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LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY CELEBRATES NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICE GRAND OPENING

Submitted by Bill Hegy, Mayor | Lac Ste. Anne County

Lac Ste. Anne County Council hosted an event on September 13, 2017 that brought staff, residents, and municipal colleagues together for the grand opening of the County’s new Administration Office in Sangudo. A major undertaking that was initially contemplated nearly two decades ago, the project began in earnest when Council approved funding for its construction in the fall of 2015. The newly inaugurated facility now houses all County departments under one roof, and replaces the legacy administration building on Sangudo’s main street that had grown increasingly derelict and unsuitable for productive work.

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CANDIDATES FORUM

Submitted by Lac Ste Anne and Communities Ratepayers Association

The Lac Ste Anne and Communities Ratepayers Association is pleased to announce that we are hosting and co-hosting two All Candidates Forums for the upcoming elections in October of 2017. The first one will be on the 26th of September at 7 PM in Darwell, co-hosted by the DDRA at the Darwell Hall. This will cover Divisions 4, 5, 6 and 7. The second one will take place on the 28th of September in Onoway at the Heritage Center which is the old Elementary school in the gym. Both forums will have moderators to ensure a smooth flow and to allow all candidates the same opportunities to provide some input on matters that are important to you, the Ratepayers. Please plan on attending.

Regards, LSARA
BARRHEAD RCMP
CHARGE TWO AFTER EXECUTION OF WARRANT

Submitted by Barrhead RCMP

Barrhead, Alberta - On Sept. 6, 2017, a joint investigation involving both the Barrhead and Westlock RCMP Detachments resulted in a search warrant being executed on two residences in the Highridge area. With assistance from the Emergency Response Team (ERT) - Edmonton, two people were arrested at the scene and taken into custody. An extensive search of the property recovered several stolen vehicles and a firearm.

Niel Pendrak, a 43-year-old from Barrhead County has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:
• possession of stolen property over $5000 (x4)
• breach of a recognizance (x2)
• breach of probation

He was remand into custody after a judicial hearing and was set to appear in Barrhead Provincial Court on Sept. 26, 2017.

Robert Devine, a 47-year-old from Barrhead County has been charged with the following Criminal Code offences:
• possession of stolen property over $5000 (x4)
• possession of a firearm while prohibited to do so (x2)

After being released on conditions, Robert Devine was arrested again after a break and enter was reported on Sept. 11, 2017 shortly before 10:00 p.m. Barrhead RCMP responded to a break and enter in progress. Upon arrival in the area, RCMP located Devine and he was arrested without incident for possession of stolen property and breaching conditions of his release.

He was remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and is set to appear in Barrhead Provincial Court on Sept. 26, 2017.

As the matters for both accused are now before the court no further information will be provided.
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In the planning phase, County Councillors and administrators toured other municipal facilities in the province to gain insight into what has and hasn’t worked in the past. “From the very start, we envisioned a building that was simple and practical, yet inviting,” noted Lac Ste. Anne County Mayor Bill Hegy in his inauguration speech. “We sought a design that provided a healthy work environment, and that had ample room for us to grow. All our wants and needs in the planning phase were focused on one outcome: a building that was optimized for facilitating service delivery to residents and businesses in the County. I believe we have hit very close to this mark.” Following his speech, Mr. Hegy opened the floor to dignitaries in attendance, including Parkland Mayor Rodney Shaigec; Barrhead Reeve Doug Drozid; and Leduc County Mayor John Whaley. Speaking to a crowd of roughly 200, these gentlemen congratulated the County on its exceptional new facility, and voiced a common recognition of County administrators as “good municipal neighbours who are easy to work with.”

Those in attendance were treated to a barbecue luncheon, and were given guided tours of the new facility by staff members during the afternoon. Mayor Hegy noted that, while they still had a lot of unpacking and organizing ahead, the County’s immediate priority was to ensure seamless service delivery and public accessibility.

Mayor Hegy acknowledged that the construction project was not without its challenges. But he countered that “the County has worked through each challenge to get to where we are today: standing in a bigger, better municipal facility that was built in large part by grant funding, and that was constructed within the approved budget.” Roughly 80% of the project’s $11.7 million cost was funded through grant programs such as the Municipal Sustainability Initiative. The provincial MSI program is in place to support local infrastructure priorities and build strong, safe, and resilient communities.

In closing, Mayor Hegy expressed his hope “that this facility will serve as a hub for Lac Ste. Anne County’s endeavours to promote the further development of collaboration among industry, government and those who call the County home.” More details about the new Administration Office can be found at LSAC.ca/Office.
Submitted by Carol Saunders

Ol’ Pembina Tractor Pull Society wound up another year on August 27th, 2017 in conjunction with Sangudo celebrating Canada’s 159th Birthday. There was only one day of competition as on August 26th we held a demo for any of the people who came in for the celebrations. There was quite a few people that came to watch the demo which lasted approximately 1 hour. Many of the people who watched the demo came back on Sunday to watch again, which we were glad to see.

On Sunday, August 27th each driver pulled twice, as on Saturday there was no pull for distance. We had 47 tractors and trucks for the pull. The trucks pulling were all in the demo pull which is interesting to watch. The guys all thought the track was in good condition.

We had a couple of guys driving that haven’t been here for a while, it was nice to see Howie Fleming and Aurelle Dupperon back and they both won a cap. Good Pull guys! Our feature tractor for August is owned by Daniel McGinn from Stony Plain, AB.

“I joined the Ol’ Pembina Tractor Pull Society 2 years ago. I am a drill er for our family water well business McGinn Drilling Ltd of Stony Plain, AB. I was drilling a well for Ken Elbrey and we got talking about tractor pulls. Ken suggested I come on down to Sangudo’s Tractor Pull. My dad Terry McGinn originally bought the Case 500 from Harvey Taylor of Taylor Farms South and West of Stony Plain. He pulled with this tractor for over ten years in Stony Plain, Onoway and Darwell Pulls. Later the tractor was just used for fencing and other duties on the farm. I traded 4 Hit and Miss engines with my dad for the Case 500. I enjoy coming to Sangudo and have met lots of people and made new friends. My buddy TJ usually comes along to give me a hand and cheer me on.”

The winners for the drivers draw were: Wayne Fuhr, Anna Harapchuk, Glayne Grabler, Ian Dupperon, Danial McGinn, Pat Lamoureux, George Suntjens and Ron Prokipchuk.

Prizes were donated by Alberta Motor Sports – Sangudo, Martin
LETTER TO THE EDITOR: MY TOUR OF LAC STE ANNE OFFICE COMPLEX

Submitted by Ed Ens

August 27th Tractor Pull – Celebrating Canada’s 150th Birthday

Deerline – Mayerthorpe, U.F.A.  
Bulk Fuel – Mayerthorpe, Rochfort  
Trading Post – Rochfort Bridge and Oneil Carlier – Mayerthorpe.

As usual there was the 6 classes, Bantam and Demo for the pull. The winners for each class:

Bantam:  
1st – Dale Miller  
2nd – Boris Heshka  
3rd – Russ Langston

Class 1:  
1st – Lyle Kause  
2nd – Bob McKell  
3rd – Boris Heshka

Class 2:  
1st – Ron Barker  
2nd – Clarence Liss  
3rd – Howie Fleming

Class 3:  
1st – Don Saunders  
2nd – Bob McKell  
3rd – Ron Barker

Class 4:  
1st – Bob McKell  
2nd – Ken Elbreys  
3rd – George Suntjens

Class 5:  
1st – Darcy Harapchuk  
2nd – Aurelle Dupferon  
3rd – George Hnatiuk

Class 6:  
1st – Russ Langston  
2nd – Anna Harapchuk  
3rd – Dale Miller

Demo:  
1st – Don Saunders  
2nd – Clarence Liss  
3rd – George Suntjens

The tractors and sled was put out for all the little drivers and they seemed to have a good time playing. Tamara Hall wasn’t able to attend as she had other commitments, we all missed her homemade donuts, pies and other goodies. Mary Jane Suntjens cooked the supper of roast beef, vegetables, salads, buns and ice cream for dessert. As usual the supper was very good and a big THANK YOU goes to Mary Jane and all who helped with the supper. It is very much appreciated.

