

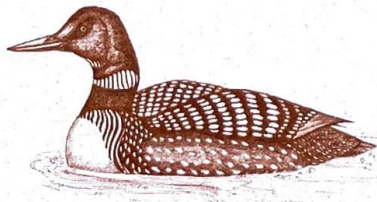
Walking north brings you to the main Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District canal where water rats (Muskrats) abound. These help to keep the canal weed free and have been trapped here for years as a local industry.

Water Rat (Muskrat)



North of the canal is the private area set aside for nesting. Follow the canal to where it enters a lake. A long spit brings you out into the water from which the migratory flocks can best be seen. Over 200 White Pelicans, 500 Canada Geese and 300 American Coots have been counted here on one day, gathering for the fall migration. This is a major transit station.

Loon



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

This is planned as an active ongoing development, which will open the area for the public's enjoyment and education, while preserving the habitats and wildlife we come to see.

Phase One will concentrate on shelterbelt planting and trail making. **Phase Two** will add signs, observation platforms and an interpretive centre. **Phase Three** will develop access along the east shoreline.

Since this is a new project, no formal records of wildlife sightings have been kept. We ask for the cooperation of every visitor. Will you please send to the address overleaf, a list of everything you see on your visit. This will be a great help to us and you will be sharing in preserving a most important wetland.

Please:

- Park in the parking place by the campsite.
- Keep to the trails, habitat is easily damaged by walking.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. It is illegal to have free-ranging dogs.
- Take home nothing except photos, memories and litter.

Please help us in developing our checklist by sending details — date, time and place of sightings of birds and wildlife to:

Walk on the Wildside Society
Box 670
Picture Butte, Alberta
T0K 1V0

Our thanks are due to the following for their support:

- Town of Picture Butte
- Oldman River Regional Planning Commission
- Lethbridge Northern Irrigation District
- Picture Butte and District Agricultural Society
- Richard Strong - Landscape Architect
- Alberta Recreation and Parks
- Alberta Lotteries

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

\$10.00 per year for families
 \$5.00 per year for individuals

Name: _____

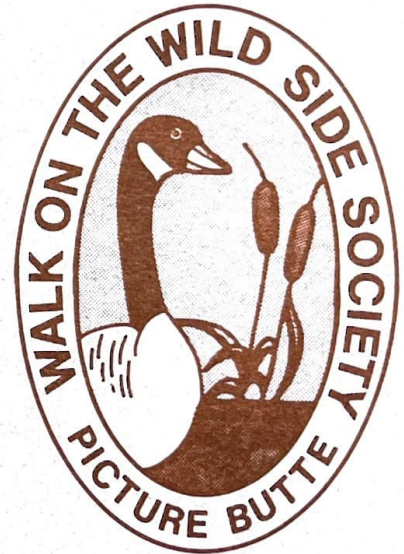
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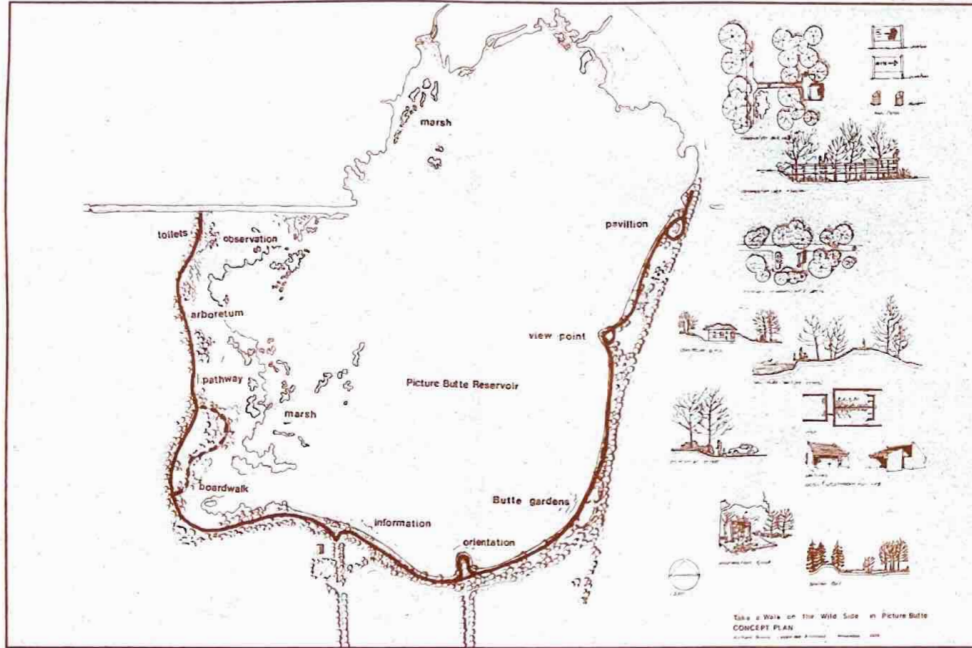
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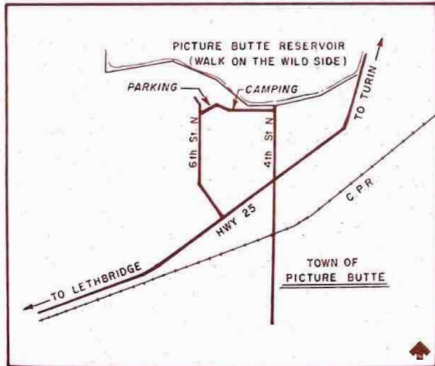
**Developing and Preserving
a Wildlife Habitat**

