Brenden Piasta found a good pace for his run.



## Preparing a time capsule

Jarrold Shaw, manager of the Vulcan ATB branch, and Ella Cranston, a Grade 2 student at Vulcan Prairieview Elementary (VPE) school, put VPE Grade 1 and 2 pictures into a time capsule on Sept. 27 during a celebration marking ATB's 75th anniversary. The students were asked to create pictures of what Vulcan would look like in 25 years, and the paintings, which have writing on the back, will be taken out of the bank's vault in 25 years. The ATB's celebration outside the Vulcan branch included a free beef on a bun lunch.



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**Aidan Colón, 8, gets some help gearing up from volunteer firefighter David Carr on Oct. 6 at the Vulcan Tri-Services Complex. The local fire department held a pancake breakfast, organized some activities for children and did a demonstration on why never to use water to put out grease fire, as part of the annual Fire Prevention Week.**





## Outstanding results again for Palliser students

The release of the latest provincial test results finds students in Palliser Regional Schools continue to excel academically.

Results in the 2013 Grade 3 and 6 provincial achievement tests (PATs) found extremely high percentages of Palliser students writing, passing and excelling, with roughly two in five Grade 3 students achieving excellence in Math and one in three Grade 6s achieving excellence in Science and Social Studies.

The results for Grade 9 PATs and diploma exams were "substantially impacted" by flooding, and Alberta Education cautions use of that data for comparisons and trends as a result. On Palliser's Accountability Pillar, key categories are marked "n/a" due to the dramatic reduction in exam participation caused by the flood.

Palliser schools in Calgary and Brant were closed following the flooding that began June 20 and students were excused from writing exams. Many of the nearly 50 students who attend Palliser schools from Siksika First Nation were also displaced and unable to attend school.

Grade 3 and 6 provincial achievement tests occurred before the disaster and can reliably be compared to previous years. These results demonstrate that the vast majority of Palliser students are writing and passing the exams.

"I'm proud of our students and our staff, whose hard work is reflected in these excellent academic results," said Palliser Superintendent Kevin Gietz. "With our continued focus on supporting students' literacy skills, I believe we can maintain, and even improve, on our already excellent results."



# Pride graduate playing *south* of the border

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

Coaldale's Max Hall may be over 17 hours from home but he putting his local football experience to good use in Duluth, Minnesota.

The graduate of Kate Andrews High School and the Pride football program is continuing to combine athletics and academics as he plays football and attends classes at the College of St. Scholastica.

He started out playing football in Grade 9 as a member of the Coaldale Bears and then continued to play in high school with the Pride.

"I always liked the sport."

He generally played slotback or receiver for Kate Andrews. He actually joined football with his best friends who ended up moving away, but Hall kept on playing.

He said he's not an natural athlete and had to work at both his conditioning and his skills throughout high school.

"I kind of grew into it with hard work and determination."

By Grade 11 he was generally working out five hours a day, whether lifting weights, doing football

**"I really like the coaching staff."**

— Max Hall



**MAX HALL**  
... college ball

drills or running.

"I started working out in Grade 9."

He said two years later he had really increased his training up. The summer before Grade 11 he attended a football camp where he was able to work with former NFL players.

"I learned a lot about being dedicated."

They encouraged him to play college ball and helped him make some contacts.

He decided to join NCSA Athletic Recruiting in hopes of making the transition to college football after he graduated as a member of Kate Andrews' Class of 2013.

"They are very hands on," he said of NCSA.

He was invited to FBU, football university which is an invitation only camp. That connection is what started him off on is collegiate career.

Hall said he emailed over 500 schools and had his profile reviewed by about 100 of them. Of those five encouraged him to apply to their schools.

He said the Collage of St. Scholastica was very hands on. They were interested in him both as a Canadian player and for the fact he had served as trainer for the spring camp for the Pride. In the end he had to choose between two schools and he chose CSS.

"I'm pretty happy about that," he said before leaving to start the fall semester in Minnesota.

Being that CSS is a smaller college, Hall said he didn't figure it would be much of change coming from Coaldale and Kate Andrews High School.

With a major in business, Hall is now juggling school and football.

"I really like the coaching staff."

He said, via email, school is going great and he loves being at the CSS.

"The education at CSS is great. It is a liberal arts college which means they not only focus on your education but also on helping everyone develop as people."

**"Our core values really help build a safe learning environment around the school and a real family-like situation which is great for me cause I'm such a great**

"Our core values really help build a safe learning environment around the school and a real family-like situation which is great for me cause I'm such a great distance from home."

He is finding the football program to be amazing and was voted one of two freshman captains for his leadership skills and hard work.

"I was voted in by my fellow teammates and am greatly honored that they

feel this way about me, were a family and the whole team looks out for each other all 84 of us."

Just five days into August's training camp Hall said he was faced with a difficult decision when his head coach spoke in front of the whole team and asked if anyone would move positions to defensive back for the betterment of the team. Hall made the decision to change positions and said it has worked out for the best for him.

"In my new position I get the opportunity to learn football skills and life skills from two of the team captains that share the same position as me, Jake Turkowski and Alec French both amazing football players and amazing guys."

