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AUGUST 20, 2025

WHITECOURT RCMP ARRESTS TWO WITH ILLEGAL CIGARETTES

Submitted by Whitecourt RCMP

On Aug. 7, 2025, while conducting a curfew check, a Whitecourt RCMP officer observed possible contraband tobacco at a residence in Whitecourt. Further investigation, assisted by Whitecourt General Investigation Section (GIS), confirmed the in-

formation and revealed another person involved. On Aug. 9, 2025 search warrants were then executed, resulting in a total of 27 contraband master cases being recovered. In total, over 270,000 contraband cigarettes were seized with an estimated value of \$67,500.

As a result of the investigation, Dustin Swanson (44), a resident of White-

court, was charged with:

- Failure to comply with order;
- Possession of unstamped tobacco with the purpose of selling (criminal code and excise act); and
- Possession of stolen property.

Furthermore, Bradley Ingersoll (33), a resident of Whitecourt,

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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Support Alberta food producers during Local Food Week and participate in Open Farm Days activities.

Albertans can enjoy rural life throughout the province this August as farms, ranches and agri-tourism operators bring people together to participate in educational, agricultural-based initiatives and learn where their food comes from. Alberta is known around the world for producing premium-quality, great-tasting food with the highest standards of food safety, animal care, biosecurity and environmental stew-

ardship.

Open Farm Days is the perfect time to showcase the hard-working farmers, ranchers and processors that produce food for Albertans, Canadians and the world. Whether you're picking fresh fruits and vegetables at a u-pick farm, buying locally grown products, or taking part in activities to learn about where our food comes from, there are many ways to support local producers and processors throughout the week and beyond.

"This week, Albertans can help celebrate the farmers and entrepreneurs that put safe, high-quality food on our plates. Open Farm Days' theme

this year is Water, The Lifeblood of Every Farm, recognizing the essential role water and irrigation have in our agriculture sector and for the entire province."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister Agriculture and Irrigation

Agri-tourism continues to grow in popularity, with many travellers seeking authentic experiences like farm-to-table dining, culinary adventures and farm stays. This steady flow of visitors supports local economies by driving business to local shops, restaurants and nearby attractions. For many years, Alberta's government has provided annual funding

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Whitecourt RCMP Arrests Two With Illegal Cigarettes

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was charged with Possession of stolen property and Possession of unstamped tobacco with the purpose of selling (criminal code and excise act).

Swanson and Ingersoll were brought before a justice of the peace, with the first being remanded and the second released. They are both to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on Aug. 12, 2025.

“We are advising the public to be mindful of where and from whom they purchase their cigarettes” said S/Sgt Matthew Clarke, Detachment Commander of the Whitecourt RCMP. “We want to be sure that those who deal in illegal goods are held accountable and do not wish to have members of our community unknowingly purchase those illegal goods”.

SHANE GETSON
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See The Farms, Taste The Flavours

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to the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies to support Alberta Open Farm Days. This helps advance agri-tourism and food and culinary tourism across the province.

"Alberta's rural and agri-tourism sectors play a vital role in the continued growth of our economy. Initiatives like Open Farm Days showcase Alberta's rich agricultural heritage and invite visitors to discover the unique experiences, innovative farms and local business that lie outside the province's top tourist destinations."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

During Open Farm Days on Aug. 16 and 17, host farms will open their gates to tours, and participants can buy Al-

berta-grown and produced products. Many hosts also organize culinary experiences featuring some of the finest chefs in rural Alberta. These farm-to-table experiences are a unique way to enjoy fresh, homegrown dishes while supporting the livelihoods of local ag operators.

"A lot of locally grown ingredients really resonate with Albertans and Canadians. Our wheat and Alberta beef are known around the world, helping to highlight Canadian cuisine. I love working with local producers who skilfully cultivate what the land can offer us."

Blair Lebsack, chef and co-owner, RGE RD and The Butchery

TRL Gas CO-OP Ltd. 19th ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025
Anselmo Hall**

**Join us for a complimentary Dinner
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**Meeting to follow
Financial Statements
Election of Directors**

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JOKE of the week

Our first day at a resort my wife
and I decided to hit the beach.

