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'MOVE & GROOVERS' GO SNOWSHOEING!

Submitted by Nancy Dinsdale | Lobstick Literacy & Learning Society

Silver age Move & Groove is an exercise group, instructed by Tineke Lillo, which meets every Tuesday in Evansburg. It is offered through Lobstick Literacy & Learning Society and is funded by Yellowhead County Parks and Recreation. The classes concentrate on fall prevention, balance, strength and endurance, plus there is plenty of time for socialization. This program is based on the idea that strong people stay young. It has been scientifically proven that strength training helps people lose fat, build muscle,

reverse bone loss and improve energy and balance. A huge bonus is that exercise also helps participants maintain their cognitive functions through the complex movement!

In addition to exercising every Tuesday, this group also goes on special field trips, including visits to the Brightwood Youth Ranch and the Devonian Gardens. They have gone picnicking, bowling, swimming, floor curling and the latest – Snowshoeing by the Pembina!



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EIA RCMP LAY FRAUD CHARGE

Submitted by RCMP Alberta

RCMP at EIA have charged a 42-year-old male with fraud after an attempt was made to make a false baggage claim through WestJet.

On November 7, 2017 a male flew

from Toronto to Edmonton and presented himself at Westjet Baggage Services saying that his luggage was missing. A substantial monetary claim was made. An investigation followed involving WestJet, and information came forward that

refuted this claim. The RCMP were requested to investigate.

Alistar TOMA of Vancouver has been charged with one count of Fraud Under \$5000. His first court appearance is March 29, 2018 at Leduc Provincial Court.

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CABLE THEFT: A COMMUNITY PROBLEM

Submitted by Dan Ivanov, Communications Department | Yellowhead County

The internet keeps our communities in touch and informed. It can entertain, answer questions, and offer advice. But it also allows our remote communities to access ser-

vices, such as banking, from home.

Though Yellowhead County continues to provide and improve upon internet service infrastructure, communities must work together to prevent the theft of cable—and stop internet outages. Cable thieves are criminal opportunists who are willing to disrupt internet coverage

for entire communities just to make a few dollars from selling copper wiring.

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KEY MESSAGES FROM GYPSD'S PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Submitted by Nikki Gilks, Manager, Communications Services | Grande Yellowhead Public School Division

February 21, 2018 Meeting

• Trustees approved the budgeting principles for the 2018-2019 Budget. These principles form the basis for the budgeting process, and for the board to consider when following fiscal management guidelines. The approval of these principles also ensures that the board operates in a transparent and consistent manner, and that the appropriate allocation of resources is aligned to the identified priorities of the division and province. Trustee Shirley Caputo noted, "The principles align well with our board's number one focus in making decisions that meet our students' needs."

• Amendments to Policy 18 - School Calendar were approved at today's meeting to align wording under section 1.3 with proper naming conventions, and to include the addition of section 1.3

that allows for the option of a one year pilot calendar if desired by the board.

• This year's Thoughtexchange process included excellent feedback from almost 300 parents and 200 staff members during the surveys completed from November 20 to December 1, 2017. The thoughts shared will be used to help the division strategically plan to address the identified areas for improvement, and continue with those that are creating successful, positive, and all-inclusive learning environments. Participants shared their answers to the following three questions:

1. "What do you think could be improved about your child's education?"
2. "What are some positive things about your child's education?"
3. "Share an example of a time when you felt that your child (or a child you know of) was successful at school?"

• A report on the division's 2017-2018 application for trans-

portation funding was provided to trustees. The report summarized the statistics from the application including number of students transported this year as well as those students requiring additional supports and resources. Maintaining current student information in the system optimizes the division's access to available funding that ensures all students' needs are met; either riding on division buses, or transported by the parent. GYPSD's priority is to provide a safe, efficient transportation service with trained, caring individuals who are committed to all students' well-being.

• Trustees shared information from the various events they attended on behalf of the board and Grande Yellowhead Public School Division.

January 17, 2018 Meeting

• Trustees received the First Quarter Financial Statement of Revenues and Expenses as part of their preliminary review of the current financial report for the year ending August 31, 2018.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Peter comes home very drunk late at night. He wakes his sleeping wife: "Emily wake up! You know what just happened!"

