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July 31, 2024

DONATION-MATCHING PROGRAM FOR WILDFIRE RELIEF IN JASPER AND ALBERTA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the federal and provincial Alberta government has launched a donation-matching initiative with the Canadian Red Cross to support wildfire disaster relief and recovery efforts in the province, in-

cluding in the historic town of Jasper which was severely impacted by wildfires in recent days.

Both the federal and provincial governments will match all donations to the Canadian Red Cross 2024 Alberta Wildfires Appeal, which means every \$1 donated will become \$3 to support the families and individuals most impacted by wildfires in Jasper and

across the province. The donation matching will be for 30 days, retroactive to when it first opened on July 25, 2024.

Canadians wishing to make a financial donation to help those impacted by wildfires in Alberta can do so online at www.redcross.ca or by calling 1-800-418-1111.

CONSTRUCTION OF CULTURE & EVENTS CENTRE WILL START THIS SUMMER

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt Town Council has approved the construction of the Culture & Events Centre, with construction to start this summer. By a unanimous vote of Council, the Town has entered into a \$44,175,000 contract with Clark Builders to construct the facility. With a two-year construction schedule, the Culture & Events Centre is scheduled to open at the

end of 2026.

“The Culture & Events Centre represents a significant investment in our community. It will vitalize the downtown, and put Whitecourt on the map as a cultural hub in north central Alberta,” said Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard.

“Facilities such as these are key to enhancing not just the community’s quality of life, but also driving economic development and investment attraction for

years to come.”

The Culture & Events Centre project has been in development for several years, and has received significant funding support from both the federal and provincial governments of over \$32 million. It will be a landmark for the community, and will include three components:

- Arts, Culture and Convention Centre – A venue designed to host a variety

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Construction Of Culture & Events Centre Will Start This Summer

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of concerts, trade shows, festivals, events, conventions, and celebrations.

- Library – The new library will provide increased floor area and space to better serve the region. It will provide a safe and accessible place for the community to learn and gather, and increase operating efficiency.

- Town Administration Office – The new office space will enhance customer service and accessibility, and provide an administrative facility that can grow with the community.

After a competitive bid process, which involved the tendering of 32 scopes and receipt of 94 bids, the project came in at just over \$44 million.

The Culture & Events

Centre will be located in downtown Whitecourt, and during construction will inject over \$7.9 million into the tourism and materials/equipment supply sectors. Additionally, it is estimated that 25% of the project trade labour will be provided locally, which equates to approximately 100,000 worker hours (\$5 million).

Information on the Culture & Events Centre can be found at www.whitecourt.ca/live/culture-and-events-centre.

Construction updates, and sponsorship opportunities, will be advertised through the Centre's Facebook and Instagram pages @Culture-andEventsCentre.

The Town is grateful for all of the input provided through former Councils,

steering committees, community forums, and individual comments as they all shaped the Centre into a true community hub for our future.



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JOKE of the week

A Brunette, Redhead and Blonde entered into a game show. The host explained the rules, "I am going to say jokes for a hour straight and who ever doesn't laugh at the end receives \$5000.00!" The host starts and after 15 minutes the redhead is out. He continues and after 40 minutes the brunette is out. When the clock hits 59 minutes he gives up on making the blonde laugh. All of a sudden the blonde starts laughing, "Why are you cracking up now, all you had was one more minute to win the prize and I didn't even tell a joke now?" He asks. She replies, "I know, but I just got the first joke!"

STONY PLAIN'S HEART GOES OUT TO JASPER DURING WILDFIRES

Submitted by Stony Plain

The Town of Stony Plain has been following the developments of the Jasper wildfire. Our hearts go out to all those affected by this devastating event, and we thank all first responders for their incredible work.

Stony Plain is in regular communication with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and is prepared to mobilize resources and support if it is requested. All requests for assistance will come directly from the AEMA. Possible support from Stony Plain could include:

Dispatching firefighting and emergency personnel to assist on the front lines.

Providing support services for evacuees if requested.

Collaborating with local organizations to offer additional aid.

"The situation is heart-breaking, and Stony Plain stands with the residents of Jasper," says Mayor William Choy. "We are thinking of the emergency personnel working on the front lines and thankful for their efforts in protecting this beloved National and Provincial treasure."

Evacuee Reception Centres

Reception centres for those displaced by the wildfires have been set up in Grand Prairie, Edmonton, and Calgary. For the latest updates and information, please visit the Government of Alberta's website at www.alberta.ca/emergency.