When I went back to our room to get something to
drink, one of the hotel
maids was making our bed. I grabbed
my cooler and was on my way out when I paused and
asked, "Can we drink beer on the beach?" "Sure," she
said, "but I have to finish the rest of the rooms
beforehand."

ANOTHER
RAINBOW SALE

ONLINE - ESTATE SALE FOR SHIRLEY ROBERGE AS WELL AS OTHER CONSIGNORS

Location
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Online auction starts Monday, September 1, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Online auction will start soft closing on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 12 noon

Pickup - Saturday, September 6, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday, September 7, 2025

Pickup - Monday, September 8 - Wednesday September 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm.

(To be sold off site) Mobile home and shed are located at:
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Directly across from Calihoo Golf Course

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(To be sold off site) 1974 Mobile Home 14 x 68, 10 x 12 storage shed,
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County News Highlights

MEETINGS & HEARINGS

[LSAC.ca/meetings](https://lsac.ca/meetings)

Meetings and public hearings are held at the County Administration Office near Sangudo, they are open to the public and available remotely. Explore the County's online calendar for agendas, minutes, and meeting details.

MPC Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:30 am

Governance & Priorities Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 9:30 am

Council Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 9:30 am

REMINDER: CULVERT REPLACEMENT WITH ROAD CLOSURE UNDERWAY

[LSAC.ca/infrastructure](https://lsac.ca/infrastructure)

Project BF 08775 construction began August 11 on RGE RD 20 northeast of Onoway. The work involves a full culvert replacement and requires a complete road closure for approximately three weeks.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and follow the posted detour routes via HWY 642 or TWP RD 554 and HWY 777. Signage and barricades are in place.

Please allow extra travel time and be aware that these traffic restrictions will remain in effect until the work is completed.

YOUR WEED INSPECTION QUESTIONS ANSWERED

[LSAC.ca/weeds](https://lsac.ca/weeds)

Lac Ste. Anne County's annual Weed and Crop Inspection Program is a proactive effort to enforce the Weed Control Act and protect our agricultural community.

Isn't the County trespassing on my land?

No, under the Alberta Weed Control Act, appointed inspectors are authorized to enter private property (excluding structures) to inspect for weeds. Obstructing an inspector is prohibited.

Inspectors are authorized to enter private property during reasonable hours, and the County's Agricultural Services team endeavours to provide courtesy notification prior to inspections when possible.

Notification of a weed inspection may be provided by various methods. Public notification that the annual Weed Inspection Program is underway is provided through the County website, social media, and the Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin. Door-hanger cards are utilized to provide location specific advance notification and give residents time to schedule an appointment if desired. All residents are welcome to schedule appointments if they would prefer to be present when the weed inspection is completed.

The Weed Control Act provides further explanation of the weed inspector's role. Parts 2 and 3 explain the inspectors and inspection process. Specifically, please note Part 3 (11) Obstruction of inspector: "A person shall not wilfully obstruct or delay an inspector in the exercise of the inspector's duties or powers to enforce and monitor compliance with this Act."

Check out more weed Inspection FAQ on our website. Have a question you don't see answered there? Please let us know by calling the Agriculture Services department or email agriculture@LSAC.ca.

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

[LSAC.ca/roads](https://lsac.ca/roads)

CURRENT PROJECTS:

SUMMER GRAVEL PROGRAM – Contractor

Locations: throughout the County

Start Date: July 8

Duration: 4-6 weeks

TRAFFIC COUNTING

Locations: throughout the County

Start Date: ongoing

Duration: throughout the summer

MAYERTHORPE FIRE SERVICES

Start Date: beginning of July

Duration: throughout the summer

Concrete pad installation—phase two is to be completed by end of August

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

DUST CONTROL—ROUND TWO

Locations: throughout the County

Start Date: August 15

Duration: 2 weeks

The duration and completion times are approximate and weather dependent. Please remember to slow down through construction zones and remain vigilant for workers.

Discover more online! Visit [LSAC.ca](https://lsac.ca) for the latest County news, events, and resources.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY



Muscle, meet backbone.

It was 1909 and farmers wanted change.