He said French was awarded Academic All-American.

"I get to learn from an amazing coach, Kevin Anderson who knows more about my position than anyone I've ever had the chance of learning from he's truly amazing."



## Jennie Emery remembered

# Special education pioneer dies at the age of 102

By Caroline Zentner  
ALTA Newspaper Group, LP

Friends, family and former colleagues are mourning the death of longtime Coaldale teacher Jennie Emery.

Emery died Oct. 11, a few months after she celebrated her 102nd birthday in August.

She taught for more than 40 years, beginning her career in the Crowsnest Pass and then teaching for 32 years in Coaldale. She taught mostly Grade 1 but also started the first special education class in the County of Lethbridge.

Audrey Reti, a friend and former librarian at Jennie Emery Elementary, said Emery was a pioneer in special education.

"She was kind of the forerunner of that kind of program that has been going ever since," Reti said. "She was always a person who craved education. She would go and take those courses at the Lethbridge Seniors Centre, she would do art. She was always doing something."

Jennie Emery Elementary School opened in 1994 and Emery visited the school regularly, attending Christmas concerts and assemblies. Her connection to the school didn't stop even when travelling became too difficult for her.

"She was a special guest in our school for many years until she was a little too frail to come out to the school. So we brought the school to her," said Janet Ainscough, a teacher at Jennie Emery. "We had the choir go out and sing to her. We had our staff go out and have little wine and cheese parties with her, which she really enjoyed."

"We went in June and she said it was the best party she ever had. She was so involved with us and participated in a scarf dance and sang the school song. She

was always so interested in the staff and the children at the school."

However, staff knew she was very ill and Ainscough and a colleague recently dropped in to see her.

"She's just a wonderful, wonderful lady and always interested in what the children are doing, how the children are doing. We'll miss her so much," Ainscough said.

Emery was born on Aug. 14, 1911, the second of four children. She wrote about her background in a story called "The Four 'C's'" for the Coaldale Historical Society.

In the story, she tells about how her family moved to Coleman when she was three years old. The family's fortunes went up and down with the coal industry but her father eventually opened his own business in Coleman.

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# Girls' volleyball teams beat Highwood High

Stephen Tipper  
Editor

Both the County Central High School junior and senior girls' volleyball teams defeated Highwood High in four sets on Oct. 16 at the Cultural-Recreational Centre.

In both league games, the Hawks won the first two sets and lost the third before rebounding to clinch the match in the fourth.

"We played well when we were aggressive," said coach Marie Muschiol, adding both teams communicated better than past games.

The teams also covered tips over the net better, she added.

The day before, the senior girls' team played against Siksika Nation High School and won in three sets.



Photos by Stephen Tipper/Vulcan Advocate



Above: Hawk Codi Ashbacher jumps for a smash after teammate Emma Russian set the ball for her during an exhibition game Oct. 15 against Siksika at the Cultural-Recreational Centre. Left: Hawk Brett Ullly hits a smash during County Central High School's exhibition match against Siksika Nation High School, which is developing a volleyball program. The home team won all four sets against the visiting squad.

## Lomond Minor Hockey Association's only team

➤ Midget girls squad also home team for two Vulcan and two Champion girls

Simon Ducatel  
Reporter

The Lomond Minor Hockey Association has one team this year.

"We only have the Lomond midget female team," said Patty Sande, association administrator.

There are 13 girls on the team, two coming from Vulcan and two more from Champion.

"We're doing tiering games this month," Sande told the *Advocate* last Thursday. "And then Nov. 8 is the official start of the league in the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL)."

There are 22 teams in the midget division in the RMFHL, and they will be split into tier 1 and tier 2, said Sande.

"There's no other girls' leagues south of Red Deer," said Sande. Even the Central Alberta Hockey League, in which the Vulcan Minor Hockey Association squads play, no longer has a girls' division, said Sande.

When she spoke with the *Advocate*, Sande said the association hadn't decided yet on if and when to host any tournaments.

The midget girls played their third tiering game on Sunday on home ice against Okotoks, and won 2-0.

They played their first game against a tier 1 Calgary team on Oct. 11. As ice-time is more limited in the city, the game had to be played in 15-minute periods to be done in an hour, said Sande. It was a close game, but the Lomond Stars lost 2-1.

Their second tiering game was played the following day, on Oct. 12. The Stars played against a tier 2 Calgary team and won 2-0.

The team's fourth and final tiering game takes place Oct. 26 in Airdrie.





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LCI Clippers' Laura Coghlin looks to put the ball past Kate Andrews Pride's Sarah Kloot and Allyssa Ockerman during Southern Alberta High School Volleyball League varsity girls' action Wednesday night at LCI. No score was available.

## Comets beat Queens

PICTURE BUTTE

The Picture Butte Sugar Queens and Raymond Comets went the distance in a dramatic SAHSVL girls match on Wednesday in Picture Butte.

The 27-25 opening set was just a warmup as Raymond eventually emerged victorious with a 3-2 win. Raymond dropped the first set, but bounced back to take the second and third 25-11 and 25-18. Butte won the fourth set 25-23 before Raymond won the deciding set 15-11.

