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February 8, 2022

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU – THE END OF RESTRICTIONS IS NEAR

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I have some great news to share. Many of my colleagues, and myself, have been advocating for an end to public health restrictions and it looks like we have an exit strategy. I was very pleased to hear the Premier talk about winding down these measures in his press

conference on Tuesday, starting with the Restriction Exemption Program. Aside from the segregation, which is an issue unto itself, the passports have been ineffective in this Omicron wave. We have close to 90 percent of the population vaccinated, yet cases exploded with this variant. It's time to get back to our "pre-pandemic normal" and the light at the end

of the tunnel is drawing closer.

I also want to say that I do not support blockades, or symbols of hate. What I do support is peaceful protest. My son and I jumped into my T-800 on Saturday and it took us hours to get from Acheson to Edmonton. The encouragement and support and honks, it brought tears to my eyes.

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RURAL COMMUNITIES WILL ATTRACT NEW DOCTORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Applications open Feb. 1 for a program providing benefits to bring new family physicians to rural Alberta.

The Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program will provide \$2 million to 20 new family

physicians in each of the next three years. The physicians will practise in 15 identified rural or remote communities of need. Further communities will be identified in subsequent years.

"RESIDE will be key in attracting new family physicians to bring Albertans in rural communities the

health care they deserve. By addressing rural physician recruitment and retention, this \$6-million program is another part of our \$90-million commitment this year to ensure Albertans have equitable access to physicians no matter where they live."

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It was such an uplifting and emotional experience. I was surprised that a 40 second video clip my son shot drew the fury of the Notley NDP. I lost count of how many times they demanded my removal from caucus but as I told the media this week, our caucus is a big boardroom with a lot of thoroughbreds. Occasionally one of us will kick the stable door but that's what happens when you have 60 passionate elected officials in one room. Unlike the "Notley Crew" differing opinions are permitted in our caucus. Either way, we are nearing the end of this, and I think we are all excited to get back to the normal we re-

member. If you want to see any highlights and photos from taking out the T-800 gravel truck, head over to my Facebook page.

Speaking of my Facebook page, the video I was telling you about earlier in this column was posted on January 29. Since then, it has been viewed over half-a-million times, shared by 3,600 people, and it even has close to 1,000 comments. While my constituents have sent me messages of support, the admiration for our message is extending well past God's Country (also known as the Lac St. Anne - Parkland riding). I have received messages from all over the world. From places like the United

States, Germany, Denmark, Poland and many, many more countries. The amount of support has warmed my heart and is very encouraging. It goes to show how far a movement can go, and how great things happen when like-minded individuals unite for the common good. No matter where your support came from, I want you to know it was very well received, and I am thankful for every encouraging message.

Like I said on Facebook, it's time to put these public health policies back in the bottle and seal it up for good. Until next time, remember to be kind to yourself, and each other.

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JOKE of the week

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Rural Communities Will Attract New Doctors

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Jason Copping, Minister of Health

Family physicians who choose to work in specific communities will be eligible for \$60,000 for undergraduate tuition fee reimbursement, as well as a remote community incentive ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000, depending on the community's remoteness. In exchange, successful physicians will provide three years of service in a designated rural community.

"Rural and remote communities continue to face challenges recruiting and retaining family physicians, with deep consequences for the care Albertans receive. RESIDE will help bring 20 family physicians to provide needed care in every corner of our province each year – and help them stay. I'm pleased to see Alberta's government is committed to attracting doctors to communities like Grande Cache and committed to providing health care in rural Alberta."

Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead

The first group of successful RESIDE participants will start practising in rural communities this fall.

"The RESIDE program will play a vital role in attracting physicians to Alberta's rural and remote communities. The launch of RESIDE demonstrates the Government of Alberta's ongoing commitment toward ensuring rural Albertans have access to health care close to home."

Dr. Gavin Parker, board chairperson, Rural Health Professions Action Plan

"People of rural Al-

berta deserve access to high-quality, sustained, dependable, comprehensive health care in their hometowns. We are excited to be a part of encouraging medical students to explore the many wonderful opportunities that are available within rural medicine in Alberta. We hope this program will help bolster an interest in, and commitment

to, rural family practice within the student body and help graduating physicians connect and settle within rural Alberta."