Hope to see you all next year at our pull on June 9th and 10th.

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation  
Internal/External Posting

Is seeking an individual to fill a full time position located in Mayerthorpe.

FINANCE CLERK

Directly reporting to the Finance Officer, the Finance Clerk is accountable for:

Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Benefit Administration and assisting in Reporting Financials. This position entails a high level of interaction with personnel and Residents/Tenants.

• Process accounts receivable/payable  
• Process payroll and prepare required spreadsheets and journal entries  
• Prepare Electronic Funds Transfer for rent collection  
• Facilitate rent calculations-Lodge/Manors  
• DRSP & Rent Supplement subsequent A/R reconciliation/ STD & others  
• Follow-up NSF cheques, & outstanding amounts

Required Knowledge

• Knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles  
• Demonstrates proficiency in using accounting programs, currently Simply Accounting  
• Knowledge of A/P, A/R, and maintaining General Ledgers.  
• Strive for a high for high level of accuracy -financial/payroll information  
• Confidentiality concerning financial and employee files.  
• Proficiency with Microsoft Office  
• Proficiency of Sage Accounting and Ceridian Payroll software is an asset.

Education and Experience Requirements

• High School Diploma  
• Business Administration Certificate/related work experience  
• Minimum of 3 years’ experience is required.

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation offers a very competitive salary and attractive benefit package. Closing date Friday September 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. or until a suitable applicant is hired.

Submit resume to:
Lac Ste. Anne Foundation  
Attn: Dena Kysik, CAO  
PO Box 299 Mayerthorpe, AB T0E 1N0
Fax: 780-786-4810

We thank all applicants but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
section of my family’s original homestead. I have worked for our family water well business since an early age and attended Red Deer College where I received my Journeyman Ticket in 1992. I took over the management of the family business after the passing of my father in 2005. My significant other, Wendy, of 11 years and I have a blended family consisting of five beautiful young ladies and one gentleman with all of them graduated except for one going into grade 12 this year in Onoway. Wendy and I have run a cow/calf operation in the past, but for now just keep a few horses on our land for some recreational riding. As time and work and volunteering allow, I like to quad, snowmobile, golf, curl and play ball, something I also watch my children excel at.

Professional

I am a former County Councilor of 6 consecutive years, holding the Deputy Reeve seat for 5 of those years. I was a member and Chairman of the Ag Services Board and was Chairman of the local Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Board. I am proud to count myself among the founding members and Chairman of the North 43 Lagoon Commission and a founding member on the West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission, being instrumental in getting both of these regional municipal projects off the ground floor. As my previous term on Council ended, I continued to stay engaged in the public and municipal sectors through a series of government relations and consulting services projects including contract work with Progressive Waste Management and most recently, consulting to FortisAlberta providing government relations. I have spent the last 3 years mostly dealing with the members of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMDC) and a few smaller Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) members and local groups like Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op where I sit as one of an elected 9-member board.

Volunteer

I am proud to be a long-standing volunteer within the communities of Lac Ste. Anne spending many past years on the Alberta Beach Volunteer Fire Department and with the Alberta Beach Lions Club. I have also coached baseball for over 25 years and am currently the President of the Alberta Beach & District Amateur Softball Association (ABADASA), a group that has given back to the greater Lac Ste. Anne area communities as a result of funds raised through ball and golf tournaments. Over the last 3 years, this small, community-minded group has raised and donated over $55,000 dollars which includes a $15,000 dollar donation to the Darwell Ball Diamonds just this year.

Vision for the Future

My family and I have deep roots in Lac Ste. Anne County and I would like the County to move forward in a positive direction. I recognize that being elected at the municipal level means not only working with and for the ratepayers, but also working with community groups, recreation groups, business, industry, Northern Gateway Public Schools, Provincial and Federal Governments, and all the various stakeholders that make up the County as a whole. I understand that the County is a large municipality with many diversities from one end to the other, where each needs to be dealt with accordingly and not rolled into a pan and baked. What is good for the people of Stanger and area might not be good for the people from around the Heatherdown area, or for Division 5 residents for that matter. I believe that the “tail-wagging-the-dog” at the County office is the biggest reason there is no transparency and this needs to change. I believe that in order to drive economic development, you need services, some of which a few of the County’s neighbors have (water, sewer for example). I envision the County as a collaborative region allowing it to grow as a community and a good neighbour, where families and businesses want to move to and not from.
Sangudo Celebrates
Canada’s 150 was a huge Success!

Thanks to our incredible sponsors for their support:

- Pembina Pipeline Corporation
- Sangudo & District Agricultural Society
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- Fortis • Sangudo Minor Sports • Sangudo Golden Club
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Thanks to all the energetic volunteers for making this a fabulous day!

Congratulations to our 50/50 winner, Terry McDonald, and to Jack Lewis, winner of the carved bear donated by Lloyd Giebelhaus.

Mark your calendars for “That Sangudo Thing” next year – Saturday, August 25, 2018
“MEET THE CANDIDATES”
LAC STE. ANNY COUNTY 2017 ELECTION

BIO FOR AMY THIESSEN-ROY DIVISION 5

Hi! My name is Amy Thiesen-Roy. I will be running in division 5. My family and I have lived in Lac Ste Anne County for the last 6 years. I have three children, ranging in age from preschool to high school. I have been quietly watching and listening for the last year, and recently decided to throw my hat in the ring. There is a noticeable lack of female representation in Lac Ste Anne County. Through my research, I’ve found studies are showing that diversity improves effectiveness. Having women on council means councils discuss more viewpoints. The UN recommends that women should hold 30% of elected seats for a government to reflect women’s concerns. I am hoping I can help fill that void, and encourage other women to step up as well!

Before I was a stay at home mom to my younger two, I worked in accounting. I’d like to use my love of numbers to benefit the people in our county. As a young parent I feel I have a voice that should be heard. I have a vested interest in the future of Lac Ste Anne County, I fully intend to stay here till my children are grown and beyond.

BIO FOR STEVE HOYDA DIVISION 4

Hi! My name is Steve Hoyda. I have lived, owned businesses, and have been involved community and recreation activities for over 50 years in Lac Ste. Anne County. My grandparents settled in the Cherhill area in 1927. Mike and Alice Hoyda encouraged my three brother’s and sister to be involved in hockey, ball, 4H, community events and the Legion. In 1970 I graduated from Sangudo High School and went on to receive a diploma at N.A.I.T in Administration Management.

An opportunity was given to become a shareholder in Cherhill Hotel. I helped grow our family hotels and farming operation. 1979 was a great year, I got married to Deb Johnson of Barrhead. We have three children, Stephen, Meagan and Spencer. Deb is currently employed with C&D tank truck Service. Stephen and Angela [Leach] have three children Alex 9 years, Easton 6 years and Livia 2 years. Stephen and family live in Whitecourt. He is a pipeline integrity consultant. Meagan has a U of A degree in agriculture, major in resource management and is employed with Millar Western in Whitecourt. She is passionate about slo pitch ball, as her girls ball team won Canadian National in Moncton N.B. this year. Spencer and Janelle[Blum] live in Spruce Grove. He is a Chartered Accountant working in Nisku. They have 2 girls, Ali 2 years, and Hailey 10 months.

