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## 2017 SNOMO DAYS IS A "WRAP"!



Submitted by Lori Pratt

The 2017 edition of SnoMo Days was challenging due to the record-breaking warm weather, but was indeed another great success! Hosted by a collaborative of non-profit community groups, this much anticipated annual winter festival did not disappoint the crowds of Albertans who joined the sno-fun activities.



Despite the unfortunate cancellation of two individual events, over 20 other events took place,

with lots of community spirit and loads of fun.

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## ONOWAY LIVEWIRES COMPETE PROVINCIALY

Submitted by Wanda Pederson, Onoway Junior Senior High School

The Onoway LiveWires have come away with a fourth place finish in a provincial robotics competition.

The OJSH robotics team, the Onoway LiveWires, is composed of seven students – three in grade 12 and four in grade 9. They have been meeting every Monday after school under the mentorship and guidance of CTS/Mechanics teacher Mr. Kyle Van Camp to plan, build and program a competition-level robot. Onoway Junior Senior High School sponsored the LiveWires, believing

that school teams such as this inspire 21st century learning in addition to providing opportunities for students to experience technical and mechanical applications.

The Onoway LiveWires entered a province-wide competition, First Tech Challenge (FTC), to test themselves against some of the province's best teams. FTC is a competition for schools and extra-curricular clubs to meet to test their robots against other school's designs and constructions. The five young men and two young women from OJSH as well as Mr. Van Camp were novices to robot construction, programming and competition. However, they took up the chal-



lenge and ultimately delivered a winning product. Schools are given the robot challenge at the beginning of summer and are given until February to design, build and, most importantly, program a robot.

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# LAC STE. ANNE PARENT LINK/EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE MARCH PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Submitted by Cathy Steeves

Sangudo Parent & Tot. Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the Sangudo Early Childhood Room (Arena). Drop in and make new friends, make crafts, paint, and play with the awesome toys. Drop in program – no need to pre-register!  
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Parent Link is pleased to join Darwell Public Library For Tents & Tunnels. Thursday, March 16 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Darwell Public Library. Enjoy fun, active, indoor play with tents, tunnels, stilts, Edublocks, Superhero costumes, and more!

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Live Concert with MARY LAMBERT (Juno Award Nominee). Saturday, Mar. 22, 2017 from 1:00 – 2:00pm at Alliance Pipeline Activity Center, Onway Heritage Center.

For more information on these programs, or to register, please contact: Cathy Steeves, Parent Link/Early Childhood Development Coordinator, Lac Ste. Anne County, 780-785-3411 ext. 229 or 1-866-880-5722 ext. 229 csteeves@LSAC.ca

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# Onoway LiveWires Compete Provincially



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Schools are given the robot challenge at the beginning of summer and are given until February to design, build and, most importantly, program a robot. This year, the newly formed Onoway Livewires did not get the challenge until September and did not get their parts until November 14th, putting the team 2 1/2 months behind everyone else. In spite of the delay, the team came together quickly and enthusiastically set themselves up to making a competition-worthy robot.

The competition was held at the Telus World of Science in Edmonton, February 11. School teams from across the province attended the competition – some teams were five time winners of the event, some were from much bigger schools, and some teams

had a wealth of experience and sponsorship. It was therefore a noteworthy achievement when the Onoway LiveWires not only made the semi-finals, but ultimately had a fourth place finish.

After a brief pause to recharge, the

LiveWires will start up again in May. Mr. Van Camp said that the team of Sam Day, Max Westerlund, Remie Heinz, Charles Howie, Rochelle Serediak, Emily Lapachuk and Ben Jorgensen exceeded his expectations in every way and that all of the team

members showed a natural interest and passion. He is very excited about the robotics group for the next four years due to a strong base of student knowledge from the current grade 9 students and the on-going support of OJSH.

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*A reminder to stay safe on the job.*

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**Must be filed before April 15, 2017**

# 2017 SnoMo Days is a "Wrap"!

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This was made possible by the dedicated work and "never say never" attitude from the over 100 volunteers – thank you to everyone!

The Snow Sculpture competition was made possible by Neil from Landsman Landscaping and his crew. Driving to the middle of the lake to get snow, they hand shovelled snow into their truck to bring back to the Village and build 5 big blocks of snow for the sculptors' use. There were plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Steve won the 1st place. He used 2 blocks of snow to sculpt his lake monster. 2nd prize was made by Briell and Kayden - they made a tank. 3rd prize went to the Duncan's - they made Star Wars Storm Troopers.

