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MP GERALD SOROKA'S FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY RESIDENT, ROBERT (BOB) WALKER, IS A HONORED AND HUMBLER RECIPIENT OF THE LATE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL AND PIN



Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Mr. Bob Walker is a Resident of the Sangudo Community and has received the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Pin and Medal.

Mr. Robert (Bob) Walker is the Honored and and Hum-

bled Recipient of our late Queen Elizabeth II's Pin and Medals, beginning with the Queen's 25 Year Silver Jubilee Medal in 1987 for Community Involvement, and the Queen's 50th Golden Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Recently Mr. Walker received the Queen's

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Submitted by Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank

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The Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank has seen a large increase of families

that need our help. We are grateful for the large amount of donations that came in over the Christmas season, but donations are needed all year long. Donations can be dropped off at 5028 48th Ave Onoway between 8-10am on Wednesdays, at the ATB in Onoway, and monetary donations

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MP Gerald Soroka's Federal Constituency Resident, Robert (Bob) Walker, Is A Honored And Humbled Recipient Of The Late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal And Pin



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Platinum Jubilee Pin, from MP of Yellowhead, Gerald Soroka, in August of 2022.

Following receiving the

Pin, Mr. Walker received the Queen's 70th Anniversary Platinum Jubilee Medal from the Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland MLA Shane Getson, on January 12, 2023, in particular for his heroic work in saving a fellow Firefighter in a backdraft, during his Firefighter career.

Another Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal from the Alberta Fish and Game Association for Mr. Walker's Conservation Work throughout his years of community commitment with the Alberta Fish and Game Association, was received on January 19, 2023.

Bob has lived by many mottos throughout his life; one that holds a lot of heartfelt meaning for Bob is "we should measure the success of our lives not by what we get, but by what we give".

Mr. Walker extends his Thank You and Appreciation to the people who gave their time to Nominate him for the Pin and Medals and to the people who made the decision to award him the honors.



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GERALD SOROKA, MP
YELLOWHEAD

Lac Ste Anne Food Bank Request

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is between 9 & 10 am Wednesdays.

A new policy to help avoid errors has been put in place, and as of March 1st we will

require photo ID for hamper pick up. If a hamper is being picked up by an alternate person, we must be notified in advance and the alternate must also present a photo ID.

The AGM for the Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank will be held at 10:15 am on February 15th at the Onoway Baptist Church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email

prior to the above date. Email address is lacsteanneeastfoodbank@gmail.com.

A LITTLE LEVITY

Submitted by Mark Harvey

While recently driving to do some shopping my wife made a comment that had me thinking about the unfairness on some former cute sayings and nursery rhymes. Many such items were written decades or even centuries ago and with the times and attitudes changing, I wonder if some items should be re-written? Let's look at some un-fair

bits and pieces:

Shouldn't "Jack in the Box" include Jill in the box? ... or Jill of all trades? ... or even being Hi-jacked or Hi Jilled? Why should Jack be nimble, what about Jill? What made Jack and Jill go up the hill? I would think that the water would logically be at the lowest point, not at the top of the hill. And ... when Jack fell down, why did Jill tumble after? Surely she would have called for help rather than follow

Jack's lead. What about Ba, ba black sheep, have you any wool? What sort of question is that? I've never seen a sheep that was wool less. The sheep's answer was "yes sir, yes sir three bags full". That poses the question of how large the bags were. And ... what were the bags made of (plastic, paper, jute, etc.)? Then, of course, there is good old Humpty Dumpty. Who put a giant egg on the wall? What kind of egg was it (obviously

not chicken or other small bird)? What made him fall? Was he pushed? If so, did anybody sue? Why were the King's horses involved with trying to put him together? (kind of a fruitless image). The King's men should have called a doctor ... or a cook.

I hope this provided a smile or, at least a little smirk (or groan).

All the best.



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STATE OF THE COUNTY

This message is our way of giving folks an update on our happenings throughout the year. It's an opportunity to provide context behind important Council decisions, regional matters and events.

What a remarkable year 2022 has been for Lac Ste. Anne County! I want to start by thanking my fellow Councillors, staff and ratepayers alike for your continued support.

Growth continues on an upward trend; the County has encountered an uptick in development applications and permits. We've seen an increase in land sales – properties changing hands with overall values increasing, two new multi-parcel subdivisions underway and two campground developments started. The Hamlet Revitalization Project (a grant provided by the Government of Canada) created an opportunity to bring improvements to our unincorporated urban communities. Last year, enforcement projects throughout the County increased by 100 per cent, including clean-up orders, unsightly nuisance and derelict properties.

Sadly, last Spring, Division 4 Councillor Steve Hoyda passed away. Steve had been re-elected to his second term in the 2021 Municipal Election. During his years as an elected official Steve taught us all about heart and how to listen to constituents. He was a true community leader. His absence is sorely noted and he remains dearly missed.

