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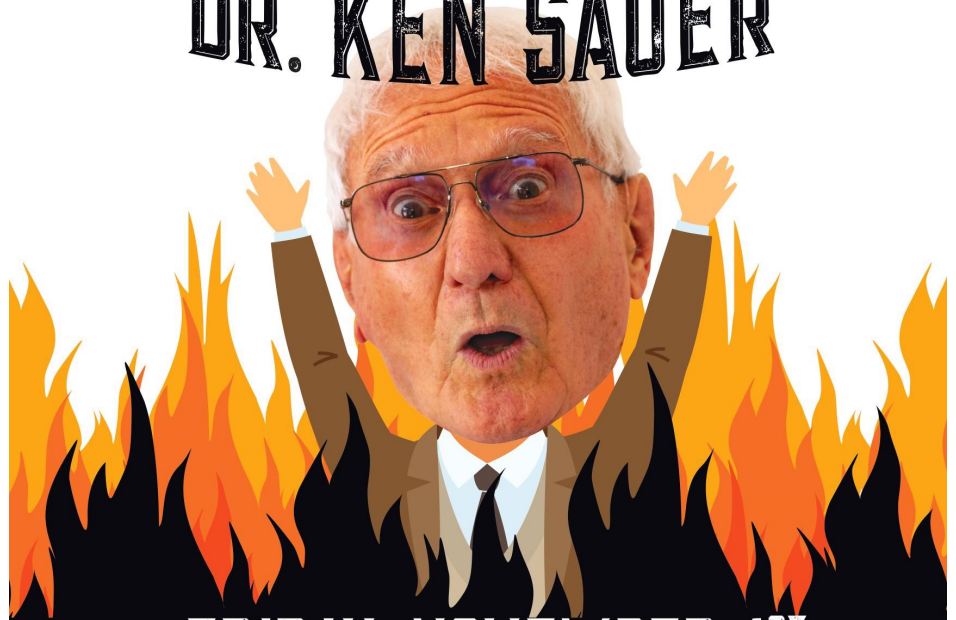
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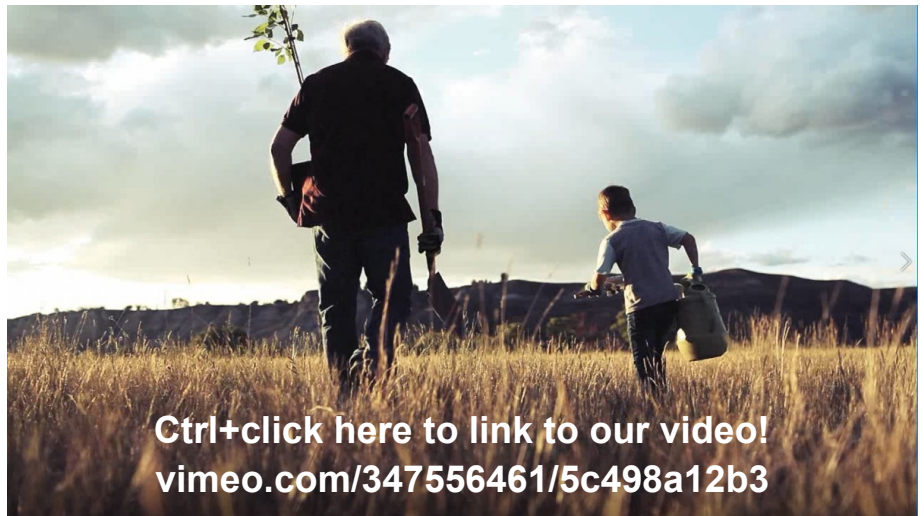
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DONOR STORY: 2ND ANNUAL STRIKEOUT STIGMA TOURNAMENT

The **2nd Annual Mason Close Memorial Tournament** played August 10th-11th and brought together friends, family and community slo-pitch enthusiasts at the Moose Community Ball Complex!

The annual tournament's goal is to create a fun event for everyone to come together to honor and remember Mason, who impacted the lives of many young people through his love of sport and coaching. **This year's tournament raised \$35,000 for Strikeout Stigma!**

Mason also silently struggled with anxiety and knew of the stigma attached to mental health issues. [Donations to Strikeout Stigma](#) will support athletes with their own mental health struggles.



MASON CLOSE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
2019 FUNDRAISING TOTAL

\$35,000.00



Left: Mason Close

Center: 2019 tournament donations raised for Strikeout Stigma

Right: Tournament Committee members and Mason's dear friends

IMPACT STORY: Local funding affords new furnace for Champion Centre

Medicine Hat News By Gillian Slade on September 26, 2019

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Those at The Champion Centre will not be cold this winter because a new gas furnace has just been installed, thanks to special funding.

