

9 Doris and Mickey



Doris Forbes' family found a mauled beaver in 1939 and nursed him back to health. Doris bonded with the beaver and the two became inseparable. Eventually, Mickey was banished to the garage because he loved gnawing on wood furniture! After his story made national headlines, over 20,000 people visited the famous beaver.



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10 Francis the Pig



The legend of Francis the Pig began in 1990 when he escaped from a local abattoir. For nearly five months the fugitive pig roamed Red Deer's parkland eluding predators and several attempts to catch him. This freedom-loving pig was finally caught in 1991. Unfortunately, Francis succumbed to injuries he received in his capture.



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1 Reaching Out



A brother helps his younger sister climb onto a granite boulder. In this 1940's scene, the girl wears a leg brace, the result of polio. The sculpture was created to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Downtown Rotary Club to draw attention to Rotary International's PolioPlus program.



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3 Let the Music Play



The late Keith Mann, an internationally acclaimed music director, is shown here in the moments just before a concert. His hands raised. A hush is falling over the audience. During Mann's 40-year career he conducted the Red Deer Royals Marching Show Band and Red Deer College Symphonic Winds.



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5 Choices



This railway worker confronts a dog that is standing on his hard earned money. It is symbolic of how, after the Great Depression, many workers distrusted banks and wanted more control over their money. As a result, the credit union concept of banking became popular in the late 30's and early 40's.



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7 Hazel Braithwaite



In 1926, a determined young Hazel Braithwaite pushed her way through a crowd of men to exercise her right to vote. Thirty-nine years later, she was the New Democratic Party federal candidate. Braithwaite believed in women's equality and was champion for those without a voice.



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2 Sound the Alarm



Excitement and tension were a big part of fire fighting in Red Deer's early days, as men and horses were called into action. The excited horses in this bronze sculpture can hardly be restrained as they are being hitched to the fire wagon and the driver hurries to throw his coat on.



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4 Waiting for Gordon



Julietta Sorensen looks for her husband, Gordon, to arrive with the last bus of the day. In 1933, the Sorensens started a bus service in Red Deer and Red Deer County. They sold their town bus service to The City of Red Deer in the late 1960's, leading to the city's current public transit system.



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6 Reverend Leonard Gaetz



Reverend Gaetz, one of Red Deer's early founding fathers, gazes down the main street of the town he helped create. The minister would often be found talking with members of the community on street corners - something he appears to be doing even to this day.



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8 Francis Wright Galbraith



Francis Galbraith enjoys a coffee while reading his Red Deer Advocate. Galbraith became owner and editor of the Advocate in 1906. A newspaper man and politician, Galbraith was the first mayor of the newly incorporated City of Red Deer in 1913.



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