All the Beachwave Park events

went off without any disruption thanks to having a section of the lake cleared (by our loyal youth volunteers) for various ice related events. In fact, Beachwave Park saw a rise in participants for the Beachwave Ice Capers, Family Skate and Couple skate likely due to the warmer weather. The Bon Fire was a big "hit" and went on past 9:00 pm, allowing people to stay warm while they enjoyed the spectacular fireworks display. Another major turnout was with the annual Sno-Mo Days Broomball tournament which saw a large number of teams and fierce competition till the reigning champions once again took the win.

Many people laced up their dancing boots to kick up their heels at the Saturday evening "Ice Breaker Party". DJ music – with all the favourite party hits – kept

the crowd singing and dancing until 11:00 pm.

The Lac Ste. Anne ATV Club reports that 2017 was the most successful ATV Poker Rally to date! Registration was incredibly well organized and the riders had an exciting day. The sportsmanship was evident with all the high-fives and trail stories at the conclusion of the day. If you enjoy riding, consider becoming a member of the Lac Ste. Anne ATV Club – visit the website at: [www.lacste-anneatvclub.com](http://www.lacste-anneatvclub.com).

The Fishin' Hole hosted a family fishing day on Monday. Young and old alike gained expert advice and participated in the ice fishing games.

A big, big thanks to all of the SnoMo Days sponsors – an incredible group of local businesses. Please visit [www.snomodays.com](http://www.snomodays.com)

com for a complete list, and support those who support us!

The Alberta Beach & District Lions Club is the lead organization behind SnoMo Days and is proud to continue to serve the community, but the event is an amazing example of how great things come from many people working together. Just to name a few of the other non profit groups who help to organize activities at SnoMo Days, they included Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society; Alberta Beach Snowmobile Club; Lac Ste. Anne ATV Club; Onoway Army Cadets; Active 50+ Club; Beachwave Park and Alberta Relic Riders. Thank you's are also extended to The Village of Alberta Beach, the County of Lac Ste. Anne and the Onoway High School volunteer group.

Beyond all the family fun and snow activities that will take place, the money raised from this collaborative event goes directly back into the community of Alberta Beach, surrounding district and beyond. Benefactors of this fundraising community event are too numerous to mention, but one area of focus for 2017 was the Food Bank. Through volunteer efforts, SnoMo Days helped to raise approximately \$500 and over 200 pounds of food for our local Food Bank! Thank you to all who generously donated.

As always, please check the SnoMo Days website for updates and upcoming news for 2018! [www.snomoday.com](http://www.snomoday.com).

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**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

An Irishman, by the name of O'Malley proposed to his girl on St. Patrick's Day. He gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond. The excited young lass showed it to her father, a jeweller. He took one look at it and saw it wasn't real. The young lass on learning it wasn't real returned to her future husband. She protested vehemently about his cheapness. 'It was in honour of St. Patrick's Day,' he smiled. 'I gave you a sham rock.'

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Submitted by Stony Plain/  
Spruce Grove RCMP

Occurrences for the week of 20  
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Total Calls for Service Spruce  
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ment: 425. Total Calls for Service  
for the Victim Service Unit: 36

Individuals Charged: 26

Person Crimes: 44

Property Crimes: 61

Impaired Driving Complaints re-  
ported: 17

Impaired Driving Charges Laid: 4

Roadside Suspensions: 2

Motor Vehicle Collisions Attend-  
ed: 39

Property Crimes:

Spruce Grove

1. February 20 – Area of Pioneer  
Road and Hwy 16A – Theft of Vehi-  
cle, 2000 white Dodge Ram

2. February 21 – Area of South  
Avenue – Theft of Snowmobile,  
2010 black Polaris Rush 600

3. February 25 – Area of Avonlea  
Way – Theft of Vehicle, 2004 red  
Ford F350

4. February 26 – Area of Grass-  
view Crescent – Theft of Vehicle,  
2015 beige Ford F350

Rural

5. February 20 – Area of Township  
Road 534 and Hwy 779 – Break and  
Enter to Business, alcohol stolen

6. February 22 – Area of 50 Ave-  
nue and 50 Street, Alberta Beach –  
Theft of Vehicle, 2001 silver Dodge  
Ram

7. February 22 – Area of Lac Ste  
Anne Trail, Onaway – Break and  
Enter to Business, cash stolen

8. February 25 – Area of 53 Ave-  
nue and 50 Street, Onaway – Theft  
from Vehicle, duffel bag and cash  
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When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- When moving large machinery, be sure to check the location of power lines. Make arrangements with your service provider to ensure a safe route along a route you will travel between fields with large implements in travel mode.
- When working with livestock always ensure you have an escape route planned and that you are wearing the appropriate gear for the job. For example – wear a helmet and appropriate footwear when riding a horse.

