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## January 17, 2024

### BUILDING UP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is helping agricultural societies make major facility repairs and upgrades that will improve the quality of life for rural communities.

Agricultural societies play a significant role in the social life of Alberta towns, villages and rural communities. Throughout the year, they can be counted on to host community events

from farmers markets and craft fairs to children's programs and summer rodeos.

The 2023 Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program is granting \$2.5 million to 34 ag societies to update existing facilities like community halls, arenas and rodeo grounds. Modern buildings and amenities encourage community involvement and growth.

"Agricultural societies play a key role in improv-

ing rural communities and well-maintained facilities support their continued success. With these funds, ag societies across Alberta will be able to expand programs and keep their spaces safe, modern and accessible. These facilities play an essential role in rural communities, offering residents and visitors opportunities to gather, build connections and engage with their neighbours."

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### YCE MULTIPLEX UPDATE

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Clark Builders Chosen as Construction Managers for the YCE Multiplex in Edson

Edson, Alberta, January 10, 2024 - Yellowhead County and the Town of Edson are moving ahead in 2024 with the construction plans for the Yellowhead County Edson (YCE) Multiplex located

in Edson, Alberta.

Following a thorough evaluation process, Clark Builders, a renowned construction management and general contracting company, has been appointed the construction manager for this highly anticipated project, which includes a new pool, arena, and walking loop. The project also includes renovations to the

Centennial Arena, repurposing the Memorial Arena to accommodate curling, and planning of potential space for a gymnasium.

The next stage of the project is to meld the ongoing schematic design work with construction management input that will include a cost analysis and constructability review.

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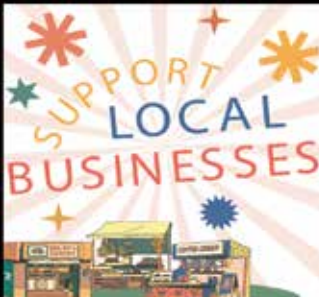
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# Building Up Agricultural Societies

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RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Each year, Alberta's government supports the work of agricultural societies through the Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program. Individual projects may receive funding between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

The most common types of facilities applied for under the program were arenas, curling rinks, community halls and grandstands. Some of the approved projects the funding will support include roof repairs, kitchen and bathroom renovations, window and door upgrades, and increasing accessibility.

"We're pleased to see a strong uptake of this new

capital grant by ag societies across Alberta. These facilities are gathering spaces for a range of activities, including farmers markets, rural fairs, team sports and rodeos. The facility upgrades that are now possible with this funding will immensely benefit rural communities."

Tim Carson, CEO, Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies

"On behalf of the Madden Ag society, I would like to thank the provincial government along with the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies for their financial support to help maintain and enhance our wonderful community centre. This funding makes it possible to both replace the flooring in our commercial kitchen as well as upgrade

our curling rink with newer energy-saving liners to help reduce operating costs and improve the overall quality of the ice."

Dustin Helm, president, Madden & District Agricultural Society

Alberta's government will continue to support agricultural societies through the Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program in 2024, with the intake opening later this year.




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# YCE Multiplex Update

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In September, the Town and County selected GEC Architecture to perform the architectural and design functions on the YCE Multiplex project. Clark Builders will begin work with GEC Architecture, Town of Edson, and Yellowhead County on the schematic design of the YCE Multiplex. This will lay the groundwork for the construction planning during this important stage of the project.

“Edson Town Council is excited to see this important step forward. We have the team in place to ensure we get a facility that is focused on functionality and meeting the needs of our regional community. A lot of work has occurred in the last several months to

get us to this milestone in the project. Town Council is firmly committed to getting this project complete as reflected in our Strategic Plan.” Town of Edson Mayor, Kevin Zahara

“With this step of hiring an experienced and accomplished construction management team, we’re moving ahead to provide a modernized recreation hub for our regional community. Our residents will get a multiplex that will deliver a range of recreation services and promote healthy active living for current and new users.” Yellowhead County Mayor, Wade Williams

Clark Builders’ extensive experience in constructing and renovating recreational facilities in Alberta, including the Camrose Aquat-

ics Centre Expansion, the Beaumont Sports & Recreation Centre, and most recently the Yellowknife Aquatic Centre, set them apart from the competition. With a proven track record of delivering exceptional results, they are well-equipped to meet the unique challenges of the YCE Multiplex project.