My experiences include:
• Hospitality industry, tavern, lounge, restaurant and catering
• Farming: grain, beef, and hogs
• Manufacturing and processing – MDF plant Blue Ridge
• Oil and Gas Industry – Successful company built with my family providing 24 hour emergency service, fluid hauling, road side grass cutting, and vegetation control.

Community Service Organizations:
- Cherhill Community Association
- Cherhill Legion Branch 184

I enjoyed coaching and playing hockey and fastball in our County. Why does Steve Hoyda want to be your division 4 councillor?
- Improve communications with councillors, CEO, and administration
- Improve transparency
- Respect tax payers needs
- Building relationships
- reduce waste
- Strive for efficiency
- Increase economic and population growth

Vote for Steve Hoyda on October 16 2017.
SANGUDO TO CONTINUE CELEBRATION WITH NEW NAME

Submitted by Iris Tuftin

When Sangudo Celebrates Canada’s 150 committee met to share experiences and thoughts on its recent event of August 26th, Carol Ohler asked each member to say two words that would express his or her feelings about how the day had gone. Words like ‘awesome’, ‘successful’ and ‘fun’ were heard, but the two that brought head nods of agreement came from one of our youthful work horses, David Loughridge, when he said, ‘PERFECT DAY’.

Yes, indeed, it was! Blessed with made-to-order warm, sunny weather, folks came out from miles around to enjoy the fun-filled day. There was something for everyone: a giant parade, free burger lunch provided by Pembina Pipeline, local entertainment on the Historical Society stage, family slo-pitch, old-fashioned children’s games and games of chance, face painting, an interactive puppet show, a demonstration tractor pull with free ice-cream, a magician, a beer garden, Ukrainian dancing, a Ukrainian cultural booth with free food samples, square dancing instruction, a variety of local vendors, a beef supper served by the firemen, an equine demonstration of exceptional talent, evening musical entertainment and dancing, and topped off by a fireworks display the likes of which is not usually seen outside large city events.

As a committee we agreed this cannot be the end. This event must continue and grow. But Canada’s 151st birthday will not be worthy of celebration. So what will it be? A-ha! Plans are in the works for a gazebo-type pavilion to be erected just west of the arena near the playground. That building will be ready for use and a grand opening event by Saturday, August 25, 2018. So, folks, you can note the date on your personal device. And give it a new name – a funky, memorable new name, one that should spark the talk: THAT SANGUDO THING.

I grew up in Sangudo on the banks of the Pembina River, less than three miles from the village. All my schooling was attained here, beginning with grade one under the tutelage of the legendary Dorothy Keller. Later, I taught a grade two class across the hall from Dorothy and felt very fortunate to have my son Daren get his start in her classroom.

My husband, Nels, and I purchased our first home on the acreage across from the arena by the river where the tractor pulls now take place. But greener pastures lured us away from our home town, and now, decades later, we are back. It feels like we never left. My soul is infused with a strong sense of peace and home. Although village status has been lost, Sangudo is a strong and vibrant community, led by hard-working folks who dedicate many hours in their efforts to improve the lives of everyone in the area. I am so proud to join them.

When we were children we couldn’t wait for the May Victoria Day Weekend because that meant it was time for the Elks’ Picnic. The excitement, the sounds, the food and the fun – it all resonated for weeks after. Sangudo, you have recreated that precious memory and made it even better.

If you share a history with Sangudo, you know how to pronounce its name. No, it’s not San-goo-do, like the goo in a sticky cake batter. The first syllable can be San or Sang, but the second syllable must be “good” as in it’s a “good little town.” Yes, a good little town it most certainly is.
GRAND OPENING AND A NEW ERA FOR LSAC

Submitted by Chris Yeo- man, LSARA President

On September 13th, the County of Lac Ste Anne held its official grand opening inviting in the Public with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a BBQ. Although I did not have an opportunity to attend the actual ribbon cutting ceremony, I did have an opportunity to go on a guided tour of the new $12 million dollar facility.

As most of you know, I have not been an advocate of this building, the design, the location. I have worked with countless others to attempt to stop the County Administration and the Current council from making what I consider to be a serious misstep in the development of the County of Lac Ste Anne.

As a refresher for those not familiar with what has taken place here, I will try to summarize how we got to where we are today.

Going back roughly three years, council and administration put through a motion on proposed location of a new administration building. An advertisement in the paper, a 1/8 page ad followed by a meeting that only one ratepayer and one reporter attended. This was on no ones radar as it had not been publicized to any degree. How many of you noticed an 1/8th of a page ad?

Immediately thereafter, it was put to a vote for location with two of the seven councilors stating their objection so it was carried. This is how the building site without any real public input was determined.

Shortly thereafter, Bylaw 08-2014 was motioned. This was to borrow $7,507,042.00 and add the just over 2 million that was set aside for a new building. The result was that the Ratepayers got together, formulated a petition and forced a public vote.

This vote was only speaking to whether or not Ratepayers wanted to borrow over 7 million dollars for a new Administration building. The location could not be appealed as the deadline was not understood for appealing that aspect and it was missed. Just over 1000 people voted in that Plebiscite that resulted from the petition and the answer was no. The ratepayers did not want to be on the hook for over 7 million dollars. We wanted much more research.

Fast forward a few months and council and administration purchased a piece of land just outside of Sangudo for record dollars, $240,000 for 90 acres. In the time just prior to the plebiscite, the residents of Sangudo and area were led to believe that the building would be in Sangudo, would maybe offer a reason for the town to grow and prosper. When the land was purchased, they realized that they had been duped.

They continued even after the people had spoken. Within a few months, another borrowing bylaw was introduced 26-2015. The ask for the borrow had increased to $9,239,847, pushing the buildings cost to over 11 million. The group once again rallied and got together a petition. This time all seven divisions of the county were in unison. Over 1600 people signed the petition once again telling Administration and council that they did not wish to borrow this kind of money.

People were losing their jobs, losing their homes. Linear assessments were dropping considerably due to oil and gas shutting down facilities. The county of Lac Ste Anne alone lost over a million dollars in taxes due to these shut ins. Oil and gas sectors were hit, a severely tumbling dollar, all had impact on families in our County.

We asked for fiscal responsibility in a time of recession. What we got instead was a council and administration that was prepared to forge forward regardless of what the Ratepayers wanted. The petition was presented, accepted as sufficient and immediately the Bylaw was rescinded with a short term borrowing bylaw voted on in its place. Short term borrowing is not petitionable.

By doing this, they took away all of our rights to decide what we wanted and what we were prepared to pay for. Notice not once in any of this did we say that we did not want a new building. What we wanted was to be fiscally responsible in recession and look at options.

There was land that was GIVEN to the County that they refused. Services were already in place. The County owns many parcels of land that they could have utilized and not had to put in a fire suppression pond with a pump! This was not in the costs of the bid as it was missed even though they knew that there was not enough water pressure bringing water that far or certainly ought to have known.

Did we need a building that has dozens of offices? Did we need to have the size of this building that we are now going to be forced to pay for? With little population growth since the last census (just over 600 in 5 years) virtually no new businesses, still 1500 empty subdivided lots did we need this size of building?

Did everyone including the Beaver control officer (must have other duties) need their own office with cherry wood office furniture?

