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March 19, 2019

FIRST NATIONS GETTING NEW WATER SYSTEMS

More First Nation communities than ever before will have access to clean, safe drinking water thanks to major historic investments by the Alberta government.



Minister Feehan, First Nations leaders and members of West Interlake Water Commission celebrate progress on First Nations Regional Drinking Water Tie-in Program.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

In 2017, Premier Rachel Notley committed \$100 million to deliver clean drinking water to

the boundaries of First Nations. Ten projects are now underway that will benefit 14 First Nations across the province.

Alberta's First Nations Regional Drinking Water Tie-In

Program is a collaboration between First Nations, the Alberta government, municipalities or water commissions and the federal government.

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RCMP MAKE ARREST AFTER THREATS TO SCHOOL

Submitted by Evansburg RCMP

Entwistle, Alberta – One male youth is in police custody after threats towards a local school were discovered online.

On March 11, 2019 RCMP were made aware of threats posted online towards staff and

students at the Entwistle School. RCMP located the suspect at his residence and arrested the 14-year-old male youth.

Investigation has determined there is no credible threat to the school and the school is open and running as per normal at this time. RCMP presence will remain at the school for the day as

the investigation continues.

The 14-year-old male suspect remains in police custody pending a bail hearing.

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GUNN HALL'S MARCH 9TH CRIB TOURNAMENT

Submitted by Marlaire Janke, Hall Representative | Gunn Hall

We had 46 teams come out to enjoy 12 games of cards at our tournament. We know that an important part of the tournament for our players is to enjoy a delicious lunch at half time. Our kitchen volunteers strive for this and pleased everyone

with a meal of chicken pieces, rice, vegy's & salad plus all the extras. They did an amazing job and were complimented by many.

Our prize allocations are as follows. The 1st place team had 1432 points. Don Gibbs & Madeleine Bull of Evansburg received the amount of \$350.00. Second place had 1429 points. They received \$250.00 - Lisa

& Steven Desjarolis of Stony Plain. Third place for \$150.00 was won by Merna & Allan Strawson of Barrhead. They had 1427 points. Fourth place for \$75.00 was won by Bill Hunter of Barrhead & Terry Veenstra of Gunn. They had 1419 points. We paid a \$20.00 prize to the last place team which had 1253 points. We won't disclose their names. No one wants to know that anyway - haha!! They still had a great day and if the cards aren't in your favor there is not much you can do.

We also paid out \$60.00 to the 6 players that had 24 point hands.

The jackpot was not won this time and will be carried forward to our next tournament. This can be won by getting the high-est score possible of a 29 point hand. If anyone achieves a 28 point hand we also will pay a prize of a lesser amount than the jackpot.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

A Texas rancher was visiting a farmer in Israel. The proud Israeli showed him around. "Here is where I grow tomatoes, cucumbers, and squash. Over there I built a play set for my kids, next to the doghouse," the farmer said. The land was tiny, and the Texan was surprised by its small size. "Is this all your land?" he asked. "Yes," the Israeli said proudly. "This is all mine!" "You mean this is it? This is all of it?" the Texan said incredulously. "Yes, yes. This is really all mine!" "Well, son," said the Texan, "back home I'd get in my car before the sun'd come up and I'd drive and drive and drive, and when the sun set, why, I'd only be halfway across my land!" "Oh, yes," replied the Israeli farmer wistfully, "I used to have a car like that."

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NOTICE OF RETIREMENT: E. MURRAY, CHIEF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

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

After thirty years of dedicated service to Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD), Mr. Ewen Murray, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools, is setting his sights on a well-deserved retirement to spend more time with his wife, Tanya, and family, as well as watching his beloved Islanders 'win the cup in his lifetime'! His retirement is effective as of March 29, 2019.

Mr. Murray began his career

with Grande Yellowhead as a classroom teacher at Niton Central School for six years, and then spent the next thirteen years at Evergreen School in Edson. In addition to a year at École Westhaven as the assistant principal, he became the principal of École Pine Grove Middle School in 2007 for four years before moving over to Parkland Composite High School. He is the recipient of many awards which include the Division's Best New Teacher, the Jurisdictional Award of Excellence, and was a finalist for an Excellence in Teaching Award.

Since August 19, 2013, Mr.

Murray has proudly served as Grande Yellowhead's Chief Deputy Superintendent, affording him the opportunity to seek new ways to make education more engaging and innovative for all GYPSD students. With strong family roots in both Edson and Hinton, he is looking forward to having more time to devote to family and friends, as well as watching his beloved Islanders 'win the cup in his lifetime'!

