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PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE SUSPECT IN ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATIONS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 30, 2025, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Parkland RCMP responded to an armed robbery with a weapon at a local gas station. The masked suspect entered the store, deployed bear spray at the employee and demanded money. After receiving cash, the suspect bear sprayed the employee a second time and fled on foot. The Parkland General Investigation Section (GIS) has been conducting an

extensive investigation to identify those responsible.

On Apr. 8, 2026, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Parkland RCMP responded to an armed robbery with a weapon at the same gas station. The masked suspect entered the store and brandished a weapon, threatening to spray the employee, and demanded money. After receiving cash, the suspect fled on foot. The Parkland GIS quickly linked the two occurrences by suspect and involved vehicle investigation determined that in the

second robbery, the suspect was dropped off and picked up by an accomplice.

On Apr. 10, 2026, Parkland GIS members arrested 2 suspects and executed a search warrant on a vehicle and residence in Spruce Grove.

Kevin Tremblay, (52), a resident of Spruce Grove, has been charged with the following:

- Robbery with a weapon x2,
- Assault with a weapon x2,
- Commit an indictable

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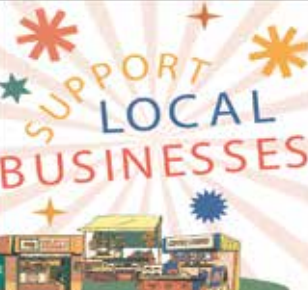
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PARKLAND COUNTY FIRE SERVICES CELEBRATES RECRUIT GRADUATION AND SERVICE AWARDS

Submitted by Parkland County Fire Services

Parkland County Fire Services celebrated the graduation of its 2025 recruit class on April 8th, recognizing 20 new firefighters as they officially joined the service.

"These recruits have not only put in the time and hard work required to reach this milestone but have shown the character it requires," said Fire Chief Brian Cornforth. "They are joining a service built on teamwork, integrity, and a strong commitment to com-

munity. We are proud to welcome them to Parkland County Fire Services, and we hope their achievement encourages others to consider firefighting as a meaningful way to serve close to home."

In addition to celebrating
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offence while masked x2,
•Possession of a weapon
for a dangerous purpose x2.

Kevin Tremblay has been remanded in custody with his next court appearance on Apr. 15, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

Carmen Hansen, (48), a

resident of Spruce Grove, has been charged with robbery with a weapon. Hansen was taken before a Justice of the Peace and release from custody with conditions and her next court appearance on Apr. 29, 2026, at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert.

"These armed robberies were violent acts, result-

ing in weapons being used on employees of this business" states Sergeant Kuca, Commander of Parkland RCMP Plain Clothes Unit. "These investigations can be complex, and lengthy but I trust that identifying and charging these suspects helps to ensure public safety."

Parkland County Fire Services Celebrates Recruit Graduation And Service Awards

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the newest members of Parkland County Fire Services, the evening recognized firefighters and emergency communications staff for service mile-

stones ranging from three to 35 years, along with provincial and federal honours for exemplary service.

Parkland County is encouraging residents interested in future paid-on-call firefighter

opportunities to learn more about the role and recruitment process, which typically opens in the fall, through parkland-county.com/recruitment.

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Against his better judgment, the big game hunter is talked into taking both his wife AND her mother along on one of his expeditions. It does not go well. The mother-in-law is, if anything, harder to get along with in the wilds than she was in the city. And to make matters worse, she won't even abide by the simple camp rules designed to keep the safari safe. One night after dinner, the hunter's wife realizes her mother is missing. Panicked, she rushes to her husband and begs him to institute a search. He sighs, and together they set out. But before they've gone far, they hear throaty growling. Soon they come upon a small clearing in which the mother-in-law stands, backed up against thick, seemingly impenetrable jungle brush, and facing a huge male lion. The wife whispers urgently, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing whatsoever," responds her husband. "The lion got himself into this mess, now let him get himself out of it."

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GYPSPD STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY WITH THE DIGITAL LENDING LIBRARY

Submitted by GYSPD

From the first steps of Kindergarten to the advanced projects of Grade 12, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division's (GYPSD) Digital Lending Library (DLL) is transforming how students across the division engage with technology. Managed by the GYPSD Technology Team, the DLL allows teachers to borrow a diverse range of specialized equipment specifically designed to meet Alberta curricular outcomes. The impact of this resource is undeniable: in just one year, the library has seen a massive surge in popularity, with bookings jumping from 25 to 45. DLL items can be viewed on the GYPSD Tech Website, where staff can find more specifics about device compatibility, what comes with each DLL kit, and the recommended grade levels.