"No", she replies sleepily.

"I went to the toilet and the light switched on all by itself. And when I went out of there, the light switched off again without me having to do anything. I think I'm getting super powers!"

Emily replies groans: "Oh no, Peter! You pig, you just peed into the fridge again!!!"

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Key Messages From GYPSD's Public Board Meetings

As of November 30th, revenues and expenses were within targeted expectations. The division is currently conducting an in-depth analysis of all revenues and expenses to ensure strong fiscal management moving forward.

• C. Halabi, Director of Transportation Services, provided updates on a number of items including student ridership, waiting lists and ride times per zone. The division currently transports 2,566 students registered on 53 school bus routes in all areas except Jasper. The number of ineligible riders has decreased, down to 301, or 12 per cent of the total ridership, from 432 as reported last year at this time.

• Providing equitable, relevant, and innovative learning environments and opportunities are part of the technology department's ongoing commitment to the staff and students of Grande Yellowhead. The board received a detailed report from K. Shipka, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Services, on the many initiatives currently provided, or that are in progress throughout the division. Projects include professional development opportunities such as the Google Summit for staff held in Jasper in the fall; purchasing of equipment and technology tools for use in the classroom through the Classroom Improvement

Funding grant; and online reporting resources on digital citizenship and caring behaviours targeted for youth and their families.

• Grande Yellowhead is proud to develop multiple partnerships within the community to enhance the educational opportunities for our students. This past year, a group of teachers from across the division participated in project-based environmental studies workshops co-sponsored by the Alberta Council for Environmental Education, Shell Canada, and GYPSD. Teachers were able to initiate hands-on learning activ-

ities within their schools at all grade levels, and some of the projects also met the Career and Technology Foundations (CTF) curriculum requirements. Projects varied from green school initiatives to leadership studies. Over the last several months, GYPSD has also been working with Grande Prairie Regional College, (GPRC), to create a partnership to offer a Dual Credit Pre-Employment Welding program within our Edson community. This program will enable students to challenge their period one exams while training with the

college out of our Parkland Composite High School's upgraded welding shop. This is very exciting as our first cohort of students is scheduled to begin this February.

• The official opening of the division's newest school, Mary Bergeron Elementary School in Edson, is on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 1:30pm in the gymnasium. Honourable David Eggen, Minister of Education, is attending on behalf of the Province and the public is invited to attend the ceremony and take a tour of the school.

Cable Theft: A Community Problem

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As well, if you notice a severed cable, please call 310-2887, or 310-CUTS to report a repair. After all, protecting the cabling in your community means protecting access to one of our basic human rights: Internet access.

Please spread this message throughout your community—no community should have to suffer because of the greed of criminals. Yellowhead County will continue to patrol known theft areas, but the county's effort will be all the more effective if all communities are proactive in protecting this crucial utility.

NOTICE OF EQUUS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



EQUUS REA LTD. invites all members to join them as they host three AGMs across rural Alberta.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 The Coast Lethbridge Hotel & Conference Centre 526 Mayor Magrath Drive South Lethbridge, AB.	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 Sheraton Red Deer Hotel 3310 - 50th Avenue Red Deer, AB.	THURSDAY, MARCH 29 Best Western Sunrise Inn & Suites 3101 - 43rd Avenue Stony Plain, AB.
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MEETING AGENDA

- 3 - 5 p.m.** Registration / Meet & Greet
 - Connect with EQUUS board members and staff
 - Have your questions answered on:
 - Billing
 - Safety
 - Micro-generation
 - Vegetation Management
 - Community Relations
 - Construction and Maintenance
 - Refreshments and snacks provided

5 - 6:30 p.m. AGM

6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner

Please note that the AGM and dinner are open to members and EQUUS Board of Director guests only.

