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MASSIVE EXPANSION OF PROVINCIAL TESTING FAILS THE GRADE

Submitted by Alberta Teachers' Association

Students need more supports not more tests, according to Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) President Jason Schilling. On the first Friday of summer break, the Alberta government quietly released changes to provincial testing for the upcoming school year. In an email to school boards,

government announced all schools will be required to administer provincially mandated numeracy and literacy tests to students in Grades 1 to 3 up to three times each school year. For the first time in Alberta, Kindergarten students will also now be subjected to standardized testing.

"When so many kids are falling through the cracks, we need to be giving them

a safety net instead of measuring how fast they're falling. Teachers don't need a test to identify which students are struggling; they need smaller classes and more supports to get those kids additional help."

-Jason Schilling, ATA President

New provincial assessments are also being added in Grades 4 and 5,

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DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE MALE FOR FIREARMS OFFENCES

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On July 8, 2024, at 5 p.m., Drayton Valley RCMP received a report that a male suspect had brandished a firearm from his backpack and pointed it at the victim who was seated in his parked vehicle. The victim did not know the suspect but was able to provide police with a good description and direction of travel for the suspect who left on foot.

Officers responded to the area and the suspect was located walking into the popular Rotary Park, where many children and families were gathered at the local splash park. The suspect was quickly taken into custody without incident. A search incidental to arrest located a loaded firearm and additional ammunition.

Joshua Spiker (27), a resident of Drayton Valley, was arrested and has been charged with 12 offences, some of which in-


clude:

- Careless use of a firearm (x2)
- Use of a firearm while attempting to commit an indictable offence
- Pointing a firearm
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After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Spiker was released from custody to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on July 11, 2024.

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meaning the students who struggle the most could be subjected to as many as 32 standardized tests by the time they leave elementary school. The previous total was 10.

Schilling says the time and energy required by teachers to administer tests takes away from time teachers could actually be helping kids.

"While the government claims to have listened to experts, it's clear they did not hear what actual teachers had to say. Politicians and bureaucrats who have little knowledge and experience of the realities of Alberta's classrooms might think this is a great idea, but teachers, who will end up spending hours admin-

istering tests and preparing students for them in September, January and June, do not.

All this is being foisted on the same teachers who are still trying to implement new curriculum across multiple grades and subject areas."

-Jason Schilling, ATA President

A better approach, Schilling says, is to respect teachers' professional judgment and allow them to determine which students could benefit from an assessment and when, rather than repeatedly testing every student. More fundamentally, the province needs to stop the distractions and deal with the real issue in public education—the gross lack of appropriate funding.

"Alberta spends the least per student on public education in Canada. That's why we have large and growing class sizes, inadequate supports for students with special needs, shortages of aides and substitutes, and good teachers leaving the profession. Alberta is not going to test its way out of underfunding. It's time our provincial leaders got their priorities right."

-Jason Schilling, ATA President

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JOKE of the week

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they lay down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Holmes asked. Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all-powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow." "What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "Watson, you idiot. Somebody has stolen our tent!"



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2024

Submitted by Darwell & District Agricultural Society



Marilyn (McDonald) Alexander

I was born and raised in Darwell. My grandparents moved to Darwell in 1935, first farming then eventually opening up a local business which evolved to become Darwell Motors/

Dale's Garage. I was fortunate to grow up in the center of Darwell with my parents, siblings, and a large extended family. As a child, "Fair Day" was the highlight of the summer. Living right in Darwell, we were able to watch with anticipation, the preparation for the big weekend!

I began school in Darwell, and graduated from Onway Junior Senior High. After high school, I worked in Edmonton for a bit, then attended the U of A to obtain my teaching degree which led to my first job at Darwell School. I loved it so much I spent my entire teaching career there. My time in Darwell also allowed me the pleasure of teaching multiple generations of families.

I married Woody(Marwood) Alexander, gaining

an instant family with two teenagers, Jennie and Jason. A year later, we welcomed our daughter Erin. Our family has grown to include our children's spouses and grandchildren who live in BC and Ontario. Our home is south of Stony Plain, and we enjoy family time with my siblings and their families at our shared property in Darwell.