On behalf of Grande Yellowhead Public School Division and the Board of Trustees, Board Chair Brenda Rosadiuk extends best wishes to Mr. Murray on his



retirement, and thanks him for his passion for public education and his many years of service.

Gunn Hall's March 9th Crib Tournament

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Two 50/50 draws were held. The first being \$250.50 won by Allan Strawson of Barrhead & the second being \$262.50 won

by Joan Dean of Darwell & Larry Borle of Rich Valley. (They split the amount).

The 19 pot in the first 6 games came to \$27.25 won by Marie Bierworth of Edmonton and the afternoons was \$31.50 won by

Barb Chalinor of Gunn. Even by winning these small pots, the days entry fee cost is covered.

This was our organizations 7th crib tournament and we all appreciate the support from the surrounding communities. Con-

gratulations to all the winners and we hope your day was enjoyable. Also a special thanks to all the volunteers who contribute to making this event run smoothly.

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First Nations Getting New Water Systems

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The program supports the elimination of long-term drinking water advisories, while making sure there is sustainable drinking water on reserves.

Grants are given to local water commissions or water supply municipalities to extend their service to First Nations.

“As Alberta continues on the journey of reconciliation, it is of the utmost importance that Indigenous people have access to safe, clean and reliable drinking water. Building up capability

and ensuring water sovereignty for First Nations is my top priority.” - Richard Feehan, Minister of Indigenous Relations

“We’re very pleased to have concluded an agreement with Alberta in December of 2018 that both respects and protects our treaty rights and self-government and, at the same time, is a key part of securing an abundant, safe and reliable water supply for decades to come. We are hopeful the agreement will also serve as a model for resolving future water disputes between Alberta and other First Nations.

This is a positive development.” - Chief Craig Makinaw, Ermineskin First Nation

“I want to commend the province on the work they’ve completed over the past four years – and specifically their commitment to making a positive impact in Indigenous communities. Our members have experienced the direct benefits of provincial programs that are aimed at improving the community’s overall safety, health and well-being, and the First Nations Regional Drinking Water Tie-In Program is one such example.” - Chief

Bernice Martial, Cold Lake First Nation

“Projects that create the ability for First Nation communities to access potable water and wastewater infrastructure, which helps to build capacity to serve their communities, are truth and reconciliation in action. I applaud the efforts Alberta and the federal government are taking, by providing funds directly earmarked to insure full inclusion and full partnership at the decision-making table.” - Lorne Olsvik, West Interlake Water Commission

QUICK FACTS


The First Nations Regional Drinking Water Tie-In Program invests roughly \$100 million over six years:

- 2017-18: \$14.5 million
- 2018-19: \$24.4 million
- 2019-20: \$24.4 million
- 2020-21: \$12.8 million
- 2021-22: \$12.2 million
- 2022-23: \$9.6 million

Current funded projects:

- Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
- Paul First Nation
- Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation
- Cold Lake First Nations
- Frog Lake First Nation
- Dene Tha’ First Nation
- Alexander First Nation
- Beaver Lake Cree Nation
- Ermineskin Cree Nation
- Mikisew Cree First Nation

