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NEWS FROM TIPPLE PARK MUSEUM

Submitted by Tipple Park Museum

The Tipple Park Museum would like to invite the community to visit our current exhibit "Creamery Town: The Evolution of the Evansburg Creamery and

Local Dairy Industry." The exhibit explores the 50 year history of the Evansburg Creamery spanning from its opening in 1940 to its closure in 1990. The opening of the creamery had a profound impact on the community, which was in severe

decline following the closure of the coal mine a few years earlier.

This exhibit will be available until June 26th. Tipple Park Museum is open from 10am-4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

EXCEPTIONAL FIRST YEAR TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

Submitted by GYPSD

Attendees at February's Public Board Meeting were able to see why first-year teachers Mack Holden (pictured below left) and Paige Ekdahl (pictured below right) caught the attention of their principals, Jillian Hammer from Sheldon Coates Elementary in Grande Cache, and Darcy Reynolds from Mary Bergeron Elementary School in Edson.

Each year, the 61 school boards in Alberta select first-year teachers to be considered for an Edwin Parr Award. The 61 boards are divided into six zones; each zone selects one

candidate from all the divisions within that zone. In total, six Edwin Parr Teacher Award winners will be chosen from across the province - including two from Zone 2/3 - where GYPSD is located.

The Alberta School Boards' Association established the Edwin Parr Teacher Award in 1964 to honour Edwin Parr, a respected and loved teacher from the Athabasca area, who had instituted an "Annual Teacher Award" in his school system.

The process is intense and comprehensive, requiring the beginning teacher and their nominating principal to provide extensive documentation

from the year; then the candidate had to present their most effective lesson, including a reflection of their learning journey, at the public board meeting.

Congratulations to both Mack and Paige for sharing their classroom excellence, and additional kudos to Paige who was selected by the Board as GYPSD entry for the Zone 2/3 Award! The six provincial ASBA Edwin Parr Teacher Awards will be presented to the winners at the 2024 ASBA Fall General Meeting.

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LOCKING DOWN REPEAT OFFENDERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation would create a provincial ankle bracelet monitoring program to hold high-risk offenders accountable while out on bail or serving a community sentence.

Far too often, police services in Alberta issue bulletins about the release of offenders who are at a high risk to reoffend. Just as often, there are news stories about Albertans being victimized by offenders who should not have been released. Under the proposed Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, individuals subject to a court-ordered electronic monitoring condition would be required to wear a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device on their ankle. This device would be monitored 24/7 by a centralized monitoring unit within Alberta

Correctional Services.

Ankle bracelet electronic monitoring would protect Albertans and communities by helping to secure offender-restricted areas, such as victims' residences, places of employment or any other area deemed off-limits as part of an individual's bail or community-release conditions.

"The federal government's bail policies are failing to keep people safe. We are taking an important step toward combatting rising crime, creating safer streets and neighbourhoods and protecting our communities. Ankle bracelet electronic monitoring is another tool in the toolbox for courts to hold high-risk and repeat offenders accountable for their actions while out on bail."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Currently, people in Alberta

who are subject to provincial community-based court conditions and bail supervision are monitored by staff within Correctional Services, primarily within regular business hours. Once operational, the Alberta ankle bracelet program would provide more supervision of repeat offenders and those on bail who require around-the-clock monitoring as a condition of their community supervision. This program would also align Alberta with jurisdictions across Canada running similar programs.

Alberta's government allocated \$5.25 million in funding for electronic monitoring through last year's budget. Of that funding, \$2.8 million will cover implementation costs for this 2024-25 fiscal year, with the full funding of \$5.25 million to begin in the 2025-26 fiscal year.



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"I'm sure," the little boy sobbed.
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HOLD THE PHONE: ALBERTA RCMP WARNS THE PUBLIC AGAINST MASS MARKETING AND PHONE SCAMS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP will be sharing information and resources in support of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) Fraud Prevention Month campaign. The campaign, which will include a weekly theme, seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity impacts their communities.

This week's theme focuses on mass marketing and phone scams, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Phone scams;
- Fraudulent telemarketers;
- Mass mailouts

- and/or subscriptions;
- Emergency and/or grandparent scams;
- Work from home schemes;
- CRA scams;
- Foreign lottery or prize schemes;
- Overpayment schemes;
- Inheritance schemes; and,
- Credit card interest rate reduction schemes.