Donations
Currently, there has been no formal request for donations specifically for Jasper evacuees. While we appreciate the generosity of Stony Plain

residents, it is important that all donations are directed through appropriate channels to ensure they reach those in need. Should there be a need for specific items or assistance, we will notify the community accordingly.

Be Prepared
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CITY STANDS READY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR JASPER WILDFIRES

Submitted by Spruce Grove

“We are devastated by the images that are coming out of the Town of Jasper and Jasper National Park and are keeping everyone impacted by the wildfires in our thoughts,” said Mayor Jeff Acker. “The City of Spruce Grove will continue to monitor the situation and keep in contact with emergency management operations, and we stand ready to step in and help when and if we receive the call.”

The City of Spruce Grove continues to be in contact with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) and stands ready to provide mutual support

for the Jasper wildfires when and if it is requested.

All requests for assistance will come directly from the AEMA, and at this time, the City of Spruce Grove has not been asked to provide assistance. Emergency management is most effective when coordinated, and if the City receives formal requests for assistance, we will coordinate the required staff and resources. Assistance may be provided in several ways, including:

Back-up coverage directly related to the emergency by deploying firefighter and emergency resources to the scene.

Support for evacuees if requested by the respective emergency manage-

ment operations. The primary care of evacuees is typically handled and coordinated by their respective jurisdictions and/or the AEMA.

Coordination with community organizations in Spruce Grove to provide assistance if requested by the respective emergency management operations.

Providing transit for registered evacuees

Evacuees

Reception centres for evacuees have been set up in Grande Prairie, Edmonton, and Calgary. The Government of Alberta website contains the most up-to-date information on the current situation: www.alberta.ca/emergency.

Donations

At this time, there has been no formal request for donations of items for Jasper evacuees. The City recognizes the desire for people to want to help and is grateful for the support, however; donations must be handled in a coordinated manner using the appropriate channels to ensure resources are allocated where and when they are needed. If the City receives a formal request for donations, we will pass the details along to the community.

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MILLIONS OF REASONS TO SEARCH LOST-MONEY DATABASE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is seeking the rightful owners of a combined \$154 million in unclaimed money and property.

Alberta's unclaimed property registry holds money that is lost, abandoned or forgotten. The registry currently contains millions in cash, cheques, money orders and other unclaimed items belonging to people who may be entitled to an unexpected payout.

Alberta's unclaimed property registry returned \$1.4 million to 650 people in 2023 alone. Almost 350,000 individual items remain unclaimed in the registry, including one valued at more than \$850,000. If claimed, it will be the largest single balance the province has ever paid out, surpassing the current record of \$368,124, which was returned to its rightful owner in 2019.

"Who doesn't like free money? Alberta's unclaimed property registry is free and easy to check, and a quick search of the registry could help reunite someone with money that they may not even know they were entitled to."

Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Since its inception in 2008, Alberta's unclaimed property registry has returned \$13.8

million to more than 8,500 owners. Sources of the unclaimed funds include unclaimed deposits, uncashed wages, loan overpayments and unclaimed funds from inactive investment accounts.

Alberta's unclaimed property program is governed and managed

by the province through the Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act. The act provides 10 years for owners to stake and reclaim their lost money, after which the money is transferred to the government's general revenue fund to help pay for programs and services

for Albertans.

Individuals can search Alberta's unclaimed property registry on the MissingMoney website, a portal used by Alberta and other North American jurisdictions that allows searches across multiple jurisdictions.

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Friday, August 2

- 5:00PM** Food Trucks at Gazebo Park & around Village all weekend
- 6:00PM** Lions Club 50/50 Raffle Tickets can be purchased all weekend.
- Coloring Contest begins**, contest ends 5pm on Sunday Aug 4. Complete and drop off at Post Office (4711-47 st) Sponsored by FORTIS
- GSM Inspections gives you the Polydays Storefront Decoration Contest. Judging on Saturday**

