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September 3, 2025

COMPANY PENALIZED FOR SERIOUS WORKPLACE INJURY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

A steel construction and fabrication company has been penalized \$90,000 related to a serious workplace injury incident.

Steele Tech Fabrication Inc., as an employer, pleaded guilty on Aug. 26 in the Barrhead Court of Justice to one count under the Occupational Health and Safety

(OHS) Act for failing to ensure the health and safety of a worker. The Crown withdrew four other counts.

Under a creative sentence, the company was ordered to pay \$90,000 to the Barrhead Composite High School to purchase equipment for the school's shop and welding/fabrication labs to increase student and teacher safety and provide students with high quality,

modern training. The company was also placed on 18 months of enhanced regulatory supervision.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred at a steel fabrication shop near Barrhead on March 17, 2022. Workers were moving a steel I-beam out of the shop with a telehandler forklift. The I-beam fell off the forks and struck a worker,

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PARKLAND RCMP REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN REGARD TO SUSPICIOUS OCCURRENCE INVOLVING A MINOR



Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a male who approached a 12-year-old boy and offered him a ride.

The incident took place at the Wabamun Provincial Park at about 3:30 PM on Aug. 27, 2025.

The unknown male was operating a white van with dark windows and had the words "Plumbing &" written on the side. The unknown male offered the 12-year-old boy a ride and asked if he was cold and lost. A bystander was flagged down by the boy who stood by him until the unknown male left without further incident.

Police are looking to speak with the unknown male as part of the investigation. The male is described as:

- 40's age range
- Fair complexion
- Blue eyes
- 6'3"
- 200lbs
- Brown hair, long brown beard
- Wearing a black t-shirt and blue jeans

A composite sketch was completed and is being

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Company Penalized For Serious Workplace Injury

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who was walking beside the I-beam to guide it. The worker sustained serious injuries.

The OHS Act provides a creative sentence option in which funds that would otherwise be paid as fines are directed to an organiza-

tion or project to improve or promote workplace health and safety. The company and the Crown have up to 30 days to appeal the conviction or penalties.

Alberta's OHS laws set basic health and safety rules for workplaces across the province. They provide guidance for employers

to help them ensure their workplaces are as healthy and safe as possible while providing rights and protections for workers. Charges under OHS laws may be laid when failing to follow the rules results in a fatality or serious injury.

Parkland RCMP Request For Information In Regard To Suspicious Occurrence Involving A Minor

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released in the hopes of identifying and speaking with the male. Police would also like to speak with the bystander who helped the boy.

Parkland RCMP are asking the public's assistance for any information in relation to this incident (or identifying those responsible).



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JOKE of the week

A head teacher is making his rounds of the school when he hears a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushes in and spots one boy, taller than the others, who seems to be making the most noise.

He seizes the lad, drags him to the hall, and tells him to wait there until he is excused. Returning to the classroom, the head teacher restores order and lectures the class for half an hour about the importance of good behaviour.

'Now,' he says, 'are there any questions?'

One girl stands up timidly. 'Please sir,' she asks, 'may we have our teacher back?'

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LAKE ISLE COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

Submitted by Lake Isle Community Hall

Our board members have had a busy summer so far with our pub nights, the family picnic, and rentals.

The Community Family Picnic was held July 26 on our picnic grounds. Games, races, facepainting (Fox & Hare Facepainting), money pit, and food were enjoyed by all. Even the rain

held off for the afternoon. Thank you to Roger & Robert Horne for supplying the sand for the money pit and thank you to SANG Community Enhancement Foundation for sponsoring this event.

Then, on August 8, we hosted a "Fiesta" evening complete with a pinata. Live music was provided by the Amigos. Food Truck "Fries with That" was on site

to provide the food. All attendees, young and old had a great time.

Our next event will be held Friday, September 12. Music Trivia & Karaoke. Doors open at 5pm and trivia will begin 6:30 pm with karaoke to follow. This will be a fun night, so grab some friends and make a team for the music trivia. Menu is smoked pulled pork and choice of salads.

Our last pub night of the year is Friday, October 10. Jam night with Greg Gernscheid. Bring your talents and join Greg on stage.

For general inquiries regarding rentals, please send an email to lakeislefarmerassociation@gmail.com or by phone to 780-725-2533 Lake Isle Community Hall - Where Friends Meet!

