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# ALBERTA RCMP CONCLUDE INVESTIGATION INTO SUDDEN DEATH DURING MMA FIGHT

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Nov. 23, 2024, Enoch RCMP received a report of the death of a 33-year-old fighter during a Mixed Martial Arts Event on Enoch Cree Nation. The investigation was assumed

by the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit who has been working collaboratively with the Edmonton Chief Medical Examiners Office to determine as cause of death and ascertain if there was any criminality.

The manner of death has been

deemed as non-suspicious and RCMP have concluded their investigation.

The Alberta RCMP wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.





# ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPRUCE GROVE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Submitted by Spruce Grove

Advance voting is available on October 8, 10, 14, 16, or 18 before Election Day on October 20 to vote for the position of mayor, six councillors, and three trustees for either Parkland School Division Ward 5 or Evergreen Catholic Separate

School Division Ward 2, Subdivision 1. Find a time and voting station that works for you.

Be sure to bring one piece of government-issued identification that includes a photograph and your name. If you're not registered to vote, you'll need to show government-issued identification that includes your photograph, name and current address, such as an Alberta Drivers Licence or Alberta Identification Card. If you do not have government-issued ID with your photograph, name and current address, you'll need to provide two pieces of valid ID.



# ALBERTA RCMP AND CN POLICE MARK RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Submitted by Alberta RCMP & CN Police

Sept. 15 to 21, 2025 marks Operation Lifesaver's Rail Safety Week, an opportunity for the Alberta RCMP and the CN Police to remind the public of railway safety information to help prevent collisions with trains. In 2024 there were 35 reported collisions at railway crossings across Alberta. These collisions resulted in 12 fatalities.

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#### Alberta RCMP And CN Police Mark Rail Safety Week

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Change your train of thought with the following information:

•Speed Misperception: Because of their size, trains appear to be much farther away and travelling much slower than their actu-

al speed. Don't be fooled! If stuck on the tracks, exit your vehicle immediately and call the emergency number on the nearby blue sign.

•Trains Can't Stop Quickly: The average train needs at least two kilometres to stop. Trains can stop, but they can't stop quickly!

•Trespassing: Taking a shortcut across the tracks or being on railway property is illegal. Trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.

•Weight Ratio: An average freight train weighs over 5,500 tonnes, compared to a car, which weighs about 1.5 tonnes. A train hitting a car is like a car hitting a pop

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#### Alberta RCMP And CN Police Mark Rail Safety Week



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•Railway Cars: Stopped railway cars can move at any time. If you're on a train or near one when it moves, you risk losing a limb – or worse, your life.

•Tunnels and Bridges: Tunnels, bridges, and trestles are designed only for trains. Trespassers can be seriously injured or killed.

•Overhang: Trains can

carry loads that are wider than the railroad cars themselves. Chains, straps, or other equipment may extend outside the car. If you stand too close, you could get hit.

•Any Time is Train Time: Trains do not always run on schedule. They can run at any time, on any track, and come from any direction.

- CN Police Number: Together we can help save lives! If you witness any unsafe situation near a railroad, please call 1-800-465-9239.
- Safety Pledge: Safety is a shared responsibility. Do your part and take the pledge at mysafetypledge.com.

"Being alert at all times at



railroad crossings is critical to protecting yourself and anyone else in the vehicle." says Inspector Brian Jones, CN Police Mountain Division

"Collisions with trains are often preventable," says Sgt. Leigh Drinkwater, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "By being aware of train tracks and staying cautious around trains, you can help avoid becoming a victim."

For more information on traffic tips and rail safety, follow the Alberta RCMP on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and X @RCMPAlberta, and follow CN on Facebook @CNRail and X @CNRailway.



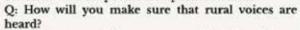
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Q: What skills do you bring to the table?