At École Westhaven, Mr. Meier's Kindergarten class recently used the DLL's 3D pens to bridge the gap between imagination and reality. After reviewing 2D shapes, the students used the pens to trace their drawings, literally lifting their creations off the paper into "fantastic structures."

While the students saw it as "magic," the activity served a critical educational purpose:

Fine Motor Skills: Maneuvering the pens builds hand-eye coordination.

Spatial Reasoning: Converting flat shapes into 3D objects reinforces foundational math.

Engagement: Using high-tech tools makes shape recognition a memorable, sensory experience.

The momentum con-

tinues into high school at Parkland Composite High, where Kandis Gilks (Supervisor-Teacher of Educational Technology for the Division) guided 25 Grade 9 Technology and Engineering students through the world of computing science. The class has been using Finch robots from the DLL to tackle complex cod-

ing and robotics challenges. These grade 9s are not just learning to write code; they are learning to debug, problem-solve, and see their digital logic manifest in the physical world. For a class that also focuses on Graphic and 3D Design, these robots provide the perfect bridge between digital creativity and engineering.

These are just a couple of examples that show by providing access to kits that range from early-years exploration to senior-high complexity, the DLL ensures that every student—regardless of grade—has the opportunity to become a creator, not just a consumer, of technology.

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COUNTRY VS. COLONY: IT'S A STATE OF MIND

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I hope you had a great Easter! And thank you for supporting your local community paper. Having places where ideas can be exchanged in a thoughtful and civil way still matters—especially when other outlets won't provide space for open opinion. If you have questions or topics you'd like covered, please email or call the office. To those who already have—thank you. I hope you got what you needed.

I've spent a fair bit of seat time on the highway recently, which leaves plenty of time to think. During the last constituency break, I drove four days to spend two days with family and used part of that time to travel sections of the Ports to Plains Alliance route—from the Dakotas through Montana, into Saskatchewan, and back into Alberta.

Soon after, I was on stage at the Eastern Trade Corridor Conference to discuss economic corridors and to bring greetings on behalf of the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors.

That group is working collaboratively to formally identify an economic and trade corridor on Alberta's eastern side, stretching from Fort McMurray to the Montana border. From there, it ties into the Ports to Plains Corridor, which runs all the way to the Gulf of America through Mexico. This is a bold vision, driven from the grassroots and led by local municipalities. It's exactly the kind of thinking we need more of.

I was pleased to share the

stage with my fellow MLA, Garth Rowsell, who spoke about his work with the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. He highlighted recent capital visits to Alaska, Oregon, and Idaho—states that are eager to increase connectivity and trade with Alberta.

Last year, during a capital visit to Montana, MLA Rowsell and I received a standing ovation in their Senate. We were also joined by the head of the Ports to Plains Alliance, headquartered in Texas, who travelled here only weeks after hip surgery. That level of commitment says a lot about what can be achieved when people work together across borders with a shared purpose.

So why, then, do we struggle to get things done in Canada? Why are Alberta and Saskatchewan so often viewed as outliers—or even as a “problem to be managed”?

I believe the answer lies in our provincial motto: Strong and Free.

I was recently asked what I see as our biggest challenge. My answer was simple—it's a state of mind. In Canada, Saskatchewan and Alberta remain the outliers.

In 1776, the thirteen American colonies made a risky decision. They chose to become a country, cut protectorate ties, and stand on their own. That choice changed their trajectory and attracted people drawn to independence, opportunity, and responsibility.

Canada chose a different path. We remained a colony governed offshore for a very long time. The United States is 250 years old; Canada is just over 150, becoming

a country in 1867 but not fully independent until much later. Our Constitution dates to 1982, meaning our true constitutional independence is only a few decades old.

This has been compounded by the idea—voiced by a former prime minister—that Canada is a post-national state with no real identity or distinct culture of its own.

Our federal leadership often appears to drift between protectorate-style relationships. We are pressed by the United States to meet defence commitments, while at the same time flirting with European-style unions or deeper ties with China. Through it all, we struggle to stop the outflow of capital, talent, and resources, or to adopt policies that truly strengthen our own economy.

In many ways, we remain stuck in a colonial mindset.

What's needed are timely and difficult decisions to truly become a country—strong and free—by removing barriers so citizens can build wealth, pursue entrepreneurship, and stand independently rather than relying on growing government dependency.

