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Submitted by Spruce Grove Agricultural Society

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### ALBERTA RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATES HOMICIDE AT THE EDMONTON CORN MAZE

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Aug. 27, 2024 at 7:02 p.m. Parkland RCMP received a report of a stab-

bing that occurred at the Edmonton Corn Maze on Highway 627 near Spruce Grove Alberta. Upon arrival, an adult victim was located deceased. The suspect

remained on scene and was taken into custody.

The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit was dispatched to the area and

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### PARKLAND RCMP SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WITH BOAT THEFTS UPDATED

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

The Parkland RCMP would like to thank the public for their assistance in the recovery of the two stolen boats. Sep-

arate tips received led to the discovery of both boats with an estimated combined value of \$386,415.00.

RCMP have obtained photos two suspects involved in

the case. Furthermore, we are again asking for assistance in identifying the two individuals and their vehicles captured on video surveillance.

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# Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit Investigates Homicide At The Edmonton Corn Maze

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has taken carriage of the investigation.

While RCMP investigate, we are asking anyone that was at the Corn Maze on Aug. 27, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to call the Parkland RCMP at 825-220-7267.

RCMP would like to advise

the public that this attack involved two guests who knew one another.

Alberta RCMP have laid charges in connection with the murder of a male at the Edmonton Corn Maze on Aug. 27, 2024, near Spruce Grove. The victim has been identified as 53-year-old Joseph Farnsworth.

RCMP have charged 41-year-old Michael George Ferzli with Second-degree-murder.

Ferzli was taken before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody with his next court date set for Sept. 4, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.

# Parkland RCMP Seek Public Assistance With Boat Thefts Updated

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Suspect 1 was driving a red Ford quad cab pick up with black rims and a tonneau

cover. He is pictured wearing a sleeveless tank top with a white headband.

Suspect 2 was driving a dark Dodge pickup with a cargo

cap on the back. He is pictured with short to no hair and a long white beard.





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# INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Submitted by GYPSD

Following a review of available candidates and in consultation with the College of Alberta School Superintendents' members, the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Dennis Parsons to the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools and CEO for the Division.

Commenting on the appointment, Board Chair Dale Karpluk said, "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Parsons to our leadership team. He brings a wealth of experience, ability, and a deep commitment to our mission of preparing students for a lifetime of success. With his Alberta based superintendent experience and thoughtful leadership, we are confident that he will support the Board during these challenging times and aid us as we search for a permanent superintendent in the coming months.

We are confident that his proven record of executive leadership with Fort McMurray Public Schools, Calgary Board of Education, and the University of Calgary will bring to our Division the steady presence of one who has had a career marked by service with integrity, vision, a focus on community engagement, and communication."

Dr. Parsons is an innovative educational leader and enthusiastic about ensuring that all students have access to high quality learning opportunities. With over 40 years of experience in education, he has a proven record of leading successful initiatives that drive academic achievement and create opportunities for all students to thrive. He has served Alberta School Boards in senior leadership roles as well as on special contract. His work has involved school district leadership, leading teams across school operations, policy, school board governance, student support services, information technology services, and digital literacy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Education, a Master degree, and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Calgary.

As the interim leader of GYPSD, Dr. Parsons is excited to work collaboratively with the Board of Trustees, staff, families, and com-

munity members to support their well-being and advance student achievement and success as expressed in the Division's Education Plan.

"I am honoured to have been selected with the confidence of the Board of Trustees as the Division's Interim Superintendent," expressed Dr Parsons. "I look forward to collaborating with our entire school division to build on current successes, and continue to develop a culture of excellence grounded in our core values. I could not be more excited to begin this new chapter in such a wonderful and vibrant school dis-

trict. Together, we will ensure that all students have access to an education that uplifts, and that gives them the knowledge, tools, and competencies to succeed in life. I am also looking ahead to collaborating closely with the community of Jasper at this time of need."

Dr. Parsons will step into the role on October 1, 2024, as Superintendent Dr. Carolyn Lewis leaves to pursue future opportunities. In the short term, he will serve as a special consultant to the Board of Trustees and get to know the Division. While serving in this role, Dr. Parsons and his wife, Joanne, will assume resi-

dence in Edson.

