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STEFFLER FAMILY RECEIVES LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY FARM FAMILY AWARD



Submitted by Onoway and District Historical Guild

Fifteen families from northern and central Alberta were recently awarded the 2020 Farm Family Award. Because of COVID, this presentation was delayed but at last, they were

honored at Farmfair 2021 held in Edmonton this past November. The award goes to families who best represent the values of the family farm and recognizes their farming business practices and community involvement.

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LOCAL GARDENERS EMBRACE 2022 YEAR OF THE GARDEN

Submitted by Sangudo and District Horticultural Club

The days are getting longer and gardeners are looking forward spring. Members of the Sangudo and District Horticultural Club (SHC) are ready to roll out a full year of guest presentations, summer tours, and

community projects.

Meeting and sharing information are key goals for most garden groups- for now that will be happening online via Zoom. While not the same as meeting in person, it does offer the advantage of connecting with more speakers from farther away.

First up is the 15th Annual

Gardeners Day on Saturday, January 29. It is a day packed with four speakers, three timely topics, door prizes, photo contest, and lots of time to ask gardening questions.


SHC meetings are held on the fourth Monday of most months.

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Steffler Family Receives Lac Ste. Anne County Farm Family Award

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Robert and Darcie Steffler and their children Logan, Lane and Amanda were the award recipients for Lac Ste. Anne County.

The Steffler family farm, located east of Onoway, is now into the fifth generation to live and work on the farm. The land was previously owned by Robert's great-grandfather William, his grandfather Norman and then his father Clayton. The Stefflers run a mixed operation with 1,100 acres in grain, 400 acres in hay and 200 cow/calf pairs.

To keep up to speed with changing farming practices, Robert started several years ago with his Green Certificate course. Darcie works

as a veterinary technologist. Amanda, a graduate of Olds College's agriculture management program, recently started her own purebred Simmental herd. Logan and Lane work off farm apprenticing as heavy equipment technicians. Logan also has a mechanical equipment engineering diploma.

The Stefflers recently had challenging times as some of the cows calved during the spell of -30° to -40° weather.

The Stefflers are all extremely active in the 4-H program, having volunteered with the organization for a number of years.

Congratulations to the Steffler family for their outstanding achievement.

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B: Does he drink whiskey?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: Does he ever come home late?

A: No, he doesn't.

B: I guess you really do have the perfect son. How old is he?

A: He will be six months old next Wednesday.



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County News Highlights

January 27, 2022

County Council Meeting
Cancelled

February 10, 2022

County Council Meeting

County Council Zoom meetings begin at 9:30 am. Visit LSAC.ca/council for meeting agendas. To address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

DIGITAL SERVICE SQUAD

Innovative new economic development program

One of the ways the County helps local business owners succeed is via the Digital Service Squad. This is a brand new — and free — pilot program provided by the Government of Alberta in partnership with Business Link and Digital Main Street.

Got a licensed County business? Awesome! That means you're likely eligible for one-on-one training on digital tools and technologies to grow your online presence and drive more traffic to your door.

To take advantage of this pilot program, visit LSAC.ca/business or contact Economic Development Manager Sherry Poole via email at spoole@LSAC.ca.

SEPTIC SENSE: SOLUTIONS FOR RURAL LIVING

Understanding and taking care of your septic system

Rural property owners are responsible for ensuring their systems operate properly and safely. If you have a septic system on your rural property, you will benefit from attending this virtual workshop.

Date: Wednesday, February 23

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free

Registration: Register online at Leduc-county.com/septic-sense

This workshop includes a homeowner information package. Workshop participants may pick up a package at their participating County office prior to or after the presentation.

For more information or registration assistance, contact Kim by phone at 780.387.6182 or via email at kimb@leduc-county.com.

This online workshop is presented by the Counties of Lac Ste. Anne, Leduc, Parkland, Wetaskiwin and the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or devassistant@LSAC.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
22-D0003	Lot 7, Block 6, Plan 2287MC Four Oakes within SE 35-56-02 W5M 236, 56514 RGE RD 21	2022 Modular Home 28.0' x 32.0' (896 sq. ft.) 9'0" walls, 2nd floor 26.0' x 22.0' (572 sq. ft.) 8'0" walls, deck 12.0' x 28.0' (336 sq. ft.), 2nd deck 6.56' x 28.0' (184 sq. ft.), South Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 3.5m, Variance: 2.5m; East Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 5.0m, Variance: 1.0m	Feb. 7, 2022
21-D0249	Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 0821678, Cheyenne Estates within SW 17-54-02 W5M 13, 54207 RGE RD 25	Sea Can/Shipping Container 8.0' x 20.0' (160.0 sq. ft.) 8'6" walls	Feb. 14, 2022

Anyone who claims to be affected, and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments, must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

Local Gardeners Embrace 2022 Year of the Garden

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February 28's guest presenter Dustin Bajer is an educator, master gardener, beekeeper, and permaculture designer. He will share his enthusiasm for the rewarding world of woody plant propagation from seeds and cuttings.

