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September 27, 2023

PARKLAND RCMP COLLISION ON WESTBOUND LANES OF HIGHWAY 16

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland County, Alta: Emergency crews have cleared from the collision scene on Hwy 16 near Range Road 20.

The collision occurred at approximately 1:20 P.M..

on the westbound lanes of Hwy 16 between a Toyota 4 Runner and a Volkswagon Passat. The driver of the 4 Runner sustained minor injuries. The driver of the Volkswagon, a 16-year-old male resident of Stony Plain died as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.

There were no other occupants in the vehicles.

RCMP are continuing to investigate the cause of the collision with assistance of a collision reconstructionist





MÉTIS CITIZENS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT IN FIRST ELECTION FOR NEW OTIPEMISIWAK MÉTIS GOVERNMENT

Submitted by Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA)

Citizens of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) have concluded voting in their first election for the Otipemisiwak Métis Government. This election marks the formal transition of MNA to the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

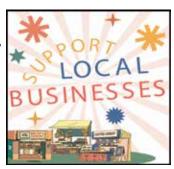
In a province-wide election held from September 13-19, 2023, which included mail-in, online, and in-person voting, a total of 8,167 ballots were cast and accepted. This figure does not include ballots that were spoiled or rejected. These results are preliminary, with official results awaiting a single district recount.

The Otipemisiwak Métis Government Constitution establishes a Citizens Council consisting of a

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President, Women's Representative, and Youth Representative (each elected province wide) and 22 District Representatives (each elected by the MNA Citizens in their respective districts). The province-wide vote saw all of these positions filled.

The results of the election are:

President:

Andrea Sandmaier – 5693 votes

Joseph Pimlott – 2131 votes Andrea Sandmaier is hereby declared elected as the first President of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government.

Citizens' Representative in Calgary Nose Hill Métis District 5

Nelson Anthony Lussier -

273 votes

Lisa Hunt – 243 votes Karen Acuna – 219 votes Citizens' Representative in Calgary Elbow Métis District

Jason Chernow – 205 votes Rhonda Germaine Baglot – 173 votes

Randall Fedderson - 80 votes

Citizens' Representative in Jasper House Métis District 7 Kaila Mitchell – 92 votes Terry Rudyk – 34 votes Citizens' Representative in Lac Ste. Anne Métis District 8 Lisa Wolfe – 232 votes Mike Hanly – 168 votes Wendy Snow – 175 votes Citizens' Representative in St. Albert Métis District 11 Alfred L'Hirondelle – 356 votes

Gwenn Thiele - 316 votes

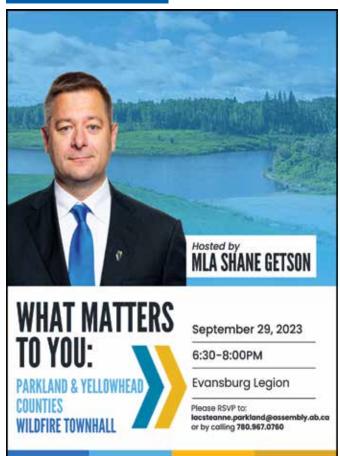
Luc Gauthier – 146 votes Citizens' Representatives in St. Paul-Cold Lake Métis District 12

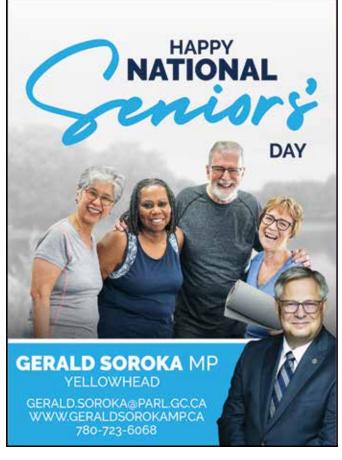
Karen Collins – 300 votes Tanya Shaw – 235 votes District Captain in St. Paul-Cold Lake Métis District 12 Bernie Poitras – 271 Votes Tanya Fayant – 251 votes Citizens' Representative in Peace River Métis District 14 Barry Dibb – 163 votes Carol Ridsdale – 152 votes Roechelle Gaudet – 47 votes Citizens' Representative in Fort Vermilion Métis District 15.

Bobbi Paul-Alook – 116 votes

Odell Flett – 50 votes Loretta Ann Calliou – 36 votes

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Citizens' Representative in Fort McMurray Métis District 17

Brooke Bramfield – 114 votes Michael Durocher – 82 votes Citizens' Representative in Lac La Biche Métis District 19 Jason Ekeberg – 165 votes Jerry Ladouceur – 36 votes Dwayne Roth – 34 votes

District Captain in Athabasca Landing Métis District 20

The results of this race were too close to call and are undergoing an automatic recount.

