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MORE ALBERTANS CONNECTED TO PRIMARY CARE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

One year after the launch of Primary Care Alberta, more Albertans can access a primary care provider – and a new tool now connects people even faster.

Alberta's government and Primary Care Alberta have

launched Alberta Find a Provider, a redesigned website that helps Albertans quickly connect with nearby family doctors, nurse practitioners and registered midwives, and clinics accepting new patients. By making it faster and easier to connect with a primary care provider, more Albertans can receive preventive care, earlier

diagnoses and stronger support managing chronic conditions.

Alberta now has more primary care providers than ever before. As of Dec. 31, 2025, there were 6,362 family physicians registered provincewide and 1,137 nurse practitioners with active licences,

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ALBERTA RCMP ENCOURAGES DISTRACTION-FREE DRIVING

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is reminding drivers that it's essential to remain distraction free. Operating a vehicle requires a motorist's complete attention to be aware of other vehicles and pedestrians and reduce the risk of collision.

In 2025, the Alberta RCMP issued a total of 3,337 tickets

for distracted driving. Help stay distraction free on the roads with following tips:

•If it impairs your driving, it's a distraction. Distracted driving is not limited to texting or talking on a handheld device while operating a vehicle – it also includes personal grooming, reading, writing, adjusting GPS or audio devices, attending to passengers or pets and any other activity that might im-

pair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.

•Plan ahead. Before putting your vehicle into drive, prepare by pre-setting your hands-free device, GPS, radio or music.

•Pull over and put it in park. If you need to text, make a call or engage in any distracting activity, pull over where it's safe and park your vehicle. Simply stopping

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March Farm Safety Week

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Alberta Find a Provider help make it easier to connect more people with the care they need.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

Alberta’s new funding model for family physicians and the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program are designed to strengthen community-based care and attract more providers into comprehensive primary care. These approaches

are already improving access and are expected to bring even more providers into the system in the coming months.

Through the website, Albertans can find family doctors, nurse practitioners, registered midwives and clinics accepting new patients. The redesigned site replaces Alberta Find a Doctor and includes expanded search options to make it easier to find care close to home.

“Our first year was about bringing teams together and building the foundation for

stronger primary care across Alberta. Now we’re focused on practical improvements that make it easier for people to find care and navigate the system. Alberta Find a Provider is one important step in that work.”

Kim Simmonds, chief executive officer, Primary Care Alberta

Albertans can also track progress through new primary care indicators added to the provincial health system dashboard. These indicators

provide transparent reporting on measures such as patient attachment to a primary care provider, cervical cancer screening rates and post-discharge follow-up, helping demonstrate where access and continuity of care are improving and where more work is underway.

These steps mark the first year of progress, laying the foundation for expanded access and stronger primary care for all Albertans.

Alberta RCMP Encourages Distraction-Free Driving

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at a red light and engaging in a distracted activity is not safe and is still distracted driving.

•Distracted driving isn’t worth it. The penalty for distracted driving in Alberta is a

\$300 fine and three demerit points. The bigger price you pay is risking your own safety and the safety of others.

“Distracted driving is a common bad habit among drivers,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP

Traffic. “It may not seem like a big deal to check a text or change a song, but it only takes a second where your attention is diverted for a collision to take place. Distractions behind the wheel are never worth putting

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ALBERTA RCMP HISTORICAL HOMICIDE UNIT LAY CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH 2007 SAMSON CREE NATION HOMICIDE

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Community partnership and courage lead to arrest in a 2007 Samson Cree Nation homicide.

The Alberta RCMP Historical Homicide Unit (HHU), in collaboration with the Maskwacis RCMP, has arrested a suspect in a homicide investigation dating back to Feb. 2007.

The case originated in what was then known as Hobbema, on the Samson Cree Nation. For nearly two decades, investigators and community members have sought answers in the file. While many historical cases are solved through modern forensic advancements, this breakthrough was rooted in the resilience of the community and a strengthening partnership between residents and the police.

The victim has been identi-

fied as 24-year-old Maskwacis resident Johnathan “cody” Saddleback

On Jan. 20, 2026, 42-year-old Alvin Lee Norman Green, a resident of Maskwacis, was arrested without incident. Green has been charged with second-degree-murder.

Green was taken before a Justice of the Peace and remanded into custody. He is scheduled to make his first appearance at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin on Jan. 22, 2026. To protect the integrity of the judicial process, no further details will be released.

“We understand the deep importance of investigating these decades-old files and the lasting impact they have on our community,” said Inspector Richard McKay, Officer in Charge of the Maskwacis RCMP Detachment. “In

many instances, these files are solved through advancements in technology; however, in this case, it was traditional police work that led to charges being laid. This was truly a result of members of the community—both those with key knowledge and those without—working with police as a partnership. I hope this serves as a shining example of the strength and courage this community has to come forward with information on these very old cases.”

