

T H E

FORT VERMILION AND AREA
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY

“ F O R T R E S S ”

PUBLISHED MONTHLY AT FORT VERMILION, ALBERTA, BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE FOR THE DESSMINATION OF NEWS OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS OF THE SOCIETY AND TO FOSTER A CONTINUAL INTEREST IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF THE WORK AND RECREATION IN WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION MAY BE ENGAGED.

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THE FORTRESS

JANUARY 6, 1940

"THE FORTRESS"

With no formal christening, no fanfare of trumpets, or bunting, another frail bark is launched in the uncertain seas of Journalism. In its infancy it makes no claim to a place in the bright sun of literary achievement, nor do its sponsors, and, should its fortunes ascend in company with those of the Agricultural Society, they shall be content. Into the creating of "The Fortress" the Board of Directors have speculated the dwindling funds of the Society to the amount of twenty dollars in the purchase of a Mimeograph and an additional ten dollars, more or less, in providing paper and ink. This orgy of spending, coupled with whatever Journalistic ability the readers decided was available, were combined in producing this rather startling result. In this spirit "The Fortress" is committed to whatever fate the reader may think it merits.

Through the medium of this paper, an effort will be made to acquaint each member with the Society's various activities. It is the present intention to publish it once each month and these publications will be placed in the hands of all who are now, or in the past were, members of the Society. Elsewhere will be found reports of the more important meetings and functions which have taken place in the past month or so. The focal point of the Agricultural work is the annual Fair. In an effort to make this better than last year, and to awaken the interest of the entire district in making the Society an institution which will work for the general improvement of livestock and farm produce, this paper is dedicated. Criticism, contributions, suggestions, and advice are most welcome. This is your paper--it cannot be any greater or more useful than the members are willing to make it. It can become a very useful part of the Society's work and can be made to serve each member individually as well as the organization as a whole.

The Budget for the Fiscal Year 1939-1940 is included in these pages. This has been published with a twofold purpose in mind. The channels along which the funds of the Society are directed are of the greatest importance to the welfare of the whole Society. The Budget shows clearly where the money each member contributes is used. It also emphasizes the necessity of making an increase in the Membership, and in obtaining whole-hearted support for every project planned. The Hall is in need of considerable repair and improvement work, and this requires not only money, but also as much contributed labor as can be obtained. It may not be yet generally known that the wiring has been done and electric light is now available. Plans are being drawn to provide a permanent stage with an adjoining kitchen and dressing-room. The Hall, when completed, can be made to produce revenue which will be in turn directed to the benefit of the community.

A revision of the method of apportioning the prizes on Fair Day is being considered and the construction of shelters and plans for feeding and watering stock at Fair time, intended to improve the number of entries in the livestock classes, are being formulated. The date of the Fair is also to be placed at what is believed to be a more suitable time. More information along these lines will be published in a later issue.

It is hoped that this monthly paper, as time goes on, may become increasingly useful to each member--for that is the ultimate purpose in publishing it.

Did you know?

The Alberta Government recognizes June 26, 1974 as the incorporation date for the current version of the AG. Society - making 2024 a 50th year anniversary! In reality, the experimental farm actively promoted agriculture since 1907 and there has been organized community members promoting and celebrating Agriculture since 1914 with the creation of the Board of Trade. On June 25, 1938 the Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society was officially formed. Supported by the board of trade via equipment and resources, the fledgling society took over operations of the fall fair and quickly became a staple of the community. In 1942 the organization went dormant as WWII raged on. It did not revive after the close of the war - officially dissolving and turning all assets back to the Board of Trade in 1951. In 1974 the the society was formed again and has been in operation since. This publication is one manner in which we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the AG Society.

Staying true to the original publication intention (as stated on the previous page) - this 2024 version desires to not only keep the members of the AG Society informed but the community on the larger whole. Information about community events will be posted here - along with historical anecdotes, advertisements, classifieds and of course news from the AG Society. This is to be a simple publication - staying true to the handmade styles of the original and contrasting the glitzy paper and images of other such publications.

From the AG Society

The AG Society Annual General Meeting was held on Jan 30 with numerous members and directors returning to fill positions they held last year. Some new members were added and even a new director which is always encouraging to see. Reports were given from the Heritage Committee, Events Committee, Bursary committee and Memorial Committee. Museum Manager Steven Simpson reported there were lower number of visitors to the Heritage Centre last summer - but is hopeful for this summer. In 2023 there was only one applicant for the \$1000 bursary who, in the end, was ineligible to receive the funding. Those who are going to post secondary need to take advantage of this annual funding! All in all it was a great meeting with laughter, snacks and vision planning for the upcoming year! The results of the meeting are;

Greg Newman as Chair, Bob Stalker as Vice Chair, Kevin Marten as Treasurer, Kristin Marten as Secretary.

Directors are: Deanna Newman, Theresa Auger, Henry Friesen, Kevin Marten, Kristin Marten, Manfred Gross, Robert Stalker, Naveen Arora.