Citizens' Representative in Lesser Slave Lake Métis District 21.

Grant Lacombe – 178 votes Bev New – 97 votes

The following individuals were acclaimed:

Tai Amy Grauman, Women's Representative

Rebecca Lavallee, Youth Representative

Darryl W. Campbell, Citizens' Representative, District 1 Foothills

Catherine Schnell, Citizens' Representative, District 2 Medicine Hat

Joe Chodzicki, Citizens' Representative District 3 Red Deer

Lisa Schmidt, Citizens' Representative, District 4 Rocky View

Carmen Lasante, District Captain, District 6 Calgary Elbow

Sarah Wolfe, Citizens' Representative, District 9 Fort Edmonton

Aura Leddy, Citizens' Representative, District 10 Edmonton Whitemud

Shannon Dunfield, Citizens' Representative, District 13 Grande Prairie Judy Ann Cardinal, Citizens' Representative, District 16 Fort Chipewyan

Valerie Quintal, Citizens' Representative, District 18 Conklin

Joseph Noel Tremblay, Citizens' Representative, District 20 Athabasca Landing

Nancy Margaret Cardinal,

Citizens' Representative, District 22 Wabasca-Desmarais Regan Auger, District Captain. District 22 Wabas-

ca-Desmarais

JOKE of the week

A bus carrying many people crashed on an icy road, burst into flames, and killed everyone. Upon arrival in heaven, God says "Since you have died in a terrible way. I'll grant you one wish before I let you into heaven." The first woman, being a person always concerned on her looks, comes up to God and says "I wish to be beautiful." God grants her wish. The next person can't decide on what to wish for so ends up wishing for the same thing. At this point a man at the very back of the line starts to laugh. The next couple of people make their wish to become beautiful and the man at the end laughs even louder. One after another the people wish the same thing and the closer God gets to the end of the line, the harder the man laughs. When God finally reaches him, he asks "What is your wish my son?" The man says, "Make them all ugly again!"





Online Auction
Sept. 30th at 11AM
Estate Of Howard Garstad.
of Wildwood Alberta

First-ChoiceAuctions.ca

Included in this auction is a large selection of of estate tools, collectables, vintage farm equipment, vint. vehicles & trailers. a Kioti LK3054 tractor with MFWD complete with loader, bucket, and 3-point hitch, a Peter Wright anvil with tools & much more.

Viewing & pick-up location 9411 TWP RD 550

Viewing days - Sept. 28th & 29th at 10am - 7pm.

Pick-up days - Oct. 1st, 2nd & 3rd noon till 7pm

All Items Must Be Picked Up By Oct 3rd.

780-725-1548

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Letter of Support Cadomin – Yellowhead County Council approved a Letter of Support for the Cadomin Community Society for their Federal 2023 CFEP Grant application.

Road Closure Request – Council passed a resolution to close Road Plan 3961JY located within SW-03-55-14-W5M and will forward the resolution to the Minister of Transportation for approval.

Culvert Flood Recovery Program – Council approved the 2023 culvert failure rehabilitation program and approved un-budgeted funds of \$1,750,146.00 from Restricted Surplus Funds: Infrastructure Reserves-Roads and Bridges and to bring back repair options for culvert structure No.7 on Range Road 183A to a future Council Meeting.

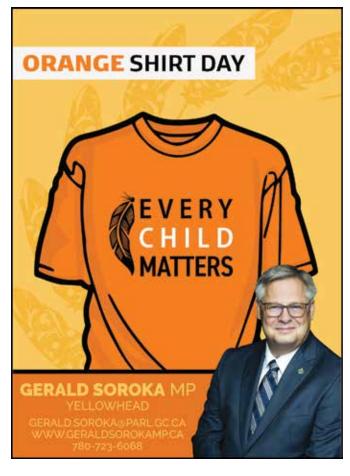
Bridge Flood Recovery Program - Council approved the bridge rehabilitation program for Bridge No.1 on TWP Road 535 (Carrot Creek) and Bridge No.2 located on North end of RR 165 (Tom Hill Tower Road) with un-budgeted funds of \$535,346.00 from Restricted Surplus Funds: Infrastructure Reserves-Roads and Bridges; and to bring back repair or replacement options for bridge structure No.3 on Range Road 170A to a future Council Meeting.