I have 8 years of experience on council in Parkland County. I believe that I am the right person for this role because I am naturally very analytical and logical. When making decisions in Council Chambers, you have to understand that for every action, there's a reaction - it's like three-dimensional chess. My goal is always to balance individual

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Parkland County is home to over 32,000 residents, and people live here in many different ways. Some make their homes in denser subdivisions or near lakes, while others live in rural areas where farms, acreages and wide-open spaces define daily life. With that diversity comes different...

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ON OCTOBER 20 VOTE FOR John Alexander McNAB







# PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES UNOFFIFFICIAL NOMINATION RESULTS ELECTIONS 2025 UPDATE

Submitted by GYPSD

As of noon on September 22, 2025, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division advises the following is the unofficial list of public school trustee candidates:

• Electoral Sub-Div.#1 (Hinton)

**DEB BIRD** 

SHIRLEY CAPUTO, Incumbent

PENNY DUNN BRODIE FRIESEN

ANGIE HEWINS GEORGE CHARLES HIG-

• Electoral Sub-Div.#2 (Edson)

TRACY ACORN BRAD BECKER AUDRA BOWMAN
SHARON CAMPBELL
KRISTIE GOMUWKA
JOCELYN PETTITT, Incumbent
SHELBY SMITH

• Electoral Sub-Div.#3 (Lobstick)

MELODIE BOBILEK, Incumbent

KELI SETZER

- Grande Cache Ward JACKIE MINES, Incumbent, ACCLAIMED
- Jasper Ward HERB ROBINSON, AC-CLAIMED

#### HARVEST AND HUNTING SALE

Location

Rainbow Liquidators and Auctions Home Yard 52529 Range Road 11 Hwy 16a West Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1X7

Online auction starts Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Online auction will start soft closing on Friday, October 10,
2025 at 12 noon

Pickup - Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday, October 12 and Monday, October 13, 2025 Pickup - Tuesday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm.

Items in this sale include:

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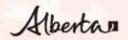


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#### TRANSFORMING EMPLOYMENT **SERVICES IN ALBERTA**

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WorkFirst Alberta will help job seekers find meaningful work and support employers in building a skilled workforce.

A new suite of employment

Submitted by Government services is launching to connect Albertans to jobs and employers to skilled job seekers. Employment services are more than a link to the job market - they are a lifeline for people navigating unemployment, career changes or new training needs. WorkFirst Alberta will make it easier for Albertans to access workshops, reskilling opportunities and career supports, while giving employers the tools they need to find and retain talent.

Through Budget 2025, Alberta's government is making record investments in career and employment services. committing \$185 million to make it easier for Albertans to find a job, earn a paycheque and build a better future for themselves and their families.

"WorkFirst is about transforming lives. It will help job seekers become employees, support employers in finding the right talent and empower the dedicated service providers who make these connections possible. We are united in our goal to help Albertans connect to secure jobs where

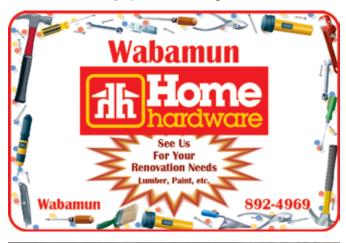
they can build a strong and prosperous future."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Ser-

Through WorkFirst Alberta, employers will be able to connect with local supports and access an employer toolkit and labour market information. In 2026, the program will expand further with the launch of a jobseeker-employer matching service and a concierge service tailored to employers.

"The reason people love Alberta is because we believe in opportunity. WorkFirst will open doors for more Albertans to find a good job that meets their needs. Not only does this create the means for someone to live.

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#### Transforming Employment Services In Alberta

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but it also builds a sense of pride, knowing they are a part of Alberta's economic success."

Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

A key aspect of WorkFirst Alberta is ensuring Albertans facing barriers to employment receive the customized supports they need. It expands supports for persons with disabilities, women, youth and other Albertans facing barriers through flexible, person-centred services focussed on long-term success. These services include career planning, assistive technology and supported job placements. In addition, WorkFirst Alberta will improve access to wraparound supports including childcare, transportation and mental health supports.