Welcome to Picture Butte Reservoir Lake with 1.6 km of walking trails for your outdoor pleasure.

A wetland paradise, a bird-lover's delight.



HOW TO GET THERE:



BRIEF HISTORY:

The excellent view from the prominence located on the southeastern side of town prompted early settlers to call it "Picture Butte". In July of 1947 the Picture Butte Hill, for which Picture Butte was named was no more. This historic landmark, from which Indians sent smoke signals in the old days was removed. Part of it was used to dyke the south shore of the lake.

By the time the project was completed the hill was levelled and what formerly was a dry knoll soon became business sites for future development of the town.

WHAT TO SEE and WHERE TO SEE IT:



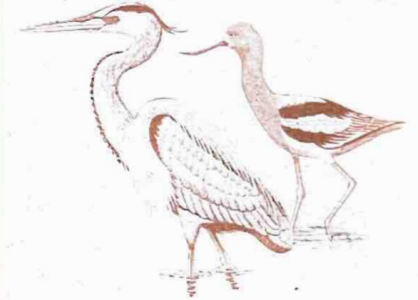
The lake is shallow with reed beds on the west shore, a privately-owned nesting area on the northwest shore, a shallow shore for waders on the northwest and a stoney bank for fishing on the east shore.

Walking trails skirt the lake except along the east shore where the highway intrudes, and along the private nesting area.



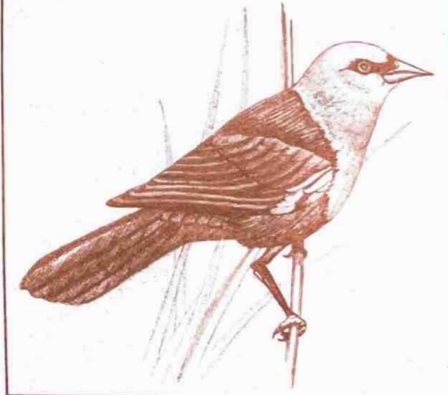
If you turn right after leaving the car park, you will walk along the retaining dam to the east shore where the fishing is good — 10-pound pike are common. North of the irrigation outlet there is a marshy area with a shallow shore where waders join the ducks.