The Board of Trustees extends its sincere gratitude to our Education Consultant, Mr. Brian Callaghan from the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta for his support during the recruitment process, having provided unique insights and valuable input. Mr. Callaghan served as an Alberta School Superintendent for 25 years and assisted schools boards for the past 12 years as a consultant. In the new school year, he will aid the Board in the permanent executive search process.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the requirements of Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, as amended, the Council of Parkland County has scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of the following Bylaw:

Bylaw: **2024-16**      Date: **September 24, 2024**      Time: **9:30 am**      Location: **Parkland County Council Chambers 53109A Hwy 779, Parkland County, Alberta**

### Proposed Bylaw 2024-16: Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies (Second Reading)

Administration is proposing a bylaw which will restrict the use of fertilizers in any subdivision adjacent to a Parkland County waterbody. The objective of this amendment is to address and protect the health of our waterbodies by reducing the use of chemicals around waterbodies. Please refer to [yourparkland.ca/fertilizer](http://yourparkland.ca/fertilizer) for the complete list of subdivisions and municipal addresses affected by the proposed bylaw.

### Hearing Procedure

This is a formal Public Hearing and Council is prepared to hear and receive formal submissions and presentations (verbal or written) from those who wish to speak to the proposed Bylaw. Written submissions or presentations may either be submitted in advance to Legislative Services by **12:00 p.m. on September 18, 2024**, or submitted at the commencement of the **Public Hearing on September 24, 2024**.

Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation to Council must notify Legislative Services in advance of the Public Hearing by **12:00 p.m., on September 18, 2024**. Verbal presentations at the Public Hearing will be limited to a maximum of 10 minutes. Anyone wishing to make a verbal presentation who has not made prior arrangements may be allocated a time at the commencement of the Public Hearing. Council advises that this is your last opportunity to comment on the proposed Bylaw as Council is unable to receive further submissions after the Public Hearing is closed.

### Copies of the proposed Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies Bylaw

Copies of the proposed Restricted Use of Fertilizer Bylaw 2024-16 are available free of charge on our website ([yourparkland.ca/fertilizer](http://yourparkland.ca/fertilizer)), by email or by visiting Parkland County Centre during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday). If you have any questions related to this Bylaw, please contact Dave Cross at [David.Cross@parklandcounty.com](mailto:David.Cross@parklandcounty.com)

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# FIRST YEAR OF RURAL COMMUNITY NURSING PROGRAM BEGINS

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Nine students from the Drayton Valley area are set to start their studies and gain hands-on training on their way to obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree – all without having to leave their home community.

Offered for the first time in Drayton Valley this year, the rural community nursing program builds on the successes Alberta Health Services (AHS) and University of Calgary (UCalgary) have experienced in Wainwright since jointly launching the program there in 2021.

“I am thrilled to see this program launch in Drayton Valley,” says Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Dray-

ton Valley-Devon. “This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in a future in healthcare to be able to learn close to home, and a chance for them to experience first-hand all that rural healthcare has to offer.”

Kelsey Letendre, a local licensed practical nurse (LPN) at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, is among the first cohort of students. She embraces the opportunity to further her education without having to leave for the city.

“Having this program available in smaller, rural communities not only makes the degree much more accessible but gives students the supports of home,” says Letendre. “I grew up here. I’ve been working here for 10 years.

Knowing I have the support of my family, coworkers and manager at the hospital all right here with me has made it easier to take this next step in my career. I’m looking forward to growing as a nurse and continuing to care for my community for years to come.”

For AHS, the opportunity to collaborate with partners to grow local talent supports not only students but the future of rural healthcare, as well.

“We do face challenges in recruiting nursing staff to rural sites,” says Janice Stewart, Chief Zone Officer with AHS Central Zone. “By creating opportunities to educate registered nurses in their home communities, we are building capacity for a local, more sustainable

workforce into the future.

“That is good news for our rural hospitals, and for patients and families in the community.”