When people ask me about Darwell, I tell them it is a tiny town with a huge community! Over the years I have been involved in the community; coaching, playing sports, volunteering, and being a member of various community organizations.. However, connecting students with the community has always been a focus for me. Highlights of this include Darwell School Safari, the school choir, com-

munity Christmas concerts, Junior Ag, and introducing students to our local seniors through various activities. I am recently retired, but stay connected to the school through substitute teaching and volunteering.

Being recognized as Citizen of the Year is quite the honour, and I appreciate the acknowledgment. The school and this community will continue to be a big part of my life!

Thank you
Chantelle Lalonde
President
Darwell & District Agricultural Society



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ENHANCED EARLY YEARS ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Submitted

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce an enhanced early years assessment framework for Kindergarten to Grade 6. The enhanced early years assessment framework is based on stakeholder input and expert advice and will support our youngest learners to succeed. As you know, students de-

velop critical foundational knowledge in literacy and numeracy in the early years of education. Assessing students in their early years provides essential information to teachers, schools, parents, and Alberta Education about potential student learning issues and needs and ensures that students requiring additional supports receive the help they need early in their

education.

Beginning in the 2024/25 school year, the following changes to the mandatory literacy and numeracy screening requirement will take effect:

- Kindergarten: Starting in January 2025, screening will be required in literacy and numeracy for all students in January of each year.
- Grades 1 to 3: Mandato-

ry screening assessments will continue in Grades 1 to 3; however, the timing and frequency of these assessments will change. Starting in September 2024, the literacy and numeracy screening for students in Grades 1 to 3 will now be completed in September and January, with an additional assessment in June for those students

identified in January as requiring additional supports. The administration window to complete all screening assessments in these grades will be extended to three weeks.

- Grade 3: Student Learning Assessments will be permanently discontinued and will no longer be available for use.

- Grades 4 and 5: Starting in September 2026, screening assessments in literacy and numeracy for students in Grades 4 and 5 will be introduced. Further information about this requirement will be shared at a future date.

- Grade 6: Provincial achievement tests for students in Grade 6 will continue to occur in May and June.

This revised approach to early years assessment will ensure that the literacy and numeracy skills of all students in these grades are assessed, and that students receive the necessary intervention supports in the critical early years of their education.

Further details related to the early years assessment framework will be provided to school authorities in the near future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the success of Alberta students.

Best,
Demetrios Nicolaidis ECA
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SUPPORTING ALBERTA'S YOUNGEST STUDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New screening tools for Alberta's youngest learners will ensure they continue succeed in the classroom by identifying any learning gaps early.

Alberta's government is building an education system that ensures no student falls through the cracks. Through a phased-in approach, students in kindergarten to Grade 5 will be assessed on their foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Beginning fall 2024, teachers and educational staff will be able to identify areas where students may need an

extra hand earlier on in a student's education journey.

"Supporting our youngest learners as they develop essential literacy and numeracy skills is fundamental for their success in school and life. These skills are the foundation for living, working and succeeding in our modern world. These additional assessments will tell teachers, schools and parents about potential learning issues and better position them to support students."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education

Under the new requirements, beginning in fall 2024, students in grades

1 to 3 will be assessed twice a year, and students receiving extra support will be assessed a third time in June to monitor their progress. In January 2025, an early literacy and numeracy screening will be introduced for kindergarten students, and in September 2026, there will be new screening requirements for students in grades 4 and 5.

"Research studies around the world have clearly shown that there should be early screening and frequent monitoring of children's reading and mathematics performance. Alberta's new framework for Early Learning Assessments is perfectly in line with this research. Early screening and monitoring of children's literacy and numeracy skills is a human right, and I am happy to see Alberta's government prioritize this."

Dr. George K. Georgiou, Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

Alberta's government is committed to ensuring

each and every Alberta student has a supportive learning environment where they thrive. The new early years assessment framework was developed with input from school authorities, academic experts and other education stakeholders. School authorities will be provided with a list of approved assessments for staff and will have the autonomy to select the screening and assessment tools needed to support their students. The assessments will enable school authorities to make local decisions to better support students' specialized learning needs.