Members are requested to RSVP no later than March 21
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LAC STE. ANNE MINOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION NIGHTS

Alberta Beach

Feb. 26th, 27th & March 8th 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at Alberta Beach Agliplex
Contact: Amy Warren 780-940-9716

Alexis

To register, call the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Administration Office
Contact: Felix Kootenay 780-967-2225

Anselmo

Feb. 27th & 28th 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Anselmo Hall
or Mar. 7th 5:00 – 7:00 PM at Elmer Elson Elementary School
Contact: Rennae Swartzenberger 780-706-5379 rrswart@telus.net

Darwell

Mar. 20th 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM or Mar. 22nd 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM at Darwell School
Contact: Jillene McDonald 780-903-3805

Onoway

Online registration only from Feb. 20 – Mar. 31 by visiting
<http://www.onowayballandsoccer.com> and following the link to RAMP.
General information night Feb. 27th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Onoway Heritage Centre, Rm. 3.
Contact: Monty Doig 780-405-4617

Rich Valley

Mar. 9th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM or Mar. 14th 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at Rich Valley Arena
Contacts: Steven Borle 780-721-4462 fireblaze47@hotmail.com

Sangudo

Mar. 20th 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM at Sangudo Community School
or pre-register by dropping off forms with Rene at the school or Shelly at ATB Agency.
You can also register online (and receive a discount) at:
<http://sangudominorsports.ramp190.com/default.aspx?p=registrations>
Contact: Rene Werenka 780-785-2722 or 780-305-8200

Wabamun

Feb. 20th, 27th or Mar. 6th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM or Mar. 4th 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Wabamun Union Hall
Contact: Rhonda Neron 780-718-1323

This **co-ed** league's 2018 regular season will run April 30 – June 14, with a playoff tournament to follow. The league involves all the above noted communities, and players must register in the community where they reside, based on local elementary school boundaries. If you aren't sure which community you should register with, call your closest contact listed above to discuss. Physical addresses will be required to complete the registration process.

It is important to note, that this is a FUN league. Fair play and sportsmanship are encouraged.

The Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League offer a program for all ages including:

- U6 for players born in 2011*, 2012, 2013 (some communities accept younger participants)
- U8 for players born in 2010*, 2011*
- U10 for players born in 2008, 2009, 2010* (Tues/Thurs games)
- U12 for players born in 2006, 2007 (Mon/Wed games)
- U14 for players born in 2004, 2005 (Tues/Thurs games)
- U16 for players born in 2002, 2003 (Mon/Wed games)
- U19 for players born in 2000, 2001 (No overage players) (Tues/Thurs games)

*Age overlap within the U6/U8/U10 categories allows for flexibility based on each player's previous experience. Category placement for overlap is at the discretion of each community.

(To participate, waiver forms MUST be completed for all players.)

For further information on the Lac Ste. Anne Minor Softball League, please contact the
Lac Ste. Anne County Administration Office: 1-866-880-5722

EDSON/YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Stefan Felsing, Communications Coordinator | Yellowhead County

Edson, Alberta, February 7th, 2018 – The Town of Edson and Yellowhead County councils have taken another step forward in their partnership.

On Feb 6th, 2018, the two Councils met to discuss the potential of constructing a new multi-use facility in Edson. Both Councils agree on the importance of this project and will be working on a Memorandum of Under-

standing to show their support and willingness to work together towards this common goal.

“Edson Council is pleased with how the meeting went, and look forward to working closely with Yellowhead County on this, and other initiatives, that support our region as a whole,” said Edson Mayor Kevin Zahara.

“Our Council realizes that many of the services offered in Edson directly benefit residents in the surrounding area,” said Yellowhead County Mayor Gerald Soroka. “We will continue



to support future and existing services and projects that make sense financially and strategically.”

The Town and County have budgeted to start a site selection process for a new multiplex in 2018.

RCMP BEATS

Submitted by Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP

Occurrences for the week of 12 February to 18 February 2018.

Total Calls for Service Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch Detachment: 596

Total Calls for Service for the Victim Service Unit: 26

Individuals Charged: 144

Person Crimes reported: 35

Property Crimes reported: 65

Impaired Driving Complaints reported: 6

Impaired Driving Charges Laid: 3

Roadside Suspensions: 1

Motor Vehicle Collisions Attended: 47

Property Crimes:

Spruce Grove

1. February 17 – Area of Aspenglen Court – Theft of Vehicle, 2012 silver Jeep Wrangler

2. February 17 – Area of Vernon Street – Theft of Vehicle, 2005 grey Ford F250

3. February 18 – Area of Westbend Street – Theft of Vehicle, 2004 silver Dodge Caravan Rural

4. February 13 – Area of Township Road 531A and Range Road 262 – Theft of Vehicle, 1998 white GMC Sierra

5. February 13 – Area of Township Road 533 and Range Road 30 – Theft from Vehicle, wallet stolen

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RIDING UPDATE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

I spent most of the week travelling through the south and east end of the riding. I had meetings with students, business leaders, and members of municipal and provincial governments. I also attended another rural crime town hall.