Hinton Snow Removal Contract - Council awarded the 2023-2028 (multi-year) snow removal and ice control, winter maintenance contract to West Ridge Sand & Gravel Ltd. at the hourly average rate of \$187/Hr (GST excluded).

Property Tax Auction & Reserve Bids – Council set the 2023 Property Tax Auction date as November 16, 2023 to commence at 10:00 AM at Yellowhead County's Edson Administration Building.

YCE Multipurpose Facility Design Contract – Council for Yellowhead County, in partnership with the Town of Edson, awarded the Design Consulting Services contract for the YCE Multipurpose Facility Expansion/Renovation Project to GEC Architecture for \$3,931,200.





ANNUAL FALL HARVEST CONSIGNMENT SALE PLUS DISPERSAL AND RETIREMENT SALES

Hwy 16A West Range Road 11 Stony Plain, Alberta

Annual Fall Harvest Consignment Sale plus Dispersal and Retirement Sale

Retirement sale for Mr. Glen Holland (Jackfish, AB)
(Off Site) -(#4 4504-50st Stony Plain, Alta) Black Gold Radio Station moving to new location - selling large selection of office furniture from
previous location

(Some product Off Site For the Honey Farm)— SE 13 53 W5th County of Parkland --Ph Dave @ 780-498-6772 for info— Estate of Sonja Regamey of the Wabamun Honey Farm

Retirement Sale for C&H Fabricating of Leduc ,Alta plus under that fabricating large selection of welding supplies and equipment & a large selection of hunting and camping equipment Much more coming in Daily

Bidding to open Monday, September 25, 2023 @ 6:00 a.m. and starts closing Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 12:00 noon Load Out: Saturday, September 30, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1 2023 - CLOSED Monday, October 2, 2023 - Thursday, October 15, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Additional load out times can be arranged by appointment only. Contact Rainbow Auctions if you require other arrangements. This sale will be online internet bidding only.

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CAMP WARWA PRESENTS A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Submitted by Camp Warwa

Camp Warwa, an outdoor recreation centre and summer camp locatedone hour west of Edmonton, is thrilled to announce its first Halloween celebration like no other! Witha day filled with family fun and an evening of spine-tingling frights, Camp Warwa invites everyone tojoin in on the festivities and create lasting memories this Halloween season.

Step into a world of wonder and magic during the "World of the Fae" adventure on Saturday, October28th, between 12 PM to 6 PM in the enchanting Warwa Woods. Explore the captivating woods, where-

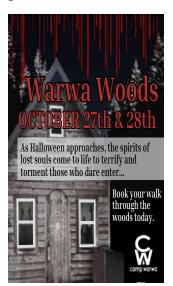
every tree holds a secret and every path leads to a new discovery. Encounters with mysticalcreatures and creative pumpkin carving are just some of the delights that await. Visit the magicalmarket in the cozy dining hall, and savor delicious bites available for purchase onsite. Admission is\$14 per person, and free for children under 5.

This Halloween, only those brave enough will be guided on an experience into the Warwa Woods. Asthe moon casts an eerie glow over the Woods, a chilling tale is whispered among the campfire'sflickering flames. It is said that long ago, a group of restless spirits roamed these very woods, theirsouls forever bound to

the land. The Warwa Woods evening experience for ages 16+ will take placeon October 27th and October 28th, from 7 PM to 11 PM in Warwa Woods. Limited spots are available for these haunting nights, and admission is \$18 per person.

Families are encouraged to attend both experiences in costume, and be prepared for a Halloweencelebration like never before at Camp Warwa! For more information and to book your experience, please visit campwarwa.org, or visit our Facebook Event page. Don't forget to use coupon codeWarwaWoods20 for an exclusive 20% discount on the Warwa Woods evening experience. Hurry, spots are filling up fast!

Join us at Camp Warwa this Halloween and make this spooky season unforgettable



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YELLOWHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANTS



Community Hall/Outdoor Amenity Capital Assistance Grant

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding assistance with capital projects which could include renovations, repairs, furniture & equipment purchases, new facility, new outdoor amenity, etc.



Recreation Program & Event Grant
Registered non-profit groups will be eligible
to apply for funding up to \$2000 for programs
and events that provide cultural, fitness, sport
and/or other recreational opportunities to the
community



Recreation & Culture Initiatives Fund

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible to apply for funding for new initiatives in recreation and culture facilities, programs and services that will have ongoing benefits to the community

Grant Deadlines: September 30, December 31, March 31, June 15 Grant Applications are reviewed quarterly.