Their voices were getting lost on the frontier, railroads profited off their backs and prices were set for their products without giving them a seat at the table. The powers that be thought they could flex some muscle in the faces of the farmers they claimed to serve, but everyone knows you can't outmuscle a Canadian farmer. United by the belief that their livelihoods and communities are worth fighting for, they banded together, and UFA was born.

When the deck is stacked against our members, and their prosperity is threatened, you can bet UFA will protect their interests like a Great Pyrenees defending its herd.

When thousands of our bravest members and customers fought for Canada at wartime, we helped keep morale high and farms afloat for their families back home. When society wasn't giving women a say, we gave them full suffrage long before the rest of the country. When the political arena came knocking,

UFA answered the door and became the government. And if you feel like raising a glass to that, it's a good thing we're the ones who ended prohibition. *Cheers.*



UFA made farmers a force to be reckoned with.

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UFA flew the maple leaf nearly a decade before Canada.

And like the country we hold so dear, we stand on guard for our members. Canadianism is not a trend for us.

Through war and peace, economic and natural peril, good times and bad, UFA is proudly Canadian—as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. For as long as farmers till the earth, UFA will always be there for farmers.

The story continues at UFA.com/ForFarmers.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

- Red means STOP. The penalty for passing a school bus with its alternating flashing red lights activated is \$402 and six demerit points.
- School buses in Alberta transport nearly 250,000 youngsters twice a day.
- Transport Canada reports that school bus travel in Alberta is 16 times safer than commuting in the family vehicle.
- The biggest bus danger to children is when they are getting on and off the bus.
- More than 6,300 school buses are driven by conscientious, dedicated drivers every school day in Alberta.

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SCHOOLS IN!

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

**The kids are going back to school again.
Please watch out and slow down near schools!**

**THIS SAFETY REMINDER COURTESY OF THE FOLLOWING
LOCAL BUSINESSES:**



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

[LSAC.ca/permits](https://lsac.ca/permits)

The development permits below have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). This list does not include permitted uses. Please contact County Planning & Development to request additional information on permits listed.

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing, using the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to the appropriate appeal body:

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB)
Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
Box 219, Sangudo, AB T0E 2A0 Email: appeals@LSAC.ca

25-D0093

Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 1025818
SE 18-54-02 W5M; 54216 RGE RD 23

Detached Garage, main 40.0' x 50.0' (2000.0 sq. ft.) 12.0' Walls
Garage size variance request to section 10.1.29 of LUB regulation: 1200.0 sq. ft. requested: 2000.0 sq. ft. variance: 400.0 sq. ft., Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 6.0m Requested: 3.0m Variance: 3.0m

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0100

Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 17748W; Hamlet of Cherhill
SE 09-56-05 W5M; 407, 56102 RGE RD 53

Addition to existing garage and shed, addition 16.0' x 16.0' (256.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, shed 10.0' x 16.0' (160.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls.
North Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 4.5m, Requested: 3.66m, Variance: 0.84m, West Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 7.5m, Requested: 3.66m, Variance: 3.84m

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0107

NE 28-54-02 W5M; 54428 HWY 43

Addition to existing home adding attached garage, Garage 40.0' x 40.0' (1600.0 sq. ft.), Walls 17.2' 78" size variance request to section 10.1.29 of LUB regulation: 1200.0 sq. ft. requested: 1600.0 sq. ft. variance: 400.0 sq. ft.

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0108

Lot 21, Block 2, Plan 8220896; Fern Meadows
NE 16-55-03 W5M; 21, 55222 RGE RD 33

Pavilion 12' 11" x 17' 7" (227 sq. ft.) 8' 6" walls

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0110

Hamlet of Gunn

NW 02-55-03 W5M; 2, 55022 Ste Anne Trail

Detached Garage, main 25.0' x 38.0' (960.0 sq. ft.) 10.1' Walls

Front Yard Variance Request Regulation: 10.0m, Requested: 1.22m, Variance: 8.78m

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0114

Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 7721213; Warwa Estates

SW 34-54-04 W5M; 1, 4224 TWP RD 545

New stick build home and covered deck, Main 30.0' x 44.0' (1320.0 sq. ft.) 12.0' walls, Deck 16.0' x 12.0' (192.0 sq. ft.) 2nd Front Yard Variance (South) Regulation: 25.0m Requested: 12.192m Variance: 12.808m

