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COMMUNITY CHOIR LOOKING FOR MEMBERS!

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir

Dust off your vocal chords and join the fun of the Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir!

All singers are welcome, whether someone who's never sung in a choir or someone with more experience, or just someone who hasn't sung in a group for years. Both men and women

are needed to round out this popular choir.

The choir has been performing since 2011, and most pieces are four-part harmonies. Well-known and popular selections are balanced by newer, and lesser-known, songs. Our members come from Mayerthorpe, Edmonton, Onoway, Wabamun, Sangudo, Alberta Beach, and rural areas in between. Some have mu-

sical training and background, but most do not. Many don't even read music.

If you don't have that musical training, mini-lessons at rehearsals help clarify musical terms used. Director Debbie Rosen regularly chooses music that challenges choir members' abilities. The weekly rehearsals are helped

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ARMY CADETS ARE RETURNING!

Submitted by Captain R Heinz, CD
Commanding Officer

The staff of 3053 (Lac Ste Anne) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps are eagerly waiting to welcome back cadets and new recruits for the new training year, beginning on Wednesday, September 4th at 7 PM in the Alliance Activity Centre (gym behind the old brick schoolhouse) of the Onoway Historical Centre.

Last year was a very suc-

cessful year for our unit for so many reasons as we returned to a more normal training format from a couple years ago.

Our marksman team participated in the provincial air-rifle competition and we even had a team compete in a drill competition held in Stony Plain last May. These activities are so important to our unit to build confidence and expertise. Our Cadet Parent Committee had a very successful fundraising endeavour

with operating the pancake breakfast and food concession tent on the ice at Sno-Mo Days in Alberta Beach in February. These efforts allowed our entire unit to travel to CFB Cold Lake in May for a fantastic tour of the different units on the base. The highlight of the trip was having the fighter jets practising for their upcoming air show over our heads! In June the unit participated with a beautiful float in both the

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along by practise at home, with each member receiving a CD or digital music containing his/her own part, making it easy to practise alone.

Joining a choir is more than just musical fun; it also provides mental and physical benefits. Studies show joining a choir can improve symptoms of Parkinson's, depression and lung disease. Other studies indicate it triggers the release of "happy" hormones such as oxytocin, thought to help lower stress levels and blood pressure. One choir member agrees. "Singing is a wonderful way to improve fitness

from the inside out. It stimulates the brain."

The next season of the Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir begins Wednesday, September 4. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (5012 - 49 Avenue). At 7 p.m., the first practice begins. All rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 - 9 p.m., preparing for Christmas-season concerts. If you're a bit hesitant, try the choir for two consecutive weeks with no obligation.

There is a small membership fee (September to December; January to May), with a discount for multiple family mem-

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JOKE of the week

Roger, who was 19 years old, was buying an expensive bracelet, to surprise his girlfriend on Valentine's Day, at a very smart jeweller's shop in Hatton Garden, London. The jeweller inquired, 'Would you like your girlfriend's name engraved on it?' Roger thought for a moment, grinned, then answered, 'No, instead engrave "To my one and only love".' The jeweller smiled and said, 'Yes, sir; how very romantic of you.' Roger retorted with a glint in his eye, 'Not exactly romantic, but very practical. This way, if we break up, I can use it again.'



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Army Cadets Are Returning!

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parades in Stony Plain and Onway. Cadets had a blast handing out candy along the route!

This summer we had several of our cadets travel across Canada to attend summer training camps. Their experiences and new knowledge skills will certainly benefit 3053 RCACC this upcoming year.

The army cadet program is FREE and is open to all

youth between the ages of 12-18.

3053 (Lac Ste Anne) RCACC is based in Onway but we cover a large area of responsibility from Spruce Grove west to Darwell, north to Rich Valley and Calahoo. Our cadets come from many different areas and schools to form a proud unit.

We provide instruction in community service, citizenship, leadership, physical

fitness training, map and compass, bushcraft, and marksmanship skills all in a Canadian military setting with drill and uniforms.

All youth (and parents) that are interested in the local army cadet program are encouraged to check us out any Wednesday evening after 7pm in the ACC. We will gladly answer any questions and have registration forms available. Copies of birth certificates and health

care will be required to register and we can photocopy these documents at our office.

Questions regarding the Canadian Cadet Movement can also be sent to 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

Looking forward to seeing all of our returning cadets, and new recruits as we plan for another year of training, comradeship, adventure and FUN!

