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**February 14, 2017**

## STATISTICS CANADA RELEASES NEW POPULATION DATA

Submitted by Tara Gallant

Statistics Canada released population figures from the 2016 federal census this morning, and Whitecourt's population is recorded at 10,204.

Whitecourt has experienced a 6.2% increase in population since the last federal census which was conducted in 2011. This is comparable, if not higher, than that of neighbouring communities.

Whitecourt has experienced

a population decrease since the most recent municipal census, and the changes in population are similar to that of other communities that have completed municipal census studies between 2011 and 2016. It is anticipated that when Whitecourt completes its next municipal census, the community's population figure will grow.

"The new population figures is not unexpected when one considers recent economic conditions," stated Whitecourt Mayor

Maryann Chichak. "Whitecourt is fortunate to have a diversified economy, and our community has been sheltered from the impacts other municipalities have felt with the recent market changes in the oil and gas industry."

Statistics Canada will be releasing data collected from the census throughout the year. The next topic set for release on May 3, 2017 will be on population gender and age.

## STRUCTURE FIRE, VILLAGE OF ALBERTA BEACH

Submitted by David Ives, Fire Chief, ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE

At six forty-five PM Saturday February 4th Onoway Regional Fire Services – Canada's first Hybrid Fire Service was dispatched to a structure fire on fifty-second A street in the Village of Alberta Beach. The first units were rolling to scene within one-minute with the first unit arriving on scene three-minutes after the initial page out.

Upon arrival, fire crews noted smoke originating from a detached garage. This single occupant who had been working

in the garage managed to darken down the fire in its incipient stage then evacuate. The first-on scene crew provided medical care until the ambulance arrived then firefighters focused on fire overhaul and cooling hot-spots. After discussions with the Alberta Office of the Fire Commissioner and ensuring no further risk to persons or property, Onoway Fire Services turned the scene back over to the property owner.

Three fire apparatus and seven firefighters were initially dispatched to this fire along with core-sonse from Alberta Health Services.

One person was transferred to the hospital by Alberta Health Services as a precaution. The cause and origin is under review.

Onoway Regional Fire Services and North West Fire Rescue would like to remind everyone to take extreme care when working with flammable liquids and to ensure that fire extinguishers are kept in practical locations and in good working order.

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# SPRUCE GROVE RESIDENT WINS \$100,000 ON SCRATCH 'N WIN

Submitted by Western Canada Lottery Corporation

Brian Leonard was stunned when he realized he had won \$100,000 his CROSSWORD SUPER BALL SCRATCH 'N WIN ticket. Just a moment before, the Spruce Grove man had thought he won \$10,000.

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scratched it," he said. "I uncovered nine words, and I was really happy. And then, I noticed I had missed scratching out a word."

"After that, I was completely flabbergasted! \$100,000!"

The happy winner plans to use his winnings to pay off a car he recently purchased and to invest some of the money for the future. He also plans to take his family on a vacation.

"I've always wanted to take a family trip to Ireland and Wales," he said. "It's been a dream of mine for some time, and now we can all go!"

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# ANNUAL 4-H SWEETHEART DANCE

Submitted by Kevin David, Parkland / Evansburg 4-H District

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of 4-H in Alberta and also the return of our annual Sweetheart Dance for the Parkland/Evansburg 4-H District. The annual event was held at the Wabamun Jubilee Hall on Saturday, February 11 at 7 pm. This year our club Sweetheart's include young members from the following clubs:

Duffield 4-H:



My name is Lane Williams and I am in the small engines project. I am going to get my great-Grandpa's Argo Prairie Bobcat running. I am in Grade 5 at the SML Christian Academy and am excited to represent my club at the 4-H Sweetheart Dance this year.

Pembina Horticulture 4-H:



My name is Brea Chzyk and I am 11 years old. This is my third year in 4-H and I am very excited to volunteer to be our club's Sweetheart this year. I live with Mom, Dad, my brother Van, and my three sisters, Brooklyn, Bailey and Jaide.