On Monday, I spent the day at my Rocky Mountain House office.

On Tuesday, I drove to Olds where I attended MP Earl Dreeshen's town hall meeting on rural crime in the area. This is an issue that affects rural properties throughout Alberta, which is why I have been active as a member of the Rural Crime Task Force. I have held public meetings across our own riding (i.e. Breton, Peers, Caroline) with residents, community leaders,

and local RCMP. I will continue to work towards identifying the underlying issues and bridging the gaps to ensure the safety of our rural residents.

I spent Wednesday and Thursday in Drayton Valley where I met with MLA Mark Smith, Mayor Michael Doerksen, and Mr. Manny Deol of the community's Clean Energy Technology Centre.

On Thursday afternoon, I visit-

ed St. Anthony Catholic School in Drayton Valley. There, I met with grade six students to talk about the role of an MP and answer their questions on how the federal government works.

On Friday, I enjoyed a tour of the University of Alberta's Health Sciences Education and Research Commons where they are developing creative and integrated technologies for delivering health care services. While

there, I also attended Alberta Congress meetings over the weekend.

On Saturday, I attended an Alberta Caucus meeting before flying back to Ottawa on Sunday. The upcoming week is expected to be busy as the Liberal Government will be tabling their 2018 Budget on Tuesday. Look for my weekly update next Friday on the happenings of Parliament.

RCMP Beats

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6. February 14 – Area of Township Road 522 and Range Road 24 – Theft from Vehicle, wallet stolen

7. February 14 – Area of Township Road 552 and Range Road 13 – Break and Enter to Residence, jewelry stolen

8. February 16 – Area of Township Road 541 and Range Road 275 – Break and Enter to Residence, cash and jewelry stolen

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP remind you not to make it easy for thieves. During cold weather NEVER leave a vehicle running unattended or unlocked.

The Spruce Grove / Stony Plain Drug Section Information Tip Line is 780-968-7212. Anyone with drug information is asked to call and leave a message.

If you have information regarding any of these crimes, or any other crime, please call the RCMP At 780-962-2222 or 780-968-7267. You can also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or text the keyword TIP205 (TIP250 for Edmonton Metro) & your Tip to CRIMES (274637)

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ENSURING SAFE AND HUMANE HUNTING IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Matt Dykstra, Press Secretary, Environment and Parks | Government of Alberta

The Government of Alberta is updating provincial hunting regulations to specify what categories of equipment are appropriate for hunting big game.

Beginning in the 2018 hunting season, firearms and equipment

that are legal for use will be limited to rifles, shotguns and conventional archery gear. Other tools, including spears and spear-throwing tools such as atlatls, will not be allowed under the new regulations.

The vast majority of Alberta hunters already use permitted equipment to hunt in a safe, responsible and humane way. These changes will discourage

reckless actions and ensure big game animals are not subjected to unnecessary suffering.

“Responsible hunting is part of Alberta’s cultural heritage, playing an important role in our province’s wildlife management and conservation efforts. Albertans know that good hunting is safe hunting. Modernizing our hunting regulations will ensure safety and prevent game from

experiencing undue suffering.” - Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks

The regulations will also set new standards for ammunition by requiring shotgun pellets to be larger than .24 inches in diameter. This means hunters must use .24-calibre buckshot or larger when hunting big game to ensure a quick and effective kill.

“As an education-based group that supports legal and ethical harvest of wild game in Alberta, it is part of our mission to educate hunters to comply with all provincial hunting regulations. We support the government in this recent update to the regulations regarding equipment appropriate for hunting big game.”

