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March 1, 2022

MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER ON FIREARMS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following during Question Period:

“Mr. Speaker, John, a constituent in my riding, has been a firearm owner for over 50 years. He served in the military and never had an issue related to the firearms he has owned. Many criminals in Canada purchase illegal handguns and commit crimes anywhere

from armed robbery to murder and the government does nothing to stop them.

When will the Liberal government start punishing criminals instead of law-abiding citizens and remove the order in council so that John can sell his firearms?”

Reply:

Hon. Mark Holland (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):

“Mr. Speaker, we have consistently introduced responsible legislation on firearms to make

sure that the laws in place protect Canadians and that lawful firearms ownership is also protected, but that, like all forms of rights and freedoms in our society, comes with reasonable restrictions. Just as in any other element of life, that is what we do with firearms because our priority is the safety of Canadians and making sure that we do not let ideology get in the way of making decisions for public safety.”

NEW AT-HOME COVID-19 TREATMENT ON ITS WAY TO ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans with mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms who are at high risk of developing serious disease will soon have a second option for early treatment.

The first shipments of Paxlovid will be available to Albertans starting Jan. 31. Initial

supply will be limited, so eligibility will be limited to those who will benefit the most. This medication can cause side effects, so it will be available only by prescription after an assessment by a clinician.

Paxlovid is the first COVID-19 treatment approved by Health Canada that can be taken orally at home and the second COVID-19 early treatment op-

tion available in Alberta after Sotrovimab was made available last year.

Treatment with the medication must be started within five days of the onset of symptoms and is intended for use by individuals who have immunosuppressive conditions, are unvaccinated and over the age of 65, or are unvaccinated ...

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GOOD NEWS STORY - TECH PILOT PROGRAM



Submitted by GYPSD

Students taking part in Grand Trunk High School's new IT Specialist Pilot Program took some time to flex their Minecraft and Python coding muscles. In December, the Cobblestone Collective organized

their Hour of Coding, a series of tutorials and challenges showing students how to use Python computer code to apply game modifications to Minecraft.

This change of pace was a welcome break for these students.

They have now started their CompTIA A+ training process, a multi month course that will earn them a worldwide industry recognized certification in IT and Computer Network management.

GYPSD's IT Department is supporting these students with specialized equipment such as a rack server and a network switch so they can put their IT knowledge and skills to practical use.

Students will learn how to set up, modify, and optimize small wired and WiFi networks using this hardware through a series of practical labs and workshops that offer hands-on training for these students.

GOOD NEWS STORY - THREE YEAR EDUCATION PLAN

Submitted by GYPSD

Each year, Alberta's school jurisdictions submit a Three-Year Education Plan that targets areas of focus and identifies strategies the staff will implement or continue to use to improve in growth areas

identified by data from Alberta Education and from data collected on the priorities or targeted areas identified by each school board from its local context.

Last year, Alberta Education introduced the Assurance Framework. Grande Yellow-

head submitted its Three-Year Education Plan, celebrating the Division's successes and identifying the Division's specific goals while incorporating the five domains required in the Alberta Education Assurance Framework.

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"I'm having a baby," – she replies.

"Is the baby in your stomach?" – he asks, with his big eyes.

"Yes, it is," – she says.

"Is it a good baby?" – he asks, with a puzzled look.

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New At-Home COVID-19 Treatment On Its Way To Alberta

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... and over 18 with pre-existing medical conditions that put them at higher risk of severe illness or death.

"It's important that we keep as many Albertans out of hospital as possible. Having Paxlovid available for Albertans to use in their homes is just one more way we can do that. Due to supply and where it will provide the most benefit, access to Paxlovid will be limited initially, but we will continue to press the federal government for more supplies."

Jason Kenney, Premier
 "Making treatment options like Paxlovid available, combined with Alberta's robust vaccine rollout, offers the best protection against severe COVID-19 outcomes. Thank you to every Albertan who has chosen to protect themselves, their families and their com-

munity by getting vaccinated. I continue to encourage every Albertan to get fully vaccinated, especially if they are now eligible for a booster."

Jason Copping, Minister of Health

"We have established the current eligibility criteria to ensure that those who are most at risk and who have no contraindications are able to access this treatment in a timely manner, helping to keep COVID from progressing to a more serious stage. If you are eligible, please contact Health Link as soon as your COVID-19 is confirmed to discuss options for treatment."

