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ALBERTA AND CANADA TO MATCH CANADIAN RED CROSS DONATIONS TO SUPPORT ALBERTA WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellow-

head, wishes to advise that the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta will each match every dollar donated to

the Canadian Red Cross 2023 Alberta Fires Appeal. This means that every \$1 donated will become \$3

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ALBERTA RCMP FOCUSES POLICING TECHNIQUES ON PROTECTING ALBERTANS' PROPERTIES DURING WILDFIRES

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP understand that the protec-

tion of your property is second only to the protection of your loved ones. We would like to assure you that we are employ-

ing a number of policing strategies to enhance the safety and security of evacuated communities

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ASSISTANCE TO ALBERTA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that a Request for Federal Assistance

from the Province of Alberta to support their efforts to combat the significant wildfire situation in the province has been approved.

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Alberta And Canada To Match Canadian Red Cross Donations To Support Alberta Wildfire Response

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to support those affected by the wildfires.

Donated funds will be used for immediate and ongoing relief and recovery efforts in response to the devastating wildfires. The funds will support a range of emergency services the Canadian Red Cross may deliver to those in need. Donated funds will allow the Canadian Red Cross to support community organizations to support impacted people and communities as they begin the long process of recovery for increasing events. Other supports may include financial assistance for im-

mediate unmet needs, and other essential services not covered by federal or provincial programs.

Those wishing to make a financial donation to the 2023 Alberta Fires Appeal can do so online at www.redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

The most up-to-date evacuation information is available at alberta.ca/emergency, Alberta Emergency Alert or by downloading the Alberta Emergency Alert mobile app, which immediately pushes all alerts out to subscribers. Albertans seeking information or supports can call 310-4455.

Anyone who has been evacuated due to wildfires

is asked to register at local reception centre or at emergencyregistration.alberta.ca

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Alberta RCMP Focuses Policing Techniques On Protecting Albertans' Properties During Wildfires

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during the wildfires:

Perimeter Control: By maintaining tight access control into an evacuated community, the Alberta RCMP can easily ascertain who's authorized to work in a specific area and who might be unlawfully in the community.

Roving Patrols: With the perimeter secured, marked police car patrols will regularly move through your community actively looking for signs of criminal activities, as well as individuals who are not authorized to be in the evacuated area. To enhance patrolling abil-

ity throughout the night, advanced optical and night vision technology mounted on our Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones) are being utilized to identify and accurately pinpoint any suspicious activity in your evacuated community.

Quick Response Teams: Special Tactical Operations and Emergency Response Teams are in place to rapidly react to any incidents in your community. These members are specially trained officers equipped to deal with the most sensitive and dangerous situations.

Investigative Teams: Experienced investigators

will analyze and examine reports of suspicious activity and individuals. Our investigators will conduct targeted investigations of prolific offenders, criminal hot spots and utilize both overt and covert techniques to actively suppress crime and arrest those looking to take advantage of the evacuation.

Crime Reduction Techniques: Various Crime Reduction equipment and strategies are being implemented within and around the evacuated areas. "Bait" vehicles and equipment for the most opportunistic offenders are being utilized to catch criminals in the act. Specialized Crime

Reduction teams utilize covert crime detection and overt crime suppression strategies focusing on the most prolific offenders who are causing the most harm to our communities.

Until you are able to return to your community, your local RCMP officers are committed to keeping communities that have been evacuated safe and secure. Please help us to keep everyone safe by listening to the advice from local authorities and staying away from evacuated areas until you have been cleared to return. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

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Assistance To Alberta

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been given to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) to provide:

- personnel and resources to assist and enable fire fighting;
- airlift resources for mobility and logistical tasks, including the evacuation of isolated communities; and
- engineering support, including heavy equipment resources, as capacity allows.

CAF resources will be provided for an initial period of two weeks, with a one-week extension possible following a joint evaluation of the situation to determine if support is still required.

In addition to the CAF deployment, the federal government is also providing the following supports:

- Public Services and Procurement Canada will provide contracting support to the province for supplies or logistics.
- The Royal Canadian

Mounted Police will continue to support with response efforts and, as the contracted police of jurisdiction, support matters of law enforcement.

• Employment and Social Development Canada will support impacted Canadians with enhanced Service Canada hours, outreach to evacuees, and deployment of mobile units to evacuation centres to support applications for services, such as employment insurance.

• Indigenous Service Canada's Emergency Management Assistance Program (EMAP) will support the response and recovery efforts for Alberta's on-reserve First Nations communities currently experiencing the effects of the wildland fires. Affected communities require prompt coordination of actions to protect the health, safety or welfare of all, and limit damages to property, infrastructure,

and the environment. EMAP supports impacted communities through agency response via the wildland fire and the emergency management service agreements with the Province of Alberta, resource coordination, organizational structure and evacuee supports. Once the response phase is over, the Program will provide recovery support for repairs to on-reserve community infrastructure to restore to pre-event conditions, mitigation measures to infrastructure to minimize future impacts and personal losses.

