



CORN HUSK CHRONICLES

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Ray's Thoughts.....

*"Well done is better well said."
~Ben Franklin*

Southern Alberta Summer Games (July 3-6):

Once again, the 44th Annual Southern Alberta Summer Games, hosted by Taber, was a resounding success with 2000+ participants registered in 20 events. Aline Holman, Leisure Services Manager, and Kayla Beers, Summer Games Coordinator, as well as a team effort by sponsors, volunteers, etc. created the recipe for success. Well wishes go to the community of Pincher Creek, which will be hosting the 45th Annual Southern Alberta Summer Games in 2014.

Summer Work (2013):

Considering the short construction season, the Bi-Annual Capital Works Program is on track to be completed as scheduled. The water treatment plant upgrades are scheduled to be fully operational by the end of August. Just a reminder that the Aquafun Centre will be closed from the middle of September to mid-November for upgrades to the lap pool, change room, etc.

Cornfest (2013):

The Cornfest Organizing Committee has invested considerable time and effort in planning this year's celebration. From Thursday, August 22 (midway wrist band night) to Sunday, August 25 (non-denominational church service) and everything in between will feature action packed events. Come out for a great time!

August Meetings

Council

Regular Meetings:

5:00pm—Mon.

August 19, 2013

Recreation Board

None

Municipal

Planning

Commission

4:30pm—Tues.

August 20, 2013

Municipal Police

Commission

None



From the Desk of the CAO

Downtown Streetscape

Readers of the Chronicles will know from the last edition that we are upgrading the look (curbs, gutters, vegetation, street furniture) at the corner of 48 Avenue and 53 Street. You may be wondering why the project "stalled". The reason is that the contractor encountered hydrocarbon contaminated soil while replacing the water and sewer lines that are below that intersection. We have removed the contaminated soil and are waiting for Alberta Environment's approval before we complete the surface work in case we need to do any further remediation underground. We expect that approval very shortly. And where did the contamination come from, you ask? We are not certain but we suspect it was from an old gas station that used to be on the corner near that intersection.

Sincerely,
Greg Birch





Kinsmen Free Swims

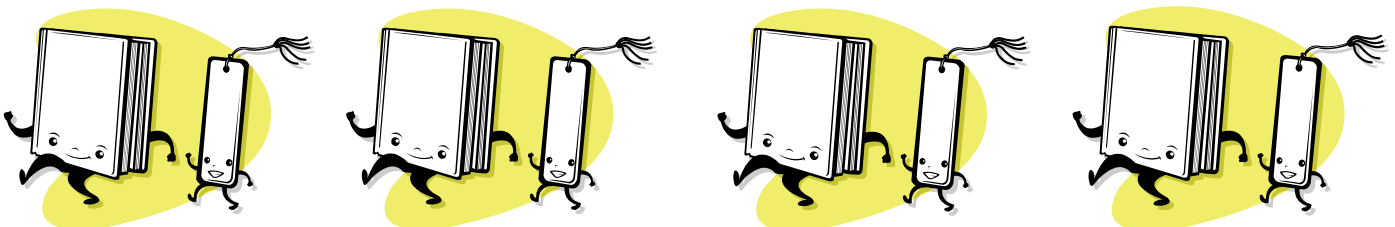
The Kinsmen Club of Taber will once again be offering their free “youth” swim night every Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Taber Aquafun Centre. Free swims will be in effect until August 27, 2013. The cost of admission for adults will remain the same as other programs. We are proud to partner with the Kinsmen Club to provide an affordable recreation option for the youth of the community.

A huge thank you to the Kinsmen Club for their ongoing support of programs in the community.



Taber Public Library

- ◆ **August 16 LEGO Contest ends.** Get your entries in before the deadline and you could win a cool prize of your choosing. There are 8 categories for children 4 to 12 years. Entries to include name, age and ph. number.
- ◆ You can now follow the Taber Public Library on Twitter. Also check us out on Facebook and our website. Updates usually daily.
- ◆ We are still looking for donations of LEGO to start up a club in the fall for kids 6 to 17 years. Any new donation over \$50 is eligible for a tax receipt. Watch for further posts on the start up of the club.
- ◆ We would like to start a GIRLZ Club in the fall also. Any interested girls from 8 to 12 years are asked to register at the library. The club would involve such activities as crafts, movies, gaming, classes, guest speakers of their choosing and so much more.
- ◆ Sculpey Clay class is looking for interested people to hold a class. Come down to view a display on what you can do with sculpey, and register at the same time!
- ◆ Cornfest Book Sale - The week of Cornfest we are holding our annual book sale inside the library. Take a break from the heat and come check out our selection of books. Prices are: hardcover, soft covers and audio/visual \$1, paperbacks .50 cents or a bag of books for \$5.00.





