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## May 13, 2026

### WILDFIRE NEAR BEAU RAND ESTATES CONTAINED

Submitted by Parkland County

Parkland County Fire Services has contained the wildfire near Beau Rand Estates, and there is no further danger to the public. Crews will continue to monitor the area and extinguish hot spots as needed.

The fire was first reported shortly after 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 3rd. Thanks

to advance planning, pre-positioned resources and a quick response, the fire was contained with no reported injuries and no loss of structures.

With conditions indicating high fire potential heading into the weekend, including elevated winds and fire weather indices, Fire Services proactively placed a helicopter on standby and had wildfire crews at the ready.

Once dispatched, the helicopter was on scene within 30 minutes, conducting water drops to slow the spread of the fire while ground crews focused on protecting nearby homes and fighting the fire directly. Additional containment efforts included creating a fire guard and support from air tankers.

Parkland County would like to thank our fire *Continued on Page 2*

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### RECOGNIZING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY!

Submitted by GYPSD

Today, Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD) joins school boards across the province to celebrate School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. This day serves as a formal recognition of the dedicated professionals who ensure the safe, reliable transportation of our students every single day.

One school bus. One driver. Hundreds of kilometers. For many families, student

transportation is a vital service, and for GYPSD, it remains a top priority. Whether navigating the quiet roads of a rural community or the busier streets of a larger center, our drivers are committed to getting students exactly where they need to be.

The spirit of gratitude is felt deeply across the Division, with many schools in our various communities hosting local celebrations for their drivers today. For example, at Parkland Com-

posite High School (PCHS), the morning was filled with festive appreciation. Transportation Director Christine Van Neck joined PCHS Principal Basaraba to personally greet drivers and hand out gifts and small bags of appreciation as they completed their routes. The celebration even featured a bit of flair, as a trio of PCHS staff members dressed up to perform a special dance, bringing smiles and laughter to the drivers to

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Saturday 8-4pm  
Sunday 8-4pm  
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# Recognizing School Bus Driver Appreciation Day!

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recognize their hard work. On School Bus Driver Appreciation Day—and indeed every day—Grande Yellow-

head Public School Division extends a sincere thank you to all our bus drivers. We recognize your service, support, and unwavering

dedication to our students and their families throughout the entire school year.

We invite our entire community to join us today in

saying “thank you” to the drivers who keep our students moving toward a bright future.

## PARKLAND RCMP RESPOND TO FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On May 4, 2026, around 11:04 a.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision between a Southbound semi-truck and a Northbound pickup truck near Township Road 524 and Highway 770. Both vehicles subsequently caught fire.

The 62-year-old male

driver of the semi-truck was able to exit his vehicle, was assessed at scene and transported to hospital.

As the investigation continued, it was confirmed that the pickup truck had a sole occupant, who was pronounced deceased at the scene. Parkland RCMP extend their condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

An RCMP collision analyst from Parkland RCMP attended the scene, and RCMP’s Real Time Operations Centre in Edmonton was engaged. Police would like to thank Stony Plain Fire & Parkland Fire for responding to the collision, while Parkland County Enforcement Services and LEDCOR assisted with traffic detours.



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Location  
Lac Ste. Anne County - 2214 Township Rd 534  
Direction: From Stony Plain - North on Hwy 43 to Chevron Gas Station to Twp Road 534 - go easy 1km  
Auction starts Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m..  
Items in this sale include:  
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### Let the Race Begin: Supporting Effective Democracy Through Vibrant Local Nomination Contests

With the next provincial election right around the corner, and the recent announcement that MLA Shane Getson will not be seeking re-election, the Lac Ste. Anne – Parkland United Conservative Party Constituency Association is poised to open its local candidate nomination process. This process is essential to selecting a strong and viable candidate to field in the next election.

