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## January 8, 2025

### WHITECOURT RCMP RESPOND TO UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT OF GUNSHOTS

Submitted by Whitecourt RCMP

Today, at approximately 08:37 a.m., Whitecourt

RCMP responded to a report of possible gunshots being fired outside of a residence in the area of Wagoner Crescent.

Upon arrival, officers took immediate action to ensure public safety by establishing a containment

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### PARKLAND RCMP CHARGE MALE AFTER A HE FLEES A TRAFFIC STOP



Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Investigation into a suspicious vehicle by the Park-

land RCMP Crime Reduction Unit results in male being charged with multiple offences.

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### HAPPENINGS AT THE RICH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR JANUARY

Submitted by Rich Valley Public Library

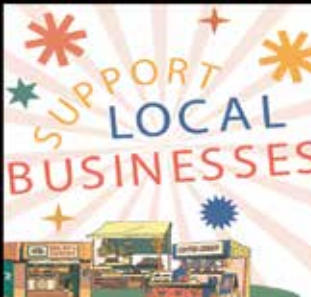
January is here and the

start of the new year. Happy New Year everyone! Bring your little ones for Parents and Tots every Wednesday

at 9:30am and stay for Storytime and crafts. Yoga is every Tuesday at

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**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES**




# Whitecourt RCMP Respond To Unsubstantiated Report Of Gunshots

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perimeter around the reported location. A thorough search of the residence was conducted and no individuals were found to be injured.

Extensive neighbourhood inquiries were also carried out, during which investigators spoke with local residents. No witnesses reported hearing any gunshots,

and no evidence was found to substantiate the initial report.

At this time, there is no indication of any ongoing threat to public safety.

Whitecourt RCMP would like to thank community members for their patience and cooperation during the incident.

# Parkland RCMP Charge Male After A He Flees A Traffic Stop

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On Dec. 14, 2024 at approximately 3:00 A.M., the

Parkland RCMP Crime Reduction Unit were completing proactive patrols in the area of Wabamun, Alta.. Officer's in the area observed a suspicious truck hauling a trailer and attempted a traffic stop. The truck fled from the traffic stop and a pursuit was prevented by the timely deployment of a tire deflation device. With the vehicle disabled the

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*So Much Joy!*


Hope your holiday season is a glow with everything that inspires you.

It's spending time with wonderful people like you that keeps us inspired. We look forward to sharing more happy milestones, moments and memories with this community in 2025 and for years to come!

Merry Christmas from  
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# Parkland RCMP Charge Male After A He Flees A Traffic Stop

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male driver then fled on foot into a heavily wooded area. With the assistance the RCMP Police Dog Services and RCMP Air Services the male was tracked through the woods and arrested without incident, the truck

and trailer were recovered and confirmed to have been stolen. No members of the public, the police, or the suspect were injured during this incident.

Jasen David Pappin (46), was arrested and charged with the following offences:

- Flight from Police;
- Possession of stolen property, over \$5,000;
- Breach of probation;
- Driving while prohibited;
- Obstruction;
- Breaching condi-

tions related to a Community Sentencing Order.

Pappin was remanded into custody with his next court appearance scheduled for Jan. 8, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain, Alta..

# Happenings At The Rich Valley Public Library For January

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11am in the yellow room. January 18 at 1 pm We have 2 experts coming in to discuss Wills & Estates and Funeral Planning. Regis-

tration is required by January 16. Cost is Free. For all classes you can register by phone 780-967-3525 or email rvpublib@yrl.ab.ca. We now accept e-trans-

fers for payments. Watch for all our events on Facebook. Stop in and see what we have to offer and get to know the girls at the desk.

# A PLAN TO SECURE ALBERTA'S SOUTHERN BORDER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is taking immediate and decisive action to secure the Alberta-U.S. border from illegal drugs, migrants and firearms.

Alberta's government is taking swift action that will curb illegal border activities and strengthen the nation's border security.

New measures will immediately crack down on illegal migrants and drug trafficking across the border.