NOTICE TO MEMBERS




46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:00 P.M. Beef on a Bun

7:00 P.M. Meeting




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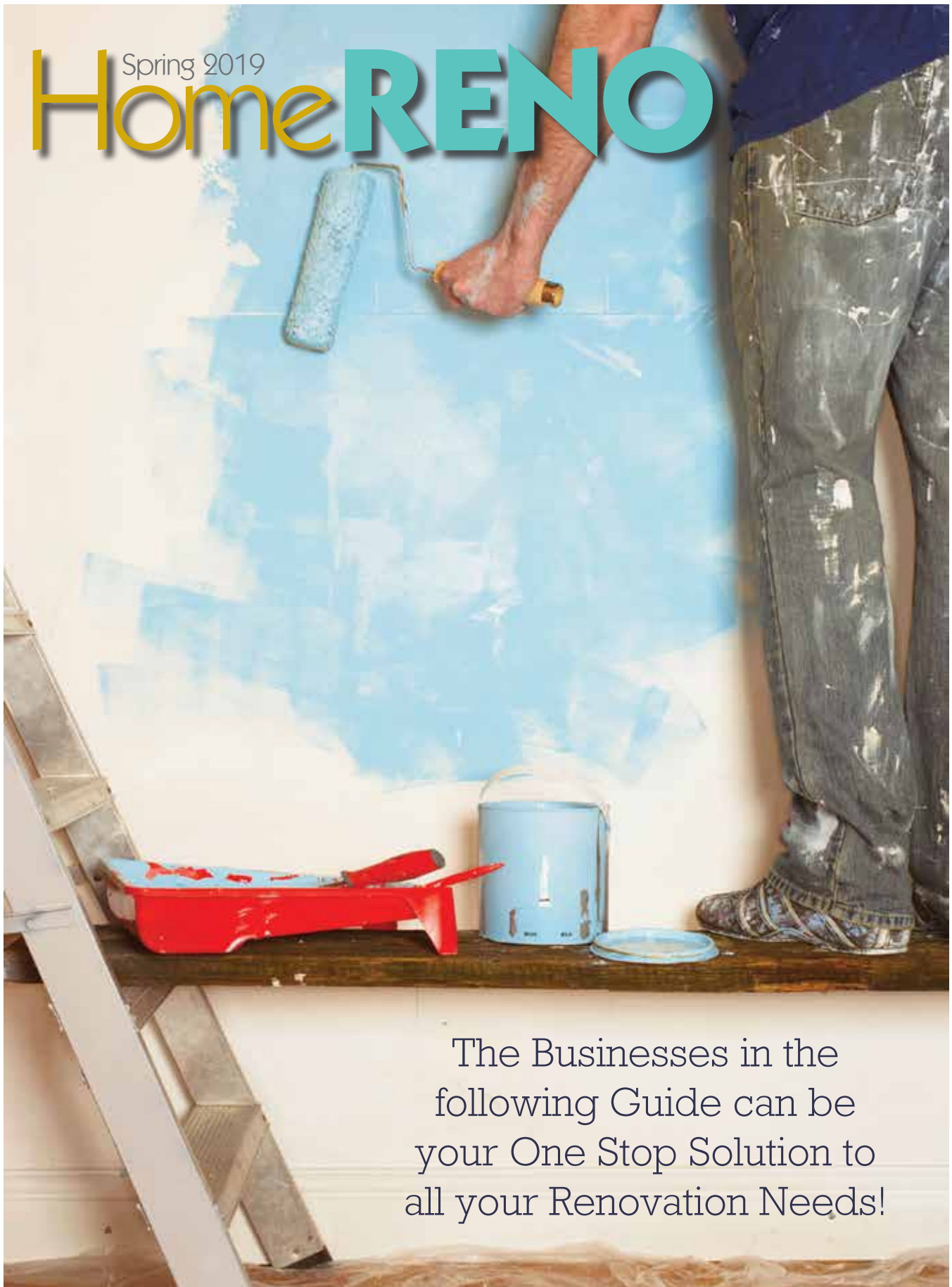
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HOW TREE SERVICES CAN PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Cold weather can take its toll on a property, especially in regions of the world where winters are harsh. By the end of winter, many homeowners wonder if their trees would benefit from some professional TLC.

Tree services provide a host of services. While fall is a popular time to

remove trees from a property, doing so in spring is not unheard of, especially if trees were affected by winter storms and now pose a threat to a home and the people who live inside it.

Homeowners considering tree services can explore the following

ways that some professional arbor attention can protect them and their homes.

• Tree services can help protect a home's foundation. Old trees that stretch well into the sky can be captivating, but they also can pose a threat to a home's foundation. Such

trees may have especially large root zones that may extend beneath walkways and even a home. In the latter instance, foundations may crack as roots try to stake their claim to the ground beneath a home. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, homeowners pay an average of just over \$4,000 to repair foundation issues, though major problems can cost considerably more than that. A professional tree service can remove aging trees that might be beautiful and awe-inspiring but still pose a threat to a home and the areas surrounding it.

• Tree services can improve visibility. Trees that have aged a bit since their last trimming might affect the view of a property from inside a home. Overgrown branches can compromise residents' ability to see and experience the natural beauty just outside their windows. The average homeowner may be able to trim short trees on his or her own, but if views from the second floor of a home or higher have been compromised, it's much safer to call a professional tree service. Such services have the right tools and experienced personnel necessary to safely trim high branches on tall trees.