CARRIAGE DRIVING AT RICH VALLEY AGRIPLEX -AUGUST 23, 2025

Submitted by John Lobo -ACDA president

The Northern Lights Chapter of the Alberta Carriage Driving Association (ACDA) held a carriage driving event at the Rich Valley Agriplex on Saturday August 23, 2025.

Drivers and their equines from the local area and Edmonton area participated in 3 events:

- 1) Compulsory Figures Pattern, 2) Cones Pattern , 3) 4 Obstacles.

The event was judged by Marion Popkin.

This event was our first

entry as part of the Certius Championship Nations Cup competition . This is a grassroots carriage driving organization based in England. Countries from across the world have the same events . Scores are then compiled and compared. The Canadian scores have been com-

pared from the Alberta Rich Valley event and a Nova Scotia event .

More information about this event can be found at <https://certiuschampionships.co.uk/the-nations-cup#>

We will be hosting events in 2026 at Rich Valley .

Bottle Drive & Silent Auction

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DDRA'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION & REGISTRATION EVENT

SEPT. 4TH (4:30 - 6:30 PM)

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If you have a group, organization, or club, that you wish to spotlight, and are wanting to connect with people in the area, register early to host your own table ... spots provided on a FCFS basis! Please call



Maria Smith (780) 892-3099 to register
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ARMY CADETS TO BEGIN NEW TRAINING

Submitted by Captain R Heinz, CD Commanding Officer

The staff of 3053 (Lac Ste Anne) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps are eagerly waiting to welcome back cadets and new recruits for the new training year, beginning on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7 PM in the Alliance Activity Centre (the gym behind the old brick schoolhouse) of the Onoway Historical Centre.

Last year was a very successful year for our unit for so many reasons, the biggest being the dramatic increase in our numbers. We finished the 2023-24 training year with 11 cadets and by November of 2024 we were at 26 cadets on strength!

Our marksman team participated in the provincial air-rifle competition in January and in May we were able to participate in a canoe activity at Wabamun Lake (a 1st for 3053) and finally we sent our senior cadets to Ottawa for a week of tours around the Capital area

(this activity was 5 years in the planning stage but it was great to see it come possible). These activities are so important to our unit to build confidence, leadership skills and expertise.

Our Cadet Parent Committee also had a very successful fundraising endeavour with operating the pancake breakfast and food concession tent on the ice at Sno-Mo Days in Alberta Beach in February. These efforts allow our cadets to participate in many more activities not covered by the Department of National Defence.

This summer we had several of our cadets travel to attend summer training camps at Vernon BC and Cochrane AB. Their experiences and new knowledge skills will certainly benefit 3053 RCACC this upcoming year with the many junior cadets and recruits.

The army cadet program is FREE and is open to all youth between the ages of 12-18.

3053 (Lac Ste Anne) RCACC is based in Onoway but we cov-

er a large area of responsibility from Spruce Grove west to Darwell, north to Rich Valley and Calahoo. Our cadets come from many different areas and schools to form a proud unit.

We provide instruction in community service, citizenship, leadership, physical fitness training, map and compass, bushcraft, and marksmanship skills all in a Canadian military setting with drill and uniforms.

All youth (and parents) that are interested in the local army cadet program are encouraged to check us out any Wednesday evening after 7pm in the ACC. We will gladly answer any

questions and have registration forms available. Copies of birth certificates and health care will be required to register and we can photocopy these documents at our office.

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

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



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Online auction starts Monday, September 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Online auction will start soft closing on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 12 noon

Pickup - Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday, September 7, 2025
Pickup - Monday, September 8 - Wednesday September 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm.

(To be sold off site) Mobile home and shed are located at:
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(To be sold off site) 1974 Mobile Home 14 x 68, 10 x 12 storage shed, Assortment of tools, Chatters from the home and acreage, Industrial Gas Air Compressor, S/A Holiday trailer, 24' Rustler 5th Wheel Holiday Trailer, 1991 Ford F150 truck, RV Screen tent unused, Snow Blower, 14' Fiberglass boat c/w 70 Hp Johnson Outboard motor, Truck Canopy Business to be sold as well including All racking and approximately 100 Assorted Canopys ,Plus much more from other consignors

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INCREASING ACCESS TO LOW-COST LOANS FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is increasing the lending limit on the Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program to grow and strengthen the rural economy.