Sunder West had 12 kills and a block to lead the Comets. Mandy Brown backed her up with seven kills and Makell Hofer added six. For Butte, Gabby Davies had 14 kills, four blocks and three aces, Hannah Bezooyen managed 10 kills, six blocks and an ace. Emily Johnson chipped in with five kills and eight blocks.

In the JV game, Brooklyn Vogel had six kills, five blocks and an ace to lead Butte to a 2-1 win (20-25, 25-16, 15-8). Butte's Rachel Reurink finished with eight kills, two blocks and two aces.



# Archer enjoys Team Canada experience



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A pair of local archers represented Canada at the World Archery championships in Sassari, Italy earlier this month.

Ann Neumeyer of Nobleford was the team leader for the Canadian 3-D Archery Team which included Lethbridge's Jude Hooey as one of the competitors. While Neumeyer stressed she'd love to be there to compete, the team leader's role is one she enjoys. Like a chef de mission, the team captain at the world championships is required for organization, leadership and an occasional morale boost.

"It was a wonderful experience, I can't complain one bit because we had some real competitors there and to be involved in a competition like that, to be part of that team, was unforgettable."

It's the second time Neumeyer has accepted the role, and she said each time it's been an honour. She is part of the Picture Butte Archery Association and despite only a few years into her competitive career, she has embraced the sport.

"Absolutely, it's a sport for all ages and I'm pretty inexperienced but we have some very young people who compete and I just think to myself, 'They've already competed as long as I have, how good are they going to be if they stay with it?'"

In Italy, Team Canada failed to medal while the host team pulled in nine medals. Fred Streleoff of Williams Lake, B.C. was Canada's top finisher in fifth in men's individual instinctive bow. He would have needed a perfect finish to win that event, and Neumeyer said in all the categories, it was that close.

"The European archers were very competitive, there are the top archers in the world there and so to be in fifth was a really good result," said Neumeyer. "I think everyone we brought wanted to get to the elimination round."

"What I saw was if you missed on an 11 or a 10, you would drop and it was very difficult to recover."

In 3-D archery, shots are made at different distances, from elevated shooting positions and along a course that can run up to seven kilometres. Neumeyer said in Sassari, the rules for number of shots and how much time each shot had differed from most competitions in Canada. It made things difficult for the competitors and was something they'll be prepared for next time.

"The experience was very important. It's not easy for a Canadian to go over there and adjust," she said. "Our competitive season is over on the August long weekend, but most of the European countries had their championships the week before. So you see how it takes a lot of dedication to keep training in your off-season but you can't duplicate that competitive situation."

Regardless, Hooey made it to the women's individual compound bow elimination stage, finishing 15th, while teammate Lana Perry of Sault Ste. Marie was 16th. Hooey is no stranger to archery fans or readers of The Herald, as she's already a legend in Canadian competitive circles alongside husband Dennis. The two are Lethbridge Sports Hall of Famers for their multitude of Canadian championships and their work promoting the sport as coaches and members of the Lethbridge Bowbenders Archery Club. Dennis died in 2011.

"Jude has so much experience, there's no situation she hasn't seen before," said Neumeyer. "She's really seen it all."

Neumeyer said she would gladly attend another world championship, but has plans to be there shooting. In the meantime, she's taken on the job of organizing the Alberta Winter Games Zone 1 team. Tryouts will start in December, but anyone interested in training for it should contact the Picture Butte Archery Association about their junior program by going to their Facebook page.





Herald photo by David Rossiter

Students in Karen Smith-Myles' Grade 2 and 3 class at Coalhurst Elementary School, including Macy Davis, front left, and Blake Puzey, use fitness balls instead of conventional chairs in their class.

## Students having a real ball

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"I've been using a ball for myself in the classroom; I guess I probably started about a year ago," Smith-Myles said. "I just think it's better for you. I think it puts you in a better position and helps improve your core strength."

The students started using the balls in September and Smith-Myles made sure the rules were in place and had students and their parents sign contracts about their use. The contract specifies children must keep both feet on the floor at all times and keep their seat on the ball. The balls have collapsible feet to prevent them from rolling around.

"They really need to understand the ball is a tool for their learning and it is not a toy," she said. "There is research showing that, for many kids, they tend to focus better and for longer, especially kids with attentional difficulties. Those kids who need to be able to move and fidget, this is a much better tool for them."

The balls are inflated to the right size for each child and two students have been appointed foremen to make sure the balls are

properly inflated. Tanner Merritt, a Grade 3 student, is one of the foremen.

"I fill them up if a person has a ball that's too small," he said. "They ask me and my friend to blow them up to the right size."

Tanner said he uses a measuring tape to make sure the ball is inflated so that it's the right size for the student.

"Sitting on chairs you have to kind of lean forward to write. But with the ball you can just kind of scoot it in and sit like this and write," he said, demonstrating an upright posture.

Smith-Myles said her students were all excited about the fitness balls but they have the choice whether to use it or a chair. Nolen Grindle, a Grade 2 student, said sitting on the ball lets him move around more than if he was sitting on a chair.