Barry Knodel, managing director for The Mustard Seed that runs The Champion Centre, says the original furnace in the basement of the building on N. Railway Street did not work adequately. In winter it was necessary to use three electric space heaters and people still wore their coats.

Knodel says the new furnace and air conditioner will make for comfort year round and is expected to reduce electricity bills by about \$150 a month.

It has all been possible thanks to funding from two organizations.

The Champion Centre applied for and received a grant of \$15,000 from Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta.

Sue Edwards, assistant director, says it was a Smart and Caring grant given twice a year in the spring and fall. The recipients are chosen based on how closely it aligns with the vision of creating a vibrant, healthy and caring community, which is the vision of Community Foundation.

The total cost of the new furnace and air conditioner was about \$21,000, said Knodel. The balance is being paid by Drowning Ford Grazing Association.

"We very much appreciate their contributions to help us serve this community. We couldn't do it without them. Thank you," said Knodel.

The Champion Centre provides for the physical and spiritual needs of the hungry, homeless and lonely in the community. It provides a hot breakfast every day and also facilities where people can take a shower and a change of clothes.

"We very much appreciate their contributions to help us serve this community. We couldn't do it without them. Thank you."
— Barry Knodel, Managing Director for The Mustard Seed

NEWS PHOTO GILLIAN SLADE

The Champion Centre has just had a new furnace installed thanks to funding from two organizations. Standing in front of the new furnace are Barry Knodel, Managing Director for The Mustard Seed (now in charge of the Champion Centre); Sue Edwards, Assistant Director Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta; Colette Eirich, Funds Developer for The Mustard Seed; and Murray Kumm, who has been operating Hope Street, which is now also under The Mustard Seed.





CFSEA INVITES YOU
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Chair's Reception

4PM-6:30PM | NOVEMBER 28, 2019

THE CLUBHOUSE AT PARADISE VALLEY (MAIN FLOOR), 90 GEHRING RD SE

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Please join us for an engaging interactive experience followed by a Q&A with local experts where you'll learn how Legacy gifting works and the benefits through estate planning and tax wellness.

Presentation by RBC Trust and Estate Expert Russell Kane and local accounting expert John Tempest from EBT. Further information provided by Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta, Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat Women's Shelter and Medicine Hat Public Library.

Thursday, October 24th

3pm-5pm

Medicine Hat College—Crowfoot Room, [299 College Drive SE](#)

Parking: \$4.00

Please register by October 21st. Space is limited. **RSVP:** admin@cfsea.ca

NEWS FROM BROOKS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY DOLE OUT \$6,000 IN CFSEA FUNDS brooksdistrictfund@cfsea.ca

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Brooks Bulletin By Sandra M Stanway on June 11, 2019

Youth in Philanthropy committee members from Duchess School and Brooks Composite presented \$6,000 to four local nonprofit organizations using funds granted to them from the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (CFSEA).

This year CFSEA gave \$15,000 to the pair of local schools and three Medicine Hat schools to make the philanthropic donations.

Local Youth in Philanthropy committee members met with their selected organizations to learn their mandate, history, the services they provide and the organization's greatest needs.

Duchess School considered funding the Duchess Ag Society, Brooks and District Seniors OutReach, Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care and the Brooks and District Health Foundation while the Brooks high school committee met with Newell Community Action Group, Prairie Pioneers and Brooks and County Victims' Assistance.

All of the students said they learned a lot about the organizations they met and admitted they did not know some of them existed.

Having a difficult time to choose, BCHS decided they would fund the three organizations they met. They chose to donate \$500 to Newell Community Action Group, \$500 to Prairie Pioneers and \$2,000 to Victims' Services.

"There is a possibility that victims' services may have to give up one of their vehicles due to financial constraints," said Aislyn McDonald.

The vehicles are used when volunteers are called out to help people deal with a crisis, helping between 700-900 per year. *(continued page 6)*



The Youth in Philanthropy committee from Brooks Composite High School presents funding through CFSEA.

Above Left: BCHS donates \$500 to Newell Community Action Group.

Above Right: BCHS donates \$2,000 to Brooks and County Victims' Services. | CARTER BEWS PHOTOS

NEWS FROM BROOKS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FUND

(continued from page 5) Following the 1 presentation, Anne Muraya, program manager for victims' services, said the organization needs an additional \$26,000 per year in order to keep both of their call-out vehicles.

The organization has not received an increase from the province in 10 years and they continue to operate with a \$150,000 a year budget despite their reach throughout the city and county.