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Community Happenings

***The Recreation Board has dance classes every second Thursday. FEB 15 + 29 for this month! Learn Swing, Two Step, Line Dances and more! Talk to Steven 780-841-2501

***The Library hosts Craft Club every Tuesday @6pm - 8pm. Bring your own craft and socialize with fellow crafters. 18+

*** Free Public skating is every Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 4-4:50 and Sun 2-2:50!

*** Free Skiing at Rocky Lane FEB 19th for Family Day!

*** Rocky Lane AG Society Game Days FEB 3rd + FEB 18th 1-5pm

*** Winter Carnival Weekend is March 22, 23, + 24!

Advertising in "The Fortress"

In 1940 the advertising rates were as follows:

Full Page ad ----- \$5
Half Page Ad -----\$2.50
Classified Ad-----\$0.25

As much as we would like to stay true to these rates of advertising - the small amounts hardly make the paperwork worth it! So instead we are offering rates at the equivalent buying power. In 1940 \$5 had ~the same buying power as \$100 does today! Keeping this model in mind - our advertising costs are as follows.

Full Page Ad -----\$100
Half Page Ad -----\$50
Classified Ad (<30 words) -----\$5

550 copies are printed monthly - 500 copies are distributed through the mail boxes and 50 others distributed to stores and local coffee spots. Payment can be made by cheque (Fort Vermilion Agricultural Society) Cash, or E-transfer (FVHC88@gmail.com) All Ads are attractively hand drawn and eye catching - as you will see on the following pages!

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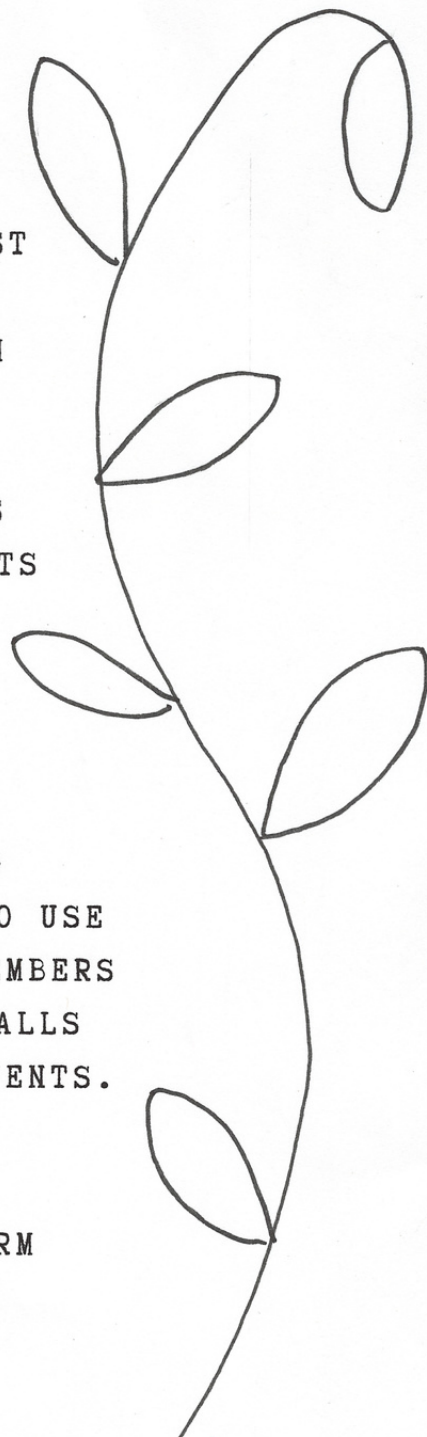
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FEBRUARY

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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Turkey lettuce Sandwich
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*****Taco Tuesday - 3 tacos, Chicken or Beef 11.99*****

Beef Barley

Clubhouse Sandwich

With fries + Gravy or Soup ---- 10.99

***** Wing Wednesday - any amount 1.25each *****

Hamburger Chili

Chili with garlic grilled cheese - 10.99

Cheesy tater tots ----- 11.99

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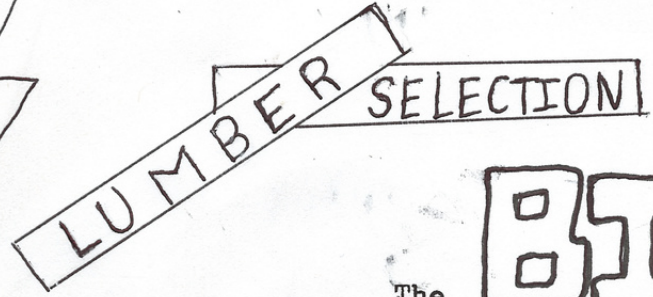
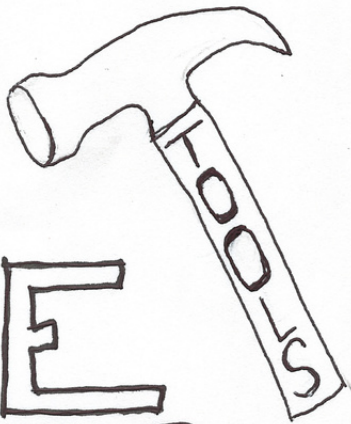
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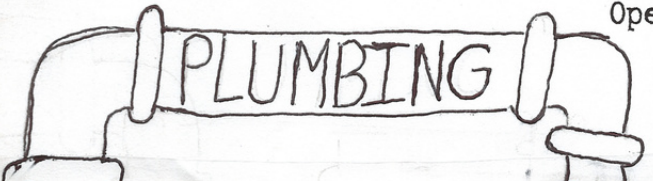
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The Heritage Centre is also undergoing new display construction! Stay tuned for updates about model versions of the "Hotpot" near Meander River and the Vermilion Falls!

And don't forget to take a look at our interactive historical map- find it on our website www.fortvermillionheritage.com