"I like the feel of the ball," he said. "I thought it was a good idea."

"On the ball it's more work to hunch over than it is to sit up straight. I've also noticed that it's a barometer for the energy in the classroom. I find that when they come in in the morning there's a lot of bouncing and it's fairly high but it tones down once they settle down. Then I notice if I talk too much they start to bounce. The more I see the popcorn happening the more I realize it's time for me to be quiet and let them get to work."

Jill McIntyre, a Grade 1 teacher at Sunnyside School, has used the fitness balls in her classroom for a couple of years with good results. She first brought them into the classroom when a couple of her students seemed to need to keep moving.

"For the grade level I teach I find these are absolutely ideal," she said.



# Special education pioneer dies at the age of 102

BY CAROLINE ZENTNER  
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COALDALE

Friends, family and former colleagues are mourning the death of long-time Coaldale teacher Jennie Emery. Emery died Oct. 11, a few months after she celebrated her 102nd birthday in August.

She taught for more than 40 years, beginning her career in the Crowsnest Pass and then teaching for 32 years in Coaldale. She taught mostly Grade 1, but also started the first special education class in the County of Lethbridge.

Audrey Reti, a friend and former librarian at Jennie Emery Elementary, said Emery was a pioneer in special education.

"She was kind of the forerunner of that kind of program that has been going ever since," Reti said. "She was always a person who craved education. She would go and take those courses at the Lethbridge Seniors' Centre, she would do art. She was always doing something."

Jennie Emery Elementary School opened in 1994 and Emery visited the school regularly, attending Christmas concerts and assemblies. Her connection to the school didn't stop even when travelling became too difficult for her.

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Janet Ainscough, a teacher at Jennie Emery. "We had the choir go out and sing to her. We had our staff go out and have little wine and cheese parties with her, which she really enjoyed.

"We went in June and she said it was the best party she ever had. She was so involved with us and participated in a scarf dance and sang the school song. She was always so interested in the staff and the children at the school."

However, staff knew she was ill and Ainscough and a colleague recently dropped in to see her.

"She's just a wonderful, wonderful lady and always interested in what the children are doing, how the children are doing. We'll miss her so much," Ainscough said.

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# Election results for Palliser and Westwind school divisions

## SUBMITTED

### SOUTHERN ALBERTA

The Westwind School Division Board of Trustees will have four new faces on board when it next meets Nov. 5.

Trustee positions in three of seven jurisdictions within Westwind boundaries were being contested in Monday's municipal elections. The Westwind school board consists of nine trustees in all. All election results are unofficial until Friday at noon.

Elected to represent Division 1 (Glenwood, Hill Spring, Mountain View, Leavitt and Beazer) was Barbara

Salmon with 357 votes. Incumbent Darcy Barfuss decided not to run for office again.

Elected to represent Division 2 (Cardston) were Patricia Beazer with 828 votes, and Denise Norton with 794. Incumbent trustees Lori Brooks and Calvin Salmon did not run again.

Elected to represent Division 6 (Stirling) was Tracy Selk with 191 votes. Incumbent trustee Rob Edwards had 181 votes.

Incumbent trustees Peter Scott won Division 3 (Welling, Spring Coulee, Del Bonita) by acclamation, as did Lance

Miller in Division 4 (Magrath), Ron Fromm and Stephen Heggie in Division 5 (Raymond) and Anna-Joyce Frank in Division 7 (Blood Reserve).

For the first time trustees will serve four-year terms, rather than the previous three-year terms.

A total of 2,484 valid ballots were cast for Westwind school trustees with 17 rejected ballots. The count included 114 votes cast in the advance polls.

In the last election three years ago, which saw four Divisions contested, a total of 3,376 votes were cast.

The three Divisions featuring election races this year, saw a total of 2,425 votes the last election.

Following is the list of candidates for Board of Trustees in Westwind School Division and the votes they earned. All are listed in alphabetical order with 'X' indicating an incumbent trustee:

#### CANDIDATES

- Division 1 (one seat): Rebecca Noske, 188; Barbara Salmon, 357.
- Division 2 (two seats): Patricia Beazer, 828; Blaine Hogg, 550; Denise Norton, 794; Kenneth Peterson, 622.
- Division 3 (one seat): X - Peter Scott (won by acclamation)
- Division 4 (one seat): X - Lance Miller (won by acclamation)

• Division 5 (two seats): X - Ron Fromm, X - Stephen Heggie (won by acclamation)

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• Division 7 (one seat): X - Anna-Joyce Frank (won by acclamation).

**Unofficial results of the election to the Board of Trustees for Palliser Regional Schools.**

Official results will be available at noon Oct. 25.

• Ward 1, Subdivision 2 (Town of Coaldale): Debbie Laturus 696; Heather Lee 359

• Ward 1, Subdivision 4 (County of Lethbridge area surrounding and including the communities of Picture Butte and Iron Springs): Joan Boras 46, 238; Terry Whitehead 4, 70.