When Alberta and Saskatchewan push back against federal overreach or promote trade directly in areas under our constitutional jurisdiction, we are often branded as troublemakers. That criticism usually comes from regions that underestimate how much this part of the country contributes economically and socially to Canada as a whole.

People here don't want special treatment. They simply want Canada to act like

a country. We do not want to be treated as an internal colony to be managed or exploited—especially after years of federal leadership that has struggled to project strength, confidence, and independence on the world stage.

This is a mental trap, but it's one we can escape. Doing so requires recognizing it, standing our ground, and encouraging other Canadians who also want a country that rewards initiative, innovation, and hard work.

That's how we start getting things done again—by becoming builders, manufacturers, and explorers instead of administrators and regulators.

Too often today, policies and regulations provide little additional protection and instead slow approvals through a “nobody moves, nobody gets hurt” mentality. That approach doesn't create safety or prosperity; it creates stagnation. We argue endlessly over critical infrastructure projects while other countries are advancing rapidly in technology, industry, and exploration.

The strong response at the conference suggested many people see this clearly. They understand that progress is possible if we are willing to dream big and stand on our own two feet.

By building strong trading partnerships and committing to long-term projects, we can ensure our great-grandchildren are set up for success—and give them every reason to proudly wave a flag that truly reflects The True North, Strong and Free.

Spring HOME RENO GUIDE



ADD CURB APPEAL TO YOUR PROPERTY

Many people are familiar with the idea that a strong first impression can go a long way. While that idea is most often referenced in regard to personal interactions, it's also applicable to real estate.

When selling a home, homeowners who emphasize curb appeal may find it far easier to sell their homes. Curb appeal refers to the impression a home's exterior makes on people seeing the home for

the first time. In 2014, the online real estate database Zillow® surveyed real estate agents and found that curb appeal was one of the five most important factors when selling a home.

Projects that improve curb appeal can be vast undertakings or simpler projects, and the following are a handful of projects to improve a home's curb appeal that run the gamut from simple to complex.

- Clean up the yard. Cleaning up the yard is among the simpler yet most effective projects to improve a home's curb appeal. When selling their homes, homeowners should clear the yard of any clutter, including kids' toys, grass clippings or items that

might be scattered throughout the yard. A cluttered yard suggests homeowners do not care much about their home's appearance, and that may lead buyers to think that indifference extended to maintaining the home's interior as well. Many buyers will ignore properties without any external aesthetic appeal, but cleaning up the yard does not require much effort or expense on the part of sellers.

- Make the main entryway more inviting. Creating a more inviting entryway won't be as simple as cleaning up the yard, but it can help create a strong first impression without breaking the bank. To begin, remove plants

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and furniture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, as such items can create a cluttered feel. If the front door is old, replace it. Custom doors may be expensive, but they might add the wow factor buyers are looking for. If a new door is beyond your means or just unnecessary, repaint the door, ideally in a color that complements the color of your home and the surrounding landscape.

· Address pavement problems. Paving problems are not necessarily an expensive fix, but the cost of repairing driveways and walkways can add up if it's been awhile since these areas were refurbished. Still, one of the first things

buyers will notice when getting out of their cars is the ground they're walking on, so patch and repair or even replace driveways and walkways that have fallen into disrepair.

· Add or upgrade outdoor living spaces. Outdoor living spaces also can set a property apart from others on the market. A recent study from the National Association of Realtors found that buyers would not hesitate to pay asking price for homes with outdoor living spaces. When adding or upgrading outdoor living spaces, try to depersonalize the spaces as much as possible, as buyers want to picture themselves, and not the sellers, enjoying these areas. In-

clude some comfortable furniture, adequate lighting and a dining area in your outdoor living space as well.

Curb appeal can add a lot to a home, while lack of such appeal can make a home dif-

ficult to sell. Homeowners who want to sell their properties for asking price or more should address curb appeal before putting their homes on the market.



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HOW TO CLEAN AND MAINTAIN STAINLESS STEEL

No matter the style of a homeowner's kitchen, be it modern, traditional or farmhouse, stainless steel appliances can add a pop of shine and a touch of class. Proponents of stainless steel appliances note their easy maintenance, stylish look and durability. Plus, the neutral tone of stainless steel helps it blend in with just about any color palette.