Really begs the question where the logic is in this. This county cannot grow an organization chart to fill the office space. We simply do not require it and cannot afford it. We also cannot continue to sub let work to all the companies that we currently do.

The volunteers that had already completed 2 petitions called to action once again and collected 2543 signatures from the Ratepayers. Over 50% of the voting population of the County of Lac Ste Anne asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs to conduct an inspection into the affairs of the County. They also let us down by taking just about 6 months to respond which gave the Council and Administration ample time to begin construction on THEIR new building.

The short term borrowing that created the debenture to build this building was for over 9 million dollars. Short term is 5 years or less. So how are we going to pay back that kind of money in 5 years or less?

Hmmm... council and administration would like you to believe that they can do this without any tax increases. Remember they told you that there was a zero percent increase? Well we suggest you have a really good look at your taxes this year vs last and compare them. For many their assessment went down resulting...

Hunt for GOLD...in the Classifieds
Grand Opening and a New Era for LSAC

in a decrease. Some also had a decrease due to the fact that the landfill user fees have now been introduced.

In the February 23 2017 Council Meeting and our Blog Post “County Advances Zero per cent Tax Increase 2017 or Do They,” the following caution was brought up.

“However, there could be a long-term cost to a zero tax increase this year.” Mike Primeau, the county manager, cautioned that a zero tax increase this year could make a larger tax increase in 2018 necessary.

“The fear is, if you do a zero (increase) this year, next year when we get another million less in linear (taxation), about a million less in grants, then you’re at a 10 per cent increase just to sustain yourself,” Primeau said. “If you do a small increase this year, then next year is a smaller increase than it would have been — if that happens.”

Primeau also said the county had to make it clear that municipal taxes could still change overall, as there are other items that can increase that are out of county control — INCLUDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENT.

“It’s not going to be identical to 2016. As long as you can get that out there to the public, because there’s a lot of moving parts within a tax bill,” he said.

What they have done is put in their budget that they are going to use MSI (Municipal Sustainability Initiative) Grant funds to Pay for their Building!

From the Alberta Municipal Affairs website, this explanation “This has meant communities across Alberta have been able to build and rehabilitate their roadways and bridges, water and wastewater systems, public transit facilities, and recreation and sport facilities, and address other key local priorities.”

So, yes the funds are earmarked for “THEIR” priority, not necessarily ours. You see, the County gets different amounts every year from this fund. It was first introduced in 2007. How much debt do you think the Provincial government can handle before this program ceases? Their revenues have also taken a hit in this economy. All of our eggs are now in one basket. These funds have been earmarked for the short term loan payment.

There have been other debentures since the one for the new administration building that add to the severity of this. One for the east end station (that was brought about by eroding agreements between the county and towns, villages) wild water, paving, communication towers to name but a few.

When the County published their recent communications they call “Straight Talk” with the accusation that there are rumors floating that they are looking to dispel, what they haven’t done is given you, the Ratepayer all the colors of the rainbow.

They did not tell you that there is no money for roads, for bridges, for equipment, for recreation or any other facilities as it has been allocated to the new building. Even if one half of the MSI funding was allocated, it would be too much. Grants are just that, grants. They are not guarantees.

On to the open house. What was observed in this open house and what was heard is that this new building would be paid for by 2019. The Province was thanked for 80% of the funding for the building. Straight talk? I think not. The MSI funding is indeed being utilized to pay for this building, which is government funds.

THERE IS A SHORT TERM DEBENTURE ASSOCIATED TO THIS!!!!!!

They borrowed against this grant remember? So, if you accept that the building is being paid for, 80% by the government, it would suggest that you will be just fine with no road maintenance, closure of roads because the funds are not available to repair the bridges, no money for the waste treatment facilities and on and on.

The only solution to all of this is to increase your taxes.

The visual component of this building, what did we expect? For 12 million dollars we expected grandeur, we expected a well thought out, well designed building. Instead what we saw was what they WANTED. Our tour guide stated, “There was input from just about everyone in this building what they WANTED TO SEE.” They indicated there was a group that toured different administration buildings and put together what they thought they liked and discarded what they didn’t like.

There was additionally a group at large that was part of this. When they put forward their recommendations, it must not have been what they “WANTED” to hear as they immediately disbanded them. So, you have what they “WANT” rather than what they “NEED”.

There are several offices that have furniture, but no occupant. There are hallway after hallway with an open area in the middle of the building that is windows all the way around. Can you say heat loss? What does it cost to insure such a grandeur building? The natural light is a very nice want to have, however it too should have its limits.

The walls have visible cracks that are both horizontal as well as vertically. They would like you to believe that this is normal. Cracks in the doorways at the corners. They would also like you to believe that the heaving of the floors that is still evident is normal.

None of this is normal. That is why they are in “Talks” with the contractor. It is also why the contractor has a lien of over 1.3 million dollars on your building. Am I endeared to the new building with all the structural issues I see coming, with the flat faced design that has no eaves that will force the water down the sides of the building? With a building that they have already had water issues with? This is not a generational building as it is a wood structure and has a life span. This is a generational debt.

So was I impressed with the council chambers that look like we are seating the City of Edmonton? Did I think that this was a huge waste of our tax, grant dollars? You bet I do. We are simple people in this County with very simple needs.

What we NEED is for our council and administration to act in our best interest. Be forthcoming, be vested in the communities and be present in the moment. Being present means that understanding when we need to pull the reigns in, that maybe sometimes we have to live with a little less, that we can’t have two new trucks, we can live with one.

In my opinion, current council and administration have acted in contempt of the Ratepayers, are not transparent and are not acting in our best interest.

It would behoove all of us to be very careful in our selection in the upcoming October election. We already have some major issues that the next council is going to have to work with. I don’t envy them but I would sure like to support them and work with them.

See you at the Candidate Forums Sept 26th in Darwell at 7 pm and Onoway Sept 28th at 7 pm.

CALL ANY OR ALL COUNCILLORS TO DEMAND THE ANSWERS AND MAKE SURE THEY KNOW HOW YOU FEEL - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
• Bill Hegy - Mayor, Councillor Division 2, Onoway, Alberta, Canada - Phone: (780) 284-3589
• Lorne Olsvik - Councillor Division 1, Onoway, Alberta, Canada - Phone: (780) 937-5360
• Wayne Borle - Councillor Division 3, Gunn, Alberta, Canada - Phone: (780) 967-3073
• Ross Bohnet - Councillor Division 6, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, Canada - Phone: (780) 786-4290
• Lloyd Giebelhaus - Deputy Mayor, Councillor Division 7, Sangudo, Alberta, Canada - Phone: (780) 785-2095
Young parents living in cities face difficult decisions regarding their living arrangements. The suburbs versus city debate is one many young married couples have had, and that discussion is often prompted by the arrival of children.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau suggests that more people are choosing cities over the suburbs in the 21st century. While that data indicates 53 of the 81 cities in the United States with populations exceeding a quarter million people experienced reduced growth in 2013-2014, the most recent year for which statistics are available, during that time such cities still exhibited growth well above their averages from 2000 to 2010.

There are many reasons why city life might make more sense than living in the suburbs for young married couples. Living in the city may lead to far shorter commutes for working parents, and the availability of public transportation in cities may save parents the costly expense of purchasing their own vehicles. But city life may force families to cope with cramped quarters. Even the most spacious apartments may not provide the same square footage as single-family suburban homes. Parents who are committed to city living may need to get creative in order to live comfortably in apartments.