**Incumbents returned to the board by acclamation are:**

• Ward 1, Subdivision 1: Esther Willms

• Ward 1, Subdivision 3: Don Zech

• Ward 2, Subdivision 1: Colleen Deitz

• Ward 2, Subdivision 2: Robert Strauss

The organizational meeting for the new board is scheduled for 9 a.m., Oct. 29, at Palliser Education Centre in Lethbridge. The regular meeting will follow.





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### **Enrolment figures for public schools in Vulcan County**

Alberta Education uses the  
Sept. 30 enrolment figures to  
determine school funding.

Arrowwood (Grades 1-9)

- 85

Brant (Grades 1-12)

- 113

Champion (Grades 1-9)

- 103

County Central High  
School (Grades 7-12)

- 273

Lomond (Grades 1-12)

- 82

Milo (Grades 1-9)

- 55

Vulcan Prairieview  
Elementary (Grades 1-6)

- 185

### **Nominate great**



# Junior archery program going strong

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

Coming off a strong year last season, Picture Butte's junior archery program will soon be gearing up for the start of the new season.

Ann Neumeyer, co-ordinator of the junior archery program in the community, said a grant \$5,000 from the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation allowed for the purchase of new equipment that will be available to archers this fall.

The junior archery

program runs under the umbrella of the Picture Butte Fish and Game Association, out of its building on the north end of town next to the ball diamonds.

Among the new equipment are 12 compound bows with sights, 10 recurve bows and 12 dozen new arrows.

Neumeyer said a \$1,000 donation from a parent last season, Cory Arnfelt also allowed the program to look at getting club shirts for the junior archers and could be used to help subsidize juniors who might like to attend the Junior

Development Camp hosted by Archery Alberta coming up in November.

The junior program has also ordered the CanBow program from Archery Canada and will be looking at running the program from now until the end of April, 2014.

"It's ground up archery."

Archers learn as they go starting with how to hold a bow and progressing the more they shoot.

"It's mainly learning how to use everything properly and safely."

Neumeyer said they are also looking at the possibility of running a FITA Target Canbow program night on Mondays and a 3D Canbow program night on Wednesday nights.

Registration for the new junior archery season was held Sept. 30 but anyone who is interested can still register for the program. Junior archery gets underway on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. and archers can register that night.

This past season the archery program in Picture Butte had several archers who participated in the AC Mail Match and they collected medals at the end of the season.



**NEW EQUIPMENT:** Genesis Compound bows and PSE Optima Recurves are all lined up for the start of a new archery season in Picture Butte. A \$5,000 grant from the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation made the purchase of the new equipment possible.



**MEDAL WINNERS:** Archery Canada Mail Match Medal winners from the Picture Butte Archery Association are, back row, silver medalist Olivia Amfelt, left, bronze medalist Ann Neumeyer and silver medalist Dela Bakko. In front are gold medalist Dallas Blackplume and bronze medalist AJ Dunn. Photos submitted.

Those who participated sent in their scores and they were averaged out to determine the top six scores which were then used to rank the archers across Canada in each of their various shooting categories.

"We had eight archers and we collected five medals," said an excited Neumeyer. "We had a pretty good year."

For the juniors Dallas BlackPlume took gold while Olivia Arnfelt took silver and A.J. Dunn took bronze. For the adults Dela Bakko took silver and Neumeyer took bronze.

The junior archery program is also on Facebook with information on the archery program that can be easily accessible to archers and

would be archers. They can be found at Picture Butte Archery Association.

"We really appreciate the support from the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Park and Wildlife Foundation which allowed us to purchase new equipment for our junior program."

"Our old equipment was very tired."



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# Queens vs. Queens in Royal final

**By Kathy Bly**  
**Sunny South News**

It was Queen on Queen action Saturday evening as the Picture Butte Queens and the Vauxhall Queens squared off in the girls' final of the Royal Rumble at Picture Butte High School.

The Picture Butte Queens ended up on the losing end of the final game and came away with the second place finish in their home tournament. The Vauxhall Queens took the win with scores of 25-22 and 25-7.

The PBHS Queens took first in Pool A after going 6-0 in their matches, beating Central Alberta Christian High School 25-18 and 25-23, defeating Immanuel Christian High School 25-5 and 25-7 and beating Prairie Christian Academy 25-22 and 25-13.

The Queens defeated Senator Gershaw 25-13 and 25-8 to advance to the semi-finals where they defeated Central Alberta Christian 25-14 and 25-16 to advance to the final against the Vauxhall Queens.

The PBHS Kings finished third in Pool B with a 3-3 record. The team lost 25-13, 25-21 to F.P. Walshe and then won 25-16, 25-12 over Prairie Christian before splitting two with

Bow Island's Senator Gershaw, 22-25 and 25-20.

The Kings advanced to the semi-finals with a 25-21, 22-25 and finally 15-10 win over Acme but didn't advance to the finals after losing 25-20 and 25-15 to Senator Gershaw.

Senator Gershaw took the final in a win over Immanuel Christian 25-22 and 25-21.

Tournament all-stars included Josh Nieboer for the Kings and both Dean Slomp and Kevin Veleuw for Immanuel. On the girls side Gabby Davies and Katarina Bartz were both honoured for the Queens.

Queens' coach Deanna Ward said the Royal Rumble tournament went very well over the weekend at the high school.