With Clark Builders’ background in new builds and complex renovations, this construction management team is the perfect fit to set the course towards the final construction of this facility and bring the YCE Multiplex to life.

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# OVER 400 PARKLAND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES JOIN CUPE

Submitted by Canadian Union of Public Employees

Over 400 educational assistants, clerical staff, therapists and technicians employed by the Parkland School Division have voted overwhelmingly to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). In an Alberta Labour Relations Board vote counted today,

employees voted 97.8% to leave their independent association and join Canada's largest union. There was an 80% turnout.

Parkland school division includes 23 schools west of Edmonton in Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and surrounding areas.

CUPE Alberta President Rory Gill welcomed the new members, saying they

chose CUPE for the benefits of being part of a larger organization.

"School board workers have a lot of challenges ahead," said Gill. "Most have not had a wage increase in eight years. The average wage for an Educational Assistant is just \$26,400. Employees at Parkland believe we are all stronger together, and their votes reflect that."

"K-12 support staff are greatly undervalued in Alberta. These are the people who educate our kids – they deserve financial security and CUPE will work hard to make sure that happens."

CUPE represents 11,500 K-12 employees in Alberta.

## MISSING PERSON - COLE ROBERT HOSACK



Submitted by Dawson Creek RCMP

Have you seen Cole Hosack? Missing Person - Cole Robert Hosack

The Dawson Creek RCMP are requesting the public's help in locating Cole Robert Hosack who has not been seen since December 31, 2023.

On Monday, January 1, 2024, Dawson Creek RCMP received a report of a missing person.

Friends of Cole Robert Hosack stated that he was last seen around 11:00 pm, New Year's Eve, leaving the Lonestar Nightlife on Alaska Avenue, Dawson Creek BC.

Cole Robert Hosack is not from Dawson Creek and is to leave for Edmonton Alberta on January 5, 2024 for new employment.

Cole Robert Hosack is described as

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Jan 30	Wildwood	Feb 20	Peers
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**For more information or to register your equipment, call the Infrastructure Services Department at (780) 723-4800 or 1-800-665-6030.**

# LETTER TO EDITOR

Submitted by Glen Hoover

I'm writing down my thoughts about climate change that I believe are right but its my right to be wrong also.

Environmental change is real but its not the first time in history that this has happened and I don't agree that it can all be blamed on fossil fuels.

Carbon dioxide is being released into our atmosphere today at a rate much less than if one large volcano erupted. The Yellowstone volcano

is over 10 miles in diameter. Just think what an exhaust pipe this size would produce. Carbon dioxide in our atmosphere is dearly needed to maintain life. All growing plant life uses it to live but what happens if the plant life isn't there to use up the carbon. Trees in our forests are being destroyed at a rate that never before happened in history. Sawmills and logging companies are not monitored for what they do and how much they can harvest in one year. The government has turned over to the

companies the right to govern themselves. If a sawmill or pulp mill upgrades or enlarges their mill for greater capacity should they be allowed a larger quota? This is whats happening. Now days its not just the coniferous trees being cut down but also all deciduous trees such as aspen and birch, for pulp and paper or biomass for burning in power production or pellets for export.

The companies are reforesting these logged off areas but for these seedlings to use up the same

amount of carbon dioxide they have to grow for at least 80 years. Another thing that's happening is that the reforested blocks are being sprayed with chemical to rid the area of all other competitive vegetation. Yes, all grasses, all deciduous plants, all fruit and berry plants are killed off for a number of years. So much for the plants using up carbon dioxide. Not even the squirrels or moose can survive on these logged off blocks. These logged blocks with no vegetation do not absorb the heat and water. Therefore these areas get hot and dry out and burn. There is too much destruction of our forests that use up the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Not just the rain forests but also our own forests. The government must change the quota system for a sustainable forest for our future.

