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## September 7, 2021

### ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Dinner Reservations  
PLEASE RESERVE ahead of time if you're planning to come to a Friday dinner.

If your plans change, you can always cancel so someone else can take your spot. Without a reservation, you may be asked to wait until everyone who did reserve is served before you can

eat. On occasion, there have been so many walk-ins that the volunteers (who eat last) have been the ones going hungry.

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### ATB RECOGNIZES BIRTHDAY OF ONOWAY PIONEER

Submitted by Alberta Treasury Branch

There were balloons, cupcakes and a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" when the staff at Alberta Treasury Branch and some members of the public

shared a special day with a long-time resident of Onoway and district - Ruth Schultz.

Ruth recently celebrated her 99th birthday and a small gathering acknowledged the special occasion. Ruth, who still lives in her

own home, added to the festivities by reciting by memory a poem "The Coveted Grapes". Mrs. Schultz, who has recited poems from memory at other functions, recently published a book

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### AHS POSTPONES SCHEDULED SURGERIES DUE TO COVID-19

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

The rise in COVID-19 cases in the community and the resulting de-

mand on hospital resources means AHS must take further immediate steps to create additional ICU capacity.

AHS is postponing scheduled surger-

ies and procedures across all zones. All patients who are affected will be contacted directly by AHS.

In the North Zone, surgi-

cal postponements of up to 60 per cent are expected next week.

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4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail North,  
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### AGES

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(for students currently enrolled in  
Onoway Elementary School)

### TIME

6:30 am – 6:30 pm

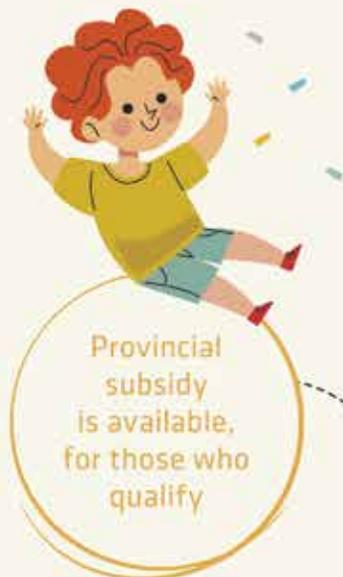
### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Toll-free:** 1.866.880.5722

**P:** 780.785.3411

**E:** [recreationFCSS@LSAC.ca](mailto:recreationFCSS@LSAC.ca)

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## Mayerthorpe Family Dayhomes

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Lisa Fundak:** 780.786.2654

**E:** [lisa\\_gylander@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_gylander@hotmail.com)

## The MAD House Daycare & Out-of-School Care (Licence Pending)

### LOCATION

5459 Lac Ste Anne Trail, Onoway

### AGES

12 months to 12 years

### TIME

6am – 6pm

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Krystal:** 780.884.9804

**Jody:** 780.886.4851

**E:** [themadhouseonoway@gmail.com](mailto:themadhouseonoway@gmail.com)

**FB:** The MAD House Onoway

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## Rural Family Day Homes

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

**P:** 780.967.4242

**E:** [rfdh@live.com](mailto:rfdh@live.com)

## Little Village Daycare (Licence Pending)

### LOCATION

5113 Lac Ste. Anne Trail South,  
Onoway

### AGES

2 to 10 years

### TIME

7 am – 6 pm  
(Full/Part Time & OSC)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**P:** 780.907.4019

**E:** [admin@littlevillagedaycare.ca](mailto:admin@littlevillagedaycare.ca)



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# ATB Recognizes Birthday Of Onoway Pioneer

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of the many poems she has memorized.

From Memory which includes 322 handwritten poems. The book is a small part of her legacy to encourage those along the way that one day, "I will meet them all in heaven".

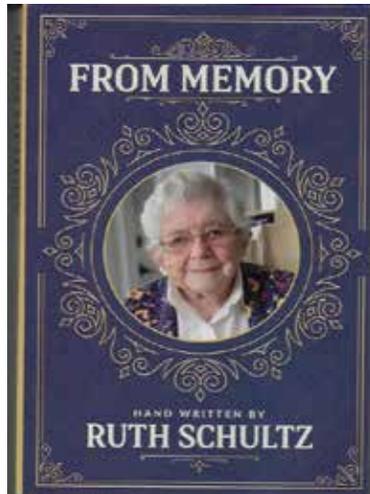
As Ruth thanked everyone in attendance, she left us with this thought: "How I got this old, I don't know."