"My girls are displaying great team comradery and are playing well together."

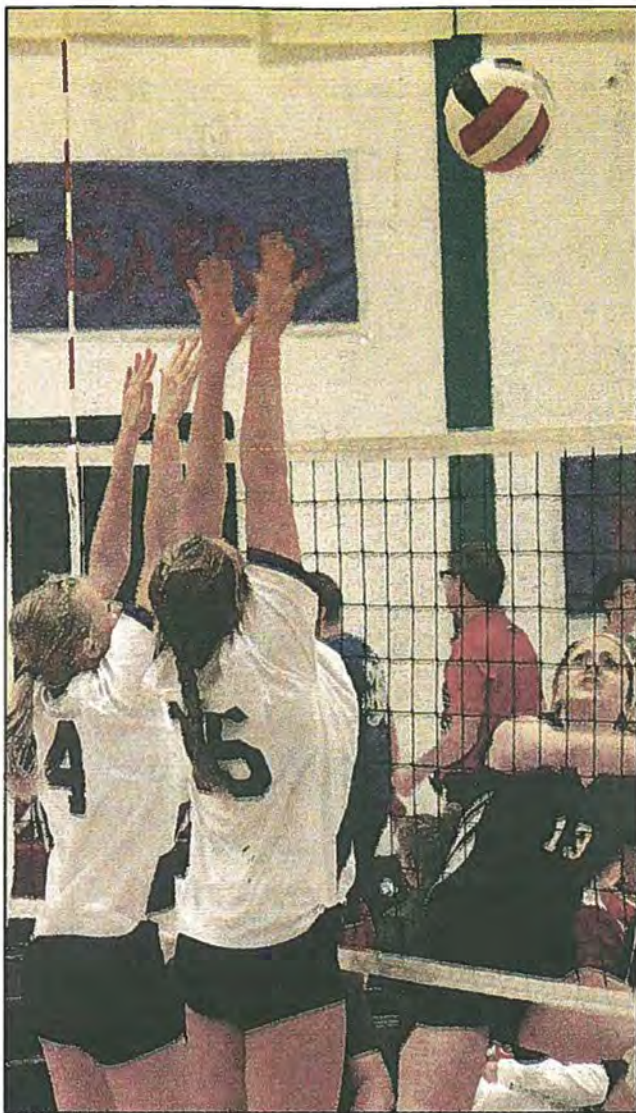
She said they are an "awesome group of young ladies" who are peaking as a team at the right time in the season.

"We are very excited to host the 2A South Zone tournament on Nov. 15 and 16."

With two berths into the provincials this year, Ward said this zone competition will be very strong.

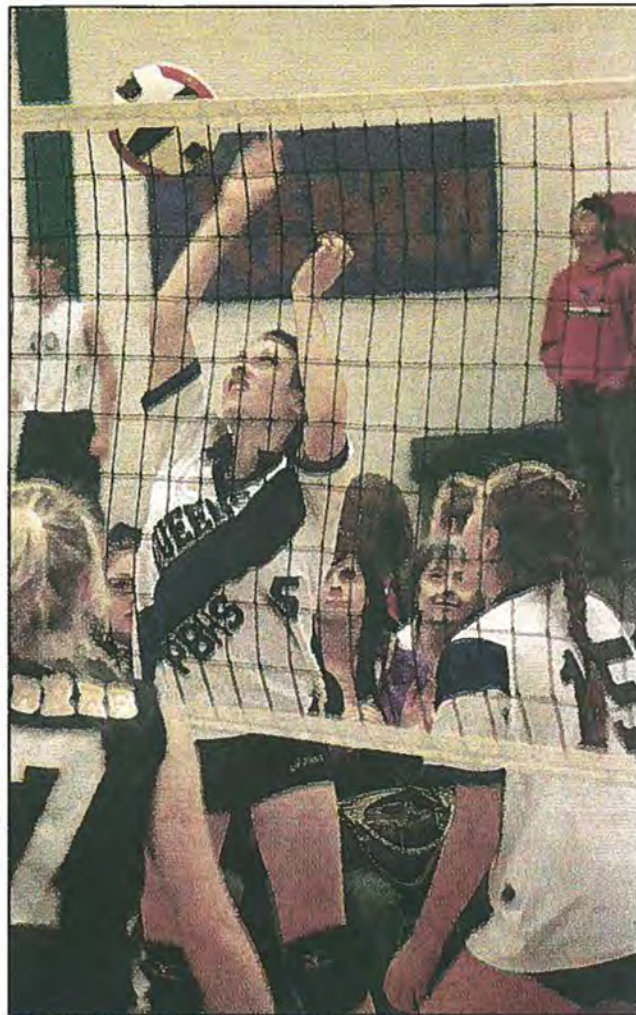


# Royal Rumble



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTOS BY KATHY BLY

**NET MINDERS:** Laney Stronks, left, and Emily Johnson go up for the block in Picture Butte High School Queens action Saturday at the school. PBHS hosted the annual Royal Rumble Friday and Saturday at the school.



