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September 10, 2025

NEW EXHIBITS AT TIPPLE PARK MUSEUM



Submitted by Tipple Park Museum

Tipple Park Museum has a new travelling exhibit, Refuge Canada Tent. This is a bilingual exhibit developed

by the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. Refuge Canada Tent will be available at Tipple Park Museum until the end of October.

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

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 July 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

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PARKLAND RCMP RESPOND TO FIREARM COMPLAINT

Submitted by Parkland RCMP


On Sept. 3, 2025, at approximately 11:04 a.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a complaint of a female who attended two busi-

nesses while brandishing a firearm, along 48 Street in Stony Plain.

The female, who was believed to be under the influence, first went into a bank with the firearm, requesting envelopes. Shortly after

leaving the bank, she went into a nearby neighbourhood pharmacy. The female started pointing the firearm in various directions, including pointing it at an employee, with her

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New Exhibits At Tipple Park Museum

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Refuge Canada Tent raises awareness of the complex issues surrounding the history of refugees in Canada. Drawing upon oral histories, archival images and interactives, this immersive exhibit serves as an introduction to the context for Canada's place in the global refugee crisis and brings to

light the challenges faced by refugees in Canada.

We also have a new exhibit in the Scout Hall. This display focuses on some of the community organizations that used the heritage building, such as the Scouts and Girl Guides, the Evansburg Legion, and the Red Cross. The Cemetery exhibit in the museum lobby has also

been held over until the end of September, so if you haven't had a chance to see it yet, there's still time.

Tipple Park Museum is open year-round, Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm. To learn more, call us at 780-727-2240 or email tippelparkmuseum@gmail.com.

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

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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 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

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray:

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Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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fingers pulling the trigger. It was later learned that the gun was not loaded at the time.

Police were in the area and

quickly located the female northbound on 48 Street in Stony Plain. Officers approached the female, challenging her to stop and put down the firearm. The female com-

plied initially, but then resisted arrest before she was taken into custody without further incident.

A 35-year-old female is being held in custody pending

the completion of the investigation and a judicial hearing. Charges are currently pending for weapons offences.

PARKLAND RCMP PARTNERS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES FOR TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOR LABOUR DAY WEEKEND

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Aug. 29 & Sept. 1, 2025, Parkland RCMP partnered with RCMP Traffic Services, Parkland County Enforcement Services, and Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol to ensure traffic safety in the Parkland County over the Labour Day long weekend.

Over 100 violation tickets were issued over the long weekend. 98 violations in relation to speeding, 4 impaired by alcohol, and additional traffic related offences. One

driver was issued with an excessive speed violation ticket for travelling at 165km/hr in a 110km/hr

zone.

"Thank you to the thousands of vehicles that passed through that

were obeying the rules of the road." Says Inspector McGillivray of the Parkland RCMP.

BALL PLAYER PIECE

Submitted by Bob Walker

In scouting this summer, I met some talented, driven young players, along with dedicated coaches and supportive parents. The standout for me is Ashton Hummel, 16, from Victoria, BC. I watched him at the Western Canada Prospects in St. Albert, where he struck out 10 over five innings in a 7-0 win over Team Manitoba on August 30. BC went on to take the title with a 10-3 win over Team Alberta on August 31. Ashton is Tyler Hummel's younger brother and is already drawing interest from four colleges in the United States. If this is any read on the future, baseball in this region is in good hands.



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Location of Local Jurisdiction Office:

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Does it seem like your hamper is always full and the washing machine is running constantly? You may not be imagining it. Laundry Butler for You, a wash, dry and fold service, says the average household washes 50 pounds of laundry a week and 6,000 articles of clothing every year. Families with children at home are doing laundry most often, and those with pets may find there is ample laundry to wash as well.

With so much laundry being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

Assess your equipment

If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing front-loading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units, saving room for other items like drying racks.

Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not be limited to laundry only. Many homeowners make large laundry rooms catch-all spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs.

Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines

drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall, but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to

bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements. Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants,

accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Updating laundry rooms can be a great way to make doing laundry more enjoyable and efficient.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUR FALL TO-DO LIST

Homeowners know that maintaining a home can be a year-round job. No home is immune to wear and tear, and homeowners who want to protect their real estate investments should try to stay two steps ahead to ensure their homes do not succumb to the elements or become outdated and unappealing to prospective buyers.

Fall has become a season that's synonymous with home improvement, but homeowners need not wait until the leaves begin changing colors to start planning their next projects.

The following are a few items homeowners can add to their fall home improvement to-do lists.

Roof inspection

Less precipitation tends to fall during the warmer months than during the late fall and winter. As a result, homeowners may not be aware of leaky roofs until autumn has come and gone. But waiting until winter to inspect the roof can prove disastrous, as weather conditions will not be conducive to inspection and increased precipitation may result in potentially costly damage. Leaky roofs

can be easily identified by looking for water stains on interior ceilings. Once you see a stain, you can climb onto the roof to identify the location of the leak and fix it before winter rains and snowfall turn the problem into something much larger. Inspect your ceilings for signs of leaking after a strong rainfall, and then address any leaks immediately.

Gutter cleaning

While some homeowners prefer to delay their gutter cleaning projects until late fall, those whose homes are surrounded by trees may

need to schedule two such projects. Gutters clogged with leaves and other debris can cause serious roof damage, and that damage can extend all the way inside a home. In addition, clogged gutters make great nesting areas for insects or critters. Always stand on a ladder when cleaning gutters, wearing gloves to remove items by hand and dropping leaves and debris into a trash can below. Standing on the roof and leaning over gutters greatly increases your risk of injury. If the gutters are clear when

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you first examine them in early fall, you can wait until later in the season to give them a complete and thorough cleaning. Once you have finished clearing the gutters, you can use a hose to run water through them and the downspouts to confirm everything is functioning properly.

Window and doorway inspection

Before temperatures start dropping once again, homeowners will want to inspect their windows and doorways for leaks. Over

time, cracks can develop around windows and doorways, and while such cracks are rarely noticeable when the weather outside is warm, they can be quite obvious and very costly if they remain unsealed come the start of winter. Cold air can enter a home through cracks around windows and doorways, and many homeowners who don't suspect leaks may respond by turning up the thermostats in their homes. That can prove quite expensive over a full winter. Choose a windy autumn day to place a hand by windows and

external doorways in your home to see if you can feel drafts. If you can, seal these cracks as soon as possible.

Patio cleanup

Patios are popular hangouts during spring and summer, and that can result in a lot of wear and tear. Once you store patio furniture for the winter, inspect your entire patio to determine if it needs any refurbishing. While certain patio projects may be best left for spring, you can still clean any stained areas around the grill and look for cracks in the sidewalk that need to be addressed.

Preparing for fall home improvement projects ahead of time can help homeowners complete projects in a timely manner and ensures they won't be forced to brave the winter elements when refurbish-



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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 result in jaw-dropping savings, homeowners who follow many of these recom-

mendations 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

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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.

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REMEMBER THE ALAMO?

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Like many, I've heard that phrase "Remember the Alamo" many times. I had seen a few movies, and thought I had an appreciation for that part of history. I had an opportunity this summer to travel to Texas, took the time to spend at the museum, and I can tell you I came away with a deeper appreciation of the significance of what the Alamo was, not only for the fine folks of Texas, but to me on a personal level. It was our "Modern" version of Thermopolis, the famous battle where 300 Spartans stood their ground against thousands of the Persian empire.

For the history buffs out there, please give me a little latitude as I'm going to distill the events down at very high level, and on a more personal "How it made me feel" context. 1000 words or less, can hardly do it justice, but here goes.

The basics that came about was the president of Mexico, fancied himself the north American version of Napoleon. He was about empire building and strayed far away from the agreement made in 1824 constitution, and Texan's were not much inclined to have their rights being taken lightly (sound familiar?). When diplomacy failed, they simply dug in their heels and said they would still be a province of Mexico if the constitution was respected, if not, they were going to go it alone, without Mexico.