• Public Health Agency of Canada's National Emergency Strategic Stockpile is engaged and has already shipped requested supplies and is standing by to provide more if required.

• Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is working with the province of Alberta and telecommunications service

providers to keep people connected.

• Parks Canada is sending an 18-member Incident Command Team to support the Province of Alberta. These wildland fire management specialists are trained to manage complex fires and other incidents. This deployment is being coordinated through the Canadian Inter-agency Forest Fire Centre.

Emergency Management Assistance Program
<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1534954090122/1535120506707>

National emergency Strategic Stockpile (NESS)
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HOW TO KEEP ANIMALS OUT OF YOUR GARDEN

Many gardeners understand the frustration that stems from seeing a garden destroyed by wildlife. While protecting wildlife is a cause that's near and dear to many gardening enthusiasts, even the most ardent wildlife supporter does not want to see his or her garden trampled, eaten or adversely affected by animals.

Safeguarding gardens from local wildlife can require some trial and error. Animals may find ways to circumvent gardeners' initial efforts to protect their gardens, but the following methods might just do the trick the first time around.

Erect physical barriers around gardens. Barriers may not be gardeners' first choices, as some people feel

barriers such as wire cages or mesh coverings make it more difficult to tend to gardens and rob gardens of some of their aesthetic appeal. But coverings and wire cages can effectively prevent wildlife from trampling or eating plants while still allowing the gardens to get adequate sunlight. Make sure barriers extend to the ground so animals cannot access gardens by entering beneath the barricades.

Fight intruders with odor. Stray cats may mistake gardens for litter boxes and enter them to relieve themselves. Preventing such intrusions can be as simple as placing items around the garden to reduce the likelihood that gardens will be mistaken for litter boxes.

Peels from oranges and lemons or coffee grounds can be placed in the garden and can emit odors strong enough to deter cats.

Install motion detecting lights around gardens. Motion detection technology might be enough to deter nocturnal wildlife from trampling or eating gardens. Animals might be spooked and run away when lights suddenly turn on. A similar approach can be taken using noise instead of lights. Gardeners who hope to avoid erecting barriers around their gardens can put up posts instead, attaching aluminum cans or wind chimes to the posts that will make noise when animals come near. Much like light, noise can be enough to deter animals.

Consider raised garden beds. When small critters, such as moles, are the main problem, then raised garden beds with wood or plastic bottoms and sides can be enough to safeguard gardens. Raised garden beds might not be accessible to small critters, though such beds likely won't deter larger animals from getting into gardens that are not barricaded.

Erect fencing around the yard. Though fencing is expensive, fencing in a backyard or side yard where gardens are located can deter wildlife big and small from trampling or eating gardens.

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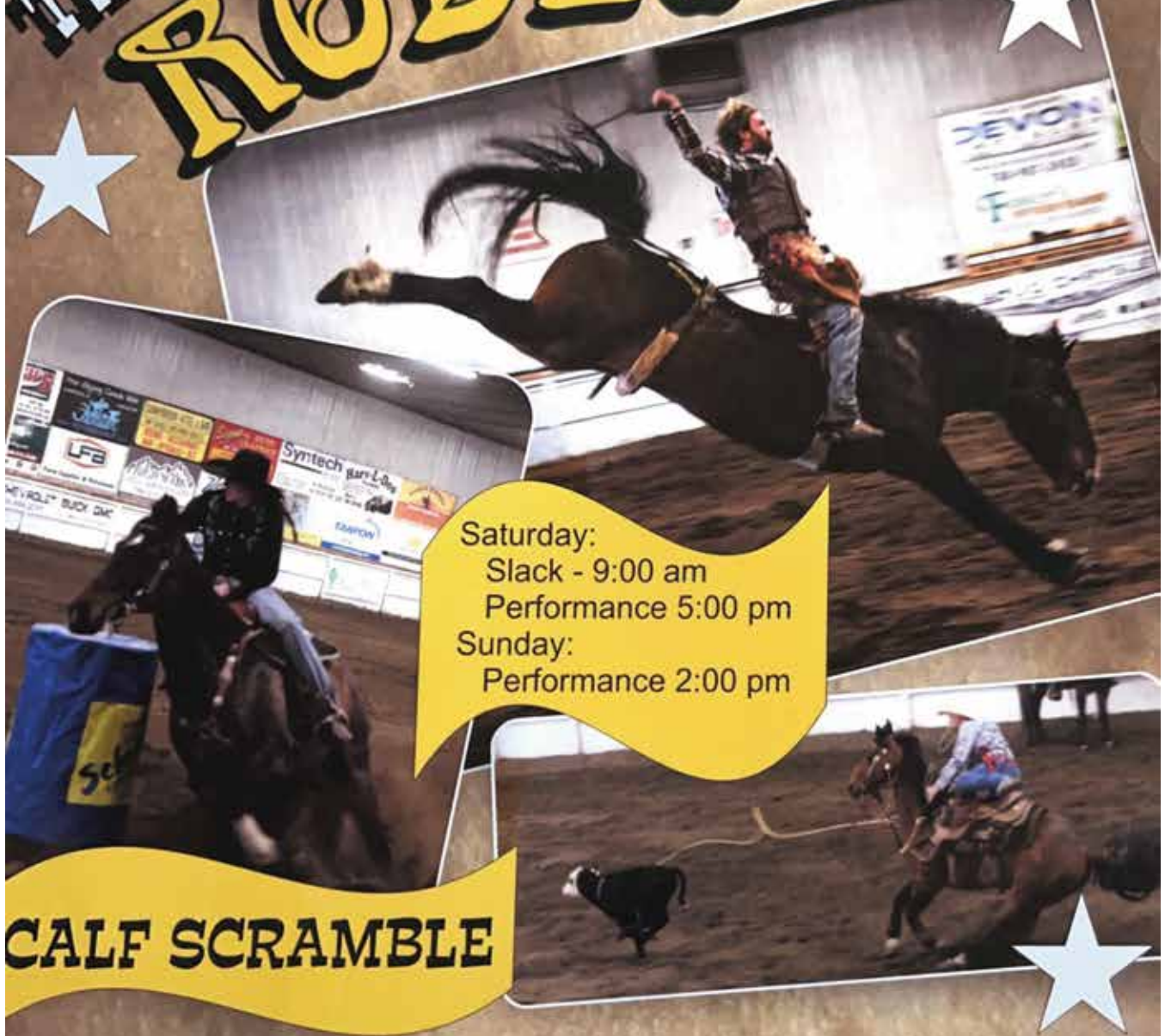
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Your Guide to Voting