In March the conversation turns to growing and caring for perennial flowers with Jen Gruninger, of Farm Fresh Florals. Just in time for planting, SHC members will take a deep dive into growing potatoes.

From May to August Club members plan to head outdoors. In May these capable gardeners spend an evening

pruning and planting in the Hamlet of Sangudo. The annual plant sale is a great opportunity to find something new for the landscape. Then it is time for tours, with trips planned to Kiwi Nursery, members' yards, and a market garden with an awesome root cellar.

Finishing the season indoors, there are opportunities to share garden successes, learn about growing hydrangeas, and swap some houseplant cuttings.

Details on all these events are posted on the Sangudo and District Horticulture Club Facebook page. Not on Facebook? Contact Heather at SangudoHortClub@gmail.com or 780-674-1575. New members and drop-in visitors are always welcome.



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CHANGES TO THE RULES RESPECTING TRACK SAFETY

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Transport Canada has approved another phase of changes to the Rules Respecting Track Safety, which focus on track inspection frequency and the use of automated track inspection technology. These changes are

the result of a Ministerial Order that was issued in 2020 to address major risks that could cause derailments due to the condition of railway infrastructure.

Due to these latest changes, railway companies will be required to:

- increase the frequency of railway track inspections in

higher risk areas where trains travel at faster speeds while carrying a greater tonnage of freight;

- follow new procedures governing the use of advanced automated track inspection technology; and

- ensure inspection data clearly identifies the exact date and track mileage of any track

inspection so that rail safety inspectors can effectively verify compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Rules Respecting Track Safety specify safety requirements that railway companies must follow when inspecting and maintaining their railway track infrastructure.

ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Picnic in the Winter

Picnic in the Winter with Scott on Friday, January 28. He and his helpers will serve summer picnic food – BBQ burgers and hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, and fresh veggies with chocolate sundaes for dessert. It all costs just \$10.

Make sure you reserve your spot by the evening of Wednesday, January 26 by calling or texting Linda at 780-907-6300. Remember, only double-vaccinated people will be allowed into the hall, but take-out orders are available by reservation.

Change to Legion Dinners

Beginning Friday, Feb. 4, a full dinner will be served at the Onoway Legion only every two weeks. In between, soup and sandwiches will be served for \$10/person. This change has been made because Covid has kept many regulars away from our dinners.

Menu for Feb. 4

For the first soup & sandwich Friday, Chris will prepare roast beef soup, and serve it with Croque Monsieur (a grilled ham, cheese and egg sandwich). The bar will be open as usual, so come on out for an evening of socializing.

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PARKLAND RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE THREE SUSPECTS FOR KIDNAPPING

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Mar. 20, 2021, Parkland RCMP received a report of a victim who was found seriously injured on a rural roadway in Parkland County. Preliminary investigation revealed that the 39-year-old female had been kidnapped from Alexander First Nation prior to being assaulted.

The victim's injuries were life-threatening and she was transported to the hospital via ambulance. She has since been released and is recovering.

Subsequent to a lengthy investigation, Parkland RCMP have arrested:

- Shayla Louise Rattlesnake (32) of Edmonton
- Jason Tyler Bruno (24) of Edmonton

•Venessia Katelynn Cardinal (28) of Edmonton

All three suspects are currently in custody and have been jointly charged with:

- Aggravated assault
- Kidnapping
- Forcible confinement.

Venessia Cardinal is scheduled to appear for a bail hearing on Jan. 12, 2022 in Stony Plain. Shayla Rattlesnake and

Jason Bruno are scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 19, 2022 in Stony Plain.

As these matters are now before the courts, we do not anticipate any further updates.

The victim's name will not be released.

SUPPORTING MUNICIPAL INITIATIVES IN LAC ST. ANNE-PARKLAND

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Alberta's government is investing over \$50,000 in the Town of Mayerthorpe.

