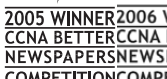


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## Comment

### Scarecrow Contest a Good Idea

A scarecrow contest for our community is a good idea and should be a welcome bit of eye candy as people walk and drive down the street.

The Provost and District Chamber of Commerce is encouraging the event this fall with a bit of prize money. But of course it's not really just about that. It's about growing civic pride that will enhance downtown and other areas of the community.



Will the new decorations also get rid of crows that wake some up early in town? ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.

It's likely that this addition to the flower barrels (after the active growing season) will gain popularity each year and could become a real drawing card as it has for other towns and cities across North America.

The roots of the scarecrow of course were pretty basic and we recall some farmers nearby — or likely their wives — constructing the real deal out of sticks, a shirt and hat and putting them out, flapping in the middle of their crops so the birds (crows?) would be scared away. Now of course finding one of those is about as common as the M.D. now offering you cash for magpie eggs or gopher tails. The new modern way is for propane powered bangers to scare the geese or other feathered birds away.

But we see a lot of bang for the buck here if merchants take a little time to stick one up.

A good use of imagination should add to the fun.

EDITOR

## Comment

### Seen Around Town

Way to go local Communities in Bloom group for earning first place in provincial competitions for this population category. The town has certainly looked better in recent years and we expect it will continue in that direction.

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A scarecrow contest to be staged this month. See story and editorial in this edition.

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Lots more money being raised for the Terry Fox foundation and other causes by students recently.

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Speaking of youth, a successful conference here hosted by the Ministerial Association pulled off on Friday and Saturday. Well done.

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Tom's Tree-Trimming and Odd Jobs to be picking up much of the town's garbage following an agreement recently made.

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Melanie Murray to be commended for again organizing for gifts to be sent to underprivileged children in other parts of the world. She said that approximately 340 shoe boxes of gifts were sent last year. Hall's Foods and The Provost News will be the local depots this year for the Operation Christmas Child drop off until November 29.

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A rural development fund agency, which is part of the Alberta

Government not deeming the Bodo dig project to be worthy of much support it seems. That has caused some concern with the people both here and elsewhere who have poured so much time and energy into the project

which is tied to generating tourism in this part of east central Alberta. The province had been making a big deal out of promoting rural Alberta and here's a prime example of initiatives by so many being discarded. Shame.

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