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## February 28, 2023

### ALBERTA RCMP OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN EVANSBURG

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Feb. 25, 2023, at approximately 11:50 p.m., an Evansburg RCMP Officer located a vehicle that was stuck and which had been reported to have been stolen, on Range Road 102 A, north of Highway 16, in Yel-

lowhead County, Alta. The officer approached on foot and attempted to arrest the occupants, but the driver exited the vehicle and pointed a firearm at the officer. The officer discharged his firearm and the suspect retreated into his vehicle.

Officers from neighboring RCMP detachments

were called to assist and surrounded the suspect vehicle. Eventually the two occupants of the suspect vehicle surrendered to police and were taken into custody. One of the suspects sustained a minor injury during this incident,

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### KEEP YOUR CHILD'S ROUTINE IMMUNIZATIONS UP TO DATE

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

It's National Kids and Vaccine Day today, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) is reminding Albertans with children to make sure their kids are up to date with routine immunizations.

Alberta offers all children routine immunizations, free of charge. By following the routine immunization schedule, your child will be

immunized against diseases at important times during their growth and development. This means your child will get the maximum possible protection.

Vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, are coming back in areas where not enough people are immunized. Globally, outbreaks of measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough) and other illnesses are being declared. Outbreaks of

these illnesses have been declared in Alberta as well, which can lead to our neighbours, family members and friends becoming sick.

Over the course of the pandemic, routine immunizations may have been missed or delayed. It is important for children to

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# Alberta RCMP Officer Involved Shooting In Evansburg

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while no police officers were injured.

The Alberta RCMP believes in processes that seek the facts and it's important that processes taken to assess the actions of all those involved, including the police, are fair, transparent, and defensible. This is why, as soon as we became aware of this incident, we immediately

notified the Director of Law Enforcement and initiated our internal review process. The Director deemed the incident to be "in scope" for ASIRT, however assigned the investigation to the RCMP, with AISRT oversight.

Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes and General Investigation Sections have taken over carriage of the investigation. An update will be provided when avail-

able.

Independent of ASIRT, the Alberta RCMP's internal review process has been implemented to gather a full account of what took place during this incident. RCMP training, policy, police response, and the duty status of the members involved will be subject to review. The Alberta RCMP is, of course, fully cooperating with ASIRT.

## MP SOROKA'S QUESTION ON THE CARBON TAX

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead stood in the House today and asked the following question:

"Mr. Speaker, after eight years

of this Liberal Prime Minister, Gianne, a small business owner in Entwistle, is struggling under this oppressive carbon tax.

With the costs of food, heating, and fuel skyrocketing, it's becoming harder for Gianne,

and countless Canadians across the country, to make ends meet. Conservatives will continue to keep the heat on and fight this tax to help all Canadians like Gianne. Mr. Speaker, when will this government AXE the carbon tax?"



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# Keep Your Child's Routine Immunizations Up To Date

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receive any immunizations they may have missed. AHS Public Health clinics are open and ready to help children and youth catch up on any immunizations they need.

AHS provides free, routine immunization for infants, children and youth who live in Alberta at your local AHS Public Health Office or AHS Community Health Centre. AHS also offers routine immunizations in schools. Each year, AHS Public Health reviews immunization records for students in grades one, six and nine, to see which immunizations each student needs. A consent form is then sent home with an information sheet for each vaccine recommended for the student. No

immunizations will be given in school without consent from a parent or legal guardian. If vaccine doses are delayed from the routine recommended schedule, they don't have to be restarted, they are offered as soon as possible.

Visit [immunizealberta.ca](http://immunizealberta.ca) to learn more about routine immunizations or call 811 to book an appointment at an AHS immunization clinic. To find out which immunizations are right for your child, check with your family physician or Health Link at 811, public health nurse or visit [myhealth.alberta.ca](http://myhealth.alberta.ca).

Immunization is safe and effective and protects our communities. The more people who are fully immunized in a community, the safer everyone is.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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# NEWS FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

Alberta's economy is growing and diversifying under our United Conservative government. In addition to traditional industries like agriculture and energy, newer industries like technology and innovation are also booming in our province.