Stainless steel is lauded for its strength and resistance to corrosion and rust. These attributes make it a popular choice in kitchens, where moisture is an issue. Although they are certainly durable choices, stainless steel appliances require maintenance to keep them

looking and performing at their best. Considering that stainless steel also costs more than other finish options, taking the time to learn proper care can help protect homeowners' investments.

- Avoid chlorine bleach or other products containing chloride. Although stainless steel is highly resistant to corrosion, it is not completely impervious. Chlorine products can damage the surface of stainless steel appliances and stain them if the chlorine is left to sit.

- Do not use metal scourers or coarse abrasives on the stainless steel because such products may scratch the steel. Steel wool pads

can leave behind a residue of small metal particles that may eventually rust.

- Baking soda mixed with a little dish soap can be used to remove some tough dirt and stains. Rinse well and towel dry to avoid streaking.

- Clean and wipe the steel in the direction of the "grain." Usually this means working from the top of the appliance and moving down toward the floor.

- Consult with the owner's manual before undertaking any maintenance or cleaning. The appliance may have a special coating over the stainless steel to help protect it, and it's best to know what you're deal-

ing with before getting your hands dirty.

- If you will be trying a cleaning product or scouring method, always test it first in an inconspicuous spot to see if it is effective or harmful.

- Julien, a leader in commercial kitchen equipment, recommends applying cleansers with a soft cloth or sponge. Then wipe dry with a soft, clean cloth or allow to air dry.

Stainless steel remains a popular material in kitchens for sinks and appliances. With care, stainless steel can look like new for years to come.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

2025 Audited Financial Statement

Council adopted the 2025 Audited Financial Statement, presented by the external auditor Metrix Group LLP, and approved the allocation of annual surplus in the amount of \$2,759,811 to the Restricted Fund – Tax Rate Stabilization in the 2026 Final Budget.

Yellowhead County Library Board Presentation

The Yellowhead County Library Board (YCLB) provided an update to Council, sharing their 2025 Plan of Service Survey Results and outlining their 2026-2031 Strategic Plan of Service. Council accepted the YCLB's presentation as information.

Council Electronic Devices Policy

Council directed Administration to bring back the revised policy 1100.04 Council Electronic Devices to the April 28, 2026 Council meeting for further discussion.

Bylaw 06.26- Amending Committee Bylaw 10.24

Council directed Administration to bring back Bylaw 06.26 to a future Council meeting. This bylaw amends Bylaw 10.24, which establishes Council appointed committees and boards, with the proposed changes updating the bylaw to align with legislation, current practices, and Council instruction.

2024-862 Evansburg Rehabilitation Tender Award

Council awarded Tender 2024-862, Evansburg Street Improvement to Option Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$6,145,201.00 plus GST. To cover the unbudgeted portion of the work, Council authorized the unbudgeted

expenditure of \$888,602.55 to be taken from the Restricted Surplus Fund - Infrastructure: Roads and Bridges.

Bylaw 05.26 - Road Closure application

A road closure application, to close a portion of Road Plan 5222LZ in SE-32-52-19-W5M, was denied by Council due to concerns for road maintenance, future access, and emergency access implications to the

neighbouring property.

Bylaw 04.26 - Land Use Bylaw Update

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 04.26 to amend Land Use Bylaw 02.24. Bylaw 04.26 proposes to add Data Processing Centre use, including general house-keeping updates, and to provide clarification. A public hearing has been scheduled for May 12, 2026.

FRIAA Grant for Sprinkler Deployment

Council approved the County's Hamlets Sprinkler Deployment Plans supported by a \$59,800 FRIAA grant. The grant will be included in the 2026 Final Budget for approval by Council.

Land Purchase Request for Evansburg Development

Council directed Administration to forward the land purchase request of Lot 32, Block 1, Plan 0627780 to the next Council meeting.

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Obituaries



It is with breaking hearts that we advise everyone of the recent passing of Christine Lacombe on April 2/26. Leaving behind her partner Micheal Rosenbaum and her two beloved cats Tigger and Oreo. Daughter Ashleigh(Axyl) sons Jonathan and Remington. She was predeceased by her father Roger. Survived by her mum Heather(Miles); sister Amanda(Mervin)Jay and Brodie; brother Luke . Uncle Cliff (Marguerite) and family Aunt Carol and family. Special #2mum Mary Anderson (Loretta and Leia and families). Numerous cousins and extended family . She leaves a huge hole in the fabric of her family; she was our sunshine. As per her wishes there will not be a funeral. Thanks for your

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**ANSWER:
Last Weeks**

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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

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