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When it comes to golf, it's the little things that can have the biggest impact on your game. Whether it's your first attempt, or 10th season, golf expert Bob Weeks has got you covered at the links this summer with these five tips:

Choose the right clubs: Regardless of your experience or skill level, choosing the right equipment can be the difference between duffing it and striking the ball straight down the fairway. It's important to work with a professional to get the clubs best-suited to your game and then, to have them custom fit. You should be fit for the length, loft, lie angle, shaft flex and even the grip size. If your clubs aren't custom fit, it will be like walking around in shoes that are the wrong size.

Get on the ball: Choose the right kind of golf ball for your game. While golf balls all look the same, it's what's inside that determines if it's right for you. Golf balls fall into two categories: distance or control. Distance balls are generally two-piece balls with a large core and a cover. They are harder and better suited for higher handicappers or beginners. Control balls, usually three- or four-piece balls, are softer and spin more meaning they will land on the green and stop. More skillful play-

ers should use these.

Consider the elements: Weather is always a factor in golf and dealing with it must always be considered. For instance, in cold temperatures, the ball will travel shorter distances, so take more club. The opposite is true for warmer temperatures. If you're playing into the wind, swing easy as that will keep the ball from spinning too much and rising up into the breezes. And downwind, make sure to judge the intensity of the breezes so you can choose the proper club. Your ball will roll further than normal on a downwind shot so take that into account.

Putting and chipping is priority: Lots of players like to boom their drives and will spend a lot of time on the range hitting their

drivers. But if you want to improve your scores, you should spend more time working on your putting and chipping. Since most average players miss a lot of greens, the best way to save strokes is by chipping it close and making more putts. Focus more on your short game than your drive and you will improve.

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SETTING THE FOUNDATION FOR A REFOCUSED HEALTH SYSTEM

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation would support the refocusing of Alberta's health care system to ensure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it.

On Nov. 8, 2023, Alberta's government announced plans for a refocused health care system to ensure patients are receiving the care they need, when and where they need it. To achieve this, Alberta's government will be creating four new organizations, one for each priority health services sector: acute care, primary care, continuing care and mental health and addiction.

If passed, the Health Statutes Amendment Act would enable the government to take the necessary next steps to refocus the province's health care system. The legislation would

ensure Albertans have a system that works for them by prioritizing their need to find a primary care provider, receive urgent care without long waits, have access to the best continuing care options and obtain excellent mental health and addiction treatment.

"We are taking another step toward improving health care by updating legislation and enabling the governance and oversight required to refocus the health system. The critical improvements to transparency and accountability will help support the successful refocusing of the health care system to one that is responsive, effective and reflects the needs and priorities of Albertans today and for future generations."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

The Health Statutes Amendment Act will enable the transition from one regional health

authority, Alberta Health Services, to an integrated system of four sector-based provincial health agencies including primary care, acute care, continuing care and mental health and addiction. The agencies will be responsible for delivering integrated health services, ensuring Albertans receive timely access to care, regardless of where they live.

The Health Statutes Amendment Act establishes roles for an oversight minister and sector minister. The Minister of Health will take on the role of oversight minister, responsible for setting the strategic direction of the overall health system. A sector minister will be responsible for a specific health services sector. For example, the sector minister for Recovery Alberta is the Minister of Mental Health and Addiction. On the recommendation of the oversight minister, addition-

al health service sectors may be established and designate a minister responsible for that newly created sector.

Enhanced government oversight will help Alberta's government to better direct resources to the front lines where they are needed the most, improve patient care overall and support health care professionals.

"Mental health and addiction have been growing issues within our society and need to be prioritized within our health care system. Amid an addiction crisis, a refocused health system will allow for mental health and addiction services to get the attention, oversight and focus they need. Recovery Alberta would allow for improved mental health and addiction care across the province as an important part of an integrated health system."

