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Every year, we celebrate the birth of our fine nation: Canada. July 1 might mean just another day off work to some, but most people reflect on this day on how fortunate we are to call this vast country 'home'.

There are many ways to mark this occasion, the 147th birthday of Canada. In Brooks, people go to the Brooks and District Museum and the Lakeside Leisure Centre for fun activities. However, the largest party is in the County of Newell.

The Village of Rosemary is famous for their annual Canada Day festivities. In

the morning, they have a large parade, then an afternoon of events for all ages. Music, games, food – it's all part of how we enjoy this special day. At night, keep an eye on the skies. In Brooks and Rosemary, fantastic fireworks displays can be seen just after dark.

Saturday, June 28, the hamlet of Tilley has a full day of events planned to celebrate Canada Heritage Day. The day will include a pancake breakfast, a parade, lunch and a car show and shine. There will be kids activities through out the day as well.

If you are unable to

attend any Canada Day events...watch the celebrations in Ottawa and keep your eyes open...youth from the County of Newell will be celebrating in our nations capital with the Encounters With Canada program.

What makes our country unique is that we welcome people from other nations with open arms. The name Canada itself comes from an Iroquois word (kanata), which means 'village' or 'settlement'. This sense of community from early beginnings is strong in Canadian spirit, and we are known around the world for our kindness. Seems like a nice trait to be proud of, eh?

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BCIS Relay for Life team at our BCIS fundraising BBQ at M&M Meat Shops! Thank you to all who supported our team!

Congratulations to the BCIS Relay for Life team for donating over \$1600 to the Canadian Cancer Society!

Happy Canada Day!



Canada Day in Rosemary.

EMPLOYMENT BLOG by Ryan Kiedrowski

Don't quit to go on holidays!

Sometimes 'life' happens. People get sick or need help, and maybe those people are in another country. Regardless, they need you to come and help share the load, and it may be tempting to quit your job for the time being.

Is this such a good idea? I would say 'no.'

If you need to leave your job for any reason, discuss it first with your employer. Let them know what is going on, how long you

think you need to be away, and make sure to stay in contact. It is very important to tell the truth about whatever situation is happening and why you are needed to be away from work.

If you just quit the job to avoid meeting with the boss, you have ended an important connection that you may need later. What if you need to use that company as a reference on your resume?

I see too many cases where people assume that their job will be waiting for them after a couple months of vacation. In all these cases, they

come home without a job to return to. The reason is that if you quit, the employer is going to fill your position as soon as possible. They can't afford to wait several weeks for you to return, they need the job done!

It's very important to talk with your employer if anything major is going on in your life that could affect your work.

If you do need to quit and are not going to be returning to that job, it's common courtesy to provide at least two week's written notice to your employer. Leaving on a positive note is always the best – who knows, you may need them in the future!

Did you know we're on Facebook? If you're on Facebook, check us out! Just search BCIS Employment and 'like' the page. We have information on upcoming events and services to assist in your job search.

VOLUNTEER NEWS by Argaw Argaw

Summer Volunteering

At BCIS, there are various volunteer opportunities which everyone in the community can give his/her time and talent to improve the lives of others in the society. Interpretation service is one of the many opportunities available for

volunteers. We provide interpretation services to individuals, government organizations and community agencies. If you speak English and any other language, we invite you to come in and see if you can assist us by facilitating communication. When you interpret, you are not only interpreting the language but you are also interpreting

the culture which could also be a barrier in communication between two or more parties. If you are concerned with the process, we have training available; we need only your language skills, we will give you handful techniques that you should use during interpretation

Summer is fun! We have different events and activities planned for the

summer which will give you chance to participate as volunteer. Recently, our volunteers assisted BCIS at the Brooks Rodeo Parade and we have also upcoming events like BCIS Open House BBQ day and the Amazing Race. You can sign up anytime, come and have a chat with the BCIS Volunteer Coordinator to see what would options would work for you. Be part of the change that we want to see in the community.

Save the Date!

English Language Assessment

The team from SALAS will be at the Brooks Campus of Medicine Hat College for two assessment sessions.

Tuesday, July 8 4-8 pm

Wednesday, July 9 9am-1 pm

To book an appointment, call the Brooks Campus at (403) 362-1677 and speak with Lorelei, Khamla or Marian. You can also call SALAS toll-free at 1-888-329-4811 or email salasfhd@telus.net.



Waiting for the Brooks Rodeo Parade to start! BCIS staff having fun, even in the rain!

TFW CORNER (Temporary Foreign Workers) by Criselda Narvacan

Impact on Employers:

My LMO was suspended as a result of the moratorium on the Food Services Sector's access to the TFWP. How does the lifting of the moratorium impact me?
LMOs suspended under the moratorium are now unsuspended. As long as the LMO is still valid and has not expired, the prospective temporary foreign worker(s) named on that LMO may submit work permit applications to CIC, or, if eligible to apply on entry into Canada, to a Canada Border Services Agency port of entry.

My LMO expired during the moratorium. Is it still valid?

No, employers with expired LMOs need to submit new applications that would be subject to new stricter program requirements, including the cap on temporary foreign workers in lower-wage occupations. Please visit esdc.gc.ca for details on applying under the new program requirements.

