



BUILT IN 1960 IN EASTVIEW

JOSEPH WELSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know?

This was the first school in the Red Deer Public School District No. 104 to be named after a teacher!

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Joseph Welsh was known for his influence in discipline, scholarship, impeccable grammar, and patriotism. He set high standards.

WHO WAS JOSEPH WELSH?

Joseph Welsh was an outstanding teacher: he excelled in Language, literature, history and geography.

- Joseph Welsh taught in Berrydale, near Olds, and then he taught at Hills End, near Penhold.
- In 1923, he became the Grade 8 teacher and Principal of Central School in Red Deer.
- He was a popular Gr. 8/9 teacher for 2 generations.
- Teaching career lasted 31 years.
- He retired in 1954 from teaching.



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Joseph Welsh (1889-1969) was born in Gloucestershire, England, went to Thornby Grammar School and taught in Hereford. In 1914, he enlisted in the army but was turned down because he was too short! In 1915 he enlisted again and fought in the Battle of Gallipoli. In 1916 he fought in the battle at Suez Canal. He was wounded a second time on the Western Front in France but recuperated in a hospital run by Canadians. He was so impressed with Canadians that he emigrated to Canada after WW1.



BUILT IN 1965 IN MORRISROE

ANNIE L. GAETZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know?

Annie L. Gaetz wrote three history books on Red Deer and district titled: '*Trails of Yesterday*', '*Footprints*' and '*Park Country*'.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Annie L. Gaetz was honored for her historical work and long time service.

WHO WAS ANNIE L. GAETZ?

Annie L. Gaetz was a writer and supporter of temperance and feminine causes.

- Annie Siddal taught in Nova Scotia for three years before moving west.
- In 1903, she taught at Mound Lake school, 36 miles east of Red Deer, N.W.T. (now known as Ardley).
- In 1904, she married Fred W. Gaetz, son of Rev. Leonard Gaetz.
- She wrote for various Canadian Periodicals and newspaper articles for Red Deer.
- She was an active member of the United Church.



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Annie L. Gaetz (nee Siddal) - (1881-1972) was born and educated in Oxford, Nova Scotia. Annie and Fred Gaetz had four children: Juanita Gertrude (Morigeau), Fay Evangeline (Slessor), Evelyn Audrey (King) and Maurice Fredrick Gaetz. In 1965, an elementary school was named after her while she was still alive.



BUILT IN 1976 IN HIGHLAND GREEN

G.H. DAWE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Did you know?

The G. H. Dawe Community center was the first complex in Canada to combine a Catholic, a public school, a library, arena, swimming pool and other recreation facilities in one building. The complex was named after G.H. Dawe in 1976.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

In 1954, G.H. Dawe became the first superintendent for Red Deer Public and remained until he retired in 1976.

WHO WAS G.(HAROLD) DAWE?

Harold Dawe was a teacher, vice-principal, principal and superintendent for Red Deer Public school district and a strong advocate for a junior college in Red Deer.

- G.W. Smith assisted him to go to the Edmonton Normal school to become a teacher.
- In 1930, G.H. Dawe started teaching in Hillsdown school.
- In 1936, he became a shop teacher for Red Deer public, then vice-principal in 1940.
- In 1947, he became principal of Central school.
- In 1956, he became the first superintendent of Red Deer until retirement in 1976.
- With Margaret Parsons, he helped found the Red Deer College in 1964. He was a sessional instructor from 1978-1993.
- In 1992, he wrote a book titled "*Schools at the Crossing*".

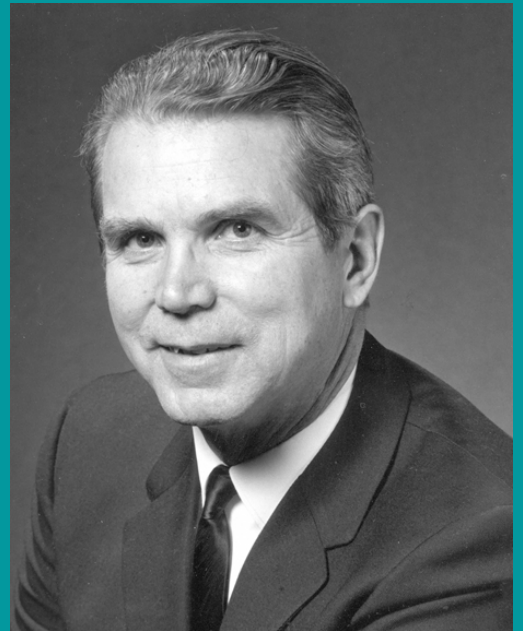


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G. Harold Dawe (1910 - 1999) was born in Guelph, Ontario and in 1910 moved to Red Deer with his mother Helen and brother Wellington to join his father Robert. He did all his schooling in Red Deer but dropped out in 1928 when his dad died. In 1942 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and was a bombing instructor. After his service he got his education degree from University of Alberta in 1947.