EVENT HELD BY TOWER ACRES

Submitted by Joyce Vanden Elst

The residents of Tower Acres were pleased to welcome Parkland Library Services on August 12th. They were treated to coffee and muffins as well as book do-

nations by Tower Acres two published authors - Andrea Phillip's book "Absolute Betrayal" and the recently published book "Shahbaz Rising" by Robert J. Rogers.

Joining us were Kathy Gardiner, Parkland Library Director, along with Chris

Goerz, Tomahawk Librarian, and Kathy Koulac, Entwistle Librarian. We look forward to their visit in 2025.

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Submitted by Rich Valley Public Library

We hope everyone had a good summer. Wishing the students best of luck in the new school year. The Sum-

mer reading program was well received. Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped with the Casino, it is greatly appreciated. Parents and Tots will be starting September 18 at 9:30am.

Come to the library and learn all the things your cellphone can do, September 26 at 1pm. Please call the library to register, cost is \$15.00. For all classes you can register by phone

780-967-3525 or email rv-publib@yrl.ab.ca. Watch for all our events on Facebook, and stop in and see what the library has to offer!

LAKE ISLE COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

Submitted

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Lake Isle Community Hall

The lake Isle Community Hall is owned and operated by the Lake Isle Farmers Association. Our hall is located on HWY 633 & Range Road 55, just west of Darwell.

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.

We tried something new for our August 9 pub night. Music Trivia and Karaoke was a great success! Everyone had a fun evening and will do again next summer.

Our final pub night for this year will be Friday, September 6, so mark your calendars...for those of you who missed seeing "Passin Through" at the Stony Plain Bluegrass Festival, or at other venues, well now is your chance! These musicians are awesome, local to Onoway, and shouldn't be missed. No cover charge but we do ask for donations that go only to the band.

See y'all September 6 for music, food (pulled pork on a bun, coleslaw/kale salad \$7.50/plate) and \$5 beverages.

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OUR WESTERN CULTURE

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I'm off again, heading down to the USA, Madison Wisconsin, this time to take some training from the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development. Quite the honor actually, as there is typically only one legislator selected from the member states and provinces each year. With the Covid Craziiness, we were all unable to travel and the courses were postponed. I was selected by the Council of State Governments as a candidate, and it was carried over, so I'm able to go. I look forward to every opportunity to learn more, and to make connections with my American Collogues.

I was asked yesterday to give an update at the 18th Annual Federation of Gas Co-Ops golf tournament on what we as a government have been doing when it comes to economic corridors. As many of you know I've been working on this file since I was first elected, and the model is gaining some serious traction. The concept is evolving into the solution for the need of a "Fortress North America" by which we are self-sufficient, and that we tighten up our supply chains, and trading partners to ensure we have food, energy, logistics security. Although the concept is not new, it sure has become relevant in today's state of global affairs. How critical are our supply chains? The rail strike is once again going to show all of us, how little redundancy, or capacity we have in the system, simply put, we need to ensure we have pathways to build linier infrastructure of all types. We need to ensure that we have redundancy, and moreover capacity in the system.

Strangely enough, it's not necessarily the idea that brings attention to the model, or the logical extension of Alberta being a logistical hub, or the natural choice of supply for energy. When it comes

to getting the idea across to my fellow policy makers, and legislatures it's our attitude. It comes back to basics, it comes down to personalities, and good old fashioned human interaction. I believe right now we as Albertans have a secret recipe that is setting us apart from many others out there. It's our authenticity, our western culture. You can't fake Authenticity, and those who are not afraid to speak with folks about where they come from, what we've accomplished, and what we have our sites set on, strikes a chord with many. It's genuine, it's honest, and it resonates.

When I'm on the road, and folks who are not aware of what Alberta is like, I start off with saying it's "Texas North", people get that. Immediately they get the ideas of cowboys and oil. They get the idea of honest hard-working people who stand up for themselves and others, they also get the idea of the economy, diversified and strong. As the old saying goes, you don't mess with Texas, and the same can be said about Alberta within Canada. Many don't realize that as Albertans we are sitting on the 4th largest known oil reserve on the planet. That we also have over 223 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The USA gets 99 percent of their gas imports from Alberta and well north of 50% of their imported oil comes from Alberta. We are not only integral to their current energy needs, but as they transition to Hydrogen, heck, we are experts in that field as well. If they don't want to take fresh water away from keeping people hydrated, crops watered and animals alive, then they are going to be requiring as much natural gas as we can provide them.