Santa Ana wasn't going to go back to 1824, he's going to put an end to these rebels, hangs up his presidential hat, takes up the mantle of general and heads out as a general to snuff out this rebellion. On the other team,

General Houston puts out the call to friends and patriots alike to come to his aid, and muster at the Alamo. He's going to have to build an army out of nothing and needs some hands with experience to keep Santa Ana busy.

Now believe it or not, many answered the call from all over the place, not just from Texas, but those who wanted to stand up for what they thought was right, they were average folks for the most part, a vast majority of volunteers were at the Alamo, not regular forces.

Heck, in the Alamo itself they have hung in the rafters not only the flags of the other states, but countries the likes of Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, just to name a few. When General Sam Houston and others put out the call to friends it was personal relationships, not military might that brought these folks together.

In the museum, they had the flags of the "Texans" and the regiments, as well as the stories behind them. A Mexican tri color flag with 1824 in the middle, again, stating they were ok to be governed by Mexico, just stick to the terms that were signed. Another white flag with a cannon in black, with the statement written "Come Take Them" a direct nod to the Spartan kings reply to the Persian King when he was asked to disarm. A blue flag, with a White Star and white lettering with a simple statement, "Independence". The flag most recognizable however was the early version of the Texan flag we know today, tri colored, red, white, blue, with a White Star.

There were only 137 people that were at the Alamo to stand against 5000, they

held them off for 13 days. The Mexican general did not spare a single combatant, nor any wounded, he ordered them all to be killed, all in the infirmary, and only spared the women and children.

It was rather profound to be at the same site where that battle took place, where men stood, the large majority volunteers, not regular soldiers, together facing the odds, and knowing that they would not make it out alive if they failed. That they believed in something greater than themselves, in their friends, their country, and how they wanted to live, and wanted their children to live. Jim Bowie, David (Congressman) Crockett, are just a couple of the famous names that chose this place as their last stand.

There were some famous sayings that came out of the Alamo as well, "Victory or Death" (William Barret Travis), and one I'm sure that was used as a parting word when trying to round up support for the cause back in Tennessee as Davy Crockett answered the call to help his friends when they reached out "You may all go to Hell, and I will go to Texas".

So, remembering the Alamo is not only remembering the events of that place, or the people who stood there. For me it was remembering the kind of people who lived during that period of time.

With that self-reflection, on what matters to me, and in a time of need how many people would rise to the occasion. Is independence, self-determination, freedom, and fairness that important to our modern day countrymen? I know we say it is...but when push came to shove, and if we needed to dig in to defend it,

would we?

The folks I met from Texas were great, very welcoming, they had a bit of an edge as my wife put it, nice but were in a hurry to get things done, and you could tell they were proud of who they were and where they were from. It reminded me Albertan's during the boom times, and the best part is I never had to tell them once where Alberta was, such is our connection through common industries.

I was in Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Fredericksburg, Fort Worth, Dallas, Athens, Lufkin, Daboll and Galveston to name a few of the places. 1600 miles driven, lots of sun, smiles, and conversations along the way. As I drove, I thought of what a different place it would have been if General Houston hadn't defeated Santa Ana, after all, when it was said and done many joined up to fight Mexico after the defeat at the Alamo, what if there was a Napoleon an Emperor in the west. Ultimately the USA Picked up Texas, New Mexico, California and Arizona after the dust settled.

Personally, in reflection, I'd like to think that we all have 5 good people we could count on when it mattered most. I'd like to think that the basic items that mattered back in the day still matter today. I would like to think that giving away freedoms for convenience will only go so far, and that we remember how we all got our freedoms in the first place. Freedom was never Free, and remembering the Alamo is more than what matters to Texas, it should be a reminder that when good folks stand together, they can change history. I hope that matters to you as well.

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Steve Olsen September 10, 1947 – August 15, 2025

The family of Steve Olsen would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone for the kindness and support you have given to us in our recent sudden loss. We are truly blessed to live in such a genuine, caring community with special friends, neighbors and acquaintances. "Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, If you did, we saw them there. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind word As any friend would say Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console the heart, We thank you very much Whatever the part." Cathie, Trevor, Teresa, Carmen, Sterling

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

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