Alberta is world-renowned for its top-quality beef production, a reputation owed in part to the hard work and dedication of feeder associations, who help livestock producers get financing to buy animals and grow their herds. As demand for Alberta beef continues to grow internationally, leading to higher prices, locally owned feeder associations are turning to the Feeder Associations Loan Guarantee Program (FALGP) for low-interest financing backed by a govern-

ment guarantee.

The program has been so successful at helping livestock producers grow their businesses it has reached its previous limit of \$150 million. To ensure it's able to continue supporting producers, Alberta's government is increasing the program's overall limit to \$225 million.

"Alberta is a beef province, and livestock is a huge part of our agricultural industry. Our cattle and sheep producers put food on tables in our province and around the world. Increasing the limit on Alberta's loan guarantee program will ensure thousands of producers across the province have access to the capital they need to keep producing Alberta's world-renowned beef."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Ag-

riculture and Irrigation

Meeting producers' needs

FALGP helps local, producer-run cooperatives get competitive financing to ensure they can continue being a player in the global market. As beef prices continue to increase, the program will ensure producers have access to the capital needed to grow and diversify their operations.

Since its establishment in 1936, the program has provided more than \$12 billion in loans.

"This increase in funding will see our 45 feeder associations across the province have access to funding that is critically needed to support Alberta's livestock industry. Without this kind of support, our industry would be facing a dire shortfall in available lending at the local

feeder associations across the province. The rapid escalation in the cost of livestock simply makes it unfeasible to operate at previous levels and the last thing we need is to see any pressure on overall beef numbers in the province."

George L'Heureux, chair, Feeder Associations of Alberta

"With cattle prices as high as they are right now, an increase to the program is critical. Getting this increase will be absolutely huge. Access to capital is incredibly important and helps producers, like myself, to grow and thrive. The program was a huge part of me coming back to the farm that my family started and will be instrumental in keeping it going."

Dustin Lamb, producer



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

The development permits below have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). This list does not include permitted uses. Please contact County Planning & Development to request additional information on permits listed.

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing, using the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to the appropriate appeal body:

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
Box 219, Sangudo, AB T0E 2A0 Email: appeals@LSAC.ca
or

Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT)

2nd Floor, 1229 91 Street SW Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9
Email: lprr.appeals@gov.ab.ca

25-D0119

Lot 8, Plan 5233TR
NE 35-53-04 W5M, 4113 TWP RD 540

Secondary Dwelling: New Stick Built Home 24.0' x 40.0' (960.0 sq. ft.) 9.0' walls

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 15, 2025

25-D0126

Lot 117, Plan 8021106; Lessard Lake Estates
SW 27-55-05 W5M, 117, 5124 TWP RD 554

2003 Mobile home to be new primary home with deck and porch, main 29.0' x 38.0' (1102.0 sq. ft.), 8.0' walls, deck 28.0' x 14.0' (392.0 sq. ft.) with porch 12.0' x 16.0' (192.0 sq. ft.) (Fire Replacement)

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 15, 2025

25-D0053

Lot 4, Block 2, Plan 1121489
SL 02-54-04 W5M, 54507A RGE RD 41

Detached garage, main 22.0' x 26.0' (572.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 22, 2025

25-D0078

NW 19-56-06 W5M

Construct and operate a new Pump Station and associated pipeline equipment

Appeal to LPRT by Sep 22, 2025

25-D0125

Lot 7, Block 8, Plan 4313MC, Four Oakes
SE 35-56-02 W5M, 122, 56514 RGE RD 21

Lifting existing house 24.0' x 24.0' (576 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls and adding new developed area for the first floor 24.0' x 12.0' (288 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, attached garage 24.0' x 12.0' (288 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, and a new deck 9.0' x 18.0' (162 sq. ft.) with a 42" railing

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 22, 2025

25-D0127

Hamlet of Rochfort Bridge
SW 07-57-07 W5M, 10, 57115 RGE RD 80

Addition to back of museum 14.0' x 32.0' (448 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls.

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 22, 2025

CALLING ALL LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS: OUR 13TH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST IS ON!

[LSAC.ca/photo-contest](https://lsac.ca/photo-contest)

Get your cameras ready—our 13th Annual Photo Contest is back! This year's theme is all about Community Spotlights. We want to see the places, moments, and activities that make our community shine.