Dr. Deena Hinshaw, chief medical officer of health

Eligibility for Paxlovid
 Paxlovid is for use in patients who have a confirmed COVID-19 infection, are within five days of experiencing their first symptoms and meet certain medical criteria.

Eligible conditions include:
 Individuals who have no contraindications and one of the following immunocompromising conditions, regardless of vaccination status:

- transplant recipients
- oncology patients who have received chemotherapy or other immunosuppressive treatment since December 2020
- inflammatory conditions, such as:
 - rheumatoid arthritis;
 - olupus;
 - oinflammatory bowel disease;

Individuals who have no contraindications, are unvaccinated and:

- age 65 and older
- age 18 and older with a pre-existing health condition, including:
 - odabetes (taking medication for treatment)
 - oobesity (BMI >30)
 - ocongestive heart failure

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and moderate to severe asthma

Accessing Paxlovid
 Albertans who meet the eligibility criteria can call Health Link at 1-844-343-0971.

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- In-person & online options



• Visit parklandcounty.com/TaxClinics

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- Hosted in partnership with the SAiF Society
- Two hour in-person presentations
- Three different topics
- Enjoy light refreshments & leave with valuable resources



• Visit parklandcounty.com/Seniors

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Parent and Tot Play Groups

- Wabamun Jubilee Hall
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Wednesdays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Entwistle Hub
4916 51 Street Entwistle
Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



• Register through the online calendar at apfa.ca

Red Cross Youth Programs

- Stay Safe! Program (Ages 9-13)
- Babysitting Course (Ages 11-15)
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• Visit parklandcounty.com/RedCrossPrograms

TAX TIME IS COMING!

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Yellowhead County Volunteer Income Tax Program!

Eligibility Requirements:

Tax Returns must be simple (no business or farm income, no capital gains, no depreciation and not a death return)

Must be a resident of Yellowhead or Parkland County

Reminder: A current tax return is required for federal benefits to continue without disruption, ex: child tax credit, government pensions.

For Low Income Individuals:

- i. 1 person income \$35,000 or less
- ii. 2 person income is \$45,000 or less
- iii. More than 2 persons is \$45,000 plus \$2,500 for each additional person.

This program will start March 1, 2022 to ensure that everyone receives all of their tax slips.

For more information, please call Yellowhead County at 780.325.3782.



CRA Tax Benefits and Scams Online Presentation

March 15 Online Presentation

Canada Revenue Agency Outreach and Yellowhead County FCSS invite you to the following online session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Presenter – Sandra Paul from Canada Revenue Agency Outreach

Scams – How to recognize a scam, examples of Fraudulent communications, and How to protect yourself from Identity Theft.

Benefits and Credits for All – Canada Child Benefit, Child Disability Benefit, Disability Tax Credit, GST, Canada Workers Benefit, and Climate Action Incentiv

To register and receive the online link to participate, please call the Yellowhead County Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 or email Karen Schatz at kschatz@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca

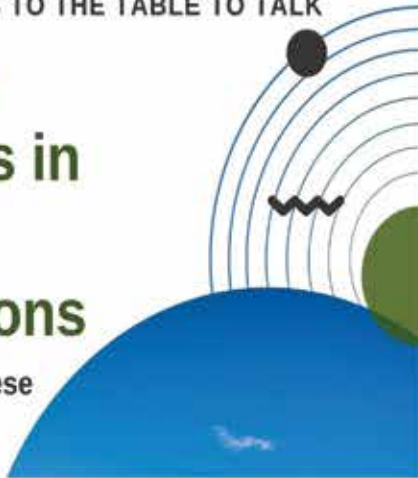


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With Elaine Froese

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Join Farm Transition Specialist Elaine Froese to discuss "Finding Fairness in Farm Transitions" on March 15, 2022 at 7:00pm.

You can register at: <https://bit.ly/3G9bEAY>

This event is brought to you in partnership by WCFA, Battle River Research Group, Foothills Forage & Grazing Association, Lakeland Applied Research Association, and North Peace Applied Research.



BEFORE YOU BURN IT, GET YOUR PERMIT!



WILDFIRE SEASON STARTS ON MARCH 1! Burn Permits are required starting March 1.

During wildfire season, permits are required for any burning (excluding campfires), and already burning fires in the area managed by Yellowhead County Fire Department and the Edson Forest Area.

Go to www.albertafirebans.ca for the latest information on current fire ban maps and details.