A total of eight miles of roadway along Twp Rd 590 was reconstructed. This included the removal of vertical curves, the replacement of centerline culverts, improvements to the drainage ditches and the restoration of grades to allow for effective stormwater drainage. This project also replaced overhead power line poles where required. Removing vertical curves in the roadway addressed the difference in vertical elevation along the route. A vital safety improvement as it addressed the sight lines at intersections, where the most opportunity for traffic conflict existed.

The papal visit was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our County to the world. We were very honoured to host His Holiness Pope Francis at the 2022 Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage and acknowledge this step forward on the path of reconciliation. Council and staff's foresight and planning were integral to this occasion's success. We could never have pulled off an event of this scale and security level without the coordinated efforts of government agencies, partner municipalities, and their many staff, personnel and volunteers.

We're looking forward to some catch-up in Public Works in the coming season as our focus on the papal visit put us behind schedule on a few projects.

The County Fire Services department response incidents were down this year as we had a wet spring and a decent summer. The public's continued respect for fire bans and alerts and understanding of the seriousness of wildfire threats is greatly appreciated. County Fire Services is continuing our mutual aid agreements with neighbouring municipalities.

The Onoway Regional Medical Clinic celebrated its grand reopening following the clinic expansion and renovation, including the parking lot and sidewalk construction. These improvements would not have been possible without our Community Aggregate Payment (CAP) Levy contributors. Under the Municipal Government Act, municipalities can pass a Community Aggregate Payment bylaw that requires operators to report shipments based on tonnage and pay a levy of up to the regulated maximum rate of \$0.40 per tonne of sand and gravel extracted. The County has a CAP Bylaw in place as a means to provide communities with a visible and tangible benefit for local aggregate operations. The CAP Levy dollars are typically spent on community programs that are visible to the public to continue to demonstrate the positive benefits of the Alberta Sand & Gravel Association.

The October By-Election became a significant event in Division 4. With six candidates running, this yielded the largest voter turn-out for a By-Election I've ever heard of. The people of Division 4 had their say. The winner, Kevin Lovich, was sworn in as our new Councillor in the Fall. I want to personally thank all of the candidates and voters. Obviously there is a lot of interest in the decision-making and progress for this area of the County. Welcome aboard Councillor Lovich; now the real work begins.

Bringing the community together remains a focus through the County FCSS and Community Services department. No doubt you've encountered our sponsorship at events and activities in the region throughout the year.

The County continues to be a proud partner and member municipality in the WILD Water Commission. Phase III and Phase IV of the transmission line project, made possible through a partnership with our municipal and First Nation commission partners and the Water for Life funding program of the provincial government, are scheduled for final commissioning on February 15, 2023. This includes the addition of a new truck fill service to the Rich Valley area.

Access to clean potable water is essential for long-term economic growth and sustained quality of life for our residents. The WILD Water Commission helps our region meet this need. To learn more about the Commission or how to register for a truck fill water account, visit their website at www.wildrwsc.com.

LSAC is a proud member of the Darwell Lagoon Commission. This organization has managed to qualify for 31 million dollars in joint federal and provincial grants at a 90/10 split for wastewater transmission line costs. This is a critical wastewater infrastructure project to improve the water quality of the region's lakes.

I'm proud of our County and our accomplishments this last year. There is much to celebrate and a bright future of growth and challenges on the horizon. I assure you we'll roll up our sleeves and lean into the many projects and decisions to be made in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



Reeve Blakeman
Lac Ste. Anne County

Bridal Guide



HOW TO AVOID WEDDING RECEPTION SEATING MISTAKES

Weddings are great opportunities for people to gather and celebrate the melding of two families into one. Weddings are a melting pot, and while the ultimate goal is for all guests invited to mingle

and have a good time, pre-existing relationships may cause some wedding-day interactions to be strained. However, with careful planning and some best behavior on the parts of all in-

involved, getting hitched can go off without a hitch.

It's possible for guests who may have tumultuous pasts to keep the peace, but this also can be ensured through careful seating ar-

rangements. This is just one factor couples need to consider when deciding where guests will sit and dine at receptions. It's important to avoid some common mistakes.

Mistake #1: Not having a seating plan. Let guests sit where they want and chaos may ensue. People may think they're entitled to certain seats, may hop into seats vacated by someone getting up to use the restroom or any number of other scenarios. Seating arrangements also ensure everyone is accounted for across the room.

Mistake #2: Seating families separately. Unless there are rifts between certain family members, it's best to seat parents and children at the same tables.

Mistake #3: Trying to force new friendships. Avoid trying to figure out who will get along by creating a potpourri table. A cousin in a band will not necessarily want to sit next to your coworker who plays guitar simply because they have a shared love of music. A wedding is not the time to try to create new friendships. If it's meant to be, they'll connect in a more organic way.

Mistake #4: The dreaded kids' table. Young children can probably get away with sitting at a dedicated kids' table, although it may mean their parents have to interrupt their experiences by checking on their

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How To Avoid Wedding Reception Seating Mistakes

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kids throughout the night. A bigger faux pas is to sit teenagers or twentysomethings at the kids table even if they seem like youngsters to you. Set a strict cut-off age for a children's table.

