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In Our Community

Article Submissions

In order to continue to feature locally focused stories of



interest to your community, we need you, the readers, to send us articles and suggestions on The Bears paw Beat.

Do you want to thank a neighbour or recognize a contribution to your community? Have you or someone you know done something exciting that you think others would like to read about—such as a great trip? Do you have an interesting story about growing up in Bears paw? Then, we want to hear from you!

Article Guidelines:

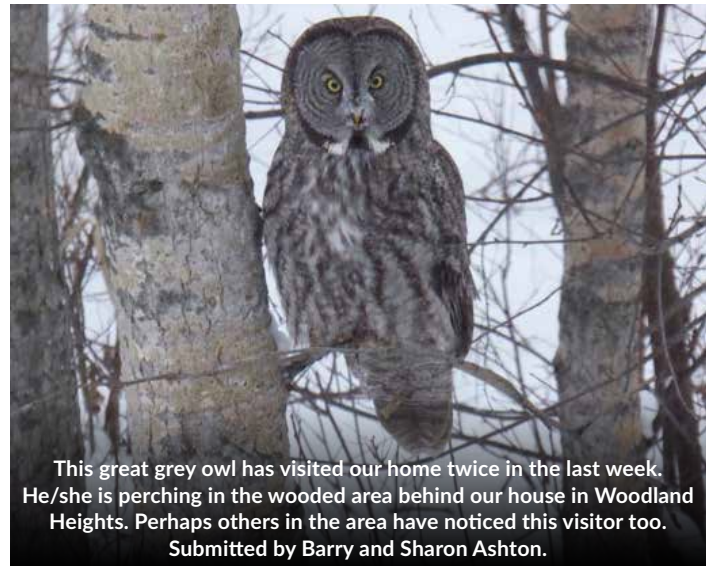
- Articles must be e-mailed to: thebeat@bears pawlc.org by the 5th of each month for publication in the following month's issue;
- Articles should be between 200 to 450 words in Microsoft Word format; images in jpeg format at a resolution of at least 300 dpi;
- Articles cannot promote a particular company or product to the exclusion of others, or include logos or contact information;
- Article credit may include the contributor's name and general description of expertise; and
- The editor reserves the right to edit articles before publication without getting approvals from the author.

Thank you!

Karla Smit

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This great grey owl has visited our home twice in the last week. He/she is perching in the wooded area behind our house in Woodland Heights. Perhaps others in the area have noticed this visitor too.
 Submitted by Barry and Sharon Ashton.

Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre Programs & Events

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www.bearspawlc.ca. A valid BGCA
membership is required to
register for all programs



Adult

55+ Core & More: Designed with hip and knee friendly movements. You will begin with a gentle warm-up followed by a bit of strength, balance and stretch. Our goal is to strengthen the core, maintain bone health and have some fun at the same time. Not too difficult, not too easy, just right, and your body will thank you. Please bring a water bottle and yoga mat.

April 4 – June 22, Tues. & Thu. 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

- 24 sessions (Tues. & Thurs.) \$216.00 + GST
- 12 sessions (Tues) \$108.00 + GST
- 12 sessions (Thurs) \$108.00 + GST

Adult Badminton - Intermediate Skill Level and Up:

Apr. 3 – Jun. 28 (no class Apr. 17, May 22)

Mon. & Wed 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

- 23 sessions \$115.00 + GST
- 11 sessions (Mon) 55.00 + GST
- 13 sessions (Wed) 65.00 + GST

Hatha Yoga: Yoga has helped people overcome fears, develop better concentration and improved daily functioning. Others have experienced improved self-awareness, a deeper sense of well-being, deeper compassion, greater self-acceptance, and a sense of being at peace.

