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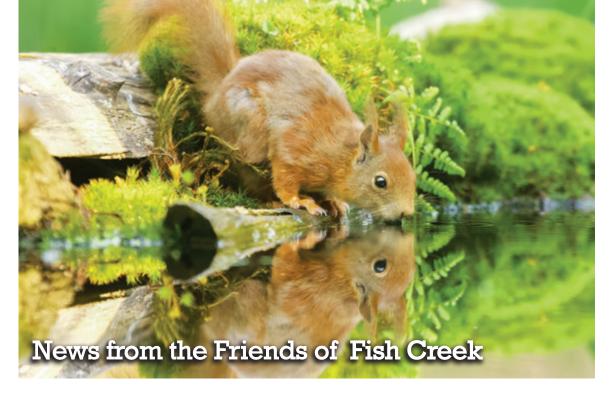
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Watershed Management in Fish Creek Provincial Park

by the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society

If you're reading this, you're probably located somewhere within one of the watersheds that make up the Bow River Basin. A watershed is made up of all the land that drains into a specific river, lake, marsh, creek, or other body of water. "Our" watershed, Fish Creek, is one of the twenty sub-watersheds that makes up the Bow River Basin, and all these watersheds drain into—you guessed it—the Bow River.

"People need water and rely on water. You need water for everything— farming, food, living—anything, so it's important to care about watersheds" – Ross Anderson, Watershed Field Coordinator.

Water is essential for life, and clean water is especially vital. That's why it's so important to collect and share data on watershed health. Historically, data collection in Fish Creek Provincial Park has been sparse, but we at the Friends are changing that! Together with a team of

dedicated volunteers, our ecology team is examining the watershed from multiple angles, including:

- Creek health (water temperature, quality, and flow
- Beaver activity mapping and management
- Cataloguing areas of bank erosion
- Invasive plant monitoring and removal
- And much more

By collecting data and performing large studies like the current fish inventory, we're creating baseline measurements for our watershed. We'll use this data to get a better understanding of the creek's health and manage and protect the critical ecosystem that is Fish Creek for generations to come.

"Once you have all that data, and you have a better idea of what's going on in the creek, you can manage things differently. If you find areas [that are] struggling or unhealthy, then you can focus on those to improve them" - Ross Anderson.

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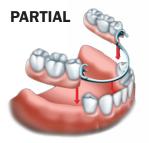


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Starting Fall SMART

by Recovery Alberta – Community Health Promotion Services

Fall is the time to set goals! Goals help us make positive changes in our day-to-day lives that move us towards our hopes for the future. Goals are like a map – they guide us. They provide us with a sense of ease and comfort knowing we have a plan. Setting them gives us an opportunity to reflect and prioritize what we find most meaningful. Goals that we share and work on with our family, friends or colleagues can also build stronger relationships and closer connections.

Goal setting should not have to be overwhelming, which is why many reframe it and call it "intention" setting. Intention is rooted in our beliefs and values but focuses on present actions rather than far-off outcomes. Whether we set goals or intentions, we need to give ourselves the freedom to change our minds and adjust our goals as we move towards them.

One tool that can support your process in setting goals is using the SMART strategy.

 Specific – What exactly would you like to do? What is your aim?

- Measurable How will you know if you are moving towards your goal? What will you see?
- Achievable Can you act to reach your goal? Is it something you can do?
- Relevant Does this goal have meaning for you?
- Time When would you like to reach this goal?

All parts of our lives can benefit from setting meaningful goals. Here are a few ideas on where you could get started today:

- Attitude (e.g. Being positive, hopeful, and grateful or seeing the good)
- Physical Health (e.g. Being active, eating healthy food, sleeping, and drinking water)
- Relationships (e.g. Spending more time with family and friends)
- Public Service (e.g. Volunteering, helping your community)

Taking the time to write, type, or vocalize our goals, will set the stage for us to reach them! Another important piece is to celebrate our successes along the way. Focus on all that you have done rather than on things you still need to do.

Remember to be kind to yourself. This is a good year to think about what is important and fall gently back into our routines again!

SAFE AND SOUND

Back to School Safety

by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

• Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.



- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: Children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

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Creamy Beef Enchiladas

by Jennifer Puri

The idea of rolling tortillas around food originated in Aztec times but it was the Spanish Conquistadors who adopted the dish and added new ingredients like cheese, pork, and chicken.

Enchiladas, meaning "to season with chilies", refers to stuffed corn tortillas that have been dipped in a chilli sauce. A traditional Mexican dish, Enchiladas have a unique flavour and are a perfect combination of tortilla, meat, cheese, and sauce.

Smothered in sauce and baked, creamy beef enchiladas are filling and rich, so they are best paired with a simple bean salad or Mexican rice.

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 30 minutes Bake Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 5 to 6 **Ingredients:**

 \bullet 1 ½ lbs lean ground beef

1 tbsp. canola oil

• $\frac{1}{2}$ cup yellow onion, sliced

1 cup cooked and rinsed black beans

• 2 packets (24 gm each) hot and spicy taco seasoning

6 large flour tortillas

• 1 ½ tsp. powdered cumin

• ¼ cup all purpose flour

• 1 can diced green chili peppers

• 1 cup milk

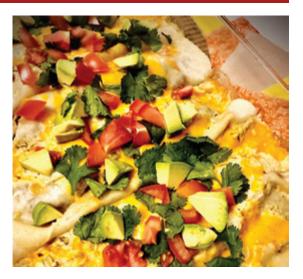
• 2 cups light sour cream

• 1/2 cup low fat Greek yoghurt

• 2 cups Mexican shredded cheese

Directions:

- Heat oil in a medium size pan, add onion and sauté until it turns a light brown. Then add the ground beef and brown about 3 to 4 minutes. Next add the taco seasoning and the black beans and continue to stir for 2 to 3 minutes.
- 2. Add the water and simmer the beef and bean mixture for about 20 minutes or until the liquid has dried up. Remove from heat and allow to cool.



- 3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 4. Grease a large, rectangular oven-proof dish with butter. Place the tortillas on a flat surface and divide the cooled meat mixture between the tortillas. Fold tortillas and place them in the baking dish seams side down.
- 5. Prepare the cream sauce by combining the flour, cumin, sour cream, milk, yoghurt, and chilies in a bowl. Then spoon the sauce over the tortillas and sprinkle the cheese over it. Cover with non-stick foil and bake in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes.
- Garnish with chopped tomato, avocado, and coriander leaves, and serve with a salad, salsa, and sour cream if desired.

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