

# Living Well in Retirement - Week 6

## Passion within the Lodge

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A passion for his faith in Christianity, Vermilion Valley Lodge resident Albert Tovell dedicates his time spreading the word of God to his peers.

For over six years, Tovell has volunteered to lead a Bible Fellowship at the lodge, arranged every Monday morning in the recreation area.

"It has always been a passion of mine. I became a Christian at 16, and then I went to Calgary and got a diploma to become a pastor," he said.

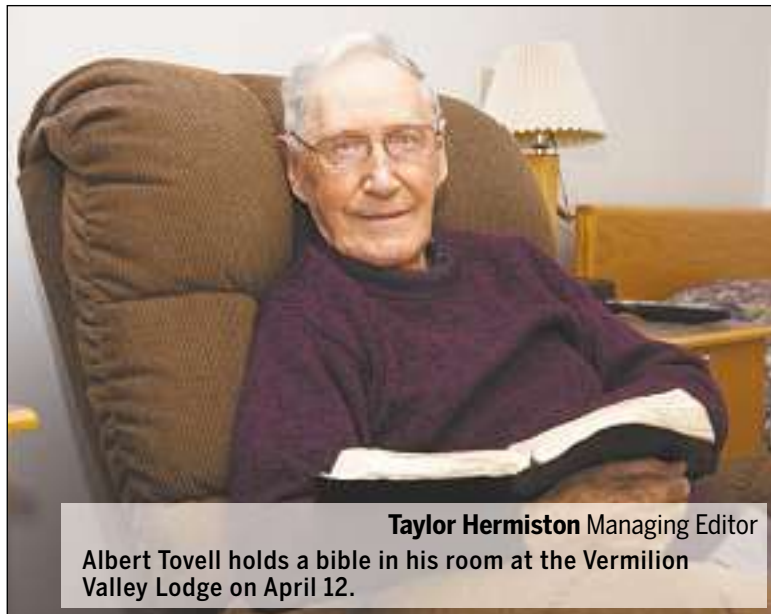
His involvement began when the bible study that came before his stopped. Tovell started welcoming residents into his room and continued the read.

"I started holding one in my room with about seven people. Then the coordinator at the time asked if I would hold it in the recreation centre. They had called it Bible Fellowship, so we left the name alone."

For years, Tovell was immersed in local Sunday schools in the Vermilion area until fall of 2016, as well as countless bible studies and church activities, including a church walk where members from numerous local churches walk together from the First United Church to Lakeland Funeral Home.

"I was always involved with Sunday school and teaching. I really believe the bible is consistent," he said. "You can get bible study books, but I don't. I like to use the bible and that is what I did in the country, Sunday school, and now here."

In the last few months, Tovell said the study's attendance has gone down,



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Albert Tovell holds a bible in his room at the Vermilion Valley Lodge on April 12.

for a number of reasons, but on occasion sees a new face.

"There are a lot of Christian people who don't come and then a lot of people have moved on. We are down to about seven people now."

He added, he organizes it on his own and gets help through the attendees' presence.

"They help in the way of engaging in the study and participating. It is just me, and it is disappointing in a way, but it is out of my hands."

Looking at his hands, Tovell recalled his previous involvement with the lodge when it was being built. He helped build the Valley Lodge, and while he didn't have a carpenter's license, his experience working on a

farm got him on the project.

Pick up the May 3 edition of Living Well in Retirement. In its place in the April 26 edition, the Vermilion Standard will be featuring some of the many selfless faces who dedicate their time to volunteerism, coinciding with National Volunteer Week, April 23-29.

The Vermilion Valley Lodge will be undergoing a \$14.1 million project, which will be replacing the three oldest wings of the lodge, which were built in 1960, the dining room, and kitchen.

Through the anticipated Living Well Capital Campaign, VDHA hopes to fundraise \$1.5 million of the \$14.1 million. The demolition has been rescheduled to begin next month.

# VES' tribute to Canada



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Vermilion Elementary School students performed a hour-long musical presentation depicting Canada and its 150th birthday, during their annual Spring Concert on Friday, April 7. The concert was led by Jonas Atkinson, Raegen Selte, and Ethan Ward as the Masters of Ceremony, and all of the students were dressed in their best attire for Dress Fancy Day.



## Clandonald News

**BILL CARTER**

Special to the Standard

I wish the students and staff of Clandonald School a great Easter Break. Weather isn't supposed to be that nice over the weekend but hopefully it will cooperate the rest of the week.

For those looking for something to do during the Easter Break, Vermilion Wellness has some FREE activities you may be interested in on Friday of this week. Vermilion Wellness is trying to promote a Healthy Active Engaged Community. As part of their mission on Friday, April 21st they will be sponsoring two FREE events for families. The first will be bowling from 10 a.m. until noon. This will be held at Striker Lanes in Vermilion and shoes will be provided, the second event will be a Nature Scavenger

Hunt from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CN Station in the Provincial Park. Please note all children 10 and under must have an adult present.

Mrs. Stachniak was new to Clandonald as principal this year and says she loves it here. Well Clandonald students made her proud again as they surpassed another fundraising goal! In the Jump Rope for Heart event the students raised \$633 for research to help those who suffer with Heart Disease. On top of raising more money than expected, the students participated in jumping rope for an entire noon recess. They did a super job and followed up their hard work with a healthy snack and fresh juice from our Juicing Team here at the best school ever. Thanks students, parents and community members for your support.

In the recent April Monthly Assembly, Grades 1/2 led the assembly and

shared their Fairy Tale Movie Trailers with us. Check the website soon to watch the videos. (<http://clandonald.btps.ca>): Cougar Kids for April were Grace Wyness, Luke McCormack, and Paulina Loewen. And Trey Nowosad was the lucky winner of the Clandonald Country Store basket.

Three cheers for the McCormack kids! On the weekend before last the girls danced at the Fort Saskatchewan dance festival. Erin won high silver and gold in lyrical and Irish dance and Lauren won high gold in jazz. Luke won the bronze medal hockey game with the Frog Lake T-Birds at Alberta Native Provincials in Wolf Division. Way to go!

Last Friday was School Spirit Day and Students were encouraged to bring their favorite Stuff to school. This gave them a chance to spend the day with their favourite stuffed friend. (Hey I did that for years with my friend

Seymore Mesore, just ask any of my students - couldn't have survived teaching without him!)

Students at Clandonald School rarely get assigned homework. However, to help parents understand and assist their children, we will be posting video tutorials demonstrating various skills. Check out Hangman Math on the Parents page of our website under Homework Helpers.

Once again this year the Clandonald Ag Society will be hiring a Summer Labourer. This person must be 16 years of age or older and a resident of the Clandonald area. Responsibilities of the job will be cutting grass, cleaning ditches, Keeping the town clean, painting, watering plants etc. The wage is \$12.50 per hour and the work is during the summer months. Applications for this job should be

addressed to Summer Labourer Position c/o Clandonald Agricultural Society; Box 595 Clandonald AB T0B0X0 Closing date for applications is April 29.

Now Lyle Lawrence is proud of his son Jack and recently he looked at his wife Yvette and said, "That Jack is some smart boy! Don't you think our son gets his brains from me?"

Yvette replied, "Probably, dear. I still have all of mine."

Jack is some smart though. Recently he got into trouble with his dad but he never talked back just took his punishment. Lyle was amazed and said to him, "Sone whenever you are in trouble you don't get annoyed or talk back. How you control your anger?"

Jack answered, "Whenever I am mad at you I just start cleaning the toilet"

"How does that help?" asked Lyle. "Well Dad, I use your toothbrush."