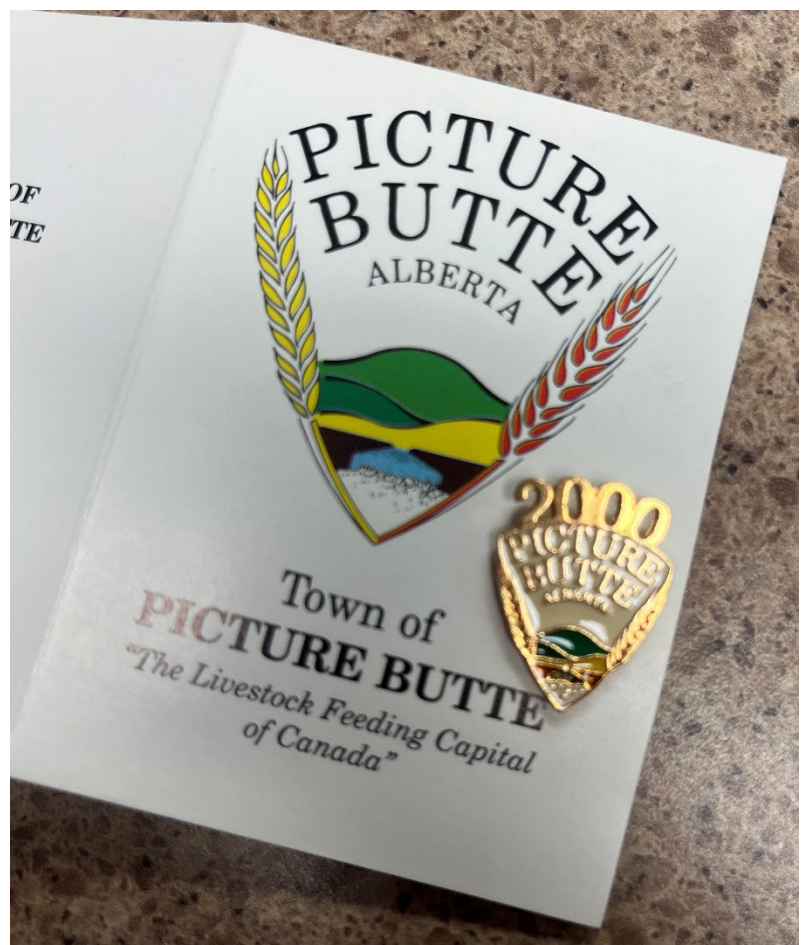
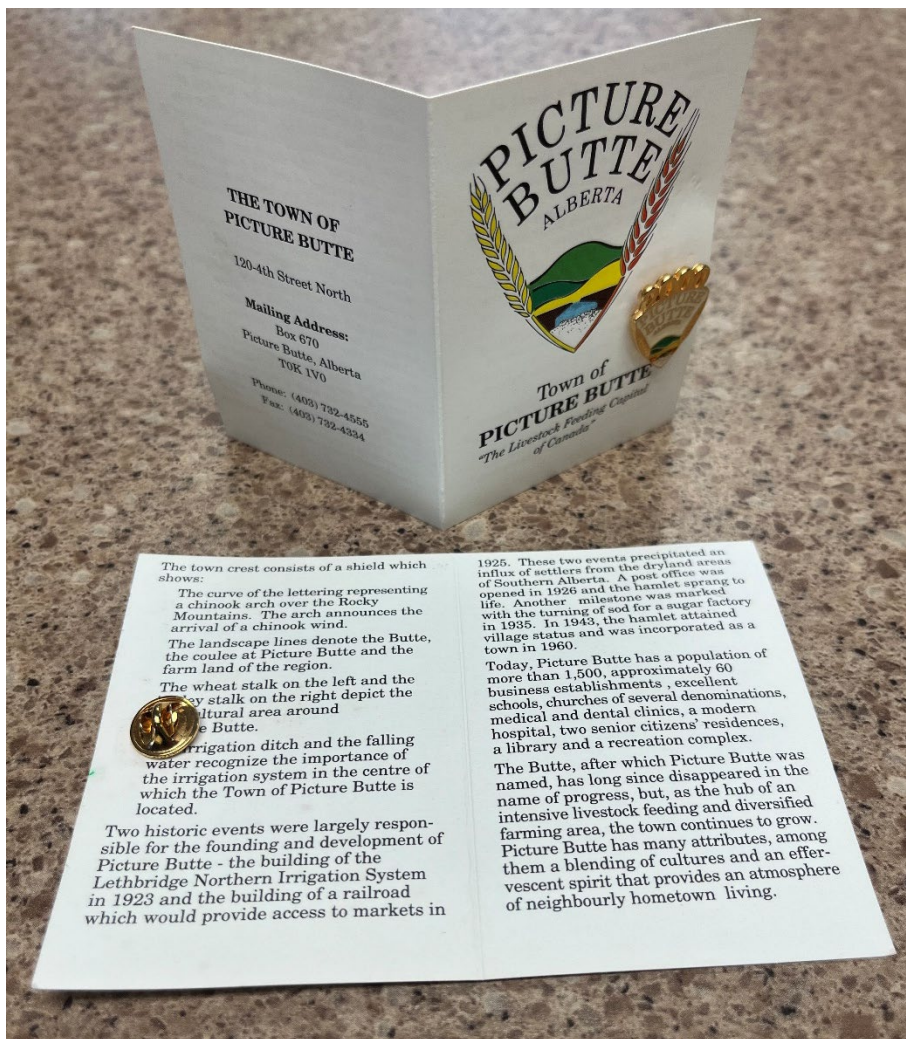
Avocet and Heron



Turning left along the dam brings you to the west shore where reed beds join the grass lands and buffalo berry bushes were planted in the Spring of 1992. This is blackbird country.

Blackbird









PICTURE BUTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brief History Of the Picture Butte Volunteer Fire Department

The Picture Butte Volunteer Fire Department (PBVFD) is a rural volunteer fire department with a roster of up to 24 men and women. The department provides emergency services for about 1650 Picture Butte residents and about 2000 County of Lethbridge residents in about 400 square miles in the north east part of the County of Lethbridge. The department also operates an ambulance service for that covers about 600 square miles in the northern part of the County of Lethbridge.

Picture Butte's equipment includes: 2000 Fort Garry 1050 gpm midship pumper, a 1976 Saskatoon 840 front mounted pumper, Rapid Response mini pumper, Rescue truck, a personnel / command van and an ambulance.

