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March 4, 2026

WHITECOURT'S NEWEST EVENT FACILITY OFFICIALLY NAMED THE CANFOR CULTURE & EVENTS CENTRE



Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

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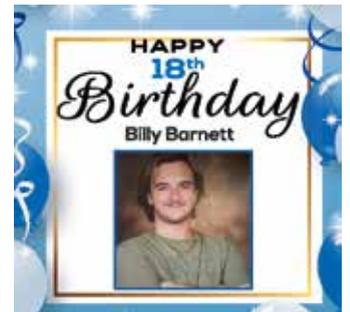
pleased to announce that Whitecourt's newest event facility will be named the Canfor Culture & Events Centre.

"Located in the heart of downtown Whitecourt, the Canfor Culture & Events Centre will serve our region and offer spaces to host conferences, trade shows, events, concerts, festivals and ceremonies,"

said Whitecourt Mayor Ray Hits. "The new facility will increase service and program opportunities to those living in our community, provide space for people of all ages to gather, stimulate downtown revitalization, and help to grow Whitecourt as a tourist destination."

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HAPPENINGS AT THE RICH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR MARCH

Submitted by Rich Valley Public Library

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kids. Stay for Storytime and crafts. Yoga is every Tuesday at 11am in the program room. March 14 we are doing a Laughter Yoga, eliminate stress and learn to relax. Starting @ 1pm, cost is \$20.00 For all classes you can register by phone

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products, and through our Good Things Come From Trees Foundation, we're proud to support the communities where we operate," said Tom Thompson, Canfor's General Manager, Alberta Region. "Our con-

tribution to Whitecourt's new Culture & Events Centre reflects our commitment to the town's growth and vibrant community, and our appreciation for the strong partnership and support we've received in Whitecourt."

"This is an exciting mile-

stone for the facility, and I'm pleased to be part of the announcement," added Mayor Hilts. "Canfor has a significant presence in our community, and this investment demonstrates their commitment to our region and projects that strengthen community connection and growth."

Construction on the Canfor Culture & Events Centre commenced in the summer of 2024, and the facility will open this fall. The Centre includes an arts, culture and convention centre (theatre), library, and Town administration office. The theatre portion of the facility will allow people of all ages to develop their skills and talents in the areas of

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performing arts and increase the community's capacity to host a variety of cultural and social events. The new library will provide enhanced opportunities to connect and learn.

Bookings are already being made at the Canfor Cul-

ture & Events Centre, and the first major event, scheduled for October 2026, will be announced soon!

"Pumpjack Players has been waiting for almost 20 years for a new performing arts facility, so you can imagine how excited we all are," added Brigette Moore, Treasurer of the

Pumpjack Players - Whitecourt Drama Society. "There is also a large growing interest - particularly with youth - who want to perform or be a part of theatre productions. This new centre will have the latest theatre technology which will open so many doors for the types of productions we can do. We

can't wait to perform our first production in the new performing arts centre!"

For more information on the Canfor Culture & Events Centre, visit the Whitecourt website or follow the Culture & Events Centre on Facebook and Instagram.

PARKLAND RCMP CRIME REDUCTION UNIT SEIZES ILLEGAL TOBACCO AT LOCAL RETAILER

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 13, 2026, Parkland RCMP Crime Reduction Unit executed a search warrant at a convenience store located in Spruce Grove after investigating the sale of contraband tobacco.

RCMP received information that contraband cigarettes were being sold at the store. Investigation corroborated the information, and as a result a search warrant was obtained. Police seized numerous packages of contraband cigarettes

and contraband vape products.

A 39-year-old male resident of Edmonton, Alberta, is being charged under the Federal Excise Act.

"The illicit tobacco trade is often linked to organized crime," says Sergeant Collin Kuca of the Parkland RCMP. "It concerns me that these illicit products become more accessible to minors and the Crime Reduction Unit will target this activity accordingly."