**ON THE BALL:** Picture Butte High School Queens' No. 5, Katarina Bartz goes after a point as Royal Rumble action continues into Saturday afternoon. The Queens and Kings hosted their annual two-day tournament over the weekend at the school.



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**COURT ACTION:** Picture Butte High School Kings' Josh Nieboer, left, and Ryan Loman take it to the net in Royal Rumble action Saturday at the school.



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## Student food drive



**BUS CHALLENGE:** Students and staff at Kate Andrews High School in Coaldale worked together on Friday to collect donations to the local food bank from all around the community. As school let out for the week, students took to the streets to collect the donation bags from residents in Coaldale. The donations were then brought to the school as students attempted to stuff a school bus full of food.

### Photos by Kathy Bly



**BY THE BAG:** Kate Andrews High School Vice-principal Joe Buckler keeps the bags coming as students and staff work to stuff a school bus, below, with donations to the local food bank. Students dropped off the bags earlier in the week and then returned Friday after school to pick up the donated items.





# County swimmer captures Commonwealth bronze medal

By Kathy Bly  
Sunny South News

When Merel Krosse packed up her bags and headed for Australia last month she didn't believe for a moment she had a chance of bringing home a medal from the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships.

But that is exactly what happened. As a member of Canada's development team she won a bronze medal. To place third out of 10 development teams in the competition, she was thrilled.

"I wasn't expecting it at all."

The Canadian team took fourth place overall in the main part of the competition.

"That was pretty exciting."

The Grade 12 student at Picture Butte High School took the month of September away from her studies to compete

in the Sept. 4 to 8 championships in Canberra and then toured Australia with her mom, Jacqueline.

Because she is still 16, until Nov. 29, she had to have a chaperon on the trip which meant her mom was able to be part of the experience with her.

"It was really nice, we did all the tourist stuff."

She said it was just going into spring in Australia so the weather was in the 20s the whole time they were there.

"It was so nice."

In one of her events, Krosse placed second in the preliminary round but didn't have a good final round. While she felt bad about that she said winning the bronze medal as a team helped her feel better.

She said most of the athletes who competed in the championship are experienced and have competed at world events before. She was able to practice with the team ahead of the championships and she learned a lot from that experience.

She is now sharing that experience as a coach of nine to 12 year olds in Lethbridge.

"It's good to share some knowledge and

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experience with them." Looking back on the championships she said she can't believe how well she handled such a major competition. Once she was behind the block she was only thinking about her race and nothing else.

"I get nervous before races," she admits and she was concerned it might impact her performance in Australia but she was surprised at how she was able to focus.

Next year the Lifesaving championships shift to France for the World event which will involve even more teams from countries around the globe.

"It will be amazing."

Now that she has been on the Canadian development team she says they know her and they know what she can do which increases her chances of making the team next year.

As a 17 year old she will still qualify for the youth team and chance to compete in France.

So this year she will be juggling school, training and work.

"The car and the phone aren't going to pay themselves."

In addition to her swim club training she

also works out three mornings a week. She will ramp up her training in the summer when school is out of the way.

"That will be a weight off my shoulders," she said of her graduation come spring.

Her goal is to compete at the Worlds in France next year. She has applied to attend Lethbridge College next fall in general studies as she ultimately seeks to study abroad.

She said if her swimming can help her out with her school along the way, "that would be awesome".

Looking back on her Australian trip, Krosse said being with her mom was a different experience than being at home together.

"A couple of years ago I definitely never thought I'd be here but I'll take it."

She said her family has been very supportive. She said the time difference was a little tricky, making it hard to keep in touch with them back home but they managed.

She also noted local businesses were supportive of her fundraising efforts which allowed her to cover \$4,000 of the cost of attending the championships. She said she appreciates the support of everyone in the community including the local Lions and Elks Club along with several area businesses who provided financial support.



SUNNY SOUTH NEWS PHOTO BY KATHY BLY

**MEDAL WIN:** Merel Krosse shows off the bronze medal she won as member of Team Canada at the Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships in Canberra, Australia in September.



# CES class trades in traditional seating for fitness balls

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**ALTA Newspaper**  
**Group, LP**

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One school day shortly before Thanksgiving, after Smith-Myles finishes reading a story to her students sitting on the carpet, she gives them a journal project to work on. She explains they are to imagine what each day would be like for a young turkey in the week before Thanksgiving and make a daily entry from the turkey's point of view. Students make their way over to their desks, pull out the fitness balls and sit down. A few heads bob as they settle down to work.

"I've been using a ball for myself in the classroom; I guess I probably started about a year ago," Smith-Myles said. "I just think it's better for you. I think it puts you in a better position and helps improve your core strength."

The students started using the balls in September and Smith-Myles made sure the rules were in place and had students and their parents sign contracts about their use. The contract specifies children must keep both feet on the floor at all times and keep their seat on the ball. The balls have collapsible feet to prevent them from rolling around.



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**BALANCE STUDIES:** Students in Karen Smith-Myles Grade 2 and 3 class at Coalhurst Elementary School, including Macy Davis, front left, and Blake Puzey, use fitness balls instead of convention chairs in their classroom.