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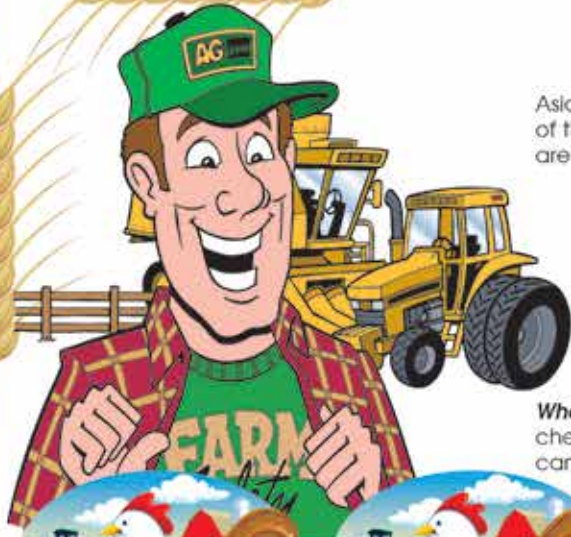
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Hand and Arm Protection:**

Aside from the head, hands and arms are the most exposed part of the body and can fall victim to an endless list of injuries. There are three main categories of injuries:

1. Traumatic injuries caused by an impact when hands or fingers get caught, pinched, crushed or amputated.
2. Contact injuries can occur when hands and arms are injured through contact with chemicals and other substances that can cause burns or injure tissue.
3. Repetitive motion or musculoskeletal injuries which can happen when hands and arms become injured by tasks that require repeated, rapid hand movements for a long period of time, resulting in strains and sprains.

**What PPE to use:** There are gloves to protect against cuts, chemical burns, electrical current, and abrasions. Safety gloves can also work to protect you against one or more hazards at a time, while allowing dexterity so that workers comfortably can move their hands. Do not double-glove though; this can do more harm than good.

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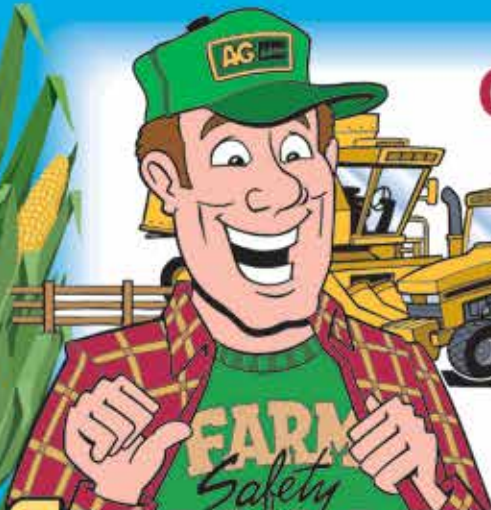
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The bottom line for any business is profitability. An important part of maximizing profits is minimizing losses - and that includes non-productive time, costly machinery breakdowns as well as losses due to injury, illness, or death of the farmer, farm family, or farm workers.

Minimizing loss begins with making safety a priority, conducting a safety audit on your farm, keeping all machinery in good repair with guards and shields in place, having adequate accident insurance coverage, training workers in safe practices, leading by example every day.

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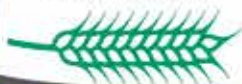
## FARM SAFETY TIPS

- Hire right - hire the right person and pay them fairly rather than hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- Get a check-up - make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code - the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
- Train for safety

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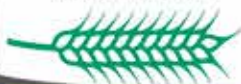
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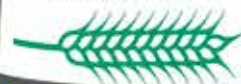
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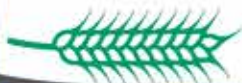
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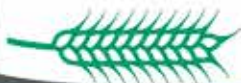
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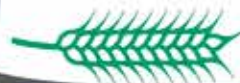
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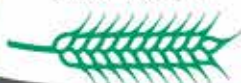
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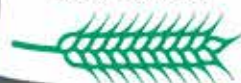
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# Farm Safety Week

March 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## Entanglements

° The average farm is full of machinery and device that can grab, cut, smash and entangle fingers, hands, toes, and feet causing injury to the extremities and even death. The sad truth is that most of these injuries can be avoided.