Lobstick 4-H:



My name is Ashtyn Chessall and I am 12 years old. This is my first year in 4-H. I am starting a heifer in the breeding project. I

live with my parents and brother on a farm. I am so excited to experience all 4-H has to offer. I would also like to wish all other competitors the best of luck!

Stony Riders 4-H:



My name is Beata Huedepohl and I am 11 years old and in Grade 6 French Immersion at Broxton Park School. This is my 3rd year in 4-H. I am in the Foods project and love to cook, and I am also in the Beef project raising a carcass steer and a cow-calf pair. I look forward to meeting the other Sweetheart competitors and wish them all the best of luck.

Members from Stony Riders 4-H, Warden 4-H and Parkland Pups and Pals 4-H clubs were also there to cheer on the competitors.

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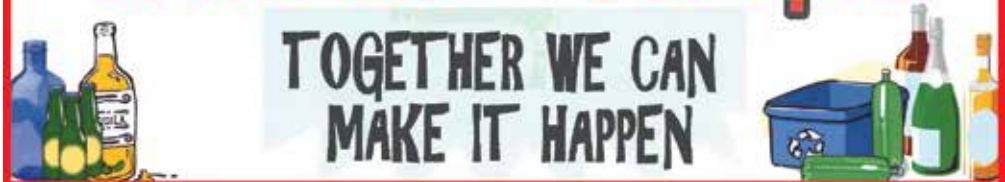
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# RCMP BEATS

## Submitted by Stony Plain/ Spruce Grove RCMP

Occurrences for the week of 30  
January to 5 February, 2017.

Total Calls for Service Spruce  
Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch De-  
tachment: 407

Total Calls for Service for the  
Victim Service Unit: 52

Individuals Charged (all of-  
fences not including Impaired):  
26

Person Crimes: 36

Property Crimes: 54  
Impaired Driving Complaints  
reported: 13

Impaired Driving Charges  
Laid: 2

Roadside Suspensions: 1  
Motor Vehicle Collisions At-  
tended: 31

Property Crimes:  
Spruce Grove

1. January 30 – Area of Verona  
Crescent – Break and Enter to  
Garage, mountain bike stolen

2. January 31 – Area of Sas-

katchewan Avenue – Theft of  
Vehicle, 2012 white Dodge Ram

3. February 2 – Area of Aspen-  
glen Place – Theft of Vehicle,  
1989 green Ford F150

4. February 4 – Area of Apple-  
wood Point – Theft from Vehi-  
cle, keys stolen

Stony Plain

5. February 1 – Area of 52 Av-  
enue and 46 Street – Theft from  
Vehicle, iPod and keys stolen

6. February 1 – Area of 57 Av-  
enue and 53 Street – Theft of Ve-  
hicle, 2010 black Ford F350  
Rural

7. February 4 – Area of Town-  
ship Road 532 and Range Road  
272 – Theft from Vehicle, purse  
stolen

8. February 5 – Area of 55 Av-  
enue and 52 Street, Wabamun –  
Theft from Vehicle, wallet stolen

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove  
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it easy for thieves. With the  
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# NOTLEY CALLS ALBERTANS UPSET ABOUT THE CARBON TAX 'CHICKEN LITTLE': WILDROSE

## Submitted by Wildrose Official Opposition

EDMONTON, AB (February 9, 2017): Premier Rachel Notley is continuing her streak of making insensitive comments towards struggling Albertans by saying those expressing concerns about the carbon tax are doing a "chicken little routine," the Wildrose Official Opposition said today.

Households have seen their energy bills increase, businesses have had to close and charities and nonprofits, who are taking care of Alberta's most vulnerable, have said they don't know how they're going to absorb increased costs due to the carbon tax.

Wildrose Leader Brian Jean said Notley and the NDP should

can the laughter.

