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**February 9, 2016**

## ALBERTA ON THE LINE: LOCAL GROUP URGES ALBERTANS TO STOP THE FORT MCMURRAY WEST 500-KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Submitted by **Maritta Renz**

ALBERTA BEACH, AB. – (Feb. 2, 2016) – Residents of Lac Ste. Anne County and the village of Alberta Beach can expect an unsightly change to their charming rural scenery by June 2019.

Alberta PowerLine (an ATCO company) and AltaLink are scheduled to build a portion of the Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project through the Lac Ste. Anne countryside, unless residents can convince the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) to change their

proposed route.

AUC will be hosting a public hearing for any individuals or corporations opposed or directly affected by this project. The participation deadline is February 12, 2016.

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## ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN SUSTAINABLE BEEF

Submitted by **Lorraine Taylor, Conservation Coordinator**

Studies strongly indicate that consumers believe they have the right to know how their food is raised, and are ready to reward, or punish, a company/industry depending on its commitment to social and/or environmental causes.

In response to its customers' demands for sustainably raised beef, McDonald's Restaurants has introduced the McDonald's Verified Sustainable Beef Canadian Pilot Project (VSB Pilot), a program to help Canadian Cattlemen make continuous improvements in the environmental, social, and economic performance of their operations, and to sell more Canadian beef through increased consumer trust and confidence.

Since there is no universal definition of sustainable beef, McDonald's collaborated with World

Wildlife Federation (WWF), Cargill, JBS, and others to develop the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) and establish guiding principles and best practices for sustainable beef.

Now they are working with The Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef, and numerous Canadian beef cattle experts and associations to run a pilot project to demonstrate and verify the sustainability of our Canadian beef supply, through transparent collaboration, communication and celebration of the great work done throughout the beef supply chain in Canada.

On Thursday, February 11, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Carvel Hall, the West-Central Forage Association is hosting Economic Opportunities in Sustainable Beef. This is the second workshop in the "Sustaining Agriculture Workshop Series" held in partnership with Parkland and Lac Ste. Anne Counties.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the VSB Pilot Program, and see if you are interested in being a part of it. Representatives of the VSB Pilot, as well as local producers who have signed on, will explain the pilot and answer any questions.

Representatives from Alberta's Environmental Farm Plan (EFP), Alternative Land Use Systems (ALUS), and Growing Forward 2 (GF2) will also be on hand to talk about current opportunities and financial compensation programs to foster sustainability in agriculture, and how these programs can help producers meet some of the requirements for the McDonald's VSB Program.

Please pre-register, contact Tina at the West-Central Forage Association, 780-727-4447, [info@westcentralforage.com](mailto:info@westcentralforage.com), or register online at [www.westcentralforage.com/events](http://www.westcentralforage.com/events).

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# MAN FACING CHARGES AFTER BREAKING INTO TWO SPRUCE GROVE HOMES

**Submitted by RCMP Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch**

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Spruce Grove, Alberta – On February 5, 2016 at approximately 5:30 PM, Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch RCMP responded to

a complaint of Break and Enter to a Spruce Grove home.

While on route to the call of a break and enter into a detached garage, the homeowner informed police that he had interrupted the lone male suspect as he was loading tools from the homeowner's garage into a Hyundai Sonata,

also belonging to the home owner. When confronted the suspect fled in the stolen vehicle and narrowly missed hitting the homeowner as he drove out of the garage.

Police soon received a report of a Hyundai Sonata being driven in the residential area at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was then abandon in the middle of the road and a male was seen running from the vehicle and going into a nearby residence. The suspect had broken into a second home. After taking items from the residence the male fled on foot.

Police Dog Services were utilized and located the male suspect. 27 year old Callum MACPHERSON of Edmonton is now facing several charges including two counts of Break and Enter to a residence, theft of a motor Vehicle over \$5,000.00, theft under \$5,000.00 and resisting arrest.

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# MP JIM EGLINSKI ELECTED VICE-CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ENVI) COMMITTEE

**Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP - Yellowhead**

OTTAWA: On February 4th, I was honoured to be elected Vice-Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development. As Vice-Chair, I will support the Chair of the committee and Chair meetings when necessary.

The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development studies the programs and legislation of Environment Canada, Parks Canada and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency as well as reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

This is a very important committee and I am very pleased to have been elected as the Vice-Chair. In the past I have served as a member of the Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, as well

as the Citizenship and Immigration Committee.

I am looking forward to my new role as Vice-Chair of the ENVI

Committee. I would also like to congratulate MP Deborah Schulte on her election as Chair and MP Nathan Cullen on his election as

Vice-Chair.

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# MONTHLY UPDATE OF THE GROWTH ALBERTA BOARD

## Submitted by GROWTH Alberta

The following report provides a brief overview of the Board meeting of the Grizzly Regional Economic Alliance Society held January 25, 2016.

### GROWTH ALBERTA STRATEGIC THEME & INITIATIVE REVIEW

Youth Retention (Growing Op-

portunities School Expo)

Rodney Oko reported that administration has initiated preliminary conversations for a potential hand off of the Growing Opportunities School Expo.

