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March 13, 2024

PROGRAMS AT THE ALBERTA BEACH LIBRARY

Submitted by Alberta Beach Library

Things are hopping at the library. Here are some programs that we are running this spring. You can get more information by email ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca or phone 780-924-3491. And be sure to follow us on facebook for the latest information on our services and programs.

Kids and Adult take-home

craft bags – available week of March 18. These are free and available on a first come, first served basis.

Kids Craft Night - Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm – Kids 8 and older are welcome to join us for a night of crafting fun. These popular craft nights are always full to capacity – participants make a variety of crafts and enjoy some social time. The program is free;

pre-registration is required (no drop ins). There are only 4 spaces left so don't delay! Registration can be done at ablibrary@yrl.ab.ca.

Watercolour Art Class – Thursday, March 28, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm – open to anyone 10 years of age and older. Judy, our instructor, is back for another night of watercolour painting.

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Faith & Begorra – It's a St. Paddy's Day Meal!

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 15, when Carol & crew will prepare and serve a St. Paddy's Day meal. Enjoy beef Irish stew, cabbage apple salad, Joanne's famous cheese/chive/beer soda bread. Dessert is strawberry rhubarb crumble cake. The Veterans' Table is sponsored by Liane & Randy Wenckowski.

Please text 780-967-5361 by Wednesday, March 13 to ex-

press your intention to attend this unique meal. Take-out orders are always available if pre-ordered.

St. Paddy's Day Raffle

It's a St. Paddy's Day Drink Basket Raffle! Don't miss your chance to win this huge basket containing wine, hard liquors, specialty liquors, and glasses!

Tickets are available at the Onoway Legion for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The draw will be held March 15 at the St. Paddy's Day dinner.

Ukrainian Dinner Winners
On Friday, March 1, three

more winners took home prizes. Patsy Ste. Hilaire won the free dinner, while Pat Twible was awarded a roast & chicken breasts in the meat draw. Kevin Krezek was the lucky winner of \$155 in the 50/50 draw.

Message from the President

As interim president, it's a steep learning curve, and I thank you for your patience. I'm learning a lot from others about how our members feel the Onoway Legion can best support our veterans and our community.

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Limited spots are available. Pre-registration is required, cost is \$5. We accept debit, cash, and e-transfer.

Author Talk – Monday, April

29 – 6:30 pm - Genevieve Graham, Bestselling (and local) author, will be at the library to talk about her latest book "The Secret Keeper" talk and to discuss the world of publishing, writing, and to answer

questions. She will have autographed copies of her books available for purchase. No registration is required – just drop in.



Onoway Legion News

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At each Legion event, I look around and see a lot of satisfied faces. I see a lot of proud, very proud faces. That is what this branch should be and I'm proud to be a small part of it. If you're a Legion member

(or even just thinking about it), now is the time to join our events and participate in our meetings. We need all viewpoints to continue making our legion a success.

We can continue to operate with the small group of dedi-

cated volunteers we have but to really succeed, we also need a wider range of opinions and ideas. We need you to participate – first by voting at our Special General Meeting on March 25,

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JOKE of the week

A three year old walked over to a pregnant lady while waiting with his mother in the doctors office.

He inquisitively ask the lady, "Why is your stomach so big?" She replied, "I'm having a baby."

With big eyes, he asked, "Is the baby in your stomach?" She said, "He sure is."

Then the little boy, with a puzzled look, asked, "Is it a good baby?"

She said, "Oh, yes. It's a real good baby."

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then by being active through the remainder of the year.

Pub Night

Although there's no meal at the legion on Friday, March 22, everyone is invited to come for our Pub Night. You don't need to be a legion member to enjoy a friendly evening of cards, darts or pool with friends. A full bar service, along with snacks and freshly-cooked hot dogs is always available to enjoy with your cold beer. We even offer specialty cocktails, apple cider, chai latte, and specialty herbal teas!

No Dinner on Easter Weekend

The Onoway Legion will be closed, with no dinner on Friday, March 29. Our many volunteers deserve to enjoy the weekend with their families and friends, free of their obligations at the legion.

Wednesday Pub Night and Musical Jam

Our house band strikes up the music at our Wednesday Pub Night every week. Everyone, member or not, is invited to participate in the musical jam. Doors open at 6:30 pm each Wednesday, with music starting at 7 pm. that everyone is invited to join.

Bring an instrument to play, or sing along with the band or as a soloist. If you'd rather, just tap your feet, sit, and listen, or dance. Not musical? You can play darts, pool, or cards while you enjoy the music. The bar is open with hotdogs and bar snacks.

Pool and Darts Clubs

Each Tuesday, the thud of thrown darts fills the hall. Registration is at 7 pm so everyone can be assigned to a team for play to begin at 7:30 pm. Cost for darts is \$3 each week.