According to a recent report from the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, Alberta has smashed its venture capital investment record for the fourth year in a row, attracting \$729 million in investment in 2022 – a 30 per cent increase over 2021.

Over the past four years, Alberta has seen sustained growth in venture capital investment, solidifying our province as a hub for technology and innovation. The 30 per cent increase in year-over-year values stands in stark contrast to Canada as a whole,

which saw a near 30 per cent decline in venture capital dollars invested in 2022. Due to our rapid year-over-year growth, Alberta is now capturing 12 per cent of all venture capital dollars invested in Canada.

Alberta is once again bucking economic trends. Calgary Herald business writer Chris Varcoe recently wrote that “despite a global slowdown and layoffs in the [technology] sector, Alberta technology companies continue to attract the interest of investors.” And Alberta Enterprise Corporation President and CEO Kristina Williams said, “Alberta's tech sector has become a force to reckon with in Canada and beyond.”

Alberta is growing and attracting big names in the technology world such as Jobber, Amazon Web Services, Mphasis, Applexus, mCloud Technologies Corp., Infosys, and

so many more. Undoubtedly, 2023 will be another big year for our technology and innovation sector. That means more high-paying jobs for Albertans.

Alberta's technology and innovation sector continues to grow in size and reputation, attracting investment dollars and workers from across Canada and the world. But other industries are growing in Alberta and supporting our ongoing efforts to diversify the economy. Renewables, agrifood processing, film and television, and manufacturing are other examples of newer industries that are making waves in our economy and creating high paying for Albertans.

Our United Conservative government has spurred this growth and development by implementing policies that support job-creators and entrepreneurs in doing what they

do best – creating jobs and growing the economy. By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting pro-growth policies, we have renewed the Alberta Advantage and re-established Alberta as a top destination for businesses and families to invest.

This new report from the Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association is more good news for our province and economy. With Budget 2023 just around the corner, I look forward to providing more good news about how our United Conservative government will continue supporting economic diversification and newer industries like technology and innovation.

Alberta has tremendous economic momentum, and I look forward to more growth, more diversification, and more jobs in the year ahead.

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# TALL TALES AND THE TRUTH

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

To kick off this week's edition of What Matters to You, I'm happy to announce that this past Sunday I was acclaimed as the UCP candidate for the constituency of Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland. Many thanks to the support of the party members, and for the faith that you have put in me to run as your candidate in the spring election. I'd also like to thank all the folks who have offered their support for what I'm sure will be one heck of an election. Stay tuned for some announcements regarding volunteer sign-up sessions in each one of the small towns and communities in our constituency over the next few weeks.

The next issue I'd like to tackle are some of the outlandish claims that I've heard on recent radio commercials, which I have been advised are also taking place on some paid telemarketing calls. To refer to them as simple BS would be giving them too much credit, as BS is far less harmful. Here are two such claims that not only get folks angry, but perhaps even scared. After the last couple of years, with the mental stress people have already suffered, this is absolutely abhorrent.

1. "The Leader of the UCP is supporting Vladimir Putin in the invasion of Ukraine." I heard this messaging myself

on an NDP funded announcement. Initially I thought it was a comedy skit...it's really that laughable; I was surprised to come to the sad realization that it wasn't. Considering how many folks in our area have Ukrainian family, or who have done what they can to help the civilians caught up in the crossfire of this awful yearlong conflict, this is simply heartless and cruel, and takes away from the real human costs of war. Sick, and shameful is what that kind of "Advertising" truly is.

2. "The UCP government is getting rid of public healthcare in its entirety, everything will be pay as you go only." What in the actual heck? Apparently, this tactic is a "HealthScare" approach. Again, why in the world would you scare people like this with such a blatant falsehood. I find this just as shameful: unnecessarily worrying people that healthcare won't be there when they need it. Again, after all that folks have been through, to purposefully cause them more stress, to what end?