Business Awards of Excellence

The reports, from the municipalities, where the awards have been presented are all very positive. The GROWTH Alberta board would like to continue

with this format. The businesses are now more recognized in their own communities and it is easier for the local media to give coverage of the events.

Tourism Development

Troy Grainger reported Travel Alberta has changed their funding requirements and will no longer support the WILD travel guide. Travel Alberta will be invited to speak at the next board meeting

Economic Indicators

The project is worthwhile for some of the municipalities and other municipalities do not have use for it. The board would like Growth to continue with the project as a fee for service.

Postsecondary Presence

Troy recommended that a new project be to increase postsecondary presence in the GROWTH region. Having postsecondary opportunities in the region for our students may allow them to stay in the region.

Business Profiles

Troy Grainger Recommended a new practice to profile a business monthly from each municipality and posted on the GROWTH website. The businesses would be chosen from the nominees of the business awards.

Broadband Readiness Initiative  
Rick from Alberta Economic Development and Trade will be invited to speak with the board on this issue.

WILD ALBERTA WEBSITE RFP REVIEW

Request for Proposal Review & Recommendations

Board reviewed the documents and listened to Administration recommendations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Troy Grainger (manager) directed the Board to the Operations Overview and discussed a few of the details.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 29, 2016  
Woodlands County Council Chambers Whitecourt at 10:30 am.

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### JOKE OF THE WEEK

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.

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"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."


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# Alberta On The Line: Local Group Urges Albertans To Stop The Fort McMurray West 500-KV Transmission Project

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Written submissions, such as reports or graphs are accepted until April 1, 2016. Alberta on the Line Opposition Group encourages all Albertans to get informed and get involved in stopping this large-scale infrastructure project.

The Fort McMurray West Transmission Project includes the construction of approximately 500 kilometres of new single-circuit 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Wabamun and Fort McMurray with large transmission towers every 350-400 meters

along the route. Many of the towers are guyed 'V' structures between 110-170 feet tall and 100 feet wide.

One specific area of the route will affect the farmland between Range Road 32 and 33, and farms and acreages along Highway 633 near Alberta Beach. The closest transmission tower will be approximately 740 metres from residences.

This proposed location for the transmission lines disrupts Alberta Beach and Lac Ste. Anne's municipal development plan. Other concerns involve the health risks that link electromag-

netic field (EMFs) exposure to a variety of cancers, such as leukemia, environmental impacts, decreased property values and visual pollution.

The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) claims, "The demand for power in the Fort McMurray area is expected to double in 10 years and this project would help to support the Oil Sands' growth." However, with the current slump in oil prices and the ability for some Oil Sands' projects to create up to ten times more electricity than required for oil extraction and refining, the true intention of this Trans-

mission Line is being questioned

In 2009, the Alberta government passed Bill 50, the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, which declared the construction of five major transmission projects, including the Fort McMurray West project, as "critical infrastructure" for Alberta, at the taxpayers' expense. Critics of Bill 50 state, "The power lines are only deemed necessary in order to move the excess power generated in Fort McMurray to the U.S. markets."

In 2014, AltaLink was sold to U.S. billionaire Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. The condition of this controversial sale was to keep all profits within Canada for five years. The Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project will be up and running by 2019, the same year AltaLink's profits can start going to the United States.

"It's sad that we have to live with the powerlines in our backyards while the United States reap the benefits. This is why we, as Albertans, have to collectively say 'NO' to this project," says Maritta Renz, cofounder of Alberta on the Line Opposition Group.

To learn more about how to help stop this project, concerned individuals should follow the Facebook page: Alberta on the Line: Stop Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project, email [albertaontheline@gmail.com](mailto:albertaontheline@gmail.com), or sign the petition: Stop the Fort McMurray West 500-kV Transmission Project at [change.org](http://change.org).

About The Village of Alberta Beach. The Village of Alberta Beach is set on the shores of Lac Ste. Anne and approximately 60km west of Edmonton. It's primarily used for recreation and over the years has become a popular resort to visit. Alberta Beach has a combination of permanent and summer residents. In the 2011 census, the permanent population was 865. On a busy summer weekend, Alberta Beach can attract 3000 or more visitors to the sandy beach and shallow waters providing fun for all ages.

About Lac Ste. Anne. Lac Ste. Anne County is a municipal district in central Alberta. It is located in Census Division 12, northwest of Edmonton. Its municipal office is located in the Hamlet of Sangudo. Some of the County's municipalities include: The village of Alberta Beach and the summer villages of West Cove, Sunset Point, and Val Quentin. In the 2011 Census, Lac Ste. Anne County had a population of 10, 260.

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# 2016 BUDGET OPEN HOUSE

Submitted by Tara Gallant

Let's Talk – Budget Open House  
February 17 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Allan & Jean Millar Centre  
On Wednesday, February 17 the Town of Whitecourt will host a public information open house on the 2016 Interim Budget. The event, which will run from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., will inform partic-

ipants of priorities and projects for the year, and participants can share their thoughts on this year's budget. Comments received at the open house will be compiled for Council's review during final budget deliberations.

"Developing a budget, especially one for a growing municipality with diverse needs, is an involved and lengthy process," remarked Whitecourt Mayor Maryann

Chichak. "The interim budget was passed in late December 2015, and the final budget will be adopted this April. Engagement and transparency are a priority for Council, and I'm eager to hear comments from the community."

