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NEW FALSE ALARM BYLAW IN EFFECT IN WHITECOURT

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt has adopted a new False Alarm Bylaw to help reduce the number of false alarm call outs and improve the efficiency of emergency services.

"False alarms are an unnecessary

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HELPING LOCAL 4-H IDEAS GROW

Submitted by UFA External Affairs

Applications Open for the UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Clubs Program

The UFA Agricultural Community Foundation (UFA Foundation) has opened applications for the UFA Funds 4-H Alberta program, offering eligible, 4-H Clubs and Districts in good standing the opportunity to each apply for $300 for a locally selected project or initiative.

The program opens on

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RCMP WESTERN ALBERTA CRIME REDUCTION UNIT AND THE FOX CREEK RCMP ARREST TWO FOR TRAFFICKING

Submitted by RCMP Western Alberta Crime Reduction Unit

On Oct. 28, 2026, members of the Western Alberta District RCMP Crime Reduction Unit with assistance from the Fox Creek RCMP detachment, executed a search warrant at a residence in the Town of Fox Creek. The multi-week

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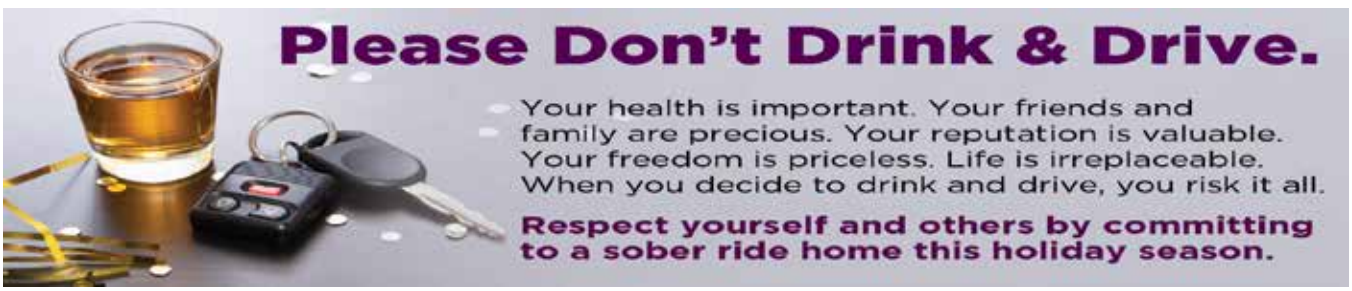
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New False Alarm Bylaw In Effect In Whitecourt

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expense that take RCMP and firefighters away from real emergencies," stated Lee Hardman, Whitecourt Director of Community Safety. "Approximately 40% of the Whitecourt Fire Department's call outs are false alarms, and this new bylaw has been created to help curb unnecessary responses, and encourage proper alarm system maintenance and operation."

As a way to encourage compliance, the legislation includes a fee rebate system to encourage updates and improvements to alarm systems to reduce the likelihood of future false alarms. Further details on the new legislation is posted online at www.whitecourt.ca.

Whitecourt has had fees associated with false alarm calls for a number of years, but the new bylaw will allow the municipality to charge $250 when a Peace Officer or member of the Whitecourt Fire Department is dispatched to an address due to a false alarm more than once in a consecutive 12-month period. The bylaw allows for this fee to be doubled, up to a maximum of $1,000, for each subsequent response in the same 12-month period. A false alarm does not include alarm activations resulting from proven criminal activity, attempted break-ins, or other legitimate emergencies.

"Property owners should have their alarm company verify alarms by calling them or a designated contact before calling police or fire." added Lee Hardman. "This is a common practice and will help prevent false alarms and the potential for fees."

Here are some simple strategies to help prevent false alarms:

• Have your security company call you or a designated contact first in case of an alarm instead of the RCMP or fire department. Your emergency contact list should be updated with your alarm company to ensure the right people are contacted in the event of an alarm.

• Know your codes and keep a list of who has your alarm's code.

• Respond promptly if your alarm company contacts you regarding an alarm activation.

• Ensure all users of your alarm system are adequately trained on how to operate it.



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County News Highlights

MEETINGS & HEARINGS

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 Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:00 am

Council Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 9:00 am

Council Meeting
Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 9:00 am

UPCOMING INFRASTRUCTURE WORK TO IMPACT TRAVEL ON TWP 544 IN BILBY AREA

LSAC.ca/news

The County is preparing for a culvert replacement project on Township Road 544 between Highway 779 and Range Road 12.