Happy Birthday, Ruth, and many more!

Captions for photos

ATB staff congratulate Ruth Schultz on her 99th birthday.

Ruth Schultz reciting one



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**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS**

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or [devassistant@LSAC.ca](mailto:devassistant@LSAC.ca), Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
21-D0255	Lot 61, Block 4, Plan 0121251 Lakeview Place within RL21-26-54-03 W5M	Detached Shop 30.0' x 38.0' (1140 sq. ft) 11.0' walls, Front Variance Regulations 10.0 m, Requested 9.14 m, Variance 0.86 m	Sept. 20, 2021

Anyone who claims to be affected, and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments, must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.



# WHITCOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Council has approved a request to close a portion of 35 Street on August 28, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a car show and motorcycle show and shine event. The event, hosted by Ralcomm and Balon Corporation in support of the Whitecourt Cancer and Wellness Society, will include food vendors and door prizes.

The Town of Whitecourt is preparing for the 2022 budget, and has set timelines for the months of September, October and November.

- The 2022 Budget Public Input Session will be held September 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Special Meetings of Council are scheduled for September 28, 2021 and October 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Whitecourt has been selected as a community host as part of the 2021 Inventions Outbound Event. The 3-day conference is hosted by Alberta Innovates and is designed to provide learning and networking opportunities for businesses, community leaders, economic developers and organizations on a variety of topics. The event will be

live-streamed at the Whitecourt Golf & Country Club September 22-24, 2021.

Ownership of the Whitecourt Wolverines, as announced on July 27, 2021, has transferred to Craig Kibblewhite and Jason Fischer. With the change in ownership, Council has approved entering into new agreements with the new owners pertaining to the

Wolverine Dressing Room Renovation Agreement and Arena Use Agreement.

Council members will be attending the 2021 Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Convention and education session November 15-19, 2021.

Council members will be attending the Munis 101 – The Essentials of Municipal Government session, host-

ed by Alberta Municipal Affairs, on November 4 and 5 in Whitecourt.

Council has scheduled a Special Meeting for August 30 at 3:30 p.m. to discuss Intermunicipal Agreements. The majority of the meeting will be held in Closed Session, and is scheduled to take place at the Town Office.



LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY**  
Local Authorities Election Act  
(Section 26)

**LOCAL JURISDICTION: LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

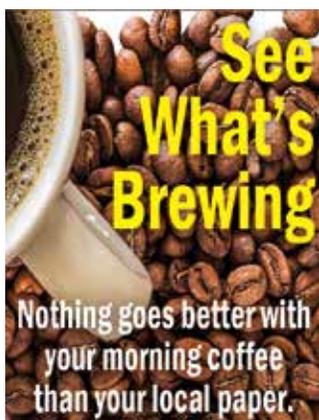
Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is **September 20, 2021** and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Electoral Division Number
Councillor	1	Division 1
Councillor	1	Division 2
Councillor	1	Division 3
Councillor	1	Division 4
Councillor	1	Division 5
Councillor	1	Division 6
Councillor	1	Division 7

Location (Address) of the Local Jurisdiction Office:  
56521 Range Road 65, Sangudo, Alberta T0E 2A0

DATED at Lac St. Anne County, in the Province of Alberta, this 1st day of September, 2021.

  
 (Returning Officer)



# ST. ALBERT RCMP CHARGE MALE WITH ROBBERY

Submitted by St. Albert RCMP

On January 28, 2021 @ approximately 7:15 a.m. St. Albert RCMP responded to a Break & Enter in progress in Deer Ridge subdivision, where a home owner discovered an unknown

male in their garage rifling through the cabinets. The male suspect saw the home owner, approached and threatened them with a wood saw, demanded their car keys. The male fled the scene in the home owner's vehicle.

Through an extensive in-

vestigation, utilizing RCMP Forensic Identification Services, RCMP Digital Forensic Services, St. Albert General Investigation Section, St. Albert General Duty and in collaboration with Edmonton Police Service, the male suspect was identified. Bo Brandon Blackwood (26) of Spruce Grove, Alta.

was charged with Robbery While Armed with an Offensive Weapon. Bo Blackwood is in custody and scheduled to appear in St. Albert Provincial Court on August 30, 2021.