Apr. 5 – Jun. 22, Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- 24 sessions \$396.00 + GST
- 12 sessions (Wed or Thurs) \$198.00 + GST
- 5x punch pass \$82.50 + GST

Total Body Conditioning:

Apr. 3 - Jun. 23 (no class Apr. 14, Apr. 17, May 22)

Mon, Wed. & Fri. 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

- 33 sessions \$363.00 + GST
- 22 sessions \$242.00 + GST
- 11 sessions \$121.00 + GST

Yoga at Dusk: Do you have a busy schedule and can't fit exercise in during the day? Yoga at Dusk is a fantastic way to stretch and strengthen your body in the evening! Feel refreshed, relaxed and energized after this amazing Hatha Yoga class.

Apr. 4 - Jun. 13, Tue. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- 19 sessions \$181.50 + GST.
- 5x punch pass \$82.50 + GST.

Zumba: This class fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow dance moves to create a workout unlike any other. The goal is simple: dance like nobody's watching and have more fun than you've ever

experienced in a workout class! A great workout for all ages and fitness levels. Want to try a class for free? Give Kim a call (403) 239-1502 ext: 100

Apr. 6 – Jun. 15, Thurs. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- 11 sessions (Thurs) \$121.00 + GST
- 5x punch pass \$55.00 + GST

Youth

After School Sports: (Ages 7 - 12) We have put together an exciting line up of sports! Each session will introduce a different sport & a different kind of fun!

- **Badminton:** Here is a sport that can challenge the eye hand coordination. Learn the game and have fun doing it. This is for the young person interested in learning the art and skill of badminton.
- **Basketball Madness:** Introduce the game of basketball to young athletes wanting to learn the game and improve their skills. Fun and enjoyable for our future stars.
- **Volleyball:** Introduce the game of volleyball to perspective star athletes. Learn the game and skills, such as passing bumping and striking the ball
- **World Cup Soccer:** 5 week program to prepare for the upcoming outdoor soccer season. Each session will consist of a warm up, skill development and a game. Shin pads and indoor shoes are required.

Volleyball (Mon.)/Basketball Madness (Wed.)

Mar. 1 – Apr. 12, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Mon. (5 sessions) \$55.00
- Wed. (7 sessions) \$75.00
- Mon. & Wed. (11 sessions) \$110.00

World Cup Soccer for Youth

Mar. 14 - Apr. 11, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Tue. (5 sessions) \$55.00

Football (Mon.) & Dodgeball (Wed.)

May 1 – Jun. 7 (No class May 22) 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Mon. (5 sessions) \$55.00
- Wed. (6 sessions) \$65.00
- Mon. & Wed. (11 sessions) \$110.00

Bearspaw Outdoor Soccer: May 2 - June 21

- \$100.00

(U4) Ages 3 - 4: Tues: 6:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This outdoor soccer program for this age group is designed to introduce the game of soccer. We encourage parent participation along with the child. We do have coaches available to provide guidance and assistance to encourage participation in the soccer activities. Our coaches lead the activities where

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children learn to pass, shoot and play a variety of soccer play-like activities with and without the soccer ball, keeping in mind our mission to introduce and wet the appetite of young soccer children for the game of soccer.

(U6) Ages 5 - 6: Tues: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Designed to introduce the game in its truest form. Our coaches guide the children in a few warm up activities and drills, before moving into game time. Teams are formed and children play a mini tournament playing against other teams. Shin guards are mandatory. Our mission is to develop the skills of young players and have fun working together as a team. We want to wet their appetite for the game of soccer.

(U8) Ages 7 - 8: Wed: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Designed to stimulate young athletes for the game of soccer. Our coaches encourage the development of the child's soccer skills and encourage teamwork and fun all at the same time. This is an excellent class to join for the young beginner to the experienced player. Shin guards are mandatory. Our coaches begin each session with a proper warm up, a skill or drill, followed by game time. Coaches will divide players into teams.

(U10) Ages 9 - 10 / (U12) Ages 11 - 12 / (U14) Ages 13 - 14
Wed: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In each of these classes we engage in more skill training followed by lots of game play and strategies. Coaches will often participate to challenge the players.