Yellowhead County Fire Permit Area

Yellowhead County manages and issues fire permits for the area north of Highway 16 and east of Highway 22 and are free and available by contacting your closest Yellowhead County office.



Permits for the rest of Yellowhead County (Edson Forest Area) can be requested from your local forestry office at: (780) 723-8527.



Good News Story - Three Year Education Plan

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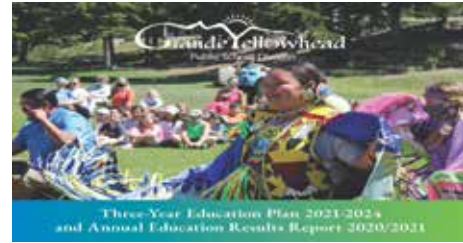
GYPSD's Three-Year Education Plan follows the outcomes set by Alberta Education which are: Student Growth and Achievement; Learning Supports; and Teaching and Leading. In addition, the report outlines various governance initiatives and financial information to ensure that the Division's priorities align with the goal that Alberta's K-12 education system is well-governed

and managed.

Information collected from the annual Assurance Survey by Alberta Education provides the foundation for the creation of the Division's annual plan. Alberta Education surveys teachers, students, and their parents/guardians on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools. Parents receive their access code to the survey in the mail.

Results are provided for each

- Priority 1: Student Learning
- Priority 2: Teaching & Leadership Excellence
- Priority 3: Community Engagement



school and school authority to evaluate school and school authority performance on the survey measures, report in their annual education results

reports, and help them develop their education plans.

ALBERTA'S RECOVERY PLAN IS WORKING, AND OUR PROVINCE IS BACK ON THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

This week has brought exciting news for many important sectors of our economy. A new report shows that manufacturing sales in our province hit a record high in 2021. The total 2021 numbers were up 30.8

per cent compared to 2020 and 11.3 per cent compared to 2019. Further, every month from April through December 2021 had manufacturing sales that exceeded the previous record high set in May 2019. The gains in manufacturing are complemented by gains in our international exports, which means

that the world is getting more high-quality, made-in-Alberta products.

We're also seeing very positive signs in our retail economy, as Albertans look to move past the pandemic and get back to normal life. Alberta saw very strong retail sales numbers in 2021, with total

sales 13.1 per cent higher than in 2020, and 10 per cent higher than in 2019. This is great news for local businesses. As always, we encourage you to shop local and support entrepreneurs in your communities.

Thanks in part to Alberta's Recovery Plan,

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Alberta's Recovery Plan Is Working, And Our Province Is Back On The Path To Prosperity

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Alberta industry is booming. Over the past two years, our province has consistently topped the Canadian average in industry growth. In 2021 alone, while the average Canadian increase sat at 21.5 per cent, Alberta more than doubled that average with a total of 50.1 per cent. This incredible growth presents a new challenge: recruiting new Albertans and workers to fulfill the growing demand for skilled labour in our province.

Our government has already acted to address this growing job demand, passing Bill 49, the Labour Mobility Act, which is aimed at addressing impending labour shortages, particularly in rural Alberta, by streamlining a consistent and transparent approach for recognizing skills, education, and credentials of out-of-province workers. This week, howev-

er, at the inaugural Premier's Summit on Fairness for Newcomers, Premier Jason Kenney announced the launch of the Rural Renewal Stream and the Rural Entrepreneur Stream. These streams will encourage skilled and talented professionals and entrepreneurs from around the world to settle in rural communities. With many of our rural communities struggling to find qualified professionals to meet their current and future workforce needs, these new streams will help attract and retain newcomers who want to contribute to our rural communities.

Alberta has restored virtually all the jobs lost during the pandemic and has created over 130,000 net new jobs in the last year alone. Our province is currently enjoying the highest employment rate in the country, including for women. With major investment projects being announced in every corner

of the province, we are working hard to ensure our province is attracting skilled workers who want to raise families and build strong futures in our province.

Our government understands that strong communities are the lifeblood of our province and we are doing our part to invest in them. Recently, many well-deserving organizations across the province received funding through the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP). This is a program that fosters healthy, vibrant communities across Alberta by working in partnership with non-profits. These are organizations that have served to make connections, create opportunities, and provide spaces for people to build lifelong relationships. As a government, we fully support this work, because strong communities build a stronger Alberta.