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0118

Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 782 1474; Laurentian Heights

SE 05-54-02 W5M; 31, 2406 TWP RD 540

Detached Garage, Main 24.0' x 28.0' (672.0 sq. ft.) 9.1' Walls

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0121

Lot 34, Plan 4141TR; Lakewood Estates

SW 33-53-02 W5M; 23, 53510 HWY 43

New stick build home with attached garage, Main 107.0' x 69.0' (3016.0 sq. ft.) 9.1' walls, Attached Garage 36.0' x 44.0' (1584.0 sq. ft.) 12.0' walls with size variance request to section 10.1.29 of LUB regulation: 1200.0 sq. ft. requested: 1584.0 sq. ft. variance: 384.0 sq. ft.

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 1, 2025

25-D0164

Lot 9, Block 1, Plan 5145KS; Hofmann Beach

SW 08-54-05 W5M; 21, 5427 HWY 633

New stick build home, Main 30.0' x 30.0' (900.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls with Front Yard Variance Request Regulation: 32.81 ft. Requested: 30.0 ft. Variance: 2.81 ft., North Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 19.69 ft. Requested: 6.0 ft. Variance: 13.69 ft., South Side Yard Variance Request Regulation: 19.69 ft. Requested: 15.0 ft. Variance: 4.69 ft.

Appeal to SDAB by Sep 8, 2025

Crop Inspections for Clubroot of Canola are starting soon

— For further details on inspections, please contact the Agricultural Services department at 780.785.3411 (toll-free 1.866.880.5722) or email Agriculture@LSAC.ca

Last chance to get in on the fun! AdventureLSAC Summer Programs — Browse the guide, pick your favourites, and register today! There is space available in all of our last few day camps and day trips. Register online at [LSAC.ca/summer](https://lsac.ca/summer) or by calling the County Administration Office.

The **MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION** will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025. Nominations for Councillors will be accepted until noon on Nomination Day—Monday, September 22, 2025.

To learn more, please visit [LSAC.ca/election](https://lsac.ca/election) or contact Returning Officer Reanne Springer at 780.305.9162.





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 Bert's TV Comfort Corner 674-4933	 Barrhead Ford Inc. 674-2227	 NAPA Auto Parts -McLean's 674-3381	 All Around Manufacturing & Mechanical Ltd. 674-5115

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY! SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

1. Always listen to the school bus driver 2. Always stand in a group while waiting for the bus. No pushing or shoving. 3. Always stay out of the DANGER ZONE until the bus driver says its ok to get on. You are too close if you can touch the bus. 4. Always remember to wait until the bus stops before standing up and leaving your seat. You move away from the bus and out of the DANGER ZONE right away when you get off the bus.

THIS SAFETY REMINDER IS COURTESY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES:

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 <p>Stone R.V. (New & Used Sales & Service) 706-2223</p>	 <p>Whitecourt Ford Inc. 778-4777</p>	 <p>Pembina West Co-op Ltd. 778-3239</p>	 <p>Northern Metallic Sales (WTC) Ltd. 779-4900</p>
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BACK 2 School

WHATS YOUR ROLE?

- Motorists must watch for children crossing roads, and prepare to slow down and stop.
- No Matter what direction motorists are traveling, they must STOP when approaching a stationary school bus with alternating flashing red lights - unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway.
- Always be aware of and respect "Point, Pause and Proceed", used by Alberta school children when crossing roads. Stop for pedestrians.
- Parents should plan to have a safe place for kids to go in case they miss the bus. Remind them to never take rides from strangers.
- Take the time to discuss school bus safety with your children. Teach them how to be street smart and ride safe.
- Alternating flashing amber lights means a bus is slowing down to stop. Slow down and prepare to stop too.