About that culture thing again, so why is it that if strangers from not only the USA, but from Europe, Central America, and East Asia like who we are, how we carry ourselves, and are energized when we have conversations with them, why

is it that our own culture is being targeted from our PM of the present? I know I'm not the only one wondering that. We indeed have a western culture, we are unique in our own way, Afterall, we are the Strong and Free Province. The late Rex Murphy said something along these lines, if you don't know that Alberta is different then you have never been there or had the fortune of meeting someone from Alberta. We work hard, play hard, and love hard. We care not only about ourselves, but others, especially when they have an emergency. Rex pointed out the very real connection between Newfoundland and Alberta, it was not superficial, it was through the very real human connections that we have, from helping real people when they needed it the most.

As I've said a few times now, our fellow Canadians are moving to Alberta at record rates, one gent and his wife I'd recently met sold their farm in Ontario, and struck out west, in his words, "He had finally found his kind of people". He felt free again, felt like there was still a piece of Canada that he could call home.

A friend of mine that I had know since grade 1 invited me out to his "Stomping Grounds" which is an open-air riding arena on his farm. He was hosting a Western Mounted Shooting event. In its simplest terms, you ride as fast as you should through an obstacle course on a horse, and pop balloons at each one of the obstacle stations as you ride by. Revolvers, Lever action Rifles, and Break action Shotguns are used to shoot blank cartridges with black powder, that pops the balloons when the hot grains make contact. It's a thing of beauty. Not only seeing the cowboy or cowgirl with their horses in action, but the comradery that they all have, and that the next three generations of Albertan's that were there helping out or getting involved. We share this sport with the USA, and when

folks compete on this side of the 49th their timed scores are recorded, so that they too can head down south and compete as well.

This sport literally is on the chopping block with what the Liberal government has done regarding gun laws. Kids can't get into it, adults can't get into it, and these that already are, can't buy new revolvers in case they want to upgrade, or need to replace. It is not as if they didn't plead their case down east, it's not like the gun rights actions groups didn't make fantastic arguments, nor even our own Chief Firearms Officer. They simply fell on deaf ears...our culture, our heritage, does not matter to them, or as much as others. It is a crying shame and is not right.

I'd ask each and everyone of you that read this to remember who we are, warts and all, mistakes, and accomplishments and what it is that makes us "Western Canadians". I'd ask you to remember what it is, how special it is to be in this province, to be free spirited, risk takers, gritty, caring, kind, honest and hard working. Where a handshake still means something. Where having a little mud on your boots is ok because it's the person wearing them, is what's important. Hold your head high, don't let others knock you down or make you feel less because we don't have or deserve our own ability to cherish and express our culture and our heritage. It's quite the opposite, in this current world the state we find ourselves in, a little more Alberta is just what our country, and our trading partners need, not less. I am proud to be heading down to Madison Wisconsin, to represent our province, to make new friends, to tell our story, and to leave a little piece of Alberta there when I leave. Stay strong, Stay Free.



HOW TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN WINTER

Plants can improve indoor air quality by helping to remove harmful irritants from the air. Homes tend to be stuffier in

autumn and winter. As temperatures outside dip, windows are closed and air quality inside homes can suffer.

Poor indoor air quality can not only be uncomfortable, causing residents to experience headaches, dry eyes and nasal congestion, but also can be unhealthy. According to the American Lung Association, poor indoor air quality can cause or contribute to the development of infections, lung cancer and chronic lung diseases, such as asthma.

home's interior. Houseplants can clean and purify the air in a home, helping to remove formaldehyde, benzene and other toxins that can make indoor air unhealthy to breathe. Benzene is an irritant that can cause dizziness, headache, nausea, and blurred vision, among other side effects. Formaldehyde, which is often found in homes thanks to its widespread use in a range of products, can cause watery eyes, nausea and wheezing.

Though it's not feasible or healthy to open windows when temperatures outside dip to near or below freezing, there are steps everyone can take to improve the indoor air quality in their homes.

· Watch what you are lighting up. Many homeowners know that smoking indoors drastically reduces indoor air quality, putting even nonsmokers at heightened risk of developing various respiratory ailments.