Saturday, August 3

- 8:00AM** **ABADASA Slowpitch Tournament Begins;** Contact Chilli 780 257-0467. Use Ab.adasa@gmail.com to register or have Questions.
- 9-11:00AM** **Bacon & Egger Breakfast** 50+ Club.
- 10-4:00PM** **Book & DVD Sale, Alberta Beach Library**
- 11:00AM** **Parade Assemblage** at the Agiplex.
- 11:00AM-5:00PM** **Kid's Park, Gazebo** Featuring Balloon Animals, Bouncy Castles (noon-4pm) & More Only \$5 To Play All Day! Sponsored by Village of Alberta Beach & Lac Ste Anne County
- 11:00AM-7:00PM** **Polydays Sidewalk BBQ** at Village Office (4935-50th ave) Fire Rescue International Dunk Tank
- 12:00PM** **Parade Judging**
- 12:00-5:00PM** **Alberta Beach Museum Heritage Park Open**
- 1:00PM** **Parade!** Parade Marshal Anita (Theriault) Warolik Sponsored by Alberta Beach Farmer's Market, thank you to Jack and Dave Cooper for supplying driver and car!
- After The Parade** **Spray and Play** @ Boat Launch Park; hosted by Onoway Regional Fire Service
- 2:00PM** **Heritage Village Hula-Hoop Contest** Alberta Beach Museum
- 2-6:00PM** **Beachwave Park Events.** Car and Boat races, hit Target with Water balloons
- Art Walk** at the Apliplex. Check out our local artists
- 3:00PM** **Meat Draw** Jeddy's Bar
Meat Draw Jungles Bar and Grill



Sunday, August 4

- 8:00AM** ABADASA Slowpitch Tournament resumes
- 9:00-11:00AM** Pancake Breakfast 50+ Club.
- 11:30AM-3:00PM** Farmer's Market Agliplex, Operated by The Ag Society
- 11-3:00PM** Jack's Autobody/Carstar Presents Bouncy Castles at Beachwave Park
- 11-4:00PM** Face Painter at Beachwave Park sponsored by What Women Want (AB AG Society)
- Sidewalk Chalk Coloring contest at Beachwave Park**
- Noon** Closing ceremonies. Blessings from Alexander Elder Dolphus Yellowdirt, speeches from local dignitaries, Indigenous dancers and singers from Alexander. Sponsored by Lions and SANG. Cake and refreshments to follow.
- 12:00-5:00PM** Alberta Beach Museum Heritage Village Open
- 1:00PM** Heritage Village Family Sports Day Alberta Beach Museum
- 2:00PM-4:00pm** Sidewalk Chalk Drawing Contest Beachwave Park
- 3:00PM** Meat Draw Jeddy's Bar
- Meat Draw** Jungles Bar & Grill
- 4:00PM** Jungles Tug-of-War Behind Jungles Bar & Grill. Contact Sheila at 780-924-2242 or Natasha 780-983-0131

Monday, August 5

- 12:00-5:00PM** Alberta Beach Museum Heritage Village Open
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County News Highlights

August 7 **Municipal Planning Commission Meeting**

August 15 **Council Meeting**

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, however, this schedule is subject to change. County Council meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Visit LSAC.ca/agenda for meeting agendas. Please note: to address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

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If you are trapping beavers, please make sure to follow the Code of Responsible Trapping, available at albertaregulations.ca.

Visit LSAC.ca/beavers for more information on the County's beaver abatement program.

FARMINGFORWARD FIELD BREAKFAST

Coming Soon!

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Wednesday | August 7
 9:30 am

Sangudo FarmingForward Research Plot

Register at eventbrite.ca

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FARMINGFORWARD KIDS AFTERNOON DAY CAMP

Dust off your Denim, Grab your Hat!

Hang out for the afternoon and participate in some agricultural based games and activities!

Wednesday | August 7
 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Sangudo FarmingForward Research Plot

Register at eventbrite.ca

Please visit farmingforward.ca for more information.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY: 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, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION AND APPEAL INFORMATION

24-D0093 Unit 80, Plan 1323364
 NW 31-54-05 W5M; 44, 5519 TWP RD 550
 Shed: 10.0' x 12.0' (120.0 sq. ft.) 7.5' walls deck:4.0' x 12.0' (48.0 sq. ft.)
Appeal to SDAB by Aug 12, 2024

24-D0098
 NE 11-58-08 W5M; 8107 HWY 18
 Home Based Business: Selling horse and stock trailers out of yard
Appeal to SDAB by Aug 12, 2024

24-D0099
 NW 13-54-04 W5M; 106, 54227 RGE RD 41, Mission Creek Estates
 20.0' x 8.0' Sea Can and 1998 RV Jamboree GT class C 1198 31' x 8'
Appeal to SDAB by Aug 12, 2024

24-D0103 Lot 9, Block 6, Plan 0121251
 SE 26-54-03 W5M; 407, 54425 Ste. Anne Trail, Lakeview Place
 2009 Keystone/Springdale Travel Trailer 8' x 31'
Appeal to SDAB by Aug 12, 2024

24-D0067
 NW 27-54-02 W5M; 2223 TWP RD 545
 Home Based Business – Horse Boarding (20 horse maximum) with small horse & cattle related events (penning/sorting)
Appeal to LPRT by Aug 19, 2024

24-D0076
 Lot 12, Block 14, Plan 7620551 NE 36-56-07 W5M;
 4834 50 Avenue, Hamlet of Sangudo
 Wood garden shed 12' x 16' walls 8' (192 sq. ft.)
Appeal to SDAB by Aug 19, 2024

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to:

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB)
 Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
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 email: appeals@LSAC.ca

PLEASE NOTE: The County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250 be paid for every appeal served on the SDAB.