"It's easy for the Premier and her MLAs to make light of Albertans who are worried about the carbon tax, but I assure you, families struggling to pay their bills every month and businesses trying to keep their doors open are taking this very seriously," Jean said. "This carbon tax is making life more difficult for Albertans and making our province less competitive. This is not a laughing matter."

Wildrose Shadow Finance Minister Derek Fildebrandt said Wildrose is speaking for hundreds of thousands of working families who don't know how they're going to pay their increasing bills. He said the Premier owes these families an apology.

"The Premier's comments are

disrespectful to and completely removed from the reality faced by the majority of everyday Albertans," Fildebrandt said. "Elites might look down upon those who don't want to pay the carbon tax, but those people have real and legitimate con-

cerns. The Premier owes them an apology."

For further information, media are invited to contact:

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Only those shortlisted will be notified.

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**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

## Saturday

SnoMo Breakfast	Agliplex	8:30 am - 11 am
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
Lake Ice Skating	On the Ice	All Day
Over the Line Snowball - Event	Next to Heritage Centre	11 am
Beachside Market BBQ	Beachside Market	11 am - 7 pm
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
SnoMo Concession	Agliplex	2 pm - 6 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 - 11 pm
SnoMo Prize Draw	Beachwave Park	6 pm
Couples Skate Contest	Beachwave Park	7 pm - 7:30 pm
SnoMo Bonfire	Beachwave Park	7 pm - 9 pm
Snowmobile & ATV Parade	Boat Launch	7 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
Lake Ice Skating	On the Ice	All Day
CN Ice Park & Kidz Zone	CN Ice Park	All Day
OHV Novelty Challenge - Registration	Agliplex	9 am - 10:30 am
Marketplace	On the Ice	10 am - 5 pm
Skate Hut & Concession	Beachwave Park	10 am - 9 pm
Broomball Tournament	Beachwave Park	10 am - 3 pm
Snow Dig	CN Ice Park	11 am
Beachside Market BBQ	Beachside Market	11 am - 7 pm
OHV Novelty Challenge - Event	On the Ice	11:15 am - 1:15 pm
Snowmobile Drag Race - Event	On the Ice	12 noon - 5 pm
Vintage Show and Shine	On the Ice	12 noon - 5 pm
5 km Walk/Run	Starts on the Ice	1 pm
Vehicle Extrication Demo	Boat Launch	1:30 pm
SnoMo Concession	Agliplex	2 pm - 6 pm
Family & Friends Skate	Beachwave Park	3 pm - 9 pm

## Monday

SnoMo Breakfast	Agliplex	8:30 am - 11 am
Lake Ice Skating	On the Ice	All Day
ATV Poker Rally - Registration	Agliplex	9 am - 11 am
Family Fishing Day	On the Ice	9 am - 2 pm
ATV Poker Rally - Event	Designated Trail Route	9 am - 4 pm
Public Skate	Beachwave Park	12 noon - 8 pm
Skate Hut & Concession	Beachwave Park	12 noon - 8 pm
SnoMo Concession	Agliplex	2 pm - 6 pm

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# PARLIAMENT UPDATE

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

Week of February 6, 2017

This week in Parliament, we discussed topics including international trade, collecting statistics, veterans, taxation, water quality, electoral reform, and job losses in the energy sector.

The following was debated in the House:

- Bill C-30 – Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Report Stage)
- Bill C-31 – An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and Ukraine (Third Reading)
- Bill C-36 – An Act to amend the Statistics Act (Second Reading)

• Bill C-211 – An Act respecting a federal framework on post-traumatic stress disorder (Second Reading)

• Bill S-211 – An Act respecting National Sickle Cell Awareness Day (Second Reading)

• Bill C-274 – An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (Transfer of small business or family farm or fishing corporation) (Second Reading)

• Bill C-323 – An Act to amend the Income Tax Act (rehabilitation of historic property) (Second Reading)

• M-69 – Water Quality (Resumed debate on amendments)