The advancement of our cities and towns has got to be slowed down or stopped. The ground with its organic matter and plant life absorbs the heat from our sun. Then when the earth, which grows crops for human consumption, and trees and other vegetation is covered with concrete or asphalt, the heat is not absorbed but released into the atmosphere - thus global warming. We must stop covering our good farmland and forests with city development. When driving down our roads, in the tree shaded spots the temperature will drop several degrees. Cities and towns with new development must slow the rate of expanding outward and start expanding up instead. Isn't it a coincidence that we attack fossil fuels for all our environmental crisis when the real cause is our human destruction of our planet. Our logging in Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and BC is causing global warming more that anything else. Cities covering our cropland and forests with asphalt and concrete affect both global warming and the amount of carbon dioxide that the plants would have used. I farmed a mixed farm for 45 years along with working in the oil patch to pay the bills. I was also a partner in construction and logging equipment and worked for Canfor and Diashawa. I have now retired and am no expert but can reason some things out from experience..

My message for the world is stop destroying and polluting the world that we have been given but do not own.

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# WARM HOMES, COLD REALITY: SHARE YOUR CARBON TAX STORY

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

In Yellowhead, where recent temperatures have plummeted to below -40° C, the reality of the carbon tax hits differently than intended. In our region, where heating homes is a matter of life and death, the carbon tax imposed by the NDP-Liberal coalition becomes a glaring burden, exposing the policy's disconnect from the realities faced by Canadians, including those in our own cities, towns, and rural communities.

Touted as a measure to combat climate change, the carbon tax has spectacularly failed to meet its own environmental

goals. Despite the financial strain it has placed on Canadians, especially in colder regions, it has not led to any significant reduction in emissions. This clearly indicates that the carbon tax is less about environmental stewardship and more about implementing a tax scheme under the guise of climate action. It's a policy that penalizes Canadians, like those in Yellowhead, for whom natural gas is not a choice but a necessity.

The impact of this policy is felt most acutely in our gas bills. It's a common sight now: the carbon tax portion exceeding the actual cost of natural gas. This is not just a flawed policy – it's an unfair eco-

nomie imposition on our community. We are being punished for the basic act of keeping our homes warm, while the policy itself has yet to show any real contribution to reducing carbon emissions.

This situation calls for more than passive observation. I urge every resident and business owner in Yellowhead, whether in rural areas or our towns, to share your gas bills (with redacted personal information) with large carbon tax costs and your stories to my email: gerald.soroka@parl.gc.ca. We need these real-life accounts as evidence to challenge this ineffective and unfair tax policy. Your voices will be crucial in our fight to ex-

pose this tax scheme for what it is and advocate for a more reasonable, effective approach to environmental policy.

The fight against the carbon tax in the House of Commons is a fight for the fair treatment of all Canadians. It's time to stand against policies that do little for the environment while placing undue burdens on communities like ours. In Yellowhead, we understand the importance of environmental responsibility, but it cannot come at the cost of our basic needs. We must demand policies that truly balance environmental goals with the realities of Canadian life.



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# YELLOWHEAD COUNTY YEAR IN REVIEW AND 2024 GOALS

Submitted by Yellowhead County

2023 was like no other for Yellowhead County. Review some of the highlights and challenges faced by Yellowhead County and also some of Council's goals for 2024.

Yellowhead County, AB (January 4, 2024) – With the unprecedented fire and flooding this last year, 2023 was like no other for Yellowhead County. Still, for Yellowhead County Mayor Wade Williams and Council, several highlights showed that the municipality persevered and accomplished many of their goals and plans while still providing essential services to county residents and businesses.

For 2024, Mayor Williams is excited that it will be a productive year for Yellowhead County, focusing on delivering municipal services and new capital projects while rebuilding the damaged infrastructure caused by the devastation from this past

spring. What were the most significant accomplishments that Council achieved over the past year?

• Our strategic plan that guides administration through Council's 4-year vision. Council has an appetite for capturing Yellowhead County's Heritage, including the fires and floods of 2023.

• Continuing to build on the communications tower system to enhance communications and broad-band services throughout the County.