• Tree services can help prevent future damage. Even if trees make it through a recent winter unscathed, that's no guarantee next winter or even the coming seasons of spring, summer and fall won't ultimately prove their undoing. Travelers Insurance notes that weather-related roof damage, including damage resulting from falling limbs and branches weighed down by snow during the winter months, accounted for more than half of all Travelers property loss claims between 2009 and 2016. According to BNC Insurance and Risk Advisors, homeowners may be liable if a tree they knew posed a threat falls onto a passerby or a neighbor's property and causes damage or injury. Having all trees properly trimmed each year, but especially those that can fall on your home and your neighbors' homes, may prevent future damage and legal issues.

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TIME TO REPLACE OLD WIRING?

Old homes can be charming and contain architectural elements not often seen in many modern housing developments. But what older homes may have in design appeal, they may lack in updated features.

While cosmetic changes are not necessarily difficult, one area of concern in historic homes - and sometimes even in houses built 40 or 50 years ago - is archaic wiring. Wiring provides power to every room of the home. In today's electronics-driven society, electricity that works is an essential component of daily life. Over time, wiring can be compromised through simple aging, pest infiltration, weather, or other conditions. Deteriorated wiring can present a shock hazard and also a serious fire hazard, warn the home renovation experts at The Spruce. Further-

more, the home improvement site This Old House advises that the amperage of old wiring may not be able to meet the needs of the devices used in homes - overpowering the circuits. This can cause breaker blowouts and other problems, such as overheated wires that may spark and cause fires from within the wall.

Wiring often falls into the "out of sight, out of mind" category. Homeowners may make allowances for inadequate electrical systems, such as running extension cords or using multiplug connectors to increase their wiring capacity. However, they may not be diligently keeping on top of upgrades needed to stay safe. Confirming that a home's electrical system is safe is a necessary part of home maintenance.

For those who haven't already done so, schedule an inspection

with a licensed electrician to go over the home's wiring. He or she can determine if any areas pose a safety risk and/or do not conform to local code requirements and the National Electrical Code. Failure to meet code can lead to difficulty obtaining

permits to make other home renovations, or difficulty selling a home later on.

The electrician can also go over improvements that can improve safety and function.

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ITEMS TO GET YOU STARTED ON CREATING YOUR SMART HOME

Technology has changed the way people live in the 21st century. Once ubiquitous, land lines anchored to kitchen walls have now given way to smartphones that can be taken anywhere. Bulky television sets that required at least two people to

move have been replaced with high-definition offerings so light and thin they can be mounted on living room walls.

It's no great surprise that technology also is changing the physical places we call home. Smart homes are a rapidly grow-

ing trend. In a typical smart home, devices such as the thermostat, television and even the refrigerator can be controlled remotely through the internet.

Converting an existing home into a smart home can seem intimidating, especially for people

who don't consider themselves tech savvy. But today's user-friendly technology makes it relatively easy for anyone to turn his or her home into a smarter one.

Before you get started, recognize that there are certain must-have items to turn a home into a smart home.

Hub

The hub refers to software or hardware that connects all of your devices and gets them to work together. Think of the various devices you have and then think of their manufacturers. Chances are strong you have devices manufactured by various companies, and enabling those to work together might seem impossible. A hub does that work for you. And because they can be connected to your smartphone, hubs also make it possible to control devices while you're away from home.

WiFi router

Some people rent their routers from their internet/cable providers, while others buy their own routers. Regardless of which category you fall into, you're going to need a good WiFi router to get your smart home up and running. Determine which type of WiFi your home currently has and then find a router that's compatible with that WiFi. Request a list of routers that are compatible with your WiFi from your service provider, as not all routers will necessarily work with your internet connection. If possible, upgrade to the fastest WiFi your internet provider offers, as that will make your smart home that much more enjoyable and frustration-free.

Devices

You won't necessarily need to upgrade your devices to get a smart home.

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In fact, if you control or can control any device in your home with a smartphone, you are already on your way to having a smart home. Upgrading to a

programmable thermostat that's compatible with your smartphone might be a great idea if your current thermostat is old and not internet-compatible. With a programmable thermostat, you can control the tem-

perature in your home remotely. That ensures the home is a comfortable temperature when you arrive home and allows you to turn off costly heating and cooling units when no one is home.

Smart homes may seem futuristic. But chances are strong your home only needs some simple, inexpensive upgrades to join the smart home revolution.

Time To Replace Old Wiring?

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Additional outlets, including GFCI outlets in kitchens and bathrooms, may be part of the plan, as well as rewiring a fuse box or circuit panel to allow for better flow of power around the house. Frayed wiring or underinsulated wiring also may need to

be replaced. Owners of old homes should recognize possible electrical system dangers that require attention. Plus, considering electrical codes change quite frequently, it is always in a homeowner's best interest to work with a qualified electrician to keep wiring inspected and up to date.