Then, each Thursday the pool club racks up the balls. Play begins at 7:30 pm, but please arrive no later than 7:15 pm to be included in the evening schedule. Cost is \$5 each week.

You don't need to be a Legion member to take part in either of these regular clubs each week.

Onoway Legion Special General Meeting

Important! On Monday, March 25, Onoway RCL Branch 132 will hold a special meeting for elections to fill all positions.

All Onoway Legion members in good standing are urged to attend this special general meeting to have a say about the composition of the board. To ensure the Legion continues to thrive, it's important to have as many members as possible present to have an elected board that is balanced with all viewpoints.

Nominations are still being accepted, and will also be accepted from the floor. If you are interested in standing for a position, please contact Interim President Richard Moses at mosesjr2@outlook.com or 780-967-2433.

Did You Know ...

Legion Branches are central places for people to gather and feel connected to their neighbours, and ours is no exception. The legion is one of the cornerstones of our community. We are a community centre, host weddings, memorial services, and other community events. Our suppers have become popular with a range of people. At our sports events on regular evenings, we welcome both members and non-members alike. Come out and see what we're all about.



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ONOWAY REGIONAL FIRE SERVICES DECISION-MAKING AND COMMUNICATION PROCESS

Submitted

The Councils of the undersigned member municipalities would like to make the Town of Onoway aware of concerns that have developed regarding decisions that are being made and communications that are being sent out on behalf of Onoway Regional Fire Services and its member municipalities.

As you are aware, the Town holds the Fire Services Agreement with our contracted service provider and the members municipalities have agreements with the Town for the provisions of fire services. Recently, the town been negligent in its duties, as they pertain to its various contracts. Most notably, the Town has been making decisions and issuing communications without prior discussion, direction, or approval from the Fire Services Committee. While this has been an ongoing issues for some time, there are two recent examples of this occurring that we would like to highlight, in order to demonstrate the issue: the December 21, 2023 letter from the Town and Lac Ste Anne County regarding changes to dispatch procedures, and the January 16, 2024 letter from Onoway to Chief Ives regarding medical consumables.

The December 21, 2023 letter outlines changes to dispatch protocols. It is our understanding that these changes occurred in October and were at the direction of Lac Ste Anne County. This letter, signed by the CAO of Onoway, implies that the Twon was both a

party to, and in favour of, this decision. These changes should not have been agreed to by the Town and a letter sent from the Town without first discussing the situation and the appropriate response with the Fire Service Committee. While these changes may appear inconsequential, and in fact they may be, it was not for the Town to decide. Further, it is prudent to remind the Town that the dual dispatch system originated after significant effort by the Town and its partner municipalities, on behalf of Onoway Regional Fire Services, following the deaths of four (4) people on Highway 633 in two separate incidents. We would like to know more about how the decision was made, Onoway's role in it, and how these changes are being implemented through the dispatch center. We would also appreciate written confirmation from the Town of Onoway that you have confirmed that Onoway Regional Fire Services is being called out to all calls where there is a life-safety risk. Public safety must be our number one priority, and this decision may very well put the safety of our residents in question.

The January 16, 2024 letter to Chief Ives also shows an example of decision being made without due process. Neither that Fire Services Committee nor the membership has passed a Fire Administration budget for the 2024 year. Without this budget being passed, we do not yet know what the committee or membership will approve regarding consumables in 2024. We ask that you do not make commit-

ments on our behalf without due process. Further, the 2024 fire administration budget should have been passed in 2023 or early in 2024, yet no meeting have been scheduled for the purposes of passing the budget. We require that a meeting be scheduled with the Fire Services membership for the purpose of passing the 2024 budget.

The Town is also likely aware of a letter that was sent on January 10, 2024 from Lac Ste Anne County Reeve Blakeman regarding mutual aid and dual dispatch. In this letter, Reeve Blakeman states his belief that the Town of Onoway can independently make decisions, including changing service providers for Onoway Regional Fire Service, without the consent of the member municipalities. We are not sure why he believes this, but would like to ensure that the Town does not share in this sentiment. Both the Contract between the Town and Fire Recuse International (previously Northwest Fire and Recuse) and the Contracts between the Town and the member municipalities have a section regarding the Fire Services Committee. For ease of reference this section reads:

The Town will facilitate the creation of a Fire Services Committee comprised of such representatives of the Town and other municipalities with whom the Town has contracted respecting Fire Services as deemed appropriate. The Fire Service Committee shall have such duties as the Town, the other municipalities, and the

committee deem appropriate. It is expected that these duties will include making recommendations to the Town respecting the use of any reserve fund created in respect of Fire Services. (The Fire Services Committee will initially consist of 3 elected representatives: one from Onoway, one from Alberta Beach, and one from the Summer Village group.)