**NEW**

MLA Shane Getson, Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland will be at our new Satellite Office at Peter Trynchy Airport on September 17th, 2021

Please contact the office for an appointment and future dates!

**Constituency Office:**  
#18, 4708  
Lac Ste. Anne Trail North  
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**Form 3**  
**Notice of Nomination Day**  
**Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)**

LOCAL JURISDICTION: NORTHERN GATEWAY SCHOOL DIVISION, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is September 20, 2021 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at any location set out below within the period beginning on January 1, 2021 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision 1
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision 2
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision 3
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 1, Electoral Subdivision 4
School Board Trustee	2	Ward 2
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision 1
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision 2
School Board Trustee	1	Ward 3, Electoral Subdivision 3

**Nomination Acceptance Locations:**

Division Office, 4816 - 49 Ave, Whitecourt, AB

Hillside High School, 4701 - 52 Ave, Valleyview, AB

Fox Creek School, 501 - 8th Street, Fox Creek, AB

Elmer Elson Elementary School, 4215 - 46 Ave, Mayerthorpe, AB

Onoway Elementary School, 5108 Lac Ste. Anne Trail North, Onoway, AB

DATED at the Town of Whitecourt, in the Province of Alberta,  
 this 30 day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Gramatovich", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Gramatovich  
 Returning Officer

# ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE PROGRESSING THROUGHOUT TOWN

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Crews have been out in force over the last couple of weeks, and local road and infrastructure construction projects are continuing to progress.

With the 2021/2022 school year starting this week, higher traffic volumes throughout the community are expected. Community members should be aware that there may be traffic delays due to construction, in particular along Dahl Drive, and are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible.

Dahl Drive Improvement Program The outside lanes continue to be closed along Dahl Drive, and we ask that motorists continue to drive with caution in the area. This is the biggest road construction project undertaken in our community this year, and we realize this project has had an impact on our residents. The Town of Whitecourt appreciates your understanding and patience as we work to complete this project.

- Preparation of gravel base

and lane widening underneath the new curb is now complete, and new catch basins have been installed.

- Following concrete curbs pouring, milling of the existing pavement surface and overlay of new asphalt will commence. Line painting and traffic lights re-signaling are scheduled as the last phase of the project.

The Town was awarded \$1,212,940 through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) to complete improvements to Dahl Drive. The project will improve the road structure, increasing its strength and longevity; and will also address drainage and erosion control issues, which will reduce maintenance and repair costs in the long term, and make the road safer in wet and icy conditions.

2021 Street Improvement Program

As part of the 2021 Street Improvement Program, Knelsen Sand and Gravel has been hard at work at various locations around town. Major paving locations for the project include:

1. 47 Street, from Graham Road to 25m north of Harold's Hollow

2. Noyes Crescent (cul de sac)
3. Atkinson Crescent
4. 39 Street (entrance to Rivervalley Estates)
5. Baxter Crescent and Feero Drive
6. 47 Street, from Sunset Boulevard to 135m north of Sunset Boulevard
7. 42 Avenue, from Highway 43 to Kepler Street
8. Blueberry Drive, from Park Drive to end
9. 33 Street and Caxton Street

Asphalt milling is complete in all major paving areas, and concrete removals are underway. Crews may also be working at various other locations for smaller asphalt and concrete patching; please use caution in construction areas and around workers. Concrete removals are scheduled for completion on September 7 and concrete forming and pouring shall begin on September 8, weather permitting.

Residents should be aware that there may be travel delays in the areas listed above, and are encouraged to use alternate routes when possible. Roads will remain open to traffic, and motorists are asked to

obey all posted speed limits, and parking restrictions.

Further information on paving will be provided to the public as the schedule becomes available.

Blue Ridge Road As part of a new initiative to get the most out of roadworks projects, millings from both the Dahl Drive Improvement Program and the 2021 Street Improvement Program will be repurposed to improve the road surface of Blue Ridge Road. Application of millings on gravel roads creates a smoother, more compact driving surface and helps to reduce dust. Over 1,000 tonnes of millings from the Street Improvement Program have been applied to the roadway to date, and additional millings from Dahl Drive are scheduled to be placed in late September. Blue Ridge Road will remain open to traffic during this time, though the public is asked to use caution when travelling through the area.