The program was developed as a way of reducing barriers to learning, recruiting students to healthcare careers, and encouraging graduates to stay in their home communities.

Students of the Drayton Valley program will take part in both in-person and virtual learning opportunities, gaining valuable skills and hands-on experience from instructors and seasoned nurses. New educational spaces have been established in collaboration with the Town of Drayton Valley, which has been a key partner in getting the

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# First Year Of Rural Community Nursing Program Begins

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program launched in the community.

“Having supportive community partners is integral to our ability to provide an excellent academic and clinical experience for students,” says Dr. Catherine Laing, Dean of the UCalgary Faculty of Nursing. “We are grateful to work with partners who have an important stake in ensuring we are meeting the healthcare needs of our communities across Alberta.”

For the Town of Drayton Valley, supporting the program aligns with its ongoing work to support local healthcare.

“We are absolutely thrilled to welcome the first cohort of nursing students to Drayton Valley as part of

this groundbreaking rural community nursing program,” says Mayor Nancy Dodds. “This is an incredible opportunity for our local students to pursue their passion for healthcare right here in Drayton Valley. Not only does this program make a nursing degree more accessible, but it also strengthens our commitment to building a sustainable healthcare workforce in rural Alberta.

“We are excited to support these students on their journey and to see the positive impact they will have on our community for years to come.”

The Drayton Valley program will run for two cohorts of students, with intakes this year and next, with the goal of preparing

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## TIPS ON SHOPPING FOR NEW APPLIANCES

Now may be the right time to make large appliance purchases. Know the product before visiting the store.

As the weather turns

cooler, outdoor improvements become less practical. Homeowners' thoughts may turn to projects they can tackle inside of the home.

Now may be the time to consider the purchase of new appliances that can be the finishing touches to renovated spaces.

Fall is prime time to

purchase new large appliances. Manufacturers typically unveil their latest models during September and October. At this point, prices on older models will be reduced to make room for new ones. By the end of the year, any older models that have not yet been cleared out will be discounted further. Even though the end-of-the-year deals will be better, the selection may be limited the longer you wait.

It is best never to wait until an appliance is on its last leg for repair or replacement. Then consumers do not have the luxury to price shop nor find items that include the features they desire most. Here are some other buying tips.

### Research

Shoppers should begin their research at home before they even enter a store. Make a list of features you want in the appliance, which helps narrow down the playing field and better focus your purchasing decisions.

Once you have a list handy, speak with friends or family members about their experiences with brands and/or retailers. Ask about which features they like the most and how often they have had to

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call for repairs. If they could do things differently, what would those things be?

Know your space  
Perhaps you are familiar with the adage to measure twice and cut once. The same can be said for measuring prior to purchasing an appliance. Be sure you know the exact measurements of the space that will house the new appliance. Take into consideration the clearance needed to open doors,

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# TOOLS OF THE HOME RENOVATOR'S TRADE

Home renovation projects can be both exciting and tricky. Do-it-yourselfers are inspired by designs showcased in magazines, websites and their own communities. When DIY enthusiasts see a design they like, it's understandable that they may want to emulate these looks at home.

Remodeling is one of the larger DIY undertakings, and it goes beyond simple carpentry. Considering demolition, reconstruction, electrical,

plumbing, and masonry work may be part of the DIY package, homeowners who are thinking about renovations must first stock up on the tools and other supplies of the trade. Having the right tools can mean the difference between a job well done and a job that needs to be redone.

- Crowbar or prybar: Before you can put in new construction, you might have to get your hands dirty with some demolition. Crowbars or prybars can be used

to pry up wood slats, remove nails or remove old decking.

- Tool pouch: A tool and fastener pouch gives DIYers a place other than their pockets to store fasteners and hand tools. Pouches can be attached to tool belts for added storage capacity.

- Stud finder: Invest in a more fool-proof method of locating studs behind dry-wall then knocking on the wall. Stud finders can provide a picture of studs, pipes and other

hidden items inside an entire length of wall. This is essential to driving nails where they belong and can also prevent sending fasteners into wires or nearby plumbing.

