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## September 18, 2024

### NEWLY RECRUITED FAMILY PHYSICIAN NOW PRACTISING IN DRAYTON VALLEY

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

A newly recruited family physician is now available to provide care to residents in Drayton Valley and area.

Dr. Joel Ukaegbu is working out of the Claro Family Practice and Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre ( AHS Facility). Individuals needing a family doctor

can call 780-621-0202 to arrange a meet-and-greet appointment. "Family doctors are vital to the health of Albertans and their communities," says Mr. Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon. "We are pleased to welcome Dr. Ukaegbu to Drayton Valley, where I am certain his knowledge and skills will be much appreciated."

Claro Family Practice now has five physicians, with a total of 15 physicians serving the community.

Dr. Ukaegbu received his medical training in Nigeria and practised in South Africa prior to coming to Canada. In his leisure time, he enjoys reading and playing soccer.

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### OBSERVE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN STONY PLAIN

Submitted by Stony Plain

Join the Stony Plain community in observing National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Heritage Park on September 30 from 11 AM to 2 PM. This event is dedicated to fostering understanding, healing, and connection through a day of listening, reflection, and action.

Come wearing an orange shirt and participate in a powerful day of learning and healing. The event will

begin with opening remarks and an indigenous drumming session, followed by a community feast and traditional dancing demonstrations.

Throughout the day, there will be opportunities to engage with elders who will share their wisdom on the importance of preserving traditions. Visit information stations, explore orange shirt displays, and listen to stories that highlight the significance of this day.

"National Day for Truth

and Reconciliation is an opportunity for us all to reflect," says Mayor William Choy. "The event at Heritage Park on September 30 will create space for healing, listening and reflection. I encourage everyone to attend."

"Reconciliation is a journey we must make together as a community," says Community Development Officer Deanna Butz. "This event is about making connections,

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## Newly Recruited Family Physician Now Practising In Drayton Valley

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Alberta Health Services (AHS) continues to recruit for physicians across the Central Zone to meet community needs. AHS has physician resource planners who are dedicated to identifying and pursuing international and domestic physician recruitment opportunities. They work

closely with various community partners and organizations, such as the Rural Health Professions Action Plan, and independent physician recruitment and retention committees.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million

adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

## Observe National Day For Truth And Reconciliation In Stony Plain

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building bridges between communities, and inspiring hope for a brighter future together."

For more information about other events happen-

ing in the Tri-Municipal Region on September 30, and to find locations where orange shirts are available for purchase, visit Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre and Art Gallery.

To learn more about the

September 30 event at Heritage Park, including a list of event partners and sponsors, visit Truth and Reconciliation.

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A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race begin?" The mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children, and so all mankind was made." Two days later the girl asked her father the same question, "How did the human race begin?" The father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved. The confused girl returned to her mother and said, "Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?" The mother answered, "Well, dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his."

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# PARKLAND RCMP INVESTIGATE HOME INVASION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Sept. 9, 2024, Parkland RCMP received a report of a Break and Enter and a potential extortion with a firearm at a residence in Parkland County. Upon arrival, police located the homeowner and removed her from the residence to ensure her safety. Police immediately searched the home and located two suspects as well as a loaded 9 mm handgun in the home. During the break in, one of the suspects was attacked by a large dog in the home causing fairly significant injury. This suspect was transported to hospital where after receiving treatment was taken back to the detachment.

As a result of the investigation RCMP have charged Edmonton resident Jeante Michael Maddox (41), with:

- Break and enter;
- Possession of a weapon contrary to order (x3);
- Extortion with a firearm;
- Possession of a restricted firearm;
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose;
- Sing a firearm in the commission of an offence;
- Pointing a firearm;
- Careless use of a firearm.

Maddox was taken before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody with his next court date set for Sept 25, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.

RCMP have charged Edmonton resident Alexander James Kuzniarski (40), with:

- Break and enter;
- Extortion with a firearm;
- Possession of a restricted firearm;
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose;
- Sing a firearm in the commission of an offence;
- Pointing a firearm;
- Fail to comply with

a release order:

- Possession of a weapon contrary to order;
- Careless use of a firearm.

Kuzniarski was take before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody with his next court date set for Sept 10, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.



## PROPOSAL CALL FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division invites all interested contractors to submit a proposal for the removal of snow, grading and the sanding of all Division owned parking lots at the following locations:

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 Fax: (780) 723-2414

**Closing Date:**  
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**2:00 p.m.**

Grande Yellowhead Public School Division reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

# LAKESIDE CURLING CLUB IN SEBA BEACH INTRODUCING NEW FAMILY CURLING LEAGUE

Submitted by Lakeside Curling Club

Are you looking for some safe family fun this winter? With the start of the curling season upon us, Lakeside Curling Club is introducing a 6 game Family Curling League. Family curling league games will take place over 6 Saturdays between October and December and includes an introductory lesson. Membership within a team can be flexible to accommodate everyone's busy schedules, for example 6 team members can be registered

however only 4 will be allowed to play per game. A liability waiver will be required for all members that curl.