Enoch Cree Nation received \$39597.00 towards a playground, the Lodgepole Recreational Society received \$87248.00 towards upgrading the Lodgepole rink, the Thorsby Senior Citizens Club received \$30145.00 for the Seniors Centre and the Warburg Cultural Society received \$25000.00 to upgrade the Warburg Cultural Centre. Everyone involved with these projects have done their utmost to serve their community, and I know this funding will be put to good use as they continue to do so.

Alberta's economy is growing, diversifying, and creating jobs. Alberta is and always has been a place people come to in search of opportunity and prosperity, and our government is working tirelessly to ensure the Alberta dream is stronger than ever.

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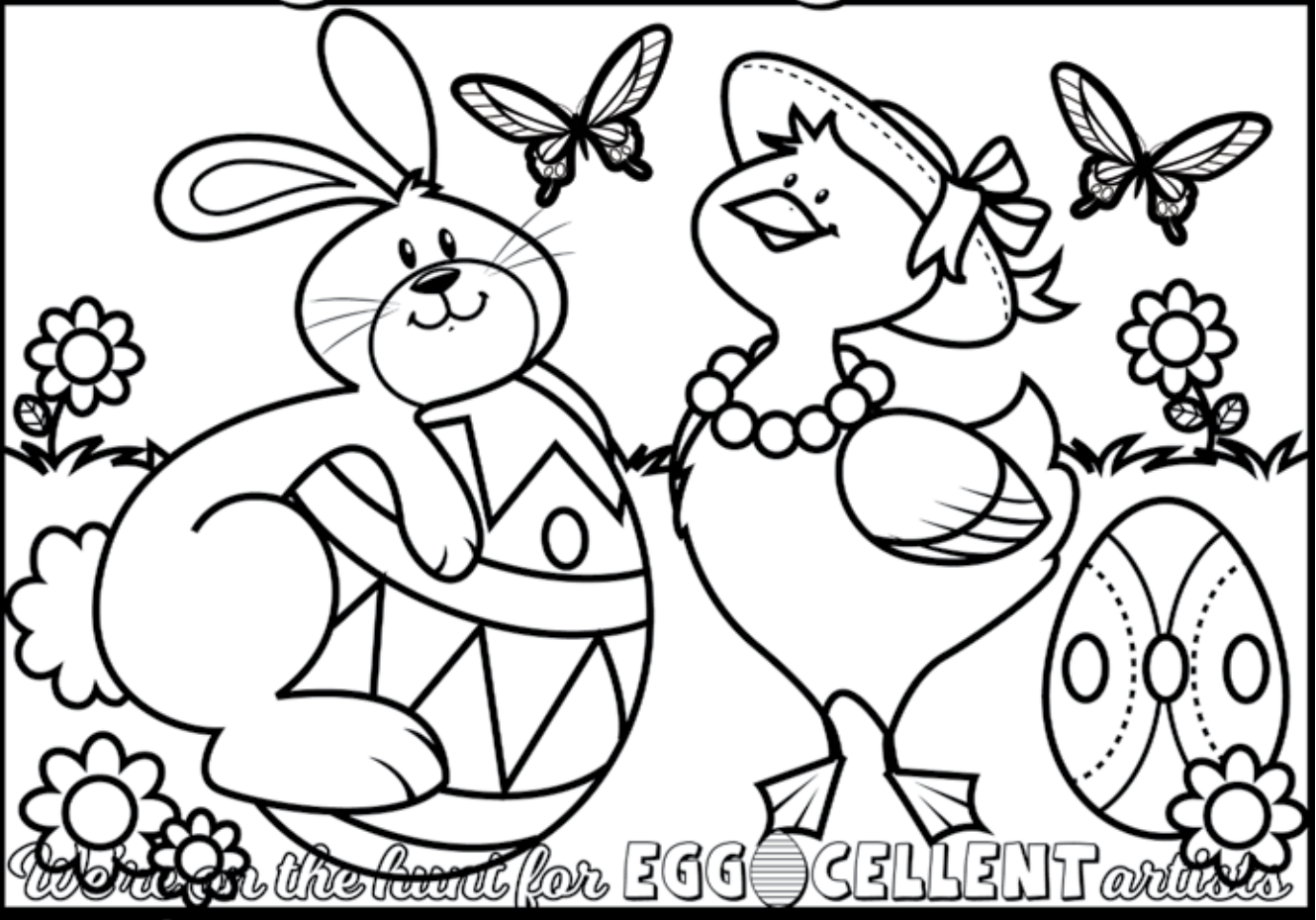
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ANSWER:

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

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

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