## RCMP HISTORICAL HOMICIDE UNIT SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF STEPHANIE STEWART

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Hinton, Alta. – Today marks 15-years since the disappearance of Stephanie Stewart, while working at a wildfire lookout tower, where she was monitoring for potential wildfires near Hinton, Alta. When she didn't respond to a morning radio check-in on Aug. 26, 2006, coworkers

contacted police to report her missing. Initially first responders thought Stephanie may have been a victim of a predatory animal attack. A conservation officer with Alberta Fish and Wildlife, also an expert in animal attacks, attended the scene and searched for some tell tale signs of an animal attack, such as animal hair, prints and scat. An animal attack was quickly

ruled out. Major Crime and Forensic Investigators examined the scene and determined Stephanie's disappearance was suspicious.

Alberta RCMP's Historical Homicide Unit (HHU) remains dedicated to this ongoing police investigation into Stephanie's disappearance. Alberta RCMP resources continue working in partnership with Alberta Agriculture and Forest-

ry and civilian search and rescue teams in hopes of locating Stephanie and other missing persons. Investigators have nothing further to report at this time, however, RCMP believe there are people who know what happened to Stephanie and would like to speak with them.

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# *fall* HOME RENO GUIDE





## ADD CURB APPEAL TO YOUR PROPERTY

Many people are familiar with the idea that a strong first impression can go a long way. While that idea is most often referenced in regard to personal interactions, it's also applicable to real estate.

When selling a home, homeowners who emphasize curb appeal may find it far easier to sell their homes. Curb appeal refers to the impression a home's exterior makes on people seeing the home for the first time. In 2014, the online real estate database Zillow® surveyed real estate agents and

found that curb appeal was one of the five most important factors when selling a home.

Projects that improve curb appeal can be vast undertakings or simpler projects, and the following are a handful of projects to improve a home's curb appeal that run the gamut from simple to complex.

- Clean up the yard. Cleaning up the yard is among the simpler yet most effective projects to improve a home's curb appeal. When selling their homes, homeowners

should clear the yard of any clutter, including kids' toys, grass clippings or items that might be scattered throughout the yard. A cluttered yard suggests homeowners do not care much about their home's appearance, and that may lead buyers to think that indifference extended to maintaining the home's interior as well. Many buyers will ignore properties without any external aesthetic appeal, but cleaning up the yard does not require much effort or expense on the part of sellers.

- Make the main entryway more inviting. Creating a more inviting entryway won't be as simple as cleaning up the yard, but it can help create a strong first impression without breaking the bank. To begin, remove plants and furniture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, as such items can create a cluttered feel. If the front door is old, replace it. Custom doors may be expensive, but they might add the wow factor buyers are looking for.

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## Add Curb Appeal To Your Property

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If a new door is beyond your means or just unnecessary, repaint the door, ideally in a color that complements the color of your home and the surrounding landscape.

Address pavement problems. Paving problems are not necessarily an expensive fix, but the cost of repairing driveways and walkways can add up if it's been awhile since these areas were refurbished. Still, one of the first things buyers will

notice when getting out of their cars is the ground they're walking on, so patch and repair or even replace driveways and walkways that have fallen into disrepair.

Add or upgrade outdoor living spaces. Outdoor living spaces also can set a property apart from others on the market. A recent study from the National Association of Realtors found that buyers would not hesitate to pay asking price for homes with outdoor living spaces. When adding or upgrading outdoor

living spaces, try to de-personalize the spaces as much as possible, as buyers want to picture themselves, and not the sellers, enjoying these areas. Include some comfortable furniture, adequate lighting and a dining area in your outdoor living space as well.

Curb appeal can add a lot to a home, while lack of such appeal can make a home difficult to sell. Homeowners who want to sell their properties for asking price or more should address curb appeal before putting their

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## CREATIVE WAYS TO RECYCLE LEAVES

Leaves cascading down from trees indicate the arrival of autumn. However, colorful and awe-inspiring autumn leaves can be a hazard if left to lie on the ground too long.

Fallen leaves form a dense insulator to protect trees' roots and prevent competing plants from growing. Decomposing leaves also provide nutrients for the tree. But wet leaves can be a safety hazard and leaves left on the lawn through the winter can pose a threat to the grass. These are just a couple of reasons

why so much effort is placed on leaf clean-up in the fall. The following are some creative ways to recycle leaves that fall from your trees in the weeks to come.