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PARKLAND RCMP LAY CHARGES AS PART OF ONGOING EXTORTION INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Oct. 31, 2025, and Nov. 6, 2025, Parkland RCMP received reports of a home in Spring Meadow Estate in Parkland County being shot at. Fortunately, there were no injuries in either shooting. Investigation revealed that the victims were being threatened to extort

money from them. Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section took carriage of and led an exhaustive investigation involving law enforcement partners in other parts of Alberta, BC, and Ontario.

As a result of those efforts a suspect, Jagdeep Singh, was identified and on Nov. 17, 2025, he was arrested as he trav-

elled through Red Deer Alta. A search incidental to his arrest led to the recovery of a firearm. Singh was released from RCMP at that time pending further investigation which ultimately led to crown approving the charges and the obtaining of a Canada Wide arrest warrant that is now in effect.

Investigators sent the seized

firearm away for testing at the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) / Provincial Firearms Lab and this firearm has been linked to 7 shootings across the country not related to this event.

Continued investigation revealed several key pieces of evidence linking the suspect to extortions targeting the South Asian community and the shootings of the residence in Parkland County.

Jagdeep Singh (24), a Foreign National, has been charged with:

- Extortion (x2);
- Discharging a firearm with intent (x2);
- Firearms offences (x8); and
- Disguise with intent (x2).

His whereabouts are currently unknown, and a Canada Wide warrant has been issued. Singh is also wanted by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) on a Canada-wide immigration warrant. We are seeking public assistance in locating Jagdeep Singh in relation to these charges.

Investigation identified two other incidents and suspects who were discharging a firearm recklessly out of a moving vehicle. The two suspects who although part of the same crime group are not directly related to the Parkland extortion shooting.

On Feb 11, 2026, Ravinder Singh was arrested by EPS. After further collaboration between RCMP and EPS.

Ravinder Singh (25), a Foreign National, has been charged with:

- Discharging a firearm with intent (x2);
- Weapons offences (x4).

Ravinder Singh is being held in custody.

On Feb. 13, 2026, Parkland RCMP assisted by EPS executed a search warrant at a

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County News Highlights

MEETINGS & HEARINGS

[LSAC.ca/meetings](https://lsac.ca/meetings)
Meetings and public hearings are held at the County Administration Office near Sangudo, they are open to the public and available remotely. Explore the County's online calendar for agendas, minutes, and meeting details

MPC Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:30 am
immediately followed by regular MPC Meeting

Council Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 9:30 am

Budget Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2026 at 9:30 am

COUNTY RELEASES 2026 OWNERSHIP MAP

[LSAC.ca/news](https://lsac.ca/news)
The County has updated its ownership map, providing residents, developers, and visitors with the most current data on regional property and key infrastructure.

Available for viewing and download at [LSAC.ca/maps](https://lsac.ca/maps), this comprehensive resource is designed to support land-use planning, navigation, and administrative transparency within the County. The 2026 edition features updated information regarding:

- Property Boundaries: Accurate delineations of land parcels across the County.
- Land Ownership Details: Current registration data for private and municipal lands.
- Key Infrastructure: Essential data on roads, utilities, and municipal facilities.
- Crown Land Data Excluded: As it falls under the Province's jurisdiction. Visit <https://geospatial.alberta.ca/recaccess/> for information regarding public land access, recreation, and provincial dispositions within our borders.

The County offers several ways for the public to obtain the 2026 Ownership Map, catering to both digital and physical preferences.

Digital Downloads — Users can access **free** high-resolution digital versions of the map at 2MB, 4MB, and 10MB. These digital maps are ideal for mobile use or desktop reference.

Paper Copies — For those requiring a physical reference, large-format 68.5 x 106 cm rolled paper copies are available for purchase for **\$20.00** (GST included). These maps can be picked up at the County Administration Office during regular business hours.

COUNTY GRAVELLING PROGRAM: Is currently underway!