"We cannot take concerns about border security lightly. By establishing this new team of sheriffs at our southern border, we are actively working to address security concerns and stop the criminals whose activities are

destroying lives on both sides of the border."

Danielle Smith, Premier A new Interdiction Patrol Team (IPT) within the Alberta Sheriffs will crack down on drug smuggling, gun trafficking and other illegal activities occurring along Alberta's 298-kilometre international boundary. IPT will be supported by:

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS**

Estate of **Ralph Willard McKay** who died on **July 12, 2023.**

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by **February 17, 2025** with **Edward Gallagher, Lawyer for the Personal Representative, Darrin Douglas McKay Patriot Law, Box 885 Onoway, AB T0E1V0**

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

**JOKE of the week**

After a Beer Festival in London, all the brewery presidents decided to go out for a beer. Corona's president sits down and says, "Señor, I would like the world's best beer, a Corona." The bartender takes a bottle from the shelf and gives it to him. Then Budweiser's president says, "I'd like the best beer in the world, give me 'The King Of Beers', a Budweiser." The bartender gives him one. Coors' president says, "I'd like the best beer in the world, the only one made with Rocky Mountain spring water, give me a Coors." He gets it. The guy from Guinness sits down and says, "Give me a Coke." The other brewery presidents look over at him and ask, "Why aren't you drinking a Guinness?" and the Guinness president replies, "Well, if you guys aren't drinking beer, neither will I."

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# A Plan To Secure Alberta's Southern Border

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- 51 uniformed officers equipped with carbine rifles (weapons for tactical operations);
- 10 support staff, including dispatchers and analysts;
- four drug patrol dogs, critical to ensure reasonable suspicion to search vehicles;
- 10 cold weather surveillance drones that can operate in high winds with dedicated pilots; and
- four narcotics analyzers to test for illicit drugs.

This team will patrol to detect and intercept illicit drugs, illegal firearms and unlawful attempts at illegal international border crossing.

Alberta's government will also create a two kilometre-deep critical border zone, deemed critical infrastructure, to enable the sheriffs to arrest individuals found attempting to cross the border illegally or attempting to traffic illegal drugs or weapons, without needing a warrant. This critical border zone will be created by amending regulations under the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act. This will not apply to people travelling legally along Alberta highways and roads.

"Alberta's government is ramping up border enforcement. We have long recognized the need for additional capacity to patrol Alberta's vulnera-

ble international borders, where any amount of illegal activity is too much. I look forward to working with our partners in law enforcement and across government as we send a clear message to prospective offenders that criminal activity, such as fentanyl trafficking, will not be tolerated at our borders or anywhere else in our province."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

"Stemming illegal cross-border activities at the source prevents their spread to the rest of the province later on, and the Alberta Sheriffs are proud to step up and take on this important role."

Bob Andrews, chief, Alberta Sheriffs

"Regardless of what uniform we wear, or what agency we represent, law enforcement from across the province will aggressively target drug dealers, disrupt the fentanyl trade and keep our communities safe."

Angela Kemp, inspector, Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT)



## The Onoway and District Historical Guild is hiring a Facility Manager!

The Guild is seeking a self-motivated, organized individual to manage the Onoway Museum and Heritage Centre.

### The Facility Manager's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitating hourly, daily and monthly rentals of the Heritage Centre and Alliance Activity Centre
- Maintaining financial records and producing monthly and annual reports through Quickbooks
- Preparing monthly reports and attending board meetings
- Managing the Museum collection and assisting committees such as Exhibits and Archives
- Supervising summer staff
- Social media and website content creation and updates

### Our ideal candidate will have the following experience and skills:

- Excellent written and spoken communication skills
- Customer service experience
- Knowledge of financial principles and practices
- Supervisory experience
- Strong computer knowledge, including Office Suite and Google Workspace

Our facility operates year-round, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4 pm. The guild is open to job-sharing and welcomes those who can work full or part time to apply. Please email a cover letter, resume, references, compensation expectation, and availability, to [admin@onowaymuseum.ca](mailto:admin@onowaymuseum.ca) or drop off in person at our office at 4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail N, Onoway.