I will be taking the time to call out BS every chance I get when I hear this kind of "campaigning"; I'll take the time to let folks know what we are actually doing, and what we may be considering for improvements. I'll take the time to listen to concerns and recommendations. I want to be able to park the politics as best as possible at the proverbial door so that

we can work the on the actual problem and come up with a real solution. I have been on record however for saying "I don't do whackadoo woke, and I don't speak freaky deaky socialist." I am a Conservative after all, and from rural Alberta. I really can listen to other perspectives, and have demonstrated that my whole career, but every person has a line, and far too many have pushed those other narratives for far too long; its high time we start working on solving real issues.

I'll be out as much as possible in our constituency for the next few months dropping off more "What Matters to You" flyers. I'm seeking feedback that we can use as platform items you would want to see for the upcoming election, as well to making sure that the key items you are concerned about are being addressed. Please take the time to fill them out, or if you wish, send us an email, and let me know what your top 5 priorities are. Please take the time to ask our youth ages 14 years and up, to send me a note as well. I want to make sure that the work we are doing to set up their future is truly on track.

Regarding the "What Matters to You" Podcast, I had a bit of a sound recording issue with the first interview. We've since rectified the problem and will be having more guests drop by over the next few weeks, including several of my MLA

colleagues, business leaders, entertainers, aviators and a special guest, Uncle Fester. I want to keep the mood light, but informative. I'd like to get your input, have a positive interaction, and truly showcase what matters to you on the show.

Thanks to everyone that came out to chat with us at the MLA tent this past weekend at Sno Mo Days; it was our pleasure to be able to have some hot chocolate ready for you on a chilly winter day. It was an absolute blast being able to be the "Monster Truck Announcer". We also managed to raise over \$600 for The Kids with Cancer Society because of the generosity of the people who bid on monster truck rides.

I'm glad that so many of you follow the updates on social media, and read this little column in our gem of a local paper. It's an absolute honor and a privilege to be able to represent you as your MLA, and I'm proud as heck of all the good folks out there that work hard, take care of their families, their friends, and even strangers when they need it. We have a great corner of the province we call home, and its not the landscape that makes it great, its each and every one of you. I hope that you had a great family day, that you have another great week, see you soon, and thanks for the encouraging words.

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID RESPONDERS



Priority 4: System Health and

Submitted by GYPSD

Eleven GYPSD staff members from Harry Collinge High School, The Learning Connection, and Crescent Valley School recently received their Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) certification, facilitated by Trevor Haas with Alberta Health

Services.

The MHFA training course provides participants with the awareness and information they need to support a person who may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health crisis,

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# *Bridal Guide*

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# Bridal Guide



## SELECTING A COMFORTABLE WEDDING GOWN

Many brides-to-be visit bridal shops with specific goals in mind regarding the style of their wedding gowns. Some women come equipped with magazine tear-outs or pull up ideas

on their mobile phones. Others may have an entire scrapbook filled with various ideas they've been compiling for years.

Much consideration is given to wedding gowns. The cost

and silhouette of the dress may garner the bulk of that consideration, but brides might want to spend more time considering comfort.

Depending on the time of day their weddings take

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

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

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

- Get sized correctly. Bridal gown sizes do not coincide with street sizes.

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## Selecting A Comfortable Wedding Gown

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Depending on the manufacturer, brides may have to select gowns that are several sizes larger than they would normally wear. This should not be a cause for alarm. Brides should go by their measurements. Attempting to squeeze into a dress that is too small will only lead to discomfort on the wedding day.

- Purchase the right undergarments. Improperly fitting bras, shapewear and other undergarments can lead to discomfort as well. Some seamstresses can

sew in supportive cups to remove the need for separate bras. Brides can explore various options to reduce the visibility of certain accoutrements.

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

- Try different options. The gown brides have in mind may not be

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

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# Mental Health First Aid Responders

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March 15**



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

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**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, 2023 to ensure that everyone receives all of their tax slips.

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## Yellowhead County

### 2023 SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

#### Dates of Employment:

Approximately May 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023

**Pool Manager** - Competition No. 23-002 - Will be responsible for maintaining and operating the Green Grove Pool and supervising seasonal staff, as well as providing instruction, lifeguarding, maintenance, and other administrative duties.