Provincial General Election

Voting will take place to elect a Member of the Legislative Assembly. If you are voting on Election Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, you must vote at the voting place identified for you on the map. If you prefer to vote in advance, from May 23 to May 27, you may vote at any advance voting location in Alberta.

Advance Voting Days Tuesday, May 23 to Saturday, May 27

During Advance Voting Days, you can vote at any advance voting location in Alberta.

Advance voting locations nearest your electoral division are specified below.
Visit www.elections.ab.ca for additional voting locations throughout the province.

| Advance Voting Location | Tuesday, May 23 | Wednesday, May 24 | Thursday, May 25 | Friday, May 26 | Saturday, May 27 |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Clymont Community Hall 1, 51423 Highway 60, Clymont | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM |
| Easyford Community Center 8502 Township Road 501, Easyford | | | 9 AM - 8 PM | | |
| Lodgepole Community Hall 4501 52 Avenue, Lodgepole | 9 AM - 8 PM | | | | |
| Old Esso Building 2000 Miquelon Avenue, Devon | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM |
| Tomahawk and District Sports and Agra Centre 51122 Highway 759, Tomahawk | | | | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM |
| Warburg Recreation Centre 5335 50A Avenue, Warburg | | 9 AM - 8 PM | | | |
| Omniplex - Mackenzie Conference Centre 5737 45 Avenue, Drayton Valley | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM | 9 AM - 8 PM |

Electors unable to vote in advance or on Election Day may vote by special ballot. See www.elections.ab.ca for more details.

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Saturday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Voting days: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Accessible Voting

Barrier-free Access:

All voting places are evaluated and modified, where possible to provide barrier-free access for voters. Visit www.elections.ab.ca/accessibility for evaluation criteria on each voting place.

Assistive Technology:

Advance voting places with the Assistive Technology symbol are equipped with devices that assist electors to read or mark a ballot independently. To learn more about these devices and where they are available visit www.elections.ab.ca/accessibility

Results of the official count will be available on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at www.elections.ab.ca

Find out more at www.elections.ab.ca



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X Election Day Monday, May 29, 2023

Election Day voting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Election Day, you **must** vote at the voting place specified for your residence.

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Using the map, locate your address and find the letter representing your voting area, then match it to the voting places listed below.

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Violet Grove Community Hall
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C &

Breton Community Centre
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D &

Lindale Community Hall
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Brazeau County

E &

Buck Creek Community Hall
5302 50 Avenue
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F &

Omniplex - Mackenzie Conference Centre
5737 45 Avenue
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G &

Easyford Community Center
8502 Township Road 501
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H &

Moon Lake Community Hall
7302 Township Road 520
Entwistle

I &

Whitby Community Hall
6523 Township Road 502
Brazeau County

J &

Seba Beach School
53112 Highway 31
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K &

Tomahawk and District Sports and Agra Centre
51122 Highway 759
Tomahawk

L &

Keephills Community Center
15, 51515 Range Road 32A
Keephills

M &

Genesse Community Hall
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N &

Holborn Hall
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Parkland County