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IMPROVING CARE FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR FAMILIES

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to inform constituents that the Department of Health has announced funding to support Canadian researchers who will work with international collaborators to improve health and social services for people living

with dementia and their families. Through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Public Health Agency of Canada, \$1 million will be contributed to the total investment of nearly \$6.8 million over three years for three international research projects funded under the EU Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND).

The projects are:
• COGNISANCE: Co-designing dementia diagnosis and post-diagnostic care
• Scaling up the Family Care Decision Support Intervention: A transnational effectiveness-implementation evaluation
• Integrated Parkinson Care Networks: addressing complex care in Parkinson disease in contemporary

society. “Dementia is a global public health challenge. More than 419,000 Canadians aged 65 and over live with diagnosed dementia. This research will improve the lives of those with dementia and their family caregivers giving them tools to make important decisions and guide them to resources and support services,” concluded MP Eglinski.

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Dan Ivanov, Communications Department | Yellowhead County

March 12, 2019
Edson Forest Products Presentation – A representative from Edson Forest Products presented to council in regards to the Olivine burner, which burns excess hog (a type of wood waste). The burner’s purpose is to limit the stockpiling of excess hog as it poses a fire risk to the site.

The burner is closely monitored for air quality control—and no resident complaints have been reported since the burner upgrade. The presenter requested the county’s support of the Edson Forest Product’s application to the government to burn hog for a 12-month period. Council’s decision will be brought forth during the next council meeting.
Historical Interpretive Signage Policy – County council approved this policy, which would allow res-

idents or groups to make use of an application process to commemorate a historical event or site.
Rural and Remote Service Provision– Council moved to write a letter to Alberta Community and Social Services regarding the necessity to review services and programs for their impact on rural and remote residents. Many county communities are remote, and currently face the issue of long-distance travel to reach important services. Council

also moved to advocate to the Rural Municipalities Association, in the form of a resolution, for better provincial consideration of the needs of rural and remote communities.
2019 Summer Gravel Program Tender Award – Council awarded the 2019 Summer Gravel Program contract to Jones Trucking & Backhoe Ltd. in the amount of \$1,064,981.10.

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Submitted by Kerri Gibson Loranger | Theatre Marketing Coordinator | Horizon Stage & City of Spruce Grove

Spruce Grove, AB - Known for her smoky voice and infectious warmth, Krystle Dos Santos' concerts are intimate and otherworldly. Taking new music and, mixing it with the old, she creates something undefined and magnificent. An accomplished singer-songwriter and performer, Krystle brings her eclectic style, powerful vocal prowess, and magnetic charm to every performance. In Motown Revue, she pairs original soul music with beloved Motown classics made famous by

Nina Simone, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, and the Supremes. Krystle and her band will have the audience grooving in their seats at Horizon Stage on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.

A graduate of the Canadian College of Performing Arts, Krystle Dos Santos released her self-titled debut, award-winning album in 2008. She was instantly recognized as a force by the Western Canadian Music Awards, winning the Urban Recording of the Year. That same album charted for six weeks on CJSR FM88's Urban chart and was top ten on 92.5 The X in BC. One of the singles from the album even appeared in an Episode of ABC's Samantha

Who?

Krystle completed her second album in 2011. Femme Fatale, as it was aptly titled, again revealed Dos Santos' versatility and her ability to capture the audience with an eclectic mix of dance and funk, but always with the soulful jazz vocals for which she was becoming renowned.

With key performances at the Edmonton International Jazz Festival, Whistler International Film Festival, and the Honey Jam Showcase in Toronto, Krystle has had many opportunities to put her live shows on full display. She has performed on stage with Stevie Wonder, in the musical Dreamgirls, and in her own original productions. These days

Krystle can be seen performing regularly on stages in Vancouver with The Lovemakers, in Edmonton with the The Black Mambas, and all across Canada. She last performed in Spruce Grove as part of the City's 2017 Canada Day Celebration in Jubilee Park.

Groove to your favourite Motown songs from the 60s and 70s with Krystle Dos Santos, at Horizon Stage on Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for Adults and \$30 for Students and Seniors and may be purchased at the City Hall Ticket Centre (315 Jespersen Ave), by phone at 780-962-8995 or 1-888-655-9090, and online by visiting and clicking on the 'Tickets' link.