The league is open to all ages, junior to senior and no experience necessary. Brooms and sliders will be available for use. All you need is a clean pair of shoes. Stick curling is encouraged for those with mobility issues.

Come and try curling in a short 6 game league. Enjoy a chance to have some family fun with your children, siblings or grandchildren right here in your local community. Only 6 teams will be

accepted and registration deadline is October 7th, 2024. Check out the Lakeside Curling Club FaceBook page or Website for pricing and more information about other upcoming activities.

Lakeside Curling Club is also accepting teams for the Mixed Curling leagues in the upcoming season. Games are held Monday/Tuesday evenings for the "Fun League" and Wednesday Thursday for the more "Competitive League". These leagues are tentatively scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving weekend.

To Register or for more information contact Nancy Aelicks 780 868 4550 or by email: lakesidecurlingclub@gmail.com



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The competition will remain open until filled.

We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

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COMPETITION NO. 24-039

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The salary range is currently \$71,688 to \$88,893 per year. Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan.

To apply please submit resumes at [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs/](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs/)

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online.

The competition will remain open until **October 4, 2024 at 4:30 pm.**

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Reporting to the FCSS Outreach Coordinator, the Home Support Worker is a casual position responsible for providing a range of homemaking tasks and practical services that support clients to live in their own home with as much independence as possible. This position will provide services to clients in the area around Edson in central Yellowhead County.

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## **Notice Of Application To Be Filed For Approval Of The Natural Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement Between Parkland County And Atco Gas And Pipelines Ltd.**

### **Application summary:**

The Alberta Utilities Commission expects to receive an application from ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. to approve the existing current and valid natural gas distribution franchise agreement with Parkland County for the Hamlet of Entwistle. This application for approval is required due to changes made by the Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, to various statutes governing franchise agreements.

The current franchise agreement, which took effect in June of 2022, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Entwistle for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 17.32%. The resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$8.75. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

You may send your concerns about, objections to, or support for the application in writing to Parkland County or to ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. on or before **October 7, 2024**, at:

Parkland County, Attn: Communications, 53109A HWY 779, Parkland County, Alberta, T7Z 1R1, phone: 780-968-8888 or 1-888-880-0858; email: [communications@parklandcounty.com](mailto:communications@parklandcounty.com)

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., Attn: Franchise Agreement Coordinator, 5302 Forand Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta, T3E 8B4, phone: 310-5678 or 1-888-511-7550; email: [franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com](mailto:franchisecoordinatorgas@atco.com)

Any submissions received, unless you request otherwise, will be part of the application submitted and will become part of the public record.

For more information on franchises or to receive a copy of the franchise agreement please contact either Parkland County or ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. at the addresses listed above.

### **For more information:**

For more information about the AUC or its approval process associated with franchise applications, please contact the AUC directly at 310-4AUC or at [info@auc.ab.ca](mailto:info@auc.ab.ca).

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The current franchise agreement, which took effect in June of 2018, grants ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. the exclusive right to deliver natural gas to the residents of Wabamun for approximately ten years.

No changes to the franchise agreement or to the franchise fee rate rider percentage are being made as part of this application. The franchise fee rate rider percentage will remain at its current rate, which is 15%. The resulting average monthly franchise fee for an average residential customer will remain the same at approximately \$7.58. The franchise fee is calculated based on distribution charges. An average residential customer uses about 105 gigajoules per year.

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# fall HOME RENO GUIDE



## DIY PROJECTS THAT CAN CONSERVE ENERGY AROUND THE HOUSE

Home renovation projects can pay numerous dividends. Renovations can have a positive effect on

resale value, make homes more livable for residents and, in some ways, make homes more affordable.

Renovation projects that aim to conserve energy can save homeowners substantial amounts of money. Such projects don't often require considerable effort or even sizable financial investments, which can make homeowners skeptical as to just how much they can save after completing the project. But the scale of a project may have little to do with how much homeowners will save. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy notes that a relatively effortless task like turning back a thermostat between 7° and 10° F for eight hours per day can

save homeowners as much as \$83 per year. A more labor-intensive task like planting shade trees saves homeowners an average of between \$35 and \$119 per year.

When looking for ways to conserve energy around the house and save money, homeowners need not necessarily commit to expensive projects. The DOE notes that the following are some energy-saving projects and details what homeowners can expect to save after completing them. While each individual project may not

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# DIY Projects That Can Conserve Energy Around The House

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result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recommendations may end up saving more than \$1,000 per year.

**Project:** Install exterior low-e storm windows.

**What is it?** Low-e windows reflect infrared heat back into a home. Such windows are coated with an ultra-thin layer of metal that improves the window's insulation ability.

**How much can I save?** Homeowners who install low-e windows can save between 12 and 33 percent on their annual heating and

cooling costs.