- Robert Gruszecki, president, Alberta Hunter Education Instructors Association

Alberta Environment and Parks has received more than 3,900 responses from the public to help inform the regulations amendment process. The majority supports changes that would prohibit the use of spears in big game hunting.

Quick facts

- Of the roughly 118,000 people who hunt big game in Alberta each year, more than 90 per cent are Alberta residents.

- While the vast majority of hunters use firearms, roughly 18 per cent purchase bowhunting permits.

- Weapons legal for use in the upcoming hunting season will include conventional bows and arrows, crossbows and bolts, rifles and ammunition, muzzle-loading firearms, shotguns and ammunition.

- Using a weapon not on the permitted list would contravene Section 40 of the Wildlife Act. The maximum penalty under the act is \$50,000 in fines, one year in jail, or both. If a threatened or endangered species is involved in the offence, the maximum penalty would be doubled.

- The new regulations will not interfere with the rights of Indigenous hunters to practise traditional hunting methods.

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PARLIAMENT UPDATE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

This week, we covered topics including transparency in political fundraising, Indigenous rights, unions in the public service, and the Prime Minister’s Christmas vacation.

The following was debated in the House:

- Bill C-50 – An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act (political fi-

nancing) (Third Reading)

- Bill C-262 – United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Second Reading)
- Bill C-354 – An Act to amend the Department of Public Works and Government Services Act (use of wood) (Second Reading)
- Bill C-371 – Prevention of Radicalization through Foreign Funding Act (Second Reading)
- Bill C-377 – An Act to change the name of the electoral district of Châteauguay—Lacolle (Second

Reading)

- NDP Opposition Motion – Tax Fairness in Budget 2018
- CPC Opposition Motion – Conflict of Interest

To read debates on any of the above, visit House of Commons website at www.ourcommons.ca/en. You can also watch events in the House and at Committees online at www.cpac.ca/en/.

In the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage (CHPC), we elected a new Chair and discussed future

studies. I also had the opportunity to sit on the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology (INDU) where we continued to hear witnesses for the study on broadband access in rural Canada. This was the last week of witnesses for the study, and I expect to see a finished report shortly. For more information on these meetings, visit the INDU Committee website at www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/INDU.

PARLIAMENT UPDATE – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

This week, we covered topics including the Trans Mountain Expansion, veterans’ issues, fisheries, and homelessness.

The following was debated in the House:

- Bill C-68 – An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and other Acts in consequence (Second Reading)
- Bill C-69 – An Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protec-

tion Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts (Second Reading)

- Bill S-228 – Child Health Protection Act (Second Reading)
- Bill S-232 – An act respecting Canadian Jewish heritage month (Second Reading)
- M-147 – Special Committee on Homelessness
- CPC Opposition Motion – Trans Mountain Expansion Project
- CPC Opposition Motion – Respect for Veterans
- Take-note Debate on Government Business No. 20 – Indigenous Peoples and Canada’s Justice Sys-

tem

On Monday, I asked a question during debate on a motion which called on the Prime Minister to prioritize the Trans Mountain Expansion Project and develop a plan to deal with the Alberta-British Columbia dispute.

You can read my questions and comments in the House on the corresponding day’s Hansard on the House Publications page at www.ourcommons.ca/en.

In the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage (CHPC), we began a study on cultural hubs and cultural districts in Canada. For more infor-

mation on these meetings, visit the CHPC Committee website at www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/CHPC.

This week, I attended six meetings, four events, and one conference call. Parliament did not sit on Friday to accommodate the NDP National Convention. Therefore, I returned to the riding on Thursday evening in order to attend the Mountain Pine Beetle Advisory Committee meeting in Hinton on Friday. Look for my update next Friday on my travels throughout the riding.

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SELECTING A COMFORTABLE WEDDING GOWN

Many brides-to-be visit bridal shops with specific goals in mind regarding the style of their wedding gowns. Some women come equipped with magazine tear-outs or pull up ideas on their mobile phones. Others may have an entire scrapbook filled with various ideas they've been compiling for years.

Much consideration is given to wedding gowns. The cost and silhouette of the dress may garner the bulk of that consideration, but brides might want to spend more time considering comfort.