This event will act as the first step in expanding public consultation activities related to Whitecourt's budgeting process. Council is reviewing options for other

initiatives and activities that could launch this summer in order to gain public feedback for 2017 and future budgets.

The Town of Whitecourt will publish its annual Budget Report once the final budget has been adopted. The report will be available online (via our website and social media pages) and in print at Town facilities.

# STUDENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

Submitted by Hon. Oneil Carlier - MLA, Whitecourt-Ste. Anne

In November, our government was proud to reinstate and expand the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) after being cut three years ago. This program will support more than 3000 Alberta students and numerous employers this summer by subsidizing the wages of student hires. This is an excellent opportunity for small employers in our rural communities to get the help they need during the busy summer months, and for our students to get important professional experience while financing their education.

I have heard from a number of

constituents who have benefited from this program when they were students, allowing them to get their 'foot in the door' on their first career positions. Our government knows that the future of our province is held by the hands of our youth, which is why we want to ensure they are afforded the best opportunities possible.

This is the first time that STEP will be available to small businesses in Alberta. This is a very important expansion for our rural communities where much of the business landscape is made up by family owned businesses. STEP will also be open to participation from municipalities, not-for-profit groups, school boards and publicly-funded post-secondary institutions.

Myself and my constituency assistant, Epiphany will be travelling throughout the constituency over the next several weeks to speak with small business owners about the program. We hope to see you soon!

We welcome all employers throughout our constituency to get in touch with our office to find out more about how they can be part of the program. Our office and staff are happy to provide information and print off STEP packages for anyone interested. For more infor-

mation and applications, you can also visit <http://work.alberta.ca/> to learn more.

If you are a potential employer, be sure to have your employer application in by the February 29th, 2016 deadline.

You can reach our office at 780-786-1997 or toll free at 1-800-786-7136. You can also email us at [whitecourt.steanne@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:whitecourt.steanne@assembly.ab.ca).

Sincerely,  
Hon. Oneil Carlier  
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# SPRUCE GROVE GUN CLUB SUPPORTS CANADIAN FORCES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILIES THROUGH VALOUR PLACE



Submitted by Doug Downs

The Spruce Grove Gun Club was recently the site of a competition that raised a record \$10,000 in support of a very worthwhile cause. Over 60 competitors, members of the Wild Rose Action Shooters, traveled from throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan to participate in the day-long three-gun match. The result was a significant donation to Valour Place, the Edmonton support home for the families of present and past military and law enforcement personnel.

Civilian, police and military shooters competed side-by-side. As the third annual event of this nature, this year's contribution was more than double last year's total, gratefully accepted by the Valour Place house manager Martin St-Onge.

Martin expressed his thanks to the group and provided an overview of Valour Place, a temporary home away from home for the families of serving and retired Canadian Forces and law enforcement members who require a place to stay in Edmonton while receiving medical services. Instead of a hotel, Valour Place offers a supportive, welcoming and warm environment that is provided at no charge.

Often compared to Ronald McDonald House, but in this case for military and law enforcement families, Valour Place is the first of its kind in Canada. Despite addressing such an important need, it receives no government funding whatsoever. "Because our services are provided free of charge, it is only through the generosity of donors such as the sport shooters of the Wild Rose Action Shooters and the Spruce Grove Gun Club that we are able to sustain our facility," said St. Onge.

For more information about Valour Place please visit <http://www.valour-place.ca>.

For more information about the Wild Rose Action Shooters please visit <http://www.wrasalberta.com>.

"This may be the last time the Spruce Grove Gun Club may be able to help Valour Place," said Club President Harold Ross. "Although we've met all safety, legal and County requirements Parkland County has chosen not to renew our development permit. We've been part of Parkland County for nearly a half century and we'd like to stay. We're asking people to send emails and letters to the County asking politicians to reverse their decision."

For more information about the Spruce Grove Gun Club please visit <http://www.sggc.ca>.