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- Everyday life—family time, farming, nature, sports
- Local gatherings—fairs, parades, markets, concerts
- Landmarks & traditions—holiday events, historic spots, well-loved community hangouts

This contest isn't just about what you capture, but where!

Winners will receive one of twelve \$100 prizes or the grand prize of \$250, and the winning photos will be featured in the 2026 County calendar.

All entries must be received no later than Wednesday, October 15. To qualify, photos must be taken by a County resident and within Lac Ste. Anne County boundaries. Photo submissions will be posted on our social media channels, where the public can choose their favourites.

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The **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION** will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025. Nominations for Councillors will be accepted until noon on Nomination Day—Monday, September 22, 2025.

To learn more, please visit [LSAC.ca/election](https://lsac.ca/election) or contact Returning Officer Reanne Springer at 780.305.9162.





5 WAYS TO MAKE HOMES SAFER

Injuries that occur around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and tens of thousands of fatalities each year. Falls account for the largest percentage of home accidents, with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that around 30,000 fall-related fatalities occur each year in the United States. Many home accidents are entirely preventable when proper caution is exercised.

As homeowners prepare for home-improvement projects, improving safety inside and outside the home should be a priority.

1. Improve lighting

One of the easiest ways to reduce the risk of falls is to improve lighting around the home. The National Institutes of Health state that adequate lighting is important at entrances to the home, stairways, hallways, and other frequently traversed areas. Make sure lighting fixtures are using the highest wattage light bulb allowed. Artificial lighting sources become even more vital in fall and autumn, when natural light is less abundant in a home. In addition, install lighting outdoors by the front door, over the garage and where garbage pails are stored to facilitate safe passage.

2. Eliminate slick surfaces

Improving traction around the house also can minimize falls. Throw rugs and runners can be made more secure with nonslip rubber backings. Bath rugs can reduce slipping on wet surfaces in the bathroom. Also, nonslip mats can be used inside of showers and bathtubs.

Use shoe trays to reduce puddling from melting snow or rain runoff in entryways. Mop up spills quickly, and consider the use of matte- or textured-finished flooring to improve stability underfoot.

Promptly remove snow and ice from driveways and walkways. For those who live in cold climates, heated concrete can help melt precipitation before it accumulates.

3. Make needed repairs

Repair loose floorboards and

pull carpet taut if it has started to stretch out. Address cracks outdoors and ensure that patio stones, bricks and pavers are secure and level to reduce tripping hazards. Fix areas of the landscape where water may pool and freeze, creating potential hazards.

4. Declutter all spaces

Remove unnecessary items

and furniture from rooms to free up more space to get around. Be sure there are no obstructions in walkways, entryways and near doors. Keep staircases clear at all times.

5. Invest in assistive devices

Handrails, grab bars, nonslip stair treads, and many other devices can make homes safer for people of all ages and abilities.

Outfit cabinets and closets with organizers that put frequently used items within easy reach. A sturdy step stool can reduce the risk of injury while reaching for items stored on high shelves.

Taking measures to reduce the risk of falling around the home is a worthwhile home improvement project.

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Just like more modern home

heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get

ready for another cozy season around the fire.

- Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

- Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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Preparing Your Fireplace Or Stove For The Season

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Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be

replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

- Inspect the damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

- Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.

- Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how

much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

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OP Pembina Tractor Pull Society Mid-Summer Pull

Submitted by MJ Suntjens

Once again, rain became a determining factor of the track conditions for the pulls. With the use of personal equipment, the track was groomed for some perfect pulls!

With the modifications that were made to our Sled; tractors, from all eight classes, have an equal chance to pull the sled down the length of the dirt track, 350 + feet. A Full Pull is 300 feet.

OPTPS welcomed new tractor pullers; with 59 participants registered for the two-day pull held on August 16 & 17, 2025.

Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) received Rosette Ribbons and OPTPS caps, LSAC lapel pins & Nick's Garlic!