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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 3 of public engagement for the MDP project is coming soon! We invite you to share your thoughts and provide feedback on the draft MDP by joining us for the following activities:

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Setting The Foundation For A Refocused Health System

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Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction “Refocusing Alberta’s healthcare system is a crucial step towards ensuring that we can deliver a framework that prioritizes accessibility, accountability, and patient-centered care. By streamlining operations, improving oversight and fostering collaboration, we are setting a strong foundation for a healthcare system that is better equipped to address the diverse needs of each of our communities.”

Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

The legislation will enable the minister of health to transfer employees or classes of employees from AHS to the new sector-based organizations, once established. During the transition period, AHS will be enabled to continue operating as a regional health authority. Employee

transfers will be seamless, maintaining existing bargaining relationships and collective agreements. This will ensure stability for the workforce, unions and government as the health system refocus is implemented. There will be no job losses for staff who transition into the new organizations.

Amendments to be made to existing legislation

The Health Statutes Amendment Act includes amendments to the Regional Health Authorities Act and the Health Information Act, which have not been updated since the 1990s.

As part of these amendments, the name of the Regional Health Authorities Act will change to the Provincial Health Agencies Act. The amended Provincial Health Agencies Act will remove outdated references to allow the transition from a single regional health authority to

a unified, sector-specific provincial health system. This will clarify the scope and accountabilities of provincial health agencies and health service providers going forward.

The amendments will also place responsibility on the provincial health agencies for operational planning and oversight of clinical service delivery across the province. This will enable provincial health agencies to set priorities in the provision of health service delivery. The agencies will also be tasked with sharing information and collaborating closely to support seamless patient care as the transition to the refocused health care system takes place.

Alberta’s government is committed to ensuring that patient information continues to remain safe and secure through this transition. Amendments to the Health

Information Act will be introduced to support the new health system refocus and to support the establishment of the Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence. These amendments will allow the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction, the four new provincial health agencies, the Health Quality Council of Alberta and Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence to have the authority to use health information for health system purposes.

If passed, the Health Statutes Amendment Act will enable Recovery Alberta, the mental health and addiction provincial health agency, to begin operating in the summer of 2024. The primary care, acute care and continuing care provincial health agencies are expected to be established in the fall.



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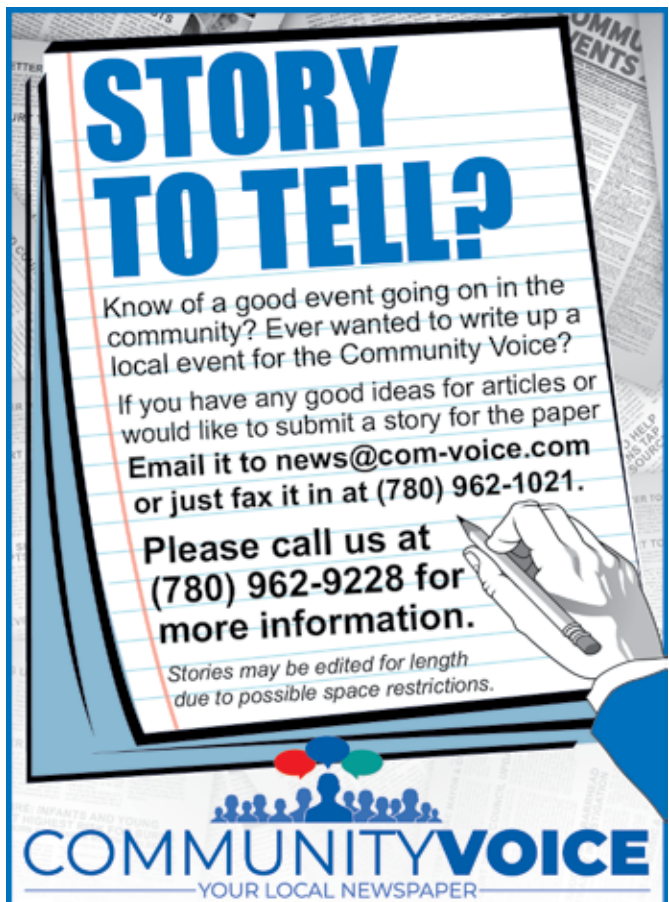
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Entwistle Senior's Drop In Centre, Barb 727-2108 or Glennis 727-4367 Mon-Fri

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Keephills Hall
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Lake Isle Community Hall, PH: 780-892-3121 or Email: lakeislehall@mail.com

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Magnolia Hall, 727-2015

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Seba Beach Pavilion, 780-797-3863

Stony Plain Seniors Drop in Centre hall available for rent. Capacity 125. Address 5018 51 Ave, Stony Plain. Phone 780-963-4707 or email stonyplainseniors@gmail.com for info.