• Several community-focused accomplishments that include completion of the Cadomin Pump Track, the groundbreaking of the Cadomin Community Hall, the celebration of Robb's 100th anniversary, and significant upgrades to several of our community cemeteries.

• The overall disaster response for a year where Alberta had ten times the average amount of forest area burned and over 1.5 times the average burned in Yellowhead County.

• The continued operations, post-disaster, of the municipal operations and rebuilding of County resources that were damaged during the fires and floods.

• Continued focus on the County's municipal infrastructure replacement plan.

• Focused review and development plan, with Edson, for the YCE Multiplex Centre.

What were the biggest challenges to overcome in 2023?

• The wildfires and flooding were a significant challenge for our County and residents. We are incredibly proud of being able to react to these disasters as we did, with a focus on the prevention of loss of life and minimizing damage to infrastructure and property.

• Post-flood infrastructure inspections, assessments, and repairs that included nine major culverts and 19 bridge structures.

• Concerns from Council that the County wasn't included in a provincial drought support program due to no data being gathered for Yellowhead County, although our ag producers and farmers were significantly impacted.

• Infrastructure capital development was significantly impacted in some cases by the disasters and mother nature.

What can residents expect from Council in 2024?

• Continue progress on our Strategic Plan and capital asset management plan, including a long-term road and bridge development plan.

• Continued progress on the

YCE Multiplex Centre.

• A \$500,000 grant commitment to the Yellowhead Ag Society toward the replacement of their indoor riding arena.

• We look forward to more large-scale energy projects that focus on new progressive environmental technologies, such as the Cascade Power Project and other planned projects that include Novus Earth (Fresh Bay) and the Canyon Creek Pumped Hydro Project.

• The recruitment and addition of more YC firefighters. We hope to encourage more residents to be part of our volunteer fire department.

• The completion of the new Niton Fire Station.

• The addition of new towers that are part of the County's program to expand coverage throughout Yellowhead County, increasing options for commercial and industry coverage, and play an important role in the safety of our residents and staff.

• \$70,000,000 in capital projects that are part of our long-term vision for capital programs in our County.

• Develop a resident-focused plan for the level of FCSS services offered in the County as a whole.

What challenges do you expect to encounter in 2024?

• We will continue to work with our community to engage them on our projects.

• We continue to plan for any potential disasters, and we are doing this by keeping communications open with other government agencies such as

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Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Alberta Wildfire, our local MLAs and the appropriate provincial Ministers.

• Our world is a different place, and we will continue to find ways to operate efficiently in the new economic climate.

Accolades and Moving Forward.

I would like to thank the residents of Yellowhead County for their cooperation and resiliency during a very difficult and extended disaster situation.

I want to thank Yellowhead County staff and firefighters for the extended hours they put in

away from their families during this most difficult time. A short time is much more manageable than 60-plus days.

There were many lessons learned during this past year of multiple disasters, that were all occurring at the same time. Yellowhead County is confident that we are as ready as we can be

going forward. We will continue to learn and implement strategies and technology as information becomes available.

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# 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!

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

**ANSWER:**

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

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<p><b>Emmaus Lutheran Church</b></p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Rev. Robert Marshall 4604-59<sup>th</sup> Ave, Drayton Valley Ph: 780-542-5101 www.emmauslutheran.ca</p>	<p><b>Church of God</b></p> <p>Worship Service Sun. 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Please contact for activities</p> <p>5004-49 Street, Drayton Valley Ph: 780-542-5091</p>	<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Pastoral Team: Kenton Penner</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30a.m. Youth &amp; Ministries Info - calvbapt@telus.net</p> <p>4401-50<sup>th</sup> Ave. Drayton Valley 780-542-4774 www.calvarybaptistdo.ca</p>	<p><b>Drayton Valley Alliance Church</b></p> <p>Pastor John Haazen</p> <p>Join us for Sunday Service at 10:30a.m. 5014-56 Ave. (next to Value Drug Mart) Programs for all ages Ph: 542-6501 dvalliance.ca</p>	<p><b>All Saints' Anglican Church</b></p> <p>10:30a.m. Sunday Worship</p> <p>5212 47 Ave. Drayton Valley (780) 542-5048 www.allsaaintsdraytonvalley.ca</p>	<p><b>St. Anthony Catholic Church</b></p> <p>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday 5:00p.m. Sunday 12:00p.m.</p> <p>4708-50 Ave. Drayton Valley Parish Office: 542-5254</p>



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 25 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

Jesse Lesko playing at Meadowview Community Centre January 27th. \$20/ ticket. Light meal incl. Cash bar. Doors open 7:00 starts at 8:00 PM. Call Patsy at 780-674-3546.

