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March 20, 2024

PARKLAND RCMP ADVISE RESIDENTS TO SHELTER IN PLACE UPDATE

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On March 14, 2024, at 4:04 a.m., Parkland RCMP responded to a alarm call at a business in Stony Plain,

Alta. Upon arrival, police located suspects in a truck attempting to break into the business. The suspects immediately rammed two police cars and fled the area. Police were able to success-

fully deploy a tire deflation device and the vehicle was disabled on Highway 627. Both suspects fled on foot and an RCMP police dog was deployed to assist.

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WELLNESS NAVIGATORS

Submitted by GYSPD

You will see a new group of positive role models in our high schools this year as part of the Division's new System Health and Wellness Priority and Mental Health

in Schools Grant from Alberta Education - our team of Wellness Navigators, led by Tara Burdock.

Working alongside the Bringing Empowered Students Together (BEST) Team and Family School Li-

aison Counselors (FSLCs), the Wellness Navigator's role is to promote health and wellness by bringing preventative universal programming to students.

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THE 'CAMPDOWN' IS ON FOR SUMMER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta Parks' new camping reservation platform launches another promis-

ing summer camping season.

May long weekend marks the unofficial start of summer for many Albertans hoping to book their camp-

ing spot for the upcoming season. This year, Alberta Parks introduced a new camping reservation platform to help Albertans


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Parkland RCMP Advise Residents To Shelter In Place Update

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RCMP issued a shelter in place due to a concern for the safety of area residents. Police have been unable to

locate the suspects at this time. The shelter in place has now been lifted as it is believed that the suspects are no longer in the area. No officers were injured

during this incident. The investigation continues. Additional updates may be issued.

Wellness Navigators

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There is a Wellness Navigator located in each of the five high schools in the Division.

Wellness Navigators are responsible for delivering programming in classrooms, the community, and with small targeted groups. Topics and activities are geared to:

- leadership development,

- self-advocacy,
- health and wellness,
- social-emotional learning,
- boundaries & consent,
- healthy relationships,
- online safety,
- mindfulness, and
- high school completion

Navigators are also re-

sponsible for connecting with community agencies and running out-of-school programs/activities on non-school days, so expect to see them out and about in your community this year!

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The next day the servant came up to the captain and said, "There are 50 ships on the horizon."

The captain said, "Bring me my brown pants."

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The 'Campdown' Is On For Summer

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and visitors plan for their camping adventures.

In the first 10 days since the new site opened, over 11,500 camping reservations have been processed, with almost 36,000 nights booked. Reservations can be made in advance on a rolling 90-day window for individual and backcountry camping and 180 days ahead for group and comfort camping. For spur-of-the-moment visits, the system also offers a 'Camping this Weekend' feature to easily search for a reservable site.

Plan your summer adventure

on the Alberta's new camping reservation system.

"We know how excited campers are to visit our provincial parks. Whether it be a mountain escape, a quiet lake-side campground near a boat launch, a backcountry campsite, or a relaxing getaway in one of our comfort camping spots—Shop.albertaparks.ca lets Albertans find exactly what they are looking for."

Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Alberta Parks has something for everyone, with over 9,000 reservable individual sites, 205 backcountry permits, 71

comfort units and 157 group camping sites available. There are also 5,000 first-come, first-served sites in Alberta's parks.

"We are making it easier for Albertans and visitors from around the world to book top-notch camping experiences in the province. The new reservation platform has proven to make it easier for people to find a campsite that fits their needs to ensure that their experience in Alberta's world-renowned mountains or rolling prairies is one that leaves them with an everlasting desire to explore our province."

Joseph Schow, Minister of

Tourism and Sport

"RV owners love any chance they get to go visit our beautiful Alberta parks. With the call centre now available seven days a week, 363 days a year, RV owners can more easily get support to find that perfect spot, whether they like to book in advance or while they're exploring the open road. We're excited to work with Alberta Parks to continue to grow the robust camping industry in the province."

Gerry Haracsi, executive vice president, Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association

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

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead 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

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INVESTMENTS FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND ALBERTA TO BRING HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IN ALBERTA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta have jointly announced an investment exceeding \$112 million to extend high-speed internet access to over 22,500 households across Alberta, with Yellowhead County benefitting from an allocation of more

than \$12 million of this investment.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to ensure all Canadians have access to high-speed internet, enhancing opportunities for education, healthcare, and economic participation throughout the region.

More information can be found at: <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/high-speed-internet-canada/en>



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REGULAR CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING A KEY PREVENTATIVE TOOL

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is recommending cervical cancer screening for those between the ages of 25 and 69 who are or have been sexually active. This screening is with a Pap test and is also frequently referred to as a Pap smear.

A Pap test checks the cervix for any abnormal cells that can lead to cervical cancer. It's important to get screened regularly. You should have a Pap test once every three years unless your healthcare provider

tells you otherwise. Regular Pap tests and follow-up care can prevent about 90 per cent of cervical cancer cases. Pap tests can also detect cervical cancer early. Getting screened can save your life. The earlier cancer is found, the easier it is to treat.

