

Newsletter

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Penhold Memorial Hall – Honouring the Past, Planning for the Future



Members of Penhold WI outside Memorial Hall c 1919/1920 *used with permission Pioneer History of Penhold by Jim Mann

For more than 100 years, the Penhold Memorial Hall has been at the heart of our community. Built in 1919 by the Penhold Women’s Institute (WI) to honour local soldiers following the First World War, the Hall quickly became a gathering place for dances, fairs, concerts, meetings and celebrations. Generations of residents have walked through its doors — from masquerade balls and cadet events to weddings and community milestones.

In the 1980s, an addition was constructed to expand the space and better serve users. Today, that addition has reached the end of its lifespan and is in poor condition. The Town is now facing two costly options: significant repairs and upgrades, or investigate possible alternative next steps.

Memorial Hall has over a century of memories and is an important and historic part of Penhold. Town Council wants to hear directly from residents and user groups to help shape ideas about what is next before making any decisions.

A community survey will launch in early March to gather feedback on the future of the facility. Watch for details on how to participate and share your thoughts in the March issue of the Penhold Reporter. Your input will help guide the next chapter of this cherished community space.

During the survey timeframe, anyone interested in learning more about Memorial Hall is encouraged to stop by the Penhold & District Library and check out the informative exhibit that will be available once the survey is launched.

Following the completion of the survey, Penhold Town Council invites the community to join them at Memorial Hall on Monday April 20, 2026 for additional community engagement and to review the results of the survey. Watch for more details about the Open House coming soon.



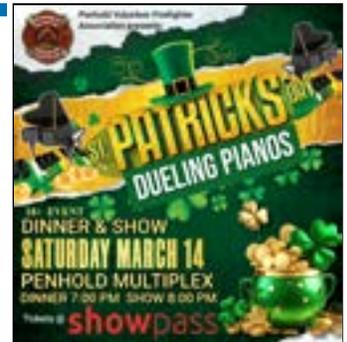
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The Town of Penhold and Canadian Blood Services are proud to launch the 3rd annual Penhold Cares Blood Drive, running February 1–28, in honour of Penhold’s own world record holder, Josephine Michaluk and her lifelong commitment to giving back. This year, residents, businesses, service groups, and neighbouring communities are encouraged to join the Town of Penhold’s Partners for Life team and donate blood to help ensure a strong, reliable blood supply for patients in need.

Following her blood donation on December 26, 2025, Josephine was advised by her doctor that it’s time to keep what she has for herself and step away from donating. After beginning her donation journey at just 22 years old, Josephine gave blood an incredible 216 times over 61 years – a legacy of generosity that has helped save countless lives.

Now, she’s hoping others will step up to carry the torch. Josephine’s wish is simple: inspire new and younger donors to start donating and make it a lifelong habit. To become a blood donor you must be at least 17 years old and meet minimum heat and weight requirements.

Throughout February Penhold residents are encouraged to roll up a sleeve, give a pint, and help continue Josephine’s incredible legacy — because every donation makes a difference.

Donations can be made at the Red Deer Donor Centre (#5, 5020 68 Street).

Book your appointment at blood.ca and be sure to join the Penhold Partners for Life team so your donation counts toward the community campaign.

We have now made it easier for members to join.

- 1** Create an account on blood.ca/MyAccount or the **GiveBlood app** for Apple or Android.
- 2** Select ‘partners’ from the menu.
- 3** Select ‘join an existing team’ and start entering your team’s name (it will appear in the drop down list).
- 4** Select the team you wish to join.
- 5** Book your next appointment with your team via ‘team bookings’ (visible under your team name) or individually.