The fire department provides structural and wildland fire fighting, vehicle extrication, ice and water rescue, an ambulance service and other essential emergency services.

The PBVFD's mandate is to constantly improve the emergency services it provides to the community. Following is brief review of significant improvements over the past few years.

Year	Improved Emergency Services
1990	Purchased extrication equipment (fund raising)
1991	Put into service a Rescue Truck (fund raising and a Wild Rose grant)
1994	Implemented a Medical First Responder Service
1994	Upgrade communication equipment (Wild Rose Grant)
1995	Hired a full time Fire Services Administrative Officer
1996	Put into service a Life-Pak 300 Semi-Automatic Defibrillator (fund raising)
1997	Purchased a SCBA Compressor and Cascade System (fund raising)
1997	Put into service a Rapid Response Mini Pumper (community donations)
1998	Put into service a Surface Ice Rescue Service (fund raising)
1998	Firehall expansion from four bays to six bays
1999	Purchased twenty sets of new turnout gear (fund raising and a Rural Lottery Grant)
1999	Put into service an ambulance (community fund raising and a Wild Rose Grant)
2000	Purchased eight new MMR Breathing Apparatus (fund raising and a Rural Lottery Grant)
2000	Purchased five new mobile radios (fund raising and a RRIP grant)

The Fire Department is a strong advocate of fire prevention in the community. About 30 lectures and tours are conducted each year. The *Learn Not To Burn* program has successfully implemented into the local schools. The *Risk* program will be introduced into the schools in the fall of 2000.