"These programs deliver results that matter. We've seen participants gain confidence, overcome significant challenges and find long-term employment. The government's investment enables partners like Ballad to provide effective, targeted services that support Alberta's economy and offer real value to the communities we serve."

John Corie, managing partner, Ballad Group

"Prospect welcomes the province's launch of Work-First Alberta. This new model will create innovative pathways for Albertans facing barriers and unlock critical labour pools to meet employer needs. WorkFirst ensures that all Albertans – regardless of background or circumstance

 have the support they need to build brighter futures and strengthen Alberta's workforce and economy."

Kevin McNichol, CEO, Prospect Human Services

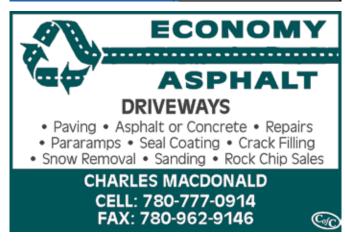
To support the launch, the province is rolling out a marketing campaign featuring real stories from Albertans

who have benefitted from government-funded employment services – individuals who turned to these services for help and were able to find stable jobs and rebuild their lives. These stories will be showcased on the WorkFirst Alberta webpage.











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# 2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTION: OFFICIAL CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

Submitted by Stony Plain

Nomination Day for the 2025 Municipal Election has closed and the official list of candidates has been finalized.

William Choy has been acclaimed as Mayor for the Town of Stony Plain. Archie Lillico has been acclaimed as School Board Trustee for Parkland School Division,

Town of Stony Plain, and Jen Landry and Jo-Anne Stewardson have been acclaimed as School Board Trustees for Evergreen Catholic School Board.

Fifteen candidates have filed nomination papers for the six available Councillor positions. The official list of candidates is as follows:

Mayor (1 position)

William Choy – Acclaimed Councillor (6 positions)

Altheim, Randal
Anderson, Justin
Blasko, Chris
Carr, Ken
Graff, Russ
Hansard, Pat
Hennig, Calvin
Laurie, Justin
Loyns, Melanie
Meyer, Eric

Niebergall, Miranda Pawlechko, Harold Sherritt, Kyle Sommer, Martin Tuttle, Angel

School Board Trustee – Parkland School Division, Town of Stony Plain (1 position)

Archie Lillico – Acclaimed School Board Trustee – Evergreen Catholic School Board, Stony Plain (2 positions)

Jen Landry – Acclaimed Jo-Anne Stewardson – Acclaimed

The 2025 Municipal Election takes place on Monday, October 20, with voting stations open from 9 AM to 8 PM at:

Best Western Inn & Suites – 3101 43 Avenue

Heritage Park – 5100 41 Avenue

Advance voting locations and times are:

Stony Plain Community Centre (5008 51 Avenue)

Wednesday, October  $8\mid 4$  to  $8\,PM$ 

Friday, October 10  $\mid$  1 to 6 PM

Tuesday, October 14 | 1 to 6 PM

Heritage Park (5100 41 Avenue)

Thursday, October 16 | 4 to 8 PM

Saturday, October 18 | 10 AM to 4 PM

Electors are reminded to bring acceptable ID and register before arriving for the quickest and smoothest voting experience. Voter registration can be completed in advance or at the voting station prior to casting a ballot.

Special Ballot voters are reminded that completed packages must be returned to Town Hall by 4:30 PM on October 20 to be counted.