°Some of the key entanglement prevention measures to implement when working with or near machinery are:

- Before operating any machine or equipment, ensure that all guards are in place and in good condition.
- Wear tight fitting clothing, such as overalls. Avoid wearing any items that could become entangled, such as long coats or scarves.
- Never step over a PTO shaft or conveyer belt while it is still running.

°Ensure that anyone working with augers, PTOs, and other extremely hazardous machinery receives appropriate safety instruction and adequate supervision.

°Keep young children out of the farm or ranch work site, especially areas where there is moving machinery.

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March 12-18

Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength and experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain and enforce the safety aspects of the job.

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# RIDING UPDATE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

Parliament was down this week, allowing me to spend time in the riding. I spoke to students, met with constituents, participated in a press conference in Edmonton, and attended the leadership debate.

Last weekend, I had the privilege of attending the Edson First Responders Dinner, recognizing the great contributions these local heroes make to our community.

Having served as an RCMP officer for 35 years, I understand and appreciate the sacrifices these men and women make every day when they go to work.

On Monday, I participated in the Alberta Jobs Taskforce press conference in Edmonton. At the event, we presented a report on the state of jobs and the economy in Alberta. You can read the report at [www.albertajobtaskforce.ca/](http://www.albertajobtaskforce.ca/). In case you missed the press conference, you can watch it on my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/jimeglinski](http://www.facebook.com/jimeglinski).

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On Tuesday, I visited Niton Central School where I had lunch in a restaurant ran by grade 5/6 students! After lunch, I had the opportunity to speak with grade nine students, before attending the Conservative Leadership Debate in Edmonton.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of meeting Sarah Wheale, who was selected to be on the Prime Minister's Youth Council in Ottawa. This council of youth and young adults will meet with the Prime Minister multiple times a year to advise him

on national issues. Living in our very own Village of Breton, Ms. Wheale has roots in agriculture, has experience in the energy sector and understands the demographics of Alberta. She will be an excellent representative of this province and our riding.

I will attend a meeting in Evansburg and meet with constituents on Saturday before heading back to Ottawa on Sunday. My next update will be on the happenings of Parliament as it will sit next week.

# LAKEWELL 4H MULTI CLUB UPDATE

Submitted by Jace Lalonde, Club Reporter | Lakewell 4H Multi Club

Things are moving along in our multi club now that the holidays are over. Our Members attended a communications workshop put on by Chantelle Lalonde. We went over what the expectations are for club communications and how to get started. We finished the day with a chili lunch. Thank you Chantelle for coming to talk to us. Our Club Communications day was February

4th and everyone did amazing. We have many members moving on to represent Lakewell at District Communications on February 18 in Sanguo.

Our Vet Sciences group visited the Cargill Factory in Spruce Grove. They watched a presentation on the process of how the beef becomes a MacDonald's hamburger and even got to eat one there. Very informative. Some members also booked their clinic days with Dr. Nay and are looking forward to some hands on learning.

Our members also have voted on several fundraising events over the next few months, like tire recycling. If you have used tires you wish to recycle, let us know. We will come and get them in the spring. We are always looking for ideas to raise funds and help our community. If you know of something that our club could help you out with, please contact Jean Henderson @ [ljhenderson50129@gmail.com](mailto:ljhenderson50129@gmail.com) with the details.

A date has been set for our members to get together and have some

fun. We will be having our winter party at the Darwell skating rink. Looking forward to some outside fun with all our 4H families.

4H is celebrating 100 years this year and each club will be selling discount cards for \$20 each.

Places such as Lammle's, Fountain Tire and The Fantasyland Hotel are offering discounts to those that have this card. If you would like more information please go to 4H Foundation of Alberta. If you would like to purchase a discount card please ask a 4H member.

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# AN OPEN LETTER TO LSAC MAYOR & COUNCIL

Submitted by David Chawner

Given the present, reported, short-fall of \$1,000,000 in tax revenues would you care to explain why L.S.A.C. is advertising for an As-

sistant AG SERVICES MANAGER and a DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, and still buying 6 (SIX) full pages (20 Feb. '17) – full colour; lots of pictures; wasted space; in one publication?? And, if that's a contract requirement, what action is being

undertaken to reduce that cost to the minimum; what action is being undertaken to review administration functions in order to streamline and minimize wherever possible, especially given the fact that many of our taxpayers are presently facing

the loss of, or significant reduction in their income.