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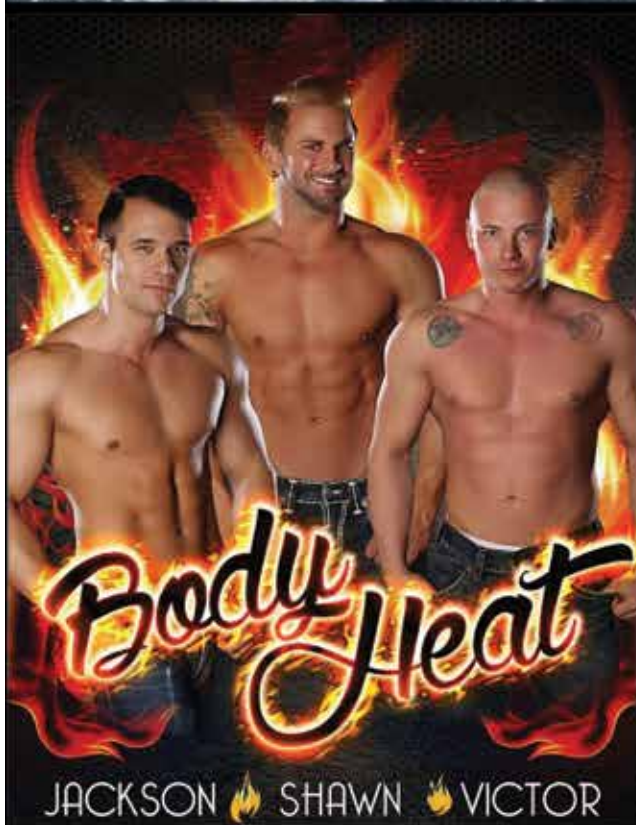
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Snowmobile Poker Rally - Registration	Agliplex	9 am - 11 am
Snowmobile Poker Rally - Event	Designated Trail Route	9 am - 5 pm
Snow Sculptures - Carving	Across from Lion's Park	All Day
Over the Line Snowball - Event	Beachwave Park	11 am
Skate Hut & Concession	Beachwave Park	12 noon - 9 pm
Public Skating	Beachwave Park	12 noon - 2 pm
Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides	Beachwave Park	1 pm - 3 pm
Ice Capers	Beachwave Park	2 pm - 3 pm
Family & Friends Skate	Beachwave Park	3 pm - 9 pm
SnoMo BBQ	Beachwave Park	4 pm - 5 pm
All You Can Eat - Spaghetti Dinner	Heritage Centre	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Ice Breaker Party (18+)	On the Ice	5 pm - Midnight
SnoMo Prize Draw	Beachwave Park	6 pm
Valentine's Sweetheart Skate Contest	Beachwave Park	7 pm - 7:30 pm
SnoMo Bonfire	Beachwave Park	7 pm - 9 pm
Snowmobile & ATV Parade	Boat Launch	7 pm
Parade	Ends at Beachwave Park	8 pm
Fireworks	Boat Launch	9 pm

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Sunday

SnoMo Breakfast	Agliplex	8:30 am - 11 am
Snowmobile Drag Races - Registration	Agliplex	9 am - 11 am
Marketplace	On the Ice	10 am - 5 pm
OHV Novelty Challenge - Registration	Agliplex	10 am - 12 noon
Skate Hut & Concession	Beachwave Park	10 am - 9 pm
Broomball Tournament	Beachwave Park	10 am - 3 pm
Dianne's Snow Dig	Tri-Village Pizza	11 am
Snow Golf - Registration	AB Hotel	12 noon
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# HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT DRUGS AND GAMBLING

**Submitted by Alberta Health Services – Addiction and Mental Health**

Children are smart and they are learning all the time. You are the best person to show them how to make good decisions. The thought of your children using drugs may scare you, but your children will hear you better if you talk calmly.

Take time to learn the facts about different drugs and gambling. Tell your children the facts without sounding scared and without scaring them. You can show your children that they can trust the information you give them.

Things to Remember

- You start teaching children about drugs sooner than you think.

You have been teaching your children from the time they were very small. You have done this by telling them not to touch anything in the medicine cabinet, not letting them have adult drinks like coffee and beer, and telling them to stay away from cigarettes. Start talks with your children by asking what they understand about drugs and alcohol, if they are concerned about anyone's use, or if they have been asked to use.

- A drug is a substance that's taken to change the way the body and mind work.

A drug can do a lot of good, or it can be harmful. If you take the right amount of medicine, you can get better. By taking too much, you can get very sick. Talk about this with your children. You can also talk about different kinds of drugs like

medicine, legal drugs, and illegal drugs.

- Talk about gambling in a way that your children understand.

It's good to use real-life examples. Ask your children if they've ever made a bet with anyone about doing something that is hard or unsafe. An example might be betting a chocolate bar that someone couldn't walk along the top of a fence. Explain that this is a type of gambling. In this example, if the person takes

the bet and walks on the fence, he or she is at risk of getting hurt. The person betting may lose the chocolate bar. Both people are risking something they value, whether they know it or not.

Children gamble for fun and don't usually think of it as gambling. They usually call it betting or daring. If you use these types of words, it will be easier for them to understand what gambling is.

- Try to think of good exam-

ples.

Have you seen a movie or read a book with someone in it who has a drug or gambling problem? Do your children have any examples to share? Talk about the people in the book or movie. Talk about their lives and the decisions they make. You can use this time to give your children good information. Keeping your children informed is the best way to help them make good decisions.



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**The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is selected.**

We thank all applicants for their interest.

Only those candidates short-listed will be contacted for interviews.



# ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Lorinda McCool

Greetings from the Onoway Legion. I learned from Val and Bernie (our Saturday bartenders) of another little bird visiting the area and had to look up information on what appears to be a Kinglet. According to the Birds of Alberta the amazing fact about these tiny birds is they are insect-eaters but somehow still manage to survive our winters. Timier even than chickadees and redpolls they often flock together to forage, are continually on the move and are typically indifferent to human activity.