THIS SAFETY MESSAGE IS SPONSORED BY THESE CARING LOCAL BUSINESSES

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Onoway Health Care Pharmacy 967-2241	Onoway Veterinary Clinic 967-2967	Grande Tire -Onoway 967-3432	Academy Fabricators 967-3111

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

That means extra care is needed when driving in school zones and when busses are loading and unloading their students. Slow down for pedestrian crossings and watch for kids dashing across the street.

This safety reminder courtesy of the following local businesses:

 <p>Onoway Public Library 967-2445</p>	 <p>2K Small Engine Service 952-3956</p>	 <p>U.F.A. -Onoway UFA 967-5340</p>	 <p>THE MAD HOUSE The MAD House -Daycare 886-4851</p>
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EARTH-FRIENDLY TIPS FOR AUTUMN

Autumn is upon us, and with the change of seasons comes the fall to-do list that must be completed before the arrival of winter weather. Many outdoor jobs are best completed before temperatures drop, while others can be tackled indoors to help save energy and prepare for increased time spent inside the home.

Outdoor cleanup

Autumn means leaves are falling from trees and littering landscapes. Clean-

ing up leaves can be a time-consuming task, but it's necessary to promote the health of lawns and other plants. Grass that is completely matted down with leaves can become starved for light and moisture, and lawns may even rot when forced to spend winter beneath fallen leaves.

One eco-friendly timesaver is to shred leaves with a mower (a manual mower is preferable) and leave them as topdressing for the lawn. As long as

the grass blades can be seen within the leaves, the lawn should be fine. Shredded leaves will decompose and add necessary nutrients and organic matter to the soil naturally.

Leaves also can be used in annual flower and vegetable gardens to improve the soil. Mulch made from shredded leaves can be placed on the soil around trees and shrubs. This helps to reduce weed problems and protects root systems from harsh tem-

perature fluctuations.

Clothing donations

It's time to pack away summer clothing and once again fill closets and drawers with sweaters and jeans. Before packing away your summer wardrobe, conduct an inventory to determine if there are any items you no longer use. Donate these items or use them as rags when cleaning.

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Earth-Friendly Tips For Autumn

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layer them under sweatshirts and sweaters. The heat from layering will be trapped against your body and keep you cozier, reducing your reliance on HVAC systems to stay warm.

Home repairs

Check the roof for any missing shingles. In addition, look for spots where animals or insects may be able to gain entry into your home. Seal these areas and repair any leaks. This will make your

home more efficient later on when winter hits its stride.

Remove window air conditioners for the winter. If they can't be removed, seal them with caulking or tape and cover them with an airtight, insulated jacket. If you have forced-air systems, move furniture away from the vents so that air can flow better around the home and keep it comfortable.

Check weatherstripping around windows and doors and make

the necessary adjustments. Installing additional insulation also can help reduce energy consumption.

A few tips can help homeowners prepare for autumn in eco-friendly ways.

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS



Submitted by Onoway Legion

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Aug 22- \$25- STEAK NIGHT a delicious 10 oz New York Strip Steak or Chicken, potato, salad, garlic bread and dessert. We will cook your steak to your liking when you arrive. Supper will be served between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. You must Call 780-967-5361 to reserve your

meat before NOON on Aug 22.

Sept 5- \$25 -Fish and Chips, Ruth and her crew will be busy in the kitchen preparing fresh battered haddock, homemade French fries, coleslaw and dessert. Supper will be served between 5:00 and 7:00 pm. You must make a reservation. Call or text 780-967-5361.

SUMMER HOURS

The Legion will be open the following days and times over the summer period.

Tuesdays- 6:30 pm till close

Wednesdays- 6:30 pm till close

Every Second Friday- (Aug 22)- 4 pm till close

Club Activities:

Tuesday- Summer Fun Darts. - No Cost. Everyone welcome. Registration 7 pm. Play 7:30 pm.

Summer Fun Pool. - No Cost. Everyone welcome. Registration 6:30 pm. Play 7:00

Wednesday - Join us for Musical Jam and Meat Draw night Doors open 6:30 pm, musical jam starts at 7 pm. Weekly meat draws Tickets 3 for \$5.00. We have four separate draws with a fifth all pur-

chased tickets -in draw. Tickets go on sale starting at 6:30 pm. OUR NEXT MEAT DRAW WILL BE SEPT 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dart League will resume on Tuesday, Sept 2, Cost \$3 each week. Registration 7 pm. Play 7:30 pm. All level of player's welcome.