Any private Company in this situation would be looking for ways to reduce, or at least not increase, their expenses.

## WHITECOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Tara Galant, Legislative Manager |Town of Whitecourt

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

A Special Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2017 Budget. The Interim 2017 Budget was adopted in December 2016, and the final budget will be presented for Council's consideration at the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of Council.

Whitecourt Town Council has adopted its 2017 Strategic Plan. The plan, which is updated annually, outlines Council's current priorities

and identifies where the municipality will focus its resources. The document is available to view on [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca).

The Community Clean Up Program policy has been amended to include an age restriction for those participating in litter clean up projects. The program, which is advertised annually, provides \$1,000 to community groups who are approved to perform 100 hours of clean up service. The policy now requires all participants to be at least 9 years of age. Further details on the program requirements and the application deadline will be posted

on [www.whitecourt.ca](http://www.whitecourt.ca) and in other advertisements throughout the next month.

Whitecourt has renewed a contract with Global Traffic Group Inc. for automated traffic enforcement. The contract term is for an additional two years, with options for renewal.

Council has denied a request to consider waiving fees for Well-spring Family Resource & Crisis Centre. Wellspring requested that the municipal fees for the construction and placement of a shed at 5116 51 Avenue be waived due to the fact that the organization is a charity. Past practice for charities and other

non-profit groups in Whitecourt has been for those agencies to pay all required permit fees.

Council has proclaimed April 24 to 30, 2017 as Rail Safety Week. The event, which is in its 15th year, raises awareness about rail safety and highlights the ongoing commitment of communities in making Canada's rail network safer. For more information on Rail Safety Week please visit [www.operationlifesaver.ca](http://www.operationlifesaver.ca).

Councillor Norm Hodgson has been appointed Deputy Mayor from March 1 to April 30, 2017.

## POLICE SHOOTING IN BARRHEAD PROMPTS ASIRT INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Alberta Serious Incident Response Team

On Feb. 22, 2017, the Director of Law Enforcement assigned the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) to investigate the circumstances surrounding an arrest in which an RCMP member from

the Barrhead detachment fired his service weapon.

At approximately 4:45 a.m. on Feb. 22, the RCMP spotted a vehicle at a residence in Barrhead associated with a 33-year-old male known to have warrants for his arrest. RCMP members approached the residence to investigate.

An incident occurred inside the

residence, resulting in an RCMP officer firing his service pistol. The male was not struck and fled from the home. The RCMP later arrested the man without incident and he remains in custody. He was not injured.

ASIRT will investigate the circumstances that led to the RCMP member discharging his service

weapon. With the investigation underway, there will be no further comment until the case is complete.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

## A GALA EVENING OF MUSIC & DANCING

Submitted by Mu Lavi

The Lac Ste Anne Refugee Partners (LASRP) are presenting a Gala evening of Music and Dancing on April 1st at the Alberta Beach Agplex at 7pm, tickets will be \$25. We will serve Canapé and dessert. The ladies in our local churches and anyone else who would like to help will make much of the food.

We are blessed to have artists who have donated their time and talents; Joe Saumer Big Band; singer and song writer Alex Vissia (she is the pretty blond singer in the I'm Coming Home TV ads by ATB); the Lac Ste. Anne choir are doing 2-3 pieces;

Bob Jervis singer piano player 40/50/60's music, and well known singer-song-writer Garner Butler.

The Alberta Beach Lions Club has donated the cost of the Hall rental, a very generous gift. So if you know anyone in the Lions Club please say thank you. So get your dancing shoes ready and come join us.

For tickets ask at the Catholic, Baptist, or Anglican Churches in Onoway or Zion United Church in Alberta Beach or call Kathleen@ 780-266-4778 or Mu@ 780-967-3079.

The Family

Our family is Yasir 29, Sarah 28, Mallak 6, Matti 4, Sami 65 (Sarah's

dad) have had their papers submitted to the Canadian Government Immigration Office as of December 2016. This is important so they are included in the backlog the last Minister of Immigration said was a priority. Hopefully the present Minister also sees it that way.