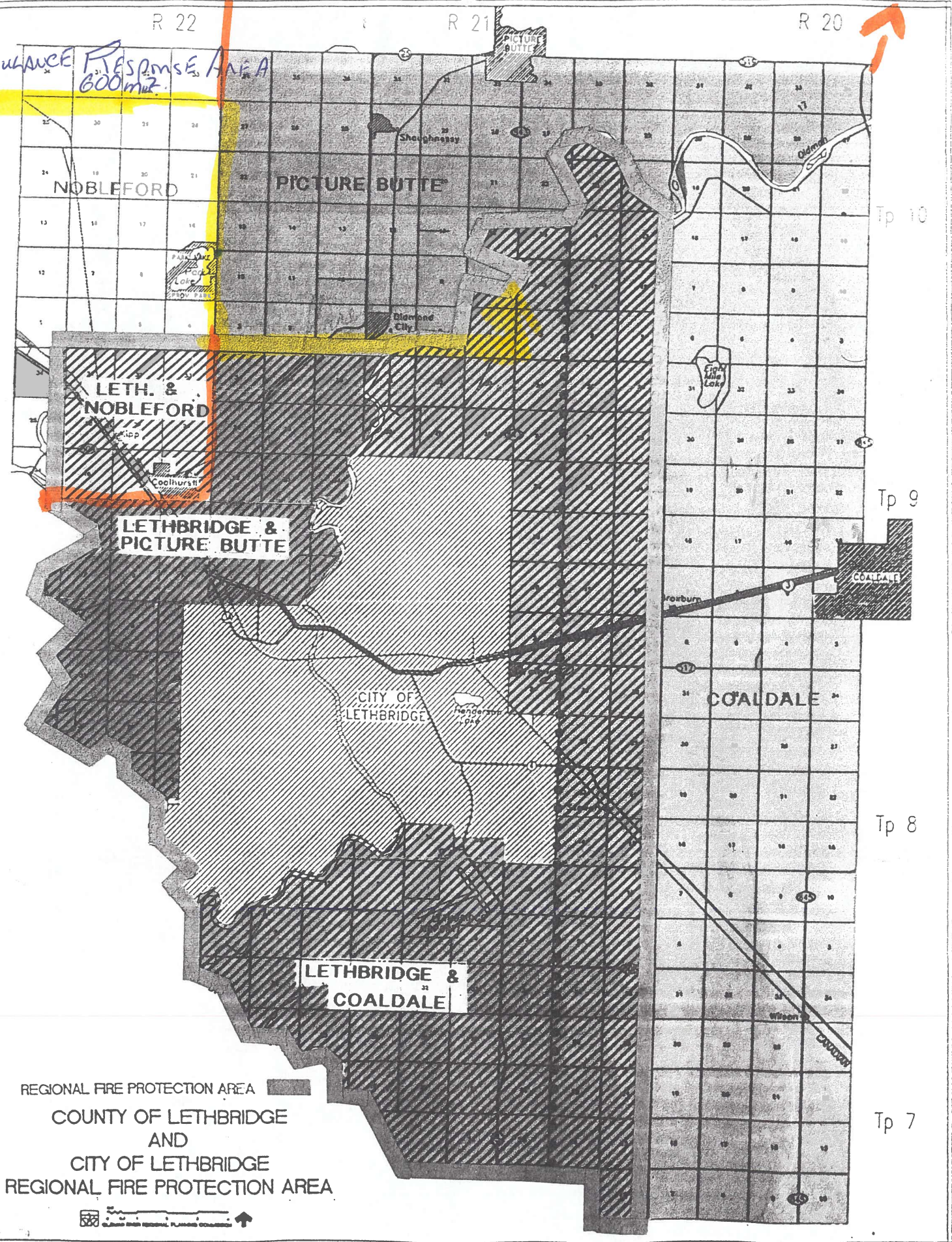
FIRE & RESCUE RESPONSE AREA 400 MILE

R 22

R 21

R 20

AMBULANCE RESPONSE AREA
600 mi²



INCIDENT #		DATE		FIREFIGHTER	ON SCENE	SB	VEHICLE	TIME	DRIVER
				1. Sam West					
TIME OUT	BACK IN SERVICE	TIME ELASPE	TOTAL MANHRS	2. Dave Feist					
				3. Jack Peacock					
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TIME IN</u>	<u>MILAGE</u>	<u>HRS</u>	4. Tony Pickard					
FIRE RESCUE				5. Sandy Cook					
RESCUE				6					
PUMP 1				7. Lise Schmidt					
PUMP 2				8. Karen Cook					
PUMP 3				9. Les Vonkeman					
AMBULANCE				10. Jeff Hollan					
<u>PARTICULARS</u>				11. Danny Mar					
NAME		<u>RESOURCES UTILIZED</u>		12. Ben Nielsen					
LOCATION		MUTUAL AID		13. Richard Moore					
CALLOUT DESCRIPTION		AMBULANCE		14					
		MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER		15. Les Ohrn					
		TRANS ALTA		16. Steve Kozelenko					
		C.W.N.G.		17. Gerrit Sinke					
		RCMP		18. Walter Van Luik					
SUPPLIES USED		FIRE INVESTIGATOR		19					
		CHAPLAIN		20. Dan Tolley					
				21					
				22. Kristen Dixon					
				23					
PCR #		Fire Report		24. Jeremy Twedt					
INVOICE #									

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LOCATION:

DETAILS

[illegible]



1976 Saskatoon 650 gpm Front Mounted
Pumper (Town Pumper)

1986 Superior 840 gpm Front Mounted
Pumper (County Pumper)

1988 Fire Rescue Van (County)

1990 Rescue Vehicle
(PBFD's fund raising project)

1995 Rapid Response / Command
Pumper (1997 Community Project)

1990 First Response Ambulance
(1999 Community Fund Raising Project)

JUNE 13, 2000 ARRIVAL OF
NEW COUNTY PUMPER
2000 FORT GARRY 1050 GPM
MIDSHIP PUMPER

PICTURE BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL

October 1998 to September 2001



Mayor Elton Anderson



Deputy Mayor
Vinco Nemecsek



Councillor Sandy Kochen



Councillor Sue Ruaben



Councillor Art Vance




Councillor Robert Oliver



Councillor Bryan Rudelich

TOWN OF PICTURE BUTTE
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2000



Community Involvement


The community of Picture Butte participates in many projects and programs that raise the social, cultural and intellectual level of the town.

1999 has seen several such projects.

Ambulance Fundraiser – The community supported the fire department's call for an ambulance. Over \$45,000.00 was raised in support of the project. Donations came in from a one day community auction, a breakfast, barbecue lunch, bake and book sale, fishing derby and cash donations. A similar success was held in 1993 when the Chamber of Commerce oversaw a similar auction to raise funds so that the community center could be opened debt free. Over \$44,000.00 was raised that day.

The North County Health Foundation, a volunteer board of community citizens is currently fundraising to purchase a handi-bus to improve the quality of life of some of our patients in Picture Butte. They've held several fundraisers, including a new annual golf tournament and will begin raffling off a truck soon.

The Picture Butte Lions club raises dollars each year to support several initiatives around the community. Most recently, they have adopted the pool and have contributed significantly to the improvements that the pool has undergone such as converting the pool to saline from chlorine and this year a new liner was installed in the pool.




The Picture Butte Elks club works hard to support local groups and projects. They were the main dollar source when the town installed radiant heaters all along the bleachers at the ice arena. They also donate to the local figure skating club. They own, maintain and keep on improving their Elks club building which is available to anyone to rent out. It has been an important asset to the town and community and has been used extensively for weddings, meetings, dances, ballet lessons, playschool and many dinners.