Pool League will resume on Thursday, Sept 4. Cost \$5, play begins at 7 pm.

RED BRICK COMMON HOSTS FREE FAMILY EVENT FOR ALBERTA OPEN FARM DAYS

Submitted by Red Brick Common

The Red Brick Common in Stony Plain, AB is throwing open its doors and on Saturday August 16th, inviting the public to step back in time and enjoy a day of hands-on learning, local flavors, and heritage fun as part of Alberta Open Farms Days.

Running from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the event is free to attend and promises activities for all ages, making it a perfect weekend outing for families and community members alike.

Visitors can look forward to a full lineup of interactive experiences including:

- Butter make demonstrations in our historic settlers cabin
- Jam and syrup sampling
- Guided Opp House tours
- Community garden and orchard tours

- Farm-to-table bites from the Sourdough Lady

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COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND CELEBRATION ON ALBERTA DAY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

On Aug. 31, Albertans are invited to celebrate 120 years of culture, innovation and community spirit as Alberta marks a major milestone.

Alberta was established as a province on Sept. 1, 1905, through the Alberta Act. It is a province built on hard work, ambition and an unshakable belief in possibility. Today, we recognize Sept. 1 as Alberta Day, a chance to celebrate the people of this great province, to reflect on where we came from and show pride in all we have achieved. It is also a time to honour the Indigenous Peoples who cared for the land for generations and recognize their enduring contributions to Alberta's identity.

This year, Alberta's government is making Alberta Day a full-day celebration of everything that makes our province so special. From our entrepreneurial spirit to our deep-rooted values of grit,

determination and opportunity that continue to shape our future. The main festivities kick off on Aug. 31 at 11 a.m., coming to life at the legislature grounds in Edmonton and Heritage Park in Calgary. Albertans are invited to gather, connect and celebrate 120 years of history and growth while enjoying free cultural dance and music performances, kids' crafts, local vendors, food trucks and so much more.

"This Alberta Day marks 120 years since Alberta became a province! It will be an unforgettable day celebrating this major milestone, and the people and traditions that have shaped this amazing province and Alberta's rich history within Canada."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

In the evening, Alberta's local music talent takes to the stage with 12-time Country Music Alberta Awards-winning band The Prairie States headlining the Edmonton show, and CCMA-nominated singer-songwriter Jake

Mathews headlining in Calgary.

"The Prairie States are incredibly proud to call Alberta home. We cannot wait to stand on stage and celebrate this beautiful place we all call home. We will see everyone on Aug. 31 at the Legislature Building."

The Prairie States, Edmonton Headliner

"I'm thrilled to have the oppor-

tunity to share my songs during Alberta Day and celebrate everything that makes this province so special."

Jake Mathews, Calgary Headliner

This fun-filled day will wrap up around 9 p.m. in both cities with colourful aerial drone shows that light up the night sky and tell the amazing story of Alberta.



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MORE CLASSROOM SPACES ON THE WAY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government continues to invest in more school spaces now with the 2025-26 school year on the horizon.

To support schools in managing the growing number of students, Alberta's government is investing \$50 million to add 62 pre-made classrooms this fall. Through previous Budget 2025 commitments, a total \$100 million will deliver 109 new modular classrooms, creating space for 2,725 students and relocating 575 more.

"Alberta's government is moving quickly to build new schools and create more classroom spaces, so our students continue to have room to grow and thrive. This additional funding for modular classrooms will help us get much-needed spaces to some of our busiest schools, while we work as quickly as possible to open the doors to more than 130 school projects underway in the province."

Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education and Childcare
 "Rocky View Schools welcomes these additional modular classrooms to help ease current enrolment pressures while we await completion of the seven much-needed new schools approved in budgets 2024 and 2025. RVS has experienced years of unprecedented enrolment growth and appreciates the Government of Alberta's recognition of the urgent need for more student spaces in our fast-growing communities. We remain committed to working with the government to ensure new school and modular approvals keep pace with student enrolment growth across RVS."