This verbiage is the same in all agreements, with the exception of the part in brackets which is only included in the agreements between the Town and the member municipalities. Additionally, to refresh your memory, recently, our fire service provider changed its name and status to the non-profit, Fire Recuse International. This was an exercise in frustration as this simple change required the consent of all of Onoway Regional Fire Services member municipalities. We can only imagine the challenge the Town would have changing our fire service provider, even with the consent of the membership. We expect that, in the future, all decision and direction regarding Onoway Regional Fire Services be discussed and decided at the committee level. These are NOT decision for Onoway Council or Administration to make.

Reeve Blakeman's letter also highlights disappointment with the tone and nature of recent public communications. We agree there are recent communications, initiated by Fire Chief Ives, which have been unnecessary and/or inappropriate. It is important to note that the

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Town is not faultless here. The comments made by Fire Chief Ives were an understandable and relatable reaction to being left in the dark on the nature and implementation of critical changes that have the potential to significantly impact public safety. Fire Chief Ives attempted to address these concerns with the Town, who should be its administrative advocate, not its gatekeeper, with limited success. The frustrations and communication from the Fire Chief Ives were, in part, the results of your administrative failure, and now we are all apologizing for this oversight – you should consider doing the same.

Further to this, we understand that, at your February 22, 2024 Regular Council meeting, a motion was

passed to give one years notice to terminate the Fire Contract. We acknowledge that both the agreement between the Town and Fire Rescue International (Northwest Fire and Rescue) and the Town and the member municipalities have a termination clause, and the Town may terminate these agreements. However, our agreements with the Town specifically refer to the service provider being Northwest Fire and Rescue (or Fire Recue International); any changes to the service provider for Onoway Regional Fire Service, without the consent of the group, is not contemplated in the agreement. Recall, again, the struggle we have had simply changing the name of our current service provider. We request the exact wording of the motion from February 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, so

that we may plan accordingly.

Although we are not surprised by the actions of Onoway Council and Administration, we are disappointed that significant decisions are being made, that impact the entire region without input or discussion from the Town's partners. We hoped that you would have the courage and resolution to at least hold a meeting and inform us of your intentions to withdraw from our agreements, instead of hastily passing an impactful motion that will put the health and safety of all our residents in jeopardy.

Finally, we would like to reiterate that Administration for the Town of Onoway should be managed separately from the Administration of Onoway Regional Fire Services and the Fire Service Contracts. What is in the best interest

of the Town may not be in the best interest of Onoway Regional Fire Service, or vice versa. When acting in the capacity of administration for Fire Services it is your responsibility and obligation to work in the best interests of the fire service, as a whole, not the best interests of Onoway.

Sincerely,

Signed in total

Mayor Kelly Muir, Alberta Beach

Mayor Bernie Poulin, Summer Village of Silver Sands

Mayor Gwen Jones, Summer Village of Sunset Point

Mayor Kathy Dion, Summer Village of Val Quentin

Mayor Sandi Benford, Summer Village of South View

Mayor Marge Hanssen, Summer Village of Nakamun Park

\$100,000 EXTRA WIN IN SPRUCE GROVE!

Submitted by Western Canada Lottery Corporation

"It felt like I drank 50 cups of coffee!"

Wendy Cooper got the boost she needed after checking her DAILY GRAND ticket and learning she had won \$100,000 on the January 29 EXTRA draw.

I felt like I drank about 50

cups of coffee!" she laughed. "I honestly just lost it."

Cooper said she had one thing on her mind after discovering her win: a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

"When we found out we'd won, we walked straight to the car dealership and told them what we needed," she said. "It turns out someone else had

just completed all the accessibility modifications and could no longer purchase the vehicle."

"We now have the vehicle we need to accommodate our family!"

The Spruce Grove winner said there were many happy tears over this win.

"It's really all just worked out

perfectly," she said. "It's a bit surreal as well!"

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Submitted by Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank

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7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Rich Valley – Wednesday, March 27

Rich Valley Ag Society
56213 Hwy 33, Rich Valley, AB

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Darwell – Thursday, April 11

Darwell Centennial Hall
54225A Hwy 765, Darwell, AB

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Alberta Beach – Thursday, April 18

Alberta Beach & District Agricultural Society
4811-46A Ave, Alberta Beach, AB

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Onoway – Monday, April 22

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the number of fatal accidents involv-

ing enraged drivers has increased tenfold since 2004. Between 2010 and 2013, the percentage of drivers in the Washington, D.C. who said they often felt "uncontrollable anger toward another driver on the road" doubled, from 6 percent to 12 percent. Aggression on the part of drivers is routinely cited as a major contributor to many fatal crashes and other accidents.