Our General Meeting on February 1 was very informative and well attended by 23 members. Some of the topics covered included the information that our lifetime member Roy Pritchard is going to be awarded the French Service Medal at the Legislature on February 9th. This Medal of Honour recognizes surviving WW2 vets who fought in France. We also welcomed two new members - Lindsay Hoefels and Rodney Rideout and are very pleased to have Neil, Joanne and Kylie Gorman transfer their memberships to our Branch. Twenty six volunteers

attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner catered by Davlyn's Restaurant and were treated to an excellent meal. John Schneider is in a continuing care facility in Edmonton and if you wish to visit please phone Eleanor @ 780-967-3056 to make arrangements. Diane Krasnow and Lynne Tonita will be sharing the job of Secretary and Bob Clark was elected as a director on our Executive Committee.

The Scouts will be having their silent auction and dinner on February 19th so please mark that date on your calendar and join us to support the Scouts while enjoying a fun filled evening with a great meal.

The Legion will be holding a spring garage sale on April 9th and if you would like to rent a table for your personal items please contact Cheryl Sadler @ 780-967-4146. The cost per table is \$10.00 and MUST be prepaid by April 2nd. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be available for lunch but no food or commercial vendors please.

The Cadets will be holding a silent auction and interactive dance evening on April 23rd to raise money for the four cadets travelling to Europe. Please keep the date in mind and plan to attend this unique and interesting function while supporting our Cadets.

Congratulations to Cory Gyman and Peter Menzel for their third place finish at the District 8 - 8 Ball Doubles Pool in Drayton Valley. Good luck to Rick Potter, Sylvia Potter, Mar-laine Janke and Harry Ratz who are representing the Onoway Legion in Camrose at the Provincial Mixed Senior's Darts tournament on February 26th and 27th. Thank you and congratulations to all members who competed in the Royal Canadian Legion 2015/2016 Sports.

Our first fun tournament of the year was held on January 30th with eight teams competing for the prize money. First place was Joanne Gorman's team, second place our own Scott Sadler's team and claiming third place was Zoey Potter's team after a playoff with Rick Potter's team. It was a very enjoyable day with great food and fun and everyone is looking forward to the next tournament on February 27th.

We have already had three terrific meals in January so it was no surprise that the January 29th Roast Beef Meal was a total sellout. The small crew of Bob, Ron, Jay and Terry worked hard in the kitchen prepping for the supper and looking after clean-up as the Scouts were on an overnight function. Pat Twible won the free meal

draw, Ted Latimer the meat draw and our bartender Louise turned up the six of hearts leaving only 20 cards in the deck and over \$3000.00 in the Chase the Queen pot. It certainly is getting very interesting! Ted Latimer will enjoy a free birthday meal on Friday February 12th so please stop by and extend warm wishes to him on his special day.

- UPCOMING EVENTS:
- February 9 - Tuesday Night Darts - Sweetheart Darts
  - February 10 - Wednesday Night Pool and Games
  - February 12 - Friday Night Supper - Chicken Tournedos
  - February 16 - Tuesday Night Darts
  - February 17 - Wednesday Night Pool and Games
  - February 19 - Friday Night Supper - Scouts Silent Auction and Meal

The Legion phone number is 780-967-5361. Please contact Ted Latimer @ 780-967-4980 for hall rentals, Bob Clark @ 780-967-3640 to volunteer in the kitchen and for meal inquiries/suggestions, Cheryl Sadler @ 780-967-4146 for membership and Lorinda McCool @ 780-967-3640 to place information in the Legion newsletter. See you at the Onoway Legion and have a great week!

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Submitted by Donald McSwiney

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**Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead**

Although the 42nd Parliament began in December, we only sat in Parliament for a brief week and a half, before the Christmas break. January 25th, was our first full session since the fall election.

The first week of Parliament covered a variety of issues from the Official Opposition calling on the Prime Minister to commit to speaking with President Obama

about the expiration of the Canada-US Softwood Lumber Agreement, to a motion calling on the Government to recognize the importance of the energy sector to the Canadian economy.

The announcement to lift sanctions against Iran was disturbing given the country's continued support for terrorism as a state policy, as are the new mechanisms in the pipeline review process that will likely create delays and not change support level.

The Special Joint Commons Committee on physician-assisted dying re-convened, and is holding a series of public consultations to hear from experts and stakeholders with the goal of reporting back with legislative suggestions by February 26th.

A Private Member's Bill was introduced in the House by Liberal MP Maurice Belanger, calling for changing a line in our National Anthem from 'in all thy sons command' to 'in all of us com-

mand'.

As the week came to a close, the Government announced that it is considering whether to cancel Friday sittings of Parliament in order for members to be able to spend more time in their ridings.

There are a number of issues that are facing our country today and I will continue to work hard to make sure that the government of Canada focuses on issues that matter.

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## Easy Ways To Trim Wedding Costs

Couples planning their weddings realize pretty quickly just how expensive weddings can be. Depending on where couples tie the knot, the costs can stretch into the tens of thousands of dollars, leaving many young men and women to scramble to find ways to trim costs without trimming quality.

Many couples look for ways to cut wedding costs, and couples facing that very dilemma should know that there are several ways to save money but still host the wedding of their dreams.

### Guest list

Guest lists can consume a significant portion of couples' wedding budgets. When compiling the guest list, couples should keep in mind that guests will need save-the-date cards, invitations, catered meals (including cocktail hour, dinner and dessert), drinks, and gifts (including hotel gift bags and wedding favors). So the cost per guest will be more than just the per person cost of the meal couples negotiate with their caterer. Couples who can pare their guests lists down to just family and close friends can save a substantial amount of money without affecting their ceremonies.