In the days ahead, prospective candidates are going to be out in our communities, introducing themselves, sharing their vision, and asking for your ideas and your support. This process is aided by the registration of a “Prospective Candidate Association,” which helps community leaders interested in running for office build the organizational and fiscal capacity to participate in this process. The Hans Herchen Prospective Candidate Association is one such organization, and we’re reaching out to share a little bit about who we are and what we’re working on – and introduce our proposed candidate, Dr. Hans Herchen.

Dr. Herchen is a principled conservative with a lifelong record of leadership and advocacy. From his days growing up on the family farm and alongside his father’s veterinarian practice in Evansburg, raising his family and nurturing his three children into adulthood, serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, starting and growing his dental practice, and to his more recent service as president of the Alberta Dental Association, Hans understands how to embrace the best of who we are and what kind of work it takes to foster success. He’s humble enough to know he doesn’t know it all, yet optimistic enough to know that, where there are challenges, we can find solutions if we work together. That is why we’re supporting him – and why we think you should, too.

For us, there are a few priorities that set Hans apart. These include a commitment to strengthening local communities by working to reshape the relationship between the provincial government and municipalities; advocating for the continued integration and enhancement of the new Alberta Healthcare Model; and taking a firm stance on freedom of choice in education and the protection of individual rights. Hans is committed to prioritizing job creation and vocational training for young people, and to making Alberta more affordable for families and seniors. Hans believes Albertans deserve to feel confident that they can afford a family, that they can live their faith, that their children can get a practical education that prepares them for the real world, and that they can live a happy life supported by reliable public services and free of excessive government and over-regulation. Above all, Hans is standing for an Alberta that is a strong and autonomous voice within a united and respectful Canada – an Alberta run by proud, confident, and industrious Albertans, leading the way and supporting each other, keeping the Alberta tradition alive and well for us all.

The days ahead will be filled with more discussion on policy and the path forward, and we encourage you to embrace the opportunity to meet the candidates and engage in the process. We hope that you’ll take a moment to learn more about Dr. Herchen as well; you can check out our website at [www.hansherchen.ca](http://www.hansherchen.ca) for more details on Hans and his platform, ask a question, explore upcoming community events, or support the campaign.

*Keep an eye out in the paper, website and social media for upcoming events!  
Everyone is welcome!*

#### Don't Forget...

In order to participate in the nomination process, you must be an active member of the United Conservative Party at least 21 days prior to the vote. If you’d like to make your voice heard and help select the next UCP candidate for Lac Ste. Anne – Parkland, please purchase (or renew) your membership today! Let’s keep working to make Alberta Strong and Free.

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# ALBERTA RCMP GIVES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY REMINDERS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Motorcycle season has arrived, and the Alberta RCMP is providing safety reminders to riders and other motorists. By being aware of each other, following traffic laws and practicing safe driving behaviours, everyone can stay safe on the roads.

Last year, in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction, there were 288 reported collisions involving motorcycles. As a result of these collisions, there were 259 injuries and 16 fatalities.

Help stay safe this riding season by following the below tips:

•Complete a pre-ride check. Take time before getting on your bike to check fluids, tires, lights/signals, chains and the overall condition of the motorcycle. Refer to Alberta Transportation's Rider Guide for a checklist.

•Gear up. Riders and passengers must wear helmets that meet safety requirements and state the date of manufacture. A proper coat, pants, boots that cover the ankles, gloves and shatter-proof eyewear can reduce the risk of injury in the event of a collision. Avoid buying used helmets as they could have defects.

•Be bright and in sight. Stay in sight of larger vehicles and avoid blind spots. Wear a high visibility jacket and helmet, in colours such as orange, yellow or white to be noticeable on the road.

•Maintain a safe following distance. Stay clear of loose gravel or rocks thrown by other vehicles on roadways and be cautious as excess debris and sand may affect tire traction and overall

handling.

•Avoid speeding and weaving. Speeding in and out of traffic on a motorcycle is illegal and dangerous. Safe handling, and sharing the road responsibly, reduces the risk of collision.