**Pool Coordinator** - Competition No. 23-003 - Will be responsible for scheduling special events and programs, act as the supervisor on duty, provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, complete pool maintenance and other administrative duties.

**Senior Lifeguard** - Competition No. 23-004 - Will act as the supervisor on duty when scheduled with a Junior Guard, provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, complete pool maintenance and perform other administrative duties.

**Junior Lifeguard** - Competition No. 23-005 - Will provide swimming instruction, lifeguard, pool maintenance and administrative duties.

To apply and find detailed job descriptions for these positions, please visit our website: [www.yhcounty.ca/jobs](http://www.yhcounty.ca/jobs)

These competitions will remain open until 4:30 PM on Friday, March 17, 2023. We thank all interested applicants in advance, however only those applicants to be interviewed will be contacted.

Human Resources  
Yellowhead County  
Email: [jobs@yhcounty.ca](mailto:jobs@yhcounty.ca)

The personal information obtained as a result of this advertisement will be utilized for these employment opportunities only, and is subject to compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

# SUDOKU



*of the week*

**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**Like puzzles?** Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**ANSWER:**

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

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

# Church Directory

## Seba Beach Christian Fellowship

Sunday School 10:00a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00a.m.  
  
Weekdays Bible Study & Prayer  
  
(780) 305-3594

## Advent Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 11:00a.m.  
  
Evansburg  
O: 747-3594

## Roman Catholic Church

St. Agnes' Parish, Mayerthorpe  
Sunday 9:00a.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish, Evansburg  
Saturday 7:00p.m.  
  
(780) 786-2032

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Stony Plain  
Worship Service 10am  
  
(780) 963-3131

## St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11:30a.m.  
Tuesday Mass 7:00p.m.  
  
Wabamun, AB

## St. Augustine's - Parkland Anglican Church

131 Church Rd., Spruce Grove  
Sunday Service 10:00a.m.  
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Office 780-962-5131  
www.staugustinesparkland.org

## Parkland Baptist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30a.m.  
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121 Brookwood Drive  
(780) 962-4101  
www.parklandbaptist.ca

## Word Church Apocalyptic Era

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Ph: 780-962-7579  
  
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## St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

6103 172 St. NW, Edmonton  
Saturday:  
Vespers 5:00PM  
Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00AM  
780.487.2167  
santhonys@telusplanet.net  
www.st-anthonys.ca

## Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre Catholic Chapel

Sunday Masses 10a.m. & 2pm  
Weekdays 9am  
Saturday 10am  
125177 62 535 Parkland County

## Stony Plain United Church

Sunday Service 10:30a.m.  
5012-51 Ave. Stony Plain  
**Mewassin United Church**  
Sunday Service 9:00a.m.  
Rev. Heather Koots  
Hwy 627 - Rg Rd 30  
Ph: 780-963-4745

## Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rosenthal

Sunday Worship Service 9:30a.m.  
Sunday School  
  
780-963-4048

## Emmaus Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship Service 11:30a.m.  
  
Rev. Robert Marshall  
4604-56<sup>th</sup> Ave, Drayton Valley  
Ph: 780-542-5101  
www.emmauslutheran.ca

## Church of God

Worship Service Sun. 11:00a.m.  
*Please contact for activities*  
5004-49 Street,  
Drayton Valley  
Ph: 780-542-5091

## Calvary Baptist Church

Pastoral Team: Kenton Penner  
  
Sunday Worship 10:30a.m.  
Youth & Ministries Info - calvbapt@telus.net  
4401-50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Drayton Valley  
780-542-4774  
www.calvarybaptist.ca

## Drayton Valley Alliance Church

Pastor John Haazen  
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5014-56 Ave.  
(next to Value Drug Mart)  
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Ph: 542-6501 dvalliance.ca

## All Saints' Anglican Church

10:30a.m. Sunday Worship  
5212 47 Ave.  
Drayton Valley  
(780) 542-5048  
www.allsaintsdraytonvalley.ca

## St. Anthony Catholic Church

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:  
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