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Yellowhead County

## **Yellowhead County**Municipal Election 2025

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MATTERS

- Doctober 4, 11, & 18: Advance Polls
- October 6: Last day to request Special Ballots
- Doctober 20, 2025: Election Day

#### Who Can Vote?

To vote in the Yellowhead County municipal election, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- · Be a Canadian citizen
- Reside in Alberta and the person's place of residence is located in Yellowhead County on election day
- Be named on the permanent election register & a valid government issued photo ID\*

#### What Identification do I Need to Vote?

#### Form of Acceptable ID:

#### \*Government Issued Documents

- · Alberta driver's licence or ID card
- Fishing, trapping or hunting licence
- Government cheque or cheque stub
- Income/property tax assessment notice
   Letter from a public curator, guardian or trustee
- Etter from a public curator, guardian or trustee
   Statement of government benefits (ex. employment insurance,
- old-age security, social assistance, disability support or child tax benefits)

#### Other documents

- · Bank/credit card statement or personal cheque
- Insurance policy or coverage card
- · Pension Plan statement of benefits, contributions or participation
- Residential lease or mortgage statement
- Utility bill (ex. telephone, public utilities commission, television, electric, gas or water)
- Vehicle ownership, registration or insurance certificate

#### School, college or university documents

· Correspondence issued by a school, college, university

For more information on the election, contact Returning Officer Tracy Parker:

780-325-3782 or Toll-Free 1-800-814-3935

www.ycvotes.ca



### NOTICE OF ELECTION AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Local Authorities Election Act (Sections 12, 35, 46, 53)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: YELLOWHEAD COUNTY, Province of Alberta Notice is hereby given:

That an election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)			
Mayor	1	N/A			
Councillor	1	3			
Councillor	1	5			
Councillor	1	7			
Councillor	1	8			

Advance Voting will be held on the following dates and locations, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM:

Location	Date	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Yellowhead County Admin Building 2716 1st Avenue, <b>Edson</b> , Alberta	October 4, 2025	Mayor and all Divisions
Hinton Centre 965 Switzer Drive, <b>Hinton</b> , Alberta	October 11, 2025	Mayor and all Divisions
Yellowhead County Admin Building 52404 RR 92 A, <b>Wildwood</b> , Alberta	October 11, 2025	Mayor and all Divisions
Yellowhead County Admin Building 2716 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue, <b>Edson</b> , Alberta	October 18, 2025	Mayor and all Divisions

Voting will take place on the 20th day of October, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Voting Stations will be located at:

Location	For Residents of Division(s)			
Tipple Park Museum, Evansburg	1			
Wildwood Community Hall	2			
Niton Junction Community Hall	3			
Peers Multiplex	4			
Pinedale Community Hall	5			
Yellowhead Admin Building (Edson)	5, 6, 7			
Edson Legion	5, 6, 7			
Marlboro Community Hall	7			
Cadomin Legion	8			
Robb Community Hall	8			
Brule Community Hall	8			
Hinton Center 965 Switzer Drive, Hinton	n 8			

#### ID Requirements

- Option A Resident can vote if their name is on the Permanent Electors Register and they produce one piece of ID issued by a Canadian government, whether federal, provincial or local, or an agency of the government, that contains full name and photograph.
  - Example: driver's licence; Alberta ID card; Canadian passport
- Option B Residents not on the Permanent Electors Register, or who are on the Register, but do NOT have government-issued photo ID at the voting station must complete the Elector Register and provide one of the following:
  - One piece of identification issued by a Canadian government, (federal, provincial or local), or one of its agencies that includes the elector's photograph, full name, and residential address.
     OR
  - Any piece of identification listed on the Yellowhead County website that contains both the elector's name and residential address.
     OR
  - One piece of identification that shows the elector's name, and be accompanied by a voucher—an eligible voter who meets the requirements and completes Statement of Voucher.

#### For inquiries, please call (780) 723-4800 or Toll-Free 1-800-665-6030

Dated at the Town of Edson in the Province of Alberta this 23 day of September, 2025 Tracy Parker, Returning Officer

Yellowhead County invites you to our first

# Agricultural Services Annual Supper

Join us for an evening of dinner, awards, and entertainment as we celebrate and thank our local agricultural producers for their hard work and dedication to our agricultural communities.