O &

Spring Lake Office
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P &

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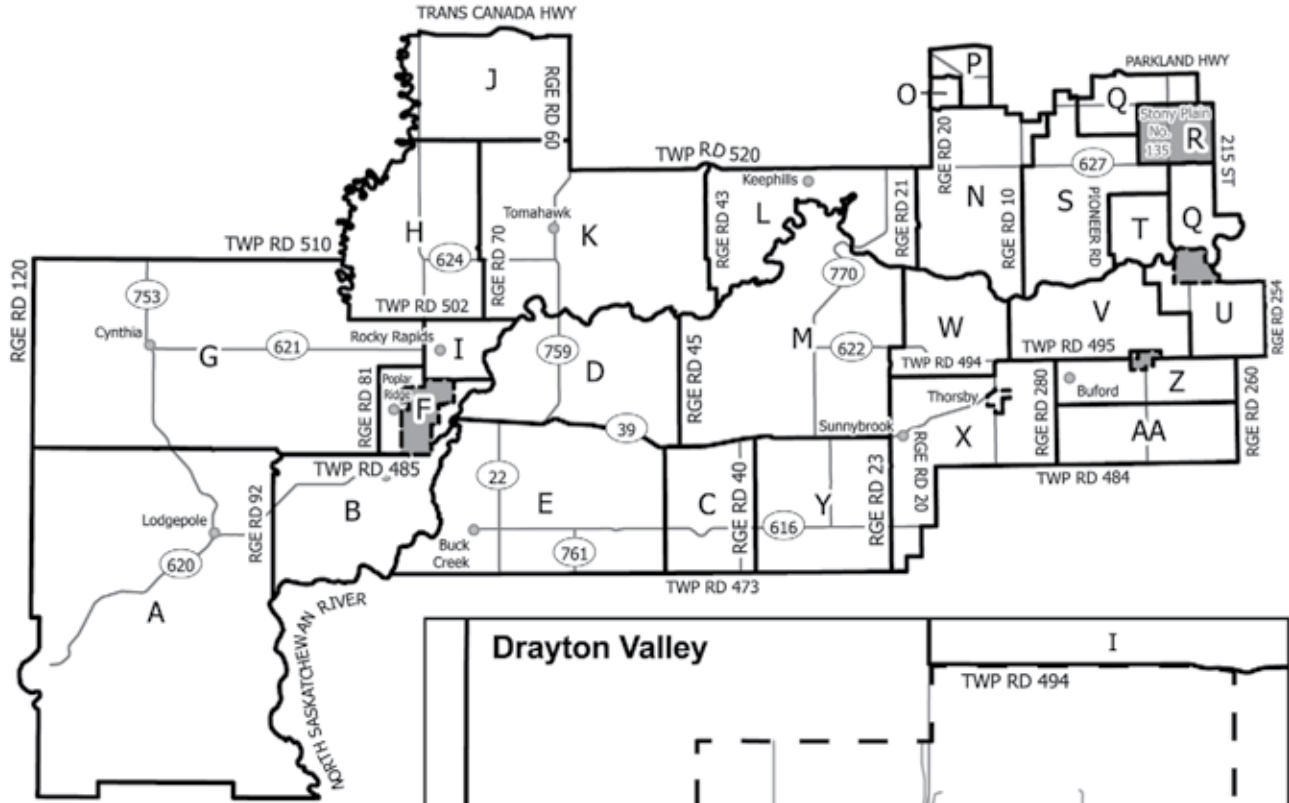
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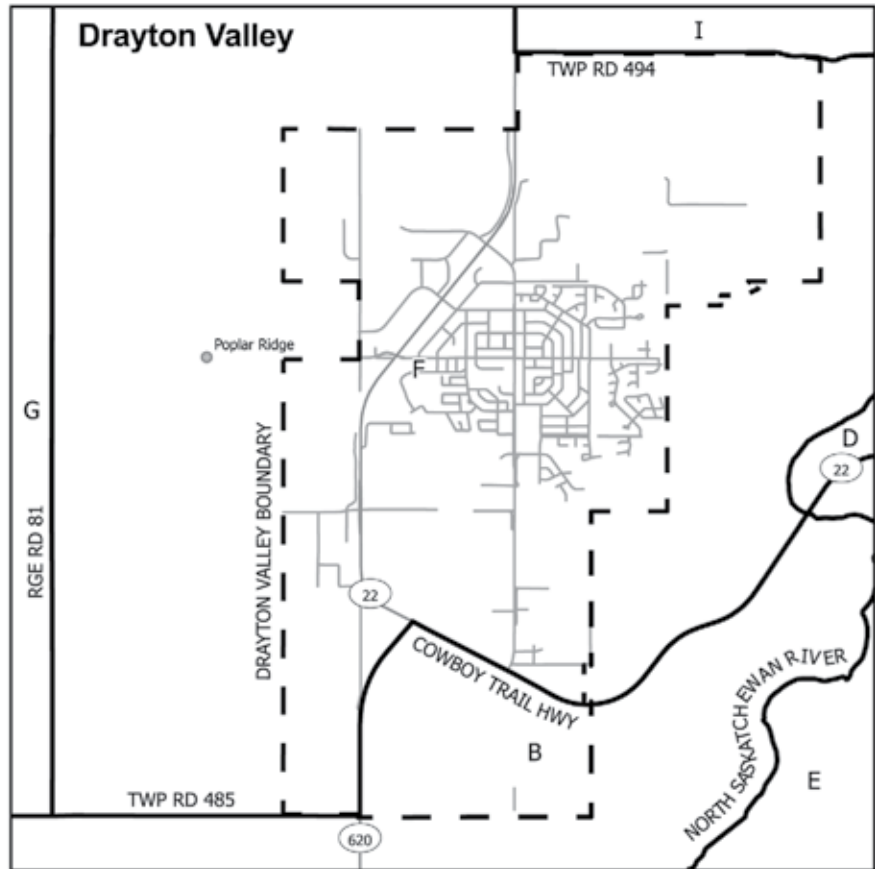