Chief Vernon Saddleback, of the Samson Cree Nation, emphasized the role of collective action in the healing process. “For our Nation to heal and remain resilient, we must work together to bring closure to the families who have carried these burdens for so long,” said Chief Saddleback. “This arrest shows the importance

of our community working alongside the police to close these old files. When we stand together and share what we know, we create a safer and more just path forward for all our people.”

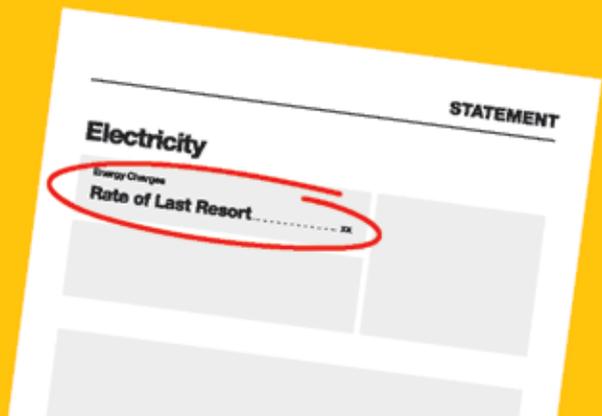
“Our Historical Homicide Unit is committed to seeking justice regardless of how much time has passed,” added Inspector Breanne Brown, Officer in Charge of the Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes Branch.

The Alberta RCMP continues to work closely with Crown prosecutors as the case proceeds through the justice system. Community members with additional information related to this investigation, or other unsolved homicides, are urged to contact the Alberta RCMP Historical Homicide Unit at RCMP.KHHU-KHHU.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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Be SAFE - Plan Ahead

Spot Hazards

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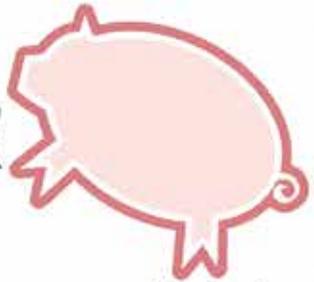
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Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength 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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MASKWACIS RCMP SEIZE GUN DURING PROACTIVE TRAFFIC STOP WITH CHILD IN VEHICLE

Submitted by Maskwacis RCMP

On Jan. 15, 2026, Maskwacis RCMP while on patrol observed a vehicle with a non working headlamp. The vehicle was intercepted on Hwy 2a in Maskwacis finding the operator being suspended. Upon further investigation of the four known offenders, a modified unlawfully possessed firearm was located in plain view in the rear seat. The four occupants were arrested with a child being turned over to Child Family Services.

As a result of the traffic stop and firearm investigation police seized:

- Ruger – mini 14 rifle .223 with a defaced serial #

- Ammunition
- As a result of this and a previous investigation RCMP have charged, Michael Ethan Raine (30), a resident of Maskwacis, with;
 - Unauthorized possession of a firearm in a vehicle;
 - Knowingly possess an unauthorized firearm;
 - Carless storage of firearm;
 - Possession of a firearm knowing it's serial number has been defaced;
 - Failing to comply with release conditions (x3).

RAINE was taken before a Justice of the Peace and remanded into custody with a court date of January 20, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.

RCMP have charged, Krystle Roasting (49), a resident of Maskwacis, with;

- Unauthorized possession of a firearm in a vehicle;
- Knowingly possess an unauthorized firearm;
- Carless storage of firearm;
- Possession of a firearm knowing it's serial number has been defaced;
- RCMP have charged, Brynn Ty Dennehy (27), a resident of Maskwacis, with
 - Unauthorized possession of a firearm in a vehicle;
 - Knowingly possess an unauthorized firearm;
 - Carless storage of firearm;
 - Possession of a firearm knowing it's serial number has been defaced;

RCMP have charged, Lyndon Stewart Raine (41), a resident of Maskwacis, with

- Unauthorized possession of a firearm in a vehicle;
- Knowingly possess an un-

- authorized firearm;
- Carless storage of firearm;
- Possession of a firearm knowing it's serial number has been defaced;
- Operate motor vehicle with no insurance

All three were taken before a Justice of the Peace and released with their next court date set for Feb. 10, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.