**Deadline for applications is Friday, January 24th, 2025 at 12 pm, noon.**

## 2024 Mayerthorpe "Winter Wonderland" Lite-Up

Thank You, On behalf of the 2024 Mayerthorpe "Winter Wonderland" Lite-Up Committee, a big thank you so very much for your contribution in making the "Lite-Up Nite" a great success. Our Town – Your Town is fortunate to have such great people like you. We truly hope that you will consider assisting us next year. Let's make our Community stronger in 2025. Be proud of our Community.

### 2024 Proud Personal and Business Volunteers & Sponsors

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Christina Wilkinson (fb page)	Jurgen Preugschas (parade marshall)	RCMP Members (hot chocolate)
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FCSS-Lac Ste Anne County	Mayerthorpe Library (staff)	Wally & Kim Andrusiak (Hay Rides)
Fortis Alberta	Mayerthorpe Minor Ball	Western Financial Group
Gym (staff)	Mayerthorpe Oilmens	50 Street Market (staff)
Hendrickson Black LLP & (staff)	Mayerthorpe Registries (staff)	
Horizon Ag & Turf	Mayerthorpe Value Drug Mart	
HUNTER Edmonton Oilers		
Mascot		
James & Janice Bullock (Santa		

A Huge THANK YOU to EVERYONE who participated in the PARADE, BUSINESS TREE CHALLENGE and to any who participated in anyway. This helped to make our MAYERTHORPE LITE UP NITE a HUGE success. MOST IMPORTANTLY "THANK YOU TO THE WEATHER".

### Yours Truly THE 2024 Lite Up Committee

#### Cash Draw Winners

\$501.75 Nelson Bilyea  
\$ 167.25 Annette Mosher  
\$ 111.50 Brittany Belway

#### Turkey Winners

Ryan Boll  
Mike Colvin  
Lyle Adams  
Lana Bohnet

#### Business "Winter Wonderland" TREE Challenge Winners

1st. Petals Plus  
2nd. Grigg Insurance  
3rd. Horizon Ag & Turf  
4th. Mayerthorpe Vet Clinic

#### "Parade Winners"

1st Fan Favourite Equine 43  
1st Elmer Elson Elementary School  
2nd Pembina Pipeline  
3rd Crockett Auto & Repair  
4th Town of Mayerthorpe

#### 2024 Favourite Decorated Homes

G & C Kohut, W & C LaValley, R & B Davies B & S Warnock, K & B Veillette, D LaValley & M Wasit, P & L Kostiuk, C & D Lafreniere, S & T Toussaint, J & M Polack, C & R Kuzek, S & J Costley, B & M Pearce, W Smith & G Pfannmuller, D & A Lyons, T & D Bussche, M & H Claybrook, B & B Rolfe, D & D Kramer, D & J Richard

Connect with us [www.fb.com/mayerthorpeliteup](http://www.fb.com/mayerthorpeliteup)

Instagram.@mayerthorpelite

Wishing you good times, good friends and good memories this New Year's Eve and all year!  
 Thanks for believing in us and for your loyal support through the challenges of 2024.



<b>Onoway Bigway Foods</b> 967-4291 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Trius Insurance / Onoway Registries</b> 967-5270 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>U.B.H. TIMBER MART Onoway</b> 967-2274 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Town of Onoway</b> 967-5338 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Burger Baron -Onoway</b> 967-4488 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>Onoway Public Library</b> 967-2445 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Onoway Health Care Pharmacy</b> 967-2241 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Academy Fabricators</b> 967-3111 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>U.F.A. -Onoway</b> 967-5340 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>2K Small Engine Service</b> 952-3956 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>Onoway Veterinary Clinic</b> 967-2967 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Assertive Electric</b> 967-3827 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Check Mark Construction</b> 619-4204 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Grande Tire -Onoway</b> 967-3432 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>CS Septic Repair</b> 780.266.1396 Csepticrepair@hotmail.com <b>CS Septic Repair</b> 266-1596 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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<b>Creature Comforts &amp; CC Fitness Centre</b> 587-987-6869 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Lac Ste Anne Denture Clinic</b> 967-7774 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Wally's Jungle North -Onoway</b> 780-660-4BAR (4227) HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Onoway Inn &amp; Suites</b> 967-4420 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>The Weiner Canoe</b> 587-222-4445 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>NAPA AUTOPRO</b> <b>Country Automotive Specialists</b> 967-2218 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Heatherdown RV Storage &amp; Repair</b> 967-2667 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>MorENERGY Veterinary Services</b> 587-689-6890 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Zee Best Renovations</b> 915-3348 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>standstone WASTE &amp; WATER SERVICES LTD.</b> <b>Standstone Waste &amp; Water Services Ltd.</b> 967-2118 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>Border Paving Ltd.</b> 967-3330 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>O&amp;J Consulting Services</b> 967-4254 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Lee Built Ltd.</b> 967-4192 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>Calahoo Meats Ltd.</b> 458-2136 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<b>C&amp;S Rentals</b> 967-4254 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# 2025