We don't know how long it will take (the government process is agonizingly slow) until we get a confirmation number from the Government and even then we are probably looking at another seven months sadly. Sarah has emailed me to ask when they may be coming as they have used up all their savings on the rent having been stuck in Jordan for

the last four years or the past 4years. I have been in touch with the NGO agency FRRME that has been helping them. Unfortunately, this agency has undergone some changes leaving no staff on the ground in Jordan at the moment.

What do we still need.

We still need:

2 bunk beds and a double bed plus bedding, and a Flat screen TV.

And volunteers to offer to befriend the family when they do get here.

Let us know if you or someone you know can help.

Email: [onowayrefugeelove@gmail.com](mailto:onowayrefugeelove@gmail.com). Thank you



March 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

## ANIMAL RELATED INCIDENTS

A study reveals significant patterns in the types of animal-related incidents. For example, almost half (46.5 per cent) of horse-related injuries happen to women, age 16 to 59, and are caused primarily by falls when riding. Men, age 16 to 59, are most frequently (68 per cent) injured by cows during the calving season of February to June. Men aged 60 and older are most frequently (57 per cent) killed by bulls in the month of August as the breeding season starts.

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# Be SAFE - Plan Ahead

## Spot Hazards

*Both employers and employees need to regularly check for hazards. Procedures should be put in place to have this done on a regular basis. By involving your workers in the process of identifying hazards and developing safety solutions, they will be more committed to making the solution work. Have your workers inspect and identify hazards in the workplace along with you.*

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# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Preventing Crushes

- From rolling machinery to falling front-end loaders there are countless crush hazards on a farm. While farm operators and workers can't prevent every hazard on a farm, they should prevent every hazard they can by taking simple preventative measures while working.

- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

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# FARM SAFETY WEEK

## Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

Risk concerns the expected value of results of a situation or event. The value of those results may be positive or negative. In the farming industry, the measure of risk can be rated as high, medium or low. Once the risk has been assessed, through your regular safety checks, employers can determine whether to take immediate action of a hazard or identify those that can be monitored and fixed at a later time. Regular assessment can help with budgeting time and resources for immediate or future repairs.

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# Auto TUNE-UP

## SIMPLE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TO KEEP CARS RUNNING SMOOTHLY

One of the ways to keep vehicles running strong for years on end is to adhere to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule. Although there are many factors drivers cannot control, including recalls, weather and road conditions, proper maintenance is something drivers can control, and maintaining a vehicle can be very simple.

### Oil Changes

Motor oil lubricates the engine and keeps it in good working order. Old oil becomes more viscous and can lose its efficacy. While changing motor oil is important, motorists should follow the owner's manual or the factory maintenance schedule regarding how often it needs to be changed, as all vehicles are not alike. The old myth that cars and

trucks need oil changes at set intervals has changed as digital check capabilities have evolved.

Car computers can now keep track of more than just mileage. Computers now track starts and stops and trip durations to determine when cars need oil changes.

### Coolant Levels

Coolant helps prevent vehicles from overheating and also prevents the water that it mixes with in the radiator from freezing or boiling. Coolant is nearly as important as motor oil in vehicle maintenance. Coolant is typically comprised of a 50/50 mix of distilled water and antifreeze. These two substances work together to maintain a proper ratio of heat energy and prevent eventual breakdown and destruction of the

engine.

Coolant is usually changed once per year or at 30,000 miles. This keeps the coolant working properly and will help prevent corrosion and deposits from forming inside the cooling system. Coolant levels might be checked during a full-service oil change appointment.

### Check Battery Contacts

Many modern car batteries do not require a lot of maintenance. However, one problem that may occur is a buildup of minerals or corrosion from leaking battery fluid on the contacts. In such instances, use a battery cleaning brush to clean the contacts and then replace the cables.

### Tire Maintenance

Properly inflated, balanced and rotated tires make for a smooth,

safe ride. Check that tires are wearing evenly and that the vehicle is not pulling to one side. A lack of tread on tires requires they be replaced. Because tires can be expensive, many drivers put off routine tire maintenance. But this can be a costly mistake. Tires that are worn or not properly inflated can cause skidding, problems braking and accidents. Blowouts also may occur, putting drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists in danger. It's best to be proactive with regard to tire maintenance.

Maintaining a vehicle in adherence to manufacturer guidelines can prolong the life of the car, improve its safety and increase its trade-in or resale value.