## FARMERS MARKETS

**DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market,** Wednesdays starting May 3rd-October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information.

**EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:** Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-515-0905 **May-Sept**

**URG:** Sat, 10AM-2PM, Tipple Park Museum. Call 727-2240 for tables. **\*May-Sept.**

**SPRUCE GROVE:** at the Elevator, Sat 10:00-1:00PM, Info (780)288-6174 **\*April - Dec.**

**STONY PLAIN:** Saturdays, 9AM-1PM, Community Centre Downtown, Stony Plain. Nancy 780-962-3993. **\*April - Dec.**  
**Wabamun Farmers Market:** 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 3. Old Fire Hall (53rd Ave), Wabamun

## BINGO

**ENTWISTLE COMM. LEAGUE BINGO:** Every Wednesday, Doors Open 6pm.

**STONY PLAIN SENIORS DROP-IN CENTRE:** public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685

**WILDWOOD:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon night. 6:30PM, bingo starts 7:30PM, Early Birds & Lucky 7.  
**WILDWOOD LADIES AID:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month, 6:30PM, bingo starts 7:30PM.

## MEAT DRAWS

**C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA NETWORKING FOR SENIORS,** Spruce Grove at Pioneer Center. first market March 25 - 5:30pm

**Evansburg:** Evansburg Legion, Friday 8-10PM & Saturday 3-5PM

**STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR# 256:** Saturdays @ 3:00PM-5:00 PM Meat Draw & 50/50.

**Wildwood:** Wildwood Legion, Saturday 3-5PM

## JAMBOREES

**CARVEL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

**DUFFIELD:** Oct 22 \$20, Entertainers \$10. Dinner @ 6pm, late lunch and 50/50.

**\*Sept - May, except Dec.**  
**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center"

Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

**ENTWISTLE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, Doors at 1:30PM at Entwistle Community Hall. Contact Verna at 780-716-2304. **\*October - May**

**RAVINE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of each month. Info 780-325-2391

**\*Sept - May.**  
**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

**SPRUCE GROVE:** at Sandhills Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1-5PM. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 **\*Sept - June.**

**STONY PLAIN:** Stony Plain Seniors Drop In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave. Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM, \$2.

**TOMAHAWK:** Tomahawk Agriplex, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of month. 1PM. to 5PM. Doors open at noon PH: 780-339-3755. **\*Oct - May**

**WILDWOOD:** Wildwood Community Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Each Month, noon 325-2180 325-2270 **\*Oct - June.**

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**ENTWISTLE:** Wed 5 pm weigh-in, meeting to follow. WEE Foodbank building, main street Entwistle, south entrance. Call Jean at 780-270-4648 for

more info.

**STONY PLAIN:** Thurs evening at 5:30PM, Stony Plain Library Susan (780) 968-0869

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Mon at 4:30pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Betty (780)962-3857

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Tues at 6:15PM at Anglican Church, 131 Church Rd. Sharron (780) 962-2722

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Wed at 8:45am at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Christiane (sp) (780)960-1109

**WILDWOOD:** Thurs at 10am at Wildwood Hall. Bea (780)727-2129

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## YOUR COMMUNITY

**ALBERTA PARENTING FOR THE FUTURE ASSOC:** Call 963-0549 or visit www.apfa.ca to register. All programs are confidential & free.

**Derrick Toastmasters:** Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538.secretary@gmail.com for information.

**FREE HOME MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM,** for Wabamun Seniors & Wabamun Lions. Arrange for meal preparation through a local restaurant. Call Darlene, 892-2551.