### Reception

A couple's wedding reception also will chew up a lot of their wedding budgets. But there are ways to reduce the costs of receptions, too. Couples planning on having a morning wedding can shift their receptions from the evening to the afternoon, when the cost per meal will be considerably less. Afternoon receptions also can be alcohol-free, saving couples even more money. If a nighttime reception is a must-have, choose a limited cash bar instead of an open bar. Limited cash bars often provide guests with free beer and house wine while guests who prefer liquor or mixed drinks must pay for their own libations. If you are planning an outdoor wedding reception, you may even be able to provide your own alcohol, which can save considerable amounts of money.

Couples also can trim reception costs by choosing the least expensive meal package. Packages often differ greatly in price but are not always so different with regard to their menus. If you find the packages offered by your venue are similar, choose the least expensive option.

### Arrangements

Floral arrangements are a big and

potentially expensive part of many couples' weddings. The bride needs her bouquet, as do her bridesmaids. In addition, many couples decorate their ceremony space with flowers, and of course reception table centerpieces typically include flowers as well. When working with your florist, request in-season flowers, which will cost considerably less than exotic flowers that are out of season. In ad-

dition, let your florist know your budget and ask that he or she recommend flowers that won't break the bank.

### Gifts

While it's become customary to prepare gift bags for guests staying in hotels, couples should not go overboard with such gifts. Gift bags need not include more than a snack, a bottle of water and a homemade thank-you card. Couples also should not break

the bank with regard to reception gifts, which have also become a standard offering. Keep such gifts simple and inexpensive, even opting for homemade gifts if you and your future spouse are skilled with crafts.

Wedding costs can be eye-opening for couples preparing to walk down the aisle. Fortunately, there are many ways to cut costs without cutting quality.



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## Wedding Good Luck Charms

Couples' wedding days are special moments, ones they hope pave the way to a life filled with happiness and good fortune. That's why the bride and groom surround themselves with close friends and family who want to celebrate and support their new life joined together.

Perhaps due to superstition or tradition, many couples employ some wedding day strategies to increase their good luck. The following are some of the symbols that couples may want to keep an eye out for on the day they walk down the aisle.

· It's good luck for the bride to see a

dove on the way to the wedding because doves symbolize peace and prosperity. Because doves mate for life, this symbol is doubly beneficial on a couple's wedding day, as it can be a harbinger of a long, happy marriage and home.

· Some brides believe sugar cubes tucked into their wedding gloves leads to a sweet union.

· Hindu tradition states that rain on a wedding day is good luck. Rain is believed to be a symbol of fortune and abundance, especially after times of drought. What's more, rain can foretell a strong marriage. That's because a wet knot is more difficult to untie.

· Ancient Romans were so concerned with ensuring good luck that they actually studied pig entrails to determine the luckiest time to marry. If they consulted with the English, they might determine that a wedding shouldn't take place on a Saturday, which is unlucky. English tradition states Wednesday is the best day to get married.

· In Holland, well-wishers would

plant pine trees outside of newlyweds' homes as a symbol of fertility and luck.

· Grooms may want to give a coin to the first person they see on the way to their weddings. This is another symbol of good luck.

· Some couples plan to marry during a full moon, because that can symbolize good luck and good fortune.

· On a couple's wedding day, tears from a bride or a child during the ceremony is considered lucky. English folklore suggests that brides who discover spiders in their gowns are in for some good luck.

· The Chinese believe that lighting fireworks at their wedding ceremonies chases away evil spirits. A red umbrella also might be held over a Chinese bride to keep bad spirits at bay.

· Many grooms do not see their brides in their wedding gowns before their wedding ceremonies, feeling it is bad luck if they do. Many brides also do not wear their complete wedding outfits prior to their big day.

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# Bridal Guide

## Wedding Rings Are Symbolic Gestures Of Commitment

Couples adhere to many traditions on their wedding days, including the exchange of wedding rings. Wedding rings symbolize the union of two people and their pledge to remain faithful to each other.

No one is exactly sure just when the tradition of exchanging wedding rings originated, but some say it can be traced back to ancient Egypt, when the oldest recorded exchange of wedding rings was made. Reeds growing along the Nile were twisted and braided into rings and given during betrothal ceremonies. The round ring symbolized eternity, and the hole within the center meant a gateway to things unknown. Since reeds were not very durable, soon ivory, leather and bone were used to create wedding rings.

As new lands were explored and territories expanded, traditions from one culture were adopted and modified by other cultures. The same is true with wedding rings. According to the Diamond Source, wedding rings were adopted by Romans and incorporated into Western wedding ceremonies. Romans' rings were highly decorated, and some historians believe wedding rings were given to represent ownership over brides instead of symbolizing love. These rings were made of iron and called "Anulus Pronubus," or "betrothal ring."

Rings have been simplified since those days and ultimately made of many materials. Throughout history, wedding rings were worn on various fingers and even both hands, whereas many married people in Western cultures now wear their wedding rings on the left hand and on the fourth finger. Romans once believed that this finger contained a vein, called the "Vena Amoris," that ran directly to the heart. Though that is not true, the tradition has prevailed.