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With this in mind, eco-friendly motorists are increasingly purchasing vehicles with smaller carbon footprints. These include makes and models that have stricter emissions control and vehicles that are more fuel-efficient. Hybrid or electric cars can often drive further before fueling or recharging than less efficient models.

When shopping for new or preowned vehicles, individuals can research cars and trucks that have earned high marks for fuel economy. Various organizations, including the U.S. Department of Energy, Consumer Reports and Kelly Blue Book, routinely rank vehicles based on gas mileage figures and emissions ratings. Eco-friendly cars are beneficial for the environment, and such cars also help drivers' bottom lines.

In 2016, Consumer Reports looked past U.S. Environmental Protection Agency figures and the claims offered by manufacturers with regard to vehicles noted for their fuel efficiency. Consumer Reports measured precise fuel-flow with a device spliced directly into the fuel line. Testing occurred on both a public

highway at 65 mph, as well in a simulated urban/suburban track. Consumer Reports has identified these vehicles as their top picks for energy consumption.

- Mitsubishi Mirage: In the subcompact division, this vehicle features a fuel economy of 37 mpg. With its very low sticker price, it can be a smart choice for eco- and budget-conscious buyers.

- Volkswagen Jetta Hybrid: This car marries both a battery-powered electric motor and a traditional seven-speed manual transmission. The hybrid earns an overall 37 mpg rating. It's a little bigger than many compact sedans, creating a very comfortable ride.

- Ford Fusion Hybrid: With an upscale look, the Ford Fusion Hybrid boasts an overall 39 mpg

and comfortable seats to go with a quiet cabin.

- Lexus NX 300h and RX 450h: Lexus earns top marks for fuel economy for both its compact and midsize SUVs. Both deliver an overall mpg of 29.

When ranking their picks for vehicles with high fuel economy, FuelEconomy.gov, the official U.S. government resource for fuel economy information, lists the Hyundai Ioniq Electric, BMW 13 BEV and Tesla Model S AWD- 60D as the most efficient cars. Those who prefer a truck or SUV will find the Chevrolet Colorado 2WD, Chrysler Pacifica Plug-In Hybrid and the Nissan Rogue Hybrid FWD as top contenders.

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# NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: EQUUS' ONGOING OPERATION ROUND UP HAS BIG IMPACT FOR ALBERTA COMMUNITIES

**Submitted by Valdene Callin, Community and Member Relations Coordinator | EQUUS**

EQUUS is now accepting funding applications for Operation Round Up, an ongoing program which funds community programs that have long-lasting impacts on youth and seniors in rural Alberta. As the first Canadian organization to be granted permission to implement the Operation Round Up program, EQUUS is pleased to announce the five successful recipients of the first quarter of funding. Congratulations to:

- Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta

- Greenwood Neighbourhood Place Society
- The Town of Sylvan Lake FCSS
- Darwell Betterment Association
- Barrons Eureka Warner FCSS

The funded projects range from educational support which gives more than 500 youth access to financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness courses, to the Leaders of Tomorrow awards which recognizes youth who make a difference in their communities. EQUUS' goal is to fund those rural-based projects and events which positively impact youth and seniors within EQUUS' Service Area.

Funding for the Operation Round Up program is generated by members who have opted to have their distribution charges on their bill 'rounded up' to the next highest dollar. On average, each member contributes about \$6.00 per year to the program. EQUUS members volunteer for the Operation Round Up Committee and decide which programs are funded.

Pat Bourne, EQUUS CEO, said "we are grateful to our members whose generosity is allowing EQUUS to connect and help in the rural communities on behalf of the EQUUS membership".

EQUUS is expecting to donate tens of thousands of dollars to

help build strong rural communities through fostering projects and events that give back to rural Albertans. EQUUS is confident that this first round of funding was just a first-step in helping to support rural Alberta and build on the future sustainability of our rural communities

Community programs interested in applying for the next round of funding through EQUUS' Operation Round Up should do so before March 31 by going to <https://www.equs.ca/community/operation-round-up/>.

To learn more about EQUUS and the Operation Round Up program, please visit [www.equs.ca](http://www.equs.ca).

# REBATES TO HELP ALBERTANS TAP SOLAR RESOURCES

**Submitted by Brent Wittmeier, Press Secretary, Environment and Parks | Government of Alberta**

The Alberta government is creating a \$36-million rebate program for solar installation on residential and commercial buildings.