Expect to see gravel trucks appearing in areas where they may not normally be. Please be courteous and patient when sharing the road with them. If possible, take alternate routes to avoid work areas. If no alternate route is available, follow the instructions of on-site crew members, who will help you proceed as quickly and safely as possible.

When driving behind a gravel truck, maintain a safe following distance. As a rule of thumb, if you can't see the truck's side mirrors, the driver cannot see you. Keeping a safe distance also reduces the risk of debris from the truck hitting your vehicle.

Safety is our top priority—for our crew members, contractors, and you. Thank you for your cooperation!

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please contact the Public Works department at 780.785.3411 or 1.866.880.5722 or email PublicWorks@LSAC.ca

Parkland RCMP Lay Charges As Part Of Ongoing Extortion Investigation

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home and vehicle in Edmonton.

While at the home, police arrested Gurpreet Singh (24), an Foreign National. He has been charged with;

- Discharging a firearm with intent;

- Weapons offences (x2).

Gurpreet Singh remains in custody.

During the search, RCMP

seized a firearm consistent with that used in both Parkland shootings.

Evidence gathered that pertains to other shootings in other jurisdictions has been handed over to their respective organizations.

The investigation into these shootings continue and additional charges on other suspects could be considered.

“I would like to acknowledge the Parkland GIS team for their

dedication and professionalism; they have lived this investigation since October 2025. I'd also like to recognize our Parkland plain clothes units, General Duty members and all our other internal partners; our Digital Forensic Services, District CRU, District GIS and external partners from across the country.” said Inspect Kevin McGillivray of the Parkland RCMP.” By collaborating with our external partners includ-

ing Edmonton Police Services, BC Provincial Extortion Task Force, OPP MCU, Peel Regional and CBSA, we have been able to make progress with not only our investigation but with many others. Investigating a criminal organization there can't be any lines in the sand. Open dialogue, partnerships and collaboration is key to moving these investigations forward. “

PARKLAND RCMP RESPOND TO MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 26, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision

on the overpass of Highway 60 and Highway 16A in Acheson.

Investigation determined that a dump truck attempted to turn left from Highway 60 to the westbound ramp onto

Highway 16A. While doing so, it collided with a tractor trailer that was travelling southbound on Highway 60. Significant damage was sustained to both vehicles. Traffic has resumed after be-

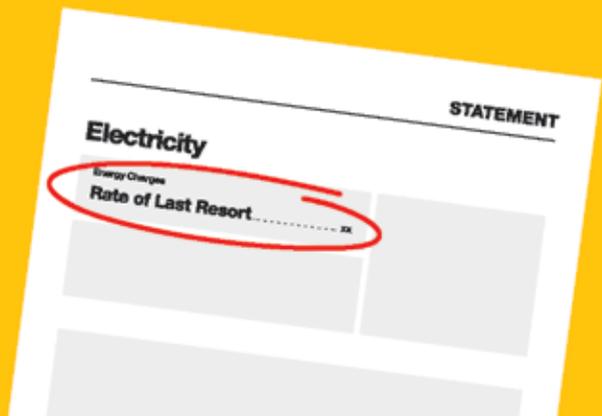
ing temporarily re routed for the investigation.

Both drivers sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to hospital. This investigation is still ongoing.

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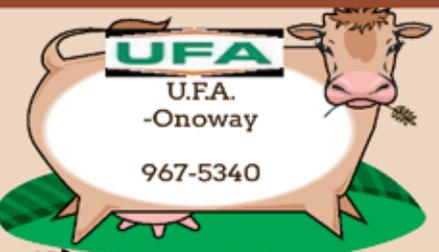




FARM SAFETY WEEK

Preventing Crushes

- From rolling machinery to falling front-end loaders there are countless crush hazards on a farm. While farm operators and workers can't prevent every hazard on a farm, they should prevent every hazard they can by taking simple preventative measures while working.
- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

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 <p>Onoway Public Library 967-2445</p>	 <p>standstone Home & Water Services Ltd. Standstone Waste & Water Services Ltd. 967-2118</p>	



FARM SAFETY WEEK

Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

Risk concerns the expected value of results of a situation or event. The value of those results may be positive or negative. In the farming industry, the measure of risk can be rated as high, medium or low. Once the risk has been assessed, through your regular safety checks, employers can determine whether to take immediate action of a hazard or identify those that can be monitored and fixed at a later time. Regular assessment can help with budgeting time and resources for immediate or future repairs.