Parent volunteers: Parents wanting to help us by volunteering to assist our coaches and their child's team are always welcome. Some teams will need help with organizing positions, helping to keep the ball in play and encouraging our players to work together as a team.

Girls' Group: Ages 9 - 12.

Thu. Apr. 6 - Jun. 15 (No class Apr. 20) 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
• 10 sessions: \$90.00.



Sportball: Sportball helps children develop socially as well as physically, through a curriculum designed to reinforce self-confidence free from the pressure of competition. Sportball provides the basic concepts and skill components of 8 popular sports. Programs

are carefully designed to focus on the development of balance, strength, coordination, stamina and timing through professional instruction and positive encouragement, using child-sized equipment. Visit www.sportball.ca.

Floor Hockey - Just the Game

Thu. 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. (7 - 12 yrs.)

Apr. 6 - Jun. 15 (No class Apr. 20)

• 10 sessions: \$140.00

Multi-Sport

Thu. 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. (3 - 5 yrs.)

• 5 sessions: \$90.00 - Apr. 6 - May 11 (No class Apr. 20)

Wiggle & Giggle: A free drop in program offered by BLC in partnership with the Western Rocky View Parent Link Centre. Join us for active fun in the gym! A great way for tots to burn off some energy & for parents to meet others in the area. Please note: parents are required to attend with their children and be in the gym at all times.

Jan. 10 - Jun. 14 (no class Apr 18 & 19)

• Tue. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Wed 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Events

Birthday Parties at BLC: Looking for a place to host a Birthday Party? Our party packages start at \$150.00. Give Kim a call to check on availability at (403) 239-1502 ext. 100.

Lunch & Learn: Wildflowers of Banff Park - a four season multimedia presentation. This colourful show features the best trails for wildflowers in Banff Park. Five themes are set to music - from bold blossoms to diminutive gems, wild creatures enjoying flowers, majestic mountain scenery and autumn colours. Presented by Ian Wilson and Jacinthe Lavoie, authors of Wildflowers of Banff Park. Books will be available after the show.

Wednesday, April 12

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

• \$15.00

Fiesta Night: Join us for a Mexican celebration with your neighbours & friends! Authentic Mexican food, drinks, Mariachi Band, DJ and more. Tickets \$50/each. Full tables can be reserved for 8 guests. Only 128 tickets available. Please call Kim to register 403-239-1502 x:100.

Saturday, June 3

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Lowther, Rocky View Councillor's Report

"At every party, there are two kinds of people—those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other."
(Ann Landers.)

News in brief...

(for more details go to www.ericlowther.ca/news & scroll through)

- It is on again. 12 Mile Coulee Road twinning and more is starting this year, (south of 1A). The City has reconsidered and now will be proceeding and spreading the project over two years.
- The County Emergency Services is moving forward with the City to complete the upgrade (for emergency access road) at the south end of 12 Mile Coulee Rd. with access through Tuscany. This will provide a much needed permanent second access for emergency vehicles to the south Bearspaw area.
- The problem with the new provincial GROWTH MANAGEMENT BOARD is that it gives Calgary heavy decision making dominance over the other municipalities - particularly Rocky View. Rocky View County is oppose to this. Follow the lead of Bearspaw resident, Mr. Brent Clark and let the province know your opinion..
- The County's Draft Aggregate Policy is being revised. Thank you to the many Bearspaw residents who copied me on more than 50 emails with expressed concerns and recommendations to the County.
- Community Heritage Celebration is happening on Saturday June 24th. This is going to be a big event! All community groups, organizations and businesses are welcome to be part of it. Much more to come on this but for now, to plug in, just contact Louise McAuley (daveloui@telus.net) or myself. (Canada's 150th birthday too..)
- The final draft of the Glenbow Ranch Area Structure Plan, along with the associated technical documents and a summary of public comments, will be posted to the County website in late March. The County will also host a drop-in Open House on the evening of April 3, 2017 at Rockpointe Church. Emails are being sent and further details will also be posted.
- Surface water? Work continues to address short and long term solutions to various surface water related challenges in our division. High water in the fall, potential for rapid melt this year and other drainage

issues are keeping me busy. Thankfully we have now a number of key people working together to get the work done. Let's keep at it. More announcements on this next week.