• Opposition Day Motion - Commitments Regarding Electoral Reform

• Take Note Debate No. 11 – Job Losses in the Energy Sector – Consideration in Committee of the Whole

On Tuesday, I participated in debate by asking questions on Bill C-36 and Bill C-31. I also asked a question, on Wednesday, during the debate on job losses in the energy sector. You can read my comments on the corresponding day's Hansard at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HouseChamberBusiness/ChamberHome.aspx>

In the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (ENVI), we continued to consider a draft report on federally protected areas and conservation objectives. For more information on these meetings, visit: [www.parl.gc.ca/Committees/en/ENVI](http://www.parl.gc.ca/Committees/en/ENVI)

This week, I attended eight meetings and three events. This weekend I will be in the riding to attend an event on Friday and a

meeting on Saturday and returning to Ottawa the next day. My next update will be on the happenings of Parliament as it continues to sit next week.

Week of January 30, 2017

This week in Parliament, we discussed topics including international trade, palliative care, proper disposal of mercury, gender equality, and American foreign policy.

The following was debated in the House:

- Bill C-30 – Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Report Stage)
- Bill C-36 – An Act to amend the Statistics Act (Second Reading)
- Bill C-37 – An Act to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and to make related amendments to other Acts (Second Reading)

• Bill C-233 – National Strategy for Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Act (Report Stage)

• Bill C-238 – National Strategy for Safe and Environmentally Sound Disposal of Lamps Containing Mercury Act (Third Reading)

• Bill C-277 – Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act (Committee Stage)

• Conservative Motion – Taxes on Health and Dental Care Plans

• Bill C-305 – An Act to amend the Criminal Code (mischief) (Second Reading)

• Bill C-309 – An Act to establish Gender Equality Week (Second Reading)

On Monday, I had the opportunity to make a statement in the House of Commons, encouraging my colleagues to support Bill S-217 (Wynn's Law). I also made a statement on Friday congratulating Thorsby on achieving "Town" status, and wishing Drayton Valley a happy 60th birthday! You can read my comments on the corresponding day's Hansard at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HouseChamberBusiness/ChamberHome.aspx>

On Tuesday night, an emergency debate was held concerning President Trump's executive order to impose a temporary travel ban on refugees and nationals of seven Muslim-majority countries. I encourage you to visit my Facebook page to hear a powerful speech made during the debate by our Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Critic, the Honourable Michelle Rempel ([www.facebook.com/jimeglinski.mp](http://www.facebook.com/jimeglinski.mp)).

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# GREETINGS FROM THE ONOWAY LEGION

**Submitted by Lorinda McCool**

Onoway's Pool League will be hosting a "Fun" Singles 8-Ball Pool Tournament on Saturday February 18th. Please direct inquiries to Larry Villneff @ 780-967-0607 or ltv336@gmail.com or check out the information posted on the Legion Sports Board. Refreshments and hot food will be available for your enjoyment throughout the day beginning with breakfast sandwiches in the morning and tasty selections for lunch.

Congratulations and thank you to new Cadets Trooper Harvey Proells and soon to be Trooper Colby Llander. These two young fellows cleared the tables after supper dressed in their sharp new uniforms and both looked very impressive and professional. We were pleased to welcome the new President of the St. Albert Legion, Comrade Gerry Vercammen who came for a visit and stayed for our meal. The Chicken Cordon Bleu Supper prepared and served by Bob C., Jay K., Ron W., Marcelle J. and Mary R. was well received by the sold out crowd. This time of year the kitchen prepares enough food to feed approximately sixty customers plus volunteers and was happy with the attendance. Even though there are a few plates for walk in customers it advisable to give a quick call to Bob at 780-967-3640 to reserve your plate if you wish to be sure of a meal. Jessica Johnson won the free meal voucher, Diane May the meat draw and Carol Villneff the 50/50 draw. Don't forget that if you are an Onoway Legion member and your birthday falls on Friday you will be treated to a free meal.