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FARM SAFETY TIPS

- Hire right - hire the right person and pay them fairly rather than hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- Get a check-up - make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code - the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
- Train for safety

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LAC STE. ANNE MINOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2026

LSAC.ca/softball



ALBERTA BEACH

Online registration is open for U5-U13.
Please visit: albertabeachminorball.rampregistrations.com
Contact: albertabeachball@gmail.com

ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION

In-person registration night is March 26 at Chief Aranazhi school gym from 5-8pm

ANSELMO

In-person registration night is March 25 & 26 at Elmer Elson Elementary School.
Early bird registration is open until March 11
Online registration is open.
Please visit: anselmofp.rampregistrations.com
Contact: Rennae Swartzenberger 780.706.5379 for more information.

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Online registration open until April 3.
Please visit: rampregistrations.com/login?v3=0324abe65d
Contact: darwellrep@gmail.com for more information.

ONOWAY

Online registration is open until April 10.
Visit the "Onoway Minor Softball" Facebook page to register through RAMP.
Please visit: rampregistrations.com/login?v3=388968c4b3
Contact: Karen McConaghy at onowayba@gmail.com for more information.

RICH VALLEY

Contact: Allan McGhee 780.573.9707 or email rvsoftball@hotmail.com for more information.

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Online registration is open.
Please visit: wabamunsoftball.rampregistrations.com
Contact: Donna Owen 780.991.5406 or Shereen Hart 780.945.1196 to register or for more information.

This co-ed league's 2026 regular season will run April 27 – approximately mid-June, and will include a playoff tournament. The league involves all the above noted communities, and players must register in the community where they reside, based on local public school boundaries. If you aren't sure which community you should register with, call your closest contact listed above to discuss. Physical addresses will be required to complete the registration process. It is important to note, that this is a FUN league. Fair play and sportsmanship are encouraged.

The Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League offers a program for all ages including:

- U5 for players born in 2021, 2022, 2023 (No formal games scheduled)
- U7 for players born in 2018*, 2019, 2020 (some communities accept younger participants)
- U9 for players born in 2017*, 2018*
- U11 for players born in 2015, 2016, 2017*
- U13 for players born in 2013, 2014
- U15 for players born in 2011, 2012
- U18 for players born in 2008, 2009, 2010

*Age overlap within the U7/U9/U11 categories allows for flexibility based on each player's previous experience. Category placement for overlap is at the discretion of each community.

To participate, waiver forms must be completed for all players.

For further information on the Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League, please contact the Lac Ste. Anne County Administration Office 780.785.3411 or tf.1.866.880.5722.



ADVANCING THE ALBERTA SHERIFFS POLICE SERVICE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New proposed legislation is a key step in a smooth transition from the Alberta Sheriffs to the Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS).

If passed, Bill 15, the Public Safety and Emergency Services Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 will ensure law enforcement operations are not disrupted and public safety is not com-

promised during the transition. It also creates a direct, streamlined path for eligible sheriffs to become ASPS police officers, supporting recruitment and accelerating the growth of the new police service.

“Criminals are becoming more sophisticated, and we’re meeting that threat head-on by transforming the Alberta Sheriffs into a modern police service. We are putting more boots on the ground and giv-

ing our officers the high-tier training they need to combat the complex crime facing our province today. We aren’t just filling gaps; we are building a coordinated powerhouse that puts law-abiding Albertans first and sends a clear message: if you threaten our communities, we have the specialized front-line capacity to stop you. This is about a safer, stronger Alberta - full stop.”