The \$500 to NCAG was given not only to help the organization update their kitchen and start businesses but also to help raise awareness. The organization supports community members with disabilities and other barriers to independence.

"We felt that this organization isn't very well known in our community and deserve recognition. Maybe this will help," said BCHS student Alissa Arenburg.

They selected Prairie Pioneers because they said it is important to recognize the seniors in the community. The funds will be used to increase the building's accessibility.

Out of the four organization's Duchess School met with, they selected the hospice society and Senior's Outreach.

Students said they selected Prairie Rose Palliative because it isn't well known and their services are very important.

"Services are available to people before and after passing and they are all volunteers," said one of the students.

They also selected Seniors OutReach because the organization is a big part of the community for seniors through the Meals on Wheels programs, monthly teas and bus trips.

"This program allows seniors to remain independent while being comforted by those who care," stated the students.

Story from Sandra M Stanway, **Brooks Bulletin**



The Youth in Philanthropy committee from Duchess School presents funding through CFSEA.

Above Left: Duchess School donates \$1,500 to Prairie Rose Hospice Palliative Care Society.

Above Right: Duchess School donates \$1,500 to Brooks and District OutReach Society. | CARTER BEWS PHOTOS

NEWS FROM THE RURAL COMMUNITY FUND OF FORTY MILE

By Michelle MacLean, Rural Coordinator, Community Fund of Forty Mile

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It has been a busy summer for the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile!

The **RBC Future Launch Community Challenge** was announced June 3rd at the launch event for the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile, and the committee has been hard at work ever since, spreading the word and connecting with anyone that could get youth in our region involved. The official launch event for the RBC Challenge was held in Bow Island on July 18th and an additional information session was held in Foremost on August 6th.

“This is such a fantastic opportunity for our County. We are very appreciative of this grant being offered through RBC and can’t wait to see the impact it will have in our region.”
— Clint Thacker, Chair of the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile

Additional events over the summer also included the grant writing workshop for the **Fall Smart & Caring Grant** cycle, also held in August. With the Spring Smart & Caring Grant being awarded to the Track Enhancement Program at Senator Gershaw School, there has been more awareness building around the grant programs offered through CFSEA, as well.

“It’s been great to see everyone in attendance at these events, and how interested the communities have all been,” said Michelle MacLean, Community Fund Coordinator for the region. “They each have their own ideas of how to address their most urgent local needs and we can’t wait to see all the recipients throughout southeastern Alberta.”

Local markets and events were also attended by the local Community Fund Coordinator, along with many informal meetings, too. “It’s so fantastic to see so many new faces, and familiar faces, too! We always receive a warm ‘County of Forty Mile’ welcome at every event and meeting we attend, and we’re steadily seeing our awareness increase,” adds MacLean. “And we look forward to seeing that build even more!”

The fall will be an even busier season with many community groups yet to visit and local tradeshow to attend.

Invite Michelle to attend your local meetings or events!

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Right: Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile Coordinator Michelle MacLean attends Market In The Park Bow Island on August 28th.



MEET THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PRAIRIE CROCUS COMMUNITY FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Kim Stief, Prairie Crocus Community Fund Coordinator

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Linda Bingeman and her family have called Esther, AB and the surrounding rural areas home for more than 47 years. Linda has always been a very engaged community member. As president of the Big Country Agricultural Society for 14 years and member for 20+ years, she performs a key role in planning and implementation of numerous local programs. She has also been helping in the production of the Night in Bethlehem since its inception in 2008, a community event featuring a live presentation of the Christmas story. Linda served as the 4-H leader for 30+ years and President of Oyen ECS for 3 years. She is an active member of the Esther Community Club and supports other community activities across the region.

As the current Chairperson of the Prairie Crocus Community Fund Advisory Committee, Linda's dedication and hard work are greatly instrumental to the progress of the fund. "It was an opportunity to help the community build a lasting legacy that will help future generations. I have always been about activities which produce benefits in the future," shares Linda. She recognizes how valuable the fund is to the region and has become one of its first donors. "The fund is a stable entity which wisely invests so that the community will benefit forever. Over time, a modest donation now will reap a much greater benefit to our community for the future," says Linda.

"The Prairie Crocus Fund provides everyone an opportunity to help ensure our community has a positive future."

— Linda Bingeman, Chairperson,
Prairie Crocus Community Fund
Advisory Committee

Linda hopes that local citizens will also see the value of having a community fund and support it. "The Prairie Crocus Fund provides everyone an opportunity to help ensure our community has a positive future. A small donation now will give back to the community forever. Your original donation will never be spent; it will continue to provide investment income which will flow to the community. Together we can make a huge difference."