This money will help the municipalities complete various rural road and water infra-

structure projects through the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI).

"Whenever any municipalities in Lac St. Anne-Parkland have a need, it's my honour to advocate for them. Our government is listening to the municipalities helping to ad-

dress their concerns. On behalf of my constituents, I want to extend my sincere thanks to Minister McIver for approving these items for funding."

Shane Getson - MLA for Lac St. Anne-Parkland

Below is a list of approved MSI funding in the Lac St.

Anne-Parkland constituency:

- \$39,900 towards replacing sidewalks in the Town of Mayerthorpe; and,
- \$12,500 towards the purchase of an infrastructure management software system for the Town of Mayerthorpe.

LAC STE ANNE PARKLAND NDP RIDING ASSOCIATION PRAISES ALBERTA HEALTH AND ITS WORKERS

Submitted by Lac Ste Anne Parkland NDP

We are two years into the Covid-19 pandemic. Now more than ever we need to appreciate our health system and health workers.

These past two years have been tough. Many people have criticized our public system for not being ready. However, successive governments could not have foreseen the situation arising as it did. Even if they had, preparing for it would have been difficult and the adaptations great.

The change to procedures and protocols at our hospitals has been a giant undertaking. Having to source and purchase large amounts of protective gear and specialized equipment such as respirators was done quickly and effectively. The large, unexpected number of Albertans needing health care led to nurses, doctors, and other personnel reassigned from regular duties to serve new demands. Many of us know about surgeries being delayed while our health care professionals laboured around the clock to keep up.

Our health care workers have conducted themselves very professionally despite interference in their terms of employment and the unwise summer of spread.

Declaring the pandemic over and opening up Alberta to the 'Best Summer Ever' contrary to the majority medical view led to a devastating fourth wave. Blaming this critical mistake on the public health care system is disingenuous. It is an attempt at deflecting responsibility to others.

It is time to recognize the benefits of our public health

system. Thank goodness we do not have several private corporations that would all have to vie for the same, short-handed staff, the limited safety materials, the devices for treatment and the vaccines. The pandemic may have caused (and still cause) delays in diagnosis and treatment for many of us, but it is working.

The Lac Ste Anne NDP would like to express appreciation for everything our wonderful health care workers have achieved - and continue to achieve - to keep us all safe.



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WHAT MATTERS TO YOU - A FRAGILE DEMOCRACY, AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

They have us outnumbered.

When it comes to countries that don't have a democracy as their form of governance, they outnumber those that believe in democracy. It could be further argued that there are even less pure democratic states, if you take into context which democratic countries still have an attachment to a monarchy in one way shape or form. So, is it any wonder that there are continued pressures chipping away at our democratic values and principles? Further compounding the issue now is also the rise of socialist ideology. It could

be argued that our predominantly capitalistic free enterprise systems are what gave folks the ability for a couple of generations sitting on relative wealth and lack of strife to pontificate on how bad our system might be. If you want to get a real perspective of the neo-Marxism mantra put effect, talk to someone who managed to get out of the countries that fully embraced socialist and communist ideals. These are the folks telling me of all the alarm bells and warning signs they are seeing in our present situation - things that makes them afraid for our future; if we keep flirting with these socialist ideals, we will end up like the countries they fled.

When I was working in the United States managing project teams, I had the opportunity to present at several town council meetings. I also had a chance to get to know my US team members well, and in the process, had a chance to get a decent read on how they felt about their country and democracy. Regardless of their political leanings, they take democracy seriously, and love their country. They are a patriotic bunch, and they value their freedoms. As we all know, they didn't just negotiate their freedoms over a few years - they fought for them. Then of course, to settle the way their country would be run after that, they had a civil war over it. Fighting for

your freedom, overthrowing an oppressor - it all tends to have a generational effect, something that can be very long lasting, imbedded in culture. They pledge allegiance to the flag - to their country - not to a leader, or a monarch. They are one nation under God. Just about every position of authority is voted in, and the most critical positions have an expiry date, such as their Presidential terms. They sure didn't want another pseudo king or queen reigning over them. They needed to have a term limit for that kind of power, if their citizens were to be truly free.