He received many honors and awards: Canadian Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, Alberta Achievement Award in 1986, and the Alberta Teacher of the Year Award in 1990.



BUILT IN 1968 IN WASKASOO

ÉCOLE CAMILLE J. LEROUGE SCHOOL

Did you know?

Camille J. Lerouge worked at the CPR for 47 years and had an amazing memory for numbers, he excelled in math. He would memorize all the numbers on the train cars with his photographic memory.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Camille Lerouge was a Catholic school board trustee from 1917 - 1952. He was honored in 1969 for a long service award.

WHO WAS CAMILLE J. LEROUGE?

The Lerouge family emigrated to Canada from Northern France to help establish a flax industry on the prairies and settled in Red Deer in 1908.

- In 1904 he attended the Jesuit's École Libre Saint Joseph in France, where he was an honor student.
- In 1908, he continued his schooling at the French Catholic Mission the Fathers of Ste. Marie of Tincherbray in North Red Deer.
- As the eldest son, he planned to attend McGill University but found himself the breadwinner for his family.
- He got a job at C.P.R. and remained with the company for 47.5 years.
- He was active in his church and community and directed the choir at Sacred Heart Church.
- He served as councilor for the Village of North Red Deer from 1936-1941.
- For 35 years Camille served as secretary-treasurer for the Catholic school board.
- He was a member of Elks lodge and Knights of Columbus.

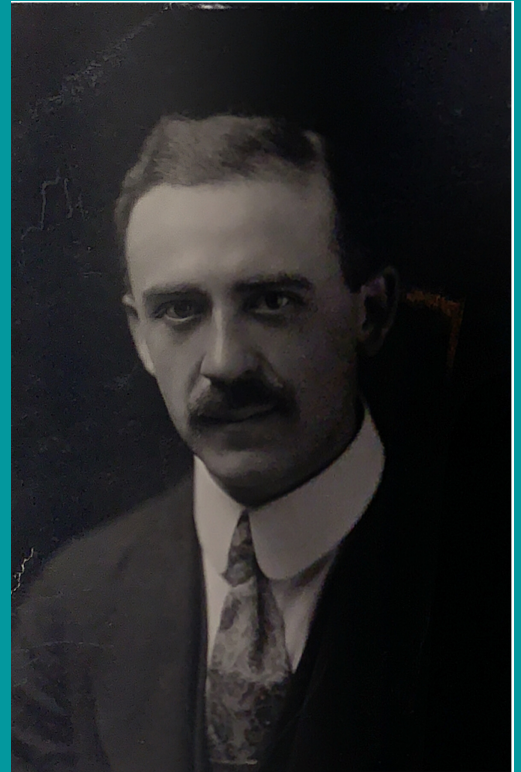


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Camille J. Lerouge (1893-1971) was born in Lille, France. He was the eldest son of August Lerouge and Marie Widar with two brothers and two sisters. In 1936, Camille married Catherine Mary van Dyck and they had five children: Marguerite (Watson), Aline (Philbin), Cecelia (Kauhaahaa), Camille Jr. and Robert. He spoke English, French and German.



BUILT IN 1953 IN WASKASOO

LINDSAY THURBER COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know?

Lindsay Thurber dealt with the economic crisis of the depression by merging 67 autonomous school districts into one administrative unit called the Berry Creek School division. In 1939, it was the first consolidated school division in Alberta.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Lindsay Thurber created Western Canada's first 'composite' high school with vocational and academic instruction.

WHO WAS LINDSAY THURBER?

In 1949, Lindsay Thurber formed the trimester system so farm kids could go to school and help on the family farm. In 1951 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the U of A for his nationally renowned innovations and accomplishments in education.