A new committee was formed in 1996. Concerned citizens, chamber of commerce members and some of the area's medical professionals came together to form a Doctor Recruitment Committee. Their goal was to find and successfully locate a new doctor in Picture Butte. The town saw two doctors retire in the space of two years and a new doctor was needed to help keep Picture Butte vibrant and strong. The committee marketed Picture Butte in many ways including doctor recruitment fairs and various publications. They even bagged our local 'fertilizer' and gave it away at a recruitment fair. Their efforts paid off as several doctors came to Picture Butte to check us out. The town was very fortunate to retain the services of Dr. Riyaz Mohammed and the community came together and gave generously in terms of time, equipment and dollars so that he could get his practice off the ground.

Our local Legion club brings the importance of Remembrance Day to the community each year with the selling of poppies and a Remembrance Day service. They also help sponsor poster and essay contests surrounding Remembrance Day at the local schools.

The local Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Achievement Award dinner in the community whereby an individual, a couple or a group are recognized for their outstanding achievements. The award is sponsored by two families in the area which have a long history and were a key part of Picture Butte beginnings. The two families and the Chamber work together in bringing the town a memorable evening every year.



Even our recreation complex would not be here were it not for volunteers. In 1982, the town received an anonymous donation which began the ball rolling. The skating rink, curling




rink and a teen room were built. The giving has not stopped with the construction of the complex. Each year, the old timer's hockey group hosts a tournament and proceeds go back into improvements at the rink. The showers have been renovated, the player's boxes were refloored and a safety net was put behind one goal area to protect the public from flying pucks.

A group of artists in Picture Butte have formed the Picture Butte Art Club and they come together to paint. Typical of Picture Butte people, they not only paint for themselves, but they also give back to the community by hosting an annual Art Show at the Community Center. The Art Show runs along side the Jamboree Days.

The Picture Butte and District Agricultural Society also plays a big part in Picture Butte's spirit. They donate hundred's of dollars each year to various projects in the community as well as help sponsor a student at the high school to travel to Ottawa each year. The Ag Society oversees our Jamboree Days in Picture Butte. Various groups in the community take on different aspects of the weekend such as the parade, a family dance, fun day in the park, an annual art show, the bench fair and more. For the last couple of years, the Ag Society has helped hire two high school students for the summer. These students help seniors with a wide variety of yard work and are much appreciated.

Our own volunteer fire department not only fundraises for themselves but they have also played a big part in other areas of the community. They maintain the playground equipment in the Lions Park, this includes new aspects such as the basketball hoop and cement pad as well as maintaining the current equipment. They fundraised for the zamboni at the ice arena and the clock on the community center.



In 1995, to celebrate the liberation of Holland during the Second World War, the local Dutch community hosted a huge celebration which eventually saw local Canadian War veterans receive free flights from KLM Air to Holland. The committee which oversaw the trip and the celebration also donated beautiful trees to the Lion's park which encircle the Legion's cenotaph.

Each year, members from the Latter Day Saints Church approach the town and donate their time to help beautify Picture Butte. They have painted fire hydrants, parking lines, and sign poles to name a few of the past projects.

The town has had a Bible Story Time group for as long as anyone can remember. Even with the addition of two preschool/playschool type groups, Bible Story Time has thrived. Children from birth to 5 are welcome and parents volunteer their time to lead the children in songs, stories, crafts and other activities. A true landmark to Picture Butte.

One of the ways the town has attempted to preserve it's many features is through a Citizen On Patrol program. COP began in June and has seen 60 volunteers come forward to patrol Picture Butte from midnight to 5:00am almost every night of the week. This is not the only volunteer program by concerned citizens. Picture Butte also has a Youth Justice committee as well as a Citizen Advisory Council. There is also an Interagency Committee currently seeking a Healthy Community Status from the local Health Region.



Aside from the many local initiatives undertaken in the community, there are groups which still find time to host events for the Terry Fox run, the Ride for Heart big 30 seater bike for the Heart and Stroke Foundation and there's even a Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon to support the

blind to name a few. Picture Butte has Helping Hands – a group of volunteers at our Health Care Centre. We have Jolly Toilers (senior's group) and Meals on Wheels as well.

Even with the many, many organized groups and activities in Picture Butte, there are residents who give even more of themselves unselfishly by helping neighbors with shopping and yard work enabling them to live longer in their homes. We are fortunate enough to have members of the community who come and plant flowers at the community center in their free time and of their own expense. We have citizens who have started projects to get something going and then community groups have stepped in. We have citizens who have given of themselves in many ways. One great example was a donation of a first response truck to the fire department two years ago.

We are truly blessed.