Smithfield Community Hall, 780-717-3714

Tomahawk & District Sports Agra, Bookings: Kathy 780-339-3773.

Wabamun Jubilee Hall, 780-727-3947.

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ANSWER:
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6	2	8	9	4	7	1	3	5
7	4	3	2	1	5	8	6	9
9	5	1	3	8	6	2	7	4
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Church Directory

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<p>Parkland Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 10:30a.m. All Welcome</p> <p>121 Brookwood Drive (780) 962-4101 www.parklandbaptist.ca</p>	<p>Word Church Apocalyptic Era</p> <p>Border Crossing Athletic Centre, 9 Tri Leisure Way, Spruce Grove 15 minutes in the Wild Rose room. Ph: 780-962-7579</p> <p>Service starts at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning, come all & be bless.</p>	<p>St. Anthony's Ukrainian Orthodox Church</p> <p>6103 172 St. NW, Edmonton Saturday: Vespers 5:00PM Sunday: Divine Liturgy 10:00AM 780.487.2167 santhony@telusnet.net www.st-anthonys.ca</p>	<p>Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre Catholic Chapel</p> <p>Sunday Masses 10a.m. & 2pm Weekdays 9am Saturday 10am 1225 HWY 62 535 Parkland County</p>	<p>Stony Plain United Church</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30a.m. 5012-51 Ave. Stony Plain</p> <p>Mewassin United Church</p> <p>Sunday Service 9:00a.m. Rev. Heather Koots Hwy 627 - Rg Rd 30 Ph: 780-963-4745</p>	<p>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Rosenthal</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 9:30a.m. Sunday School 780-963-4048</p>
<p>Emmaus Lutheran Church</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service 11:00a.m.</p> <p>4604-50th Ave, Drayton Valley Ph: 780-542-5101</p>	<p>Church of God</p> <p>Worship Service Sun. 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Please contact for activities 5004-49 Street, Drayton Valley Ph: 780-542-5091</p>	<p>Calvary Baptist Church</p> <p>Pastoral Team: Kenton Penner</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30a.m. Youth & Ministries Info - calvbapt@telus.net</p> <p>4401-50th Ave. Drayton Valley 780-542-4774 www.calvarybaptistdo.ca</p>	<p>Drayton Valley Alliance Church</p> <p>Pastor John Haazen Join us for Sunday Service at 10:30a.m. 5014-56 Ave. (next to Value Drug Mart) Programs for all ages Ph: 542-6501 dvalliance.ca</p>	<p>All Saints' Anglican Church</p> <p>10:30a.m. Sunday Worship 5212 47 Ave. Drayton Valley (780) 542-5048 www.allsaaintsdraytonvalley.ca</p>	<p>St. Anthony Catholic Church</p> <p>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday 5:00p.m. Sunday 12:00p.m.</p> <p>4708-50 Ave. Drayton Valley Parish Office: 542-5254</p>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Seba Beach Farmers Market, every Saturday 10:00 am to 12:30 pm until September 14th at the Seba Beach Pavilion (505-1 Ave South) Email is sebaeachfarm@gmail.com

FARMERS MARKETS

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

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

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

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

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

BINGO

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

STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE: public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685
WILDWOOD: 4th Mon night. 6:30PM, bingo starts 7:30PM, Early Birds & Lucky 7.

