

Fort Macleod Gazette

FORT MACLEOD WAS FOUNDED IN 1874 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE

Volume 139 • Number 4

FORT MACLEOD, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

Single Copy - \$1

www.fortmacleodgazette.com

ftmgazet@telusplanet.net

NEWS



International
Chad Kuzyk reports 19 international students will be in Livingstone Range schools this term.
Page 2

NEWS



Inclusion
Lisa Furukawa talks about inclusion in Livingstone Range schools.
Page 9

FEATURE



Book series
Ronalee Orr published the first book in a new series.
Page 12

BIRTHDAY PARADE



Photo by Frank McTighe

Vy Nygren and Kenadie Tobler unveil a 'Happy Birthday' sign Saturday afternoon. They were taking part in a birthday parade organized to help

people celebrate despite the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The parade, which included fire trucks and RCMP vehicles, marked five birthdays.

Seniors receive COVID vaccine

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Seniors in Fort Macleod received the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this month. The vaccine was made available Jan. 12 to Pioneer Lodge residents.

The second dose is to be delivered on Feb. 2.

Alberta chief medical officer of health Dr. Deena Hinshaw said last week staff and residents in all long term care facilities have had the opportunity to receive the vaccine.

"We started the long term care and designated supportive living facilities because residents in these locations are most at risk."

Two out of every three Albertans who have died from COVID-19 lived in long term care and supportive living facilities.

Continued on Page 2

Cuppens donate another \$25,000 to handibus

FRANK MCTIGHE
GAZETTE EDITOR

Fort Macleod Handibus Society last week received its second \$25,000 donation from the Cuppen family.

That brings to \$50,000 the amount the family donated in memory of their mother, Jean (Cuppen) Sinclair.

The challenge now, Jack Cuppen said, is for other Fort Macleod past and present residents to match or better the \$50,000 donation.

"I always wanted to do something for my mom, in honour of her," Jack Cuppen said of the decision to support the handibus.

Jean (Cuppen) Sinclair

lived in Fort Macleod for about 65 years, working at the hospital as a nurse.

Jack Cuppen was raised in Fort Macleod, a community that he said took an interest in and supported young people like him.

Although he is widely travelled and now lives in Calgary, Jack Cuppen fondly remembers and remains loyal to Fort Macleod.

Jack made the donation on behalf of his siblings Joyce Widmer, Nolan Cuppen, Doug Cuppen and Nony Orr.

In 2019 the handibus provided 7,006 rides, of which 1,267 were for people using wheelchairs.

Continued on Page 2



Photo by Frank McTighe

The Cuppen family presented a cheque for \$25,000 to the Fort Macleod Handibus Society. That brings to \$50,000 the amount the Cuppens have donated over two years. From left: Bruce Robertson of the handibus society, Nony Orr, Jack Cuppen, and Linda Ripley, Bob Ripley and Sue Monteith of the handibus society.

COVID-19 CASH CRUNCH?

Are you a local business who was established and viable prior to March 1, 2020 and has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, and you have not accessed other federal supports such as CEBA, there may be financial assistance for you through Community Futures and the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF).



DETAILS:

- Maximum loan of \$40,000
- 0% interest until Dec. 31, 2022
- No principal payments until Dec. 31, 2022
- 25% up to a maximum of \$10,000 in loan forgiveness is available, provided outstanding balance is paid back on or before Dec. 31, 2022

APPLY NOW:

for more details and to take advantage of these supports please visit www.southwest.albertacf.com

Community Futures Alberta Southwest