· Add to your décor with plants. Plants provide both aesthetic and practical appeal to a

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Homeowners concerned about the indoor air quality in their homes should ban smoking inside, no matter how low temperatures dip outside. In addition, homeowners with wood-burning stoves and fireplaces should be especially diligent maintaining these features, as they can release harmful soot and smoke if they are not taken care of. Some people may also be allergic to incense and scented candles, so keep a watchful eye on residents and guests whenever you light candles or sticks of incense. If any symptoms of allergies appear, avoid lighting any more candles or incense, waiting until you can open the windows if you want to

light any again.

- Purchase an air purifier. Air purifiers are beneficial year-round, helping to remove allergens and particles from a home. High-efficiency particulate air filters, known as HEPA filters, are extremely effective at removing airborne particulates from the air inside your home.

- Pay attention to pets. Like their owners, pets tend to spend more time indoors during the winter. That means more fur and pet dander, the skin flakes in an animal's fur or hair that can trigger allergic reactions, is likely in your home during the winter than in the summer. To combat this, bathe your pets regularly in the winter, making sure to wash the animal's bedding in hot wa-

ter on a weekly basis as well.

- Open the windows when possible. Winter does not typically provide many opportunities to open the windows, but you might get a few chances to let some fresh air in through the windows during winter. Make the most of these opportunities, and when possible crack the windows when you're cleaning so dust and other particles that kick up have a path outside of your home.

Clean interior air should be a year-round priority, but homeowners may have to go the extra mile to keep their homes' interior air clean when winter arrives.

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HOW TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN STAINLESS STEEL

No matter the style of a homeowner's kitchen, be it modern, traditional or farmhouse, stainless steel appliances can add a pop of shine and a touch of class. Proponents of stainless steel appliances note their easy maintenance, stylish look and durability. Plus, the neutral tone of stainless steel helps it blend in with just about any color palette.

Stainless steel is lauded for its strength and resistance to corrosion and rust. These attributes make it a popular choice in kitchens, where moisture is an issue. Although they are certainly durable choices, stainless steel appliances require maintenance

to keep them looking and performing at their best. Considering that stainless steel also costs more than other finish options, taking the time to learn proper care can help protect homeowners' investments.

- Avoid chlorine bleach or other products containing chloride. Although stainless steel is highly resistant to corrosion, it is not completely impervious. Chlorine products can damage the surface of stainless steel appliances and stain them if the chlorine is left to sit.

- Do not use metal scourers or coarse abrasives on the stainless steel because such products may scratch

the steel. Steel wool pads can leave behind a residue of small metal particles that may eventually rust.

- Baking soda mixed with a little dish soap can be used to remove some tough dirt and stains. Rinse well and towel dry to avoid streaking.

- Clean and wipe the steel in the direction of the "grain." Usually this means working from the top of the appliance and moving down toward the floor.

- Consult with the owner's manual before undertaking any maintenance or cleaning. The appliance may have a special coating over the stainless steel to help protect it, and it's best to know what

you're dealing with before getting your hands dirty.


- If you will be trying a cleaning product or scouring method, always test it first in an inconspicuous spot to see if it is effective or harmful.

- Julien, a leader in commercial kitchen equipment, recommends applying cleansers with a soft cloth or sponge. Then wipe dry with a soft, clean cloth or allow to air dry.

Stainless steel remains a popular material in kitchens for sinks and appliances. With care, stainless steel can look like new for years to come.



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Submitted by Onoway and District Historical Guild

It's time for some family fun! Plans are well underway for the Fall Harvest Festival at the Onoway Museum. For over 15 years, the Onoway and District Historical Guild has made fall farm activities come alive at the annual threshing bee. Watch the straw fly as stooks of grain are pitched off the hayrack into the threshing machine, to be spit out as new grain and enough straw for a giant straw pile.

Threshing was so important to early farmers but there will be many activities at the Fall Harvest Festival that reflect different aspects of farm life – rope-making, blacksmithing, wagon rides, home-made pies. Owners of antique tractors, cars, trucks and equipment are invited to show off their treasures.

On Saturday September 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the area behind the Museum/Onoway Heritage Centre will be a lively place. The museum and the UFA Equipment Shed will be open with knowledgeable volunteers to answer questions. A market will be held in the Heritage Centre; potential vendors are invited to contact Michelle Bourke at 780.905.9704.