Depending on the time of day their weddings take place, brides can spend 12 hours or more in their wedding gowns on their wedding day. However, when shopping for their gowns, brides may prioritize beauty over comfort, even though it's entirely possible to find a gown that's both stunning and comfortable. When staff and friends or family who have come along to offer advice start to blush over wedding gowns, brides-to-be may feel pressured to downplay any discomfort they feel.

To make sure brides look flawless and elegant but are still comfortable in their wedding gowns, consider the following tips.

- Know what to highlight and what to cover up. No two body types are the same, and many women feel certain parts of their bodies are their best assets while they want to downplay others. Try on gowns that play up your best features. If you have shapely legs, consider a dramatic gown with a slit to show them off. Certain gowns can enhance the décolleté or show off an hourglass shape. Remember, many gowns can be modified so that you feel secure and confident. Sleeves can be added or fabric placed to cover up any perceived flaws. Confidence and pride are important parts of the comfort factor.

- Get sized correctly. Bridal gown sizes do not coincide with street sizes. Depending on the manufacturer, brides may have to select gowns that are several sizes larger than they would normally wear. This should not be a cause for alarm. Brides should go by their measurements. Attempting to squeeze into a dress that is too

small will only lead to discomfort on the wedding day.

- Purchase the right undergarments. Improperly fitting bras, shapewear and other undergarments can lead to discomfort as well. Some seamstresses can sew in supportive cups to remove the need for separate bras. Brides can explore various options to reduce the visibility of certain accoutrements.

- Move around in the gown. Brides should not just stand in front of the mirror and smile when trying on gowns. Put them through their paces. Try sitting, bending and even a little dancing. Make sure the dress is comfortable to move around in.

- Try different options. The gown brides have in mind may not be the one they ultimately

go home with. Explore different styles and materials. Choose cooler, breezier fabrics and lightweight gowns, like crêpe, georgette or organza, for summer weddings. Heavier fabrics, such as brocade, may be more comfortable in the winter.

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RUSTIC BOUQUETS ADD NATURAL FLAIR TO WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Couples opting to get back to basics, streamline their nuptials and create more intimate and less superficial affairs often gravitate toward rustic celebrations to showcase their ideals. Rustic weddings also may

appeal to environmentalists and men and women who want their weddings to be as eco-friendly as possible.

Rustic weddings may include those ceremonies and receptions that take place outdoors or in abodes, such as

barns, wineries, castles, or converted silos or town factories. In fact, Bridal Guide says that barn weddings have never been more popular - among both urban and rural couples alike.

Coordinating a rustic wedding may mean letting go of perceived notions of how everything from food to favors to flowers should be. In fact, one way to describe rustic weddings - and especially the floral arrangements that adorn them - is "purposely imperfect."

Rustic wedding bouquets may seem like they were plucked right out of the garden or grabbed through a stroll in a meadow. They're rarely symmetrical or feature the customary flowers of more formal wedding celebrations.

When designing rustic bouquets, florists may keep the stems of wildflowers or other blooms untethered for a relaxed feel. Long stemmed

arrangements are quite popular, and trends point toward bouquets that are loosely tied with raffia, twine, vines and other natural materials rather than more refined ribbon.

Another way rustic bouquets set themselves apart is with the introduction of other elements into the arrangements. Not merely blooms and greenery, rustic pieces may feature twigs, vines, berries, scabiosa pods, ivy, and feathery ferns. The heights of elements in the bouquet are varied, and the bouquets will not have an overly uniform shape. Rustic bouquets are far from pretentious, and brides shouldn't feel that these bouquets are delicate or will fall apart when handled.

When planning a rustic wedding, couples can work with their florists to create bouquets and arrangements that fit with their visions.

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Getting married is an exciting time in a couple's life together. Wedding planning is the next logical step after the engagement announcement, and while couples often get swept up in planning their dream parties, it's important to note that ultimately the ceremony is the star of the day.

Before booking a wedding reception venue or getting one's heart set on a particular date, couples need to secure their ceremony sites as well as apply for a marriage license. In some instances, ceremonies are held at the same site as the wedding reception, while some couples choose to tie the knot in their church or synagogue. Each of these types of ceremonies will be governed by the schedule of the house of worship or civil site.