- Level: A level is an essential tool for everyone from casual decorators to more involved renovators. Whether hanging pictures or ensuring molding is parallel, levels are must-have tools for DIYers.

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# Tools Of The Home Renovator's Trade

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- **Safety glasses:** Invest in a pair of safety glasses so no one working on a project deals with obstructed vision. Safety glasses also provide ample eye protection.

- **Extension cords:** If power tools are part of the renovation picture, extension cords can safely extend power where it is needed. Be sure to invest in a gauge that is large enough to handle the amperage of your most powerful tool.

- **Measuring tape:** The "measure twice, cut once" mantra is key to home improvements. To measure accurately each and every time, no tool chest is complete without a sturdy measuring tape.

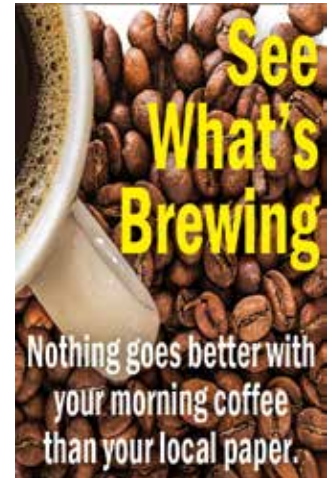
- **Ladder varieties:** Home improvements aren't always at ground level. Purchase ladders of various heights so you can safely reach various areas of the home and avoid injury. Step stools, a step ladder and an extension ladder all have

their purposes on the job.

- **Digital inspection scope:** A scope lets you see inside walls, floors and ceilings to find the exact location of pipes, wires and joists. It also can be used to seek out the source of clogged drains or anywhere you desire sight into hard-to-maneuver areas.

In addition to these tools, brooms, shop-vacs, hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers can complete a DIYer's basic

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## ROOMS CAN SERVE DOUBLE DUTY

Many homes do not have space for guest rooms, kids' play areas and home theater lounges that are possible in homes with substantial square footage. But they may not be missing out at all.

While large homes remain popular, many people are embracing the benefits of smaller residences. Small homes help homeowners save money, require less maintenance, have smaller environmental impact, and reduce the temptation to accumulate "stuff."

Owners of small homes or apartments can still enjoy the benefits of larger spaces, they just need to equip rooms to perform double duty.

**Living room/guest room**  
Entertaining guests is easier when there's a dedicated space where visitors can feel at home. When furnishing a living room, keep the guest room in mind. A sofa that opens up to a bed or a convertible sectional can be a comfortable place for guests to lay their heads. Side tables provide guests with places to store their belongings, and an empty storage chest can house bed linens or guests' clothing.

**Den/playroom**  
Children tend to accumulate toys and games. And as kids grow from children to young adults, their list of must-have items - from video gaming systems to

other electronics - grows along with them. Storage can make a room functional for both adults and children. Devote an entire wall to a closet or drawer system where toys can be stored out of sight when necessary. Storage ottomans can be used for extra seating while also providing somewhere for homeowners to stash stuffed animals or games for easy access. When choosing furniture, look for fabrics that are resistant to stains and modular pieces that can be moved around as necessary to create room for playing or entertaining.

**Bedroom/home office**  
In 2015, 24 percent of employed people in the United

States did some or all of their work at home, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Bringing work home means men and women will need a space to work. In tight quarters, bedrooms may be the only available area. An armoire-style desk will blend in with the decor and can hide paperwork and electronics behind doors. Otherwise, a make-up vanity can serve the dual purpose of providing a place to get ready for a night out and a ready space to house a laptop during the day.

In smaller homes, homeowners may be forced to turn rooms into dual purpose areas.

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# RENTING FROM TRUDEAU IS NOT THE CANADIAN DREAM

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

As a Member of Parliament, I constantly hear from Canadians who feel that the dream of homeownership is slipping further out of reach. The Trudeau government's latest housing announcement does nothing to change that. Instead of empowering Canadians to own their homes, this plan keeps them renting—literally—from the government.