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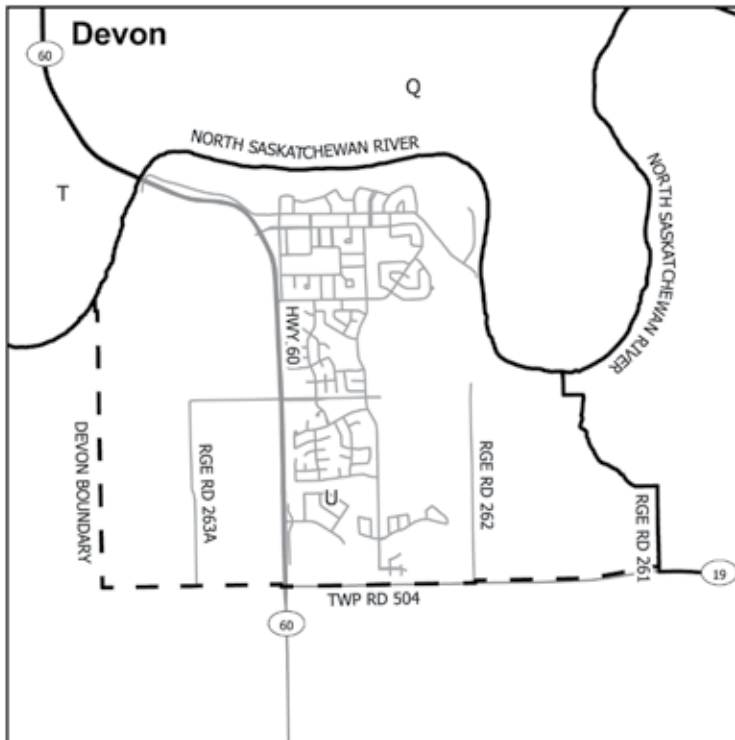
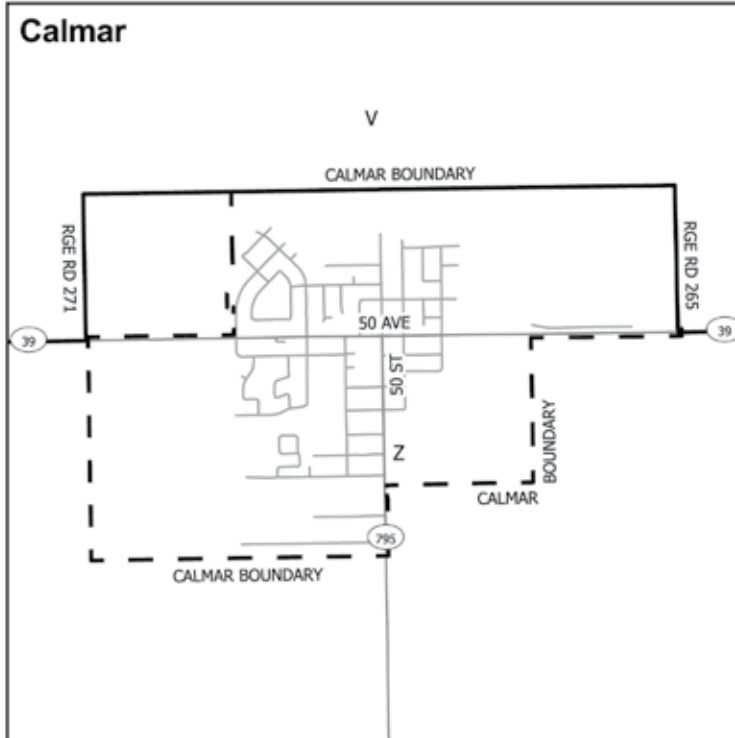
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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GOLF

Golf is played all over the globe. Golf is one of the world's oldest sports, boasting a rich history. Golf is a sport of skill, that can involve not only athletic prowess, but also brain power. Here are some interesting facts about the game.