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This has been an exceptional year for Picture Butte once again. Our year started off with a bang when it was proposed by the local health authority to shut our hospital as we know it down. A committee was formed and they did an incredible job of rallying the citizens to the cause. The chairman, Jon Stevens, sent in a brief overview which is included here but it is hard to describe the feelings we all had during that rally where over 400 of our residents crammed into the community center to support the hospital. Those who are always volunteering knew they'd be there and they knew they'd make a good turn out but when we (committee and council) saw those folks who normally stay to themselves and don't volunteer in the community as much, we knew we'd struck a cord. There is strong support in Picture Butte, we just don't see it all the time.

The call went out to the community to document some of their many achievements as well as their projects for 2000 for Communities in Bloom. The Picture Butte Volunteer Fire Department responded with an excellent write up on their achievements. This year, in addition to their fundraising accomplishments, they are hosting the provincial hose-laying competition here in Picture Butte. Teams of firefighters and their families from all over will come to Picture Butte to compete. We know the fire department and the residents of Picture Butte will be excellent hosts!

A letter from C. Sucher, Chairperson of the NCHF

The North County Health Foundation committed to raise \$70,000 for the purchase of a Handibus to serve residents of Picture Butte and district.

We allowed two years. One year later we had accomplished this goal. The bus will be shown for the first time at our Jamboree Days parade. We are busting with pride! The support from this community has been overwhelming. Each service club - Lions, Elks, Legions - contributed time and money. Group projects such as the local R.C.M.P. Golf tournament, the N.C.H.F. tournament, the Beef Up Your Health program were aimed at raising funds for the Handibus. A "silent auction" was held in conjunction with "Midnight Madness". Many, many citizens sold - and bought - raffle tickets for the "Last Truck of the Millennium" draw. Money left over from a Church Reunion was donated, as well as funds collected when a near - by farmer constructed a maze from bales. The 4-H Club supported our project with the first donation as well as the "over-the-top" contributions from the sale of a calf.

The Foundation's members worked hard but our success stems from the tremendous support of residents donating their time and talents.

The Ag Society still oversees Jamboree Days and they have found an innovative way to get many people involved. Groups which need fundraising dollars can host events over Jamboree Days and are paid by the Ag Society for their effort. North County Minor Hockey now hosts a Family Fun Day at the Park during the weekend complete with hot dogs, games, races, and much, much more. The local Fish & Game club hosts an excellent ATV skills competition at their clubhouse.

St. Catherine's School was honored by winning one of the four "Angels Among Us" awards in the Lethbridge region. They had a "Pennies From Heaven" campaign at the school and raised over \$1000 for three different groups - Father Max Oliva, S. J. - Cluny, Alberta and The PARTY program at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital and for an orphanage in Mexico.

A theatrical group has started in Picture Butte. Butte Players formed in 1998 and we forgot to mention them last year. Their first production was Christmas 1998 – Charles Dickens' Christmas Carroll. They put on two plays in 1999 and one in 2000. They are currently planning their 5th production for this winter season. They have used plays written by famous playwrights, a Canadian, and one play that was locally written. They have added to the community in a very new and interesting way. This is our community's first hometown glimpse into the theatre. To have this production company right here is amazing. They have given us this whole new 'arm of culture' so to speak. They have added new curtains to the stage at the high school. They have also been able to purchase new theatre seats which the high school benefits from as well. Their productions have included local talent of all ages and they are very successful at obtaining corporate sponsors for there shows. Almost every show of every production has been sold out. The shows run Wednesday night through Saturday night with a matinee on Saturday as well.

Perhaps, most importantly this year, it must be noted how the community came together to achieve the goal of more flowers. Volunteers planted them, businesses planted them and town staff and politicians planted them. People have been planting and watering and weeding in the extreme heat and doing it all just to make our community look better. You can't beat that.

NORTH COUNTY INTERFAITH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

North County because we serve the north county area of Diamond City, Shaughnessy, Nobleford, Barons, Picture Butte, Iron Springs and Turin.

Inter-faith because the committee represents all the churches in the area. Trinity United, St. Catherine's Roman Catholic, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Evangelical Free, Christian Reformed, Bethel Reformed, Netherlands Reformed. A nutritionist from LRH and a community kitchens expert are often at our meetings and always on call to us.

Outreach because we reach out with help of food, clothes, advice, contacts, emergency and crisis assistance. Our first priority is to be sure kids have food to eat, our second is warm clothes, then help finding an agency or solution to the problem. Our policy is not to give money, but to help with what money may provide.

Committee because we work together and all have the same goal.

Some of our programs are: Food hampers approximately 15 per month.

Clothing Circle twice a year where clothing and other items is collected, sorted and made available to those who can use it at no charge. Sort of a gigantic recycling of stuff. This involves many volunteers for setting up, receiving, sorting, assisting, packing up, loading left overs up, cleaning up.