How can you better protect yourself from these types of scams? Here are some helpful resources:

- Do not provide any personal information to an unknown caller;
- Learn the warning signs of caller ID, email and website spoofing; and,

You have the right to say no to any questions and directly contact a business to speak to a designated representative.

"Phone scams are typically employed to gain information or money from a potential victim. If you feel like something is off about an interaction, you have every right to say no and to end the call."

- Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Financial Crime Team

If you believe you may be a victim of fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances

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ALBERTA'S WILDFIRE SEASON: INSURANCE EXPERTS SHARE TIPS TO STAY SAFE AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With experts warning that 2024 could pose significant wildfire risk, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is reminding Albertans to be prepared for some potentially difficult months ahead.

"As reported by Alberta Wildfire, firefighters are already battling numerous fires across the province," said Rob de Pruis, National Director, Consumer and Industry Relations, IBC. "During the record-breaking 2023 wildfire season, fires started very early, spread extremely quickly and kept emergency responders busy throughout the year. In many

cases, residents in affected areas had only a short time to evacuate. And 2024 promises to be another intense wildfire year. Wildfires are a real and present danger, especially if you live in a heavily forested area. However, there are steps you can take to help protect your family, your home or your business."

Information about the current forest fire danger, forest fire activity and fire restrictions across the province can be found on the Government of Alberta's Wildfire webpage. Residents can also access the Government of Alberta's Wildfire Status Dashboard for real-time information on active fires, current fire danger across

the province, and restricted fire zones in effect.

"IBC is urging Albertans to stay alert and follow the advice of local authorities when it comes to fire bans," added de Pruis. "In the event that you are evacuated, make sure you plan as you could be out of your home for more than one or two days. Last year, many individuals and families were displaced for several days or longer."

All standard homeowner's and tenant's insurance policies cover damage caused by wildfire. Most policies also cover additional living expenses, such as for hotels or other accommodation, if you are evacuated. During major weather events or wildfires, insurance

companies may initiate temporary limitations on the sale of new policies in areas under imminent threat. Therefore, ensure you have the right coverage well in advance of a potential severe weather event or wildfire.

Albertans with general questions about their home, business or car insurance policies are encouraged to contact IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) or visit ibc.ca.

Protect your home before and during wildfire season with these 10 tips from IBC

Ways to be prepared year-round:

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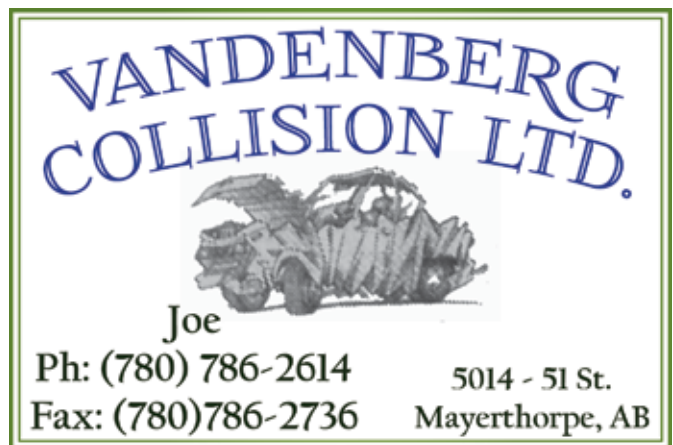
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1. Install and regularly maintain smoke and CO alarms in your home. Remove dust from your alarms, replace batteries when the clocks change in spring and fall, test alarms regularly and replace them at least every 10 years.

2. Create an emergency preparedness plan and a disaster safety kit for your family. Develop a fire evacuation plan, practise it and stick to it in an emergency. Also, prepare a basic kit of food, water and other necessities in case of evacuation

3. Keep your insurance policy number and insurance company claims department phone number with you. If your home is damaged or you are evacuated, you will be able to contact your insurer more easily to start the claims process. Review and understand what coverage you have, and how your policy will respond if a wildfire affects you.

Actions you can take now, particularly if you live near a forest or wooded area:

4. Prepare your home. Check that your home's roof and exterior walls and the undersides of balconies are treated with flame-resistant materials.

5. Properly store flammable materials. Store gasoline, solvents or other materials that may ignite, at least 10 metres away from your home.