Fiona Gilbert, board chair, Rocky View Schools

Alberta's government is also providing \$1 million in planning funding to advance four new charter school projects. The funds are being provided to New Horizons Charter Academy, New Humble Community School, Suzuki Charter School and Thrive Charter School to finalize planning details such as programming needs and the size and type of classrooms

needed in each school. When completed, these new charter schools will contribute more than 2,400 new or updated student spaces.

"The Thrive Charter School Society is excited about this opportunity to advance efforts in addressing opportunity gaps for students in Edmonton. This investment paves the way to serve more students and their families with the programming and supports necessary to truly thrive."

Michael Hladun, vice-chair, Thrive Charter School Society

Alberta's government is looking to the future by providing \$610,000 in pre-planning funding for 13 potential future school projects. Pre-planning funding helps school boards begin planning for school projects they believe will become priorities within the next three to five years. Examples of pre-planning activities include project scoping and community engagement and outreach. Although it is an important first step, pre-planning funding does not guarantee a school project will be built.

These investments in modulars and school planning are all part of the province's Schools Now program, which includes a generational investment of \$8.6 billion to build and update more than 100 schools across the province and create more classroom spaces now. Over seven years, Schools Now will create more than 200,000 student spaces, helping school boards manage class sizes and bringing learning closer to home for more Alberta students and families.



**"Paratroopers Never Die,
They Just Drift Away"**



It is with profound sadness, yet also immense love and peace, that the family of Joseph Renaud Hammond shares news of his passing on July 31, 2025, at the age of 90. Renaud is survived by his cherished wife of 66 years, Fernande, and their children: daughters Diane (Richard), Johanne (Alvin), Linda (Ronald), Nancy (Travis), and son Steve. His legacy also lives on through his 9 precious grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, 7 sisters, 3 brothers, numerous cousins from the East, and a wide circle of friends. Renaud was predeceased by his parents, Alphonse and Ida, his sister Cecile, and many lifelong friends, including comrades from his army days. Born on April 12, 1935, as the eldest of twelve siblings on a family farm in St. Quentin, New Brunswick, Renaud's life was marked by adventure, hard work, resilience and an unyielding spirit. In 1957 he met Fernande, his lifelong partner, and together they raised five children, eventually settling in Alberta. Renaud's 22 years as a paratrooper and soldier—especially with the Royal 22nd Regiment "Airborne"—defined a significant chapter of his life. He was instrumental in the creation of the Airborne Social Club in Griesbach and helped to work on the Canadian Airforce Museum. He took great pride in founding the Lac Ste. Anne Army Cadet Corps 3053, which remains active today, and served as an Alberta Army Cadet League executive for several years. Renaud worked various jobs, including as a constable for the Enoch Tribal Police and a security guard at the Bay, all while fulfilling his dream of building a hobby farm on their Onoway acreage—a legacy now carried forward by a third generation. His talents as a jack-of-all-trades shone on the farm, and his involvement in the community was unwavering. He was active in his church, the Knights of Columbus, and his local Legion. Renaud was a passionate supporter of Remembrance Day and all causes related to veterans. He found joy in hunting, fishing, singing, playing guitar, and spending quality time with family and friends—especially during lively game and card nights, where his knack for playful cheating became legendary. Above all, Renaud cherished his marriage to Fernande and the family they built—a testament to their love and unity, now numbering 53 strong. His quick wit, love of fun, and generous spirit, always visible in those sparkling blue eyes and warm smile, will forever be etched on the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

A service in his honour will take place at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church (5201 Lac Ste Anne Trail, Onoway) on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., with a luncheon and fellowship to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #132 (4808-50 Street, Onoway), where Renaud was a lifetime member. In accordance with his wishes, a portion of his ashes will be returned to New Brunswick in the fall to rest with his parents. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcomed in Renaud's name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #132. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the Good Samaritan Stony Plain Centre staff for their compassionate care over the past six years. Rest in peace: Mon Amour, Daddy, Grandpa, Pèpère, Foxy.

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**ANSWER:
Last Weeks**

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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