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March 19, 2025

PARKLAND RCMP INVESTIGATING ASSAULT AT LOCAL DAY CARE – SEEKING POTENTIAL FURTHER VICTIMS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Assaults occurred Feb. 19, 2025, and were reported between March 6 and 12

On March 6, 2025, Parkland RCMP received a complaint of an assault which is alleged to have occurred at Little Stars Daycare in Spruce Grove. Parkland

RCMP General Investigative Section (GIS) was called in to investigate, and to date, four victims have been identified.

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PARKLAND RCMP GENERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION LAY FRAUD CHARGES AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 12, 2023, Parkland RCMP was contacted by Cut knife RCMP in Saskatch-

ewan regarding a fraud which occurred in Parkland jurisdiction. The fraud was regarding the sale of a \$70,000 travel trailer, and the suspects used another

persons identity at Vision RV in Acheson.

Parkland General Investigative Section (GIS) engaged in an extensive

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HELLO FROM THE WILDWOOD AND DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Submitted by Wildwood and District Agricultural Society

Does this nice change in weather mean more spring is on its way. Many of you have probably have tiny seedings

growing in anticipation of award-winning veggies, fruit and flowers at the annual Fair on August 15, 2025.

The Fair book cover contest is now open. The Fair theme for 2025 is “Apple Trees and Hon-

eybees.” The drawing needs to vertical and be black and white. Entries may be emailed to wildwoodanddistrictagriculturalsociety@gmail.com or mail to Wildwood and

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Parkland RCMP Investigating Assault At Local Day Care – Seeking Potential Further Victims

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The assaults occurred between March 6 and March 12, 2025. RCMP believes

there may be more victims.

If your child attends this daycare and you believe your child may have been a

victim to an assault, please contact Parkland RCMP at 825-220-7267.

Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section Lay Fraud Charges After Extensive Investigation

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investigation which led to the identification of two suspects.

Derek Maurice Dupuis (42), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following offences:

- Fraud;
- Laundering proceeds of crime;
- Failing to comply with an Undertaking.

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Dupuis was brought before a Justice of the Peace and issued a release order with his next court date scheduled for April 16, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.

David Matthew Moore (52), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following offences:

- Fraud;
- Laundering proceeds of crime;
- Failing to comply with an Undertaking.

Moore was brought before a Justice of the Peace and issued a release order with his next court date scheduled for April 9, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain.

Hello From The Wildwood And District Agricultural Society

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District Agricultural Society Box 669 Wildwood Alberta T0E 2M0. The Deadline is April 30, 2025.

The Agricultural Society was

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ALBERTA IS READY FOR THE 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Budget 2025 builds on the province's commitment to prepare for, mitigate and respond to the impacts of catastrophic wildfires.

Alberta has faced unprecedented wildfire challenges over the last two years, and as the province enters the 2025 wildfire season, Alberta's government is focusing on a three-pronged approach to tackle the threat of catastrophic wildfires: prevention, mitigation and readiness to respond. With increased wildfire activity in recent years, it is crucial that Alberta's wildland firefighting teams and communities at risk are prepared for any challenge that may arise this season.

If Budget 2025 is passed, the province will invest a new historic high of \$160 million in base funding for wildfire

personnel, equipment, training and contracts for aircraft, an additional night vision equipped helicopter, and heavy equipment. This investment is vital to ensure Alberta's wildland firefighting teams have the equipment, training, and personnel needed to respond to wildfire threats and mitigate the impacts of catastrophic wildfires on Alberta's communities.

"There is nothing more critical than protecting Albertans, our homes and our communities from the effects of wildfires. Alberta is home to some of the best firefighting personnel in the world and through Budget 2025, we are making a major investment in our wildfire teams and communities, giving them the tools, training and support they need to prevent, mitigate and respond quickly to any challenge that may come up this wildfire sea-

son."

Todd Loewen, Minister Forestry and Parks

"We thank our Alberta Wildfire team and first responders for their ongoing dedication to keeping people safe. The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) aims to strengthen the province's emergency preparedness and recovery efforts, collaborating with communities to enhance resilience and public safety. With a 2025-26 budget increase of \$10 million for a total of \$118 million, the AEMA will empower communities to turn challenges into opportunities for growth and safety."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

The Community Fireguard and FireSmart programs are critical to ensuring vulnerable communities in the Forest Protection Area have the tools needed to successfully miti-

gate the risks of wildfires. In addition to ongoing work on Fireguard projects across the province - including in the Bow Valley near Canmore, as well as Cypress Hills Provincial Park, Hinton, Whitecourt and Slave Lake, Budget 2025 would allocate an additional \$15 million over three years to continue supporting projects being administered by the Forest Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA.)

Alberta's government would also allocate \$10.8 million to ensure Albertans can easily access FireSmart resources to better protect their homes and properties.

"FRIAA is pleased to help support Alberta Forestry and Parks as the province enters the 2025 wildfire season. We continue to strongly encourage all communities in Alberta that are exposed to risks of

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Alberta Is Ready For The 2025 Wildfire Season

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wildfire to participate in the Community Fireguard and FireSmart programs by developing plans and proposals to access funding. Wildfires pose a significant risk to Alberta's communities, and it's great to see the province is making wildfire management a priority."

Todd Nash, manager, Forest Improvement Association of Alberta

"Alberta's wildfire team remains fully prepared and is

ready for the 2025 wildfire season. Each year we improve our ability to meet the challenge ahead and the investments we make in people, resources and new technology prove critical in our response efforts."