According to the American Psychological Association, some people

may be predisposed to road rage. Risk-takers, individuals who tend to anger more easily and people who identify as being generally aggressive or take-charge types may have a higher propensity to get angry behind the wheel.

The term 'road rage' was coined by a local Los Angeles, Calif., news station after shootings occurred on several freeways in that city. NHTSA defines road rage as a driver "committing moving traffic offenses

so as to endanger other persons or property; an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger of one motor vehicle on the operator or passengers of another motor vehicle." Road rage and aggressive driving are similar, but in the eyes of the law, road rage may result in a criminal charge while aggression may lead to a traffic citation.

While few drivers can say they have never

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Aggressive Driving Has No Place On The Road

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become heated while driving, routine rage or aggressiveness is a cause for concern. The following are some ways drivers can tame their aggressive driving.

- Allow for ample time to get to your destination. Feeling rushed on the way to an appointment or event may encourage risky road behavior or make you more likely to quickly lose your patience with fellow motorists. Allow for plenty of time to get where you

need to go and you may feel calmer and more in control should traffic spring up. Even calling a party at your destination and explaining the traffic situation can alleviate tension.

- Share your commute. Commuters are more likely to experience road rage than non-commuters, simply because they tend to be on the roads each day in the heart of busy traffic. Carpool with another person to break up the driving responsibilities.

Sitting in the passenger seat a few times per week may help keep your aggression levels in check.

- Think before reacting. It's tempting to yell or signal to a driver that you are angered by his or her reckless driving. But take a few deep breaths before reacting, and you may feel more relaxed and more willing to let things go.

- Practice safe driving habits. Set an example on the roadways by following the speed

limit, driving courteously and yielding to drivers when necessary. It's better to drive defensively at all times than risk getting into an accident by driving aggressively.

Aggressive driving has the potential to be dangerous. Curbing driver anger is one of the keys to keeping the roadways safe.

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LAKE ISLE COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

Submitted by Lake Isle Community Hall

The Lake Isle Farmers Association (owner/operator of the Lake Isle Community Hall) held its AGM February 22, 2024. The elected executive is as follows: President – Hal Clee; Vice-President – Mathew Shukalek; Treasurer – Jean Henderson; Secretary – Laura Hannah.

Event Planning has begun for this year:

Hypnotist Dinner & Show!

Saturday, March 23. Featuring Hypnotist Shane Lystang. \$40/person. Advanced ticket sales only. Dinner menu is lasagna, salads, buns/garlic toast, and dessert. This is sure to be a fun evening so get your tickets fast! Doors open 5:30pm, dinner 5:45pm with show to follow at 7 pm. Get your tickets at www.showpass.com/hypnotist OR by calling 780-725-2533.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 12. 9:30am – 11:30am. Entry is by cash donation.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

Sunday, June 16. 9:30am – 11:30am. Entry is by cash donation.

Pub Nights: We are a back with our summer time pub nights! Live band; pub food; no cover charge.

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Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

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FIRE SERVICES STATEMENT FROM LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY REEVE JOE BLAKEMAN:

As a matter of record, **Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services exists to provide fire protection and emergency response and do it well.**

I ask all of our residents to join me on behalf of Lac Ste. Anne County Council and Administration in saluting our Fire Services team for their remarkable work – day in and day out! Their dedication and superb service to all areas of the County is second to none.

Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services has six individual fire stations located around the County. Our County Fire Chief is well respected by the over 90 paid-on-call firefighters, as well as the fire industry across the province – having been elected as the President of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association for multiple terms. Under his leadership and with the dedicated support of six Station Chiefs, the full complement of fire services personnel ensures an efficient and effective response to the evolving needs of the region. Our fire crews are highly trained in fire suppression and medical response, and they have an unwavering passion for serving their communities. In addition, they are committed to engaging with the community by providing residents with safety education, including fire prevention, FireSmart training, and youth education programs in local schools. We have the equipment, training, and facilities to provide an efficient, effective, and quality fire service to our region.

If you want to know more about Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services, I invite you to get your information from the source. Check out our websites, LSAC.ca or CountyFire.ca, follow us on social media, or speak to your County Councillor.

Intermunicipal partnerships between Lac Ste. Anne County and neighbouring municipalities are regular municipal business; and the County strives to work with and support our neighbours. It is common for a municipality to ask Lac Ste. Anne County to provide a myriad of services via Intermunicipal Partnership Agreements – including FCSS, library services, planning, fire services, and more. Many of these are *fees for* services. Collaboration and partnership have long been in place between Lac Ste. Anne County and all our local municipalities including the Town of Onoway.

With that, the County has witnessed chatter around the Town of Onoway Council's recent decision to terminate its Fire Services contract with their current provider, which is their right to do through the democratic process. Every municipality has autonomy to make decisions they believe are beneficial to their municipality, including the engagement and termination of contracts and contractor services.