•Don't show off. Just because your bike can do it, doesn't mean your bike should do it. Slow down on unfamiliar roadways and

don't feel pressure to keep up with more experienced riders.

"We can all work together for a safe riding season," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Last May saw 45 motorcycle collisions, making up approximately 16% of the total for last year. Look out for each other on the roads. If you're in a vehicle, make sure to

complete a full check before changing lanes to ensure motorcycles and smaller vehicles aren't in your path."




## Meet Hans

Prospective Candidate for Lac Ste. Anne - Parkland

**Come Join us for an Upcoming Meet and Greet!**

- May 12**  
Entwistle/Evansburg  
Entwistle Community Hall
- May 13**  
Onoway  
Onoway Heritage Centre
- May 19**  
Mayerthorpe  
Pleasant View Lodge
- May 20**  
Alberta Beach  
Alberta Beach Seniors Centre
- May 27**  
Wabamun  
Wabamun Jubilee Hall
- June 2**  
Entwistle/Evansburg  
Entwistle Community Hall
- June 3**  
Onoway  
Onoway Heritage Centre

**Everyone is welcome!**

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Drayton Valley  
4-H Beef  
Interclub



# ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

JOIN US MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT THE TEAM AUCTION CENTRE  
(OMNIPLEX)

**BEEF SHOW @ 9:00AM**

**PARADE OF CHAMPIONS/SALE @ 7:00PM**

**2025 GRAND CHAMPION STEER  
KAMRYN ALLEN**



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  - 49 STEERS
  - 14 HEIFERS
  - 16 COWS WITH CALVES
  - 5 MARKET RABBITS

**2025 GRAND  
CHAMPION  
MARKET RABBIT**



**2025 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER  
TAYDYN ROBERTSON**



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# RCMP MAJOR CRIMES INVESTIGATING MASKWACIS HOMICIDE

Submitted by RCMP Major Crimes

On May 1, 2026, at approximately 10:20 p.m., Maskwacis RCMP was dispatched to a possible stabbing in Louis Bull

First Nation. Officers responded, as well as EMS, and located a victim bleeding from a neck wound. First aid was rendered; however, the 21-year-old Louis Bull resident, was declared deceased at the scene.

RCMP Major Crimes Unit was called and has taken carriage of the investigation. An autopsy was completed on May 4, 2026, at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Calgary, and the manner of death was

confirmed to be homicide.

If you have any information regarding this homicide, please call the Maskwacis RCMP detachment at 780-585-3767

# ALBERTA IS GEARED UP AND READY FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With trained crews, prepared air response, strong municipal partnerships and its Alberta Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, Alberta is ready for the 2026 wildfire season.

Alberta is set for the 2026 wildfire season with trained crews and prepared equipment in place.

The province has hired more than 550 seasonal firefighters for this wildfire season and has access to hundreds more through contracts and mutual aid agreements should they be needed.

“Protecting our communities, forests and critical infrastructure from the threats of wildfire is a top priority for Alberta’s government. We’re taking action so Albertans, our municipal partners and our communities can feel safer and more prepared during the 2026 wildfire season. Through partnerships, education, risk reduction and the use of new technology, we’re using all available tools to create a more wildfire-resilient Alberta.”

Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Crews are prepared to respond to wildfires anywhere in the province. They are trained for both quick response and long-term firefighting, and new partnerships will bolster wildfire mitigation and response to keep Albertans safe.

Alberta’s government continues to invest in improved

air attack capabilities to better support crews on the ground. This includes helicopters with night-vision capability for around-the-clock aerial support, and hoist-equipped helicopters that can safely move firefighters into and out of difficult-to-reach terrain.