Our Social Committee will be selling raffle tickets on an "Irish Whiskey Plus Basket" with proceeds going toward the bar renovations. Tickets will be two dollars each or three for five dollars and the draw will take place after the supper on March 17th during the St. Patrick's Day Party between 8 pm and 12 pm. Green beer and games along with Irish Coffee and music will be featured but you had better wear some green or it might cost you a toonie! Other future activities proposed are a Mexican Chili Cook-off on May 6th, a Medieval Style Dinner on June 17th, Summer Games and Grub in con-

junction with another Legion, Car Washes, Movie Nights and Bingo. The Social Committee, consisting of Carol Villneff, Joanne Gorman, Lisa Johnson and Jay Krause, is actively pursuing many other ideas and we are looking forward to an extremely fun and interesting year. More dates to keep in mind are the celebration of Vimy Day on April 8th and our Garage Sale on April 22nd. Watch for future posters and check the Bulletin or the Community Voice for further information and confirmed dates.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

February 14 - Tuesday Night

Darts Drop-in "Sweetheart" Darts – Registration 6:45 to 7:15 pm. Play at 7:30 pm.

February 15 - Wednesday Night Drop-in "Sweetheart" Pool – Registration at 7:00 pm. Play at 7:30 pm.

February 17 - Friday Night Supper – Meat Loaf with Sweet Chili Sauce

February 18 - Fun Singles 8-Ball Pool Tournament – Registration @ 8:30 am. Play @ 9:30 am.

February 21 - Tuesday Night Darts

February 24 - Friday Night Supper

February 25 - Fun Four Person

Mixed Dart Tournament – Registration from 8:00 am. Play @ 9:00 am.

The Legion phone number is 780-967-5361. Please contact Ted Latimer @ 780-967-4980 for hall rentals, Bob Clark @ 780-967-3640 to reserve your plate for the Friday Night Supper, for meal inquiries/suggestions or to volunteer in the kitchen, Cheryl Sadler @ 780-967-4146 for membership, Neil Gorman @ 780-960-4160 for sports 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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# MP JIM EGLINSKI PARTICIPATES IN THE TAKE-NOTE DEBATE ON JOB LOSSES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

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

On February 8th, Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, participated in the take-note debate on 'Job Losses in the Energy Sector'. During debate MP Eglinski asked the Leader of the NDP, the Hon.

Thomas Mulcair, the following: "Mr. Chair, my riding of Yellowhead has not been affected as much as a lot of parts of Alberta, but some of the communities in my riding have. Two-thirds of the community of Grande Cache, a community of 4,500 people, have been without jobs for over two years. The commu-

nities of Hinton and Edson have been taking in residents from Grande Cache, assisting them in trying to find jobs. In fact, one chap worked for me for a couple of weeks until he could find some work. Yet the provincial government has not assisted them. Nor has the federal government.

Could the hon. member tell us where he sees roles for provincial and federal governments in these communities that are being devastated?"  
The Hon. Mulcair's response can be found on page 49 at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/House/421/Debates/136/HAN136-E.PDF>

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## CHANGE MACHINE SCAM

**Submitted by Morinville RCMP**

File Number: 2016-1453925  
On October 25th, 2016, a theft occurred at the Morinville Community High School. Money was stolen from a change machine located in the common area of the school.

in the afternoon and stole the money without being noticed. The male suspect was viewed on surveillance walking back and forth between the change machine, the vending machine, and the adjacent washroom several times before leaving the premises.

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Dated at the Town of Onoway, Alberta December 3, 2016

Wendy Wildman,  
Chief Administrative Officer



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR: RE: CITIZENS SHOULD TAKE CHARGE (RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATIONS)

Submitted by David Chawner

At the provincial and levels we have opposition parties to challenge government decisions and represent the various opinions of voters. At the municipal level we only have dissenting councilors whose opposition is only expressed during council meetings. Many federal municipalities hold their meetings during the day because the agenda can be long and mostly cover mundane items, but that prevents most people from attending and hearing different views. Ratepayers Associations represent every member and have the strength to keep Councils' feet to the fire

by asking the right questions and forcing answers where individuals might be ignored – there is strength in numbers.