## Happy New Year

To our fabulous friends at this festive time,  
happiest wishes and thanks for filling  
our your with your sparkle!

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Alberta Beach**

924-3181

**Alberta  
Beach Hotel**



924-0395

**Beer  
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940-3354

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763-0351



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Beach Lion's  
Club**

267-0171

**Alberta  
Beach & District  
Ag Society**

267-0171

**Guardian  
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940-6415

**Leann Knysz  
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Masters**

963-2285

**Summer's  
Drilling**

963-1282

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Beauty & Barber  
Salon**

951-3242



# PUTTING FAIRNESS FIRST: REFORMING PHOTO RADAR IN ALBERTA

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

For years, we have heard from Albertans who feel that photo radar is less about safety and more about collecting cash. Like many of you, I've seen it as a system designed to catch responsible drivers off guard rather than make our roads safer. That's why the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors is taking action to ensure photo radar in Alberta is used fairly and responsibly.

Unfair tax for just driving to work to earn a living

We have heard you loud and clear that some of the "Honey Hole" spots out there for the photo radar sites are more like "old Rosco hunting after the Duke boys", than trying to penalize bad driving behaviours and improve safety..

Alberta has the highest number of photo radar sites

Right now, Alberta has over 2,200 photo radar sites—that's 70% more than the next highest province. Alberta's government will evaluate and conduct a thorough review of every site, assessing whether it truly improves safety. If a site doesn't clearly improve safety, it will be removed. We anticipate cutting the number of sites by 70%, bringing the total down to about 65, which would better align with other provinces.

How are we going to make it fair for you

Going forward, photo radar will be limited to places where it's truly needed, like playgrounds, school zones, and construction zones—areas where speeding puts lives at risk. If municipalities want to place photo radar outside these zones, they'll need to make a strong case and show

that all other safety measures have failed. On top of this, The province will also help make roads safer by providing municipalities with support to re-engineer roads and intersections that have been proven to be unsafe.

Making responsible Albertan drivers navigate a minefield of secret cameras waiting to rob them of their hard-earned money direct-

ly contradicts everything we stand for as a government. That's why Alberta's United Conservatives are also eliminating "speed-on-green" traffic light radar. From now on, traffic light enforcement will focus solely on red-light runners, keeping safety the top priority.

Last, but not in the least: this is about fairness

Alberta's government is

putting an end to excessive photo radar enforcement that punishes minor mistakes without improving safety. Together, we're shifting the focus to what truly matters: protecting lives and making Alberta's roads safer for everyone.

Stay Strong, Stay Free, Stay Safe. And I'll continue to care about "what matters to you"!

**15 Jan - 26 Feb**  
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## POP-UP PLAY

Fun, free activities for the idle winter months!

**WHO:**

- Kids 0-5 years old, accompanied by parent(s) or guardian(s)

**WHAT:**

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- A chance for parents/guardians to connect with other families
- Featuring tents, tunnels, obstacle courses, parachute play, balls, bucket stilts, stepping stones, and so much more

**WHEN:**

- Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 am | Jan 15 – Feb 26

**WHERE:**

- Alliance Activity Centre, Onoway Heritage Centre (Museum Gym) 4708 Lac Ste. Anne Trail North in Onoway

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CONTACT VIVIAN MCDONALD AT 780.284.9399 OR CHILDCARE@LSAC.CA TO REGISTER. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.



