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**January 7, 2026**

## ALBERTA RCMP COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM AND PARKLAND CRIME REDUCTION UNIT SEIZE QUANTITY OF COCAINE, METHAMPHETAMINE, AND MONEY

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Dec. 18, 2025, the Alberta RCMP's Community Response Team and the Parkland RCMP Crime Reduction Unit were

making patrols when they located a vehicle acting suspiciously in Onoway. A traffic stop was conducted which led to the occupants being arrested and a search of the vehicle

was conducted.

As a result of the investigation, police located and seized:

• 83 grams of Cocaine;

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## BARRHEAD RCMP MAKES ARREST AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER BY ARSON

Submitted by Barrhead RCMP

On Dec. 13, 2025, Barrhead RCMP were asked to assist with a structure fire on Range Road 45 in Barrhead.

Upon arrival, RCMP spoke to the resident and learned that the fire had most likely been intentionally set as someone had tried to keep them from exiting the residence. Upon further investigation, the suspect was identified and arrested. The incident is believed to be targeted.

As a result of the investigation,

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## VEHICLE FIRE CONTAINED QUICKLY – NO INJURIES, NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Submitted by Fire Rescue International

Alberta Beach, AB – Dec 23, 2025 Fire Rescue International (FRI), operating

as the Alberta Beach Fire Department, responded swiftly to a reported vehicle fire threatening a nearby residence on 50A Street in Alberta Beach. Thanks

to rapid dispatch, prompt arrival, and decisive action by crews, the incident was brought under control within minutes,

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## Alberta RCMP Community Response Team And Parkland Crime Reduction Unit Seize Quantity Of Cocaine, Methamphetamine, And Money

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- 3 grams of Methamphetamine;
- Canadian Currency; and
- A replica firearm.

RCMP charged a 33-year-old female resident of Whitecourt and a 33-year-old male resident of Fox Creek with the following:

- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking Cocaine; and,
- Possession of property obtained by crime.

The 33-year-old female was also charged with the following additional charges:

- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; and,
- Failure to comply with a Release Order.

The accused's have been released on an undertaking with conditions to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in St. Albert on March 25, 2026.

As the informations have not been sworn yet, police are unable to provide names of the accuseds.

## Barrhead RCMP Makes Arrest After Attempted Murder By Arson

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Timothy Kevin Russel (36), a resident of Barrhead, was charged with:

- Attempted murder;
- Arson - Disregard for hu-

man life;

- Forcible confinement;
- Assault causing bodily harm; and
- Assault.

Russel was brought before a justice of the peace

and remanded into custody. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Barrhead on Dec. 23, 2025.





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# Vehicle Fire Contained Quickly – No Injuries, No Structural Damage

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preventing damage to surrounding homes and ensuring public safety.

FRI was paged to the call at 21:14 hours. The first responding unit rolled within two minutes of page-out and arrived on scene three minutes later, achieving a total response time of five minutes from dispatch to arrival. Upon arrival, Incident Command identified a single-vehicle engine compartment fire with nearby structures initially reported as threatened.

During a rapid 360-de-

gree size-up, the Incident Commander immediately deployed ABC dry chemical into the engine compartment, eliminating all visible flame. Within two minutes of arrival, the fire was effectively darkened down, removing any further risk to the residence or the public.

Additional apparatus arrived moments later, and crews stretched and charged a handline while a second team accessed the engine compartment. Water was applied to cool the affected areas, followed by a full overhaul once the hood was opened. Crews

conducted repeated thermal imaging camera (TIC) checks to confirm that no hot spots remained.

In total, eight members, two fire apparatus, and one command unit responded to the incident. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters, and no structural damage occurred.

After confirming the vehicle was fully cooled and safe, crews collected statements, completed a final hot-spot check, and began demobilization. All equipment was serviced, apparatus refilled, and crews debriefed.

Fire Rescue International is a non-profit fire and rescue organization that exclusively provides emergency services to the Villages of Alberta Beach, Val Quentin, South View, Silver Sands, Castle Island, and Nakamun Park. To find out more about our service contact FC David Ives at 780-777-4688 or [info@firerescueinternational.net](mailto:info@firerescueinternational.net)

FRI extends its sincere thanks to the community for their cooperation and wishes everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

## PARKLAND RCMP EXECUTES SEARCH WARRANT IN FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 17, 2025, Parkland RCMP General Investigation Section conducted a search warrant at a property in Spruce Grove. This search warrant was a result of a comprehensive investigation into multiple frauds and identity thefts. Two individuals have been arrested and remanded into custody.