The work is required to replace a failed culvert and help maintain the safety and reliability of the local road network. Due to the nature of the repair, a temporary road closure will be necessary during construction. The closure is anticipated to occur in November and may remain in place for up to one week while the culvert replacement and associated road work are completed.

Motorists who regularly travel along TWP 544 should be aware that access and traffic patterns in the area will be affected during construction. Planning for the project is ongoing, and the specific construction schedule, closure dates, and detour routing are still being finalized.

Advance signage has been placed in the area to give residents and road users early notice of the upcoming work. The County recognizes that many residents use this route for daily travel and appreciates the public's patience as preparations continue.

Additional information will be shared as project details are confirmed. In the meantime, motorists are encouraged to allow extra travel time during the construction period and watch for signage in the area.

Road Closure Details

Closure Dates: To be determined
Affected Area: Bilby area, east of Onoway
Location: Township Road 544 between Highway 779 and Range Road 12
Action Required: Residents and commuters are asked to plan alternate routes and make necessary arrangements for the duration of the upcoming closure.

The County appreciates the public's understanding as planning progresses and additional project information becomes available.

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SEASONAL COYOTE PREDATION MANAGEMENT:

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The County's Problem Wildlife Officer focuses on coyote management over the winter months. Increased coyote activity is common this time of year as food sources change and young animals disperse to establish new territories.

Producing livestock has many challenges—and coyote predation is one of them. Although they are important to the ecosystem, coyotes can cause problems when they damage or kill domestic livestock or pets.

If you're dealing with problematic coyotes, there are ways the County can help. Please visit LSAC.ca/agriculture to get started.

Discover more online! Visit LSAC.ca for the latest County news, events, and resources.

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Helping Local 4-H Ideas Grow

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November 4, 2026, Show Your 4-H Colours Day, a celebration of the pride, spirit and positive impact of 4-H. The funding can help Clubs and Districts bring practical learning, youth development and community-building ideas to life.

For more than 80 years, UFA has proudly supported 4-H Alberta and the vital role it plays in developing future leaders, strengthening agricultural knowledge and building strong rural communities. Today, the UFA Agricultural Community Foundation is proud to carry on that legacy through the UFA Funds 4-H Alberta Clubs program. By supporting local projects and initiatives, we're helping young people learn to do by doing, develop leadership skills and make meaningful contributions in their communities. Investing in youth is an investment in the future of agriculture, and we're honoured to continue supporting the next generation."

Kevin Hoppins, Chair of the UFA Foundation Advisory Board

Applications are open from November 4, 2026, to January 31, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. ABT. Funding is limited, eligibility-based and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Only one application from each eligible Club or District will be considered, and applicants must explain how the funding will be used.

Applicants must use the UFA Funds 4-H Alberta application form. Approved funds will be distributed by March 31, 2027, and should be used to support eligible projects of initiatives before November 1, 2027.

For program requirements and the application form, visit UFA.com/4H and select "Apply 4-H Alberta."

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

26-D0189
Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 1023203; Hamlet of Sangudo
NW 36-56-07 W5M; 5131 53 Ave
Gazebo installation (24 ft. x 24 ft. x 8 ft) 576 sq ft.
Appeal to SDAB by November 30, 2026

26-D0203
Lot 31, Block 2, Plan 7821410; Lakewood Estates
SE 32-53-02 W5M; 177, 53510 HWY 43
Shipping container: 20.0' x 8.0' (160.0 sq ft.) 8'6" walls on gravel parking pad.
Appeal to SDAB by November 30, 2026

26-D0204
SE 36-53-04 W5M; 53513 RGE RD 40A
2004 manufactured home on wood blocking to be new secondary dwelling; main 20.0' x 76.3' (1526.0 sq. ft.) 15.0' height; Existing Log Home to be primary dwelling; Existing 2002 manufactured home to be garden suite
Appeal to LPRT by November 30, 2026

TRANSFER STATION WINTER HOURS ARE IN EFFECT:
Winter hours for the County's eight Waste Transfer Stations will remain in place until March 31, 2027.

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COUNTY-CONTRACTED ASSESSORS WORKING THROUGHOUT THE REGION

LSAC.ca/assessment

Property assessment season is underway in Lac Ste. Anne County, and residents may notice assessors visiting properties throughout the region over the coming months.

As part of the County's annual assessment program, assessors from Municipal Assessment Services Group (MASG) are conducting property inspections to gather and verify information used in preparing annual property assessments. These inspections help ensure assessment records are current, accurate, and equitable for all property owners.

During a site visit, assessors may observe and measure exterior property features, collect information about buildings and improvements, and take photographs for assessment records. Assessors carry official identification and work in accordance with provincial assessment legislation and industry standards.

