



# LODGE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NEWS OCTOBER, 2017

## LIONS CLUB DONATION - \$5,000

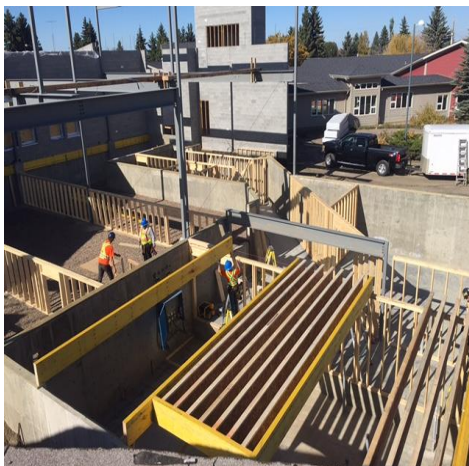
### The Living Well Capital Campaign

is committed to raising the funds necessary to make the Lodge modernization a community success.

“Without modernization, the Vermilion Valley Lodge will become obsolete. Modernizing the Lodge will be a legacy to the community, providing strong long-term return on investment for the next 50 years.”

Sheri Heller, CAO  
VDHF

Thank you to the Vermilion Lions Club for their donation of \$5,000 to the Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Capital Campaign. The modernization project will be replacing the three oldest wings of the existing facility and creating a modern, comfortable home for our area seniors. Featured here is Lions member Barry Clampitt and VDHF Capital Campaign Volunteer Craig Brown.



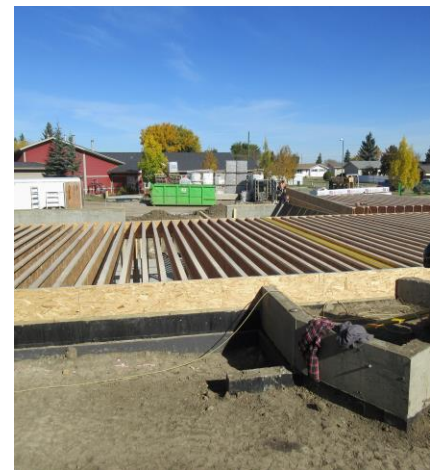
### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Framing is under way, and will continue for the next 4-5 weeks.

The basement walls are up.

Floor framing will be up next week.

The second floor walls will be ready in a couple of weeks.





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*The Vermilion and District Housing Foundation Capital Campaign is organized by a dedicated group of volunteers who give freely of their time and are committed to a most worthy cause – our area seniors. We would like to introduce you to them.*



### **SCOTT WEBB - Campaign Volunteer**

I have lived in Vermilion all my life. My wife Bernie and I choose to live here because Vermilion is a great a great place to have raised my family and is very supportive of our family businesses – Webb’s.

My ideal Saturday morning would be to go fishing with my sons.

Giving back to my community is important to me because for over 80+ years, the community of Vermilion and area has been supportive of our family business – Webb’s & Sons. It is only fitting that I give back that same support. Besides the Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Capital Campaign, I have been involved with organizations including Vermilion Minor Hockey and the Rotary Club.

Supporting the family farm and the agricultural community, Scott has seen the growing efforts of our area farmers. As these farmers retire

and move off the family farm, it is important for them to have safe, comfortable housing in their golden years. It is towards these efforts that Scott has graciously offered his time through volunteering with the VDHF Capital Campaign.

### **MARLENE WHITTEN - Campaign Volunteer**

“I grew up in the community west of Vermilion, but we have been in Vermilion since 1984. I live with my husband Bernie. I chose to move to Vermilion for work – I was the Branch Manager at CIBC. Vermilion is a great community and we have made wonderful friends here.

My ideal Saturday morning would be to spend time with Family.

Giving back to my community is important to me. Over the years, my career supported me - working with wonderful people and clients, and now it is time to give back.

Marlene spent her working years at the local CIBC, watching the community grow and prosper. Now retired, she is committed to help build comfortable, safe housing for our area seniors.”





### CHARLOTTE HARRISON SMITH - Campaign Volunteer

“My family moved to Innisfree in 1977. I have since lived in the communities of Innisfree, Myrnam, Mannville and Vermilion. I live with my husband Eldon & daughter Lem, and my son Clayton lives in Vermilion. I live in the area because we are literally steps from a great outdoor recreation area and yet within 30 minutes of a larger center. The best of both worlds. My ideal Saturday morning would be to sit on the deck, watching the flowers and birds, and drinking coffee and Baileys! Giving back to my community is important to me because everyone is busy. But if we, as individuals, don’t take time to give back, soon we will have nothing left. Your community, wherever you choose to live, needs more than those “same 5-10 people” who always step up, to thrive. That is

why I try to do what I can.

Living in a small town, Charlotte knows first-hand how important it is that our residents are allowed to age gracefully in safe, comfortable housing close to family and in the community where they live. These are the goals of the Vermilion & District Housing Foundation Capital Campaign.”

### SUPPORTIVE HOUSING by Shaelyn Strang

We had a wonderful September and I am looking forward to what October will bring us. This month we have a painting session with Cindy Plant. My mom (Tricia) will be driving the handi-van to Derwent for Pizza on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. After Thanksgiving we will be pampered with a spa treatment by a Mary-Kay representative. As well, I will be having a special dinner with one house per month and will be introducing a “Sensory Snack” two Fridays per month. We will join the Lodge residents for an outing to Wainwright Lodge and Dairy Queen for ice cream on October 17<sup>th</sup>. For Halloween will prepare our costumes, and treats for visiting children. We are holding a Supportive Housing Halloween Party, and joining the Lodge residents for Halloween Bingo. I look forward to seeing everyone out for activities and hope we have a lot of fun as always. Cheers and Happy Fall.

### DINNER IN A GOLDEN FIELD

Eleven Supportive Housing residents sat down to dinner at the farm of Henry and Lillian de Jong, near Clandonald.

The combine operators were there to enjoy with us, and had fun comparing today’s machinery with that of the good old days. Some residents remembered wearing *many* layers while combining in their youth. It was a day for reminiscing, for telling stories, and exchanging views about farming.

The chicken was fresh, the buns and jam were homemade, and the day was perfect.



## HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED

We spoke with Barb Rudyk, Health Care Aide in Supportive Housing.

Barb has been on the job for twenty-two years, and knows how much services and care have changed since she began working. Born and raised in the Vermilion area, she took the course at Lakeland College in Vermilion. “Looking back, I have seen many changes. For example, services are continually being updated, and the level of care is always improving. The staff keep up with these changes, and implement them on a constant basis.”

What motivates a person for twenty-two years?

“Helping to care for the needs of our seniors has motivated me to be at my job for as long as I have.”

The job must be rewarding. “I see residents enjoying a relatively free lifestyle, which is provided through our facility, and to me, it is a great reward.”

As to changes for the future, Barb feels optimistic. “I hope that Supportive Housing continues to take care of the needs of our seniors, with input from family members, so that they can appreciate and enjoy their time with our staff, the meals, activities and events, and the variety of services we provide.” When asked what advice she would offer, Barb said, “Education is the most important issue for someone starting out today. Supportive Housing is a specialized service that helps to meet the needs of our growing ageing population.”



## VERMILION MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – VOTING POLL GOES TO THE LODGE

Residents will have an easy time voting for Mayor and Councillors on October 11. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, they will be making themselves heard. Seniors are an integral part of the voting population, and appreciate the consideration of the Town of Vermilion in sending a voting poll to them.



Caroline McAuley, mayoral candidate, and Mayor Bruce MacDuff visited with residents and discussed the municipal election and Vermilion issues.