Payden Spowart and Katrina Taylor, student co-chairs, Family Medicine and Rural Medicine Interest Group, University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine



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WE'RE 100 YEARS OLD!



Submitted by Town of Onoway

On Monday morning the children of the Beaufre School District, Onoway, began their studies in the new \$11,000 brick school the removal of equipment from the old schoolhouse having been made over this week end by Messrs. Ledger and Watkins."

This quote from the Journal praised the extraordinary new school in Onoway. (The name

of the school was incorrectly spelled but ...) The building referred to was located on a four-acre lot near the depot (train station). It was of "solid brick construction on a cement concrete foundation ... all exposed parts of the wall are laid up with pressed brick, the front walls having ornamental panels of brick of neat design."

The story goes on to describe the building in detail: its two classrooms, playrooms in the basement, furnace rooms en-

closed with brick (thus practically fireproof), a teachers room above the entrance, etc. The contract had been signed in October 1921 and the building completed 20 days ahead of the due date!

There was no doubt that the Beaurpré School was in a totally different league from the 4,000 schoolhouses that were popping up in Alberta in the early 20th century. \$11,000 was spent on the building and equipment which were designed to accommodate 80 scholars. After the official opening, the school board announced that the principal, Mr. Bramley, would soon be having an assistant (Miss Husband). There were 42 students registered.

Now, 100 years later, the Old Brick School still stands out as a unique structure in our community. Many of the other country schools were built by groups of farmers who pooled their efforts and re-

sources to build a one-room wooden frame school building - anything, just so their children would be able to attend a school not too far from their homestead.

Which was the case with the first Beaurpré School (1905 - 1922). It was built on the crossroads of today's Highway 37 and Highway 43, on RR23 just east of the west bend. Because the railroad had been built along Lac Ste. Anne Trail and consequently a hamlet was evolving, the original Beaurpré School was closed when this new high-class school was built north of the railway track. (The first Beaurpré School was loaded on skids pulled by 14 horses and hauled to the new Onoway site where it was re-purposed as a store, church, and farm implement shop before being demolished in 1968.

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What Matters to You TOWNHALL
COVID RESPONSE, ECONOMY, HEALTHCARE REFORM

MLA Shane Getson invites you to attend a local townhall to discuss the issues that matter to you. Due to current restrictions please register at 780-967-0760 or email the office at lacsteanne.parkland@assembly.ab.ca

Location: Virtual
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At the same time, the barn from the first Beaurpré School was moved behind the Brick School to fill that need at the new school.)

By the end of 1922, there were 33 students in Mr. Bramley's senior room (grades IV to X) and 36 in Miss Husband's junior room (grades I to III). Among the students that first year were many from long-time Onoway area families: Turnbull, Armitstead, Gray, Jolly, Ablett, Young, Green, Blacklock, Gunn, Yeoman, Spreen, Ledger, Greer, Guenette, Alsop, Moren.

Although this fine new building was impressive, the two classrooms were very soon not enough. In January 1927 a room was opened in the annex of the Onoway Community Hall; this site was used through to the 1940s. Classes were also held in the Pentecostal Church.

In 1945 two classrooms were added to the Brick School and two more acres of land purchased (with another four acres purchased later). More rooms were added in 1950 as east and west wings, and by 1952, there were 15 rooms in operation (some in the basement of the school). By year-end in 1953, 400 pupils were registered and the school board again looked ahead to accommodating growing numbers of students because of centralization and small rural schools closing. School 'bus' transportation made this all possible.

In order to complete high school, students had to go to a larger centre outside the division, e.g. Stony Plain or Edmonton or the "Dormitory" in Sangudo. It wasn't until the 1945-1946 school year that four students registered in grade 12 and in 1947, the Beaurpré School could boast about its first grade 12 graduates: Beatrice Evans, Violet

Gudmundson, Harry Taylor and Clarence Tomlinson. From then up to 2021, the total number of grads rose to 4,672.