6. Remove dry leaves and debris. Keep leaves, other dry materials and potentially flammable garbage away from the exterior of the house, especially if you have wood or vinyl siding.

7. Manage space around your home. Remove combustible material such as shrubs, trees and woodpiles within 10 metres of your home.

8. Read these valuable resources from FireSmart Canada for in-depth information

about wildfire resilience and steps you can take to minimize wildfire risk

How to reduce your risk when wildfire season is in full swing:

9. Stay informed about the weather. Be sure to monitor local and provincial information sources for fire bans and warnings.

10. Pay attention to fire danger ratings. Take note of and

obey fire bans and restrictions to know the likelihood of, and prevent, wildfire igniting in your region. Check your local government's website for more information.

As reported by IBC earlier this year, severe weather in 2023 caused over \$3.1 billion in insured damage across Canada. Between 2020 to 2023, extreme weather in Alberta resulted in \$3.6 billion in insured

losses. IBC is continuing to engage with the federal and provincial governments on ways to improve the climate resilience of communities across the country. Insured losses related to severe weather in Canada now routinely exceed \$2 billion annually. By comparison, between 2001 and 2010, Canadian insurers averaged \$675 million a year in losses related to severe weather.



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CN only uses herbicides that have been approved for use in Canada and in the province within which they are applied.

The program is expected to take place from May to October 2024.

Visit www.cn.ca/vegetation for more information or to make an inquiry, contact the CN Public Inquiry Line at contact@cn.ca or 1-888-888-5909.

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USING TECH TO FIGHT DROUGHT IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With the risk of drought facing the province, Alberta's government is investing in projects to maximize water supply and deliver adequate drinking water to communities.

Alberta's largest innovation agency, Alberta Innovates, has invested more than \$75 million through its Water Innovation Program, supporting 101 completed projects, with 65 more in the works. All 166 projects represent a total project value of more than \$256 million. These projects are helping researchers and industry accelerate the development of new technology that will deliver safe, secure drinking water to communities and promote healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Water Innovation Program projects that come under environment technologies are funded under four themes: future water supply and watershed management; healthy aquatic ecosystems; water

conservation, efficiency and productivity; and water quality protection. As the province faces a risk of extreme drought, these technologies are more important than ever.

"Technology is driving innovation in every industry. Each project supported through this funding will help us bring real-world solutions to real-world problems, that include a high-performing responsive waste management system for our province."

Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation

"We are investing in innovation and technologies that will help us maximize Alberta's water supply to fight drought. These innovative projects are part of our work to modernize and transform how water is used in this province, finding new and better ways to manage, conserve and use our most precious resource."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

One of the technologies, de-

veloped at the University of Alberta uses a granular sludge reactor to increase the amount of processed water that can be reused and recycled. It will also increase the performance and capacity of municipal water treatment facilities. The project is currently being piloted at a City of Calgary wastewater treatment plant and is showing promise.

As Alberta continues to diversify its economy, innovations like these are critical. They will not only help create a cleantech industry for water treatment but also improve the province's marketability and competitiveness with these technologies for a global market.

"Water is always taken for granted until such time as there is none. The Water Innovation Program creates the knowledge and technologies to help ensure a safe, secure and reliable water supply, so our communities, businesses, farms and ecosystems have the water they need now and into the future."


Laura Kilcrease, CEO, Alberta Innovates

"The University of Alberta is committed to bringing our expertise to bear to address the grand challenges of our time. We are pleased to be working once again with Alberta Innovates and the Government of Alberta, as well as other collaborators, to accelerate the development of key technologies that will ensure Albertans can rely on a clean water supply today and for generations to come."

Aminah Robinson Fayek, vice-president (Research and Innovation), University of Alberta

Working with the government, Alberta Innovates supports resource and technology companies, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and post-secondary institutions in research, technology development and commercialization.