Although LSARA (Lac Ste. Anne Ratepayers Assoc.) was formed as a result of Council's profound disregard for the wished of a large segment of the ratepayers of all divisions regarding the cost of the new administration office, (NOT

whether it should be built in Sangudo) that horse has left the stable. Given the present economic situation there are, and will be, other major decisions to be made and LSARA will be there to ensure that ratepayers interests are represented.

LSARA hold their monthly meetings in the evening, at various halls around the County, giving as many people as possi-

ble a chance to attend and find out what has happened and what may be coming up, as well as keeping members informed online. All of the executive are volunteers and although they don't have the time to deal with all of the small problems for everyone that a phone call would resolve, they will tackle major ones.

Join us and be part of the solution.

## Change Machine Scam

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The female accomplice was seen walking and moving about to distract attention away from the male. The male used a method called "stringing" or "fishing" to steal the money.

"Stringing" or "fishing" is a technique used to trick the change machine into thinking money is inserted, but in reality it allows suspects to walk away with their money as well as the dispensed change.

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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 consid-

ered 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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## UNDERGARMENTS CAN MAKE OR BREAK WEDDING LOOKS

As guests' eyes are trained on couples come their wedding days, it is no surprise that both the bride and groom want to look flawless on their big days. Men and women will spend thousands of dollars on clothing, hairstyling, makeup, teeth whitening, fitness classes, and more to ensure they look their best. While couples may be particularly concerned with their wedding day appearance, what they wear under their clothing - particularly for women - can impact how clothes fit and look.

Choosing the right bra or supportive undergarments can play a crucial role in how a gown fits and whether or not brides achieve that picture-perfect look. Wearing the wrong undergarments can negatively affect a bride's appearance and make her extremely uncomfortable. According to a study done by Swiss lingerie

company Triumph, a large number of women are choosing their bras incorrectly. The international survey of 10,000 women found that 64 percent of them are wearing the wrong size bra. If women are wearing the wrong undergarments for everyday looks, it stands to reason that their wedding choices may not be spot on, either.

Undergarments should be purchased and brought to all fittings as soon as a gown is selected. In fact, it often is a good idea to ask the bridal store employees to suggest a bra or corset that will complement the gown and remain invisible beneath the dress. Some shops will make bras available when trying on gowns. Brides are not obligated to purchase undergarments where they purchase their gowns, but take note of the brand and style and find a similar one

elsewhere that fits with your budget if you don't want to buy at the store.

Pay attention to the gown's fabric and how dense it is. Certain shapewear, including bras, that have a lot of boning in them to shape and support the body can show under bridal dresses without a lot of layers. Always try on the bra with the gown to gauge the finished look. You may opt for simpler and plain lingerie styles so that you will be guaranteed a seamless appearance. Nude-colored bras tend to be less noticeable than white. You always can purchase something with more pizzazz to change into for the wedding night. Some dresses with plunging necklines or backless designs may necessitate other options. Sew-in bra cups are another option that can lend invisible support.

Women with more ample busts

may want to select gowns that will allow for bras with supportive straps to be worn. This way there is no worry about strapless bras or other style lingerie slipping down.

In addition to bras, other types of shapewear can enhance certain areas of the body or downplay perceived flaws. Shapewear can smooth and pull in stomachs. Choose boy shorts or thong-style cuts for a seamless finish. Shapers can smooth out bulges on the back, legs and hips, too. There also are special shorts that have some padding in the rear to create a more curvy look.

Bras and other shapewear can make a world of difference in how wedding attire looks and feels. Invest in some quality pieces that will highlight wardrobes to their fullest.