A decision for an agreement for Lac Ste. Anne County to provide fire services to the Town of Onoway has not been made. The County, at the request of our neighbouring municipalities, has provided an offer to provide, and/or partner in, the provision of those myriad services – including fire services.

Sincerely,

Joe Blakeman, Reeve

RISING TAXES, FALLING SERVICES: TIME FOR CHANGE IN CANADA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

As tax season arrives, Canadians are bracing for more than just the usual paperwork. Thanks to the Liberal government, this April 1st marks significant tax increases: a 2% excise tax on alcohol (increasing to an annual 4.7% in 2026) and a 23% increase in the carbon tax. These hikes are not just numbers on a page; they are real burdens on every Canadian household.

I wish to extend my deepest thanks to the many individuals across Yellowhead who responded to my previous OP-ED by sharing their heating bills. Your contributions have highlighted the outrageous cost of the carbon tax, underscoring the real-life impact

of government policies on the cost of living.

These tax increases are part of an escalator tax mechanism, a strategy deployed by the Liberals that ensures annual tax hikes without parliamentary debate or vote. This automatic increase mechanism strips away any semblance of accountability or transparency in how we are taxed, essentially bypassing democratic processes.

The irony of these tax hikes is not lost on me; as Canadians pay more, the quality of government services does not improve—in fact, in many cases, it worsens. Since Trudeau was elected, the government bureaucracy has increased by over 100,000 employees, with spending on public services up by more than

\$151 billion in that same period. Yet, Canadians are left asking: where is the value for our hard-earned taxpayer dollars?

Furthermore, ample evidence points to wasteful spending and mismanagement of taxpayer dollars, from the failed safe supply drug experiment that has tragically failed to address addiction, to scandals and corruption like ArriveCAN, which has seen taxpayer money funneled into the pockets of corrupt individuals within the government. These examples are not just fiscal missteps; they are betrayals of the public trust.

As we navigate this tax season, it's crucial to reflect on the broader implications of the NDP-Liberal government's financial policies. It's evident that Canadians

deserve better. We deserve a government that respects taxpayer dollars, invests wisely in public services, and ensures accountability for every dollar spent.

The Conservative vision is clear: a Canada where taxes are fair, government is accountable, and public services are efficient. I pledge to continue to fight for these ideals, ensuring that the voices of Yellowhead residents are heard loud and clear, and working towards a future where your hard-earned money is respected and well-utilized.



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SIGNS, SYMBOLS, AND USEFUL IDIOTS

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

There is a bit of an art to understanding what makes people tick, heck, people have degrees on the subject from institutions of higher learning, practice their whole lives in the field, pass on what they know for the next generation, and we have not yet figured it all out. I don't know too many people who can honestly say that they fully know what makes themselves tick, let alone everyone else. However, we do all collectively know a few things. After all, we are fairly smart animals, and can pick up on most social cues, and read body language with the best of them, whether we realize it or not.

We are emotional creatures; years of evolution has allowed us to be around because of our ability to make decisions based on our instincts and emotional stimulus. The results may not be what our rational or logical side would have come up with, but it will get you out of a tight spot...usually. Given the choice, and the time however I'm not sure if most people wouldn't take time to sleep on it, to go over the problem a few times to make the best choice. The folks selling you something, the ones wanting to get you to swing to their way of thinking, the ones that want to pressure you into something know it too. If they can park that logical side of the brain, get your emotions ramped up, they know you are more impressionable, and easier to control. Yep, marketing, sales, and psychology at work every single day to work overtime on your most primitive nature...so do you think politics is any different?

Many have heard the term "Useful Idiots" a few times, but perhaps are not sure of the origins. Most attribute it back to Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet Russia, when he was referring to those that could be manipulated to destabilize an existing organization, allowing for the real revolution to take place. The use for the individuals was over when the conditions were favorable to proceed to the next stage of the real plan, they were, disposable. There is obviously disbelief, shock, confusion, and a sense of betrayal. The Useful Idiots often thought they were going to be in control, they were faithful to the "Cause" and can't believe that the real objectives they were working for were not real. This is not new; it has repeated itself time and time again.

Some of the more real and haunting points that were made on the

subject come directly from those that had used the tactic, and some even gave demonstrations. One that comes to mind is that Joseph Stalin, known for his kind heart (yeah right), gave a demonstration of how people could be manipulated, harmed, and still come back to the hand that caused the harm for support. To demonstrate, he plucked a live chicken, let it go on a stage, then threw down some chicken feed, and the chicken that he had just cased unimaginable pain, came back to him for food and comfort. Folks that employ the useful idiots model know full well what they are doing.