OR send to:

Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT)
 2nd Floor, 1229 91 Street SW, Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9
 email: lpert.appeals@gov.ab.ca

Please contact LPRT to receive the applicable form.

Please scan this QR Code to visit the County Discretionary Permits Page.



GET READY FOR THE FINAL MIDSUMMER THURSDAYS OF THE SEASON ON AUGUST 15

Submitted by Stony Plain

After the success of the first two Midsummer Thursdays of the season, the Town of Stony Plain is thrilled to announce the third and final event of the series in downtown Stony Plain on August 15 from 5 PM to 8 PM! The last Midsummer Thursdays celebration of the year promises to deliver yet another unforgettable evening of food, shopping, and live entertainment.

Prepare to savour an array of delicious food options from local restaurants and food vendors including El Mero Mero Taqueria, BT's Lunch Box, Hema's Lemonade, Boss Dogz, Little B's Real Fruit Ice Cream, Fresh Grill, Maverick's Donuts, Baker Street Eats, The Mill Bakery, Pretzel Shack, and Kick Ass Caramels.

The event will also feature incredible artists and entertainers including Taylor Marvlynn, Songbird Rising, Beth Portman, Laurelai ft. Matt Tonn, Balloon Artist Russ, Chicken John's Petting Zoo, and Bees Knees Facepainting.

"Downtown Stony Plain is a go-to destination, and we are very excited to celebrate during the conclusion to this year's Midsummer Thursdays events," says Mayor William Choy. "The support from our community, visitors, and local businesses has made this year's events a success. I am looking forward to seeing Main Street come alive again on August 15, and I encourage everyone to come out to experience downtown Stony Plain!"

"If the first two Midsummer Thursdays taught us

anything, it's that this is an event you don't want to miss," says Culture and Tourism Developer Linda Prokott. "As we approach the final event of the summer, join us once more to experience the bustling atmosphere that is Midsummer Thursdays!"

A complimentary Park N'

Ride shuttle service will operate on August 15 between Heritage Park and downtown Stony Plain. Leave your vehicle at Heritage Park to catch the shuttle service downtown to explore Cultural Campfires and Midsummer Thursdays before returning to Heritage Park for this year's Outdoor

Movie!

To learn more about Midsummer Thursdays and to prepare for your visit, check out Midsummer Thursdays.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

of Bylaw 22-2017-04-2024

LOCATION OF HEARING	DATE OF HEARING	TIME
Lac Ste. Anne County Office 56521 Range Road 65	August 15, 2024	10:45 am

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Lac Ste. Anne County is considering an application for amendment to Land Use Bylaw 22-2017, by amending the section that defines development that does not require a development permit.


- Redistricting a portion of the lands within the lot legally described as Lot 8 & 9, Block 3, Plan 6967BG, within NW 36-56-07 W5M from Hamlet Commercial (HC) District to Urban Residential (UR) District under Bylaw 22-2017;
- Amending Map 3 Region C & Map 7 Hamlet of Sangudo to reflect the redistricting of the lands legally described in Schedule "B" & "C" to Urban Residential (UR) under Bylaw 22-2017;



Written comments on the above proposed Bylaw may be provided prior to 4:30 pm, on August 8, 2024 to:
Lac Ste. Anne County, 56521 RGE RD 65, Box 219, Sangudo, AB, T0E 2A0
Attn: Stacy Florendo, Summer Planning/Infrastructure Student, Or email at devassistant@LSAC.ca

Interested individuals may attend the public hearing to voice their comments. To schedule an appointment please contact Stacy Florendo at 780.785.3411. To attend the meeting via zoom please use the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81929963733>

The proposed amendment and/or application may be reviewed during regular business hours at the County Administration Office located at 56521 Range Road 65 or on the County website at LSAC.ca/Hearings



OK, so what all this fancy language means is that Lac Ste. Anne County is proposing to redistrict a parcel in Sangudo from commercial to residential zoning. In order to amend the Land Use Bylaw for redistricting, a bylaw must be drafted and a public hearing held first under the provisions of Part 17 of the *Municipal Government Act* (Sections 216.4, 606, 632, 640 and 692).