Right: Prairie Crocus Community Fund Coordinator Kim Stief (left) shakes hands with Chairperson Linda Bingeman.



CFSEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CFSEA WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CFSEA welcomes David Andrews and Cody Ibbotson to the Board of Directors!

David became familiar with the Community Foundation through the granting application process for his work with E.I.D. Historical Park. He is also the Chair of the Brooks & District Community Fund.

Cody is newer to Medicine Hat, having moved recently from Red Deer with his family. He is a Partner at EBT Chartered Professional Accountants.

We bid farewell to our two retiring board members, Larry Johnson and Sean Blewett. Thank you both!!

MEET BOARD DIRECTOR PAM LEHR

I have lived in Medicine Hat most of my life — the farm/ranch life for the first 40 years and then this country girl turned city.

I have a beautiful daughter living in Edmonton that attained her masters in Speech Pathology!

As far as careers go, I get the 7 year itch so my background is colorful and varied! After 14 years as a legal secretary, I ventured into the small business world where I owned/operated a popular ladies retail boutique, Theresa Marie's Fashion, Accessories & Gifts, for 11 years. Then, I launched a full service consulting firm specializing in targeted online advertising via real time bidding media buying and third party data acquisition. Currently I am the co-founder and Chief Business Development Officer for GrowthCell Global Corp that infuses nutraceuticals with a patented oligopeptide that increases the bioavailability of CBD and works at a cellular level on people and pets.



Serving my community is not new to me, I was involved with the Kinette Club of Medicine Hat, supporting our community's greatest needs for 14 years. I was fortunate to be involved at the club level, as well as provincial and national, as Service Director. I was awarded with the prestigious life membership in Kin. In addition, I also served on the Medicine Hat Exhibition Board and co-chaired the Queen Committee and chaired Kiddies Day.

One of my passions is living a healthy lifestyle the "natural" way. The opportunity to help people and pets without using Big Pharma drugs is my true motivation.

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CFSEA STAFF CHANGES

On July 31, CFSEA Board members and staff gathered together to wish farewell to our Grants and Administration Coordinator and amazing teammate Niki Gray and send her all the best in her new journey in Calgary.

"Such an incredible group of people. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it tonight!
An amazing organization, game changing volunteers and the best Board of Directors!
I will miss you all dearly."
— Niki Gray



Above Left: Board and staff gathered at Travois Ale Works July 31 to wish farewell to Niki (back row center).

Above Right: Finance Administrator Barb (right) wonders how we'll ever connect the dots without Niki (left).

CFSEA WELCOMES NEW STAFF AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LOOKS TO RETIREMENT

CFSEA Executive Director Chris Christie takes succession planning seriously. As Chris moves toward retirement in the next few years and with Niki's departure, two new staff members joined the team in July to begin to step into those roles.

Sue Edwards has spent most of her life living in the Medicine Hat area. She joins as the new Assistant Director, bringing 20+ years experience in the non-profit sector and an abundance of professional connections. Sue looks forward to meeting more of our donors and partners!

JoLynn Parenteau moved to the Hat last year from Edmonton with a decade of community relations experience in the non-profit sector. She is excited to take the lead on creating CFSEA's Vital News!



Left:
Chris Christie, Executive Director

Center:
Sue Edwards, Assistant Director

Right:
JoLynn Parenteau,
Administration Coordinator

UP TO DATE HAPPENINGS AT CFSEA

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS OF CANADA 2019 ROOKIE RETREAT

In August, CFC invited new staff of community foundations all across Canada to join them for their fourth annual Rookie Retreat on Wasan Island in Muskoka Lakes, Ontario. Sue and JoLynn had the privilege of joining this small group and spent four days bonding with new colleagues and learning more about the work that's being done nationwide in community foundations of all sizes and about the international relationships and global objectives CFC is striving towards.

Of her time on Wasan, JoLynn wrote:

"On Wasan, there is time to work, and there is time to play. By day, we learned about the incredible work being done by our sister Foundations across our Provinces and Territories, supported by Community Foundations of Canada, working toward the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals established globally in 2015. Together, we strive to 'leave no one behind', the promise of Alliance 2030. By night, our small group bonded over s'mores around a bonfire. We've come away with new perspectives on the practice of philanthropy in Canada, not to mention a tremendously impactful reading list! I have new colleagues for my career and made friends for life."

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"A piece of my soul will now
always reside on Wasan."
— JoLynn

Below left: cushion seating in Wasan's Learning Pavilion.

Below center: Community Foundation 'rookies' and CFC hosts .

Below right: a picturesque view from a Muskoka chair.



Watch for our CFSEA Vital News: Holiday edition in early December!

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