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public

Safety and Emergency Services

As part of the transition, sheriff peace officers who currently perform police-like duties will be eligible to pursue careers as ASPS police officers, subject to training and qualification requirements. This ensures officers have the appropriate training and authority under the Police Act to continue performing the same core policing functions they do today. Other sheriffs will remain in their existing peace officer roles to maintain full operational coverage across Alberta during the transition.

The Alberta Sheriffs are currently government employees, while the new ASPS will operate as an independent Crown corporation. Bill 15 enables a smooth transition of unionized and non-unionized staff from the existing structure into the new service, providing continuity for employees and ensuring policing and public safety operations continue without disruption as the ASPS is established.

“By welcoming experienced sheriffs into the ASPS, we are able to grow our capacity while maintaining the essential peace-officer duties Albertans rely on every day. Because sheriffs already perform many police-like functions, integrating them into the ASPS allows us to stand up the service faster and with a depth of experience that would take years to build through new hiring alone.”

Sat Parhar, chief, Alberta Sheriffs Police Service

The proposed legislation also protects Alberta Sheriffs branch staff employment stability. During and after the transition, employees will continue to work under their current employment terms. This builds on legislation passed last year to ensure ASPS police officers have the ability to form their own police association to negotiate future collective bargaining agreements.

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DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

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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

Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT)
2nd Floor, 1229 91 Street SW Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9
Email: lprrt.appeals@gov.ab.ca

25-D0220

Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 0623018; Belle Vista Estates;
SE 09-56-01 W5M; 17, 56110 RGE RD 13
2026 Manufactured Home on screw piles 20.0' x 64.0' (1280.0 sq. ft.)
Appeal to SDAB by March 16, 2026

26-D0008

Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 3996KS; Winkelman Beach
NW 07-57-02 W5M; 54, 2531 TWP RD 572
Short term rental existing residential house; 100 guests per year
Appeal to SDAB by March 16, 2026

26-D0012

Unit 86, Plan 1323364; Lake Arnault
NW 31-54-05 W5M; 43, 5519 TWP RD 550
Shed 8.0' x 15.0' (120.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls
Appeal to SDAB by March 16, 2026

26-D0005

NW 19-56-06 W5M
45 metre Communication Tower
Appeal to LPRT by March 24, 2026

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PRODUCER ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY – TRACEABILITY DISCUSSION WITH ALBERTA BEEF PRODUCERS

abpdaily.com

Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) is working to ensure Agricultural Service Boards (ASBs) and producers remain informed about proposed and pending changes to traceability requirements for beef cattle in Alberta. As discussions continue at the provincial and national levels, ABP is creating opportunities for producers to learn more, ask questions, and provide input.

To support that engagement, Alberta Beef Producers will be hosting a dedicated traceability discussion for cattle producers and have asked local ASBs to spread the word:

Date: Monday, March 2
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel
Attendance Options: In person or virtual
Registration: Required – details available on their website, in the article “[ABP to host dedicated traceability discussion](#)”.

This session will focus specifically on traceability in the beef sector, including what changes are being considered, what they could mean for producers, and how producers can provide feedback. Whether you manage a small herd or a larger operation, your participation and perspective are valuable.

We encourage all interested cattle producers to review the event details and register if you would like to attend. If you are unable to participate, please consider sharing this opportunity with other producers in your network.

Are you looking for a new opportunity? Cultivate a great career with the County! We're recruiting for a variety of positions. Please visit: LSAC.ca/careers to explore the available opportunities in detail.

From permanent roles to seasonal positions, there are a number of opportunities available—find your fit and apply today!

County Assessors are doing property site inspections in the region, so you're sure to see them out and about near properties, taking photos and making notes. They're just doing their job to keep property values fair.

For more information on the process or to confirm the identity of an assessor, please contact the County's Assessment department. To learn more please visit LSAC.ca/assessment.



