# Your Town News JULY 2021

## Mayor Stuart's Community Message

I will start my July Mayor's Message by congratulating Bowden Grandview School's Graduating Class for 2021. The Cap and Gown Ceremony was held June 28<sup>th</sup> at Bowden Grandview School. These graduates should be recognized for the extra effort that they needed to achieve their diplomas through the ongoing turmoil and uncertainty that was due to the Covid pandemic. It was great to see the signs and pictures that gave personal recognition to graduates. The town managed to arrange to use a billboard on the QE II Highway to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2021. I would like to commend Bowden Grandview School, the Parent Advisory Committee and Councillor Carol Pion for their efforts in arranging for these public displays.

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the majority of Covid restrictions will be lifted. Thank you to the residents of Bowden and the surrounding community for their cooperation during this stressful year of uncertainty. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming long weekend and can get together with family and friends. I know the roads will be busy, so please drive carefully. As always, the price of fuel conveniently increases just before the long weekend.

It was great to hear that the Bowden and District Agricultural Society will host a Canada Professional Rodeo Association event July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Junior Rodeo on July 16<sup>th</sup> and Bowden's Charlie Brittain will host a jam session in the evening. Professional Rodeo activities will start at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and there will be a Cabaret in the evening. Rodeo will continue on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. More information will be available on the Bowden and District Agricultural Society website: bowdenagsociety.com

Due to short time frame and the uncertainty of more lockdowns, there will be no parade this year. We are hoping to bounce back next year with an event that will be remembered. Remember to check the town's website for information and download the town app.

We continue to see more development and are optimistic that development permits will continue to increase in demand. Central Alberta is seeing an increase in growth and Bowden is well positioned to benefit from this interest.

Warm regards,

Mayor Robb Stuart



THE YES! PROGRAM PRESENTS ... Rol Leave a Legacy **Paterson Community Centre Bowden** COMBAT BOREDOM THIS SUMMER WITH R.P.G. CAMP! Roll, Play, Grow, is a half-day role-playing games (RPGs) camp running August 3rd to 9th. 403.507.5090 EACH DAY, YOUTH ARE TAKEN ON THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME BATTLING MONSTERS AND SAVING THE WORLD, USING ONLY A PENCIL, SOME PAPER, A FEW DICE, AND THEIR IMAGINATION! The YES Program Presents ... • Develop advanced problem solving techniques in a cooperative environment ROBERT MUNSCH BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS WITH FRIENDS THROUGH SHARED STORYTELLING BEGINNER AND ADVANCED GROUPS TO CHALLENGE ALL SKILL LEVELS Virtual Breakfast Book Club REGISTRATION: REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN UNTIL JUNE 30TH, WITH LIMITED SPOTS DATES: AUGUST 3RD TO 9TH, 2021 AVAILABLE. TO REGISTER FOR RPG CAMP SEE MR. G IN THE YES ROOM FOR A FORM OR FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM Students Grades K to 4 are invited to join Mr. G for breakfast and a story. \* EMAIL BGEORGE@CESD73.CA WITH YOUR YOUTH'S NAME AND GRADE. Munsch Book Club will meet through Google Meets every morning August 3-6 + & 9 from 9-9:30 am LOCATION: ART ROOM \* We will be reading The Paperbag Princess, Thomas' Snowsuit, Murmal Murmal Murmel, David's Father and PIGS. Books will be provided to participants. COST: FREE. \*\*\* IN ACCORDANCE WITH COVID-19 PHASE 2 PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES, WE WILL BE ENFORCING

> CURRENT SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES. THOUGH EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN, PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT ASSOCIATED RISKS OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

★ To register see Mr. G in the VES room for a form or email <u>BGeorge@cesd73.ca</u> by no later than Friday, June 25.

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#### Innisfail & Red Deer County Family Resource Network Community Program Calendar July 2021

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### Saturday August 7, 2021 at Happy Cow Dairy, south east of Bowden 9AM - 3PM

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Feeling locked up? Want to enjoy the countryside with your family? Come connect with the nature and the dairy animals to get out of the house!

Bring your family to walk thru a dairy farm and experience firsthand what life on a dairy farm is all about.