Huge changes came in 1954 when a gym was built on to the north side of the Brick School + girls and boys washrooms. A separate three-room primary school was built in 1956 east of the Brick School. But again, more space was needed so a "school" was built linking the Brick School with the primary school.

In 1960 Onoway High School (with five classrooms) was built so students in grades 10 to 12 now had their own home. Then in 1969-1970, Beaurpré School was crossed off the operational school list and was replaced by Onoway Jr. Sr. High School and Onoway Elementary School.

Onoway's residents have good reason to think of and to celebrate this unique brick building – the start of education in Onoway. How many

students have spent time in the rooms of the Brick School? In Onoway Elementary School? Or in the demolished Onoway Jr. Sr. High School? And what about the teachers and non-teaching staff? Let's acknowledge the old school days and visit the Old Brick School – now Onoway Museum – to recognize how far we've come education-wise in this community.

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FARMERS MARKETS

ALBERTA BEACH: Sundays, 11:30 - 3pm. Contact Hali 780-666-1604 *May - September

BARRHEAD: Saturdays, 10AM-1PM at Barrhead Agrena. Sherry 780-674-6802 *May - Dec.

ONOWAY: Thursdays, 5-8PM at Onoway Community Hall. 780-667-6327 or onowayfarmersmarket@gmail.com. *Starts May 1st.

SPRUCE GROVE: at the Elevator, Sat 10:00-1:00PM. Info (780)288-6174 *April - Dec.

STONY PLAIN: Saturdays, 9AM-1PM, Community Centre Downtown, Stony Plain. Nancy 780-962-3993. *April - Dec.

WHITECOURT: Tuesdays 11AM-2PM, Whitecourt Legion Hall, 779-7002. *May - Oct.

BINGO

CHERRILL BINGO: Tuesdays at Cherrill Community Association. Doors @ 6:30PM, Games @ 7:30PM.

CHERRILL LEGION: First Sunday of Month. Doors Open 12:00PM

RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO: on Feb 2 & Feb 16 at 7:30PM

STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE, public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE, Every Tuesday. Open @ 5PM, 1st call @ 6:45PM, Nevadas, Concession. 780-778-4950 *Sept - June

MEAT DRAWS

ALBERTA BEACH: Lac Ste Anne Community Choir & Meat Draw - Every second Sundays, 4:00PM at Jungle's Bar & Grill.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Fridays 6:00PM. Queen Of Hearts draw & 50/50.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Fridays, Ph. 780-967-5361

STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR# 256: Saturdays @ 3:00PM. Meat Draw & 50/50.

WHITECOURT LEGION: Saturdays 4:00PM. Located downtown behind the CIBC.

MEALS ON WHEELS

ONOWAY: LSAC Div 1 & 2, East of Hwy 43. Hazel Bourke: 780.967.2338 or hnbourke@icloud.com

WEST END: Sangudo, Mayerthorpe & west end of LSAC. Jill: 780.785.2924 or Donna: 780.785.3118 or email: westendmow@outlook.com

JAMBOREES

CARVEL: 2nd Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

MAGNOLIA: at Magnolia Hall. 2nd Saturday of Month, New Time is 1:00PM. Call to confirm, 727-2015. *October - May, NO Dec.

SANGUDO: Sangudo Community Hall Jamborees are on hold until further notice 780-785-4105.

SPRUCE GROVE: at Sandhills Community Hall, 3rd Sunday, 1-5PM. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 *September - June.

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

STONY PLAIN: Stony Plain Seniors Drop In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave. Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of month, 7PM, \$2.