Parkland County




Municipal Development Plan

We want to hear from you! Parkland County is updating our Municipal Development Plan (MDP) – a long-term plan to guide County growth and services for the next 30 years. Stage 2 of public engagement for the MDP project is coming soon! We invite you to share your thoughts and provide feedback by joining us for the following activities:

- **In-person Drop-in Open House:** April 3, 2024 from 5PM to 8PM (Parkland County Centre)
- **Online Survey:** March 20 to April 14, 2024 on yourparkland.ca/mdp
- **Written Survey:** March 20 to April 14, 2024 (available at Parkland County Centre and Entwistle Recreation Centre)

For project updates and future engagement opportunities, visit yourparkland.ca/mdp



IMPROVING ACCESS TO SURGICAL CARE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is making significant investments to ensure more Albertans receive the surgeries they need within clinically recommended wait times.

The government introduced its Alberta Surgical Initiative in 2019 to ensure that more Albertans receive the surgeries they need faster. Because of that initiative, the province is on track to complete more surgeries this year than ever before when combining surgeries performed by Alberta Health Services (AHS) and publicly funded chartered surgical facilities.

Alberta's government and AHS are continuing their work to increase the number of surgeries completed across the province while reducing the surgical backlog and increasing capacity. The initiative focuses on improving each patient's surgical journey from the time they initially seek advice to when they are referred to a spe-

cialist and undergo surgery and rehabilitation.

Albertans deserve timely access to surgeries where and when they need them. If passed, Budget 2024 would invest \$618 million in targeted spending to improve access to surgeries and the acute care facilities that perform surgeries.

"Albertans should have access to health care when and where they need it. The Alberta Surgical Initiative is empowering health care providers to complete more surgeries while improving wait times. We are working closely with Alberta Health Services to address the existing backlog and introducing new funding to ensure the necessary facilities are in place to deliver timely care to Albertans."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

A total of \$305 million is being provided to Alberta Health Services to perform 310,000 surgical procedures this year – an increase of almost six per cent from 2022-23. It is esti-

mated that between 60,000 and 65,000 of these surgical procedures will be completed at publicly funded chartered surgical facilities, freeing up operating rooms in hospitals to handle more complex surgeries.

Budget 2024 also includes \$313 million over three years for the Alberta Surgical Initiative Capital Program, which would add and expand operating rooms across the province. This investment would increase capacity and improve use of existing capacity at facilities in both urban and rural communities across the province. Through this program, Alberta's government would renovate surgical suites and support areas in Brooks, Calgary, Crowsnest Pass, Edmonton, Innisfail, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Olds, Rocky Mountain House and Taber.

"By delivering Alberta Surgical Initiative projects in communities throughout the province, we are increasing surgical capacity, shortening surgical

wait times and ensuring Albertans can get the treatment they need closer to home. This is not just an investment in our health care system, this will also support thousands of construction-related jobs across our province."

Pete Guthrie, Minister of Infrastructure

"Albertans should not have to wait longer than clinically recommended for surgery. We are committed to reducing wait times and improving health care delivery across the province. By collaborating with Alberta Health Services and investing in acute care and key infrastructure projects, we will work to ensure Albertans receive timely, appropriate health care."

Martin Long, parliamentary secretary for rural health



Land Use Bylaw ReDesign

We want to hear from you! As part of a regular and ongoing process, Parkland County is updating the County's Land Use Bylaw (LUB) in an effort to streamline regulations and create clear and transparent decision-making processes for development in the county. Phase 2 engagement activities for the project are coming soon! Join us for the following activities

In-person Drop-in Open House

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STEPS TO A MORE ORGANIZED, FUNCTIONAL GARAGE

Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oases without forcing

them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may

find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a hay-

stack in search of a needle. Organizing a garage can create extra room in a home while affording homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements. Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- Choose the right day. Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to first remove all items from the garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day that's temperate and sunny to clean their garages. If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than they initially anticipated.

- Discard or donate duplicate items. Duplicate items are some of the main culprits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners

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Steps To A More Organized, Functional Garage

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may buy tools they already have simply because they cannot find their original tools. When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors, local charities or organizations and another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.

• Host a garage sale. Homeowners who want to organize their ga-

rages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase, and let neighbors and bargain hunters do the bulk of your organization work for you.

• Designate areas of the garage for certain items. Once the items that won't be going back into the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by designating areas for certain items, making sure to sep-

arate items that can pose safety risks. For example, store kids' bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.

• Periodically park cars in the garage. Homeowners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of maintaining organized ga-

rages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not only prevents the gradual buildup of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive investments.

Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space in their homes.