- **Mulch:** Shredded leaves can make for a great amendment to fertilizer for garden beds and even the lawn. Leaves lying on the grass can be mulched into small pieces with a mulching mower so they don't choke the blades of grass. Leaves also can be broken down with a string trimmer, a leaf blower that has a vacuum

function or a commercial shredder/chipper. Add the shredded leaves to a compost pile or use them to fill container plants before adding regular potting soil.

- **Insulation:** Collect leaves to mound over delicate perennial plants and shrubs. The leaves will add more warmth to the soil and may help plants make it through harsh winters. Just remove the leaves slowly when spring arrives so that the soil underneath can get the sunlight and water it needs to thrive. Leave some

leaves in the yard so that animals can use them as nesting material and line their dens for the winter.

- **Stuffing:** Create whimsical scarecrows as part of your autumn decoration scheme. Gather older clothes that you no longer use and stuff the sleeves of shirts and the legs of pants with leaves, which are less expensive and easier to come by than straw. Use a few pieces of straw around the neck and hand areas of the scarecrow for visual effect.

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## Creative Ways To Recycle Leaves

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· **Bedding:** Chicken owners can use fallen leaves as bedding in their chicken coops. Dry leaves also may create more comfortable and drier conditions for goats and other livestock. Goats may look to recently fallen leaves as a nutritious food source. Gather the leaves and let the goats munch before you further rake and compost the leaves.

· **Decorations:** Natu-

ral leaves can be used as decorations both inside and outside a home. String freshly fallen leaves together and wrap them around a grapevine wreath for a rustic door decoration. Leaves can be placed in clear vases and put on display for a cheap way to showcase some autumn color. Preserve favorite leaves with a lamination machine or by sealing them between heated sheets of waxed paper. Cut out the leaf shapes and use for hanging window decorations.

· **Recreation:** Leaves have

long been favorite toys for children, who eagerly await jumping into large piles of fallen leaves. Fill paper bags with leaves and draw a target on the front. Let kids test their skill aiming for the targets. Children can camouflage their clothing with leaves and masking tape and have a more intense session of "hide and seek."

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# RMA RELEASES ITS FEDERAL ELECTION PLATFORM

Submitted by Rural Municipalities of Alberta

In response to the upcoming federal election on September 20, 2021, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) has released its Federal Election Platform (attached). As RMA represents Alberta's rural municipalities, the platform includes recommendations in the following four key rural municipal priority areas:

Rural broadband

Disaster mitigation and recovery

Infrastructure

Drought recovery

RMA is requesting all Alberta Member of Parliament candidates to pledge action on RMA's recommendations in each category.

Rural Alberta continues to lag behind the province's towns and cities in access to broadband. As connectivity becomes increasingly important for economic development, maintaining local businesses, and participating in the digital economy, federal support of rural broadband is now more important than ever. RMA is calling on federal candidates to commit to ensuring that the funding already available under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) is allocated to rural areas in Alberta that truly need the support, rather than those which may be most profitable for internet service providers.

"The Universal Broadband Fund could be a game-changer for rural communities across Alberta and Canada. However, the federal government must ensure the funding goes to projects in areas that are most underserved. Pre-

vious federal broadband funding programs tended to focus on the 'low-hanging fruit' – projects in areas that already had decent connectivity and were more profitable for internet service providers, while the most isolated areas were left behind. Candidates for this year's election will have a chance to ensure this most recent round of funding is used to truly level the connectivity playing field between rural and urban communities." – Paul McLauchlin, RMA President

Natural disasters and extreme weather have become more severe in Alberta. When climate related disasters strike, local governments are the first to respond and their services and infrastructure are increasingly being affected by these events, with each region experiencing impacts differently. RMA is calling on federal candidates to continue to empower local leaders with the right tools to adapt to climate change and protect families and businesses from new weather extremes.

"The RMA appreciates that the Government of Canada provided \$1.4 billion over 12 years to top off the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund in Budget 2021. It is critical that this funding is not distributed strictly on a per capita basis, but that it considers high risk areas as well as communities that may lack the capacity to effectively implement mitigation strategies," McLauchlin said. "Candidates in this year's election will have an opportunity to ensure that this funding will be used to empower local leaders to protect their communities from climate change."