- Actively police clutter. Few things can make apartments seem more cramped than clutter. Unsolicited mailings, old magazines and unused kitchenware are just a few of the items that can make small apartments seem even smaller. Discard junk mail the moment you walk through the door, making a daily effort to keep kitchen counters and tables, coffee tables and other areas that tend to accumulate clutter clear of clutter. Reducing clutter also makes homes safer for young children, making it easier for them to navigate a home while reducing choking hazards.

- Keep hosting duties to a minimum. Many men and women love to host friends and family, and that desire to host won’t subside simply because you live in a city. But even if you love to host, host more intimate gatherings so you are not forced to use your already limited storage space to store items, such as extra plates, utensils and drinking glasses, that you will only use every so often. Fewer guests means fewer items you need to store year-round.

- Go easy on the tots’ toys. Parents of young children know that kids’ toys take up a lot of space, and that’s space that many city dwellers simply don’t have. Rather than adding to youngsters’ toy stashes each month, explain to them that space is limited and that some older toys will have to go before new ones can be purchased. Donate old toys and let kids know their items will be given to less fortunate youngsters, as that may make kids feel better about parting ways with their toys. Set a good example by showing kids when you discard or donate older items before replacing them with new ones.

- Think vertically. Single-family home owners may not need to make much use of the vertical space in their homes, but such is not often the case with apartment dwellers. Utilizing vertical space in an apartment can be as simple as buying some shelving units or bookcases. To be safe, keep items the kids will use on lower shelves so they are not tempted to do some climbing to reach their toys or books.

Parents who choose the big city over the suburbs may need to make some sacrifices to make better use of cramped quarters.
PROTECT PIPES FROM FREEZING THIS WINTER

Freezing pipes are a concern for homeowners who live in cold climates. When temperatures dip below freezing, the risk that pipes will freeze rises. Should a pipe burst, the damage that results can be extensive and costly.

Any pipe can freeze, but those that are directly exposed to the cold are the most vulnerable. These include pipes that feed outdoor hoses, swimming pool supply lines, pipes in unheated indoor rooms (i.e., basements or garages), and any pipes that run close to the outdoors through uninsulated walls. Water expands as it freezes, and that expansion can place pressure on whatever is trying to contain it, including pipes.

To avoid serious damage, homeowners need to prepare for the arrival of colder weather and be smart about how they protect pipes.

• Drain water from swimming pools and water sprinkler supply lines prior to the onset of cold weather. Drain water before freezing temperatures arrive, and don’t forget to drain outdoor garden hoses and store them inside after watering season has come and gone.
• Close indoor water valves that feed outdoor spigots/bibs. Open the spigot outside to allow water to drain out. Keep the outside valve open so that any water that has accumulated will continue to drain and expand outward without damaging the pipe. An insulated bib dome also can help prevent frozen pipes.
• Open cabinet doors to allow heat to reach pipes inside of cabinets. Keep the doors open to spaces that may not be heated or insulated as well as other areas of the home so that heat can find its way inside. Consider wrapping these pipes with an insulating material as well, such as heat tape or pipe sleeves.
• Maintain a consistent thermostat temperature. Ensure the temperature inside your home does not drop below 55 F; otherwise, problems can arise. Use a programmable thermostat to keep the house comfortable even when you are not home. Individuals who are traveling should set the thermostat so that it will keep the home at the recommended temperature to avoid frozen pipes.
• Open one faucet. When it is very cold outside, particularly at night, let water slowly drip from one faucet to prevent freezing. Choose the sink that is furthest from where water enters the house so water is flowing through all of the pipes to reach that faucet.
• Increase insulation around where pipes enter the house. Use insulating foam to seal any drafts where pipes enter the house from the outdoors.

Frozen pipes cannot always be avoided. Therefore, it is important that everyone in the household knows how to shut off the main water valve in the event a pipe bursts. This can prevent expensive damage to a home.
BUILD A DISASTER-RESILIENT HOME

(MS) - The calamities caused by extreme weather could be better controlled with stepped-up storm prediction, better citizen preparedness and by the ongoing ingenuity of the building sector, say observers in the field of climate change.

Governments, for example, are improving public warning systems and municipal infrastructure maintenance is an ongoing priority. As a direct result of extreme wind, fire and flooding, the damage costs on both public and private buildings in North America are expected to keep tallying into the billions of dollars - but there is good news. Builders already have the technology and means to construct disaster-resilient homes.

“Now you can build a house with hurricane and tornado wind-resistance up to 250 miles per hour,” says Keven Rector at Nudura, the manufacturer of an advanced design for ICFs, insulated concrete forms. “As compared to wood, concrete walls stand up to the strongest winds and they are also far more sound-resistant, fire-resistant, and give homeowners significant energy savings and occupant health benefits as well.”

The construction system works like this: At the building site, the ICFs interlock (like Lego) to create one thick monolithic wall. The assembly is quick, creates less waste and, according to Rector, this type of insulation material can save you up to 50 percent on your energy bills.

“ICF home-building technology is solving storm security, energy costs, interior air quality, and occupant conservation priorities all at the same time,” he continues. “In addition to greater impact resilience and a fire-protection rating of up to four hours, concrete buildings are more comfortable to live in. For example, eliminated will be the uneven temperatures and drafts we’ve come to tolerate living inside wood framing. And since the walls are less prone to mold and toxins, the household air will remain reliable and easier to breathe. This rock solid envelope keeps more noise outside, requires far less energy for heating and cooling inside and, by leaving more trees in the forests, every homeowner will be making such a sound contribution to the sustainability of the planet.”

Concrete homes are visually beautiful as well, Rector points out. Choose a finish on the outside like stone, wood siding, stucco, and other aesthetic touches. And on the inside, many innovative architectural shapes like arches, bay windows, and decorative door styles can be easily designed.

“Be sure to request ICFs from your builder early in the planning stages,” he adds. “The system is well over a decade in use, but builders usually default to the standard construction methods if not asked.”
Upon reaching retirement age, new retirees may face decisions regarding their living arrangements. Some seniors may opt to stay put, while others may want to downsize their homes to save money and relieve themselves of the burdens of maintaining larger homes.

But those are not the only situations seniors find themselves in. Some seniors realize they can no longer care for themselves without assistance. In such instances, seniors may opt for assisted living facilities or choose to move in with a relative, such as a grown son or daughter. While assisted living facilities are designed to meet the needs of the elderly, young men and women welcoming seniors into their homes may need to take on some home improvement projects to ensure their homes are as safe as possible for elderly residents.

- Convert a room on the first floor into a bedroom. While this may not apply to all seniors, some men and women struggle with stairs as they age, and that can make it difficult for them to fully participate in a household. Homeowners with an extra room to spare can convert a room on the first floor of their homes into a bedroom so seniors won't have to climb up and down stairs throughout the day. That ease of accessibility to the primary floor of the house encourages seniors to be active participants in a household. If possible, choose an area that is close to a first-floor bathroom.

- Take steps to make bathrooms safer. The National Institute on Aging says that more than one in three seniors over age 65 fall each year, and 80 percent of those falls take place in the bathroom. Slippery tile floors can make it difficult for seniors to navigate bathrooms safely, and bathtubs and shower stalls present additional challenges. Install grab bars on bathroom walls and next to toilets to provide support. In addition, consider installing a shower chair or bench and removable shower nozzle in the shower or tub so seniors can sit down while they bathe and rinse without having to stand up on slippery surfaces. Make sure any mats around bathtubs and sinks are nonskid to reduce the risk of falls even further.

- Install an extra phone line or two. While kids and adults between the ages of 18 and 50 may never use the landlines in their homes, many seniors still rely on traditional telephones as their primary means of communicating with the outside world. Install extra landlines in your home, including in seniors’ bedrooms, so they can more readily access the phone should they fall and need to call for emergency help. Phones in seniors’ bedrooms may also provide some additional privacy to seniors who don’t want to carry on phone conversations in busy areas of the home, such as the kitchen or living room. Such lines may also reduce feelings of isolation.