**Project:** Seal uncontrolled air leaks.

**What is it?** Air leaks let cool air in during winter and warm air in during summer. Caulking, sealing and weather stripping all cracks and large openings can cut back on air leaks that are costing you money. The DOE recommends hiring a contractor to seal any leaks on heating and cooling ducts.

**How much can I save?** Homeowners who seal uncontrolled air leaks can save between 10 and 20 percent on their annual heating and cooling bills.

**Project:** Plant shade trees.

**What is it?** If you plant a deciduous tree between six and eight feet tall near your home, it will begin to shade your windows within a year of being planted. Depending on the species of the tree and the home, the shade tree will begin shading the roof within five to 10 years. The DOE notes that shading is the most cost-effective way to reduce air conditioning costs.

**How much can I save?** Properly planted shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs by anywhere from 15 to 50 percent.

**Project:** Insulate the water

heater tank

**What is it?** New water tanks are likely already insulated. But homeowners with older hot water tanks can insulate their tanks with a water heater insulating blanket kit.

**How much can I save?** Insulating a water heater tank can save homeowners as much as 16 percent on their annual water heating bills.

Even the smallest DIY projects can produce big savings. More information about energy-saving home improvement projects can be found at [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov).

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## TOP 5 HOTTEST HOME BUILDING TRENDS

These days, home trends are about more than good design and aesthetics - they're about creating spaces that reflect our values and are more comfortable and enjoyable to live in. From net-zero and net-positive construction to tiny minimalist homes, trends are all about your family's lifestyle.

Whether you're shopping for a new home, renovating your own or creating a new build from scratch, here are some of the biggest trends you need to know for inspiration.

**Sustainable design:** This one has been popular for a long time, but green design has evolved to be about much more than energy-efficient appliances and LED light bulbs. Now, it's all about making sure everything in your home reduces your carbon footprint and minimizes any impact on the environment.

To try the trend yourself, think big and get creative - install solar panels on your roof, choose building materials

that don't require deforestation and upcycle old furniture for decorative elements instead of buying new.

**Disaster resiliency:** Climate change affects us in so many negative ways, and one of the top concerns is the increase in natural disasters. From wildfires that last for months to major floods that affect entire cities, we now need to prepare for the worst when building our homes.

Switching to disaster-resilient materials is an important first step. Many builders now prefer to use stronger, more energy-efficient materials like insulated concrete forms (ICFs) instead of more traditional materials like wood. For example, Nudura ICFs can withstand winds of up to 250 miles per hour (equivalent to an F4 tornado) and offer a fire protection rating of up to four hours.

**Outdoor living:** Many of us are now choosing to forgo getting a cottage or summer

home and recreate the experience in our own backyards. This trend helps you make the most of your existing space and take full advantage of your yard or patio during the summer months.

You can design a full living space outside, complete with an outdoor television and comfy couches, as well as a kitchen and refrigerator for entertaining. Consider adding a fireplace or firepit to keep warm during cool summer nights and enjoy the outdoors through spring, fall and even winter if you're brave.

**Home automation:** This is another longstanding trend that shows no signs of slowing down. It has also evolved to encompass more of the home to make life even more comfortable and convenient. From an oven that can be turned on remotely to preheat, to skylights that can open and close automatically to create the perfect ambient temperature, there are more ways than ever

to integrate smart home technology into your living space.

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## Obituaries



. Kenneth Clinton Dzus, 69, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2024, after a brave battle with cancer. Born on June 24, 1955, in Edmonton, Alberta, to John and Phyllis Dzus, Kenny grew up in Gainford, Alberta, alongside his two brothers and sister.

Kenny was a man who lived life on his own terms—a blend of love, humor, and just the right amount of stubbornness that made him truly unforgettable. Admired by many and respected by all, Kenny was someone you always wanted on your side. His presence lit up any room, and whether he made you laugh or got under your skin with his teasing, you knew it came from a place of affection. If Kenny picked on you, it meant you had a special place in his heart. An avid outdoorsman, Kenny had a deep love for hunting and fishing. His adventures took him across beautiful terrains, from the rugged wilderness of the Yukon to the coastal waters of British Columbia. These trips, spent with family and friends, were among his fondest memories.

In 2010, Kenny and his wife, Katy, took over his father's farm, where he added tending the land to his growing list of passions. Raising cows for himself, chickens for his grandchildren, and creating a vibrant garden each year became sources of immense pride. He embraced life on the farm, enjoying everything from birdwatching to working the land, always adding his personal touch to everything

he did. Kenny's greatest joy, however, was his family. A loving husband, he leaves behind his wife, Katy; his daughter, Kris; and his son, Kenneth, along with his wife, Courtney. "Papa Kenny," also leaves behind his six grandchildren: Kennedi, Alex, Keira, Jordynn, Lincoln, and Natalie who he adored. They brought him endless joy, and he cherished every moment spent with them. Kenny is survived by his sister,

Carol, and her husband, Gary. His legacy of love, laughter, and adventure will continue to live on through his family, friends, and all the lives he touched. A celebration of Kenny's life will take place at the Evansburg Legion on September 28, 2024, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation.

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