Property owners can be assured that assessors will not enter homes, buildings, or restricted areas without permission. In some cases, assessors may contact residents directly if additional information is required to complete an assessment review.

Regular property inspections are an important part of maintaining a fair assessment system. By confirming property details and monitoring changes such as new construction, additions, renovations, or demolitions, the County can help ensure assessments accurately reflect individual properties and that the tax burden is distributed fairly across the municipality.

Residents who have questions about the assessment process, wish to verify an assessor's identity, or require additional information are encouraged to contact MASG:

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investigation centered around the distribution of various substances at the community level.

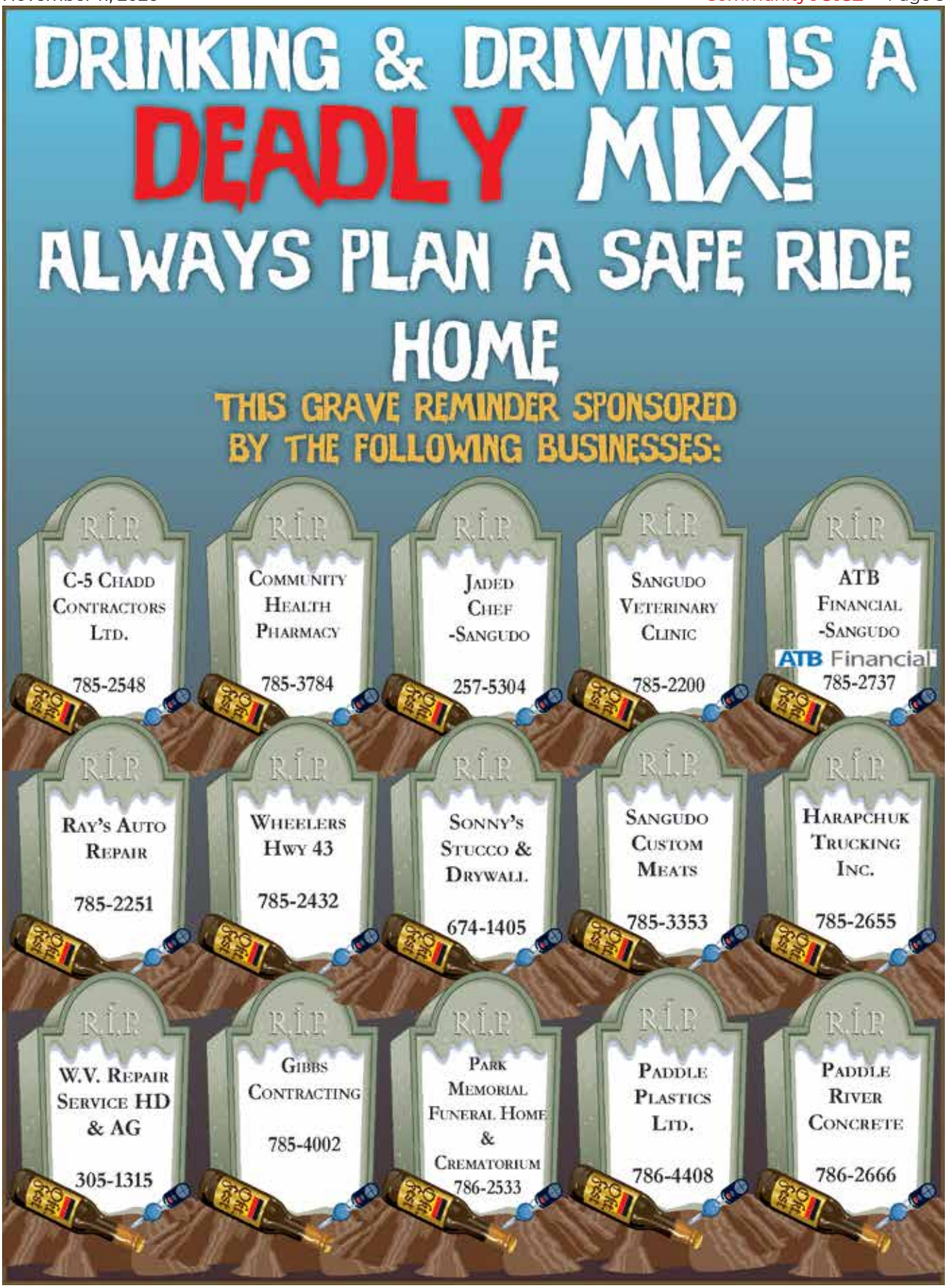
As a result of the search, RCMP seized:

- A sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun;
- Crossbow;
- More than $13,000 in Canadian and US currency;
- 300 grams of cocaine;
- 231 grams of methamphetamine;
- Over one litre of GHB, and
- Various amounts of ketamine, psilocybin mushrooms, suspected heroin, and other unidentified pills.