This notice is to let folks know about when and where the public hearing will take place.

ENHANCED EARLY YEARS ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Submitted

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce an enhanced early years assessment framework for Kindergarten to Grade 6. The enhanced early years assessment framework is based on stakeholder input and expert advice and will support our youngest learners to succeed.

As you know, students develop critical foundational knowledge in literacy and numeracy in the early years of education. Assessing students in their early years provides essential information to teachers, schools, parents, and Alberta Education about potential student learning issues and needs and ensures that students requiring additional sup-

ports receive the help they need early in their education.

Beginning in the 2024/25 school year, the following changes to the mandatory literacy and numeracy screening requirement will take effect:

- Kindergarten: Starting in January 2025, screening will be required in literacy and numeracy for all students in January of each year.
- Grades 1 to 3: Mandatory screening assessments will continue in Grades 1 to 3; however, the timing and frequency of these assessments will change. Starting in September 2024, the literacy and numeracy screening for students in Grades 1 to 3 will now be completed in September

and January, with an additional assessment in June for those students

identified in January as requiring additional supports. The administration window to complete all screening assessments in these grades will be extended to three weeks.

- Grade 3: Student Learning Assessments will be permanently discontinued and will no longer be available for use.
- Grades 4 and 5: Starting in September 2026, screening assessments in literacy and numeracy for students in Grades 4 and 5 will be introduced. Further information about this requirement will be shared at a future date.
- Grade 6: Provincial achievement tests for stu-

dents in Grade 6 will continue to occur in May and June.

This revised approach to early years assessment will ensure that the literacy and numeracy skills of all students in these grades are assessed, and that students receive the necessary intervention supports in the critical early years of their education.

Further details related to the early years assessment framework will be provided to school authorities in the near future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the success of Alberta students.

Best,
Demetrios Nicolaidis ECA PhD
Minister of Education

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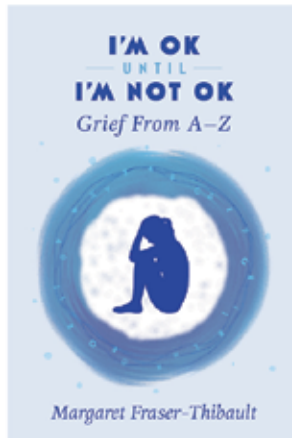
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Grief From A-Z
by Margaret Fraser-Thibault

Your grief is unique and so is this book.



You are not losing your mind, you are not alone, and there is hope. If you feel overwhelmed and lost while struggling through the painful aftermath of death, this easy-to-read and understand book was written for you. It contains short shared anecdotes of encouragement, support, and useful information from everyday people who have experienced the minute by minute, day by day struggle death creates. An alphabetic index guides you to topics and shows that grief runs the gamut from A-Z. After a death, the brain needs understandable language, with short words and phrases, preferably in point form. There are lines at the end of each letter, for your personal thoughts and emotions.

When platitudes don't help, the words in this book will.

www.margaretfraserthibault.com

Margaret Fraser-Thibault has spent most of her adult life reaching out to help those who are grieving. She is well trained in the world of grief and trauma. She was born in 1952 in the small town of Sexsmith, AB and in 1975 as a new wife, moved to the small town of Mayerthorpe, AB. Her career travels took her through the offices of a bank, gas plant, and government. She was a journalist for 15 years, before becoming the first coordinator of Mayerthorpe (later Highway 43) Victims' Services with the RCMP. She gathered experience and wisdom from the hundreds of overwhelmed people who looked to her for support, hope, and a non-judgmental listener in their time of grief. That is why she chose to share information from her heart and soul. She and her husband Frank raised a son and a daughter, which is her favorite and proudest career, and she now dotes on three grandsons. She said she wrote "I'M OK UNTIL I'M NOT OK - Grief From A-Z" as the book she needed but couldn't find when her husband was killed in a freak accident in 2019. It is from her healing heart and life to yours.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024
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- 8-AM PANCAKE BRAKFAST
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COMPLEX (LOBSTICK 4H CLUB)
- 11 AM PARADE
- NOON GYMKHANA
BEEF, SHEEP, GOAT, POULTRY, RABBIT SHOW
- 1 PM BENCH SHOW
- 1 PM JELLY & WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
- 2 PM SHEEP DOG DEMO
TRICK RIDERS - REESE & ASHLEY
- 2:30 PM CATCH THE GREASED PIG
- 3 PM LOG SAWING/NAIL POUNDING

SUPPER 6 PM
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DECLINE OF COMMON SENSE, AND THE RISE OF THE ROBOTA

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Strange Title but hear me out on this one. I believe we have reached a state where common sense is in such a state of decline, and that far too many people have become dependent on their devices and apps to just make it through everyday life. Perhaps it's a generational thing, as I'm now at the ripe old age of 51, and may have tipped over the threshold where I can be a "Grumpy Old Man", boy I hope that is the case, but observations over the last few months have really begun to concern me.