Applications can be found at www.yhcounty.ca or picked up at the County offices in Edson or Wildwood. For more information contact Derek Starnes at 780-723-4800.

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2023 COMBINED ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Yellowhead County mailed the 2023 Combined Assessment and Tax Notices June 8, 2023. The deadline for paying Residential Taxes is **September 29, 2023**.

Payment Options:

- Edson or Wildwood Yellowhead County Offices (drop box available after hours at Edson location only)
- · At your Chartered Bank or Credit Union
- · Telephone Banking
- Internet banking (Your Tax Roll Number is your Account number)
- Courier or Canada Post (postmarked on/or before September 29, 2023)

A penalty will be applied to all 2023 tax levies that are outstanding after September 29, 2023

If you have not received a notice, or if you have further questions, call the Yellowhead County office at 780-723-4800 or toll free at 1-800-665-6030.

Office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

For more information, please call 1-800-665-6030 or 780-723-4800 or email info@yhcounty.ca

>>> Annual Farmer's Appreciation

Celebrating Our Hard-Working Local Producers

THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL PRODUCERS.

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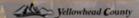
Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has put together several draws for gift certificates to some of our local businesses:

- \$250 Gift Certificate to Woodland Lumber & Building Supplies in Evansburg
- · \$250 Gift Certificate to Peers Farm & Feed Supplies
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Wighty's Tire & Mechanical in Evansburg
- · \$250 Gift Certificate to Mike the Mechanic in Peers
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Laurich Holdings Farm Supply Store in Evansburg
- \$250 Gift Certificate to Ray Agro & Petroleum Ltd in Evansburg

The draw entry deadline is October 16th @ 4:30pm.

The draws will take place on October 18th and winners will be contacted by phone and later announced in the newspaper and on our Facebook page.

Call our Wildwood Office at 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 and register to have your name put into the draws. Not a farmer? You can also call in to nominate a farmer to make sure they get put on the list.



Yellowhead County Community BOARD MEMBERS WANTED



Are you a Yellowhead County resident with a few hours to spare?

Want to volunteer your time to a good cause centered around your community? Then look no further!

You can apply to become a Yellowhead County Board Member and serve your community.

Now Recruiting for:

Library Board

One position available, 3-year Term. Board meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM at the Wildwood Library.

· Recreation Board

One position available, 3-year Term. Board meets quarterly on Mondays at 9:30 AM at the County office in Edson.

Agricultural Services Appeal Committee

Three positions available, 1-year Term (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024). Board meets as required. Training required, costs covered.

Find out more today, visit www.yhcounty.ca!

Note: Board Members must be Yellowhead County residents.

APPLY ONLINE BY OCTOBER $10^{\mathsf{TH}}!$

Questions? Call us at 780-723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

First Deputy Fire Chief of Operations LOCATION: Edson, AB COMPETITION NO. 23-039

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the First Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Fire Department Operations, Training and Public Safety and Yellowhead County's Occupational Health and Safety Program. Focusing on but not limited to, emergency response, operational readiness of all staff and equipment including apparatus, ensuring all staff are trained to the department standard, fire investigations, fire inspections, fire prevention programs, Public Safety, the Organizations safety, and locating, assigning, and acquiring all water filling locations in Yellowhead County. The position also provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$102,096-\$126,599 per year.

Yellowhead County offers a competitive benefit plan. To apply, please submit resumes and cover letters online at www.yhcounty.ca/jobs

A detailed position description can be found in the job posting online. The competition will remain open until it is filled. 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

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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Third Deputy Fire Chief of Emergency Management LOCATION: Edson, AB COMPETITION NO. 23-040

Under the general direction of the General Manager of Protective Services and reporting to the Fire Chief or designate, the Third Deputy Fire Chief will contribute to the overall leadership of the fire department and is responsible for Emergency Management and Municipal Emergency Plan as well as but not limited to logistics, support services, procurement, fleet maintenance, fleet replacement, equipment replacement, and supporting the day-to-day operations and emergency requirements of the Yellowhead County Fire Service, providing technical and advisory assistance to the Fire Chief or designate and to the District Chiefs. This position provides emergency response as required, assuming command as necessary and in accordance with the Yellowhead County Fire Services Standards.

The salary range is currently \$93,183 - \$115,547 per year.

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We need YOUR perspective on social needs in Yellowhead County!