- To this date, golf is only one of two games to be played on the moon. The other is a javelin throw.

- Long before the advent of tees, golfers played off of hand-built sand piles.

- In 1889, Ab Smith inadvertently coined the phrase "birdie," when he hit a shot he defined as a "bird of a shot."

- Making a hole-in-one during a round of

golf is quite a challenge. However, the odds of making two are incredibly low, at one in 64 million.

- Only around 20 percent of golfers have a handicap below 18. The United States Golf Teachers Federation

defines handicap as "a measure of a player's current ability over an entire round of golf, signified by a number. The lower the number, the better the golfer is."

- The word "caddy" comes from "cadet," the French word for "stu-

dent."

- A regulation golf ball contains 336 dimples.



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CARE AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM AHS ACROSS PROVINCE

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) continues to closely monitor the provincial wildfire situation, and is reminding Albertans how to access care and support as needed.

Approximately 300 people have been evacuated from healthcare facilities in their home communities due to wildfires, and AHS is ensuring they are cared for and supported until they are able to return home.

AHS is providing healthcare support to reception centres in North, Edmonton, and Central Zones to ensure that those who have been evacuated are safe, comfortable, and cared for. This includes mental health, public health, nursing, home care, and pharmacy staff.

Patients who are expected for assessment or treatment for a cancer diagnosis in an evacuated area should call the Cancer Centre Transition Team toll-free at 1-888-432-8865. Our team will work with you to ensure your assessment or treatment remains as uninterrupted as possible.

All appointments with laboratory services, mental health and public health in evacuated communities are postponed at this time. Clients will be contacted directly by AHS to be rescheduled as soon as possible. Home care clients impacted by evacuations are being contacted to arrange for alternative home visits and support

from nursing teams.

Four AHS acute care hospitals – Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, Edson Healthcare Centre, Fox Creek Healthcare Centre, and High Prairie Health Complex – remain evacuated and closed due to the risk of nearby wildfires. No evacuations were required over the past 24 hours.

In addition, Evansburg Health Centre/Good Samaritan Pembina Village, East Prairie Community Health Services, and Rainbow Lake Community Health Centre were evacuated late last week and remain closed.

Evacuated patients and continuing care residents are being cared for in safe and appropriate settings. All zones are opening care spaces to accommodate those in need.

These relocations took place using EMS ground and air transport options and chartered buses as required. Whenever possible, patients and residents are being accompanied and supported by staff.

AHS continues to contact families of loved ones to share patient/resident location information, and all zones are actively working to ensure patients and residents are safely cared for in temporary locations.

AHS is also working with provincial and municipal leaders, as well as community partners, to be ready to return patients and residents to facilities as communities reopen. AHS is also prepared in the event that other sites are at risk from wildfire.

We are extremely grateful to our frontline staff, physicians, EMS crews and supporting agencies, who have gone above and beyond to ensure impacted patients and residents continue to get the care they need.

We are also grateful for our partner organizations, including several continuing care organizations, that continue to support these efforts, and are appreciative of our community partners and volunteers who continue to answer when called upon for their support.

AHS has been working to identify additional staffing supports across all zones to ensure patients, residents and our care teams continue to be appropriately supported.

If you have an emergency, please call 911. EMS resources remain in evacuated areas to provide support to those who need.

AHS provides wildfire resources for Albertans at [AHS.ca/wildfire](https://www.alberta.ca/wildfire), including mental health, air quality, and emergency planning links.

AHS also has resources and services available to help you and your loved ones cope with healthcare needs and stress in this difficult time. Experiencing an evacuation can be stressful and overwhelming. If you need to talk, call the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 or Health Link at 811.

Other mental health resources that are available include:

- Help in Tough

Times – Resources for people affected by wildfire.

- Mental Health Resources.

- Mental Health Tip Cards.

- Preparing Emotionally for Disasters or Emergencies

- Disaster Preparedness & your Mental Health

- Responding to a Disaster or Emergency

- Helping Your Child or Teen Respond to a Disaster or Emergency

- Disaster Response for Mental Health Care Providers

- Recovery after a Disaster or Emergency

- Helping You Recover & Stay Well After a Disaster or Emergency

- Helping Children / Teens Recover from Disaster

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

[RE]CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc's Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) team is launching the Good Neighbour initiative for another season. Now in its eleventh year, the Good Neighbour program will revive some popular events from years past such as coffee pop-ups and introduce a new way for community members to connect with free mini libraries.

FCSS leads the city's Good Neighbour initiative each year, which encourages neighbourly behaviour and community building through a number of events and projects throughout the spring, summer and fall months.