"So sorry, I won't print you a ticket because the machine closed 3 min ago. Have you tried doing it online? Just call customer service, or you can wait for us to return. No, I won't call my supervisor, they are not here with me right now, and I'd have to use the radio or phone to reach them." Literally, these are the responses from a "Younger" ticket agent....no ability or want to help a customer (me) to catch their flight by being a person. The airlines had their online, third-party provider go down errors right across the board, so no advance check in, delays at the airport for construction, and a few other items put me 3 min behind the time the "system" would allow for a self-serve boarding pass to be printed. The person...flesh and blood, may have as well been a robot. Old days...Print a boarding pass, get you through customs, and sort it out at the boarding gate for seat assignment. With 57 min to spare....

After the agent walked away without saying another word, I waited, along with three other families on hold with the elusive customer service "hot Line" for over 2 hours, two and a half hours for the ticket agent to return to no avail...great customer service. I missed my flight, and with all the "System Errors" there were no alter-

nate flights available. Heaven forbid, something called life happens and knocks your programed machines out of balance. The tools we made to help us are now in control of a number of the younger generation.

Landing in Vancouver, grabbing an Uber, heading to a location that was copied from a real address, into the "App" confirming the place with the driver and still being driven to an incorrect address. Right name, right address.... wrong location. Well, the App says I need to drop you off in a back alley with tons of gang tags, obvious drug paraphernalia, and street crime. "Yeah, well, I don't care what your app says brother, I'm not getting out, so unless you want to let me drive, I suggest you take me to the right location...." I should have cancelled the trip at the onset, as the driver could not describe where his "Designated" pickup area was at the airport.... on the "App" it does not show elevated platforms vs street level platforms....communication is difficult....they are not able to describe real life landmarks, they just look at the app.

The Georgian cab driver I met in Berlin said it perfectly, they are "Robota" they no longer think for themselves, they just do what the screen tells them. I've seen this far too often with folks I've ran into in the big cities. Small towns, and rural, different story, and hopefully it stays that way. Here is to hoping that the farm kids still know that the phone is nice to have, that knowing directions, where the sun is in the sky, and even what a unique looking combine, granary, boulder, or tree can be used as a reference. When some program that someone else built in a dark room in a different country tells you to jump off a cliff...that maybe, just maybe, common sense should kick in. These things are tools, guides, not the word

of God. It reminds me how bad it was when not so long ago, there were literally people walking into traffic chasing the "Pokemon" objects in their phones which were augmenting our reality. Wow.

I know that I was always taught to double check, always run your calculations at least twice, sometimes backwards, to ensure the solution you came up with was correct, that the equation balanced. That and I was told by a computer engineer more than 20 years ago that there is not a single piece of software that is flawless. It's a perfect dance of imperfect, and the bugs are fixed continually post launch. Reassuring, isn't it? "Dave, what are you doing Dave?" for those old enough to remember that movie.

Now the next rant, wrinkle or insight, AI. Not artificial insemination for my farm families, the other AI, artificial intelligence. Now I had the heck scared out of me down in Oregon, one of the lunch sessions we were given an amazing update from the leader of a think tank, an analyst, a forecaster as it were. The lady ran us through an update of where we were, what we thought at that time of how far and how fast AI would become, and now where we are at today, and where we think it could be in 10 years from now. Basically, it was as smart as a toddler several years ago, we thought it would be as smart as a preschooler about now, when in fact it is as smart at least as a 17-year-old. Now the thought is it will be Einstein level in 10... or sooner?

Now, let's see what kind of Apps old Einstein could dream up in an AI form, bot perhaps, without a state of conscience. One of the limiting factors recognized that could slow AI growth is the literal power required to run it. Electricity demands for all this computing is putting a strain, but since we are innovative, no worries,

how about modifying the way we run computers. They wondered what the most efficient computer is, maybe we could look at that, and it would give us an inspiration of what the next generation of computing could be. If you were thinking quantum computing (like I did) you would be wrong. Our Human Brain was the inspiration. A virtual supercomputer that need hardly any energy to run compared to our current computers. So, what's the logical next step, of course, take brain cells put them in a petri dish and have them hooked into a circuit.