Other legends say that, when blessing a Christian marriage, priests would bind the marriage by saying, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit," simultaneously touching the ring to the recipient's thumb, index finger and middle finger, before slipping it on the fourth finger while saying, "Amen."

Another theory on ring placement is that wedding rings are worn on the ring finger because that finger isn't used as much as the rest of the hand, ensuring delicate ring materials won't be damaged.

Ross Simmons Jewelry states that gold is still the most popular metal choice for wedding rings, but couples are opting for some other met-

als that are more durable. Platinum is popular not only because it is long-wearing, but it also tends to be the most expensive. It's also a dense metal and can feel heavy in hand. Tungsten carbide is another durable metal that has grown in popularity in recent years. These rings cannot be cut and resoldered, which means it's important to size the rings correctly

the first time. Titanium is both lightweight and durable, and it's popular because it is hypo-allergenic, making it practical for those with allergies to other metals.

Wedding rings continue to serve as symbols of a couple's vows and union. Much like the marriage itself, they are designed to last the test of time.

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# OUR CONNECTION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Submitted by Town of Mayerthorpe

### Business Licenses

Business Licenses are to be renewed before January 31, 2016. Any one doing business in or for the Town of Mayerthorpe is to purchase a Business License to operate for the 2016 year. Please

be aware that if you have or are starting a new Home Based Business, you are also required to apply for a one time Home Based Business Development Permit before a Business License will be issued.

### Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are up for renewal for 2016. You may purchase

a license at the Town Office. Dog tags will be issued on a first come, first serve basis and in numerical order. Dog licenses are to be renewed on or before January 31, 2016, in order to avoid any fines. Please be aware that dog fines have increased considerably with the passing of Bylaw No.956.

NEW - In order to keep our records current and up to date we are asking, that if you change your phone number or mailing address to please notify the Town Office so we can update your information. This information is helpful to the Town and beneficial to yourself in the case that the Town may have to notify you that your water will be shut off due to line repairs, or any other emergency that may arise.

### 2016 Truck/Equipment Register

Town of Mayerthorpe is requesting that local contractors register their equipment and trucks with the Town. This list will assist with the hiring of trucks and equipment when the need arises. Policy and Registration Forms can be obtained from the Town Office.

### Property Taxes

Please be advised that if you had a balance owing on your tax account as of December 31, 2015, a 12% penalty was applied to your account.

The Town is continuing Tax Installment Payment Plan as an option of tax payment. If your tax account has a balance of zero as at December 31, 2015 we encourage you to sign up for this feature. Payment date is the 15th of every month. (January through December).

Tax Installment Payment Plan deadline is January 8, 2016. (If you wish to start the plan after January 8, the previous months installments must be paid at the time of sign up).

### Town of Mayerthorpe Summer Job Opportunities

Applications for the following temporary positions are now being accepted by the Town of Mayerthorpe:

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# Our Connection: Important Information

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Pool Manager

Application forms can be picked up at the Town Office. Applications can be dropped off at the Town Office, e-mailed to [admin@mayerthorpe.ca](mailto:admin@mayerthorpe.ca), faxed to 780-786-4590, or mailed.

Be sure to indicate the job you are interested in. A valid Class 5 Drivers License is a requirement. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 15, 2016

New- Did You Know?

Discolored water can result from routine operation, environmental factors, and household factors and is not unique to Mayerthorpe. The Town's water treatment facility operators, Alberta Environment and the Aspen Regional Health Authority each have responsibility to ensure safe drinking water in Mayerthorpe.

Climatic events, such as rain or drought have the largest impact on groundwater quality. Groundwater can contain a high amount of naturally occurring elements like manganese and iron. Most of these elements are removed during treatment processes; however, can build up in the water distributions mains over time.

It is recommended that you do not use discolored water for drinking, preparing food and beverages, or laundry. This is recommended because discolored water does not taste, smell or look pleasant and may stain clothes.

Although ingesting large quantities of iron and manganese can be harmful, the concentrations identified in Mayerthorpe's drinking water would not

be expected to cause any health effects in the short or long term.

The Town's water treatment operators regularly sample and test water, then analyze their data to know how effectively the treatment and distribution processes are working to provide safe drinking water. Physical parameters, such as turbidity, pH and color are monitored.

Town residents can view electronic reports from Alberta's approved water treatment facilities on its website: [http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/regulated-](http://environment.alberta.ca/apps/regulated-dwq/Detail.aspx?id=967)

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What is Mayerthorpe doing to improve the overall water quality?

- Mayerthorpe has secured funding to drill and put into production a new water well.

- Public works inspected the water reservoirs to remove any buildup or sediment in 2015.

- Cast iron water mains are expected to be replaced by 2017 which will allow for increased water pressure, reduc-

tion in iron deposits, and reduction in water main breaks.

For more information visit <http://www.mayerthorpe-site-preview.ca/live/town-services/waterandsewage/>

Town Office will be closed :  
February 15, 2016—Family Day

March 25, 2016—Good Friday

March 28, 2016—Easter Monday

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# RCMP BEATS

## Submitted by Stony Plain/ Spruce Grove RCMP

Occurrences for the week of January 25 to January 31, 2016.