The idea of converting federal lands into housing might seem promising at first. Selling off unused public land to create homes is something Conservatives have long proposed. But

here's where the Liberals' plan goes off the rails: instead of selling the land to Canadians, they want to lease it to developers, ensuring that Canadians remain tenants, not homeowners. This approach does nothing to address the underlying issues that have made housing so unaffordable in our country.

Under this plan, Canadians won't build equity, and they won't gain the security that comes with owning both their home and the land it sits on. Instead, they'll be stuck in a cycle of rent, at the mercy of government-controlled leases that could change at any time. This isn't homeownership; it's another form of depen-

ency, where Canadians are left renting from Trudeau rather than owning their piece of Canada.

Let's be clear: this is not a solution to our housing crisis. It's a bureaucratic maneuver that keeps people trapped in a rental system, rather than offering them the opportunity to build wealth and stability through homeownership. The real problem is that the Liberals have failed to build enough homes to meet the needs of a growing population. In fact, fewer homes are being built now than in the 1970s when our population was half the size.

Common Sense Conservatives have a differ-

ent plan. We believe in cutting the red tape that slows down construction, reducing taxes on homebuilding, and ensuring that when Canadians buy a home, they actually own it—land and all. We need to build more homes, not more bureaucracy.

So, I ask you: Do you want to rent your future from the government, or do you want a government that empowers you to own it? It's time to choose a path that puts Canadians first and restores the dream of homeownership. Only Common Sense Conservatives will deliver the homes that Canadians need and deserve.

# WATER QUALITY ADVISORY ISSUED FOR WABAMUN LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK BEACH

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Due to elevated levels of fecal bacteria currently present in the water at Wabamun Lake Provincial Park Beach, located within the Edmonton Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS), AHS is advising the public not to swim or wade at this beach area, effective immediately.

Elevated levels of fecal bacteria were detected via testing of the lake water at this beach location. At current levels,

gastrointestinal illness may result from ingestion of the water at

Wabamun Lake Provincial Park Beach. As well, there is the possibility of skin, ear and eye infections with water contact.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any lake or reservoir, at any time. Water-borne organisms, including fecal bacteria, can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

AHS Environmental Public Health officers

will continue to monitor the water at Wabamun Lake Provincial Park Beach.

This advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

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 Alber-

tans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow



# 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. Its 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.



# NOTEBOOKS OPEN, PENCILS UP, SCHOOL IS BACK: MINISTER NICOLAIDES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides issued the following statement on back to school:

“As kindergarten to Grade 12 students begin to head back to school after the summer break, I want to wish all students, teachers and school support staff the very best for the year ahead. I also want to give special acknowledgment to those affected by the Jasper wildfires, returning to school under these circumstances this year – we are all with you, and

we wish you the very best.

“Education is the foundation of our province’s prosperity, and we remain as focused as ever on providing Alberta’s youth with a truly world-class education.

“As we start this new school year, I am incredibly proud of our continued collaboration with education partners and all the exciting things we are doing together to support student success in the classroom and beyond.

“This year, more than 1,700 teachers will be piloting the new kinder-

garten to Grade 6 social studies curriculum, helping equip students with the knowledge and critical thinking skills they need to thrive in our fast-paced world.

“We’re also enhancing literacy and numeracy screening to ensure our youngest students have every opportunity to build solid foundations in reading, writing and numeracy, and to make sure those who need a helping hand can get it in the earliest years of their education.

“We have more choice than ever in our school system, with a wid-

er selection of charter, separate, independent, francophone and public schools, and more dual credit and collegiate programming offering students opportunities to explore a full range of captivating career choices. With these diverse educational pathways, I am confident students will discover their passions and find pathways to help them achieve their goals.

“Positive mental health is fundamental to students’ success, which is why we are extending the school mental

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# Notebooks Open, Pencils Up, School Is Back: Minister Nicolaides

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health pilot program to ensure they continue to have access to in-school mental health supports. We're also making sure students can focus on learning rather than texts and social alerts by limiting the use of personal mobile devices and social media in the class-

room.

"We recently announced an additional \$215 million so school authorities can put more money into the classroom by hiring more teachers and educational staff and adding more student spaces in Alberta's fastest-growing communities.