Impact on Temporary Foreign Workers:

I applied for a work permit (or extension) before/during the suspension of Food Service Sector LMOs but I haven't heard from CIC yet.

What will happen with my application now?

Your application will go back into the queue for processing by Citizenship and Immigration Canada now that the suspension has been lifted.

I was planning to apply for a work permit (or extension) for an employer who had an LMO approved before the suspension of Food Service Sector LMOs was announced. Can I still do so?

If the LMO is still valid and has not expired, and you are named on that LMO, you may submit a work permit application as per normal procedures.



I want to apply for a work permit but the employer's positive LMO expired during the suspension of Food Service Sector LMOs. Can I?

If the LMO is no longer valid or has expired, you may not apply for a work permit based on that LMO. Before you can apply for a work permit, your employer will need a valid Labour Market Impact Assessment (formerly the Labour Market Opinion).

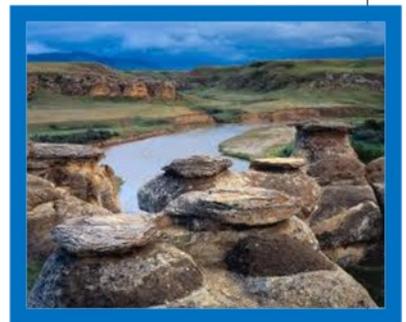
Youth Happenings by Deanna Ward

No need for youth to be bored this summer!

This year, Ashton's Place, Brooks Public Library and BCIS are joining together to plan cool activities for youth. During July and August, youth can learn to cook at Ashton's on Tuesdays, participate in "Teen Scene" at the

library on Wednesdays and go swimming for free on Thursdays. In addition to these weekly activities, there will also be workshops on basic mechanics August 5 & 19 and taking care of your younger siblings on July 9 & July 26. Our two biggest events are happening in August. On August 12, there will be a Fun Carnival at Ashton's Place with

games and prizes for the whole family. Then, August 15-17, the Youth Group is going camping at Writing On Stone Provincial Park. It's going to be a great summer! For more information, contact our Youth Worker, Deanna.



Writing On Stone Provincial Park: the youth will be camping here this summer.

Community Standards Bylaws

- A premise is not permitted to be or remain untidy or unsightly.
- You are not permitted to have grass or weeds taller than six inches on your premises.
- If you are completing a construction project, you must stack building materials neatly on your premises.

- You are not permitted to perform work on motor vehicles at a residential premise other than routine maintenance performed by the owner.
- The creation and application of graffiti on any premise, structure or property is not permitted.
- yelling, screaming or swearing as to create a disturbance in a public are is not permitted

- Excessive engine revving and loud stereo equipment is not permitted
- Construction projects must be completed between the hours of 7am-10pm on weekdays (Monday—Saturday) and 9am-10pm on weekends (Sundays and holidays.)
- Fighting in a public area is not permitted and carries a large fine if ticketed
- Bullying in a public area is not permitted
- Scavenging through waste set out for collection is not permitted

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8.30am-4.30pm
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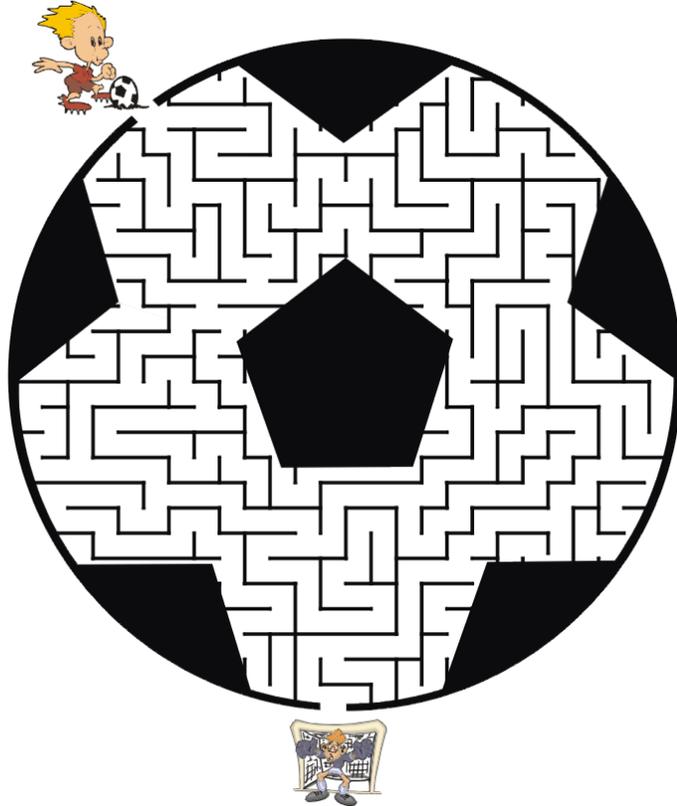


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THE GAMES ROOM



UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



CANADA DAY

Office closed—There are many activities around Brooks and the County of Newell. Celebrate the amazing country we live in!

July 1



FAMILY LAW WORKSHOP

Learn your rights and responsibilities. Ask a lawyer who specializes in family law what you need to know.

July 20—1pm



FIFA WORLD CUP FINALS

Join us as we watch the final of the FIFA World Cup on our large screen!

Wear your favorite team's colours!

July 13—1pm



Lunch & Learn Series

Held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday, July 30, 12-1 pm

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