FARM SAFETY WEEK

is a great opportunity to stress the importance of keeping our farm families safe and healthy. The agriculture industry is unique in that so many of its members live, work and play at the worksite. This often increases the level to which farmers and their families are exposed to dangerous chemicals, machinery and livestock. Because of this potentially hazardous environment, it's essential that each and every person on the farm is experienced and knowledgeable in the area of farm safety.

- Handle cattle with respect and awareness. They have the strength and speed to cause serious injury.
 - Never operate machinery when you are fatigued, stressed or highly medicated.
 - Always read and follow owner's manuals and safety decals on all equipment.
 - Outfit all farm buildings with smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.

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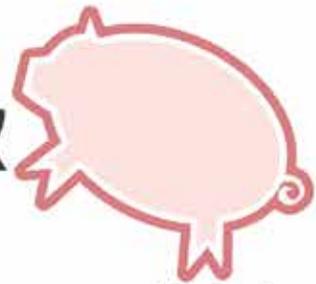
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Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength and experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain and enforce the safety aspects of the job.

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Keep an eye for safety

The type of safety eye protection you should wear depends on the hazards in your workplace. If you are working in an area that has particles, flying objects, or dust, you must at least wear safety glasses with side protection (side shields). If you are working with chemicals, you should wear goggles. If you are working near hazardous radiation (welding, lasers, or fibre optics) you must use special-purpose safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or helmets designed for that task.

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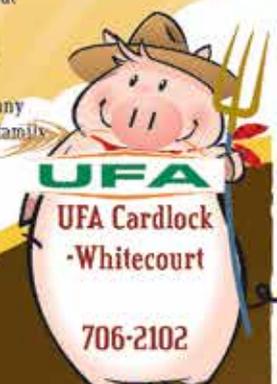
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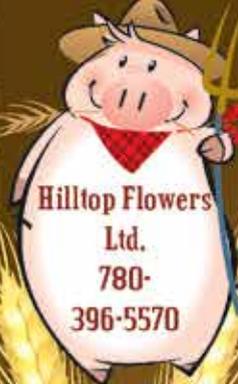
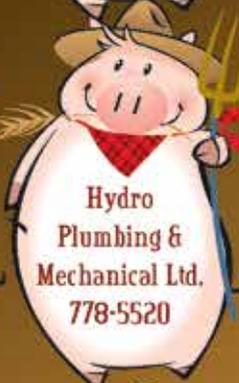
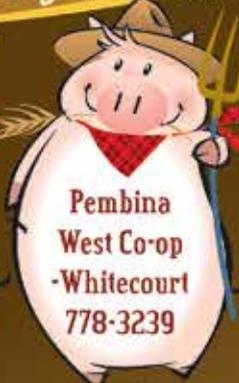
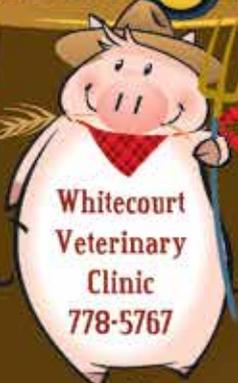
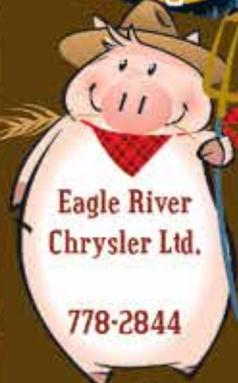
Farm Safety Tips

When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- Decrease your risk of being crushed by using lockout procedures before beginning any maintenance or repair work. Lockout means to physically neutralize all energies in a piece of equipment. Machines, devices or power transmission lines can be de-energized by applying blocks to all parts under tension or pressure, bleeding the hydraulic pressure from the lines or by releasing pressure from a coil or spring.
- Provide a safe, fenced play area for all children and supervise closely. The working area of the farm is not a playground any more than a construction site or other industrial area would be a play area. Review the safety rules on your farm with your family often. Fence off all manure, retaining ponds and dugouts, and lock buildings containing hazardous goods.