Rural municipalities manage approximately 75% of roads and 60% of bridges in Alberta. This critical infrastructure helps Alberta's and Canada's economy grow by providing the oil, gas, forestry, and agriculture industries with access to the natural resources that they depend on. As Alberta and Canada plan for post-COVID-19 recovery, RMA is calling for all federal candidates to recognize and support the important role that rural infrastructure plays in supporting Canada's economy and community growth.

McLauchlin said, "Proper investment in Alberta's rural municipal transportation networks benefits not only local communities, but also Alberta and Canada. Despite the outsized role that Alberta's rural municipal infrastructure plays in supporting Canada's economy, recent federal infrastructure programs treat rural infrastructure as an afterthought, with small portions of funding available for general rural support, and most funding reserved for projects only feasible in large urban centres. Candidates in this year's election have the chance to recognize rural infrastructure needs as unique by ensuring that future funding aligns with the capacity and geographic realities of rural areas rather than only tailoring programs to major projects in large cities."

The agriculture industry in the Prairies have been severely affected by drought conditions, sustained high temperatures, and wildfires. This has resulted in reduced yields for crop producers and a lack of feed for livestock producers. Agricul-

ture is a vital industry in Alberta as it sustains many rural communities, and its products provide benefits across Canada. As extreme weather events are becoming more frequent in the Prairies, the RMA is calling on federal candidates to engage with the agricultural industry to create tools and resources that will help lessen the impact on these events in the future.

"Summer 2021 has been a challenge for farmers and agriculture producers across the Prairies due to severe drought conditions. To date, 31 rural municipalities across Alberta have declared agricultural disasters as the extreme weather has caused projected crop yields to drop by as much as 75% in some regions," said McLauchlin. "Agriculture is a vital industry in Alberta and across Canada, and it is important that we support farmers and producers during these challenging times. Candidates running in this year's election have the opportunity to show their support for farmers and producers by continuing to work together to create tools and resources that have the potential to lessen the impact of extreme weather events in the future."

RMA looks forward to engaging with federal election candidates on these priority issues.

# AHS Postpones Scheduled Surgeries Due To COVID-19

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- In the Edmonton Zone, postponements of scheduled surgeries and procedures will increase to up to 50 percent.

- Central Zone will be postponing up to 40 percent of endoscopy procedures and up to 30 per cent of scheduled surgeries.

- Calgary Zone and South Zone are postponing up to 30 percent of scheduled surgeries, endoscopy and outpatient visits.

AHS will maintain urgent and emergent procedures,

as well as prioritized cancer surgeries.

AHS is working to open and staff additional acute care and ICU beds across the province as quickly as possible.

Calgary Zone is opening five beds in the Pandemic Response Unit (PRU) located at South Health Campus to be used for day medicine patients, not patients with COVID-19. The day medicine spaces in SHC will be used for general inpatients.

Edmonton Zone is also preparing the PRU at the Kaye Edmonton Clinic to potentially open in the next few weeks. Patients who are recovering from COVID-19

and are deemed to be at low risk of transmitting the virus would be treated at the PRU if that additional capacity is required.

These surgical postponements will help free up space in our hospitals for patients who need a higher level of care, and support redeployment of frontline staff and resources to areas of greatest need. AHS is also asking all part-time and casual staff who are available to take extra shifts to please do so. Staffing has become the critical issue in this wave of the pandemic.

We acknowledge that our frontline physicians and staff are tired after 19

months of pandemic response. We are extremely grateful for everything they have done for Albertans, and we regret asking them to go above and beyond again.

This situation is serious, and we would like to remind all Albertans that we need their help in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 in the community, which in turn will reduce strain on the healthcare system.

We strongly urge all eligible Albertans to get immunized as quickly as possible, which is your best defence against a severe outcome from COVID-19.

## FURTHER ACTIONS TO PROTECT HEALTH SYSTEM FROM COVID-19

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Due to increasing COVID-19 transmission and rising hospital admissions, overwhelmingly amongst unvaccinated Albertans, temporary measures are needed to reduce transmission and prevent the health-care system from being overwhelmed. Currently, more than 80 per cent of COVID-19 cases in hospital are unvaccinated, including 91 per cent of patients in intensive care.