Canning using the canning facilities of the LDS church and local donations of ingredients, and community help, we can approximately 100 cases of Beef Stew to use throughout the year in our hampers.

Christmas Hampers - done in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, the Saturday morning before Christmas is set aside for volunteers to make up and deliver Christmas hampers, including food and toys, to local families in the name of the Christmas Spirit. This takes an army of volunteers of individuals, service clubs, children's clubs, youth groups, adopt a family, etc.

Cooking Class the grade six students from the local public school took a field trip for Science to the High School and spent the afternoon learning some kitchen and cooking basics and safety. The aim was to make older children able to provide something nourishing for their younger siblings if necessary.

Emergencies - as they crop up can be met by assistance from a community of people who are not officially part of the committee, but are willing and caring. This includes donations toward payment of gas, or power before the utilities are cut off, furniture, damage deposits, rent, etc. These are the anonymous heroes who work in the background and never get acknowledged.

All our supplies and financing are provided by donation, including the location of our food bank. Local service clubs, and the local grocer and baker are very committed. Representatives from our committee are often asked to speak at service club meetings. Our only fund raising event is the annual Yard and Garden Tour, where we are dependent on people opening their yards to visitors.

Local farmers allow volunteers to "Glean" their fields after carrot and potato harvest. Another farmer donated space in his root cellar for storage of our vegetables.

Local feedlot operators donate cows and the local meat cutter processes all the meat into hamburger for the food bank. Often cutting and wrapping charges are donated also.

Local hutterite colonies are very generous with their harvest and at Christmas.

The local paper is always accommodating with free publicity.

One of our goals has always been a breakfast program in the local schools, but busing in rural areas makes this difficult. However we provide all schools with cases of granola bars to hand out to students on an as needed basis. This involves the staff of local schools who are very supportive of our activities.

PICTURE BUTTE - JAMBOREE DAYS

AUGUST 18 - 20, 2000

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Town Buisnesses Judged - Theme: "Back to the Future"

Bench Fair Entries

Thurs. entries accepted 5-9 p.m.

Fri. entries accepted only from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. at the Curling Rink and

Judging 3 p.m. Sharp

Closed to the Public

Slow Pitch Tournament

Games for August 18-20

Sponsored by Mike Rettie Rustler's

Entry Fee \$200/per team

by Aug. 12.

Arnie Litcher - 732-5608

Cam Reiter - 732-4097

Cal Miller - 381-1044

Picture Butte High School Reunion

Registration and class visiting

Family Street Dance

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Prizes and Fun on 3rd Street North

Picture Butte Pool

Midnight Swim

10 p.m. - Midnight

Regular Admission

Fireworks at 11 p.m.

sponsored by The Picture Butte Chamber of Commerce

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Lions Pancake Breakfast

7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Picture

Butte Arena

Time Capsule Ceremony 9:30 a.m. in
front of Sportsplex

Parade

Line up 9 a.m. at Dorothy Dalgliesh
School

Judging 10 a.m. sharp

(NO entries accepted after 10 a.m.)

Parade starts at 11 a.m.

Bench Fair

Open to Public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prizes awarded at 4 p.m.

Jamboree' at the Pool

Picture Butte Pool 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Free Admission

Kids Fun Day in the Park

Old Fashioned Fun for the Entire Family.

Dunk Tanks, races, games, etc. Lions

Community Park. Noon to 3 p.m.

Prairie Tractor and Engine Society

Threshing Show & Antique Display

Location: 1 mile south of Picture Butte

Beef on a bun - 12 - 1 p.m.

Parade of Power - Antique Machinery

Demos

Tractor Pull - 4 p.m.

Barn Dance 8 p.m.

ATV Skills Contest - 3 p.m.

Contact Gerry Nichol

at 732-4550

Brian Buckman - 824-3358

Behind the Curling Rink

Hosted by the Picture Butte Fish & Game
Association.

Picture Butte High School Reunion

Activities all day.

Provincial Hose Laying Competition

Registration 7-8 a.m.

Competition 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. rear lot of
High School.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Prairie Tractor & Engine Society

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

All Day Antique Machinery

Demonstrations

1:00 p.m. Parade of Power.

Threshing Bee 1 p.m.

Craft Displays and Sale

Heavy horse pull - Noon

Tractor Pull - 4 p.m.

Many other things to do and see

Church Service in the Park 10:30 a.m.

Presented by Evangelical

Free Church

Special Choral Group

Bench Fair Books

Rules and tags available from Town of

Picture Butte Office

Kid Connections

Butte Home Hardware

Bank of Nova Scotia

Berts AG Foods

Art Show

Aug. 17 - Aug. 20

at the Sportsplex

Times: Thurs.-12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Sat. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