Contact your healthcare provider's office or a women's health clinic to book a Pap test. If you do not have a healthcare provider, such as a family doctor or nurse practitioner:

- Visit Alberta Find a Doctor, or
- Use the screening-

forlife.ca locator tool and select "cervical" as the type of test to find screening options near you, or

- Call Health Link at 811.

It's important to have regular Pap tests, even if:

- You feel healthy and have no symptoms of cervical cancer.
- You've only had one sexual partner.
- You've had the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.
- You've been through menopause.
- You're no longer sexually active.

Almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV. HPV infections are common, and they usually do not cause symptoms, so most people do not even know they have it.

A Pap test doesn't test for other cancers or sexually transmitted infections, such as syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

For more information on cervical cancer screening, visit screeningforlife.ca.

A CALL FOR ARTISTS & AG PRODUCERS!

Submitted by Pegg Gardens

Nestled in the forest, just north of Glenevis, Alberta, the historic George Pegg Botanic Garden has become an outstanding and unique venue for hosting outdoor events in our community. The stately old trees, lush gardens, and ample spaces create a beautiful backdrop for activities of all kinds. We are excited to invite local artists and ag producers from Lac Ste. Anne and surrounding counties to participate in our two signature events for 2024.

The 10th Annual Art in the Garden Show & Sale is Saturday, June 15th. Our artisans exhibit a wide variety of art forms such as fine art, pottery, sculpture, glass, fibre art, jewellery, photography, and woodwork. Spread across the lawns, the artists' tents make a colourful display. Registrations are open now, until April 15.

Ag producers have two opportunities to participate in the 6th Annual Rural Roots Farmer Showcase (RRFS), on Saturday, August 17th. During the daytime market, farmers sell a wide array of agricultural products. The

evening event includes a concert and features locally grown products served in an exclusive meal for 100 diners. As part of the widely promoted Alberta Open Farm Days weekend, our RRFS visitors are excited to come out and support their rural neighbours.

Pegg Garden has a creative team of volunteers and summer staff committed to supporting our artist and farmer partners for successful events. We always welcome families with activities for children and the site is wheelchair accessible. Our historic displays,

nature trail, garden tours, and beautiful photo opportunities are additional attractions that encourage visitors to extend their stay so they take time to interact with vendors.

Because our summers are glorious but short, open air events have a very special attraction. For all the details about being a vendor at the Art Show or Rural Roots Farmer Showcase, check out Pegg Garden's website and social media or call us at 780-203-0331.



NATION GETS NEW WHEELS

Submitted by David Coll

On March 14, representatives of Enbridge and Paul First Nation met to mark the official handover of a former Enbridge fleet vehicle that has been put into useful community service by the Nation's on-reserve Fire Department since last November. Valued at \$25,000, the white 2016

Chevrolet Traverse SUV was inspected, repaired and smartly decked out with the Nation's logo by Enbridge prior to handing over the keys last November. "When this fleet vehicle came off lease last summer, we saw an opportunity to donate it to an area First Nation," explains Nicole Baker, Senior Advisor, Community & Indigenous Engagement

with Enbridge. "We subsequently identified Paul First Nation as a good candidate to receive the vehicle as the Nation is working to build its fire and emergency response capacity and this vehicle will help keep their community members and traditional lands safe."

Pictured (from left): Far-ron Bull, Councillor; Nicole Baker, Senior Advisor,

Community & Indigenous Engagement, Enbridge; Lara Pal, Manager, Regional Services, Enbridge; volunteer firefighters Danny Paul and Theodore Bird; Darcie Harasimiuk, Senior Advisor, Safety, Enbridge; Noah Paul, Fire Chief; Jesse MacDonald, Operations Supervisor, Enbridge.



NASCO 2024

Submitted by Town of Stony Plain

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2024 NASCO Continental Reunion as we return to Monterrey, Mexico!

You won't want to miss U.S., Canada, and Mexico business and political leaders gathered to discuss the future of our North American trading relationships. The NASCO "Continental Reunion" is unique, as it rotates between Canada, the United States and Mexico

each year. We bring together senior political and business leaders from the three countries to address key issues and opportunities for improved cooperation and economic partnership, as well as to deliver innovative perspectives on critical issues pertaining to the future of trade and transportation in North America.

- Why Attend?
- Monterrey is Mexico's industrial powerhouse and plays a significant role in the country's economy.
 - Strategic location facil-

itating cross-border business activities.

- Engage and establish connections with prominent executives in the North American trade community.
 - Experience the revolutionary effects of nearshoring first hand
 - Discuss current trade challenges and opportunities in a close-knit setting.
- Did You Know?
- Mexico is the #1 source of goods imported by the U.S.
 - North America produces goods and services valued at more than \$23 trillion ev-

ery year
• With only 6.5% of the world's population, Canada, the U.S. and Mexico generate 27% of the world's GDP





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CAR RENTAL TIPS HELP SAVE TIME AND MONEY

Many people resolve to enjoy life to the fullest, and that may involve indulging in new experiences and traveling to

different locales. The United States Travel Association says nearly four out of five domestic trips taken are for leisure,

and 1.7 billion person-trips, or travel taken by a person away from home overnight to places 50 miles away or more, were logged in 2015.