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SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME FROM INSECT INFESTATIONS

The dawn of spring marks the return of many things, including long hours of sunlight and warm temperatures in which to enjoy that sunshine. But homeowners know spring also marks the return of insects, unwelcome guests that can be difficult or expensive to control once they have entered a home.

As problematic as insect infestations can be, preventing such problems can be simple, espe-

cially when homeowners are proactive. The following are a handful of ways to keep insects out this spring and summer.

- Consider potential food supplies and cut those supplies off. Insects often enter a home in search of food, so cutting off potential food supplies is a great way to prevent insects from coming inside. Give dining areas a thorough cleaning after meals, vacuuming or sweeping

the floors beneath dining tables each night before going to bed. (Parents of young children may want to sweep floors after each meal.) In addition, clean pets' bowls each night to be sure there are no food scraps left that may entice insects, and make sure pet food containers are tightly sealed after each serving. Sinks are another potential food source, so empty food traps after using the sink and run the garbage dis-

posal as well to remove any food that might be lingering.

- Address potential shelters. Insects also seek shelter inside homes, and there are many areas in a home that can provide adequate shelter. Cracks around windows and doors and in the foundation provide both entry points and potential shelters for insects. Seal such cracks with caulk, testing the areas by

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feeling for any incoming air. If you still feel air coming in, there is still some sealing to do. Cracks in cabinets or counters also may provide shelter to insects, so address these areas as well.

· Reconsider exterior lighting. Exterior lighting may be inviting insects into your home. Insects tend to congregate around lights at night-

time, so avoid placing lights right outside entryways. Once doors are opened, insects can then fly right into your home. Keep exterior lights as far away from entryways as possible. If you need lights right outside your doors, install motion-sensing lights that only turn on when you come within a few feet of the door. This reduces the volume of insects that congregate outside your entryways, and

lowers the risk that insects will follow you in when you arrive home at night.

· React quickly upon seeing insects. Insect infestations happen gradually, so homeowners should react quickly when seeing a single insect or a handful of insects inside their homes. The slower your response, the more likely one or two intruders is likely to turn into a large infestation. Immediately

clean any areas where you see insects, and take more substantial measures if your initial efforts were not enough to prevent more insects from coming in.

The presence of insects inside a home can be a nuisance, but there are many ways to prevent such infestations and keep unwelcome guests at bay.

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Stainless steel is lauded for its strength and resistance to corrosion and rust. These attributes make it a popular choice in kitchens, where moisture is an issue. Although they are certainly durable choices, stainless steel appliances require maintenance to keep them looking

and performing at their best. Considering that stainless steel also costs more than other finish options, taking the time to learn proper care can help protect homeowners' investments.

- Avoid chlorine bleach or other products containing chloride. Although stainless steel is highly resistant to corrosion, it is not completely impervious. Chlorine products can damage the surface of stainless steel appliances and stain them if the chlorine is left to sit.

- Do not use metal scourers or coarse abrasives on the stainless steel because such products may scratch the steel. Steel wool pads can leave behind a residue of small metal particles

that may eventually rust.

- Baking soda mixed with a little dish soap can be used to remove some tough dirt and stains. Rinse well and towel dry to avoid streaking.

- Clean and wipe the steel in the direction of the "grain." Usually this means working from the top of the appliance and moving down toward the floor.

- Consult with the owner's manual before undertaking any maintenance or cleaning. The appliance may have a special coating over the stainless steel to help protect it, and it's best to know what you're dealing with before getting your hands dirty.

- If you will be trying a clean-

ing product or scouring method, always test it first in an inconspicuous spot to see if it is effective or harmful.

- Julien, a leader in commercial kitchen equipment, recommends applying cleansers with a soft cloth or sponge. Then wipe dry with a soft, clean cloth or allow to air dry.

Stainless steel remains a popular material in kitchens for sinks and appliances. With care, stainless steel can look like new for years to come.

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NEW LEARNING PATHWAY FOR CLASS 1 DRIVERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is improving Class 1 licensing and training with a new, made-in-Alberta learning pathway for professional truck drivers.

Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) became a new pre-licensing requirement for Class 1 commercial drivers in Alberta on March 1, 2019. Since then, insurance claims have risen for Class 1 drivers and MELT has been identified by the trucking industry as one of the leading factors contributing to the ongoing commercial driver shortage, increasing time and costs for the driver recruitment process.