This year, residents are encouraged to connect with their neighbours and take part in any or all of the following:

- Plan a neighbour-

hood Block Party

- Sign up to become a Block Connector

- Create a Free Mini Library

- Book a Coffee Pop-Up

- Celebrate Good Neighbour Day on Saturday, June 17

- Recognize a Good Neighbour with a greeting card

"Neighbourhoods that are connected foster a safe and

caring environment where residents are happy to live, play and raise their families," says Mayor Bob Young. "Through initiatives like the Good Neighbour program, FCSS supports our community in making those connections and creating neighbourhoods where individuals and families will feel a sense of belonging."

LEDUC BEGINS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Submitted by City of Leduc

Today, the City of Leduc began promotion for Emergency Preparedness Week (May 7-13) with a safety video from Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management Bryan Singleton stressing the importance of being prepared in the event of an emergency, and to remind residents about the open-air fire ban.

The City plans to publish content every day this week for residents and business owners to learn how to prepare in the event of an emergency, including building an emergency kit, how to keep pets safe during an emergency, what business owners should know in case there's an emergency and they have to keep their staff and patrons safe, and lastly how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

"With multiple evacuations in counties and regions surrounding Edmonton and Leduc, residents need to be prepared in case Leduc has to issue an immediate evacuation," said Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management Bryan Singleton. "Every minute is crucial in keeping yourself and your family safe during an emergency. It's important to prepare when the risk is low, so you are ready to

respond when the risk is high."

The City and the province have many resources available to residents to learn how they can prepare for a multitude of emergencies. The province has also created short videos for residents to learn how they can remain safe throughout the year.

LEDUC LAW ENFORCEMENT ON PATROL TO REWARD GOOD BEHAVIOURS

Submitted by City of Leduc

Showing kindness, being safe and helping others are key for Leduc's younger population to receive a sweet reward during this year's Positive Ticket Program.

This program is designed to create opportunities for positive interactions for

children and youth with local Community Peace Officers and RCMP by rewarding their good deeds, safety-first decisions and kind acts.

Hosted by City of Leduc Enforcement Services (LES) and Leduc RCMP, children and youth may be rewarded for some of the following:

- Wearing a helmet

and safety gear

- Practicing cross-walk safety

- Helping others, like holding open a door

- Picking up litter/trash in a park

- Knowledgeable of safety tips pertaining to their age group and/or activity

- Volunteering Program partners this

year include Husky Black Gold, McDonald's and Marble Slab Creamery.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FURTHER INCREASES INTEREST RELIEF TO HELP PRODUCERS MANAGE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that the interest-free limit of the Advance Payments Program has been increased from

\$250,000 to \$350,000 for the 2023 program year, effective May 8, 2023. This is the portion of advances on which the Government of Canada pays the interest on behalf of producers.

Under the Advance Payments Program, produc-

ers have easy access to favorable cash advances of up to \$1 million, based on the expected value of their agricultural product. The program can also provide some flexibility by allowing producers to sell their agricultural products based on

market conditions rather than the need for cash.

More Information on the Advance Payments Program

<https://agriculture.canada.ca/en/programs/advance-payments>

CRTC ANNOUNCES PLAN TO MODERNIZE THE BROADCASTING SYSTEM

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that

the CRTC will be launching a series of public consultations over three phases, with phase one starting in the coming days. Everyone who is interested should

check out the CRTC's plan and participate in the upcoming consultations.

The Regulatory Plan to Modernize Canada's Broadcasting System

<https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/industry/modern/plan.htm>



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HELPING WILDFIRE EVACUEES REPLACE MISSING ID

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is removing costs for wildfire evacuees who need replacement identification so they can access services they may need as soon as possible.

Evacuees of the Alberta wildfires who lost or left behind their Alberta driver's licence, ID card or birth certificate between April 29 and June 29 will be able to replace these documents free of charge.

Evacuees must visit a registry agent office in person to replace their documents at no cost.

Registry agents will follow procedures to confirm an applicant's identity and ensure they are from an area under evacuation before ordering replacement documents at no charge.

Replacement cards and certificates will be sent to an address specified by the applicant. Applicants can choose to send replacement identification to an alternate address that is not a post office box, including evacuation centres and registry agents. The replacements will arrive in about five business days.

Replacing a driver's licence or ID card

- Registry agents

will validate an applicant's identity by looking up their image and signature to ensure both match what is on file.

Registry agents will validate an applicant's evacuee status by comparing their address on their motor vehicle file, with a government list of affected areas that is updated daily.

The agent will ask personal knowledge verification questions that only the applicant can answer.

Replacing a birth certificate

Birth certificates can be replaced by applying in person at a registry agent office if an applicant

has other ID; however, if that too is missing, an applicant will need to bring someone who can vouch for their identity, having known them for more than one year. The registry agent can assist with this process.

Alberta's Emergency Management Cabinet Committee continues to meet regularly to respond to the current wildfire situation across the province. Cabinet continues to have decision-making abilities and will make decisions as needed to deal with this emergency.