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What Matters to you - A fragile Democracy, and Solutions for the Future

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The US constitution is old compared to the Canadian constitution. Heck, I'm older than the Canadian constitution at the ripe old age of 48. Recently I had a chance to hear from the last surviving person who helped write our constitution, and to sign off on it. Let that sink in for a bit. We as Canadians ran for a long while without a constitution, and in effect, the mother country as it were, being Great Britain, still itself does not have a succinct constitution. The UK is based on common law, bits and pieces of legislation, and precedence set over the long history of that great country, but they do not have a constitution as a standalone document like the USA, or Canada. We are very fortunate to be able to have someone who is still with us to help us clarify the intent of our constitution, and how it came to be, as well as the challenges that they had with a very headstrong "knows better than the rest" Prime Minister at the time. It feels a little like *deja vu* all over again, hearing from a former premier who had to deal with Pierre back in the day, compared to what we have been dealing with the last six years. Something that is left out of the history books, it would seem, were the struggles for the provinces to deal with an overreaching Prime Minister. When they were formalizing the rights of the citizens, hearing from a man who was there up to his elbows in crafting our constitution provides unparalleled insight into what is taking place in present day, and how our constitution isn't being respected as it should.

Unlike the US, we have not had the numerous constitutional challenges, courts ruling on it, or the constitution to be put into full effect during challenging times, real times of turmoil and strife. We as Canadians simply do not have the same experience in these waters. The US had external and internal wars, real big events that could put the country at peril or risk of falling to enemies both foreign and domestic. We, however, find ourselves in an area now, where many policies put into effect have yet to be tested in a court of law, under the real scrutiny of that document that sits above all others - the one document that the law, and the law makers are beholden too. That document was written to be permanent, not to be tampered with.

Times may change, politics may change, but the constitution was written to be unmovable and unfaltering - the thing that holds us together when things could start to come apart. So, when I hear from a person who was at the table, who helped negotiate the words that were to bind us together as a nation and ensure the rights and freedoms of all citizens of this country, I sure as heck listen to what he has to say. When that person is raising the alarm that governments are stepping out of line with their policy, and that interpretations are being made loosely on what freedoms we have, I take that seriously.

When I hear statements made that the constitution can be suspended by the current government in times of strife, war, etc. yes, I believe that as well. So does our constitution. It has four tests however, that the event

would have to meet the applicable criteria. When those same tests are made against several of the current policies that are in place to manage covid...well, they fall short in layman's terms, and massively short by a man who quite literally was an author of that highest law in our country. We had better pay attention. It was my sincere belief that given the data we had at the time, and the impending challenges that our healthcare system was about to face, and for a very short time frame, extraordinary measures were needed to deal with the covid. We are no longer in that state, and we as a country need to put that pandemic genie back in the bottle. Omicron will be the last wave we should be managing. It will infect those who have a vaccine for the initial strain of covid, or those who have not. We are very near to the end of this. As we have seen in recent days, the UK Prime Minister made the declaration in the mother parliament - it's over.

As some may be aware, I was asked before Christmas to be a guest on a podcast hosted by a gentleman named Shaun Newman out of Lloydminster. It was a great experience, and I had a chance to talk about many of the items that I've been working on over the last few years, including the Economic corridors. To many, the concept of defining and formalizing these corridors is our way of building our future in North West Canada. We also spoke about how being an MLA works, how we came to many decisions in the House to vote on certain bills, and how I became an MLA in the first place. I

also spoke about how if people are frustrated, they need to be part of the solution, to flex their democratic muscles as it were, and that begins with being a member of a political party, participating in a community, and being part of that grass roots voice. Shaun liked what he heard and told me a number of the things I said gave him hope, and apparently many of his listeners across our country and in the US felt the same way.

Based on the feedback from that initial interview, I've now been invited to be part of a panel on the 5th of February down in Kitscoty, Alberta to talk just about some of these items. Solutions for the future. I will be the only sitting MLA on the panel, but will be joined by Danielle Smith, Dr. Eric Payne, a lawyer by the name of Andre Memaury, and another Doctor yet to be announced. Tickets are currently on sale for the event and can be found at the Shaun Newman Podcast site (SNP), on my Facebook page, as well as my web page. I look forward to having fulsome discussions and sharing ideas with fellow panel members, as well as those in the audience who will be in attendance. There are several folks out there who still believe in our constitution, and really want to work on solutions that pull us together, not drive us apart. I hope that you can be part of that. Your voice does matter, so flex your democratic muscle and be part of the group that is working hard to put the genie back in the bottle and implementing solutions for the future.

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of the week

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