Yellowhead County Council Highlights

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Land Expropriation (Baseline Road Project) – Council moved to continue expropriation of the land being part of the SW 1-57-14-W5 that is required for the reconstruction of Baseline Road. No notices of objection have been filed.

Request for Tax Penalty Forgiveness – Council denied the request for forgiveness of the tax penalty for a local resident whose penalties are \$178.87 for 2017 and \$280.08 in 2018.

Incorporation of Cannabis Related Uses – Council for Yellowhead County gave second and third reading to Bylaw 01.19, which is a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw 16.13, to incorporate definitions for cannabis-related uses and add cannabis-related uses as discretionary in some districts.

Financial Auditor Appointment – Council for Yellowhead County awarded the contract for audit services to Metrix Group LLP for the 2019, 2020, and 2021 financial audits.

The next Council Meeting is March 26, 2019. The next Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting is April 16, 2019. All meetings start at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.



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GYPSD MARCH SCHOOL NEWS



Submitted by Nikki Gilks, Manager, Communications Services | Grande Yellow-head Public School Division

EVANSVIEW SCHOOL

We had an eventful month at Evansview Elementary School! Starting with some snow days, the majority of our students stayed bundled up at home in the -40 degree weather. When the cold snap was over and students returned, a magician 'magically' appeared at our school for a fun performance on our 100th day too - discussing all the ways to make 100.

During Valentine's Day, some of our Grade 3-6 students took a leadership role and planned a Valentine's

Day dance for the entire school that included lots of dancing, a photo booth, and snacks to enjoy. Students really enjoyed themselves, and the whole school was very thankful to our young leaders for planning the successful event.

We also celebrated Pink Shirt Day in February. Our first pink shirt activity was having the students discuss ways they can show respect to others and then pledging to stop bullying. They wrote their pledge on a paper copy of a pink shirt and posted it on our Pink Shirt Day bulletin board. We then had our family groups do an activity on Pink Shirt Day, focusing on the effects of bullying. Overall, we had quite a fun month in Evansview School, despite



the cold temperatures!

GRAND TRUNK HIGH SCHOOL (GTHS)

Even though February is the shortest month, lots has happened at Grand Trunk High School. The month began with some very cold days and ended the same way. February 11 was our first day of class in the new semester, delayed a bit by winter weather. New courses mean new challenges and excitement at Grand Trunk. Our 'Grab n' Go' snack program started this month, offering students healthy grab-and-go items. We are working through the process of ensuring all students have healthy food options in our school. Students who eat well are more productive and successful.

The students' union organized some Valentine's Day activities, including candy grams and student matchmaker sheets. They also prepared a hot lunch of homemade macaroni and cheese for our students this month. Our GT School Council worked hard along with many supports from our community and held a pancake breakfast on February 15th. We would like to thank each and every school council volunteer for providing their time to cook for our students, and to the Evansburg community for their support. GT School Council and Sammy's Restaurant also organized a hot lunch on Thursday, February 28th. Once again, their support is phenomenal!

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GYPSD March School News

Kindness Week, students were presented with messages regarding being kind. Students were also celebrated for their acts of kindness. Finishing the month, February 27th was Pink Shirt Day and its theme was 'Choose Kindness' – something seen often throughout our hallways and classrooms. GTHS staff prepared a pancake breakfast for our students to begin the day.

Congratulations to our Junior A boys basketball team who placed fourth in the GYAC tournament. Our Junior A girls and Junior B boys teams both played hard as well. A memorable moment was when our seven Junior B boys played against a team of 17 and won, demonstrating their incredible heart. Our junior girls played hard against three difficult teams. We are incredibly proud of how well all junior athletes played - their sportsmanship and representation of GT was spectacular! Our senior girls' basketball team won gold in a tournament in Stettler. Our senior boys faced many difficult teams at that tournament and will be ready for more challenges coming up, including zones.

Teachers took part in lots of learning activities during the month of February. February was Teachers' Convention time and staff had the opportunity to attend some really informative, interactive and exciting sessions. As well, three GTHS staff members attended 'Reading for the Love of It', a literacy conference hosted in Toronto. These staff members are excited to share what they learned with students and other staff members.

WILDWOOD SCHOOL

The cold weather has meant lots and lots of indoor recess time and the students and staff at Wildwood School are looking forward to getting outside once this cold snap comes to an end. Ms. Gunderman and the junior high outdoor education class helped Darrell Hunter set up the shinny rinks, and students are looking forward to getting outside to play on the rinks and the playground. Wildwood School would like to thank Darrell for all of the help with the rinks.

