



June 4-10 is **Seniors Week** in Alberta and Bow Island will also be celebrating and recognizing the valuable contribution that seniors have made and continue to make to our community. On Tuesday, June 6th FCSS is hosting a Seniors information event at the Pleasant View Lodge from 2-4 pm and again at the Golden Age Centre from 6:30 to 8 pm. For more information call FCSS at 545-2200. Wednesday morning Town staff and the Council will host the annual Seniors appreciation breakfast from 7-9 pm at the Golden Age Centre.

There was some great coverage in the Commentator a few weeks ago of the **mock accident** in front of Senator Gershaw school on May 4th. This exercise, staged and carried out by **Bow Island Emergency Services** provided a good lesson for our local students and was a terrific example of the kind work these amazing local people do on our behalf in times of crises. Their training and professionalism was certainly on display that day as everyone stepped up and did what they've been trained to do. It was well organized and by all accounts quite realistic. Having HALO fly in was great touch too! Congratulations to the all the fire fighters, EMS personnel, "actors" and others who helped. I've had people tell me they felt very proud watching these volunteers work that day. At times, we may take it for granted that emergency responders will be there for us, but I know that our community is grateful for all the time and effort these folks put in. In fact, earlier this evening they responded to a fire here in Town, quickly and efficiently. They certainly have my thanks and I say once again I am very proud of each one of them. They should be proud of what they do too.

The annual Health Foundation garage sale at the arena on the 13th was another great success. Foundation volunteers had the place packed and lots of people turned out to find their bargain treasures. Money raised by the Foundation will go toward equipment and programs at the hospital, ensuring that it remains one of the best equipped small hospitals in Alberta. Great job everyone, especially you buyers for turning out!

The Pool is open! When the contractor ran into issues during the installation of the new filters and piping this spring it looked like it would seriously delay the opening but it all came together at the end and despite a couple of glitches it opened last week. Our staff did a great job pushing through and getting the job done.

Former local resident, Jennifer (Hudec) Stables will be at the Library on June 10th to launch her latest book, *Greenie the Wheat King*. This is a children's story about the Wheat Pool elevator she recalls from her early childhood in Burdett. Jenn is a talented artist, author and teacher who grew up in Burdett and Bow Island. She will return the following week to be part of the 28th annual **Bow Island Children's Festival** on June 18th, Father's Day! Great entertainment and activities for the whole family. The Festival has long been a mainstay of Father's Day in Bow Island is the result of hard work by another terrific group of volunteers. Learn more at www.bowislandchildrensfestival.com

The Pool will be a busy place all summer but it there will be extra activity there on **Canada Day** with free swimming from 1-5 and a jumping castle sponsored by the Lions club. Plans are being finalized for the evenings activities and those details will be published shortly. Put your red and white on and get ready to celebrate our country's 150th birthday on July 1st!

Other activities this summer will also have Canada 150 themes, such as the Pivot Country Fair at the end of July, then August 10th plan to attend the Dream Catcher musical at Centennial Park. **The Dream Catchers** musical will take you on a quest to find hope for the future and dare you to believe that no dream is too small. The show is a vibrant music and dance filled spectacle that explores the dreams of young Canadians. Watch for details of these and other events at: bowisland.com and on the Town of Bow Island Facebook page.

Earlier this evening I joined 28 other determined Bow Islanders (including 3 other Council members) as we headed out in a wind a rain storm on the Heart & Stroke Big Bike. It was a lot of fun though and all for a good cause. Thanks to everyone who came out and to those who donated to this important cause.

I hope you all find time during this busy summer to relax and enjoy yourselves too.

Mayor Gordon Reynolds