MEAT DRAWS

C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA NETWORKING FOR SENIORS, Spruce Grove At Pioneer Center. first market March 25 1 - 5:30pm

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

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

Wildwood: Wildwood Legion, Saturday 3-5pm

JAMBOREES

CARVEL: 2nd Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

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

Duffield Hall: Jamboree & Supper 6pm 4th Saturday Sept - May

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

RAVINE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: 1st Sat of each month. Info 780-325-2391 ***Sept - May.**

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

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

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

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

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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YOUR COMMUNITY

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

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

LIBRARY EVENTS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB at Keepphills Library. 2nd Tues of every month, 1:30-3:00PM. Visit www.pclibraries.ca for info.

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

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

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

SEBA BEACH LIBRARY Summer Hours July - August Tues.- Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM. This summer we will have TD Summer Reading Club, Story Walk, Gardening Program, and Special Events. Call us at 780-797-3940 or email sebaeachlibrary@yrlab.ca

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

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

BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 9:30AM-NOON, Parkland Village Community Centre - 3rd Sunday. PH: 780.298.9155 Social Media: PvcCentre.

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

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

EVANSBURG ART CLUB: meet & paint

Thurs 1-4PM Rec Plex. 727-4340 or 727-4098

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

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

HEALTHY AGING NURSE & FOOT CARE PERSON, Wabamun Seniors Centre, 2nd Thurs of month, 9AM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

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

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

AA: Friday at 8PM, Evansburg. Call 780-995-1992, 780-727-4175 or 587-464-2466 Open Meeting

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

AL-ANON: Wed 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Drive. 962-5205

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

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

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

CITIZENS ON PATROL: The Pembina Community Watch Patrol Meets 2nd Thurs of each month at 7:30PM, at the Tipple Park Museum (4924-48 St.), Evansburg. Contact 780-898-1465 or 780-727-2686.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY: 7PM, 1st Mon, Community Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

FALLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00PM.

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

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

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

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

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

MAGNOLIA BOARD MEETINGS: 1st Tuesday of month, 7PM at Magnolia Community Hall.

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

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

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

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

PEMBINA PORCUPINES - JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS: Entwistle Porcupine gathering: 7pm, 1st Tue. Len & Tineke at 727-2020. Porcupines@yellowheadfiv.ca

PEMBINA VALLEY & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB: we meet on the third Thursday at the Entwistle Community Hall Meeting Room at 8PM Contact President Lion Ron Stefaniuk 780-218-5067.

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

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

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

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

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

WILDWOOD & DIST ROD & GUN CLUB: 2nd Thursday, 7:30PM at the range clubhouse, wildwoodrodandgun@gmail.com.

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

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July 20 to 25, 2024

Saturday, July 20

1pm: Pipe ceremony and Flag Raising (Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, AB)
 6:30pm: Mass (Lac Ste. Anne Parish)
 8:30pm: Gospell Music

Sunday, July 21

9:30am: Rosary
 10:30am: Mass (Alexis & Paul Nakota Sioux Nation, AB)
 3pm: Mass and Blessing of the Lake (St. Theresa Point, MB)
 6:30pm: Mass (Maskwacis, AB)
 8:30pm: Living Rosary

Monday, July 22

9:30am: Rosary
 10:30am: Mass (Cursillo Community)
 3pm: Mass (Tlicho First Nation, Behchoko, NWT)
 6:30pm: Mass (Pelican Narrows & Sandy Bay, SK)
 8:30pm: Movie Night in the Shrine

Tuesday, July 23

9:30am: Rosary (Pilgrims)
 10:30am: Mass (St. Paul Diocese, AB)
 1pm: Commemoration of the Penitential Pilgrimage and Apostolic Visit of his Holiness, Pope Francis
 3pm: Mass (Denesuline First Nation, Black Lake, SK)
 6:30pm: Mass (Metis Nation)
 8:30pm: Seven Step Healing Prayer/Sobriety Pledge

Wednesday, July 24

9:30am: Rosary
 10:30am: Mass (Sacred Heart Parish of the First Peoples, Edmonton, AB)
 3pm: Mass (The Blackfoot Confederacy, Brocket, AB)
 6:30pm: Mass (Enoch & Alexander First Nations, AB)
 8:30pm: Way of the Cross

Thursday, July 25

10am: Mass

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