Trevor Lamabe, executive director, Wildfire Management Branch

A key part of prevention efforts is stopping wildfires before they start. It is essential that every Albertan understands their role in wildfire prevention – every action

counts in protecting our communities and natural resources. Last year, the province saw a significant decrease in human-caused wildfires. In 2024, there were 282 wildfires caused by residential and recreational fires, down from 385 in 2020, 395 in 2021, 399 in 2022, and 303 in 2023. This represents a nearly 30 per cent drop from the highest numbers Alberta saw in 2022. It is more important than ever to continue building on that progress to further reduce the risk of fu-

ture wildfires. As part of these efforts, Alberta's government is renewing its commitment to public awareness and education campaigns on safe practices, while also enforcing fire bans when necessary.

"Wildfire is the hazard which poses the greatest risk to communities like Canmore. We are more prepared than we have ever been with work on the Bow Valley Community Fireguard ongoing, years of FireSmart work in the community and ongoing efforts to ensure we have the emergency resources we need in place. The support from the Government of Alberta has been instrumental in helping us advance these initiatives."

Sean Krausert, mayor, Town of Canmore

"As a community surrounded by forests, fire hazard reduction and protection is a priority for the ongoing safety and security of our community. With the ongoing support of the province, we are nearing completion of our internal community fireguard which will help break the path of a wildfire and keep it away from populated areas and vital infrastructure."

Tom Pickard, mayor, Town of Whitecourt

In 2025, Alberta Wildfire is also launching a pilot project using hoist-equipped helicopters. These helicopters will enable rapid deployment of crews to remote, hard-to-reach areas and provide critical support for emergency evacuations if needed. One new helicopter is under contract and two specialized crews have been hired for this wildfire season. The results of this pilot will determine whether the program will be expanded and continue into 2026.

Budget 2025 is meeting the challenge faced by Alberta with continued investments in education and health, lower taxes for families and a focus on supporting the economy.



HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY!

Nominations for Parkland County mayor and six divisional councillors, and Parkland School Division school trustees, are opening January 1, 2025. This is your chance to make a difference and represent the voices of your community.

The Nomination period runs from January 1, 2025, through to Nomination Day, which takes place September 22, 2025, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Prior to Nomination Day, you must book an appointment with the Returning Officer to submit your completed nomination form. Nomination Papers can be submitted earlier to the Returning Officer by appointment. A \$100 deposit must be provided to the Returning Officer with your Nomination Paper.

Parkland County's Candidate Information Guide is available from the Elections Office at Parkland County Centre, or from our website at www.parklandcounty.com/elections. Parkland School Division School Board Election Handbook will be available on their website at www.psd.ca/board/election-2025.

Parkland County accepts the nomination for Parkland County Council and Parkland School Division.

Parkland County conducts the vote for school trustees under joint agreements. If you're interested in running for a school trustee position for either Evergreen Catholic Separate Regional Division or St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Schools (separate schools), please visit their respective websites for further information.

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Statistics indicate that drivers' fears of driving at night are not unwarranted.

According to the National Safety Council®, traffic death rates are three times greater at night than during the day, and the anxiety many driv-

ers feel when behind the wheel at night no doubt contributes to nighttime driving fatalities. But drivers who take steps to enhance their nighttime visibility may feel more comfortable driving at night, making the roads safer for themselves, their passengers and their fellow motorists.

· Turn your headlights on earlier. Daytime running lights can make it easier for drivers to be seen during the day, but they are not designed for nighttime driving. If you find yourself struggling to

see as evening transitions into nighttime, turn your headlights on earlier or use your car's automatic switch setting if it has one.

· Prioritize headlight maintenance. Headlight maintenance is often overlooked, but properly maintained headlights can go a long way toward improving driver visibility at night. Check your headlight bulbs. If they are more than three years old or dimming, it would be a good idea to replace them to ensure the best performance. Headlamp clouding is also an issue.

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Take steps to fight fatigue. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver fatigue contributes to 100,000 reported traf-

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can further compromise nighttime vision.

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PROBATIONARY LICENCE ISSUED TO CHILD CARE PROGRAM

Submitted by Government of Alberta

A probationary licence has been issued to Little Stars Montessori Early Learning Center in Spruce Grove due to safety concerns.

As a result of significant concerns regarding children's safety, Jobs,

Economy and Trade has put Little Stars Montessori Early Learning Center on a probationary licence and temporarily removed their ability to care for infants. The licence will expire on June 12, 2025. Child Care Licensing is closely monitoring the program.

The temporary removal

of the program's ability to care for infants will affect seven children. The program is required to notify affected parents.

Families looking for alternative child-care options can contact Child Care Connect toll free at 1-844-644-5165 for information on other licenced programs or use

the Child Care Look-up tool.

Anyone with concerns about a child-care program in their community or needing to report an incident can also call Child Care Connect toll free at 1-844-644-5165.

Probationary licences The vast majority of child-care providers and educators in Alberta are committed to the safety and well-being of the children in their care.

If a licenced child-care program is unable to meet the standards set out by Alberta's government, they can be subject to enforcement action, including suspension of their licence and probation. Through continued monitoring, further enforcement up to and including cancellation of a licence can occur if the level of risk continues or escalates.

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ANSWER: Last Weeks

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

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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