Other highlights will be local musician Todd Butler, illusionist Kevin Henry and Amanda Panda's hula hoop tricks. Many new children's activities will be happening in the gym and outdoors.

Admission is by cash donation at the gate. Public parking is available on arena grounds and the school bus loop. Parking on museum grounds is reserved for

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Bring family and friends and share in our fall fun!

Try pitching some bundles at the Onoway Museum/Heritage Centre grounds during the Fall Harvest Festival on September 21.



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ANSWER:
Last Weeks

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County News Highlights

Sept 4 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

Sept 12 Council Meeting

KILINI CREEK BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION Completed Ahead of Schedule

The portion of Township Road 541 south of Onoway, which had been closed to the public due to the construction of the new culvert bridge, was recently reopened.

Friday, August 9, the barricades were removed and traffic returned to the road, between RR 15 and RR 20, across the completed culvert bridge.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Watch out for workers and equipment in the region

Roadside mowing has been completed in Divisions 1 & 2. Motorists can expect to see mowers working in the areas surrounding Darwell and Glenevis as County crews finish off the season.

Please keep your distance from equipment, drive the appropriate speed limit and stay in your lane - especially on curves and hills.

Read up on our Roadside Vegetation Management Program online at LSAC.ca/agriculture.

BLUE-GREEN ALGAE ADVISORY

In Place for Area Lakes

Advisories remain in effect until further notice for the following lakes:

- Matchayaw (Devil's) Lake
- Lac La Nonne
- Lac Ste. Anne
- Paddle River Dam Reservoir
- Isle Lake

The most up-to-date list of affected lakes and additional information is available online at ahs.ca/eph.

ONOWAY PLAYSCHOOL Registration Space Available for the 2024-25 School Year

There are still spots for the Tuesday & Friday 3-Year-Old Program at Onoway Playschool beginning in September.

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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](tel:18668805722) or devassistant@LSAC.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to request additional information on a permit.

24-D0073

Lots 8&9, Block 3, Plan 6967BG; NE 36-56-7 W5M; 5035 - 50 ST, Hamlet of Sangudo
 2024 Manufactured Home on screw piles main 26.0' x 48.0' (1248.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls with Front Variance Request for proposed development - Regulation: 24.6', Requested: 8.0', Variance: 16.6' and Rear Yard Variance Request for proposed development - Regulation: 24.6', Requested: 12.0', Variance 12.6'
Appeal to SDAB by Sep 16, 2024

24-D0120

Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 0622924, NW 28-54-01 W5M; 9, 54419 RGE RD 14, Bilby Heights
 Single Detached Dwelling with attached Garage and decks, main 28.0' x 32.0' (896 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, second floor 12.0' x 30.2' (362 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, garage 39'6 x 31'0 (1280.0 sq. ft.) 16.0' walls, deck 1 42.0' x 10.0' (420.0 sq. ft.) deck 2 10.0' x 32.0' (320.0 sq. ft.) with garage size variance request to section 10.1.29 of LUB regulation: 1200.0 sq. ft. requested: 1280.0 sq. ft. variance: 80.0 sq. ft.
Appeal to SDAB by Sep 16, 2024

24-D0127

Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 062 5032, SE 22-55-03-W5M; 55308 RGE RD 32
 Shipping container, main 8.0' x 40.0' (320.0 sq. ft.) 9.6' walls; Detached Garage with storage and deck, main 20.0' x 24.0' (480.0 sq. ft.); storage 10.0' x 12.0' (120.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls; deck 12.0' x 14.0' (168.0 sq. ft.)
Appeal to SDAB by Sep 16, 2024

24-D0130

Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1323106; SW 21-57-08 W5M; 3, 57313 HWY 22
 New RTM office on screw piles, main 28.0' x 64.0' (1792.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls & AWSA certified Ag chemical storage shed, main 40.0' x 60.0' (2400.0 sq. ft.) 18.0' walls. Existing: Concrete Sheds, Shipping Container and Control Building with Front Yard Variance Request (South property line) for proposed development - Regulation: 15.0m, Requested: 6.0m, Variance: 9.0m and Side Yard Variance Request (West property line) for proposed development - Regulation: 15.0m, Requested: 6.0m, Variance: 9.0m - This permit replaces 24-D0032
Appeal to SDAB by Sep 16, 2024