#### November 5, 2025 Wildwood

Community Hall

5:00pm Doors Open/Cocktalls 6:30pm Supper 7:30pm Awards

8:00pm Entertainment

Adults: \$30 Youth 6-12: \$10 Kids 5 and Under: Free

Please register at yhcounty.ca/registration or by calling 780-325-3782.

Registration deadline: October 22

"Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful, und most noble employment of man." - George Washington





#### Yellowhead County Board Positions Available!

Keen to contribute to your community?

Apply to be a member of a County board!

Deadline: October 15, 2025

Apply through the County website (www.yhcounty.ca)

#### HERITAGE BOARD [1 position, 3-year term]

This five-member board provides advice to Council with respect to the development and maintenance of a heritage program. The board will advise Council on the development of policy, budget, short and long term strategic planning and guidelines for funding projects, museums, community groups, businesses and individuals. This Board meets at the Wildwood County office at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 4 times a year.

#### AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD

[1 position, 3-year term]

This five-member advisory board provides advice to Council on the agricultural programs and services provided within the County. The Board advises on policy issues under the Agricultural Services Board Act, the Weed Control Act, the Pest Control Act, and other provincial statutes. This Board meets 7-8 times per year on the 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Wildwood office.

### AGRICULTURAL SERVICES APPEAL BOARD [4 positions, 1-year term]

This committee adjudicates properly owner appeals of orders and penalties issued by the County's Agricultural Services pursuant to the provincial acts the County enforces. This committee will meet as required. Training required, costs for training will be covered. Term will be

#### RECREATION BOARD [1 position, 3-year term]

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

This nine-member advisory board provides advice to Council regarding the provision of recreation and parks services. The Board reviews grant applications from community groups and determines funding within certain limits. It provides recommendations to Council and administration regarding recreation facilities, programs and support to groups providing recreational activities. Board meetings will, occur quarterly on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the Edson County office.

## SUBDIVISION & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD (SDAB)

[6 positions, 4-year term]

This Board hears appeals of decisions from the Subdivision and Development Authority of Yellowhead County, pursuant to the Municipal Government Act. This board meets at the Edson office as required. Training required. All SDAB training costs covered.

If you are a Yellowhead County resident and you are interested in applying to be on a Yellowhead County board, you can apply online.

Find the application at www.yhcounty.ca



#### **DOES WHAT YOU DO MATTER?**

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

If you have never asked yourself this question you are a narcissist in the first degree, which if you are reading this, in little local paper, from a local MLA is highly improbable. So, does what you do matter? Does what you say matter?

Over the summer as I've been out in the constituency, around the province, and out of the country meeting with folks on "official business" and on my own vacation, I found myself reflecting on these questions. Self-reflection, looking to improve my effectiveness as an MLA, to be a better father and a better husband. With the assassination of Charlie Kirk last week, I went much deeper, looking harder in the mirror of self-evaluation.

I've been serving as an MLA now for 6 years, I have been lucky to represent the hard-working salt of the earth people in our area and representing our province abroad as the Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridor Development. I've managed to plant a seed when it comes to Economic Corridors which has grown to the level of national conversation. Although I'm not the one who's signature is on the page, I'm just as happy to see our Premier sign an MOU with all the western provinces and the Territories. Premiers across the west and north signed up for a 5-year term on the Economic corridor model to be used, to collaborate on development with a regional focus.

On the international front, and with the organizations in my role I'm part of, I've been elected into executive positions with the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, being the Canadian President, and the VP for the overall orga-

nization. Within that organization we literally have committees and panels working on the models for removing logistic, and trade barriers within the region. This gives weight to our voice not just in our province, but across the states, and federally on both sides of the 49th parallel.

I've been asked to speak again this year at the Ports to Plains AGM that's being held in Texas to bring updates, and to bring awareness as to what's going on in the province, and how "Fortress North America" could work... Texas to Alaska through Alberta. I've managed to stand up an Alberta / India advisory Committee so that we can advance the economic corridor to the largest growing global economy.