This is not future stuff, as I was shocked to find out, this is already happening, and for only \$500 per month, you can rent space on the human brain cell petri dish computer located in Switzerland to run your computational massive calculations for AI. Did no one watch terminator? No wonder why the likes of Elon Musk was warning as many as he could about needing guard rails, policy on the advancement of AI.

I honestly am a bit concerned with a number of advancements, especially if we become dependent on the software to make the decisions for us, too many people are becoming dependent on what the screen says. Take a second look, do some old-fashioned things, like read a paper map. Remember some phone numbers, and double check, override, break out a dictionary. Don't become one of the Robota, we are not going to stop the advancement, but we sure as heck should be using our conscience, our souls, our critical thinking to take a sober pause to think to ourselves "Is that Right?", and for the love of Pete, take the time to be human again. Long live common sense, mud, sweat, tears, skinned knees, banged knuckles, fresh air, and farm kids. It may just be what saves our corner of the world.

LAKE ISLE COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

Submitted by Lake Isle Community Hall

The Lake Isle Community Hall is owned and operated by the Lake Isle Farmers Association. We are fortunate to have regular attendees to our pub nights. Thank you to all of you who continue

to support our fund raising activities.

The pub night held July 14 was great! Mexican themed complete with margaritas and a piñata. Live Music was provided by "The Old Amigos".

Our next event is Friday, August 9 when Party Beatz

Entertainment group will be providing Music Trivia and Karaoke. Bring your friends for an evening of fun! There is no cover charge. \$7.50 for a Burger and choice of potato salad or coleslaw; and \$5 drinks. We will also have 3 meat draws plus a bonus draw.

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MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND TO FIGHT RURAL CRIME

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New surveillance teams led by the Alberta Sheriffs are now on the ground and working alongside local police to make rural communities in Alberta safer.

Rural crime contin-

ues to be a top concern among residents and businesses in rural Alberta, which is why Alberta's government remains committed to addressing it through enhanced surveillance and other crime reduction initiatives. Alberta's government invested \$4.3

million for the Alberta Sheriffs to put more boots on the ground. This investment supported the establishment of two plainclothes teams - one in northern Alberta and one in southern Alberta - to support police in carrying out surveillance on criminal targets in rural areas.

Both teams are now fully staffed and operational, ready to fight crime in rural areas across Alberta. These rural surveillance teams will work to prevent crime, monitor agricultural theft and work in collaboration with local law enforcement to share intelligence and resources to keep Albertans and their property safe and secure.

"Criminals and organized crime are not welcome in Alberta. Full stop. The addition of two new surveillance teams will further support our law enforcement partners in stamping out criminal activity in Alberta's rural areas. This is about supporting local investigations to address local crime in our smaller communities.

Together, both teams will form another key component of Alberta's efforts to combat crime and ensure Albertans feel safe at home and in their communities, regardless of where they live."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

The Alberta Sheriffs have an existing surveillance unit that is part of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) and focused mainly on serious and organized crime investigations. The new surveillance teams will fill a gap by helping rural RCMP detachments with local investigations.

"Through their specialized knowledge, training and experience, Alberta's new surveillance teams are providing another important mechanism in the fight against crime in Alberta's rural communities. Working in close collaboration with the RCMP and other policing agencies, their efforts will play a key role in gathering

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STORY TO TELL?

Know of a good event going on in the community? Ever wanted to write up a local event for the Community Voice?

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More Boots On The Ground To Fight Rural Crime

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evidence and information that will help disrupt crime throughout the province.”

Mike Letourneau, superintendent, Alberta Sheriffs

“This announcement by the Alberta government and Minister Ellis is a positive step forward for the residents of Alberta, especially in rural areas. Targeting known criminals is a very effective way to reduce the level of crime taking place and will greatly assist the RCMP who have a vast area to police.”

Lance Colby, mayor, Town of Carstairs

“We are happy to hear about increased resources being allocated to assist our communities. Addressing rural crime is one of the top priorities of the Alberta RCMP, and our partners at the Alberta Sheriffs already play a vital role in keeping Albertans safe. The creation of these new surveillance teams will help augment our ongoing crime reduction strategies in Alberta communities, and we look forward to working with them going forward.”

Trevor Daroux, assistant commissioner, criminal operations officer, Alberta RCMP

The new surveillance teams are part of a suite of measures to expand the role of the Alberta Sheriffs and make Al-

berta communities safer. Other actions include the expansion of the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit – which uses legal sanctions and court orders to target problem properties where illegal activities are taking place – and the expansion of the RAPID Response ini-

tiative with funding for the Sheriff Highway Patrol to train and equip members to assist the RCMP with emergencies and high-priority calls.