The dairy farmers can't wait to see you and answer your questions from a distance.



Directions

Follow the signs: From Olds go east on Highway 27. Go north at Range Road 284 till it ends and travel east again. Go north at Range Road 283, Follow the signs, the farm will be on the east side of the road.

From Bowden go east on Highway 587 for 5 miles. Go south at Range Road 283 for 3 miles. Follow the signs, the farm will be on the east side of the road.

Please leave your pets at home.



## FLOWER BASKETS

We all know that Hanging Baskets add to the beauty of our community, but did you know that they help to host our community events too? Choose to sponsor a Hanging Basket for \$60 and that money goes directly towards community events and programs.

If you sponsor a basket, your name will be published in the Town Newsletter and on our website throughout the summer n recognition of your support. Please come into the Town Office and sign up to sponsor a basket today!

#### Thank you to our sponsors!

The Bowden Friendship Club Sheila Church Rita & Owen Taylor Sena & Roger Urichuk Manuela & Erwin Weber Alex Corsiatto Robb & Lorraine Stuart Carol and Gary Pion Paul's Contracting Ltd. Stanley and Elisabeth Mills

## Flix with Friends



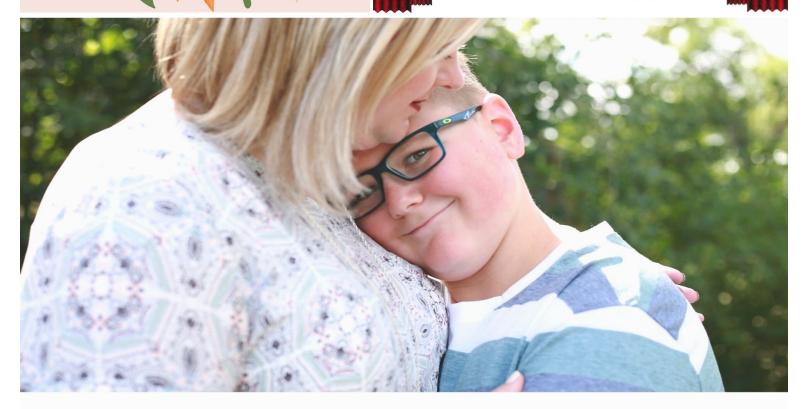
- Everyday from July 26 to July 30th a different family friendly movie will be featured starting at 2:00 pm.
- A limited number of participants will be permitted to meet in person, so register early! All other participants can stream live with us!
- To register see Mr. G in the YES room for a form or email <u>BGeorge@cesd73.ca</u>. Registration closes June 30th.

#### <u>Movie List</u>

July 26 - Raya and the Last Dragon July 27 - The Croods: A New Age July 28 - Onward July 29 - Abominable July 30 - Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse

Note: \*\*\*IN ACCORDANCE WITH COVID-19 PHASE 2 PROVINCIAL GUIDELINES, WE WILL BE Enforcing current social distancing practices. Though every precaution will be taken participants accept associated risks of social gatherings.

Questions or Concerns? Contact me via Email: BGeorge@CESD73.ca



## Photography by Alison

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## Bowden & District Cemetery Association News

The Cemetery Association has recently installed its signage for the new Field of Honour as the old Field of Honour is filled. With help from Public Works, the Bowden & District Cemetery is looking lovely, and is a peaceful place to lay your loved ones to rest. You may recall the installation of the Columbarium in 2020; its niches are available for purchase. Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer for the Cemetery Society? New members are always welcome! For more information, contact the Town of Bowden at 403-224-3395 or email your inquiry to: info@bowden.ca.