The items noted above are not to be boastful, they are intended to inform, because no matter what seems to happen on the front of moving this model forward, no one seems to hear about it in the mainstream media. It's not interesting...no one really follows it in the social media posts, they are more interested in slinging mud or pointing those digital fingers at each other over which bathroom they want to use. I refuse to give that much oxygen going forward, we must be better.

On the personal front, I've missed so much time with my kids that I will never get back, trying to advance the model forward to help build resilience in our area, our province and country. I have missed spending time with family and friends, because I was leaning in to make sure the organization, I was part if could gel as a team. Some of whom I'll never see again, some who are struggling with health issues, that I may not see for much longer.

So, is it worth it? Have I

been effective? Does my voice really matter? Have I influenced others? Can I do more with the current position I'm in? Could any of us hold a candle to what a man of 31 years old, who openly challenged people to "talk it out" did?

When I compare myself to Charlie Kirk, I just fall short. He made such a huge impact on so many in such a short time. I know that to be true as well for many people over the years that have done more in their time than I have, and knowing that because of them, we are all better off. All I can do is to take solace in knowing we matter when we do our best to not just serve ourselves, but to serve others. Knowing full well, we may never personally witness the positive impact we have, but knowing that others can take up the cause, can finish the work, making it bigger and bolder than we could have done on our own.

What you do does matter, what you say does matter, for better or for worse as we've seen come to pass so profoundly over the last week.

I'm going to do the best I can with the time I have left as the MLA for Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland, knowing the work I put in may not be realized fully for years to come. I will continue to meet with folks, to hear firsthand what matters to them, to bounce ideas back and forth, to trouble shoot where I can. I'll be there at the events when I'm given an invitation. I will however, put a few guard rails in place that were not as rigid as before, like ensuring I take time to spend with my family, and some very dear friends. I heard that message loud and clear this summer. I can't change the past, but knowing the importance of the remaining time I have left, well, not many of us get

a second chance.

This week I'm up in Alaska at the Energy Council, Next week will be in Lacombe for a few days then in Calgary to meet with the Nordic Ambassadors (I'm wanting to set up an advisory council for that region as well) as the Premiers Parliamentary Secretary.

A week after that I'm down at the Ports to Plains conference in Texas, week following that in Portland to lead a panel, chair some committees, and provide strategic guidance at the PNWER Rail / Logistics conference. A few weeks after that I'm off to Washington DC as part of the PNWER executive delegation to meet with Congressmen and Senators regarding the relevance, and the potentials for the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, and to bring to attention the items of importance to the member states and provinces.

I'm hoping that what I do matters, I hope that what I say means something to others, and I am hopeful that the small part I play will be meaningful to the overall good to our province, and the region we are part of. I need to make sure the work carries on with others.

I hope that you know what you do is just as important, that it takes all of us doing what we can, not loosing hope, or letting common sense die. We have been turning the other way, turning the other cheek for too long on so many levels. It does not mean we need to resort to the same caustic behaviors as those that would tear down, rather than build up. It just means we need to stop giving that negative energy oxygen, move on, rise up, step up, do better. Stay Strong, and may you always be Free.

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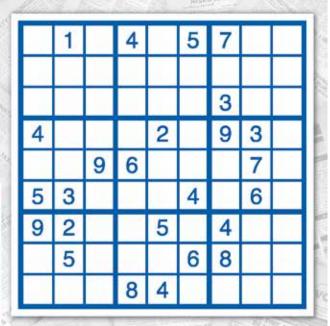
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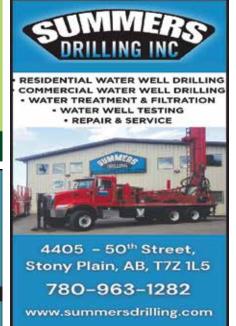
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