Being quite some distance from the mountains does not mean that our students don't enjoy skiing and snowboarding. With many students expressing interest in pursuing these activities, Ms. Gunderman and Mrs. Kolotyluk put together our first annual 'Bus To Ski' program. We are happy to be sending 16 students to Rabbit Hill on a weekly basis to im-

prove their skiing ability. The students will take part in four different trips with the final trip open to students who are interested in attending one full day of skiing. During this time, students will have the opportunity to increase their skills so they are ready for the mountains when they get the opportunity.

Our kindergarten to Grade 3 students recently participated in the 'Fairy Tale Celebrations' taking place at the Wildwood Library. The first day saw cold temperatures that prevented students from walking over to the library, so the library ladies came to the school to ensure our students didn't miss out. It was

a great treat to have the ladies come to the school and was appreciated by our students.

On February 26th, our Grade 4-9 students took part in 'Hockey Hooky' with the Edmonton Oil Kings. The students enjoyed the trip to Roger's Place, and watched the Edmonton Oil Kings defeat the Swift Current Broncos by a score of 11 to 1. The students had a great time and would like to thank all of the supervisors who attended the game and especially Mr. Schendel, for leading the way through Roger's Place.

Pink Shirt Day in Wildwood included a special presentation from

juggler, Paul Isaak. While Paul entertained students with his juggling wizardry, he also infused messages of inclusion and the importance of building one another up into his act. Students were told how important it is to celebrate one another's differences, and recognize the talents each of us have that makes us unique. Wildwood School would like to thank Yellowhead County FCSS for their support to provide each of our students with a pink T-shirt along with the wonderful presentation. We would not have been able to make this happen without their support for the idea and the program.

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Auto TUNE-UP

BUYERS' GUIDE TO FINANCING A VEHICLE

The price of the average car continues to rise. Analysts at Edmunds estimate the average transaction price of a new vehicle now hovers at roughly \$36,000. Few people can walk into a car dealership and pay such a price in cash, which means that savvy shoppers need to familiarize themselves with the financing process in order to get their dream rides.

In addition to finding the perfect car or truck, buyers must spend time researching the ideal way to pay for it. Car loans are key to the car-buying process. Too often shoppers wait until they're in the negotiating seat at the dealership before they even know what they can spend, and this can be a mis-

take. A poor financing deal hurts buyers over the long run and may lead to defaulting on the loan and dealing with the credit fallout that defaulting produces.

Vehicle financing is a step-by-step process that should begin long before consumers even pick out a car.

- Examine your spending and saving. Start by looking at your finances and establish a budget. How much cash do you have on hand for a down payment? Also, how much can you comfortably devote to a new car payment and requisite auto insurance? You can use automotive loan calculators to get a rough idea of what a particular car will cost

you in terms of monthly payments.

- Know your credit standing. Great credit will give you financing leverage. Understand your credit score and which factors may be bringing it down. Resolve any issues well before you apply for financing so a bad score will not hurt you.

- Visit lenders. The financing deal offered by the dealership might not be the best price possible. You can get preapproved/prequalified for an auto loan the same way you do for a home mortgage at banks and credit unions. This helps you secure the best interest rate possible. It also provides negotiating power. A

preapproval letter puts you in the position as a stronger "cash buyer," states the financial resource NerdWallet.

- Set a firm buying price. Preapprovals and working with a third-party lender gives you a specific amount of money you know you can borrow. Use this as a tool to keep the negotiated price low because you cannot exceed your preapproved amount. It also may be a way to push dealership finance managers to contact their own captive lenders to try to beat the rate offered by your existing lender.

Work is needed to secure the best price on a new car, and that work begins long before visiting a dealership.


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EXPLAINING YOUR USED CAR WARRANTY OPTIONS

Purchasing a previously owned vehicle requires a leap of faith. Even after relying on a test drive and a thorough inspection by a mechanic, it's impossible to know how the previous owner drove and maintained the vehicle and the wear and tear it may have endured. Drivers also cannot predict any issues that may crop up after signing a purchase contract. A certified pre-owned warranty from the dealership, an extended warranty or a different type of aftermarket warranty product can offer some peace of mind.