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE: 2nd Sunday of the month 1-5PM, \$5/Adm Door prizes & 50/50 draw. 780-778-4950 *Nov - June

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SANGUDO: Tues, United Church, 6:00PM. Toni (780)-786-4612 or Sandy (780)-305-9669

STONY PLAIN: Thurs evening at 5:30PM, Stony Plain Library, Susan (780) 968-0869

SPRUCE GROVE: Mon at 5pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Rd. Betty (780)-962-3857

SPRUCE GROVE: Tues at 6:15pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Rd. Sharren (780)-962-2722

SPRUCE GROVE: Wed at 8:45am at Anglican Church, 131 Church Rd. Christianne

YOUR COMMUNITY

DUFFIELD COMMUNITY HALL BBQ steak and Chicken SUPPER Sat September 11 live band info phone 780 892 2425

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MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Seniors' Floor Curling - Thurs @ 1PM. Fun Darts - Thurs @ 7PM. Wings Night - Every Wed 5-8PM. Steak & Fish Night - 1st Friday of month 5-8PM. Everyone welcome. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Open Tuesdays 7PM to 10PM for "Games" (pool, shuffleboard, darts, cards, etc.) Fridays 3PM-10PM. Friday's Family Friendly Dinner, 5:30PM (open to the public).

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SOCIAL EVENTS

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge. Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone Welcome.

BADMINTON: Wed, 7:10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.

COME PLAY CRIB: Fridays, 7:30PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

COUNTRY QUILTERS in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/hon-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpepubliclibrary.ab.ca (780)786-2404

"ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new local program for people of all ages with disabilities. Thursdays @ Alberta Beach Agplex from 10:00-11:00AM starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCSS.

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM, 1st Tuesday: Pot Luck Supper. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436.

ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT! Exercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. PH: 780-967-2056.

PANCAKE/BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 3rd Sunday

9:00-11:30AM, Parkland Village Community Centre. *except June, July, August

RIVER TALKERS TOAST MASTERS CLUB, Thursdays, 7-9PM. 32 Whitecourt Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Info Lorainne 286-5040.

SANGUDO ART CLUB meets every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Sangudo Community School. New members welcome. For further information call Brenda at 780-785-2402.

SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN INSPIRATIONAL CINEMA & DISCUSSIONS at PERC Building (5413-51 St). 2nd Friday of month at 7PM. Popcorn provided, donations appreciated. Contact 780-940-3032

SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN GATHERING at PERC Building (5413-51 St). Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of month. Meditation 10AM, inspirational sharing 10:30AM. PH 780-940-3032

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE DROP IN CRIB 1st & 3rd Sundays 1:00PM. 780-778-4950

WRITERS PROGRAM: Mayerthorpe Library, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1PM.

MEETINGS

1ST ONOWAY SCOUTS: Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS, Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE: Stony Plain Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

3053 (LAC STE ANNE) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS, Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45-9:30PM. FREE program for youths 12+, Contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca or 780-886-1586

526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed 6:30-9:30PM, High School. Ages 12-18, 780-305-7233

755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

AA - MAYERTHORPE, Kingsmen Hall, Thurs 8PM. (780) 786-2604 or (780) 786-1927

AA - SANGUDO GOLDEN CLUB, Tues 8PM call 786-4402/785-9214/785-3599

AL-ANON Wednesdays, 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Dr. 780-962-5205

ALBERTA 55 PLUS: Villeneuve Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2nd Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB meets every 4th Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY meets on the 4th Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on the 2nd Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Fridays 8PM, (please arrive earlier). Present location in church basement 4805 - 50 St. Onoway

BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, meeting every 2nd Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

CHERRILL COMMUNITY ASSOC. Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 *Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.

CHERRILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB Regular Meetings 1st Tuesday of month, Cherrill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. *Sept-June.

Citizens Helping In Life's Defence (C.H.I.L.D.) Join our Pro-Life meetings for the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain area once a month. Call Chris 780-963-6997.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS, 7:00PM, 1st Monday, Darwell

DARWELL DISTRICT RECREATION ASSOCIATION, Mon, Jan 10, 2022 7:30pm info contact Maria 892-3099

DDRA MEETING, 7:00PM, 2nd Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. *except Jul/Aug/Dec

GriefShare: Weekly grief support group held on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting Sept 14 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$25 for 12 sessions. Pre-registration required. Call 780-786-2695 today.

GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES & SPARKS Thurs, 6:30PM, Onoway Heritage Centre. Info Laura, 780-967-1004.