# County News Highlights

## MEETINGS & HEARINGS

[LSAC.ca/meetings](https://lsac.ca/meetings)

Meetings and public hearings are held at the County Administration Office near Sangudo; are open to the public and available remotely. Explore the County's online calendar for agendas, minutes, and meeting details.

### County Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9:30 am

### County Council Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 9:30 am

## COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

[LSAC.ca/news](https://lsac.ca/news)

We're thrilled to announce the winners of our 12th Annual County Photo Contest! After an incredible array of submissions, thirteen outstanding photographs were selected by popular vote through an online survey.

Throughout the coming year, we'll showcase each winning photo and share the unique stories behind these stunning images on County social media channels.

**Calendar Cover: Tanis Fitzgerald**

**January: Kim Dean**

**February: Doug Kramer**

**March: James Eastman**

**April: Linda Smith**

**May: Annabelle Olsen**

**June: Aaron Martin**

**July: Corie Black**

**August: Brenda Hawkins**

**September: Allison Winchester**

**October: Danielle Lyster**

**November: Crystal Chittick**

**December: Karen Seinen**

Calendars are available while supplies last at local libraries, the County Administration Office, or through your local Councillor. Don't miss out—grab yours today!

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ALBERTA MUNICIPAL ELECTION

[alberta.ca/municipal-elections-overview](https://alberta.ca/municipal-elections-overview)

The countdown to Alberta's 2025 Municipal Election has officially begun, with nominations open for candidates looking to make a difference in their communities. Residents from across the province are invited to step up and put their names forward as candidates for positions on municipal councils. The election, scheduled for Monday, October 20, promises to be a pivotal moment for municipalities across the province eager to shape their futures.

Candidates may file their nomination papers before noon on September 22. Please get in touch with the County's Returning Officer Reanne Springer for more information – call 780.305.9162 or email [returningofficer2025@LSAC.ca](mailto:returningofficer2025@LSAC.ca).

Stay in the know! Visit [LSAC.ca](https://LSAC.ca) for further details on these items, and so much more.

## ORPHAN WELL INFORMATION SESSION COMING SOON

[eventbrite.ca](https://eventbrite.ca)

Lac Ste. Anne and Woodlands Counties are hosting a free information session regarding orphan wells and responsible energy development.

Attention Landowners and Agricultural Producers interested in Alberta's energy and environmental policies. Don't miss this chance to engage with key organizations and learn about ongoing efforts to balance energy development with landowner rights and environmental stewardship.

**Topic:** Collaboration for Responsible Energy Development & Environmental Stewardship

**Presented by:** Orphan Well Association (OWA), Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), Farmer's Advocate Office (FAO), and Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT).

Attendees will gain insights into:

- Regulatory Oversight: Understanding the AER's responsibilities in safeguarding the environment and public interest.
- Orphan Well Cleanup: How the OWA is working to remediate and reclaim inactive wells to prevent environmental harm.
- Landowner Support and Resources: Discover the resources available through the Farmer's Advocate Office.
- Resolving Surface Rights Disputes in Alberta: Learn about LPRT's processes for resolving surface lease compensation disputes, and how landowners can apply to the Tribunal to recover surface lease payments owing from oil and gas operators.

**Wednesday, February 5**

**1-4 pm**

**Lac Ste. Anne County Office**

**Register at Eventbrite**





**A Time to Celebrate, A Time to Come Together, A Time to Reflect and Remember, A Time to Share Our Appreciation and Best Wishes With Folks Like You!**

As we wind down the year and look ahead to a new one, we can't help but be moved by the trust and support we're so fortunate to have from our friends, customers and associates here in the community. We thank you sincerely for believing in us and choosing us, and we hope you know how much we've enjoyed spending time with all of you in 2024.