Finding a venue

Once couples choose a wedding date, it is a good idea for them to visit their ceremony site of choice to check the calendar. It helps to have some flexibility in the wedding date in case the first choice is unavailable. Although summer weddings used to be the most popular, today's couples are tying the knot more often in September and October than other times of year.

Even though a couple's wedding is special and unique to them, ceremony locations handle hundreds of weddings. Couples must recognize that competition for certain venues may be steep, so it helps to keep more than one venue in mind when planning a wedding.

Getting a marriage license

While laws may vary from state to state within the United States, getting a marriage license generally involves filling out the application and paying a fee at the county clerk's office. Both applicants are typically required to bring identification, such as a driver's license, passport or birth certificate. There may be a waiting period between submitting the application and the license being issued. Couples can pick up the license or have it mailed to them.

Canadian requirements vary by

province. For example, in Ontario, applicants need to be at least 16 years old to marry and must show two forms of government-supplied identification to apply. The license is valid for 90 days from when it is issued.

A marriage license is not the same thing as a marriage certificate. The marriage certificate typically becomes available after the ceremony has taken place and the witnesses and officiant have signed off on the proceedings.

Getting married is a multistep process that begins with determining where the ceremony will take place and acquiring a marriage license. With these items in check, couples can focus on creating memorable wedding days.

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JEWELRY CARE AND CLEANING GUIDELINES

Bridal gowns and tuxedos may get their fair share of attention at weddings, but the subtle details of brides' and grooms' wedding attire also garner guests' attention.

Breathtaking jewelry worn by the bride, groom and members of the bridal party looks great on the day of the wedding and in photos couples will keep for decades to come. Nat-

urally, engagement rings and bridal bands are the shining stars of the celebration. However, other pieces of jewelry also make for cherished accessories for weddings.

Bridal jewelry is an investment worth maintaining. According to a 2013 report by the Jewelers of America, couples spend an average of \$4,000 on engagement rings and

more money on wedding bands. Considering several thousands of dollars may adorn the necks, fingers, ears, and wrists of bridal party members, individuals should learn how to keep their jewelry investments looking pristine.

Remove jewelry during hard work Exercise caution when wearing jewelry during strenuous activities

or when jewelry can be damaged. Also, watch when handling slippery substances such as soaps and oils, as jewelry may fall off and become lost. Instead, remove precious jewelry and store it in a safe location, such as in a jewelry chest or a drawer.

Use caution with beauty products Apply lotion, cosmetics, perfume, cologne, and hairspray before putting on jewelry. These substances can discolor certain metals or even damage stones. Prolonged contact with perspiration and bodily oils also can cause discoloration over time. Gently wipe down jewelry with a soft cloth after wearing it to remove oils and sweat.

Be careful around swimming pools, spas and the ocean

Couples should remove jewelry before partaking in water-based activities on their honeymoons. According to jewelry retailer Zales, chlorinated water can react with the metals found in jewelry, causing color changes and even structural changes. Don't risk jewelry falling off in the ocean. Store it in a secure location before diving in.

Beware the sun, too The Gemological Institute of America, Inc. states that sunlight can affect the durability and color of colored gemstones. Over time and in excess, the sun and heat can fade or damage some stones, such as amethyst, topaz and pearls. Other stones can darken with exposure to the sun.

Clean jewelry with care Rely on mild detergents and a light touch when cleaning jewelry. Use products specifically designed for jewelry care, and read labels to ensure safety. The International Gemological Institute says seriously soiled jewelry should be professionally cleaned.

Inspect and know your jewelry Routinely inspect jewelry to test for any structural issues that can result in breakage or lost stones. Make sure any suspected problems are repaired promptly.

Ensure jewelry will last for years to come. Exercise caution when wearing pieces and clean and care for them properly.

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While June is still a popular month to get married, the wedding resource The Knot indicates that autumn, in particular the months of September and October, has overtaken summer as the most popular wedding season. Warmer-than-average temperatures in autumn over the last few years as well as a dazzling display of natural color help make the fall a popular time for nuptials. Interestingly enough, perhaps due to a slightly cooler climate, a 2015 survey from Wedding Bells found August to be the most popular month to get married in Canada, and that 67 percent of weddings in Canada that year occurred between June and September.

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