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# Bridal Guide

## CLEVER TAKES ON THE 'SOMETHING OLD, NEW, BORROWED, BLUE' TRADITION

Wedding day tokens of good luck come in many forms, but “the something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue (a sixpence in your shoe)” adage remains one of the most popular luck-enhancing wedding traditions. According to the bridal resource The Knot, this tradition stems from an Olde English rhyme. Something old represents continuity; something new is for optimism for the future; something borrowed stands for borrowed happiness; and something blue is for purity, love and fidelity. The sixpence in your shoe is a wish for good fortune and prosperity, but this is not a tradition widely celebrated outside of the United Kingdom or British territories.

These traditions can add some creative flair and personality to wedding ceremonies. There’s no end to the inventive combinations of items brides can carry to increase their good fortunes.

### Something old

Something old is one of the easier mementos to obtain. There is a good chance that someone in the family is willing to pass an item down to the bride that she can include in her wedding wardrobe. It also can be something the bride may have in her own memory box. Beads taken from a grandmother’s dress or a swatch of fabric from a beloved toy doll are creative ideas that can be sewn into inconspicuous places on gowns.

### Something new

Brides already purchase many new items for their wedding day looks, so “something new” should not be too hard to find. Couples may want to work together to find something new they can both carry so they have a matching set upon tying the knot. Interlocking charm bracelets or key-chains may work. What about the groom carrying a small padlock and the bride the key? Quirky couples can each wear one sock from a pair. Get clever and have fun.

### Something borrowed

Much like something old, something borrowed is yet another way to pay homage to a friend or family member. It’s also one way to add a sentimental twist to everyday items.

Borrow a grandfather’s handkerchief to wrap around the stems of the wedding bouquet. Exchange vows with the original rings used by a distant relative at their own wedding. Flatter a close friend by wearing the same veil she did.

Something blue

There are many ways to incorporate “something blue” into your wedding ceremony. Brides can paint their toenails blue or wear blue shoes under their gowns. Sew a patch from a pair of denim jeans into the bodice of the dress. Paint the bottom of your shoes bright blue so they stand out when

kneeling at the altar. Blue sapphire or topaz jewelry can add an exotic look to the wedding wardrobe.

With a little ingenuity, brides can easily incorporate “something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue” into their wedding ceremonies.

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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 exot-

ic flowers that are out of season. In addition, 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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# MP JIM EGLINSKI QUESTIONS NDP MEMBER DURING DEBATE ON BILL C-36

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

OTTAWA: On February 7th, Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, during debate on C-36, 'An Act to Amend the Statistics Act', asked NDP Member, Erin Weir, the following:

"Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the new Canadian statistics advisory council will be appointed through Governor in Council appointments. At this point, it is unclear what the application process will look like. My concern is that this is

another opportunity for the government to appoint its buddies. Does the member opposite also share these concerns?"

The Member from Regina-Lewvan, replied:

"Mr. Speaker, indeed I do share those concerns. Statistics Canada had a long-standing advisory board that was much larger and represented virtually every sector of society and every region of the country. Of course there are many benefits to that. In an effort to be as charitable as possible to the government, the idea may be that having a smaller body can be a more effective

decision making group, rather than a large body of appointees where it almost becomes an honorific. The devil here is in the details, and we need to know that the government will actually appoint well-qualified, independent people. Therefore, I think there is every reason to be suspicious that may not happen, and is a reason for us, as opposition

MPs, to keep a careful watch on those appointments and that process."

"Though our Conservative Party supports Bill C-36, at Second Reading, we are still concerned with the aspects of this Bill and we will be proposing amendments once the Bill is forwarded to committee for further study", concluded MP Eglinski.

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# SUDOKU OF THE WEEK

## Fun By The Numbers

**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!

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

**ANSWER:**

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

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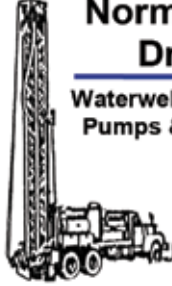
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