- Of course there is lots more going on so if you have any questions or issues please call me or email anytime. I am always happy to meet with groups or individuals in our community and help where ever I can. You can also find out more at my website www.ericlowther.ca or at www.rockyview.ca.
- Please Note: I will be hosting the next Community Update session for Bearspaw (District 8) at the newly renovated Bearspaw Lions Hall on May 6th - 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Plan to drop in for morning coffee and snack, be informed, and meet others in our community. There are some great things planned this year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Eric Lowther, Councillor – Rocky View

Did You Know... These Facts About April

- The birthstone of April is the diamond.
- The birth flower is the Daisy.
- The two zodiac signs in April are Aries (March 21 - April 19) and Taurus (April 20 - May 20).
- April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite. The name for the month of April originally came for Aprilis which means to open.
- April is Global Child Nutrition Month, Humor Month, and Mathematics Awareness Month.
- April Fool's Day may stem from a calendar change in 1582. Pope Gregory XIII moved New Year's Day from April 1 to January 1, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted. Many people continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1st, rather than the new date of January 1st, and were referred to as "April fools".



Bears paw Historical Society News

The 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge will take place this April. Per the sequence of WWI battle dates, it occurred between the Somme (July, 1916) and Passchendaele (October, 1917) but is likely the most salient in Canadian memories.

The Vimy Lapel Pin (shown here) depicts the Vimy Memorial and the four Canadian Divisions, which made up the Canadian Corps. The Divisions are illustrated by their sleeve patch colour. From right to left (reflecting the position of the divisions as they faced The Ridge): First Division -Red, Second Division – Dark Blue, Third Division – French Grey and the Fourth Division – Green.



At the base of the Memorial, these words appear in English and French.

TO THE VALOUR OF THEIR COUNTRYMEN IN THE GREAT WAR AND IN MEMORY OF THEIR SIXTY THOUSAND DEAD THIS MONUMENT IS RAISED BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA

Soldiers from every province in Canada fought in this 1917 WWI battle as part the newly formed Canadian Corp. Existing members of the Bears paw Historical Society and others with ties to the Bears paw / Glendale area had relatives with the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF).

Nipper Guest's father, Ernest Frederic Guest, had Regimental Number 231349 when he enlisted on April 5th, 1916 at Edmonton. He served as a scout with the 49th Edmonton Regiment (3rd Division) at Vimy and Passchendaele. He returned home with his unit.

Nipper's uncle, Private Harold Currie Guest, was killed at Passchendaele on October 30, 1917. His Regimental Number was 812145 and he was also with the 49th Battalion. His name is inscribed on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium, the memorial to those with no known grave.

Thomas Baptie enrolled at Calgary on February 9th, 1915 with Regimental Number 434962. He was 19 years old. On his Attestation Paper is the notation "10th", which likely designates the 10th Battalion (one of the numbers on the hill at Battalion Park in SE Calgary



commemorating the units billeted at the nearby Sarcee Camp). The 10th would become part of 1st Division at Vimy. Thomas Baptie sustained shrapnel wounds at Vimy Ridge and after a hospital convalescence returned to Canada. His daughter, May Masters, was a respected teacher at the Glendale School (1945 – 1960).

William Bancroft, father of Tim Bancroft, was with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. His Regimental Number was 117125 and he was severely wounded at The Somme. He returned home to the Glendale area in 1919. The family still lives on this homestead.

John Standring, Regimental Number 808886, was a soldier in the 137th Battalion. He was wounded at Vimy Ridge and returned to Canada at the end of the war. His cousin Thomas Eastham Standring, 895156, also served overseas and returned to the Glendale area. The Standring family was one of the original families to homestead in the Glendale area.