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LEGISLATION TARGETS TOURISM FEE TRANSPARENCY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation takes steps to protect consumers from hidden and misleading fees while ensuring visitors pay their fair share to help grow Alberta's economy.

Alberta's government is proposing legislation to introduce the new Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act and amend the Consumer Protection Act to prevent tourism businesses from charging hidden or misleading fees while ensuring that visitors continue to pay their fair share to help maintain Alberta's reputation as a premier travel destination. The proposed legislation will require full price transparency at booking and create clear rules for the voluntary collection and reinvestment of destination marketing fees.

"Alberta's tourism industry is a powerful driver of jobs, investment and economic growth. This legislation makes sure people who are paying these fees know where their dollars are going, creating the transparency and accountability that both businesses and their customers need. By introducing this legislation, our government is ensuring that Alberta continues to be the best place to stay and play."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

If passed, amendments to the Consumer Protection Act will require accommodation providers to disclose the full price of overnight accommodations to consumers at the time of booking, including all mandatory fees and charges. If requested by a customer, they must also explain the purpose

of each mandatory fee and how the funds will be used. Not only will this protect consumers from bearing unexpected costs, but it will also build public trust and give travellers greater confidence when planning their trips.

"We thank the Government of Alberta for listening to our members and introducing destination marketing fee legislation built on transparency, accountability and good governance. Legislation that keeps participation voluntary, ensures the system remains industry-driven rather than government-administered or destination marketing organization set, and drives local economic growth for Alberta's tourism sector."

Tracy Douglas, president and CEO Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association

Destination marketing fees (DMFs) are fees that many tourism businesses already voluntarily charge their customers to help support local destination marketing and development. While most businesses operate in good-faith, some businesses have retained DMF proceeds for profit – misleading consumers and undermining local destination promotion and development efforts.

If passed, the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act would create a fair, consistent, and transparent framework for the voluntary collection and reinvestment of DMFs. When tourism businesses voluntarily charge their customers a DMF, if passed, this legislation would require 100 per cent of fee to be used to explicitly support local destination marketing and development. DMFs will continue to be volun-

tary and industry-led, giving tourism businesses the ability to choose whether to charge these fees to their customers.

"We're so pleased to see this legislation moving ahead. When visitors understand where their dollars are going locally, it supports our triple bottom line: people, planet and profit."

Rachel Ludwig, CEO, Tourism Canmore Kananaskis

If passed, the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act will create the transparency and accountability needed to encourage a coordinated approach to local destination marketing and development. The new framework will establish clear requirements for the designation, operations and governance of one local trustee, destination marketing organizations, and, if applicable, accommodation association per region. This includes setting parameters for the use of DMFs to provide proven, measurable local economic benefits for participating businesses. To ensure this framework meets the unique needs of each region, the legislation would also enable regions to set local DMF rates, define the destination's geographic boundaries locally, and use fees to best support local growth.

"The visitor economy is one of Alberta's fastest-growing sectors, driving billions in economic activity and supporting more than ten per cent of our region's jobs. In Edmonton, hotel partners are already investing in our destination through a local destination marketing fee. That collaboration has helped build a strong and transparent

local model and is driving great results. A provincial framework will strengthen accountability across Alberta and ensure visitor dollars are reinvested into our global competitiveness – creating jobs, attracting major events, and driving economic impact in Edmonton and across Alberta."

Traci Bednard, CEO and president, Explore Edmonton

"We applaud the introduction of the Traveller Protection and Destination Development Act. This legislation strengthens consumer protection across the entire province and ensures greater clarity and accountability around destination marketing fees, while directing funds to the appropriate organizations to grow the visitor economy in the regions where they are collected. Calgary has been leading the way with a model grounded in strong consumer protection and responsible stewardship for many years. We've long supported this direction because it reflects how our market already operates – a model that has helped deliver record growth for our visitor economy."