Homeowners, businesses and non-profit organizations will receive rebates for rooftop solar panels that meet the Residential and Commercial Solar Program requirements as early as this summer.

"There's a lot of buzz in Alberta around small-scale solar. This program will make solar power affordable for more Albertans, leading to new panels on 10,000 Alberta rooftops by 2020. Along the way, we will create jobs and local expertise in an emerging industry." - Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks and Minister Responsible for the Climate Change Office

Solar uptake has doubled in Alberta since 2015, bolstered by initiatives like the Alberta Municipal Solar Program and the On-Farm Solar PV Program.

Over the next five years, the Residential and Commercial Solar Program will build on these existing programs. By 2019, the new program is expected to:

- support the creation of 900 jobs in Alberta's solar sector
- cut solar installation costs by up to 30 per cent for residences, and up to 25 per cent for businesses and non-profits
- reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the province by about a half million tonnes, the equivalent of taking 100,000 passenger vehicles off the road

To ensure Albertans receive timely access, the government is posting a Request for Proposal to identify a third party to deliver the new program. Details will be defined in coming months, including qualifying systems, installation and eligibility requirements.

"The Energy Efficiency Advisory Panel heard that Albertans wanted this program. The Prairies have the best solar resources in Canada, and there are a lot of potential investment opportunities. This is the first of several programs that will help create jobs and diversify Alberta's en-



**Minister Shannon Phillips helps install solar panels at Gridworks Solar Energy Training Centre**

ergy economy into clean sources of energy." - David Dodge, Chair, Energy Efficiency Alberta

"Albertans are ready to go solar, with growing demand, a world-class solar resource and an eager and capable solar industry. A sustained government push has been the missing piece for creating local jobs and clean energy in our province." - Rob Harlan, Executive Director, Solar Energy Society of Alberta

"We are proud to play a continued role in giving workers the tools they need to thrive in the province's growing renewables sector. Together, we are building a stronger, more prosperous economy for all Albertans." - Randall Benson, Solar Photovoltaic Power System Expert, Gridworks Solar Energy Training Centre

The Residential and Commercial Solar Program is a reinvestment of the carbon levy.

Quick facts

- "Solar photovoltaic" is the scientific term for cells that convert sunlight into electricity.

- Non-profits interested in applying must be registered under the Federal Business Corporations Act and be incorporated and in good-standing under the Societies Act of Alberta, the Agriculture Societies Act, Companies Act – Part 9, or the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

- On Dec. 21, 2016, the Government of Alberta amended the Micro-generation Regulation to provide more flexible rules for Albertans generating their own electricity. This increased the size limit of a micro-generation system from one megawatt to five megawatts and allows a solar array to serve adjacent sites (especially helpful for operations with more than one building).

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# FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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The type of safety eye protection you should wear depends on the hazards in your workplace. If you are working in an area that has particles, flying objects, or dust, you must at least wear safety glasses with side protection (side shields). If you are working with chemicals, you should wear goggles. If you are working near hazardous radiation (welding, lasers, or fibre optics) you must use special-purpose safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or helmets designed for that task.



# FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

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## Farm Safety Tips

When farming please follow these precautions in order to keep yourself, your family and your workers safe:

- Decrease your risk of being crushed by using lockout procedures before beginning any maintenance or repair work. Lockout means to physically neutralize all energies in a piece of equipment. Machines, devices or power transmission lines can be de-energized by applying blocks to all parts under tension or pressure, bleeding the hydraulic pressure from the lines or by releasing pressure from a coil or spring.
- Provide a safe, fenced play area for all children and supervise closely. The working area of the farm is not a playground any more than a construction site or other industrial area would be a play area. Review the safety rules on your farm with your family often. Fence off all manure, retaining ponds and dugouts, and lock buildings containing hazardous goods.



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# Farm Safety & Health Week

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## Preventing Pinch Points

- The instant pain followed by a few days of discomfort after catching your finger in a closing door doesn't compare to the destructive force of farm machinery. A pinch-point injury can be seriously disabling and can cause amputation, or even death.
- Often pinch-point injuries are the result of workers who are not properly trained, don't realize the dangers of machinery, or who take shortcuts to get the work done more quickly, but end up injuring themselves instead. Never perform a task without proper training, by taking shortcuts, or bypassing procedures- the consequences could be serious.

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# SUDOKU OF THE WEEK

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**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!

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

**ANSWER:**

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