- Prioritize accessibility when storing items. When storing groceries, books, magazines, or other items seniors are likely to use, choose locations that are accessible to seniors. Avoid storing items on the top shelf of pantries, bookcases or entertainment centers, as seniors with limited mobility may not be able to reach them.

Many seniors move in with their adult children to make their golden years safer and more enjoyable and manageable. Such a change in living arrangements may necessitate some changes on the part of homeowners so they can ensure their homes are safe for seniors.
ROOFING MATERIALS TRANSFORM THE LOOK AND FUNCTIONALITY OF A HOME

When renovating a home, homeowners may not give ample thought to the roof unless there is a leak or another sign of damage. It’s easy to forget about the roof when materials are working properly. Some people put off replacing or repairing a roof simply because of the costs of such undertakings. However, the right roof can improve the appearance of a home and provide protection against the elements, potentially preventing damage to a home’s interior as well.

Roofing materials have evolved over the years, but the most common type of roofing material is the asphalt shingle. These shingles are a relatively modern invention, with the first “asphalt prepared roofing” serving as a forerunner to asphalt shingles, appearing in the late 1800s.

Roofing materials will need to meet a particular area’s fire codes and must be able to withstand any extreme weather conditions common to the geographic region where the home is located. Certain roofing materials may be heavier than others and may require special framing. Work with an experienced roofing contractor to learn more about your available options and to shed light on any special installation or maintenance issues to consider before construction begins.

The following are just some of the roofing materials homeowners may want to consider.

• Asphalt shingles: The most popular roofing material, asphalt shingles are guaranteed for 20 to 30 years, which helps solidify this choice as a smart-value product. For some homeowners, a downside to shingles is that, because they are so popular, they’re seen everywhere. So those homeowners looking to make a unique statement with their roofing materials may want to choose a different option.

• Wood shingles and shakes: A wood roof is another possibility, but some homeowners find wood roofs require more money to install and more effort to maintain than roofs made with other materials. Wood shingles are sawn from logs and are thin, while shakes are thick, rough and formed by being split from logs.

• Clay or concrete tiles: These tiles add texture and elegance to a roof, says HGTV. Clay or concrete tiles are very durable and quite heavy, so they must be installed by a professional. These tiles can make Mediterranean-, Spanish- or mission-style houses stand out even more. Their long-lasting nature can help offset the price tag.

• Metal: Metal roofs are usually made from fully recyclable steel, aluminum or alloy, making them an eco-friendly choice. Metal roofs also reflect the sun’s rays and can be an energy-efficient option in hot climates.

• Slate: One of the longest-lasting materials available in roofing products, slate is fireproof and comes in various natural colors and shapes. Once installed, slate requires very little maintenance. However, slate can be cost-prohibitive because its delicacy and weight requires extra roofing support and professional installation.

Changing a roof means years of improved performance and an instant uplift to the look of a home.
PREVENT STAIRWAY INJURIES

Stairs are a necessity in many homes. While stairs serve a practical purpose, they also have the potential to be dangerous.

According to the National Safety Council, more than one million injuries result each year from stairway falls. Staircase and stairway accidents constitute the second leading cause of accidental injury, second only to motor vehicle accidents. Each year, there are 12,000 stairway accident deaths. The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation states that a large portion of Canadians who visit hospitals after a fall on or from stairs or steps in their homes are seniors (men and women age 65 years or older).

However, many stairway falls can be prevented with some simple planning.

• Install sturdy handrails. A common contributor to stairway falls is a failure to use handrails. Sturdy handrails can decrease fall rates. Even if a person slips, he or she may be able to prevent the fall by grabbing on to the handrails and regaining some of his or her balance.

• Rely on highlighters or friction strips. According to a study titled “Safety on stairs: Influence of a tread edge highlighter and its position,” by Richard J. Foster, fall risk may be reduced by using a highlighter positioned flush with the tread edge. This helps make stairs more visible, particularly for those with impaired vision.

• Improve lighting on staircases. Failure to see steps may contribute to falls as well. Staircases should be well lit so that residents and guests know where to step. Subtle foot-level lighting can be installed to make it easier for people who frequently use stairs at night.

• Use slip-resistant materials. Slip-resistant surface material acceptable for normal floors should work on stair treads. Loose rugs should not be placed at the top or bottom of the landing. Outdoors, rough finishes are recommended, particularly on stairs that are subject to getting wet.

• Improve step geometry. If slips and falls frequently occur on a particular staircase, consider the relationship between the rise and the run, advises the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety. The National Building Code of Canada says that, within a staircase, treads should have a uniform run and tread depth that does not vary more than 0.5 to 1 cm. Steep steps with high risers and/or short treads can increase the risk of falls.

• Clear away clutter. One easy way to prevent falls is to keep stairs free of clutter. This means removing shoes, toys and other belongings that may be left on stairs or landings. Many falls on stairs can be prevented by being mindful of certain risk factors.
STARTING A JOURNEY: WEBs OF SUPPORT

Submitted by Wanda Pederson | Onoway Junior Senior High School

On Friday September 1st, the staff from OES and OJSH got together to begin the journey of building webs of support for students. To start the day off on a healthy and socially engaging way, OJSH Cafeteria Manager Mr. Murray Galliford and Staff cooked and served a pancake breakfast to all attendees. Staff from both schools together then started a special journey: they became engaged in learning and collaboration. They received information about how they can support students now and about what will be happening in the near future to support our community members. Our webs of support for students come from the adults in the schools and greater communities they are part of. As such, we ALL need to be informed and involved and that is why OES and OJSH are only too happy to be hosting a community evening session with guest speaker Derek Peterson. Please bring your family, friends, and coworkers, to join your community at Onoway Jr./Sr. High School for a fun and informative night on Thursday, October 5th (time to be announced shortly). Information about our fabulous guest speaker is below:

Derek Peterson is the founder of Integrative Youth Development (IYD), and its common sense methodologies for impacting the lives of individual children and youth. His work has been engaging and supporting teens, families, schools, and communities for over 30 years. Derek has worked with youth in many areas of North America including extensive time in Alaska. His expertise lies in guiding collective efforts to merge young development research with the attitudes, cultures and values found within each local community, for the greatest impact and return on investment.

What people have said about Derek:

“Forget the boring lectures, textbooks, and the PowerPoint projectors, Derek will energize your crowd with basic skills that you can begin using immediately. You will never forget the balloons, the strings, and the message! Helping your community help itself—that is the message that Derek brings — no need to buy expensive ‘systems’ or ‘kits’—Derek will give you the skills and tools needed so that you can develop what you need and what is culturally competent for your community.”

“Derek Peterson is one of those rare individuals who can bring all of the stakeholders together and help them realize they have the power to make the difference in the lives of their children!”

Join us for fun, laughter, refreshments, and more! Keep your evening open on October 5th!
9 WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME

Warmer weather sends scores of golfers to their favorite courses each and every day. Golf is a challenging pastime, but a few pointers can help golfers hone their short games, long games and everything in between.

• Choose the right clubs. There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your decision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recommendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

• Anchor your feet. Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power and distance.

• Fix your alignment. Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the club-face behind the golf ball and align it with the target before you enter your stance.