Inscribed on the Vimy Memorial is the name of Thomas Sydney Key Norris (883600), an early homesteader in the Glendale area. Sydney was with the 50th Battalion. His name is one of over 11,000 Canadian soldiers who were posted as 'missing, presumed dead' in France.

As April 9, 2017 approaches, LEST WE FORGET.

Louise and Dave McAuley

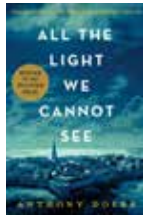
DID YOU KNOW??

The exchange of eggs for Easter dates back to a springtime custom older than Easter itself in which eggs were given as a symbol of rebirth.



Book Review

All The Light We Cannot See
By Anthony Doerr



Anthony Doerr has written a compelling account of how ordinary people react and respond to an extraordinary time. It is a story that draws you in and holds you until the very end.

Marie-Laure is 12 years old and had been blind since she was six. Her father has built her a miniature replica of her neighbourhood so she is able to navigate the streets of Paris where she lives. She goes each day to the Museum of Natural History with her father who works there.

It is 1949 and the German Army is bombing Paris and Marie-Laure and her father flee to escape the bombs. They end up in Saint-Malo, at the home of her father's Uncle Etienne. France is fully occupied by the Germans and they must find a way to survive.

Werner Pfenning and his younger sister are growing up in an orphanage in a small mining town in Germany. Werner is very clever and has a particular interest in radios and wireless communication. This does not go unnoticed by German officials and when Werner is 12, they come to his small town and enlist the youth to be future soldiers of the Reich. He is selected and is sent to a brutal training academy where he survives, only because the technical sciences professor sees his potential. He is only 16 when he is fast tracked to active duty and uses his talent to track down the resistance.

The writer takes us back and forth between the lives of these two young people as they each try to navigate their way through one the most horrific times in our history. It is a testament to the strength and ingenuity of people under the most dangerous of circumstances.

Our book club book for March is *The Crimson Rooms* by Katherine McMahon. We meet the last Monday of the month in the Lifestyle Center. Everyone is welcome to come and share.

Submitted by Jeanne Mosca

DID YOU KNOW??

The tallest Easter egg chocolate was made in Italy in 2011. It stood at 10.39 meters and weighed an astounding 7,200 kg.



Bearspaw Preschool News

Welcome Spring! This month the children will focus on April showers, Spring, birds and Easter. The four-year-olds are continuing their work on the Alphabet with letters T, U and V and will enjoy another session with Music and Play as a special guest. The three-year-olds will learn about Spring, buds, flowers and Easter and have My Gym as a special guest. April is a short month with classes out for Spring Break starting on April 14th and resuming April 25th.

The success of our school is in large part due to the wonderful parent-volunteers who help us out in the classroom, participate in fundraising and donate their time to assisting with Board Administration. We are starting to recruit for new Board Members for the 2017-2018 school year. If you or anyone you know is looking to get involved with the Preschool, this is a wonderful opportunity to make an im-pact and get to know other parents. If you would be interested in taking on a board position, please reach out to our President Mel Gibb at presi-dent@bearspawpreschool.com.

A reminder that registration for the 2017/2018 school year is open and ongoing. Families from all neighborhoods welcome. Please visit our website www.bearspawpreschool.com for more information or to register.

Friends of Bearspaw Education Society News

In carrying out our mission to raise funds for Bearspaw School, FBES is aware how difficult a task we would have without the support of our community partners. In this regard, FBES would like to thank Rocky Ridge CO-OP for their generous donation of the poster display stands. These stands can be used in many different ways, including to help direct students on busy fun lunch days or during tournaments. The donation is greatly appreciated and will be well used. Thank you!

The next FBES meeting will be at the Bearspaw Glendale Community Centre on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00 am in the upstairs meeting room. Come and join a group of energetic parents who are working together using fun and innovative ways to raise money to enhance Bearspaw school. We encourage all parents to support their students by supporting FBES.