LEDUC RCMP DRUG UNIT EXECUTE SEARCH WARRANTS AND LAY CHARGES

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

In January 2023, Leduc RCMP Drug Unit entered into a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) investigation in the area of Leduc.

On April 14th, 2023, Leduc RCMP Drug Unit with the assistance of Leduc RCMP Crime Reduction Unit, General Investiga-

tion Section and Beaumont General Investigation Section, executed two search warrants in Sherwood Park, Alta. One person was arrested.

A search of the residence and vehicle resulted in the seizure of cocaine, cash, digital scales and drug packaging materials

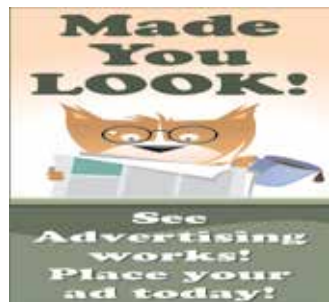
Lloyd Grant Wedow (67), a resident of Sherwood, has

been charged with the following:

- Trafficking a controlled substance - Cocaine
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking in a controlled substance - Cocaine
- Possession of proceeds of crime

Wedow was taken before a Justice of the peace and has been released from custody.

He is scheduled to appear in Sherwood park provincial court on May 31, 2023.



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CENTRAL ALBERTA RCMP CRIME REDUCTION UNIT ARREST AND CHARGE PROLIFIC OFFENDER

Submitted by Central Alberta RCMP Crime

On May 9, 2023, the RCMP Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CAD CRU) were on their way to support Western Alberta District Wildfire response to detect and deter crime in evacuated areas, when they observed a prolific property crime offender driving a pickup near Throsby. Officers contacted the registered owner to inquire if the male should be in possession of this pickup and it was determined that it had been stolen.

CAD CRU covertly followed the vehicle with the assistance of the RCMP helicopter. Officers were able to covertly disable the vehicle, at which point the suspect got into another vehicle, which was later confirmed to have

been stolen in early April. The second stolen vehicle lost control on loose gravel and rolled west of Drayton Valley, and the two occupants fled on foot. One suspect was apprehended by CAD CRU and RCMP Police Dog Services at the scene. The second male is outstanding, however, his identity is known and a warrant is being sought for his arrest.

Logan Joseph Davis (27), a resident of Brazeau County, has been charged with the following offences:

- Possession of a prohibited weapon
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Possession of stolen property over \$5000 (x2)
- Driving while prohibited
- Fail to comply

with release conditions (x7)

- Possession of break in instruments
- Operating a conveyance in a dangerous manner

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Logan Davis has been remanded into custody and will be appearing in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on May 11, 2023.

As a result of this investigation, two stolen vehicles, a 2000 Ford SRW and a 2016 Chevy Silverado, have been recovered.

Alberta RCMP are always proactively targeting prolific offenders that would victimize others – especially during natural disasters. For those communities that have received evacuation notices from the Provincial Government, our officers remain on the ground to ensure

order and to protect property. We have deployed a variety of uniformed officers and specialized units, and are employing both overt and covert strategies, to address and prevent criminal activity in affected areas. We are monitoring these areas and are ready to respond quickly.

Until those who have been evacuated can return home, your RCMP officers are committed to keeping your community safe and secure.



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!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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BMO SUPPORTS CUSTOMERS IMPACTED BY ALBERTA WILDFIRES

Submitted by BMO Financial Group

BMO is supporting customers impacted by the devastating wildfires in Alberta with dedicated relief measures to help those experiencing financial hardship.

“BMO is standing alongside our clients in Alberta and our hope is that these relief measures will help alleviate some of the dif-

iculties for those impacted,” said John MacAulay, Regional President, Prairies Central, BMO. “Our thoughts are with everyone affected by these devastating fires and we are committed to doing our part to help make sure our friends, families and neighbours get the help they need.”

Support options for impacted BMO customers include:

- Loan and/or home

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- Loan and mortgage payment protection
- Support for Canadian Business Banking and Commercial Banking clients via payment deferrals and fee relief where possible. Customers should contact their relationship manager to discuss options or accommodations.

To access BMO’s relief measures, customers can connect in branch, by

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BMO is also accepting donations in support of the Canadian Red Cross. BMO customers can make a donation on-branch, online at www.redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2023 VETERANS OMBUD COMMENDATION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that nominations for the 2023 Veterans Ombud Commendation are now open. If you

know an individual or organization who has made outstanding contributions to Canada’s Veterans and their families, please consider nominating them for this award.

Nominations must include a completed nomination

form and a summary citing why the nominee is deserving of the Veterans Ombud Commendation. Nominations may be submitted in writing, video, or audio format. The nomination submission deadline is June 30, 2023.

The Nomination Form & Guidelines

<https://www.ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/en/what-we-do/commendation/nomination-submission-guide>

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