Aquafun Centre Happenings:

2013 Cornfest 5/10K Fun Run

- Registration is now open for the Cornfest Fun Run, contact the Aquafun Centre to register or visit www.runningroom.com. Information is available on our website at www.taber.ca.
- Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Fun Run always requires numerous volunteers. Contact Aline at lsm@taber.ca or call 403-223-5544 ext 4.
- We are now accepting sponsorship donations for the Cornfest Fun Run. Call today for more information. All sponsors of \$100 or more will receive recognition on the participant shirts. In kind donations are also welcome for our door prizes. This is a fantastic event and very much anticipated by participants local and afar.

2013 Aquafun Centre Maintenance Shutdown

- Monday, September 16 thru Sunday, November 17 inclusive.
- In addition to the annual facility & equipment maintenance tasks, the Lap pool and Waterslide Landing pool basins will be tiled.
- Expect the Aquafun Centre to re-open for regular Fall programming **Monday, November 18**

Looking for a **private swimming pool rental** or **birthday party**, call the Aquafun Centre at (403) 223-5544



OFF THE CUFFS

BEYOND THE POLITICS!

It was Tuesday July 30 at 1 PM - who noticed? Not too many heard the electronic beep, buzz or whirr that established a link between the Taber 9-1-1 Dispatch Centre and the City of Calgary Public Safety Communications Centre. This link will now handle the transfer of medical emergency ambulance calls for Taber and

district to Calgary. Calgary will now take the information and send an ambulance. This writing is not to lament the mind numbing politics that lead to this change more than enough has already been said and we now know that indeed public safety can be trumped. This is about a tribute to what was our own local lifeblood connection to medical services and the people who cared and made it work.

At 5700 50 Avenue for 24 hours a day 365 days of the year a well-trained and dedicated Dispatcher takes calls and dispatches the police, fire and ambulance. That same Dispatcher then supports and coordinates an emergency response providing information on how to get there, whose there, what to anticipate, updates as the situation changes, ensures crucial information is passed to doctors, tow truck personnel, the gas company and beyond. The Dispatcher is sitting in front of nine monitor screens, handling two 9-1-1 lines, five other incoming lines and three radio channels while orchestrating several ambulance attendants, fire fighters and police; this is the daily pace at the dispatch centre.

Who are the people who do this job? Who do you know who in the normal course of a day can be abused by an angry drunk, deal with the panic of a house on fire or hear the last breath of a caller who did not make it. Who do you know who was part of bringing a new life into the world, saved a life by talking a person through life saving CPR or shared in the success of apprehending someone desperate to escape the law. I know these people, I respect these people, I love these people, and now these people have said a sad farewell to a challenging and yet gratifying aspect of their jobs.

Take heart, Dana, Lindsey, Sandra, Linda, Leah, Janet, Stacey and Tim. Your medical dispatch service to this community lives on in the health and strength of those who owe their very lives to what you do.

The Chief

taber & district health foundation

STEWART GENES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Applicant must be any past or present graduate of a Taber, Vauxhall, or Grassy Lake High Schools.
2. Applicant must be accepted to an Alberta College, Technical School, or University leading to a recognized medical, nursing, or health science degree or certificate.
3. Applicant must be enrolled as a full time student.
4. Applicant must not be a previous winner.

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31, 2013

Application can be obtained at the schools or printed off our website at www.tdhf.ca



Wondering what you can do to support High River??

Join the local

- School Supply Drive -

The goal is to supply 2350 High River Students
July 24th – Aug. 14th

Drop Off Locations have been set up at:

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| 1st Choice Credit Union (Taber & Lethbridge) | Taber Adult Learning |
| Taber Floor Coverings | Kopi Ko (Lethbridge) |
| Taber Chamber of Commerce | |

Cash/Cheque donations can be made at any

1st Choice Credit Union

Thanks for your generous Donation!

Taber Arts and Crafts Society

Annual Art Show and Sale (NPO)

Friday, August 23 ~ 4 pm – 8 pm

Saturday, August 24 ~ 10 am – 6 pm

Sale held at Taber Arts Centre ~ 4830 B 50 Ave

We are now in the planning stages for our Annual Arts Show and Sale. This year we have added an extra day to our sale to accommodate those who are unable to attend on the usual Saturday of CornFest.

Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan on popping by the Art Centre to take a look at the amazing artwork, pottery and weaving created by local artisans.

Remember that our Show and Sale is held at the Taber Art Centre (4830B 50 Ave) which is located behind Parkside Manor Senior Centre. The Art Centre is a short walk from the Civic Centre and CornFest events, through Centennial park and past the tennis courts.

We look forward to seeing you!!!