There was a defector back in the 70's that laid out the process extremely well, chilling in fact when you look objectively at current events of how it may be employed, or depending on your vantage point, is being deployed. Here is one such account by former KGB agent Yuri Bezmenov when describing USSR method for growing communism in the West.

• Yuri Bezmenov was a Soviet journalist for Novosti Press Agency (APN). In 1970, as a member of the KGB Soviet mission in New Delhi, India, Bezmenov defected to the West and was re-settled in Canada pursuant to an arrangement between American and Canadian security agencies.

• "[T]he useful idiots, the leftists who are idealistically believing in the beauty of the Soviet socialist or Communist or whatever system, when they get disillusioned, they become their worst enemies. That's why my KGB instructors specifically made the point: never bother with leftists. Forget about these political prostitutes. Aim higher. [...] They serve a purpose only at the stage of destabilization of a nation. For example, your leftists in the United States: all these professors and all these beautiful civil rights defenders. They are instrumental in the process of the subversion only to destabilize a nation. When their job is completed, they are not needed any more. They know too much. Some of them, when they get disillusioned, when they see that Marxist-Leninists come to power—obviously they get offended—they think that they will come to power. That will never happen, of course. They will be lined up against the wall and shot."

The Nuremberg trials post World War 2 brought the full horror to light of how populations could not only be controlled, but made complicit, to scared, to apathetic to

do anything. We would like to say that all these items are in the past, that it could and never would happen again. What most folks fail to realize, is that when these methods are employed, it's a long game, typically, it takes years. It only seems rapid once the stage is set, and the real plan is put into motion, when it's "Too Late" to turn back.

When we have energy deficient nations setting the narrative for what "Green / Clean" energy is. We must as an energy rich nation, and province be wary of others saying what is good and what is not allowed. When we have large organizations that are led by ideological, and economically driven leaders that are not elected, and in fact, think that whole democracy thing is antiquated, we should be wary.

When we have groups and organizations that believe freedom of speech, movement, economic, "Social Choice", medical choice, gatherings, freedom of civil protest, religious beliefs, we should be extremely wary. We should be wary, when families, the relationships between parents and their children become secondary to the relationship with state run institutions and the relationships with the children. We should become very wary when we are unable to communicate with one another or have access to information.

I've said at many of the town halls I've either hosted or attended that we "Park the Politics, and just work the problem, so that we can come up with the solution". The whole intent there is to also park the emotions, and quite literally the baggage we are carrying from being inundated with certain information from others that are trying to have us do their dirty work by turning on each other. I have to say, that when we make that separation, bring down the emotion, identify the problem, and together propose and work the solutions we win big. We not only feel better about the meeting, but we also come away with something that can be actioned.

There is a bigger plan at play out there right now to take away our advantages of having many natural resources at our disposal. Quite honestly, an abundance of energy that is the envy of the world over. We have an absolutely pristine environment compared to many nations in the world, and we have the conscience and the wealth to ensure we can keep it that way. We have the ability to do the right thing by ourselves, but more importantly, by others. So why is it,

that we continue to be beaten up, have the goal posts moved, and be set upon each other, so that others who don't have these resources can get ahead of us, or lead us down their path?

I encourage you to step back, look around, and see things for what they are. We have an unparalleled advantage, that can ensure many future generations will have the freedoms we have today, and moreover, if we play our cards right, the freedoms our grand parents enjoyed. We have to make sure that the definition of "Clean / and Green" is not done by others, we have to define that ourselves. We have to seek relationships with good trading partners. We have to make sure we allow all of our logic and intellect to be fully utilized, rather than being hijacked by emotion and, those "Useful Idiots".

I know that I and many others are causing discomfort to those that are trying to weaken our province and our country. Most recently because of the way I arranged our provincial symbols, and our provincial motto. I used our provincial shield, our provincial mammal, the Big Horn Sheep, and Strong and Free. I worked with the graphic artist to have all of the items in gold on a black background (Alberta energy), with a couple of crossed swords behind the shield. I put them on a clock, and posted an add offering the clocks to any halls, seniors groups, sporting clubs, not for profits, or local business, that if they wanted one, simply reach out to my office. I said in the post it was "Alberta Strong and Free Time!" The vast majority of people loved it, the others, the folks who want us to be weakened, the ones who can't stand what those symbols represent absolutely came out of their skates against "Such a Thing!". I think I'm onto something here.

I'll keep our old democracy, I'm not much into a "New Democracy" that none of them want to define. I'll keep standing up for those who need it, I'll keep being vocal for those who need a voice, and I'll keep on working hard to make sure we pull together for not only the betterment of our province, but of our country. This isn't just what I believe, it's what I've heard out there from the folks I've met, and if you've managed to keep reading this far, it's also what matters to you.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 25TH EDITION OF THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE ON CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellow-

head wishes to advise that the Library of Parliament is now accepting applications for the 25th edition of the 'Teachers Institute

on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy', taking place in Ottawa from November 3rd to 8th of this year.