- In 1922, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Acadia University, then moved to Alberta and taught in Forestburg, Evansburg and Hanna.
- In 1928 he was appointed school inspector for the Hanna district.
- In 1937 he transferred to Red Deer and forged cooperative relationships between Rocky Mountain House, Lacombe, Red Deer rural and Red Deer Public school divisions to form 'Composite' High schools with vocational and academic courses.
- In 1939 he was appointed superintendent of schools for Red Deer school division (rural).
- He retired in 1952.
- The A-20 army barracks were used for classrooms and dormitories in 1947 until a new high school was built.
- 1953-54 the new composite high school for Red Deer School Division No. 35 was named in his honor, formerly known as Red Deer High School.

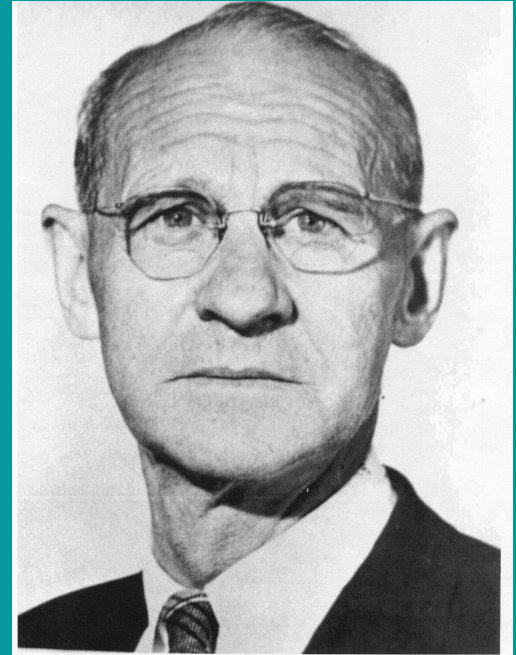


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Lindsay Thurber (1896 – 1963) was born in Freeport, Nova Scotia and did his teacher training at Truro Normal School. In 1916 he enlisted in WW1. He was wounded at the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917, then again in the battle of Passchendaele in Nov. 1917. In 1922, he married Genevieve Stevens and had two sons, Reginald and Robert.



BUILT IN 1963 IN SUNNYBROOK

G.W. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know?

George Wilbert Smith was the first fully certified teacher to teach at the Crossing School in 1888.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

G.W. Smith later became a Member of Legislative Assembly when the United Farmers of Alberta formed in the new province of Alberta. He remained M.L.A until his death in 1931.

WHO WAS GEORGE W. SMITH?

George Wilbert Smith was a teacher, a businessman, an Alderman and an M.L.A.

- George W. Smith received his teaching certificate from Nova Scotia and moved to Red Deer in 1883.
- He was the first qualified teacher at the Crossing School in Red Deer.
- He replaced Mr. Vrooman, who was not a certified teacher, from April 1888-April 1889.
- His salary reflected his highest teaching qualification at the time of \$45/month.
- He served as director of the Smith Lead company and as director of the Western General Electric Company.
- He served on city council as an Alderman of Red Deer from 1916-1918.
- In 1921, when UFA formed as a party in Alberta he became M.L.A and remained until his death in 1931.

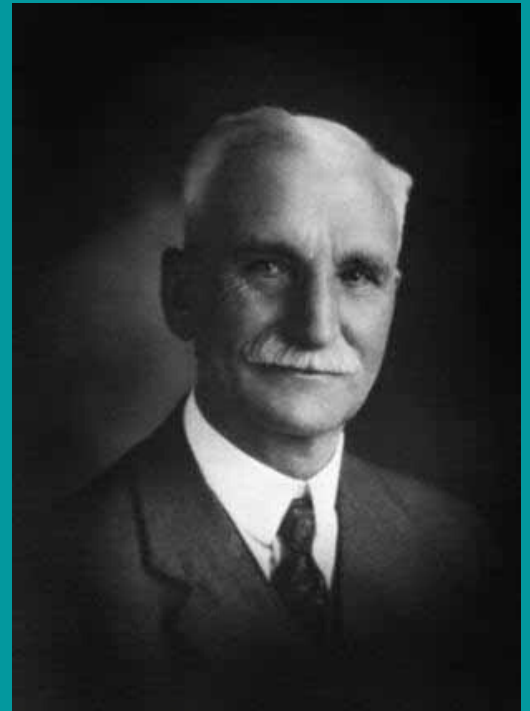


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George Wilbert (G.W.) Smith (1855 - 1931) was born in Maitland, Nova Scotia, moved to the NWT and settled in Red Deer area in 1883. He was the first fully certified teacher in Red Deer. He received his first class teaching certificate from Nova Scotia. George W. Smith became Reverend Leonard Gaetz's son-in-law when he married Caroline Addison Gaetz, Leonard and Caroline's daughter.