GREENCOURT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meet 2nd Tuesday, monthly at 7:30PM at the hall. Info W. Jager (780) 786-4648.

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1st Tues of month. Contact: mayerthorpekinettes@gmail.com, Tracy: 780-786-0161.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS, Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Diane @ 780 924-2348.

LAC STE ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: 3rd Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC, every 4th Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Meetings 2nd Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

MEN FOR SOBRIETY: Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

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YOUR WEDDING TIMELINE GUIDE

Wedding planning involves many movable pieces that ultimately need to come together on the big day. Planning is typically a months-long process, and adhering to certain monthly benchmarks can help couples stay the course.

Brides magazine offers that the perfect engagement period is 12 to 14 months, which affords ample time to get organized and work with vendors. With that in mind, here's a 12-month timeline for couples getting ready to say "I do."

12 months out

At the start of the planning process, establish your budget, hire a wedding planner (optional), choose the wedding party, pick a date, and start to assemble a cursory guest list. This also is a great time to

begin touring venues to get a feel for potential ceremony and reception locales.

11 months out

Now is the time to get a firm handle on the theme and scope of the wedding. Start picking wedding colors and overall design. Also, interview and hire vendors, such as photographers, bands and videographers. These vendors tend to book up quickly as wedding season draws near, so it's never too early to book them.

10 months out

This is a good time to start shopping for a wedding gown because it might take some trial and error to find the perfect dress. You also can start shopping for wedding party attire at this time. Check with formal-

wear vendors to see how long it will take for the gowns to arrive in the shop for alterations. If you haven't already done so, be sure to book the wedding venue.

8 months out

Reception halls may have their own schedules, but you should think about setting your menu at this time, including deciding if you will host a seated dinner, a buffet or something else.

Eight months out also is a good time to finalize the guest list and send save-the-date cards.

This also is a good time to visit stores to create registry gift lists.

6 months out

Meet with potential florists and other vendors, like transportation companies and hotels, to secure these arrangements. Your place of worship also may require certain classes or preparatory meetings, so be sure to inquire about these.

Meet with a makeup and hair stylist and book a trial. Choose attire for groomsmen and give them a deadline for fittings and orders. If you will not be getting married in a place of worship, hire an officiant at this time.

4 months out

Grooms traditionally arrange the honeymoon, so this is a fine time to get those travel plans in order. If you need passports, you should

secure them as early as possible, and no later than four months prior to the wedding to ensure processing times. Book cake tastings and order the cake if it is not part of the venue food and beverage package. If you haven't already done so, the bride should have an initial gown fitting, and wedding invitations should be ordered at this time.

2 months out

Secure your wedding license and buy wedding party gifts. Address and mail the wedding invitations. Undergo a second gown fitting and work with the seamstress for the final fitting date just before the wedding. Finalize any song selections with the DJ or band.

The final details will occur in the last weeks before the wedding. Buy all the small accessories and items, undergo final fittings and check in with all vendors for final payments and to ensure they are on schedule. Notify the reception hall of the final guest count.

Once the wedding day arrives, couples who have done their best to stay on schedule can relax and have a great time with family and friends.

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Celebrating family histories and traditions is a major component of weddings. During a wedding, two families come together and begin to merge their unique takes on life.

When couples tying the knot come from the same cultural or religious backgrounds, fitting the pieces together may be relatively easy. However, when a wedding must incorporate two different religions - each with its specific traditions and requirements - a couple may not know where to start. These tips may help the process along.

Communication

It is important to open a dialogue with all involved parties at the onset to be able to craft a cere-

mony and subsequent celebration that aligns with the faiths of the couple and their families. This dialogue shares what everyone expects. Ask everyone to rank the rituals they would like to be included by order of importance, and then use this as a guide when planning the ceremony.

Discuss options

Certain houses of worship may be strict in regard to what they allow during interfaith ceremonies. Conservative congregations may even frown upon marrying outside of one's religion. That may spark an entirely new conversation about converting so couples can be married in the eyes of the church, temple or mosque. More reformed places may be open to blending certain

traditions from both faiths. Couples often lean toward having one officiant from each faith at the ceremony to incorporate key rites into the wedding.