“Vaccines are safe, effective, and a game-changer. This is why the current wave is different than what we’ve experienced before. While we do not need to return to the same widespread and dramatic measures we had in place earlier in the pandemic, unvaccinated Albertans in particular are still at risk and are placing a heavy load on our health-care system. This is why we are

taking measured steps and introducing a new incentive program to encourage more Albertans to get the jab.” Tyler Shandro, Minister of Health

New vaccine incentive program

A one-time incentive of \$100 is now available for all Albertans age 18 or older who receive a first or second dose of vaccine between Sept. 3 and Oct. 14. This incentive is intended to encourage unvaccinated Albertans to get protected as soon as possible. After vaccination, eligible Albertans will be able to register online. Alberta Health will validate registrations against provincial immunization data. This website will be available starting on Sept. 13. If Albertans do not have access to a computer, they can contact 310-0000 for assistance, starting on Sept. 13.

Temporary measures

- The province will

make masks mandatory for all indoor public spaces and workplaces starting Sept. 4 at 8 a.m. Schools are not required to implement masking but school boards will continue to set COVID-19 management policies as they deem appropriate.

- Also, as of Sept. 4 at 8 a.m., restaurants, cafés, bars, pubs, nightclubs and other licensed establishments will be required to end alcohol service at 10 p.m.

- In addition, Albertans are encouraged to limit in-person contacts. To support this, the province strongly recommends that unvaccinated Albertans limit their indoor social gatherings to close contacts of only two cohort families up to a maximum of 10 people.

- It is also recommended that employers pause their plans to have staff return to work and instead continue with work-

from-home measures. If employees are working on location, employees must mask for all indoor settings, except in work stations or where two-metre physical distancing or adequate physical barriers are in place.

Additional vaccine incentives

All Albertans who have received two doses of vaccine and are aged 18 and over are eligible for the remaining \$1-million draw for the Open for Summer Lottery. To register and for complete details, visit [alberta.ca/lottery](http://alberta.ca/lottery). The final draw closes Sept. 23.

Fully protected Albertans are also eligible to enter the Outdoor Adventure vaccine lottery. To register and for complete details, visit [alberta.ca/outdoor-adventure-vaccine-lottery.aspx](http://alberta.ca/outdoor-adventure-vaccine-lottery.aspx). The lottery closes Sept. 9.

# LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY NEWS

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

**Back To School Safety**  
Make sure your household is #ReadyForAnything  
Parents and caregivers can learn how to keep their household members safe as we reach the start of a new school year.

To ensure they are better prepared for school, consider packing mini emergency kits for your loved ones. Having supplies on hand like emergency phone numbers, a small amount of cash, hand sanitizer, extra masks, and bus tickets helps them better navigate disruptions when they occur.

September Firefighter Recruitment Campaign Underway

Find your fit at CountyFire.ca

The County's Volunteer Firefighter recruitment drive is underway throughout September. We're looking for new members with a volunteering spirit from any demographic. Seize this opportunity to explore membership types; compensation and benefits; and training opportunities. Then submit an online expression of interest form and write your next chapter with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services.

From paid-on-call Firefighters to community engagement and operational support roles, there are a variety of journeys you can take with Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services.

Lac Ste. Anne County Public Notice

Council meeting rescheduled Please be advised that the council meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

The meeting will commence at 9:30 am in the County Council Chambers at 56521 Range Road 65, Lac Ste. Anne County, AB.

9TH Annual Capture The County Photo Contest Underway

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

Submit your best local pics for a chance to win \$100 Got some cool shots to show off?

Lac Ste. Anne County residents are invited to take part in the County's 9th annual Capture the County Photo Contest.

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or an amateur shutter bug, this is your chance to share your take on what makes the County an exceptional place to live, work and play!

From September 6 to October 20, you can submit your entries to LSAC.ca/love. Visitors to this page can view photo entries and vote for their favourites. The 12 top-voted entrants will each win \$100, and their winning photos will be featured in the 2022 County Calendar.

You can submit as many entries as you like, but only one prize will be awarded per entrant.

## WE ARE BACK!!!



Submitted by Captain R Heinz, CD Commanding Officer

dian Cadet Organization last year. This includes the wearing of masks indoors, social distancing and cleaning of all equipment. Our program has been adjusted to allow us to be flexible enough that as conditions change with regards to Covid that we will change with them.