• Use your torso for power. The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

• Use the wind. Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

• Become a better chipper. Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

• Keep fit. Maintaining or improving your physical strength and overall health can help your golf game. Exercise and eat right, and you will have more endurance on the links.
Submitted by Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP

Total Calls for Service Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch Detachment: 604
Total Calls for Service for the Victim Service Unit: 20
Individuals Charged: 30
Person Crimes: 53
Property Crimes: 120
Impaired Driving Complaints reported: 8
Impaired Driving Charges Laid: 2
Roadside Suspensions: 2
Motor Vehicle Collisions Attended: 42

1. September 6 – Area of Bramford Street – Theft from Vehicle, GPS and jacket stolen
2. September 7 – Area of McLaughlin Drive – Theft of Vehicle, 2015 black Honda Civic
4. September 9 – Area of McKean Way – Theft from Vehicle, wallet stolen
5. September 9 – Area of Belmont Crescent – Theft of Vehicle, 2001 white Dodge Ram

Stony Plain
10. September 6 – Area of 43 Avenue and 28 Street – Theft from Vehicle, wallet and compound bow stolen
11. September 7 – Area of 44 Avenue and 37 Street – Theft from Vehicle, radar detector, light bar, iPhone stolen
12. September 7 – Area of 42 Avenue and 50 Street – Theft

PREMIUM PROPERTY SOLD BY AUCTION 3:00PM: * 7.76 Acres w quality services * Large yard with attractive landscaping * Complimented with a Well Built 2400 sqft House featuring (large oak kitchen w/ large family dining) (shining solid oak floors throughout) (Distinguished gas fireplace in large living room) (3 Bedrooms) (3 Bathrooms) (laundry room) (large covered deck on 2 sides) (Lots of Windows) * There is an attached 3 Bay Garage * Appliances included * TAXES for 2016 were $3728 * FOR DATES OF OPEN HOUSE CONTACT Sunnyside Realty Ltd 780-674-5998 or PARSONS AUCTIONS LTD 780-674-7704. RULES OF AUCTION: (1) Property is being reserved at a starting price of $379,000. Well below appraised value, and/or previously listed value of $470,000. (2) Therefore qualify yourself with the bank of your choice for the sum you are prepared to bid. (3) $10,000 Deposit Required

GOOD YARD EQ: * Swisher XZT60 FM Mower w (279 hr), 25 hp, 60” Cut * Ariens Push Mower * JD 317 SST Garden Tractor w 48” Mower, Rototiller * H/M Garbage Incinerator * 8’ Kard Windmill * Sihl Grass Whip * Hand & Garden Tools

VERY GOOD COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL: * Safety Harness & Chains * Like New (HD Tow Straps) (Small to Large Clevises) (Beam Roller) (Snatch Blocks) (Chains) * Truck S/In Hitches * Clean Up Rags * H/D Wood Blocking * Good Tidy Tanks w 12 V Pumps (774L) (850L) (2 @ 440L) * 4x8x7 Hi Metal Shelving * Banding Machine & Banding * 4x2x2 Metal Job Box * New Wrenchet Straps * Chains and New Wrenchet Boomers * Chain Hoist * New Auto Trip Gas Nozzles * Oils, Grease, Tarps * 10 Ins Tarps

QUALITY SHOP AND CONSTRUCTION TOOLS: * 2 Paslode Nailers * Bostitch Nailier


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Saturday Afternoon, October 14th at 1:00P.M.
RCMP Beats
from Vehicle, backpack stolen

Rural
13. September 4 – Area of Township Road 560 and Range Road 32 – Theft of ATV, 2006 red Honda TRX400
14. September 8 – Area of 13 Avenue and 10 Street, Wabamun – Theft of ATV’s, 1995 red Honda TRX400, 2005 red Honda TRX400

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove
RCMP remind you not to make it easy for thieves. Thefts from Vehicles is mainly a crime of opportunity. Ensure all vehicle windows are closed, doors are locked, and anything of value removed or hidden from sight.

The Spruce Grove / Stony Plain Drug Section Information Tip Line is 780-968-7212. Anyone with drug information is asked to call and leave a message.

If you have information regarding any of these crimes, or any other crime, please call the RCMP At 780-962-2222 or 780-968-7267. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or text the keyword TIP205 (TIP250 for Edmonton Metro) & your Tip to CRIMES (274637).

October 1st Auction
FOR: DEBBIE REDDEMAN 305-4232
Located: From Westlock Inn – 14 mi S on Hwy 44 to Hwy 651 (Busby Turnoff) then 16 ¾ W to Tozer Subdivision. From Barrhead Ford – 10 mi S on Hwy 33 to Hwy 651 (Busby Turnoff) then 5 E to Connie May Store, then another 1 ¼ E to Tozer Subdivision

Sunday Afternoon, October 1st at 1:00 P.M.

ACREAGE FOR SALE BY AUCTION AT 3 P.M.: * 6.08 Acres w Services, landscaping, open pasture area * 1380 sq ft 2 Storey Manufactured Log Home w full basement * Taxes $2263 * Present List Price $250,000 * Now Selling by Auction with the starting bid of $169,999 * Therefore get your personal pre-approval for the amount you are willing to bid. For further information Contact Charles Parsons 780-674-7704

HOLIDAY TRAILER AND RECREATION: * 2008 Wildwood 29’ G/N Holiday Trailer (Used Very Little) * Minkota 12 V O/B * Fishing Tackle, down riggers, life jackets * Gazebo * Boat Rack for 8ft


LOTS OF ANTIQUES AND UNIQUES: * McCormick Cream Separator * Metal Wheels * Cream Can * 2 Cast Iron Roosters * 3 Gal Crock * Coal Skuttle, Wood Fire Holder * Antique Furniture – Bench, half moon table, dresser, table, more * VINTAGE – Floor Stereo w record, cassette, 8 track, Cabinet Stereo, 3 Dressers * COLLECTABLES – Mirror, Spoon Rack, Horse Collar, Pictures, Cast & Metal Bed Frames, Bottles, Ornaments, Dishware, Vases * PLUS – China Cabinet and Hutch, Oak Table w leaf, 4 Chairs, Book Rack, Galvanized Pails/Rnd Tub/Tub Planters, 3 Wood Benches, Metal Stackable Shelves * Appx 100 LP’s * Boxes Cassettes * Antique Bike

YARD ITEMS: * 10’ x 6’ Utility Trailer * Power Pro 30’ Snow Blower * Turf Power Rototiller * Garden Tools * Dog Kennel & Items

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RCMP have charged four individuals with a total of 91 offences following a complaint at a local hotel.

On August 11, Edmonton International Airport RCMP were called to a report of a credit card fraud in progress at an airport hotel. Officers attended and arrested four people involved in the offence. A subsequent search of the suspects’ vehicles resulted in seizure of stolen credit cards, identifications, computers and mail.

“Property has been recovered from thefts in Sylvan Lake, Stettler, Red Deer and Camrose,” says Constable Drew Burchett, Edmonton International Airport Detachment. “We are pleased to be able to bring some closure to those investigations.”

Charged with 70 counts of theft and property offences is Chance MURANAKA, 44 of Sylvan Lake.

Charged with 14 counts of theft, property and drug offences is Travis MURANAKA, 40 of Sylvan Lake.

Charged with 7 counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime is Melissa BOWIE, 27 of Sylvan.

Travis and Chance MURANAKA have been remanded into custody and are scheduled to make their next court appearance on September 14, 2017. BOWIE was released on a recognizance and is scheduled to appear on September 14, 2017 in Leduc Provincial Court. A fourth person was released without charges.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information on these crimes is asked to contact the Edmonton International Airport detachment at 780-980-7200. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com. You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if you provide information to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest(s), the recovery of stolen property, and/or a seizure of illicit drugs, you may be eligible for a cash reward.
SEPTEMBER 22ND AUCTION
FOR: RETIRING SENIORS
Located: Barrhead Rodeo Grounds

Friday Evening, September 22nd at 5:00 P.M.