The deadline to apply is

May 5, 2024.

More information can be found at: learn.parl.ca/teachers

SMALL STRUCTURE FIRE LAKEVIEW DRIVE

Submitted by Fire Rescue International

At 0102 this morning Fire Rescue International – a non profit "P3" corporation (FRI) was paged to a structure fire in within the Summer Village of Val Quentin. Initial reports stated one or more outbuildings were engulfed in flames while others were threatened as well as several spruce trees.

One minute later FRI's first unit was rolling towards the scene with three others departing immediately behind it.

Within six-minutes of the page out fire units were arriving on scene. Crews found a fully involved outbuilding and spruce on fire with a vehicle and additional outbuilding threatened. Due to the quick action of the firefighters, water was applied to the fire within four-minutes of arrival and total knockdown achieved shortly thereafter.

Luckily with snow-cover, the fire did not spread to further vegetation or the homes within the community. Out of an abundance of caution, four apparatus and nine members responded to the scene as well as RCMP and Alberta Health Services EMS. No members of the public or firefighters were injured during this event.

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	6				1		9	
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8			3				2	1
			4		7			

ANSWER:

9	5	2	8	6	4	1	7	3
1	8	3	5	7	9	6	4	2
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3	7	8	1	9	2	4	5	6
6	9	5	7	4	3	2	1	8
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Hypnotist Dinner & Show. Saturday, March 23, 2024. Lake Isle Community Hall. Hwy 633 & Rng Rd 55, Lac Ste Anne County. Doors open 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm. Show to follow. Advance Tickets Only. Limit of 80 tickets. \$40/person.

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Crib Tournament March 16, Rich Valley, reg. 10am, game 11am, admission \$25/person or \$50/team. Lunch will be served. 967-5710

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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

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

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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 Road. Sharron (780)962-2722

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

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YOUR COMMUNITY

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ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Open Tuesdays 7PM to 10PM for "Games" (pool, shuffleboard, darts, cards, etc.) Fridays 3PM-10PM. Friday's Family Friendly Dinner, 5:30PM (open to the public).

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WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF: Tues Onoway Aspen Health Services. Drop off 1:00-2:30PM.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge. Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone Welcome.

BADMINTON: Wed, 7-10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.

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", 2nd 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

JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpepubliclibrary.ab.ca (780)786-2404

"ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new local program for people of all ages with disabilities. Thursdays @ Alberta Beach Agplex from 10:00-11:00AM starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCSS.

ONOWAY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway

Golden Club Onoway Museum. 967-4485

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436. **ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT!** Exercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. PH: 780-967-2056.

PANCAKE/BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 3rd Sunday 9:00-11:30AM, Parkland Village Community Centre. *except June, July, August

RIVER TALKERS TOAST MASTERS CLUB, Thursdays, 7-9PM. 32 Whitecourt Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Info Lorainne 286-5040.

SANGUDO ART CLUB meets every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Sangudo Community School. New members welcome. For further information call Brenda at 780-785-2402.

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

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE DROP IN CRIB 1st & 3rd Sundays 1:00PM. 780-778-4950

WRITERS PROGRAM: Mayerthorpe Library, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1PM.

MEETINGS

1ST ONOWAY SCOUTS: Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS, Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

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

3053 (LAC STE ANNE) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS, Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45PM. Onoway Heritage Centre contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed 6:30-9:30PM, High School. Ages 12-18. 780-305-7233

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

AA - MAYERTHORPE, Community Service Bldg 4909-49Ave, Thurs 8PM. (780) 648-3903 or (780) 779-0155

AA - SANGUDO GOLDEN CLUB, Tues 8PM call 786-4402/785-9214/785-3599

AA - WHITECOURT, united church side door, Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm call 780-424-5900

AA - WOMEN'S GROUP (NEW), Whitecourt United Church - use side door at 5201-50St. Saturday 11:00 Call (780)424-5900

AL-ANON Wednesdays, 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Dr. 780-962-5205

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

ALBERTA 55 PLUS: Villenvue Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2nd Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB meets every 4th Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY meets on the 4th Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on the 2nd Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Mondays 8PM, Golden Club 5023-49Ave

BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, meeting every 2nd Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

CHERRILL COMMUNITY ASSOC. Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday, 8PM, at the Hall. 785-2825 *Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.

CHERRILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB Regular Meetings 1st Tuesday of

month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach Agplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. *Sept-June.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS, 7:00PM, 1st Monday, Darwell **DDRA MEETING,** 7:00PM, 2nd Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. *except Jul/Aug/Dec

GriefShare: Experience the many benefits of a grief support group. GriefShare is held Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting February 20, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 includes 12 weekly sessions and your personal journal workbook. Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533. **Girl Guides Embers,** Guides and Pathfinders Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway Heritage Center On-line Registration www.girlguides.ca

GREENCOURT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meet 2nd Tuesday, monthly at 7:30PM at the hall. Info W. Jager (780) 786-4648.

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1st Tues of month. Contact: mayerthorpekinettes@gmail.com, Tracy: 780-786-0161.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS, Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Sandra @ 780-966-5678

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

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

MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC, every 4th Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Meetings 2nd Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

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

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

NA MEETING, Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY: 2nd Wed of each month, 7:00PM, Onoway Legion

ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD: Every 2nd Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info, Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION General Meetings, 1st Mon, 7PM. *Sept-June

RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS: at the Agplex on the 2nd Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB Build confidence, speaking, leadership & listening skills. Thursdays 7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.

SANGUDO PAINTING GROUP: Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo Community School. Info, call 780-785-2112.

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

WESTLOCK & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 3rd Wed. 6:30-8:00PM at Westlock Library.

WHIST DRIVE, MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER, 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month @ 7pm \$5 Admission

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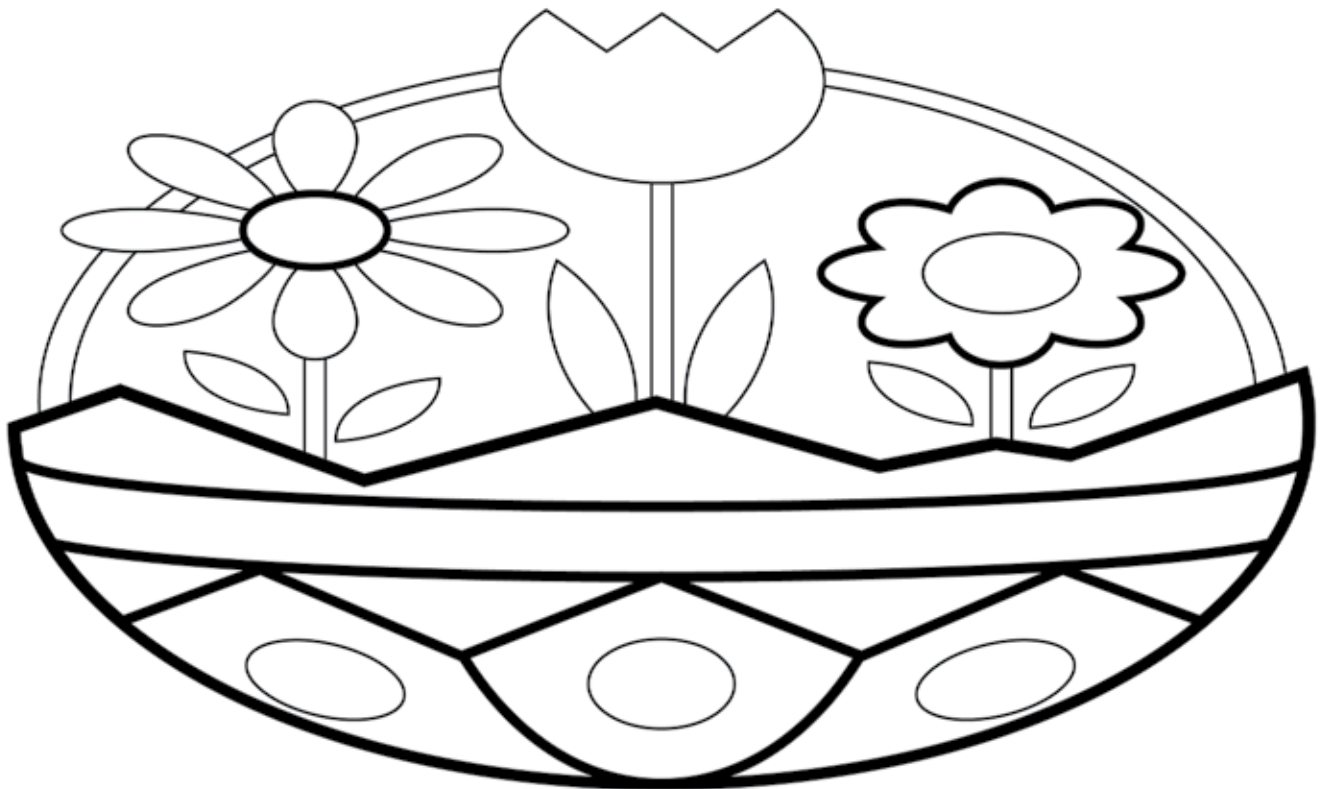
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