"This all builds on the record \$9.3 billion we are investing in education this year, and it is all made possible by the dedicated teachers, teacher leaders, support staff, parents and guardians who show up every day to help students receive the world-class education they deserve.

"With our record investments in education, continued collaboration with education partners and Alberta's talented and hardworking students, I am confident we have all the ingredients for another amazing school year.

"I wish all new and returning students a school year filled with fun, friends, laughter, learning and discovery, and I extend my sincere thanks to all teachers, teacher leaders, support staff, parents and caregivers for your dedication to supporting the learning, success and well-being of Alberta's children."

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6	5	1	4	2	3	7	8	9
3	4	7	9	5	8	2	1	6
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<p><b>Parkland Baptist Church</b>                  Sunday Worship Service 10:30a.m.                  All Welcome                  121 Brookwood Drive                  (780) 962-4101                  www.parklandbaptist.ca</p>	<p><b>Word Church Apocalyptic Era</b>                  Border Crossing Athletic Centre, 971 Letave Way, Spruce Grove                  (gates in the Wild Rose room).                  Ph: 780-962-7579                  Service starts at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning,  <b>come all &amp; be bless.</b></p>	<p><b>St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Church</b>                  6103 172 St. NW, Edmonton                  Saturday:                  Vespers 5:00PM                  Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00AM                  780.487.2167                  stanthony@telusplanet.net                  www.st-anthonys.ca</p>	<p><b>Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre Catholic Chapel</b>                  Sunday Masses 10a.m. &amp; 2pm                  Weekdays 9am                  Saturday 10am                  12531 97 St SE, Spruce Grove                  (next to Value Drug Mart)                  County</p>	<p><b>Stony Plain United Church</b>                  Sunday Service 10:30a.m.                  5012-51 Ave. Stony Plain  <b>Mewassin United Church</b>                  Sunday Service 9:00a.m.                  Rev. Heather Koots                  Hwy 627 - Rd 30                  Ph: 780-963-4745</p>	<p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rosenthal</b>                  Sunday Worship Service 9:30a.m.                  Sunday School                  780-963-4048</p>
<p><b>Emmaus Lutheran Church</b>                  Sunday Worship Service 11:00a.m.                  4604 50<sup>th</sup> Ave, Drayton Valley                  Ph: 780-542-5101</p>	<p><b>Church of God</b>                  Worship Service Sun. 11:00a.m.                  Please contact for activities                  5004-49 Street, Drayton Valley                  Ph: 780-542-5091</p>	<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b>                  Pastoral Team: Kenton Penner                  Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.                  Youth &amp; Ministries Info - calvbapt@telus.net                  4401-50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Drayton Valley                  780-542-4774                  www.calvarybaptist.ca</p>	<p><b>Drayton Valley Alliance Church</b>                  Pastor John Haazen                  Join us for Sunday Service at 10:30a.m.                  5014-56 Ave.                  (next to Value Drug Mart)                  Programs for all ages                  Ph: 542-6501 dvalliance.ca</p>	<p><b>All Saints' Anglican Church</b>                  10:30a.m. Sunday Worship                  5212 47 Ave. Drayton Valley                  (780) 542-5048                  www.all-saints-draytonvalley.ca</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony Catholic Church</b>                  WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:                  Saturday 5:00p.m.                  Sunday 12:00p.m.                  4708-50 Ave. Drayton Valley                  Parish Office: 542-5254</p>

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 25 words or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

## FARMERS MARKETS

**DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market,** Wednesdays starting May 3rd-October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information.

**EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:** Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-515-0905

**May-Sept**  
**URG:** Sat, 10AM-2PM, Tipple Park Museum. Call 727-2240 for tables.  
**\*May-Sept.**

**SEBA BEACH FARMERS MARKET,** every Saturday 10:00 am to 12:30 pm until September 14th at the Seba Beach Pavilion (505-1 Ave South) Email is sebaeachfm@gmail.com

**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. Wabamun Farmers Market:** 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 3. Old Fire Hall (53rd Ave), Wabamun

## BINGO

**ENTWISTLE COMM. LEAGUE BINGO:** Every Wednesday, Doors Open 6PM.

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

**WILDWOOD:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon night, 6:30PM, bingo starts 7:30PM, Early Birds & Lucky 7.