RECREATION: * 2006 Arctic Cat 650 Quad w (1800km), winch * CAN AM 500 HO, winch, EF * 22’ HOLIDAY TRAILER - 1991 Vanguard, 5th Wheel, Tandem, Good Condition

YARD GOODS: * Toro Lawn Mower * Weed Eaters, Hedge Trimmers

GOOD HOUSEHOLD: * Bond Knitting Machine * Good Kitchenware, Cooking and Dining * Good (Queen Bed Suite) (Double Bed Suite) * 2 Beige Recliners * Water Cooler * Lots of Misc

FARMING and ACREAGE: * 1989 Ford 8000 Truck w gas, 16’ Steel Box, Tarp, Red, Good * 3 POINT (5’ Agrator Rotatiller w new bearings) * 5’ Kverneland Finish Mower

GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL: * 1988 MACK CS 300 P Tanker Truck * 2 Sets of Wobbly Wheel Packers * 1 Set Sheep Foot Packers * Home Made Metal Chop Saw * 2001 Ford F-250, 8’ box, auto, single cab

SPECIALTY ITEMS: * 2014 B&S P2000 Inverter/Generator * 2012 Goose Neck Ball Hitch for In Frame Ball Hitch w 30,000lb/7500lb Torque, hidden/removable box style * 11,000 BTU Rooftop Domestic/RV A/C


HORSE EQ: * New 16 Panel Rnd Pen w Gate, plus 8-10’ Panels

SUCKER ROD: * 65 @ 1” * 200 @ 3/4

PLEASE NOTE: Many more items coming to this sale. Watch our website www.parsonsauctions.com

SEPTEMBER 24TH AUCTION
FOR: JEAN TOMM (674-2717) & ESTATE OF OSCAR TOMM
Located: From Barrhead Ford – 4 mi S on Hwy 33 then 2 1/4 W on Twp 590

Sunday Afternoon, September 24th at 1:00 P.M.

PIONEER and COLLECTABLE EQ: * Massey Harris and Advance Rumely Thresh Machine * PIONEER TRACTORS (Cockshutt Hart Parr w/ rear lugs)(Hart Parr on Steel)(MMR)(McCormick IH Farmall w/ pulley)* 1958 Mercury 100 Truck w/ 3 on Tree * Domo Hi/C Cream Separator * 6 Cream Cans * 2 Surge Pails w/ Vac Tank * Elco Separator * Renfrew Royal Wood Cook Store * Booker Heater * Forge & Blower * Cruiser and 40 x 6” Belt * Buzz Saw * Bee Hives * Wood Boxes * Sad Irons * Sealers * 1958 Calendar * 1926 Natl/Geographic * Coal Pail * Crock * Wash Board * Cow Bells * Scythe "butter press " * Wringer Washer * Cans * Chicken Crates & Plucker * Pea Sheller * Ski-Doo Tundra Snowmobile * 1959 GMC 1 Ton w/ duals, hoist, good 12’ Sawd * Stationary Motors (J/Dv2FlyW) (FB Morse)

FARM and YARD MACHINERY: * CASE 1690 Tractor w/ 3 pt, 18.4 x 34, EZEE On 90 Loader, bucket, forks * CASE 930 Tractor w/ 23.1 – 30 Tires * Trailing pto Rototiller on Trains * 4 x 16 Melrose Plow w/ spring trip * 12’ IH dt Cult * 14’ IHC VS Cult * 3 CF Packers * D Harrows * RT Wagon w/ Metal Grain Hopper * 12’x8’x2’ Hi Wood Box on Trailer * 10’ Case Disc on trans * 12’ Drag Disc * 14” pto hammermill * Tractor Tire Chains * PTO Manure Spreader * Grain Tester


SHOP and WOOD TOOLS: * OXY PRO Acetylene Unit w/ 2 Tanks * Air Comp * Comet Welder * Drill Press * Hand Tools * WOOD WORK TOOLS – Wood Lathe, Band Saw, 2 Table Saws, Mitre & Scroll Saws, Router & Bits, Wood Clamps, More * Lumber (Drop Siding)(3x6/2x8/2x10/2x12) * Scrap Metal * Oak Plywood


RIFLES: * Browning Safari 270 w B&L 2.5 – 10×40 Scope * Ruger M77 243 w B&L 3X-9X, 32 Scope * Noble 12 ga P/A w multichoke

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Estate of Ken Richey

Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10:00AM

Directions: Wendel Estate, County of Parkland, AB. From Hwy 16, Yellowhead Hwy West—go 1/2 km North on range road 20 to subdivision & follow Rainbow auction signs to lot 3 B.

Complete Estate Sale including real estate. High end lawn and garden equipment chattels, plus complete household.

Real Estate: Legal description is 53213 Range Road 20. Lot 3 B Wendel Heights Subdivision. Conditions on the Real Estate Sale Only: *Deposit (Lesser of 10% or $10,000 down) to be paid on the day of the sale and the balance due within 10 days. *No subject-to anything will be accepted. The Real Estate transaction will be handled by Arlie Jesperson (Realty Executives, Spruce Grove, AB) Phone: 780-916-2333

Special Interest • Beautiful 10 acreage parcel c/w home, shop and 2 car garage - beautifully landscaped. Real Estate to be sold by auction, and handled by Arlie Jesperson of Realty Executives, Spruce Grove Cars, Trucks, RV’s, & Trailers: • 2000 GMC, Sierra 15/2 ton truck • Aluminum trailer • Flat deck Utility trailer • Honda Fourirex • Truck sleeper Building Equipment & Tools: • Landscape Bricks • Landscape Lathe • Rockwell/Beaver lathe • Craftsman Radial Arm Cut saw • Radial arm table saw • Table saw Garden Equipment & Tools: • Kubota tractor B1502 07 - 642 hrs c/w VTBK3 - HD Loader • Roto tiller for the Kubota Tractor • John Deere 4445 Garden Tractor • John Deere snow blade • John Deere Z445 lawn mower • John Deere lawn mower attachment • Agrator rotor tiller • Jari- self propelled sickle mower • Roto tiller (gas) • Snow blower • weed/kerminal spreader Shop Equipment & Tools: • Acetylene outfit c/w cables • Dayton propane heater • Industrial chargers • Bench grinders • Hand & power tools in cases Other: • Biocylces • Amazio electric kiln • Many more items too numerous to mention

Auctioneer’s Note: Under instruction from the Executors we will be selling all the chattels, vehicles, lawn and garden equipment as well as all furniture from the home as the property is being sold as well. All merchandise is in excellent condition, so don’t miss this Sale!

Upcoming Sales:

Thursday, September 28 & 29, 2017

Estate Liquidation & Auction for Edward Donald

St Albert Inn, 159 st St Albert Trail, St. Albert, AB

Highlights: Auction Sale of high end collectibles from the Estate of a high end collector! Merchandise from all over the world! 

Note: both days are both Liquidation and Auction

Liquidation starts at 10:00AM | Live Auction starting at 6:00PM

Liquidation will continue throughout the auction in case of no progress.

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10:00AM

Rainbow’s Annual Harvest Consignment Sale

Thursday, October 26, 2017 @ 6:00PM - Moving 4:00PM till sale time

Collector Coins & Artifacts from 3 Estates

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Classified Policy

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Cherhill Community, Taryn 305-9022

Darwell Hall, 780-721-2690.

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Lake Isle Hall, 892-2998.

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