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS DATES

6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM SESSIONS

- September 27th Wildwood Community Hall
- September 29th Brule Community Hall
- October 2nd Carrot Creek Hall
- October 3rd Marlboro Hall
- October 4th Robb Multiplex

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

- September 29th 2 PM to 4 PM Tom Petersen Room in Hinton Library
- October 3rd 1 PM to 3 PM Galloway Station Museum in Edson

ALL SESSIONS INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS.







Survey deadline: October 15, 2023

Call 780-325-3782 or 1-800-814-3935 for more info



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WEATHER EVERY STORM WITH CONCRETE WALLS

- Now is the time to take a few precautionary steps toward the utmost security of your home and family in the event of extreme weather occurrences, say officials observing climate change. You may be doing so already, but recent survey findings show that most Americans are worried about the ability to cope with damage caused by severe wind, fire, and flooding. Safety is the main preoccupation, but so are the costs associated with destruc-

tion and loss.

"One answer that solves many issues is to opt for the strongest impact-resilient house available," says Keven Rector at Nudura, a leading name in building with insulated concrete forms. "This ICF method is an advanced departure from traditional wood framing - and our design is recognized to be even more efficient. At the construction site, these compact concrete forms interlock (like Lego) to build a rock solid envelope from 4 to 12 inches thick."

And, says Rector, this construction innovation gives homeowners far more for their investment, such as:

Walls to weather any storm - If high winds and fire are a concern, data shows that an ICF home delivers hurricane and tornado impact-resistance up 250 miles per hour - and the fire protection rating is up to four hours.

Energy bills with a smile - Concrete walls

vastly reduce air infiltration as compared to wood walls, and that is the key to lower energy consumption. This saving is even more pronounced, says Rector, if builders use the most advanced ICFs available. The Nudura design, for instance, combines two panels of thick (EPS) foam with the structural strength and thermal mass of concrete. The resulting envelope produces an energy efficiency rating as high

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Weather Every Storm With Concrete Walls

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as R-50 (compared to an average R-20 in wood structures) saving you up to 50 percent on your utility bills.

Temperature consistency - The outside cold air easily travels through wood-framed walls, causing thermal bridging that produces drafts and chilly spots inside your home. Walls with a solid concrete core prevent thermal bridging so even temperatures result throughout the house.

Better, breathable air - Mold, mildew, and toxins associated with wood structures are also diminished.

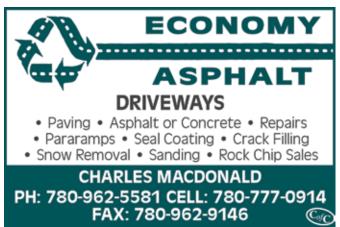
Shut out the noise -Solid concrete is an effective sound barrier. It dampens sound vibrations from outside noise such as traffic, trains and neighborhood parties. This internal peace and quiet is a welcomed bonus.

Rock solid asset - It is generally expected that a stronger, safer, storm resistant, greener home - and one that is cost efficient with less maintenance and repair - will steadily increase in re-

sale value.











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TOOLS OF THE HOME RENOVATOR'S TRADE

Home renovation projects can be both exciting and tricky. Doit-yourselfers are inspired by designs showcased in magazines, websites and their own communities. When DIY enthusiasts see a design they like, it's understandable that they may want to emulate these looks at home.

Remodeling is one of the larger DIY undertakings, and it goes beyond simple carpentry. Considering demolition, reconstruction, electrical, plumbing, and masonry work may be part of the DIY package, homeowners who are thinking about renovations must first stock up on the tools and other supplies of the trade. Having the right tools can mean the difference between a job well done and a job that needs to be redone.

· Crowbar or prybar: Before you can put in new construction, you might have to get your hands dirty with some demolition. Crowbars or prybars can be used to pry up wood slats, remove nails or remove old decking.

Tool pouch: A tool and fastener pouch gives DIYers a place other than their pockets to store fasteners and hand tools. Pouches can be attached to tool belts for added storage capacity.

Stud finder: Invest in a more fool-proof method of locating studs behind drywall then knocking on the wall. Stud finders can provide a picture of studs, pipes and other hidden items inside an entire length of wall. This is essential to driving nails where they belong and can also prevent sending fasteners into wires or nearby plumbing.

• Level: A level is an essential tool for everyone from ca-

sual decorators to more involved renovators. Whether hanging pictures or ensuring molding is parallel, levels are must-have tools for DIYers.