Mistake #5: Being too strict in seating. It's one thing to direct couples or singletons to specific tables, quite another to assign specific seats. Do not dictate exactly where at the table a guest should sit. Some people arrive early, others late, and it is up to them to work out how to arrange themselves

at the table.

Mistake #6: Failing to get family feedback. Always check with your parents and future in-laws as resources about how to seat certain guests. They'll likely know who will make the best table-mates, especially if couples are not familiar with everyone on the guest list.

Mistake #7: Not being aware of disabilities or needs. Be conscious of guests' needs. An elderly relative may not be comfortable in front of the DJ table. A person in a wheelchair may need easy access to and from the re-

ception room. It's important to be mindful of these special needs.

A seating plan for wedding

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County News Highlights

Feb 9 Council Meeting

Feb 23 Council Meeting

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, however, this schedule is subject to change. County Council meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Visit [LSAC.ca/agenda](https://lsac.ca/agenda) for meeting agendas. Please note: to address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

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Learn how to make and care for a little living planter

Join County Horticulturist Lorraine Taylor at the Mayerthorpe Public Library for this DIY project session.

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IS YOUR YOUTH INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BABYSITTER?

Babysitting course inquiry underway

Lac Ste. Anne County Community Services is aiming to host a course this Spring! To be held on a Saturday in the Onoway area. We are currently looking for the number of interested participants.

The course is available for youth 11 years and older. It's a fantastic opportunity to obtain a Babysitting Course Certificate.

Cost, date, time and location to be determined once we know if we have enough interest to facilitate a Spring course.

To have your input please contact **Taryn Monteith, Community Services Coordinator** 780.785.3411 or 1.866.880.5722.

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A Public Works safety notice

Snow pushed across a road surface into the opposite ditch or directly onto roads puts family, friends and neighbours at significant risk.

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Please refer to the County's Traffic Bylaw 33-2008, Section 27 -Snow, Ice, Dirt and Other Obstructions for more information or contact our Public Works department at PublicWorks@LSAC.ca or 780.785.3411 or 1.866.880.5722.

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4-H IN DECEMBER



Submitted by Cherhill 4-H

December was a very busy month for all of the members. Our projects are in full swing. Plans were made for our Christmas party. We had to wait till January to celebrate as it is a busy month with our projects and family time.

The beef kids went to Peetoom Dairy. They were so amazed because robots milked the cows! Plus, the

cows had a tag around their neck that told the robot when they were last milked, there was another tag on their ear that told the robots when the cows would have their calves. This is a machine-operated dairy tour. They had lots of fun on the dairy tour. Children from all projects were able to attend this tour.

The kids in the sheep project tried dry felting. Their talents were shown while making dioramas. Some examples of the dioramas are a pheasant, a dog, a sheep pasture and an underwater ocean with an octopus.

For the quilting project, they worked on their projects for a few days in De-

cember. Their projects are going well, plus multiple projects are finished. New members are almost finished their rag quilt.

Dozens of Christmas cookies were made during the food workshop. They made sugar cookies and ginger snaps from scratch. The homemade icing and sprinkles made them delicious. Just about every colour of the rainbow was used for the icing.

In feathered friends, they talked about egg development. There were several different eggs at different stages (the eggs are plastic). They were very interested in the topic.

For the models project,

they worked on their models. The leaders were so nice and gave every child in the models a Christmas gift. The gifts are a car so they can build it in the project workshop.

Vet Sciences as well as the Archery project did not meet to practice in December.

Our Awards Night was held on December 10th. We would like to send a huge thanks to all our sponsors for the donations. It was an enjoyable and fantastic day.

We all cannot wait to see what fun we can have next!

HOUSE OF COMMONS ADOPTS CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT LEGISLATION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that

Bill C-22, the legislation for a new Canada Disability Benefit, was unanimously adopted in the House of Commons. Bill C-22 will now move to the Senate for

consideration.

The Canada Disability Benefit has the potential to transform the lives of working-age persons with disabilities who are twice as

likely to live in poverty and struggling to make ends meet.

LIBERAL GOVERNMENT FORCED TO WITHDRAW HUNTING RIFLE BAN

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that Conservatives have forced the NDP-Liberal government to enact a temporary pause on their hunting rifle ban under Bill C-21 (Firearms).

The Liberal Government introduced amendments to Bill C-21 in December 2022, specifically G-4 and G-46, that would have banned millions of hunting rifles with a new prohibition of any 'rifle

or shotgun, that is capable of discharging centre-fire ammunition in a semi-automatic manner and that is designed to accept a detachable cartridge magazine with a capacity greater than five cartridges.'

I want to thank my constituents for voicing their disagreement with C-21. We heard you loud and clear. Together we have forced this Liberal Government to temporarily withdraw these amendments.

Conservatives will continue to stand up for the rights and interests of law-abiding firearms owners, hunters, and

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of the week

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