Industry input found broad support for the continuation of Class 1 pre-license training, but also included recommendations to improve safety. These recommendations included tiered or restricted Class 1 driver's licences, more appropriate training for certain industries, increased in-cab training hours to avoid the need for retraining, and an expanded scope of training to include additional competencies for Class 1 driver licensing.

"This is a proactive approach to ensure truck drivers in Alberta have the right training with the right vehicle to perform their jobs professionally and safely. This new learning pathway provides more appropriate training for drivers and ensures Alberta's truck drivers are the best-trained in the country."

Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

In response, the improvements to Class 1 licensing

and training are focused on ensuring road safety while developing driver competency throughout a driver's career. The new made-in-Alberta learning pathway was developed through extensive consultation with a wide range of perspectives in the commercial driving industry and is designed to increase driver skills, improve safety, and create ongoing training for current and prospective Class 1 drivers.

"Working with industry leaders was a key component of our plan to attract and train drivers and develop a new Class 1 learning pathway. Class 1 drivers will now bring better skills and enhanced operational and safety training to the many rewarding opportunities of a career in trucking. I look forward to working with the industry on its recent proposal towards becoming a designated trade."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education

This apprenticeship-style model offers a learning pathway for Albertans to develop the skills to succeed and advance in their career as a professional driver, developing skills as a trainee and building on their skills and experience, with the goal of obtaining a Red Seal designation and the recognition as a professional trade. This also allows drivers to get on the job training in the actual vehicle they will be using each day throughout their career.

"Getting the right people with the right training behind the wheel is critical to the province's commercial transportation industry and economy. This new made-in-Alberta learning pathway will help train more drivers while securing safety

on the province's highways."

Doug Paisley, chair, Alberta Motor Transport Association

"The PMTC is pleased to participate in the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridor Commercial Driver Shortage Committee. This committee, which is working on a Learning Pathway for Class 1 Drivers, will serve as the foundation towards a professional designation for drivers."

Marcel Pouliot, western Canada representative, Private Motor Truck Council of Canada

"Our economy depends on the safe, efficient delivery of goods, and Insurance Bureau of Canada applauds the government for leading the way to support Alberta's commercial trucking sector. The enhanced focus on training and oversight for Class 1 operators brings the potential to improve road safety, help reduce collisions on our roadways and create new opportunities for drivers to enter this important profession."

Tim Morrison, director, Insurance Brokers of Canada

"Women Building Futures also sees the huge demand in commercial transportation. Alberta needs more safe, qualified commercial drivers to keep our economy moving, and we are proud to help women shift gears into these roles."

Carol Moen, president and CEO, Women Building Futures

The new learning pathway also responds to the unique needs of Alberta farmers by exempting them and their immediate family from the requirement for pre-licence training and providing them a farm-restricted Class 1 driver's licence. This new farm-restricted Class

1 driver's licence will allow farmers and their immediate family members to operate Class 1 vehicles within Alberta only, and for authorized farm purposes only. Farmers who are eligible for the new farm restricted Class 1 driver's licence must still complete a knowledge test, road test and vision screening, and submit a driver medical assessment to demonstrate they can safely drive Class 1 vehicles.

"The farmer Class 1 licence exemption is a positive first step to alleviate the trucking shortages impacting farms and ranches. Alberta Beef Producers is looking forward to working with the government and stakeholders on future steps in transportation to ensure a healthy agricultural supply chain for Albertans."

Brodie Haugan, chair, Alberta Beef Producers

"The announced changes are a significant step forward. This exemption aids farmers in overcoming time and financial hurdles and prevents the migration of agricultural drivers to commercial trucking. It recognizes farmers' vital role and acknowledges their unique contributions to Alberta's economy."

Roger Chevraux, chair, Alberta Canola

Transportation and Economic Corridors will optimize monitoring and oversight of commercial truck drivers, carriers, driving schools, driver instructors and driver examiners to enhance safety on Alberta's roads. Neighbouring jurisdictions will also be notified of the changes, and drivers without proper Class 1 driver's licences will be subject to the rules and regulations of those jurisdictions.

KEEPING LIFE AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is fulfilling its promise to provide seniors with a 25 per cent discount on personal registry services.

Many seniors rely on fixed incomes and the ongoing high cost of living means more pressure in their daily lives. Alberta seniors should be able to rely on stability and have confidence that their government is working to keep life affordable for them.