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share heartfelt memories, August 17, 2024 at 2:00 o'clock at Manly Hall (Hwy 16, just after Hwy 43 turnoff going west). A light lunch will be served.

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ANSWER: Last Weeks

7	4	2	9	1	5	3	8	6
8	3	5	2	4	6	7	1	9
1	9	6	7	3	8	4	5	2
2	6	7	4	8	1	5	9	3
9	5	4	3	6	2	8	7	1
3	1	8	5	9	7	6	2	4
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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

RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO: on July 17 & 31 at 7:30PM
STONY PLAIN SENIORS 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, Nevada's, Concession. 780-778-4950 *Sept - June

MEAT DRAWS

ALBERTA BEACH: Lac Ste Anne Community Choir & Museum Meat Draw/Prizes - Every Sundays, 3:00PM at Jungle's Bar & Grill.

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

C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA NETWORKING FOR SENIORS, Spruce Grove at Pioneer Center. first market March 25 1 - 5:30pm

DARWELL MARKET & MEAT DRAW 4th Sat of the month. till 4:30 (year round) All is welcome Lisa @ 780-233-0700

JUNGLES BAR AND GRILL Saturday's 3-6pm Alberta Beach 3rd Sunday a month at Wally's Bar and Grill, Onoway

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

STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR# 256: Saturdays @ 3:00PM - 5:00 PM Meat Draw & 50/50.

MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: June -Fridays from 4 - 8 pm Pub Night//Meat Draw & 50/50

WHITECOURT LEGION: Saturdays 3:00PM. Located downtown behind the CIBC.

MEALS ON WHEELS

ONOWAY: LSAC Div 1 & 2, East of Hwy 43, Hazel Bourke: 780.967.2338 or bhbourke@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

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 1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:30PM, \$2.

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SANGUDO: Tues 5pm at Golden Club. Toni (780)786-4612

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

SPRUCE GROVE: Mon at 4:30pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Betty (780)962-3857

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

SPRUCE GROVE: Wed at 8:45am at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Christiane (780)960-1109

WILDWOOD: Thurs at 10am at Wildwood Hall, Bea (780)727-2129

YOUR COMMUNITY

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).

PROBLEMS WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION in a loved one? Contact Drug Rehab Resource free confidential consultation. 1-866-649-1594 or www.drugrehabresource.net.

SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS, Tues-Sat, 9:00-3:00PM. Info 960-4600

UNITED CHURCH THRIFT SHOP: North end Curling Rink, Onoway. Open Fri & Sat, 10AM-2PM.

FREE TUTORING FOR ADULTS: Need help with reading, writing, math, English language (ESL) or basic digital skills? Free 1-on-1 and small group tutoring! Odette Lloyd 780-220-6460. calp@norquest.ca

WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF: Tues Onoway Aspen Health Services. Drop off 1:00-2:30PM.

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, 7:00PM 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/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

Darwell Public Skating 7-days wheel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darvellag.com or Facebook

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 Agliplex from 10:00-11:00AM starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCCS.

ONOWAY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway Golden Club Onoway Museum. 967-4485

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 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

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE 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. 6:45PM. Onoway Heritage Centre contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

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, Community Service Bldg 4909-49Ave, Thurs 8PM. (780) 648-3903 or (780) 779-0155

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

AA - WHITECOURT, united church side door, Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm call 780-424-5900

AA - WOMEN'S GROUP (NEW), Whitecourt United Church - use side door at 5201-50St. Saturday 11:00 Call (780)424-5900

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

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

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 Agliplex.

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Mondays 8PM, Golden Club 5023-49Ave

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

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

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

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

GriefShare: Weekly grief support group on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting Sept. 17 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 for 12 sessions. Pre-registration required by calling Fran at 780-786-2533.

Girl Guides Embers, Guides and Pathfinders Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway Heritage Center On-line Registration www.girlguides.ca

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 Sandra @ 780-966-5678

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, FCCS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Cassy 780-471-3034 *Sept-June

NA MEETING, Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY: 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:00PM, room 3 of the Heritage Centre

ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD: Every 2nd Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info, Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION General Meetings, 1st Mon, 7PM. *Sept-June

RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS: at the Agriplex on the 2nd Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB Build confidence, speaking, leadership & listening skills. Thursdays 7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.

SANGUDO PAINTING GROUP: Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo Community School. Info, call 780-785-2112.

SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB: Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM, St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

WESTLOCK & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 3rd Wed. 6:30-8:00PM at Westlock Library.

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