"They really need to understand the ball is a tool for their learning and it is not a toy," she said. "There is research showing that, for many kids, they tend to focus better and for longer, especially kids with attentional difficulties. Those kids who need to be able to move and fidget, this is a much better tool for them."

The balls are inflated to the right size for each child and two students have been appointed foremen to make sure the balls are properly inflated. Tanner Merritt, a Grade 3 student, is one of the foremen.

"I fill them up if a person has a ball that's too small," he said. "They ask me and my friend to blow them up to the right size."

Tanner said he uses a

measuring tape to make sure the ball is inflated so that it's the right size for the student.

"Sitting on chairs you have to kind of lean forward to write. But with the ball you can just kind of scoot it in and sit like this and write," he said, demonstrating an upright posture.

Smith-Myles said her students were all excited about the fitness balls but they have the choice whether to use it or a chair. Nolen Grindle, a Grade 2 student, said sitting on the ball lets him move around more than if he was sitting on a chair.

"I like the feel of the ball," he said. "I thought it was a good idea."

"On the ball it's more work to hunch over than it is to sit up straight. I've also noticed that it's a

barometer for the energy in the classroom. I find that when they come in in the morning there's a lot of bouncing and it's fairly high but it tones down once they settle down. Then I notice if I talk too much they start to bounce. The more I see the popcorn happening the more I realize it's time for me to be quiet and let them get to work."

Jill McIntyre, a Grade 1 teacher at Sunnyside School, has used the fitness balls in her classroom for a couple of years with good results. She first brought them into the classroom when a couple of her students seemed to need to keep moving.

"For the grade level I teach I find these are absolutely ideal," she said.





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## Student led food drive



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**LOADING UP:** Kate Andrews High School students Skyler Reid, left, and Zachary Ficiur help load up a school bus with donations bound for the local food bank. Students and staff spend Friday afternoon collecting the donations around the community. For additional photos turn to Page 7.





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# Kate Andrews Pride gearing up for Friday playoff

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"We've really come together as a team," says Kate Andrews Pride Coach Joe Buckler.

The Pride defeated Pincher Creek 21-0 last Thursday and now focuses in on Claresholm and the No. 1 berth into the Tier IV high school football provincials. The Coaldale squad is one win away from a provincial appearance against a team that has been strong all season.

Buckler believes the Washington state trip the Pride took at the beginning of the season to watch some college football helped bring the team together.

"It was a really good team bonding experience."

Buckler says the team has steadily improved all season. With a 4-2 regular season, he notes the coaching staff is pleased with how far the team has progressed from where it started.

In last Thursday's game Connor Chartier had a 21 yard touchdown and Skyler Reid had two with 22

and eight yard runs.

"We were dominate in that game."

Highlighting the team's defense, Buckler says on one play Pincher Creek was third and one and they lost three yards on the play.

"Our defense is playing very, very well."

He says the Pride have size and talent but not the experience which means the team has been able to improve every game.

He has been pleasantly surprised this season by the play of Grade 10 quarterback Blake Thompson.

When the team's starting QB was injured the young player was forced into the position.

"He has really shone."

He says Thompson is even doing things on the field the coaches haven't taught him.

"He's doing really, really well."

On Thursday Thompson was three for six and on the season overall he's had a 50 per cent completion rate. Buckler also singled out receiver Steve Tokariuk for praise.

"He's one of the best possession receivers I've ever seen and I've been coaching for 30 years."

The Pride benefit from a three-prong running attack with power from fullback Reid, who got 115 yards in 11 carries on Thursday, running back Peter Peters with the speed, averaging 100 yards a game, and Chartier, who doesn't have as many carries but always manages to get a touchdown or a major gain.

"He leads the team in touchdowns."

The Pride will travel to Claresholm on Friday, Nov. 1 for the 7 p.m. game to determine who will advance to the provincials. Buckler says the Coaldale team needs to play intense for the full 60 minutes and keep the score close.

"If we keep it close we have a chance."

Buckler says the team and the coaching staff appreciated all the support they have received throughout the season from the community and the parents advisory council along with staff and students at Kate Andrews High School.





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# Youth Explosion in Vulcan



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Approximately 150 youth, youth leaders and parents attended the annual Youth Explosion in Vulcan at the Cultural-Recreational Centre (CRC) on Oct. 18-20. The Christian-themed event delves into scriptures and encourages youth to make the right choices — which aren't always easy choices — along the road of life. Top left: Wendy Miller, who lives north of Vulcan, guides a group session in making a ribbon cross. From left are Johanna Dane, from Coaldale, her sister Hendrika and MarieAnne Hiebert from Champion. Visit [www.yevulcan.com](http://www.yevulcan.com) for more information. Above: Bethany Dersken, from Lethbridge, attended Youth Explosion for the first time. Here, she draws during a sketching session in a County Central High School (CCHS) room. Below: Youth scramble to catch candy as Sue Schmelke tossed a bowl-full behind her. Below left: Mark Wynder, lead singer of guest band Behold, speaks to youth during a prayer room session at CCHS on Saturday, Oct. 19. Left: While many of the activities organized for Youth Explosion were held at the CRC and CCHS, there were also outdoor games, including some football.