To help keep life affordable for seniors, Alberta's government is delivering on a promise to bring in a 25 per cent discount

on personal registry services. It is anticipated this will benefit more than 725,000 Alberta seniors.

"Last year, we promised Alberta seniors we would reduce their costs at registry offices and on April 1, we're doing just that. Every dollar Alberta seniors save through this measure is another dollar back in their pockets that they can better spend on other priorities."

Danielle Smith, Premier
As of April 1, when seniors visit their preferred registry office, they will be eligible for the discount on services like vehicle registration renewals, driver's licenses,

standard plates, and vital statistics products like marriage licenses. Eligible seniors must be a resident of Alberta and 65 years or older on the day they purchase the registry service or product.

The discount will be applied to a range of personal registry services at Alberta registry agent offices. Seniors purchasing personal registry services online through MyAlberta eServices will also be able to access the discount.

"Delivering on this promise was a major priority for our government. Over the past few years, rising prices have made it difficult for many se-

niors to make ends meet. The discount will provide some modest relief for seniors, many of whom are on a fixed income, and make life more affordable."

Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

"The seniors' discount will benefit more than 725,000 seniors. As the fastest-growing age group in Alberta, many seniors rely on income support to meet basic needs and age safely in their homes. Putting money back in their pockets will make their lives better."

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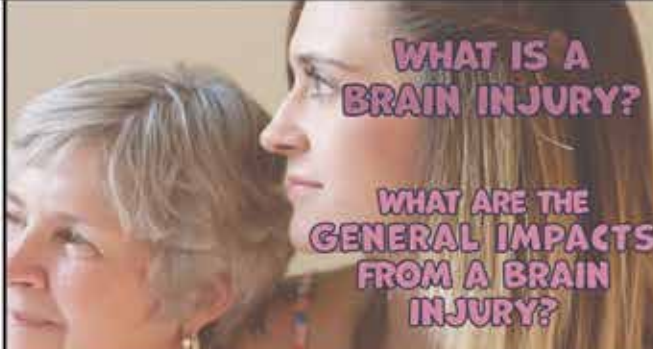
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FREE INFORMATION SESSION

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April 3, 2024
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Presented by the Edson Addiction & Mental Health Team from Alberta Health Services.



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4. Spring Applications must be received by May 15, 2024.

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Keeping Life Affordable For Seniors

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Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

As part of Budget 2024, the seniors' discount on personal registry services will mean annual savings of \$16.5 to \$20 million for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Those savings mean Alberta seniors will keep more of their money in their pockets that they can allocate to other needs.

"The compounding effects of inflation have forced seniors to make difficult decisions to make ends meet. Implementing a seniors' discount on license renew-

als and registration fees is a concrete action that will provide much needed relief to their pocketbooks. We applaud the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction for finding a way to reduce the cost of these services for Alberta seniors."

Sheila Hallett, executive director, Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council

"Providing seniors with discounts on registry services and medical driving tests not only eases their financial burdens, but also promotes their well-being and independence."

Joel Sinclair, co-execu-

tive director, Calgary Seniors Resource Society

"This initiative will be helpful for many people, including a number of our volunteer drivers who are 65+. These volunteers give back so much to help our clients to access services and to age well. A reduction in fees is helpful to keep these volunteers on the road!"

Liza Bouchard, executive director, Drive Happiness Seniors Assisted Transportation

The seniors' discount is supported by Budget 2024, a responsible plan to strengthen health care and education, build safe and supportive com-

munities, manage the province's resources wisely, and promote job creation to continue to build Alberta's competitive advantage.

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Obituaries



Terrance (Terry) McDonald passed away on March 5th, 2024, in Evansburg Alberta. Terry was born in Edmonton on July 26th, 1939. During his life he lived in Darwell, Consort, Ontario, Calgary, Wabamun, Red Earth Creek and Stanger. He was a welder, a pilot and a farmer, and volunteered everywhere he could. He loved sports, playing many, and still enjoyed curling and slow pitch up to the age of 82. Terry leaves behind his loving family: daughter Janeen (Roger) Horne; son Robb; granddaughters Jackie and Dana (Jesse) Mirriam; sisters Edie (George) Richardson, Rilla Offord and

Patty (John King); brother in laws Hank (Sandy) Moore; Roger (Mona) Moore; and sister in laws Elaine Moore (Bob); Brenda Moore, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, May; parents Gilbert and Ellen; brother Allister; sister in law Leona; brother in law George Offord and sister in law Gloria Banga.