Total Calls for Service Spruce Grove/Stony Plain Detachment: 462

Total Calls for Service for the Victim Service Unit: 71

Persons Crimes: 43

Property Crimes: 64

Impaired Driving Complaints reported: 8

Impaired Driving Charges Laid: 0

Roadside Suspensions: 1

Motor Vehicle Collisions Attended: 33

Property Crimes:

Spruce Grove

1. January 26 – Area of Arlington Street – Theft of Vehicle, 2000 blue Ford F250

2. January 26 – Area of Queen Street and Mohr Avenue – Theft from Mail

3. January 26 – Area of Deer Park Drive – Break and Enter to Residence

4. January 27 – Area of Wellington Crescent – Break and Enter to Residence, xBox, laptops, iPads stolen

5. January 29 – Area of Aspenglen Drive – Theft from Vehicle, backpack stolen

Stony Plain

6. January 29 – Area of 50 Street and 51 Avenue – Break and Enter Rural

7. January 25 – Area of Smith Crescent, Spring Lake – Theft from Vehicles, tools stolen

8. January 27 – Area of Township Road 525 and Range Road 12 – Break and Enter to Garage, tools stolen

9. January 28 – Area of Township Road 531 and Range Road 12 – Theft of Vehicle, 2015 white Nissan Juke

10. January 28 – Area of Township Road 525 and Range Road 11 – Break and Enter to Garage, GPS, Bluetooth stolen

11. January 30 – Area of Township Road 544 and Range Road 14 – Break and Enter to Residence, TV and Stereo stolen

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP remind you not to make it easy for thieves. Install motion activated lights on your home exterior and use timers to turn lights on inside your home when away.

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# ASIRT COMPLETES RCMP OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

**Submitted by the Government of Alberta on behalf of the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team**

On December 26, 2014, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed by the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate the circumstances surrounding an officer-involved shooting in Whitecourt, Alberta.

On the same date at approximately 10 p.m., an RCMP officer observed a white pickup truck containing two individuals, a male driver and a female passenger, eastbound on Hwy 43 approaching 51 Avenue. The officer initiated a traffic stop, requested backup and proceeded to park behind the pickup truck noting a 60-90 centimetre metal narrow steel bar extending out from the rear trailer hitch. Two additional officers arrived on scene, one of the officers parked his marked police vehicle in front of the truck. The driver displayed signs of impairment and failed to produce a drivers' licence, registration or insurance. The officer noted damage to the ignition with several wires exposed. While one of the officers spoke with the driver, the remaining two officers stood at the rear of the truck, in the small gap between the truck and one of the police vehicles, to examine the steel bar sticking out from the trailer hitch. As they did so, the driver shifted the truck into reverse. The officer dealing with the driver pulled out his police service weapon and warned the driver he would shoot. The driver proceeded quickly in reverse forcing the two officers who were still standing behind the pickup truck to scramble, one moving left and the other moving right, in order to avoid being crushed between the truck and the police vehicle.

While the truck was moving backward, the officer who had been in conversation with the driver fired his police service weapon. The officer from behind the vehicle who moved left also drew his police service weapon and fired. At that time, it was not clear whether the third officer had been struck as he was not visible. The truck had reversed hard into the marked police vehicle behind it, driving the steel bar into the engine compartment and then drove forward ramming the police vehicle in front of it. The truck swerved out onto the roadway, swung wildly out of control and stopped on the other side of the roadway facing the officers, causing

the officers to take cover. After a brief hesitation, the truck fled the scene. It was subsequently located in a residential area and the driver and passenger were apprehended without further incident. One of the shots fired struck the driver in the left forearm causing an open fracture that required surgery. A second round penetrated the driver's side rear door and struck the female passenger on the left side of her torso through her clothing but did not penetrate her body leaving a relatively minor contact/impact injury. Subsequent investigation confirmed that both the

driver and passenger were under the influence of methamphetamine and that the truck was stolen. Additionally, drugs were recovered from inside the truck.

ASIRT Executive Director Susan D. Hughson, Q.C., received the completed investigation and after a careful review of the evidence has confirmed that there are no reasonable grounds to believe either of the officers committed any criminal offences. The driver's actions placed two police officers at immediate risk of death or grievous bodily harm and the subject officers

were entitled to use reasonable, in this case potentially lethal, force to protect against death or grievous bodily harm. The officers ceased firing within seconds, once the third officer was determined to be safe and unharmed. Both officers' actions were reasonable and lawful in all the circumstances.

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

## 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. 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!

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

# Church Directory

**Rich Valley Community Church**  
 Sunday School  
 10:00a.m.  
 Worship Service  
 11:00a.m.

**Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne**  
 Sunday  
 10:00a.m.

**St. John's Anglican Church**  
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 Sunday Service  
 10:00a.m.  
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**Mayerthorpe Baptist Church**  
 Worship Service  
 Sunday 10:30a.m.  
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 Sunday School  
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**Roman Catholic Church**  
 St. Agnes' Parish, Mayerthorpe  
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 St. Elizabeth Parish, Evansburg  
 Saturday 7:00p.m.  
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