## MEAT DRAWS

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

**Evansburg:** Evansburg Legion, Friday 8-10PM & Saturday 3-5PM

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

**Wildwood:** Wildwood Legion, Saturday 3-5PM

## JAMBOREES

**CARVEL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

**DUFFIELD:** Oct 22 \$20, Entertainers \$10. Dinner @ 6pm, late lunch and 50/50.

**\*Sept - May, except Dec.**  
**Duffield Hall:** Jamboree & Supper 6pm 4th Saturday Sept - May

**ENTWISTLE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, Doors at 1:30pm at Entwistle Community Hall. Contact Verna at 780-716-2304. **\*October - May**

**RAVINE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month. Info 780-325-2391 **\*Sept - May.**

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

**SPRUCE GROVE:** at Sandhills Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1-5PM. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 **\*Sept - June.**

**STONY PLAIN:** Stony Plain Seniors Drop In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave. Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM, \$2.

**TOMAHAWK:** Tomahawk Agriplex, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month. 1PM. to 5PM. Doors open at noon PH: 780-339-3755. **\*Oct - May**

**WILDWOOD:** Wildwood Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Each Month, noon 325-2180 325-2270 **\*Oct - June.**

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**ENTWISTLE:** Wed 5 pm weigh-in, meeting to follow. WEE Foodbank

building, main street Entwistle, south entrance. Call Jean at 780-270-4648 for more info.

**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 Rd. Sharron (780) 962-2722

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

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

## YOUR COMMUNITY

**ALBERTA PARENTING FOR THE FUTURE ASSOC:** Call 963-0549 or visit www.apfa.ca to register. All programs are confidential & free.

**Derrick Toastmasters:** Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538.secretary@gmail.com for information.

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

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB** at Keephills Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of every month, 1:30-3:00PM. Visit www.pclibraries.ca for info.

**HATCHET CITY READERS** at Tomahawk Library. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of every month, 10-11AM. For what we're reading next, visit our website, www.pclibraries.ca.

**SEBA BEACH LIBRARY** Summer Hours July - August Tues. - Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM. This summer we will have TD Summer Reading Club, Story Walk, Gardening Program, and Special Events.

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**EVANSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7:00PM Grand Trunk High 727-2030.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**AEROBICS:** Low impact, Mon/Wed, 11AM-12PM, Wildwood Senior's Centre, \$1/session.

**BREAKFAST SOCIAL:** 9:30AM-NOON, Parkland Village Community Centre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. PH: 780.298.9155 Social Media: PVCentre.

**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", 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

**Darwell Public Skating** 7-days weel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag.com or Facebook

**DROP-IN ADULT PICKLEBALL:** Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m. Sept.12th-May @ G.T. School. Evansburg. Beginners Welcome. Paddles sponsored by the Evansburg Public Library

**EVANSBURG ART CLUB:** meet & paint Thurs 1-4PM Rec Plex. 727-4340 or 727-4098

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S HERITAGE HOUSE:** Floor Curling Mon & Thurs,

1pm. Court Whist Thurs, 7PM.

**EVANSBURG TIPPLE PARK HISTORICAL BUILDING TOURS:** Wed - Sat, 10:00-5:00PM.

**HEALTHY AGING NURSE & FOOT CARE PERSON,** Wabamun Seniors Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month, 9AM.

**OPEN HOUSE** for socializing, Crib & card playing at Entwistle Senior Center, Thursdays at 6:45PM, Dan 780-982-0353  
**PARENT & TOT PLAYTIME:** PERC Building Stony Plain Wed 10-11AM; Holborn Community Hall Thurs 9:30-11AM; Parkland Village Tues 9:30-11:30AM.