**PROBLEMS WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION** in a loved one? Contact Drug Rehab Resource for a free confidential consultation. 1-866-649-1594 or www.drugrehabresource.net.

**LIBRARY EVENTS**

**AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB** at Keephills Library. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of every month, 1:30-3:00PM. Visit www.pclibraries.ca for info.

**FAMILY GAMES NIGHT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of every month, 6-8PM. Located at Entwistle Library, Duffield Library and Tomahawk Library. In partnership with Parkland School Division. Visit www.pclibraries.ca for more info.

**HATCHET CITY READERS** at Tomahawk Library. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of every month, 10-11AM. For what we're reading next, visit our website, www.pclibraries.ca.

**INVESTORS CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of every month, 3:30-5:00PM at Entwistle Library. 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of every month, 3:30-5:00PM at Tomahawk Library. Ages 8-13. To register: Call the library at 780-339-3935.

**SEBA BEACH LIBRARY** Seba Beach Book Club is back to being indoors. We meet at 10 AM every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Call us at 780-797-3940 or email sebsbeachlibrary@yrl.ab.ca or follow us on FB.

**EVANSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs, 7:00PM Grand Trunk High 727-2030.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

**AEROBICS:** Low impact, Mon/Wed, 11AM-12PM, Wildwood Senior's Centre, 1/1 session.

**BREAKFAST SOCIAL:** 9:30AM-NOON, Parkland Village Community Centre - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. PH: 780.298.9155 Social Media: PVCentre.

**COME PLAY CRIB:** Fridays, 7:00PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

**COUNTRY QUILTERS** in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

**Darwell Public Skating** 7-days weel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag.com or Facebook

**DROP-IN ADULT PICKLEBALL:** Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m. Sept.12th-May @ G.T. School, Evansburg, Beginners Welcome. Paddles sponsored by the Evansburg Public Library

**EVANSBURG ART CLUB:** meet & paint Thurs 1-4PM Rec Plex. 727-4340 or 727-4098

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S HERITAGE HOUSE:** Floor Curling Mon & Thurs, 1pm. Court Whist Thurs, 7PM.

**EVANSBURG TITTLE PARK HISTORICAL BUILDING TOURS:** Wed - Sat, 10:00-5:00PM.

**HEALTHY AGING NURSE & FOOT CARE PERSON,** Wabamun Seniors Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of month, 9AM.

**OPEN HOUSE** for socializing, Crib & card playing at Entwistle Senior Center, Thursdays at 6:45PM. Dan 780-982-0353

**PARENT & TOT PLAYTIME:** PERC Building Stony Plain Wed 10-11AM; Holborn Community Hall Thurs 9:30-11AM; Parkland Village Tues 9:30-11:30AM.

**POT LUCK** every Tues 12:00PM, Wabamun Seniors Centre. Come on down!

**SEBA BEACH SENIORS CENTER:** Yoga, mon, 9:30AM, \$10/session. Bridge thurs, 1PM. Jams every Wed night, 7PM. Thrift Shop every Wed & Sat at 10-3PM. Charity # 890175375 RR0001

**SEBA BEACH QUILTERS & FIBER ARTS:** Wednesdays 9:30AM, Seniors Center.

**SENIORS WEDNESDAY\* AFTERNOON** 1-4pm at Parkland Village Community Centre. Games, Crafts & more! Call Sheryl 780.695.7032 *exceptions incl. Weather.*

**SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN INSPIRATIONAL CINEMA & DISCUSSIONS** at PERC Building (5413-51 St). 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month at 7PM. Popcorn provided, donations appreciated. Contact 780-940-3032

**SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN GATHERING** at PERC Building (5413-51 St). Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month. Meditation 10AM, inspirational sharing 10:30AM. PH 780-940-3032

**SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS:** Tues-Sat, 9-3pm, 960-4600.

**STONY PLAIN'S 5TH MERIDIAN GOOD SAMS RV CHAPTER:** Ecole Meridian Heights School. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of Month, 7PM. Call Pat at 780-963-6976 or Ruth at 780-288-9829.

**THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION** Images of Nature Show, Featuring wildlife carvings, Whitecroft Hall, 314 52313 RR232, Sherwood Park, Saturday Apr.30 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Sunday May 1, 10:00 am - 2:30pm, See beautiful hand carved wildlife sculptures

**MEETINGS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> TIMERS:** A support & confidential group for Grandparents Parenting. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of month, 6:30PM. Grand Trunk High School (meet in Lobstick Literacy & Learning room). Child care provided at the Evansburg Public Library.

**299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE:** Stony Plain Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

**755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS** Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.aircadet.com/755.

**AA:** Friday at 8PM, Evansburg. Call 325-2204, 727-2466 or 727-6652.

**AA MEETING:** Every Monday night at 8PM, Duffield Mewassin Free Methodist Church, (13km South of Duffield Turnoff at Shell Gas Station on Hwy 16).

**AL-ANON:** Wed 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Drive. 962-5205 Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** (Evans/Ent): 7:30PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs, Heritage House.

**C.H.I.L.D. (Citizens Helping in Life's Defence)** Please join our Pro-Life meetings once a month in Stony Plain. For info call Chris 963-6997.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** The Pembina Community Watch Patrol Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each month at 7:30PM, at the Tipple Park Museum (4924-48 St.), Evansburg.

Contact 780-898-1465 or 780-727-2686.  
**DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY:** 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Community Hall.

**DDRA MEETING,** 7:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. **\*except Jul/Aug/Dec**

**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Municipal Library (5120-52 St.) every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of month. Call (780) 542-2787

**ENTWISTLE COMMUNITY LEAGUE GENERAL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly 7:30PM. **\*Except June, July, August**

**ENTWISTLE LIONS CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 8PM, Entwistle curling Rink. Jim 727-3573

**ENTWISTLE SENIORS 55+ CLUB:** Tue & Fri, 1:30-4:00PM at Entwistle Hall

**EVANSBURG SENIOR'S 55+ HERITAGE HOUSE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of Month, 7:00PM. Dennis, 727-4186.

**FALLIS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00PM.

**LAC STE. ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

**LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

**LAKE ISLE MULTI 4-H GENERAL MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of each month @ 6:30PM @ Lake Isle Hall. Contact 780-242-2486.

**LOBSTICK 4-H BEEF & MULTI CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, Evansburg Arena, 7PM, Shannon 727-2358

**LOBSTICK GARDEN CLUB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues, 6:30PM at Tipple Park Museum, Clara (780) 399-2205

**MACKAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** 7pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at Mackay Community Hall

**MAGNOLIA BOARD MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7PM at Magnolia Community Hall.

**MEN FOR SOBRIETY:** Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove), Mike (780) 965-9991.

**MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 6-8PM at Norquest College, Terra Leslie, 1-403-346-0290. **\*Sept-June**

**MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP:** Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Contact Cassy 780-471-3034

**NA MEETING:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM. 514-6011

**PEMBINA PORCUPINES - JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS:** Entwistle Porcupine gathering: 7PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Tue. Len & Tineke at 727-2020. Porcupines@yellowheadjfw.ca

**SOLVE:** Community Enviro issues discussed at Smithfield Hall (N of Hwy 16 on RR34). 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Jana 892-0006

**STONY PLAIN FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION & WABAMUN GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon, Stony Plain Comm Center, 7:30PM.

**SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB:** Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM, St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

**TOMAHAWK SENIORS (50+)** meets every Thursday from 1-4pm at the Tomahawk Agra.

**W.E.E COMMUNITY FOOD BANK:** Call (780) 727-4043 for emergency food needs. Monthly Meeting: LAST Monday of month at 7:00PM at the Food Bank (Old fire hall in Entwistle). **\*Except December**

**WILDWOOD & DIST AG SOCIETY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month 7:00PM at the Wildwood Complex. Wilma 325-2424

**WILDWOOD & DIST ROD & GUN CLUB:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7:30PM at the range clubhouse, wildwoodrodandgun@gmail.com

**WILDWOOD SENIORS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 2:00PM. Contact Vivian 780 325 2296 **\*No meeting July/Aug/Dec.**

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