The staff of 3053 (Lac Ste Anne) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps is eagerly ready to welcome back cadets for the new training year beginning on Wednesday, September 1st at 7 PM in the Alliance Activity Centre (gym behind the old brick schoolhouse) of the Onoway Historical Centre.

Although the future it's still very uncertain, we are moving ahead with getting back to a normal routine, but still having SAFETY as our number one priority for everyone. We will continue to use the Covid protocols established by the Cana-

The army cadet program is FREE and is open to all youth between the ages of 12-18. We provide instruction in community service, citizenship, leadership, physical fitness training, map and compass, bushcraft, and marksmanship skills all in a Canadian military setting with drill and uniforms.

All youth and parents that are interested in the local army cadet program are encouraged to check us out Wednesday evenings after 7pm in the ACC. We will gladly answer any questions and have registration

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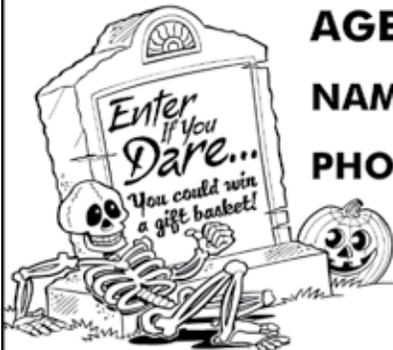
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# HELP KIDS LEARN THE GAME OF GOLF

Adults who play golf know just how fun and frustrating the game can be. Whether you're a veteran golfer or someone just learning the links, golf can be challenging.

But as exacting as the game can be, it also can be just as rewarding, even for kids. Children who embrace the game of golf will learn a host of lessons they can apply in all facets of life. A humbling game even for professional golfers, golf can teach kids lessons in humility and the value of persistence even when things aren't going your way.

Golf is also a great way for parents to get kids off the couch and outdoors for some fun in the sun. Instead of spending summer afternoons in front of the television, kids who play golf are out patrolling pristine golf courses while getting some cardiovascular exercise along the way. Golf can also strengthen a child's hand-eye coordination, which can help them in other activities, including many different sports.

Though many people do not begin playing golf until they've reached adulthood, it's never too early for boys and girls to start learning the game of golf. Parents of preschoolers can start their kids off with a toddler play set. Though it's just a toy, a play set can help lay a solid foundation for future golfers. Kids who have watched Mom and Dad play golf or practice their swing can develop their own swings on their play set.

As kids approach school age,

don't overlook the nearby putt-putt or miniature golf range as a valuable teaching tool. Miniature golf clubs are small enough for many children to use comfortably, and kids can use miniature golf courses as a place to put any lessons or advice on putting to good use. What's more, a miniature golf course is more than just golf, with creative courses and other fun activities, so kids won't feel overwhelmed with golf.

When kids move on from preschool to elementary school, some might want to tag along with Mom or Dad to the driving range. You should try to avoid overwhelming kids with too much instruction or information.

Instead, keep things as simple as possible, teaching them the basic swing and encouraging them no matter how quickly they adapt.

As kids enter middle school and approach high school, those who are enjoying the game of golf can take advantage of the driving range if they haven't already begun to. A driving range typically has markers that indicate the distance of a regular hole, regardless of which tee you will play from on an actual golf course. Kids can aim for holes at shorter distances to learn how far their drives are going. You can then adjust the lessons you teach your children based on

how far youngsters can drive the ball.

As a child gets closer to high school, you might want to buy the child his or her own set of clubs. Look for inexpensive clubs (oftentimes, thrift stores or other secondhand retailers have clubs for sale) because growing children will eventually grow out of their first set of clubs. When your child finds a set of clubs that suits him or her, teach the proper way to swing and consider signing up your son or daughter for lessons. Those first few lessons can prove invaluable, turning a pastime into a passion kids will carry with them throughout their lives.

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# Church Directory

<p><b>Rich Valley Community Church</b></p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne</b></p> <p>Sunday 10:00a.m.</p>		<p><b>Mayerthorpe Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 10:30a.m.</p> <p>Children's Church 10:30a.m.</p> <p>4606-54 St. Mayerthorpe (780) 786-2677</p>	<p><b>Alberta Beach Alliance Church</b></p> <p>Sunday Worship Service &amp; Kid's Church 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>(780) 924-3282</p>	<p><b>St. John's Anglican Church</b></p> <p>Onoway</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>Everyone Welcome</b></p>
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