“The proactive work by our general duty members does not go unnoticed, this again is an example of the dedication my team has on firearms and safety”, Says inspector Richard McKay Commander of Maskwacis RCMP. “It is concerning knowing there was a child within the same vehicle. “

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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
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FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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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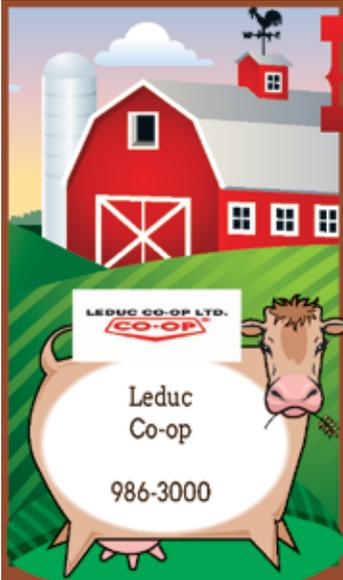
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FARM SAFETY WEEK

Preventing Crushes

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MASKWACIS RCMP SEIZE DRUGS AND GUNS DURING TRAFFIC STOP

Submitted by Maskwacis RCMP

On Jan. 11, 2026, Mackwacis RCMP received report of threats with a firearm. Responding officer quickly located the vehicle outside of a residence. Upon approach, police located drug paraphernalia in view. All 5 occupants of the vehicle were arrested. As a result of a search of the vehicle police located;

- A loaded 12 gauge shot gun;
- 48.5 grams of Methamphetamine;
- Other weapons including knives, batons, bear spray.

As a result of this and a previous investigation RCMP have charged,

Charlene Bliss Green(41), a resident of Maskwacis, with;

- Flight from police;
- Dangerous driving;
- Possession of Property obtained by crime;
- Failing to comply with release conditions (x9);
- Weapons offences(x3);
- Possession of controlled substance.

RCMP have charged, Billy Clay Green (45), a resident of Maskwacis, with;

- Failing to comply with release conditions (x2);
- Weapons offences(x3);
- Possession of controlled substance.

RCMP have charged, Terrisa Ermineskin (32), a resident of Maskwacis, with

- Failing to comply with release conditions (x2);
- Weapons offences(x3);
- Possession of controlled substance.

All 3 were taken before a Justice of the Peace and remanded into custody for future court dates at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.

RCMP have charged, Michael Gregory Troy Omeasoo (35), a resident of Maskwacis, and Teisha Faith Crier (29), a resident of Maskwacis, with:

- Weapons offences(x3);

•Possession of controlled substance.

Both were taken before a Justice of the Peace and released with their next court date set for Feb. 5, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.

“Firearms continue to be a serious concern in our Maskwacis community,” says Inspector Richard McKay Commander of Maskwacis RCMP, “Last year Maskwacis RCMP seized over 87 crime guns. Our commitment to taking these dangerous weapons along with drugs remains our top priority.”

CLEAR RULES, STRONGER PROTECTIONS FOR IGAMING

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta’s government is taking action to build a safer, more responsible, regulated online gaming market.

Unregulated online gambling is already widely available across the province, with some providers operating with limited or no player protection or social responsibility measures. Based on recent survey data, unregulated operators are estimated to capture approximately 70 per cent of Alberta’s total iGaming

market.

Under the new regulated market iGaming providers will be required to put player protection and social responsibility at the forefront of their operations. A newly established regulatory framework will ensure that the Albertans and youth are protected when the regulated private iGaming market launches later this year.

As part of the new rules and regulations, gaming companies will be required to ensure their advertising does not target minors and that profes-

sional athletes are not used to promote gambling activities. At the launch of the regulated private iGaming market, player protection measures such as system-wide self-exclusion and financial and time-based limit tools will be available. Operators will also be required to provide Albertans with gaming activity statements and to intervene when signs of problematic gambling behaviour emerge.

“The Canadian Gaming Association (CGA) and its members commend the Government of Alberta for implementing mea-

sures to protect its residents through the establishment of an expanded regulated iGaming market.”

Paul Burns, President & CEO, Canadian Gaming Association

A regulated iGaming market will also allow Alberta’s government to recover revenue currently lost to unregulated gambling sites. Industry operators will have the ability to review the regulations and determine if they want to operate in Alberta leading up to the launch of the regulated market.

SUDOKU of the week

Here’s How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

ANSWER:
Last Weeks

2	9	1	6	3	5	4	7	8
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

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

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FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May -October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET: Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

May-Sept Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale, monthly sunday market Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304 www.artsdevon.org

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market. Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

BINGO

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

JAMBOREE

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

DEVON: Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon.

Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

EDMONTON: Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

LEDUC: Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

THORSBY: meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS: Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:00PM. (587) 988-3636.

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult)

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Friday of ea. Month @ 1:30 pm Pioneers 73 Club, 29 St. Lawrence Ave. Admission \$10.00 - Musicians \$5.00 More info - 780-991-2425

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780)

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MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4th Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

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MEETINGS

AHS: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with

alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear. More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Monday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034



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