Bantam: with 5 entries:

Boris Heshka, with Rockol 77 448 feet

Terry Dietrich, with Cockshutt 30 388 feet

Bob McKell, with Cockshutt 550 363 feet

Class 1: with 11 entries:

Terry Dietrich, with Farmall M 525 feet

Ken Connolly, with AC D17 523 feet

Lyle Kause, with John Deere B 453 feet

Class 2: with 15 entries:

Earl Mills, with W6 394 feet

Ken Lewis, with Oliver 880 392 feet

Bob McKell, with Oliver 770 386 feet

Class 3: with 4 entries:

Shari Harapchuk, with Super W6 372 feet

Jim Carter, with JD-D 347 feet

George Frieser with Co-op ES 346 feet

Class 4: with 10 entries:

Shari Harapchuk, with IH 560 561 feet

Andy Harapchuk, with IH 650 517 feet

Earl Mills, with W9 513 feet

Class 5: with 6 entries:

Darcy Harapchuk, with IH 660 599 feet

Mike Harapchuk, with JD 820 554 feet

Russel Manary, with Case 930 544 feet

Class 6: with 8 entries:

Anna Borle, with IH 660 519 feet

Joe Kowalczyk, with JD 830 515 feet

Anna Borle, (with another) IH 660 508 feet

Demo: (held Sunday only) with 6 trucks & 2 tractors:

Abe Klassen, with F350 300 feet

Shane Kruger, with F350 300 feet

Dylan Jarrett, with a FORD 300 feet

OPTPS, Dates for 2026: Farmers Day - June 13 & 14. Mid-Summer Pull - August 15 & 16

*Participants who place in our pulls, and in other tractor pulls in Alberta, can enter the Provincial Tractor Pull Championships held September 6th & 7th at Leduc West Antique Society.

Feature tractor at our Mid-Summer Pull was a 1954 IH McCormick Super W6-TA, owned by Shari Harapchuk.

In 2005, I was asked by my husband, Darcy, to go to an auction in Wildwood to bid on this tractor. He gave me the item number and a maximum amount I could bid to. I was very anxious since I had never bid at an auction before, so it was scary but also exciting. I picked up my sister Charlene and headed to Wildwood. I thought, "Hmmm, this is a good present for

Darcy, either Father's Day or his birthday". Now, my competitive nature kicked in with my sister egging me on, so I bought that tractor. I also received a few, "Well, good on you!" and "What are your plans for that?" from some of the old timers watching the auction. All I knew was that Darcy had plans to take it to tractor pulls and he had dreams of creating a fleet for his girls to pull with someday.

Darcy picked up the tractor and brought it home. He decided that he was going to give it a new paint job and restore it to its beautiful red self. He was out in the shop painting away — we all know how happy a man is when he is working on a "self" project. In a week or two, it was all shiny and running perfect. A new seat, some adjusting here and there, then we were off to a tractor pull with it. He placed with that tractor but over time, but his love for the International 660 took over. He had his dad's

W6 and 660, so he had me pull with the Super W6. After that, Darcy kept referring to it as "your" tractor, so it became my tractor.

SMlen I first started pulling, there were very few women that competed. I got lots of compliments but with that came some snide remarks from a few other drivers. Now, I don't know if it was the fact that I was a woman or the fact that a woman beat them with a red tractor. At a pull in our hometown, I was talking with my brother-in-law, George Suntjens and I made a comment of how pretty my tractor was with its shiny new red paint. The next day, I arrived to find he had put a flower box on the front of my tractor. He commented with a smile, "Every girl needs flowers, especially one this pretty." George is always supportive and has so many creative ideas! His friendly gesture gave my tractor her own personality.

When we first started tractor pulling, 20 years ago, we would often take part in parades. My tractor was recognizable because of my flower box. I received lots of compliments and a few crazy remarks I would get asked if I had weights hidden in that flower box or if I watered my flowers to make it more heavy resulting in me placing in the top three of my weight class. If only it was that easy. Being a mom, — a girl mom to be exact, I was happy to show up at pulls and see little faces light up when they see my tractor. I enjoyed going to Leduc and having people ask me about my tractor and how I like pulling. I enjoyed when women and girls would smile and recognize me, saying, "Hey, you have the tractor with the flowers on it!" It has been a while since we made it to Leduc but I am hoping to make it back and let the little red tractor with the flower box be seen again.

I am thankful for my husband Darcy for always being so supportive over the years.

My girls Anna, Emme and Elle, for always being my biggest cheerleaders. I am also very thankful for the tractor pulling community who have family to us. I would like to express my thanks and for all the support I received last year at this time when my sister passed away. It meant the world to me and my family. On New Years Day, we welcomed our first grandchild, Theo, and we cannot wait to introduce him to tractor pulling with his Papa and Grammie.



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**ANSWER:
Last Weeks**
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!

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