From our family to yours, best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2025. We hope your New Year celebrations are just the beginning of more good times, good health, good people and good fortune to come.

Happy New Year!

<b>Pembina West Co-op</b> 786-2093	<b>Mayerthorpe Fas Gas</b>  786-2523	<b>Paddle River Concrete</b> 786-2666	<b>Town of Mayerthorpe</b> 786-2416
<b>Mayerthorpe Value Drug Mart</b> 786-0185	<b>Co-operator's -Mayerthorpe</b>  co-operators 786-2750	<b>Hub Hotel -Mayerthorpe</b> 786-2688	<b>Vandenberg Collision Ltd.</b> 786-2614
<b>Wardley Storage Co.</b> 305-8899	<b>Paddle Plastics Ltd.</b> 786-4408	<b>Park Memorial Ltd. - Funeral Home &amp; Cermatorium</b> 786-2533	<b>Smyl Chevrolet Ltd.</b> 778-2202
<b>Sangudo Veterinary Clinic</b> 785-2200	<b>Communtiy Health Pharmacy</b> 785-3784	<b>C-5 Chadd Contractors Ltd.</b> 785-2548	<b>Ray's Auto Repair</b> 785-2251



As we wrap up the old year and ring in the new,  
We're so very grateful for good friends like you.

**Hope your new year is TRULY SPECIAL.**

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| <b>Whitecourt Ford Inc.</b><br><br><b>778-4777</b>   | <b>Life Med Pharmacy</b><br><br><b>706-5012</b>          | <b>Boston Pizza -Whitecourt</b><br><br><b>778-2500</b>                     | <b>Northern Metallic Sales (WTC) Ltd.</b><br><br><b>779-4900</b>    |
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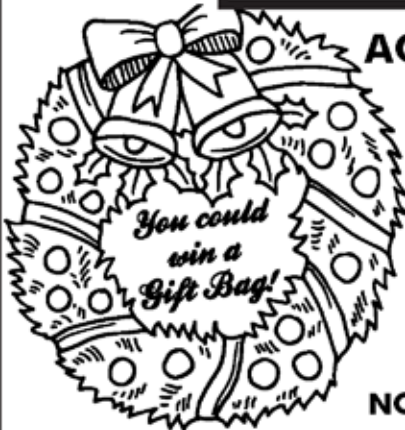
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**Entries must be recieved by January 30, 2025.**

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# SATURDAY ON-DEMAND TRANSIT SERVICE STARTING IN STONY PLAIN

Submitted by Stony Plain

Starting January 4, Stony Plain residents will have access to on-demand transit service on Saturdays, providing a new level of convenience and accessibility for local travel. The addition of Saturday service aligns with the Town's commitment to expanding transit options as outlined in the recently approved 2025-2027 Corporate Plan.

The on-demand transit service will operate from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM every Saturday. Trips can be

booked through the same weekday methods: the Pick-Up On-Demand app, online, or by calling 780-962-8747 (between 6 AM to 7 PM) and the fares are the same.

"Expanding transit service to include Saturdays is a significant milestone for Stony Plain," says Mayor William Choy. "This initiative addresses the needs of our growing community by providing reliable transportation options for residents, whether they are commuting to work, attending events, or running errands. We are proud to bring this

service to life as part of our vision for an inclusive and connected community."

Manager of Programs and Services, Jerry George, emphasizes the practical benefits of Saturday service, "On-demand transit has been well-received by residents for its convenience and flexibility. Adding Saturday service will further enhance accessibility, offering residents a dependable option for local travel and helping to connect our community and region."

During weekdays, the on-demand local transit

service operates from 5 AM to 7 PM within Stony Plain and Spruce Grove with service to Parkland Village and Acheson between 5 AM to 9 AM and 2:15 PM to 6:15 PM. Saturday on-demand local transit service is available only within Stony Plain and Spruce Grove limits.

For more information about on-demand transit service, including how to book trips and fare details, visit our Transit webpage.