Christopher Leigh Doucette (45), a resident of Fox Creek, is charged with:

- Possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of trafficking x 6,
- Possession of firearms/weapons/

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ammunition contrary to order x 3,

- Possession of a prohibited firearm,
- Possession of weapons for dangerous purposes x 2,
- Possession of proceeds of crime,
- Failure to comply with Undertaking conditions.

Jessica Hough (34), a resident of Fox Creek, is charged with:

- Possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of trafficking,
- Failure to comply with Release Order x 2.

"Both individuals were the targets of an April 2026 drug investigation by our unit. At the time of this latest arrest, they were on active release conditions while awaiting court appearances for those prior charges," said Sgt. Wade Oliver, Unit commander of Western Alberta District RCMP Crime Reduction Unit.

"Its deeply concerning when individuals who are already facing serious charges from a prior drug investigation choose to violate their conditions. Our unit remains steadfast in monitoring repeat offenders and ensuring they are held accountable to keep our communities safe," continues Sgt. Oliver.

"Quantities of drugs such as this have an immediate and substantial impact on communities of this size. With such a variety of drugs found in one place, the RCMP reminds the public to exercise caution around recreational drug use as cross contamination can easily occur both intentionally and accidentally."

JOKE of the week

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PARKLAND RCMP ADVISE OF PHONE NUMBER AND CALLER ID SPOOFING SCAM CALLS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Nov. 5, 2026, Parkland RCMP has received multiple calls reporting of fraudsters "spoofing" call ID information to display either "Parkland RCMP" or the Parkland RCMP 24-hour complaint line. Using technology, scammers can make it appear as though calls are coming directly from Parkland RCMP.

Parkland RCMP is advising anyone who receives these calls to stay vigilant and not provide personal information without first verifying the caller's identity.

Protect yourself from fraudulent activity:

- Never share personal details such as your name, address, date of birth, or passwords.
- Be suspicious of any caller demanding immediate payment, requesting banking information, or instructing you to purchase gift cards or transfer funds.
- Verify before you act. If you are unsure about a message, email or phone call, speak with a family member or someone you trust.
- Visit an organization's official website and use a confirmed phone number to verify the information before taking any action.

If you have information about this or any other crime, contact the Parkland RCMP non-emergency line at 825-220-7267.

BRINGING CERTAINTY TO EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is reducing, standardizing and freezing education property taxes, delivering tax relief for Albertans and providing greater certainty for municipalities.

Through Budget 2027, Alberta's government will introduce one fair and stable provincial education property tax (EPT) rate that will be locked in every three years, so every Albertan and municipality can better plan for the years ahead. The new standardized EPT rate will cut taxes paid by Albertan property owners, delivering estimated overall savings of $98.7 million in 2027-28.

Starting in 2027, municipalities will apply the new provincial education property tax rates to assessed property values, simplifying how the provincial portion of property taxes is calculated. To support and protect Albertans in communities where the new provincial rate may be higher than their current local rate, Alberta's government will be providing a one-time transition tax credit in 2027 to help families adjust and limit the impact on household finances.

"Albertans asked for a tax system they can count on, and Budget 2027 will deliver exactly that. We're reducing the education property tax rate, freezing the rate for three years, applying it fairly to residents and businesses in all municipalities, and giving greater certainty. By reducing and locking in provincial rates, we're making it easier for Alberta municipalities to plan and budget with confidence."

Danielle Smith, Premier

"We are giving Albertans and municipalities a clear rate they can plan around and helping put more money back in families' pockets. Locking in one rate for three years brings discipline and certainty to how this tax works, and it means stable, sustainable funding for classrooms across the province."

Jason Nixon, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance.

Municipalities will continue to collect the provincial EPT through their regular property tax bills to provide funding for Alberta's education system. More information on rates, detailed calculations and municipal guidance will be shared before municipalities adopt their 2027 tax bylaws.

"No matter where Albertans call home, they should be able to count on a fair and consistent approach to education property taxes. Applying the same provincial rates across municipalities will create a more consistent system and ensure Albertans are treated fairly, regardless of where they live."

Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs

"I welcome this change that simplifies the process for calculating the province's education property tax while also providing more transparency to Edmontonians."