Navigating these warranties can take some savviness. Certified pre-owned warranties tend to be the smartest bet in the realm of used car warranties. This is because factory warranties are

backing the product, and the vehicles that are given the CPO stamp have been properly vetted and are in great shape to be insurable, according to IntelliChoice, a company that develops and distributes consumer automobile ownership data, ratings of vehicles based on their consumer value, leasing cost data, and Certified Pre-Owned Program analysis. Many car companies conduct small repairs to prepare a vehicle for CPO status, and cars are inspected thoroughly to ensure they are worthy of being backed by the factory warranty. This is a boon to buyers because they know they are likely getting a quality vehicle.

There are mixed reviews by automotive experts on other af-

termarket warranties, often billed as "vehicle protection plans" and "service contracts." Some people believe they can save a lot of money. Others feel that they aren't redeemed enough to warrant the out-of-pocket cost, and that paying for repairs alone is more cost-effective.

Autotrader, a vehicle value estimator and buying/selling tool, says that an extended warranty is rarely a good buy on a used car, but there are a few exceptions. If the car is notoriously unreliable (check J.D. Power reliability ratings), purchasing a warranty can be a smarter buy. Drivers should look for an exclusionary (bumper to bumper) warranty, which covers all items except for ones specifically excluded on a list. This

type of warranty is more comprehensive, and there's less of a risk that a claim will be denied. Other warranties include powertrain warranties, which only cover the vehicle's most important and expensive components. A WRAP warranty also may be attractive, as it will extend coverage to the few items that may no longer be covered by the original manufacturer's warranty.

Buyers also can try to negotiate a warranty, if the car is not CPO, into the purchase price as an incentive for buying the vehicle. Individuals can speak with the salesperson to find a deal - and coverage - that works for them.

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO CLINICAL INFORMATION ON DRUGS AND MEDICAL DEVICES

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to inform constituents that Health Canada will publish on March 20, 2019, the final regulations allowing for the public release of clinical information on drugs and medical devices. This will give Canadians greater access to reliable information that will enable them to make well-informed decisions about their health and that of their families. The data

that companies provide when requesting authorization of these products will include study reports and clinical trial results. These regulations are one of key transparency measures introduced under Vanessa’s Law. The Department will consult manufacturers to ensure that confidential and personal information is removed before it releases any data.

Clinical information will be made available to Canadians through Health Canada’s new Clinical Information Portal as of March 13, 2019 and will include

clinical information on a small number of products provided by volunteer companies in advance of the final regulations.

Proactive disclosure for medical devices will start in 2021, to coincide with steps the European Union is taking to increase the transparency of clinical information for medical devices, and to reduce the burden on stakeholders by aligning approaches. Health Canada will also make information about drugs and medical devices already on the market available upon request and add this information to the

portal. Health Canada consulted extensively with academic researchers, health care professionals, patient groups and industry on this approach to determine what information should be shared and in what form.

“This will help researchers tap into and use to benefit the health and safety of Canadians,” concluded MP Eglinski.

For more information please go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/drugs-health-products/medical-devices-action-plan.html>

RIDING UPDATE – WEEKS OF MARCH 4 & 11, 2019

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

March 11, 2019

During the week of March 4th, I took some time off to visit friends I haven’t seen in quite a while.

On Saturday, March 9th, I met with constituents in Wildwood and had a very enjoyable supper with them.

On Monday, March 11, I spent the day in my riding office, getting caught up on my emails, phone calls and scheduling events for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday, I met with constituents in Edson and on Wednesday, I met and toured the new expansion at Acreage Pharms in Peers. That afternoon, I visited Parkland Composite High School in Edson where I met with grade 11 Social Studies students. It is always a pleasure to meet with students in the riding to get their perspective on what is happening federally and answer any questions they may have.

On Thursday, I spent the day in the riding office and on Friday afternoon, my wife, Nancy, and

I, along with many community friends and neighbours, attended the afternoon prayer at the local mosque in Edson. I was pleased to see the community so united. That evening Nancy and I attended the 75th Annual Chamber Banquet and Awards event at Lou Soppit Community Centre in Rocky Mountain House.

On Saturday, I drove to Edmonton and on the way, stopped to see some constituents just west of Sylvan Lake. Then I continued to Edmonton for my flight back to Ottawa the next morning as the House will be re-

convening on March 18th.

Look for my update next week on the happenings of Parliament.

P.S. I want to wish all my constituents a Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

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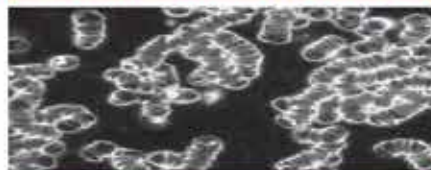
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