Alisha Reynolds, CEO, Tourism Calgary

Together, these changes are a key step forward for the continued growth and success of Alberta's visitor economy. By introducing this new legislation, Alberta's government is protecting consumers, improving transparency for businesses, and ensuring local communities have the tools to promote and develop themselves as a premier destination for visitors.

PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE PROPERTY OFFENDER

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 24, 2026, Parkland RCMP located and arrested a 37-year-old male in relation to several ongoing property crime investigations in the area beginning on Jan. 1, 2026. The male was taken into custo-

dy without incident.

Tyrone Jason Hays, (37), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with the following offences stemming from several incidents being investigated by the Parkland RCMP:

- Break and enter with intent - business x4,

- Theft of truck,
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000,
- Mischief under \$5,000 x3,
- Theft under \$5,000 x3,
- Failure to comply with release order,
- Operation while prohibited,
- Drive uninsured motor vehi-

cle on highway.

Hays was remanded with his first court date set for Mar. 4, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Edmonton.

ALBERTA COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM ARRESTS PROLIFIC DRUG OFFENDER

Submitted by Alberta Community Response Team

On Feb. 20, 2026, the Alberta RCMP's Community Response Team, with the assistance from the Whitecourt RCMP and Western Alberta Crime Reduction Unit, executed a search warrant on a residence and vehicle on 47 Street in White-

court. As a result of the search warrant, police located and seized:

- 370 grams of methamphetamine;
- 5 grams of cocaine;
- 62 grams of cannabis;
- 1 gram of ketamine;
- 400mL of GHB;
- 51 unknown pills;
- Extendable baton;

- Imitation firearm;
 - Drug-trafficking paraphernalia; and
 - \$915 in Canadian currency.
- As a result of the investigation, Jasmine Fenn (43), a resident of Whitecourt, was charged with:
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x7);
 - Possession of a weapon dan-

gerous to the public (x2); and

- Possession of proceeds of crime under \$5000.

Jasmine Fenn was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. She is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on March 10, 2026.

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- When moving large machinery, be sure to check the location of power lines. Make arrangements with your service provider to ensure a safe route along a route you will travel between fields with large implements in travel mode.
- When working with livestock always ensure you have an escape route planned and that you are wearing the appropriate gear for the job. For example – wear a helmet and appropriate footwear when riding a horse.

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Farm Safety Week

Entanglements

° The average farm is full of machinery and device that can grab, cut, smash and entangle fingers, hands, toes, and feet causing injury to the extremities and even death. The sad truth is that most of these injuries can be avoided.

° Some of the key entanglement prevention measures to implement when working with or near machinery are:

- Before operating any machine or equipment, ensure that all guards are in place and in good condition.
- Wear tight fitting clothing, such as overalls. Avoid wearing any items that could become entangled, such as long coats or scarves.
- Never step over a PTO shaft or conveyer belt while it is still running.

° Ensure that anyone working with augers, PTOs, and other extremely hazardous machinery receives appropriate safety instruction and adequate supervision.

° Keep young children out of the farm or ranch work site, especially areas where there is moving machinery.

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Obituaries



James Irvin Duncan

James Irvin Duncan, age 84 of Onoway, Alberta passed away peacefully at home on February 8, 2026. Irv was born in Swift Current and raised in Neville, Sk. In 1969 he moved his young family to Spruce Grove, AB. In 1987 he moved to a farm in the Onoway area and lived out his retirement on the farm with his loving wife Kathy. Irvin was a proud member of Ironworkers Local 720 for 56 years. He is survived by his wife Kathy, 3 sons Jack (Bernie), James (Rita) and Joe (Jody), 5 sisters and 1 brother along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Irv will be forever loved, remembered for his strength and getting the job done. memorial service was held at the Spruce Grove Alliance Church on February 23, 2026.

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

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	6	5				4		
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