BUILT IN 2003 IN LANCASTER

MATTIE MCCULLOUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know?

Dr. Mattie McCullough helped establish libraries and served on the Senate and board of governors for the University of Alberta and Red Deer College board.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

In 1967, Mattie McCullough received the Centennial Medal and in 1976 the Government of Alberta Achievement service award.

WHO WAS MATTIE MCCULLOUGH?

Dr. Mattie McCullough was a resident of Red Deer for 54 years and was an active community volunteer at the local, provincial and national level.

- She graduated from Normal school and taught for 2.5 years in a rural school.
- She married Ronald McCullough, an education administrator.
- They moved to Red Deer in 1947 where she was an active community volunteer working with school associations and helping establish libraries.
- She served on the board of governors for University of Alberta, and for Red Deer College board.
- In 1981, received an A.T.A. school administrator award and in 1983, she received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Alberta.



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Mattie McCullough (1909 -2002) was born in Fort McLeod, Alberta. She was one of seven children from a farming family. She attended a rural school and, being academically inclined, advanced to grade eight by the age of ten. She graduated from Normal school at age 17 and taught for 2.5 years in a rural school. She married and raised three children, Ron, Bob and Donna and helped her husband operate a dairy farm.



BUILT IN 2014 IN CLEARVIEW

ÉCOLE FATHER HENRI VOISIN SCHOOL

Did you know?

Father Henri Voisin persuaded the Filles de la Sagesse (Daughters of Wisdom) to build a convent, in North Red Deer, which would serve as a boarding school for the community.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Father Henri Voisin was head of the order of Ste. Marie de Tinchébray and helped open St. Joseph's Convent in 1909 and did very active missionary work.

WHO WAS FATHER HENRI VOISIN?

Father Henri Voisin was a priest who founded the first Roman Catholic parish in Red Deer and was responsible for starting the Roman Catholic education system in the community.

- In 1904, he arrived in Alberta to be the head of Ste. Marie of Tinchebray.
- In 1905 he constructed a small church in Red Deer named Sacred Heart, it was blessed by the Bishop in 1906.
- In 1907, land was purchased on North Hill for a new mission run by the Daughters of Wisdom which was opened in 1909.
- The new church, Our Lady of Sorrows was used from 1909 - 1924.
- He became an active member of the Community band and opened a clothing bank.
- As part of the mission complex in North Red Deer, he assigned priests to congregations in central Alberta.
- He helped start a school for young boys, St. Mary's Apostolic College.

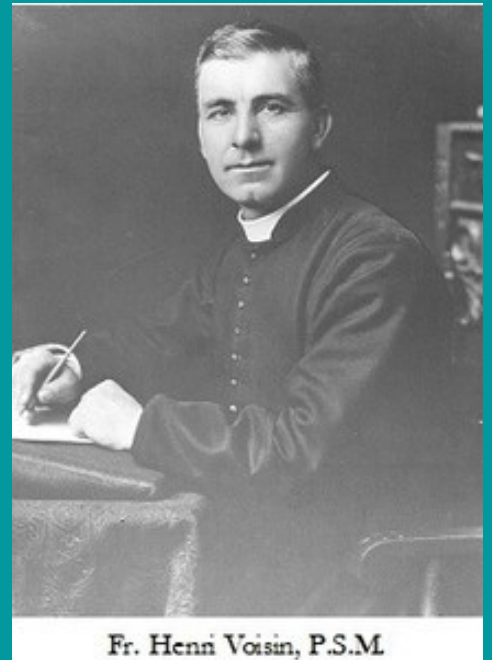


Photo credit: Red Deer Catholic Schools

Father Henri Voisin (1875-1934) was born in LeHarve, France. He was educated by the Fathers of Ste. Marie of Tinchebray and after his B.A and M.A. and one year military service, he joined the congregation. During the First World War, he was a member of the Patriotic Fund to help families of men serving overseas. In 1924, after a disagreement with the Bishop of Edmonton, he moved to Tisdale, Saskatchewan, where he passed away in 1934.