**SEBA BEACH SENIORS CENTER:** Yoga, mon, 9:30AM, \$10/session. Bridge thurs, 1PM. Jams every Wed night, 7PM. Thrift Shop every Wed & Sat at 10-3PM. Charity # 890175375 RR0001

**SEBA BEACH QUILTERS & FIBER ARTS:** Wednesdays 9:30AM, Seniors Center.

**SENIORS WEDNESDAY\* AFTERNOON** 1-4pm at Parkland Village Community Centre. Games, Crafts & more! Call Sheryl 780.695.7032 **\*exceptions incl. Weather.**

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

**SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS:** Tues-Sat, 9-3pm. 960-4600.

**STONY PLAIN'S 5TH MERIDIAN GOOD SAMS RV CHAPTER:** Ecole Meridian Heights School. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of Month, 7PM. Call Pat at 780-963-6976 or Ruth at 780-288-9829.

**Wabamun Seniors Centre POT LUCK** every Wed 12:00PM, Come on down!

## MEETINGS

**2<sup>ND</sup> TIMERS:** A support & confidential group for Grandparents Parenting. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM. Grand Trunk High School (meet in Lobstick Literacy & Learning room). Child care provided at the Evansburg Public Library.

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

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

**AA:** Friday at 8PM, Evansburg. Call 780-995-1992, 780-727-4175 or 587-464-2466 Open Meeting

**AA MEETING:** Every Monday night at 8PM, Duffield Mewassin Free Methodist Church, (13km South of Duffield Turnoff at Shell Gas Station on Hwy 16).

**AL-ANON:** Wed 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Drive. 962-5205

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

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** (Evans/Ent): 7:30PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, Heritage House.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** The Pembina Community Watch Patrol Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month at 7:30PM, at the Tipple Park Museum (4924-48 St.), Evansburg. Contact 780-898-1465 or 780-727-2686.

**DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY:** 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Community Hall.

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

**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Municipal Library (5120-52 St.) every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month. Call (780) 542-2787

**ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY LEAGUE GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly 7:30PM. **\*Except June, July,**

## August

**ENTWISTLE SENIORS 55+ CLUB:** Tue & Fri, 1:30-4:00PM at Entwistle Hall

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S 55+ HERITAGE HOUSE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of Month, 7:00PM. Dennis, 727-4186.

**FALLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00PM.

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

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

**LAKE ISLE MULTI 4-H GENERAL MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of each month @ 6:30PM @ Lake Isle Hall. Contact 780-242-2486.

**LOBSTICK 4-H BEEF & MULTI CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Evansburg Arena, 7PM, Shannon 727-2358

**LOBSTICK GARDEN CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 6:30PM at Tipple Park Museum, Clara (780) 399-2205

**MACKAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 1st Thursday of every month at MacKay Community Hall info 795-2350

**MAGNOLIA BOARD MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7PM at Magnolia Community Hall.

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

**MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 6-8PM at Norquest College. Terra Leslie, 1-403-346-0290. **\*Sept-June**

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

**NA MEETING:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM. 514-601

**PEMBINA PORCUPINES - JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS:** Entwistle Porcupine gathering: 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. Len & Tineke at 727-2020. Porcupines@yellowheadjfw.ca

**PEMBINA VALLEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB:** we meet on the third Thursday at the Entwistle Community Hall Meeting Room at 8PM Contact President Lion Ron Stefanuik 780-218-5067.

**STONY PLAIN FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION & WABAMUN GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Stony Plain Comm Center, 7:30PM.

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

**TOMAHAWK SENIORS (50+)** meets every Thursday from 1-4pm at the Tomahawk Agra.

**W.E.E COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:** Call (780) 727-4043 for emergency food needs. Monthly Meeting: LAST Monday of month at 7:00PM at the Food Bank (Old fire hall in Entwistle). **\*Except December**

**WILDWOOD & DIST AG SOCIETY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month 7:00PM at the Wildwood Complex. Wilma 325-2424

**WILDWOOD & DIST ROD & GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:30PM at the range clubhouse, wildwoodrodandgun@gmail.com

**WILDWOOD SENIORS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2:00PM. Contact Vivian 780 325 2296

**\*No meeting July/Aug/Dec.**  
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