Safety glasses: Invest in a pair of safety glasses so no one working on a project deals with obstructed vision. Safety glasses also provide ample eye protection.

• Extension cords: If power tools are part of the renovation picture, extension cords can safely extend power where it is needed. Be sure to invest in a gauge that is large enough to handle the amperage of your most powerful tool.

· Measuring tape: The "measure twice, cut once" mantra is key to home improvements. To measure accurately each and every time, no tool chest is complete without a sturdy measuring tape.

Ladder varieties: Home improvements aren't always at ground level. Purchase ladders of various heights so you can safely reach various areas of the home and avoid injury. Step stools, a step ladder and an extension ladder all have their purposes on the job.

• Digital inspection scope: A scope lets you see inside walls, floors and ceilings to find the exact location of pipes, wires and joists. It also can be used to seek out the source of clogged drains or anywhere you desire sight into hard-to-maneuver areas.

In addition to these tools, brooms, shop-vacs, hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers can complete a DIYer's basic toolbox.









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UPGRADES ENSURE QUICKER ACCESS TO SAFE, SECURE HEALTHCARE

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

More than \$650,000 in redevelopment work at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre will improve patient flow and speed up the triage process for patients presenting to the emergency department.

Renovations to the hospital's triage space and admitting desk are now complete, providing staff with better sight lines to monitor patients in the waiting room. Patient privacy and security have also been enhanced with the installation of additional cameras and secure doors. Removal of the previous admitting desk and the laying of new floor throughout the space is expected to be complete by early next month.

Funding for the project comes from the Alberta government's Rural Health Facilities Revitalization Program.

"These improvements to the emergency department will improve the quality of care for people in and around Drayton Valley," says Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon. "The Alberta government's commitment to this important project will ensure those who need emergency services receive the best care possible in a modern space that keeps them healthy and safe."

A further \$2.2 million of government funding is currently supporting active facility upgrade projects at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre, including reconfiguration of the emergency department and elevator modernization. A government-funded roof upgrade project has been recently completed at \$875,000.

"It is critical that patients

and staff feel welcome and safe when they come to an emergency department, so I'm pleased these renovations will help create an environment where people can be comfortable while being seen as quickly as possible," says Janice Stewart, Chief Zone Officer in the Central Zone of Alberta Health Services (AHS).

AHS, in partnership with

Closed Sunday

Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Health, is building and renewing facilities across the province to provide accessible, sustainable, quality healthcare to all Albertans. AHS currently has about 540 maintenance projects underway throughout the province.

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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RAIL SAFETY WEEK

Submitted by GYPSD

As many of our communities are situated around rail tracks, GYPSD wants to share the important message of rail safety by recognizing the 20th anniversary of Rail Safety Week (RSW), September 18-24, 2023. #RailSafety #RSW2023 #StopTrackTragedies

Rail Safety Week occurs every September by Operation Lifesaver (OL) Canada to raise public awareness about rail safety and remind Canadians that taking risks near tracks and trains could cost them a limb, or their life. A significant part of OL's work includes community partnership initiatives, school presentations, and free resources such as Thomas the Tank storybooks for ages 3-5.

Many communities near tracks also show their support by proclaiming Rail Safety Week including the Town of Edson at the September 5, 2023, Council Meeting.

Did you know?

According to CN, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured each year because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains.

Be Rail Smart! Stop, Look, Listen and Live by following railway crossing signs and signals.

#RailSafety is a shared responsibility. Do your part and participate in the Pledge & Play contest

Any time is train time! Trains do not always run on schedule. They can run at any time, on any track, and come from any direction.

Speed Misperception: Because of their size, trains appear to be much further away and traveling much slower than their actual speed. Don't be fooled!

Trains cannot stop quickly. The average train needs at least 2 kms to come to a stop!

Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Rail Safety Week

Priority 1:
Student
Learning

Priority 3:
Community
Engagement

Priority 4:
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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

ANSWER:

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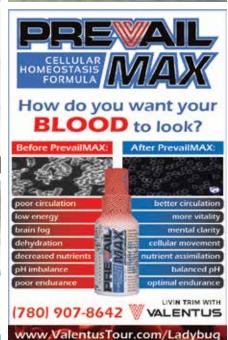








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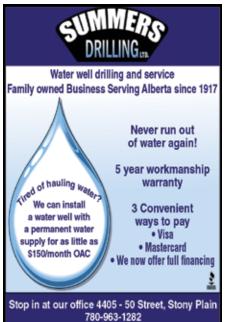
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