“Alberta’s government has been meticulous in their work in wildfire response. They understood early on what the CL-215-T could do, and they built their aerial suppression program around it. When a fire breaks out here, those aircraft are in the air fast, scooping from the nearest lake and dropping before the fire has a chance to establish itself. That is the advantage. It is not just the aircraft, it is the fact that Alberta has them, they are maintained, the crews know them, and they are ready. That kind of readiness is what keeps a small fire from becoming a disaster.”

Paul Lane, vice-president and COO, Airspray Canada

In March, Alberta announced a \$400-million contract with De Havilland Canada for five new, made-in-Alberta water-bombers. Together these tools will improve safety, effectiveness and coordination between air and ground crews.

Alberta also has a network of airbases across the province that allow aircraft to be deployed where they are needed most. Partnerships with communities and airstrips are essential to getting these resources in the air where and

when they needed to be.

“When a wildfire threatens a community, Albertans count on their local firefighters to be ready. That’s why we’re investing in the training they need to respond safely and effectively, because strong local fire services are the backbone of our wildfire defence, and we’re making sure they have the tools and skills to protect the people they serve”

Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs

New this year, Alberta is introducing the Mutual Aid Incentive Pilot for the 2026 wildfire season. The program offers municipalities up to \$125,000 to support wildfire response and encourages them to ask for provincial assistance sooner. With wildfires becoming more frequent and severe, the costs of responding to wildfires is significant for all levels of government, including Alberta’s municipalities. This new pilot program will lower financial barriers that may have delayed mutual aid requests in the past and help reduce the immediate cost concerns for municipalities.

“The Mutual Aid Incentive Pilot is the kind of program that makes a real difference at the municipal level. With up to \$125,000 dedicated to wildfire response, we can act decisively the moment a fire threatens our community. Sturgeon County sits in a landscape that demands we move fast, and this program empowers us to do exactly that while strength-

ening the provincial-municipal partnership that protects Alberta”

Alanna Hnatiw, mayor of Sturgeon County

Alberta’s government will continue to rely on the expanded Wildland Urban Interface teams made up of specially trained municipal firefighters, to provide an added line of defence for communities and critical infrastructure threatened by wildfires. This work builds on other municipal-level wildfire mitigation and resilience measures, such as community fireguards, FireSmart programs, and the Community Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program.

“As MLA for West Yellowhead, my constituents know well the risks each wildfire season brings. Our government has taken lessons from previous events to strengthen mitigation, preparedness and response. As another season begins, we are ready and focused on supporting at-risk communities across the province”

Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure

Our government will continue to use all available tools and technology to assess wildfire risk, predict where wildfires may start and respond quickly to protect forests, infrastructure, communities and all Albertans.



# MAY 20, 2026

LIVE AUCTION AT HERITAGE PAVILION, STONY PLAIN

SHOW 10 AM \* SUPPER 5 PM \* SALE 7 PM

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**GRAND CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
Eddie Gosselin (Lakemere) Buyer: MulchCo Ltd



**RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
Sarah Bowman (Lakemere) Buyer: West Parkland Gas



**DUFFIELD GRAND CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
Piper Tomax Buyer: John Rebus



**DUFFIELD RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET STEER**  
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**GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB**  
Delaney Willoughby Buyer: Konda Underground Solutions LTD



**RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET LAMB**  
Lionna Berry Buyer: Dagwood's Vac Services



**GRAND CHAMPION MARKET BROILER (PEN OF 3)**  
Chase Woodruff Buyer: MorEnergy Veterinary Services



**RESERVE CHAMPION MARKET BROILER (PEN OF 3)**  
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Keephills Hall keephillsrentals@gmail.com (780) 919-6590 keephillshall.com Contact Hayley Butz