# WHITECOURT APPROVES 2025 INTERIM BUDGET

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt Town Council has approved the 2025 Interim Budget. The budget, totaling \$106,288,969, consists of a \$53,481,399 operating budget and a capital budget of \$52,807,570. The budget maintains service levels and funds important capital investments with a 3.77% tax rate increase.

"This budget is about preparing for the future," stated Whitecourt Mayor Tom Pickard. "It includes investments of over \$5.5 million in emergency preparedness and mitigation, and capital investments that will ensure residents needs continue to be met. This budget also includes services and initiatives that are part of the recently signed Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with Woodlands County, which allows our communities to continue to build new partnerships and endeavors that

will benefit our economy and quality of life."

The 2025 Interim Budget Report can be viewed on the Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca/your-town](http://www.whitecourt.ca/your-town).

2025 Capital Budget Highlights:

- The Culture & Events Centre is the biggest capital investment for 2025, and is scheduled to be complete in late 2026.

- A Community Fireguard, approximately 4.5 kilometres long and 100 metres wide, will be constructed on the eastern boundary of Whitecourt.

- Phase One Flood Protection mitigation projects will be completed to protect the Town's water and wastewater infrastructure in the event of a flood.

- Phase 3 of the Centennial Park Pathway Improvement Project will be completed.

2025 Operating Budget Highlights:

- Continue to develop

youth-focused programming, including the Doors Open Program and Teen Week.

- Continuation of the social prescribing services for seniors in the region, with support from the United Way and Health Aging Alberta. This program helps connect seniors with non-medical programs and services in the community to enhance their quality of life.

- The Transportation Master Plan will be completed, and will include an evaluation of the 55 Avenue and Dahl Drive/Mink Creek Road intersection. The Plan will provide a strategy for the orderly, timely and economic development of roadway systems in Whitecourt to serve the future growth of the community.

- A comprehensive review and update of Off Site Levy Bylaw 1532 will be completed.

- A general municipal election will be held in October

2025.

- The Wastewater Treatment Plant Study will be completed to provide options to consider to support community growth.

- A comprehensive market analysis of the local business environment attraction and a strategy for retention will be completed.

The 2025 Budget will be finalized in the spring of 2025 once the Provincial budget is adopted, and final assessment figures are established. Specific tax rate impacts will vary by property type depending on the assessed value of a home or business, and will be determined once the final budget is adopted.







# HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we get set to ring in a new year, we'd like to make some noise for the friends and neighbors who have made 2024 such a great time for us. Thank you, and best wishes for the year ahead!

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# SANGUDO ANNUAL GARDENERS DAY

Submitted by Sangudo Horticultural Club

For the 18th year new and experienced gardeners are gathering for a wonderful day of horticulture presentations, good food, and making plans for spring planting. The small trade show includes a wide range of horticulture-related ven-

dors and displays.

Hosted by members of the Sangudo Horticultural Club, this year's theme is Colour Your World! Keynote speaker Maureen Sexsmith-West, owner of Ladybug Arborists, has recommendations for trees & shrubs that bring colour to our landscapes and are well suited to our climate. Mau-

reen also has tips for edible gardening in small spaces using climbing and columnar plants. By selecting cold hardy annuals, Tasha Bradsell from Baraka Gardens has tips to get the longest season of colour with hanging baskets and planters.

The Gardeners Day is Saturday January 18, from 9:00AM-3:30PM, at the

Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre. Tickets are available until January 13. Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to attend. More details are available at [abhorta.ca/wp/events/](http://abhorta.ca/wp/events/) or email [SangudoHortClub@gmail.com](mailto:SangudoHortClub@gmail.com).

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**ANSWER:**  
Last Weeks

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<b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b> Alberta Beach Sunday Service 11:00a.m. Sunday School	<b>Zion United Church</b> Sunday Service 10:00a.m. Sunday School Serving Alberta Beach, Wabamun, Darwell & Lake Isle, Onoway & Area (780) 924-3351			<b>Cherhill Community Church</b> Sunday School 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Worship Service Sunday 11:00a.m.	<b>St. Michael Lutheran Church</b> Sunday Services 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00p.m. Pastor Rick Chappell (780) 282-0183 Mystery Lake
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