BUILT IN 2014 IN TIMBERLANDS

ÉCOLE BARRIE WILSON SCHOOL

Did you know?

Barrie Wilson is a strong supporter of French language education. His passion for second languages is why the school is named in his honor.

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Barrie Wilson was known as a principal who worked tirelessly to support students in reaching their potential and who supported staff in helping students.

WHO IS BARRIE WILSON?

Barrie Wilson was a teacher, administrator and mentor for his staff and students. His leadership created positive school cultures which fostered academic success for students.

- He received his B. Education degree in Physical Education from the University of New Brunswick.
- In 1969, he was appointed vice-principal at Eastview Middle school.
- In 1971, he went to University of Alberta to earn his Masters degree in Physical Education.
- In 1972, he taught for the Department of National Defense in Lars, Germany for 5 years.
- In 1984, he became an administrator for G.H. Dawe school, Eastview Middle school and Central Middle school until 2003.
- His career spanned 42 years, 34 of those in Red Deer.
- The district French immersion program grew during his time as principal.
- As a bilingual, physical education teacher, he was a strong supporter of French language education, and living a healthy balanced life.



Photo credit: Red Deer Public Schools

Barrie Wilson (1938 -) was born and raised in Noranda, Quebec. He began teaching Physical Education and French and coaching in Noranda, Quebec. In his career, he worked tirelessly to support students in reaching their potential and supporting staff to help their students. He embodies the caring committed community that schools strive to achieve. During his teaching career he served as a mentor and role model for many Red Deer Public staff as well as for young teachers doing field experience in the Education program at Red Deer College. His wife Sue Wilson also taught for over 30 years and his daughter is a teacher in Red Deer. He has three sons in Ottawa.

A photograph of Don Campbell Elementary School, a modern building with a large sign that reads "DON CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL". The building is light-colored with dark accents and large windows. The image is partially obscured by a teal and lime green geometric overlay.

BUILT IN 2017 IN INGLEWOOD

DON CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know?

Don Campbell was the first principal for the first Community school in Red Deer. He is known for his infamous quote: "if you want responsible kids, give them responsibility."

REMARKABLE RED DEERIAN:

Don Campbell spent his whole career dedicated to students and their families. He was also a man that was dedicated to the community.

WHO WAS DON CAMPBELL?

Don Campbell was an educator and was regarded as a visionary of the community school concept. He had a passion for literacy and helping others. He championed active citizenship, hands-on learning, and innovation.

- He attended Normal School in Calgary, AB., then received his Education degree from U of A through summer school.
- He taught for 5 years in a one-room school in East Sullivan School district, Gooseberry Lake School, Bentley School and Annasheim School.
- He taught in Calgary from 1954-1972.
- In 1972-73, he got his Masters degree in Community School Education from U. of East Michigan.
- In 1976 he started teaching in Red Deer as the first principal of G.H. Dawe community school.
- He taught in Red Deer Public Schools for 8 years before retiring in 1984.
- He was recipient of the Golden Jubilee award for Canadian nominees who contributed to public life.
- In 1993 he received Mayors Award for Volunteerism. A few organizations that Don was active in were: Meals on Wheels, Gaetz United Church, Royal Canadian Legion, Women's Shelter, Council on aging, Liberal Party, Red Deer Museum and Sunnybrook Farm Museum.

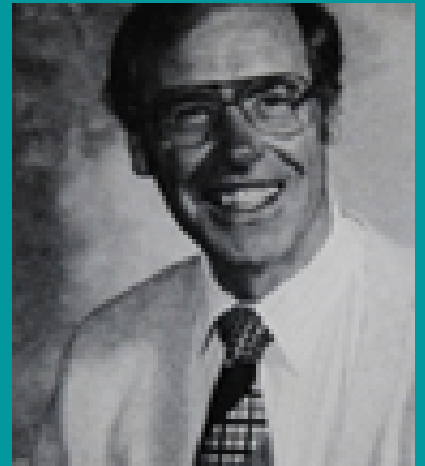


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Don Campbell (1929 - 2004) was born in Garden Plain, Alberta. He graduated from High School in Hanna, Alberta. He passed in 2004 from Leukemia, leaving his wife Millie Campbell, 3 daughters, and 1 son to mourn. Don is remembered by his family as being grateful for everyone in his life. He wanted to model gratitude so others around him would be inspired to do the same. His daughter Jan Ludwig continues to teach for Red Deer Public schools.