Ground transportation remains one of the most popular means of getting around. People who choose not to use their own vehicles for travel often find that a rental vehicle suits their purposes and can be quite convenient. Consumers seeking a rental car can ensure their travel plans go smoothly with these tips.

Travel off-season. Not only might travelers save on airline tickets, hotel accommodations and more

when traveling off-season, but they also can save on rental cars. For example, according to the Abrams Travel Data Index, consumers can expect to pay 56 percent less in March for a rental car than they would renting the same vehicle in July.

Know what you want. Before renting, decide which type of vehicle will best fit your needs. If you're traveling with children, you may need a van or a large sedan, rather than a compact car. If travel includes certain hobbies, such as skiing or bicycle riding, look for a rental with a ski or bike rack.

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Car Rental Tips Help Save Time And Money

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or one that can fit such accessories. Those concerned with the environment may want to rent an eco-friendly model.

• Shop around. Major car rental agencies are located all over the world. However, depending on where you travel, locally owned companies may offer comparable service and lower rates. Lower operating costs (think no franchise fees or big advertising budgets) mean these rentals typically cost 15 to 30 percent less than rentals from mainstream agencies. Research lesser-known rental companies beforehand to

compare prices and read any reviews to see if these businesses are up to the standards of larger, better-known chains.

• Avoid renting from an airport. It may be convenient to step off a plane and grab a rental right there. However, rental car agencies operating at airports may pass on airport surcharges to their customers. Try a car rental service away from the airport and take a shuttle or cab to get there.

• Understand mileage caps. According to Angie's List, some rental car companies offer unlimited miles for a rental period, while

others may employ mileage caps. Read the fine print of the agreement, especially if you'll be using the rental for long-distance driving.

• Ask about membership affiliation. Inquire about discounts for any major national organizations, frequent flier programs and credit card programs to which you may belong. If you're employed by a company that frequently rents cars, they may have a negotiated rate for employees.

• Investigate insurance coverage. You may be able to decline extra insurance coverage at the rental desk. Some personal auto-

motive policies will cover collision damage and personal liability for temporary use of a rental car, according to MileCards.com, a travel rewards card comparison website. What is not covered by your insurance may be covered by secondary insurance offered by the credit card used at booking.

Rental cars are a major component of travel. Consumers can save money and make trips even easier by understanding some of the basics of renting.

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Workshop is outdoors.

Snacks and refreshments provided.

Registration is limited and required to attend.

Register at www.yhcounty.ca

Registration closes April 5!

For more information, call Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department at 780-325-3782.

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY Parks & Recreation Grants (ANNUAL & QUARTERLY GRANTS)

Community Hall Operational Grant (ANNUAL GRANT)

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating a community hall. Grant Deadline: March 31

Outdoor Amenity Operational Grant (ANNUAL GRANT)

Registered non-profit groups will be eligible for operational assistance if they are operating an outdoor amenity. Amenities include: playgrounds, ski trails, outdoor skating rinks, ball diamonds, soccer pitch, riding arena, hiking trails. Grant Deadline: March 31

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.

Grant Deadlines: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31

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.

Grant Deadlines: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31

Recreation & Culture Initiative 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: March 31, June 15, September 30, December 31

Yellowhead County Recreation Board Grant Deadline March 31, 2024. Please call yellowhead County Parks and Recreation Supervisor for more information.



Environmental Farm Plan Workshop

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2 REGISTER

- April 3rd, Edson Leisure Center: https://EFP_YHC.eventbrite.ca
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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.

Black Knot | Info & Pruning Guideline



Black Knot - What Is It?

Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services Department has received numerous calls regarding black growths on residents' fruit trees.

These tar-like black swellings are a sign of Black Knot and will distort and stunt any tree species within the *Prunus* genus.

Black Knot reduces the aesthetic value of affected trees and, if left long enough, may result in eventual death of the tree.

The disease spreads in the spring, attacking new growth on branches. The spores released by the fungi can be carried by wind and splashing rain.

The only reliable method of controlling Black Knot is pruning.

Black Knot - Pruning

- 1. Only prune between November and March.
- 2. Cleanly cut off at least 6 - 8 inches below the knot, better to prune back to a healthy collar, then leaving a stub.
- 3. For knots on branches or trunks that can't be removed, use a knife to cut away diseased tissue down to good wood and then 1/2 inch beyond the edge of the knot.
- 4. Cleaning your equipment properly is another good way to prevent the spread. Pruning shears should be dipped in a 1% bleach/water solution between cuts and once you are finished pruning ensure you run your tools under water for 10 minutes and dry thoroughly.
- 5. Treat pruned branches like hazardous waste, they can release spores for up to 4 months. Burn, bury, or wrap them in plastic and throw them in the trash. Do not compost.

Questions? Call 1-800-814-3935 or 780-325-3782.

Community WildFire Equipment Info Session Open Houses

Peers Multiplex
March 15 4:00-7:00 PM

Wildwood Hall
March 22 4:00-7:00 PM

Yellowhead County is looking for residents who have equipment and are interested in working with Yellowhead County to assist in wildland firefighting efforts.

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