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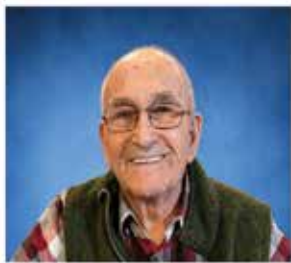
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Walter (Wally) Alexander Byskal of Barrhead, Alberta, formerly of Whitecourt, Alberta, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2026, at the age of 94, following a stroke. Wally was born on July 26, 1931, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Ukrainian immigrant parents, John and Dora Byskal (both predeceased). He was raised on a small farm in Birds Hill, Manitoba, alongside his older sister Mary (Mike Kuzminski), both predeceased, and later his younger brother Bill (Carol), both predeceased. His life began in humble surroundings, in a one-room farmhouse without electricity or central heat, where the glow of a coal-oil lamp lit the evenings and a cook stove warmed the long prairie winters. From those quiet, modest beginnings grew a life marked by perseverance, dignity, and quiet strength. As a boy, Wally walked miles through open fields to Corona 1706, a one-room schoolhouse, learning English and discovering a lifelong

love of knowledge. He carried that love with him always—never forgetting a date, a story, or a lesson that shaped the world. A love for mathematics, would shape his future career. Through hardship and determination, Wally became the first in his family to attend university. He studied late into the night by lamplight, rose early for chores, and journeyed long distances to attend classes. In 1953, he graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering—a quiet but profound fulfillment of his parents' hopes, dreams and sacrifices. While in University, during the summers, he travelled north to the Yukon to work as a surveyor. There, beneath vast skies and among untamed landscapes, he found both independence and wonder. He would later speak of that time with a sense of awe—it was where a young man first glimpsed the breadth of the world, and his place within it. After graduation, he found work in Saskatchewan, where he met Doreen MacKay, a young telephone operator in Fillmore. What began as weekly visits to call home became something much deeper. With time, courage, and a simple invitation to a dance, love took root. They were married in Weyburn on March 19, 1955 beginning a partnership that would span 71 years and seven children—a life built on devotion, faith, and unwavering companionship. A lifetime member of APEGA (Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta) Wally's engineering career carried him and his family across seven provinces, leaving his mark on the landscape of Canada through projects such as highway construction, urban infrastructure, airport runways, thermal, hydro and nuclear power plants. Along with light rapid transit systems, oil upgraders, grain shipping terminals, Calgary Olympic Park and various upgrades for Parks Canada at the Miette Hot Springs in Jasper National Park, prior to his retirement. Yet, for all he built, his greatest work was always his family. He was a man who found meaning in doing. He tended gardens, fixed what was broken, and built what was needed—quietly, capably, and without fuss. At the family cabin in Seba Beach, Alberta, life long memories were made. Barbecuing his favourite T-bone steaks on "Old Smokie", building a bon fire to enjoy, while, telling stories of his youth. Enjoying a round of golf, and splitting an ice cold beer on a hot summers day. Sunday drives to the ice cream shop for a rum raisin cone and enjoying the sweet taste of Werthers candy, are simple pleasures he enjoyed. In the evenings, he would walk with the family dog, beneath the open sky, pausing to look upward, to admire the moon and the stars. He was born in a time when reaching the moon belonged to imagination, and lived to see it become reality. He loved history, order, and precision—the steady rhythm of marching bands, the quiet discipline of soldiers in uniform—reflections of the same steady nature within him.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Wally began and ended each day on his knees in prayer. In those quiet moments, he found strength, humility, and grace. His life was not loud, but it was deeply felt—expressed in kindness, in steadfast love, and in the gentle way he guided those around him. Wally is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 71 years, Doreen; his brother-in-law Victor MacKay of Fillmore, SK; his children: Hayven Izus (Christian Fuchs), Beverly Reuteman (predeceased by Arthur Reuteman), Victor Byskal (Deborah McDonald), Mona Arnold (predeceased by Bill Arnold), Stanley Byskal (Lorraine), Ronald Byskal (Beth), and Bonnie (Daniel Bernier); as well as 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren who will carry his lasting legacy forward. He will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered—his life a testament to faith, perseverance, and enduring love.

A celebration of Wally's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of one's choice in his memory.

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**ANSWER:**  
Last Weeks

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