A celebration of life for Terry will be held at the Interlake Golden Age Senior Center on Saturday April 6th, 2024, starting at 1:30 pm. Join the family for refreshments and reminiscing. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society.

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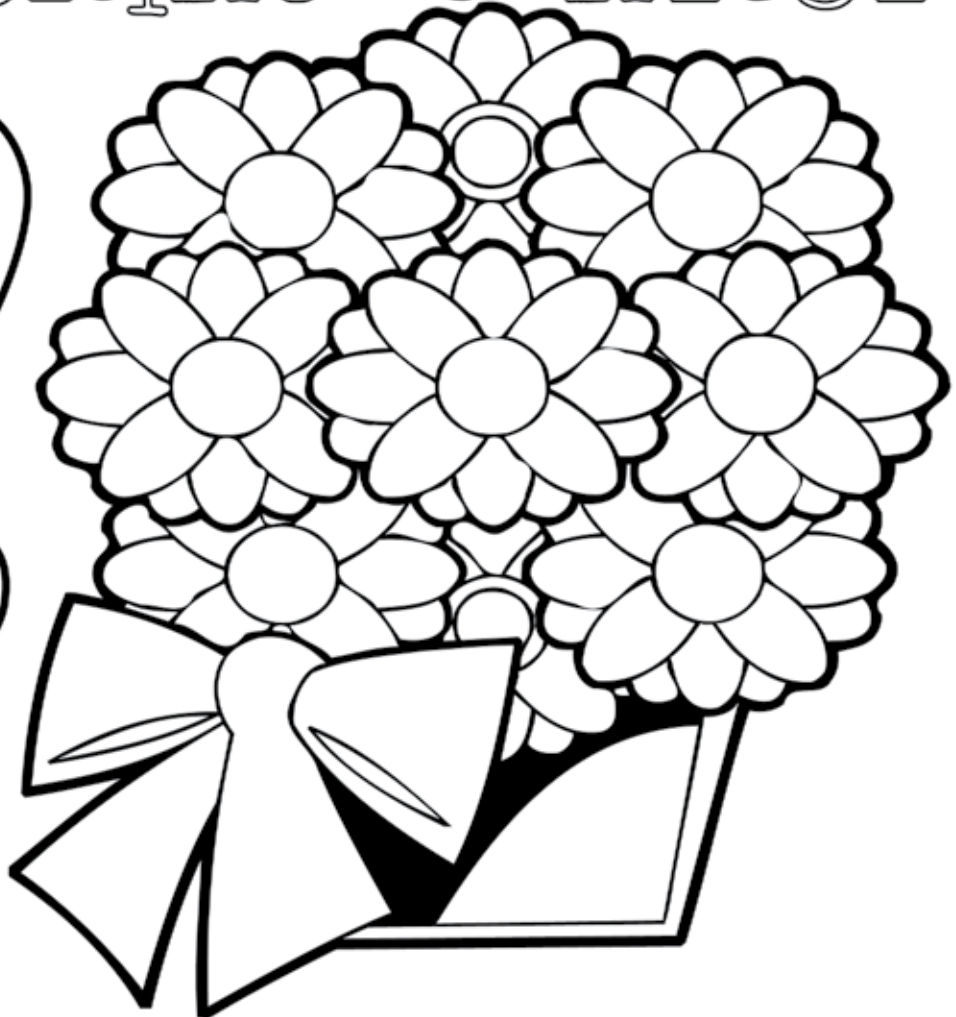
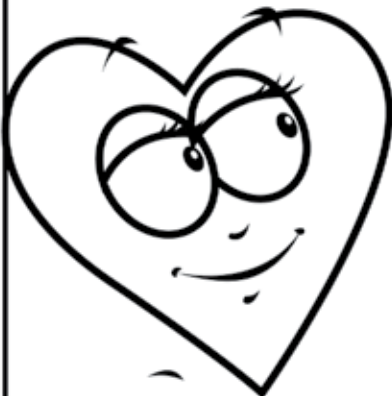
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