Andrew Knack, mayor, City of Edmonton

"This is great news for Calgarians and all Albertans. Giving taxpayers certainty is critical, especially in a time of challenging inflation and rising costs. This means stability and predictability for Calgarians, and for City Hall. Knowing these numbers before we get into our budget debate provides clarity that will help us deliver for Calgary's priorities."

Jeromy Farkas, mayor, City of Calgary

Through Budget 2027, Alberta's government will continue to support families, build strong communities and work collaboratively with municipal partners to deliver results across the province.

CYANOBACTERIAL (BLUE-GREEN ALGAL) BLOOM AND WATER QUALITY ADVISORIES LIFTED ACROSS ALBERTA

Submitted by AHS

Recent weather has cooled lake and reservoir water temperatures to such an extent that cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) and water quality, including fecal bacteria levels, present a low health risk for usage of the lake for recreational purposes.

Effective immediately, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has lifted the cyanobacterial bloom advisories for:

- Astotin Lake
- Beaver Lake
- Blood Indian Creek Reservoir
- Bonnie Lake
- Buffalo Lake (North)
- Chump Lake
- Driedmeat Lake
- Eagle Lake
- Floatingstone Lake
- Goose Lake
- Half Moon Lake
- Hope Lake
- Iosegun Lake
- Isle Lake
- Lac Cardinal
- Lac La Biche
- Lac La Nonne
- Lac Ste. Anne
- Lake Sundance
- Lessard Lake
- Long Lake (Thorhild County)
- Matchayaw (Devil's) Lake
- Milk River Ridge Reservoir
- Moonshine Lake
- Moose Lake
- Nakamun Lake
- Paddle River Reservoir
- Pigeon Lake
- Pine Lake
- Reesor Lake
- Severn Creek Reservoir
- Shorncliffe Lake
- Skeleton Lake
- Steele (Cross) Lake
- Stoney Lake
- Thunder Lake
- Touchwood Lake
- Wabamun Lake
- Winagami Lake

Effective immediately, AHS has lifted the water quality advisories for

- Alberta Beach
- Crawling Valley Campground Beach
- Enchant Municipal Park Beach
- Half Moon Lake Resort
- Golden Sands Beach
- MacFarlane Beach
- McArthur Beach
- McGrane Beach
- Moose Lake Provincial Park Beach
- Plamondon White Sands Beach
- Ridge Park Beach
- Shorncliffe Lake Park
- Sir Winston Churchill Provincial Park - Campers Beach
- Stoney Lake Municipal Campground Beach
- Sunset Point Christian Foundation

THE HIGHLY ESTEEMED LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR IS BACK WITH A CONCERT TO "CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS".

Lac Ste Anne COMMUNITY CHOIR

Submitted by Lac Ste Anne Community Choir

The choir will perform two public concerts: November 27 at St. Augustine's Anglican Church in Spruce Grove, and December 11 at the Alliance Church in Alberta Beach. The music begins at 7 pm, with admission by donation collected midway through the concert. As well, in the spirit of community service, the choir will perform private concerts at the Lakeview Recovery Centre and at the Chateau Lac Ste. Anne.

The community choir consists of 57 members who have been practicing weekly for this upcoming concert since September. "You will be in for a pot pourri of musical delights this concert season. Ancient music, drumming, traditional carols in beautiful new arrangements, jazz, pop, movie music, and a live band. I can't wait to share this with everyone" says Choir Artistic Director Deborah Rosen.



Ms. Rosen founded the choir in 2011 and has been the Artistic Director since inception. The choir is open to adults of all ages and registration for the winter season will take place at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach on January 6, 2027, at 6:30 pm. "The Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir gives me a sense of community and belonging. It's a place where friendships bloom and grow. Bonus: this choir has a great sense of fun," says member Pierre LeFort who joined the choir in 2022.

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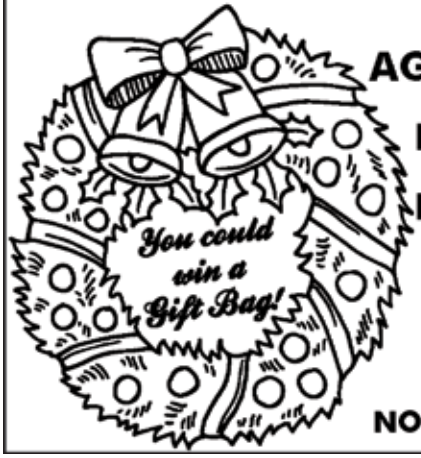
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