Neutral ground

Interfaith couples may opt to have the ceremony at a neutral location so they do not appear to be paying favor to one faith over another. Determine if religious officiants can oversee the ceremony outside of a place of worship and still have the marriage recognized by the tenets of that faith.

Secular officiant

In instances when it may seem like there are too many obstacles to having faith-guided ceremonies for interfaith weddings, wedding planners may suggest some

creative solutions, including working with a secular officiant. Traditions such as lighting a unity candle or blending two different sands together to signify the blending of two faiths and families can be part of the ceremony, suggests the lifestyle company Sheerluxe.

Give others tasks

Couples may be unfamiliar with each other's religious traditions. Sharing faith-specific wedding planning tasks can help couples and their families become more familiar with these customs.

Interfaith weddings require extra planning and finesse, but millions of couples get married in such ceremonies every year.

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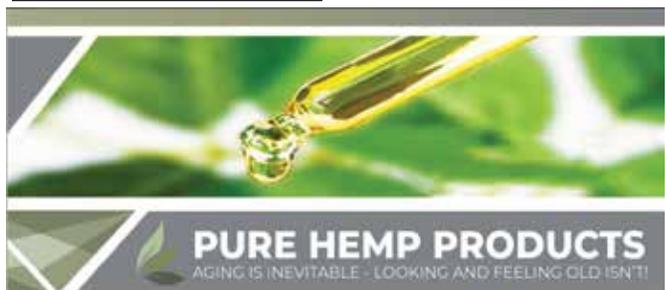
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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted Onoway Legion

Breaded Chicken Drumsticks Anyone?

On Friday, February 11, Chris and his crew will serve breaded chicken drumsticks with mashed potatoes and gravy. It'll come with green beans and dessert. The cost is \$17/person. You'll also have a chance at the door prize, meat draw, 50/50 and Chase the President raffles.

Reserve your spot at the table no later than the evening of Wednesday, February 9 by calling or texting Linda at 780-907-6300. Re-

member, only double-vaccinated people will be allowed into the hall, but take-out orders are available by reservation.

Change to Legion Dinners Beginning Friday, Feb. 4, a full dinner will be served at the Onoway Legion only every two weeks. In between, soup and sandwiches will be served for \$10/person. This change has been made because Covid has kept many regulars away from our dinners.

Soup and Sandwich Night On Friday, February 18, Chris and crew will be serv-

ing potato leek soup with pulled pork sandwiches. Cost is only \$10/person. Reservation must be in by Wednesday, February 16.

Why do we request reservations?

With fewer people choosing to dine out, our Legion Friday night dinners are affected just like restaurants. It's important we don't buy (or prepare) more food than is required.

Our volunteer cooks must shop for food each Thursday. Even after allowing for a small number of drop-ins, it becomes total guesswork

without reservations. If too much is cooked, there's a lot of food wasted. If not enough is cooked, we run the risk of running out before our volunteers (the last to eat) have a chance to eat.

We do understand that often people don't plan too far in advance for an evening of socialization at the legion. However, we sincerely hope that, whenever you can, you reserve your spot by Wednesday evening. If your plans change you can always cancel, leaving room for walk-in diners. Thanks.

ARBITRATOR'S DECISION ON INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Following the arbitration hearing in August and September, the Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County have received the Arbitrator's de-

cision on the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework.

The Arbitrator's decision is being reviewed by the Town's Arbitration team with further information to be issued in the near future. The Town values our relationship with

the County and will continue to work with them to provide services to our residents. The arbitration process has been lengthy and the Town thanks everyone for all of their efforts to date.



SUDOKU

of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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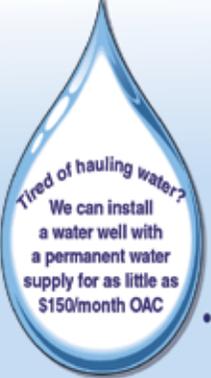
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