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## **Pretty Garden Flower or Invasive Noxious Weed**

## By Tori Adolf, Agricultural Technician

Some of our favorite flowerbed species can wreak havoc on our native environment. About 10% of the ornamental plants brought over from other countries can become invasive once placed in our ecosystem. They thrive, because they do not have any predators to control their spread. Once established, their rapid growth and spread can outcompete native vegetation, damaging our natural areas. Listed below are some common noxious weeds found in flowerbeds and landscape settings:

## Oxeye Daisy

Oxeye Daisy, as the name suggests, looks like a beautiful white daisy. Its lower basal leaves have long, narrow stalks and the edges are lobed to rounded teeth. These leaves are said to be "spoon" or "spatula" shaped. As we move towards the flowering head the leaves become stalkless, smaller than the basal leaves and the edges are more jagged. They range in size from 3 to 8 cm long and 0.2 to 1.5 cm wide. Oxeye Daisy is a very attractive common garden flower, but creates problems when expanding beyond the garden. It can infest the grass and in no time, take over the yard or surrounding areas. The Oxeye Daisy individual plants can produce over 500 flat, black seeds that are viable in the soil for 2-3 years or more. Seeds have no dormancy requirement and are viable upon dispersal. This weed not only spreads by seed, but also by creeping roots.

## Scentless Chamomile

Scentless Chamomile's flower looks very similar to Oxeye Daisy, a white daisy-like flower, so we have to look to the leaves to tell the two apart. The leaves on Scentless Chamomile are very finely divided, fern like or carrot top looking and, lik the same suggests, are scentless when crushed. They are highly branched and glossy, 2-8 cm long. Scentless Chamomile prefers disturbed soil and is often found in graveled areas and on soil piles. Each plant can produce as much as 1,000,000 seeds that remain viable for up to 12 years. When Scentless Chamomile is being mowed, it will often flower lower than the mower can cut, making it tricky to control if it gets into the grass. The seeds of scentless chamomile are viable shortly after flowering, therefore, the quicker this weed can be identified and controlled the better.

## **Creeping Bellflower**

Creeping Bellflower's stems are erect, often purplish, smooth to hairy, and grow to 1 meter or greater. Leaves are alternately arranged on the stem, heart-shaped and coarsely toothed on the edges. The flowers develop mainly along one side of the stem. They are light purple, have five connected petals and drooping in orientation. The seeds are small, light brown and have wings. Numerous seeds are contained in a single round capsule. Creeping Bellflower is a perennial invader from Europe. Commonly found in flower beds and gardens. This weed can reproduce by both seed and creeping rhizomes and the roots are known to grow through lawns, beneath fences and underneath sidewalks. It grows well in a variety of soil types and light conditions and is somewhat drought tolerant.

## Yellow Clematis

This plant is a climber. Usually grown on fences or a lattice structure as the spreading vines rapidly encompasses the area. It can grow up to 4m long and the leaves grow on both the new and old woody stems. Speaking of the leaves, they are compound with 5-7 pointed leaflets, which may be lobed or coarsely toothed. Yellow Clematis produces yellow flowers, with 4 petals and are bell shaped. This plant is aggressive once established and the puff-ball like seeds spread easily through wind and water dispersion. There are non-invasive Clematis plants available from your local garden center that can be planted instead of or to replace Yellow Clematis.

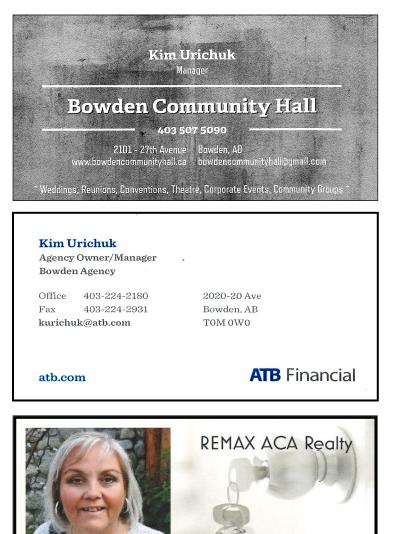
### Dames Rocket

Dames Rocket's flowers are very similar to a lilac bushes flower; 4 petals and can range in color from purple to pink or white. Dames Rocket and lilac bushes tend to come into bloom at the same time too and as the plants are both fragrant, Dames Rocket can be easily overlooked. It is partially shade tolerant and will often be found in moist soils on the edge of a forest or tree line. This perennial is a prolific seed producer, up to 20,000 seeds per plant.

For more information, please contact Agricultural Services at 403-342-8654 or agriculture@rdcounty.ca or visit www.abinvasives.ca.









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