Evan Mitchell Balchen (37), a resident of Spruce Grove; and Rena Linsey White (41), a resident of Spruce Grove, have been charged with the following:

- Breach of Release Order;
- Fraud Over \$5,000;
- Possess Identity of multiple victims with

intent of committing an offence;

- Personate multiple victims with intent to gain advantage for him/herself;
- Traffic in multiple credit cards in the name of multiple victims that he knew had been obtained by the commission of an offence;
- Make a false document;
- Possess a false document;
- Have in possession capable of making the impression of a stamp or part thereof (Bank Stamp);
- Fail to comply with release order.

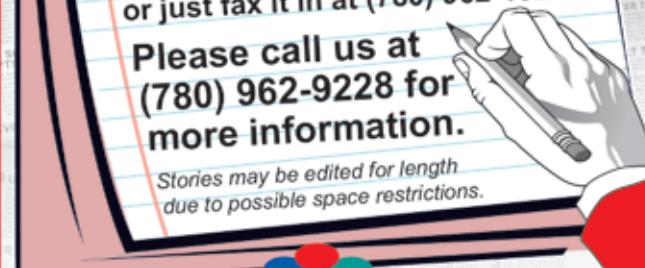
Evan Balchen and Rena White have their next court appearance on Dec. 22, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Evansburg.

# STORY TO TELL?

Know of a good event going on in the community? Ever wanted to write up a local event for the Community Voice? If you have any good ideas for articles or would like to submit a story for the paper Email it to [news@com-voice.com](mailto:news@com-voice.com) or just fax it in at (780) 962-1021.

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# HAPPENINGS AT THE RICH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR JANUARY

Submitted by Rich Valley Public Library

January is here and the start of the new year. Happy New Year everyone! Please note that the Library will re-open on January 7, 2026. Join us for an informative class about Dealing

with Dementia/Alzheimers Saturday Jan 17 at 1pm. Please register. Class is free. Come for Parents and Tots every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am and the stay for crafts and story-time 11:00 to 12:00pm. Everyone's welcome. Parents and Tots will restart Jan-

uary 7. Yoga is every Tuesday from 11am -12:15pm in the activity room. The fee is \$15.00 drop-in or \$72.00 for 6. All levels of yoga experience are welcome. For all classes you can register by phone 780-967-3525 or email [rvpplib@yrl.ab.ca](mailto:rvpplib@yrl.ab.ca). Watch for all our events on

our website or Facebook. The Library is located in the basement of the Rich Valley Community Hall and is open on Wednesday from 9am-4:30pm and Thursday from 11:30am-7pm.

## A THANK YOU

Submitted by Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank

This holiday season the Lac Ste Anne East Food Bank was able to help many individuals, couples, and families by providing them with a Christmas food hamper. Families with children also received very generous

gifts from Santa Helpers. This was all made possible by continuous donations from our great community.

Many thanks to the extremely generous support from businesses, organizations, our MLA, local Peace Officers and many individuals during the year and especially at Christmas.

I would also like to thank all our very dedicated volunteers and administrator for giving so freely of their time.

It takes an entire community to make a Food Bank successful!

Our food bank is now closed until the New Year. January 7th will be the first

day you can receive a hamper.

Requests for assistance can be made by calling (780) 271-3131 by noon on Tuesdays, and hampers are picked up Wednesday mornings.

Janet Fluet, Chairperson

## LETTER TO EDITOR

What Are Alberta Separatists Doing?

There are among us a few people and groups who appear unable to see the benefits of their own country, and are willing to disrupt it for their own benefit. Such people differ in their hopes, and even if one group gets its way, the others can never be satisfied.

Some call for Sovereignty Within a United Canada, whatever that means. Sovereignty means supreme power or authority (independence). This sounds like a complaining teenager's desire for total freedom while expecting other family members to tolerate it, and the refrigerator to remain accessible. Would other members (provinces and territories) be granted the same freedom and the same expectation? Perhaps they think a special Alberta might go its own way, unlike New Brunswick or B.C. (special for their lumber), Newfoundland and Quebec (special

for their electricity), Saskatchewan (potash), the Territories (minerals). It can not work unless the same choice is given to all, but that would still mean restrictions on selfish and libertarian desires. The closest and happiest result would be what exists now, a relatively respected family under confederation. Recognize and enjoy what we have here. Stop dreaming.

Some want an independent country trying to establish itself around the world. Unfortunately, such a divorce would simultaneously create barriers against co-operation with (former) provincial partners. Such people should start to think about assuming all the responsibilities now covered by the federal government, and suddenly facing full accountability. Start considering constructing a new legal system, new trade offices and embassies, tax agreements, pension plan and employment insurance, army

and air force, credit rating for new currency, and passports to everywhere else. Oh, yes, Canada might even want to be repaid for the Trans Mountain Pipeline and expect Alberta to assume its share of the national debt. Isolation at great cost and the need to establish credibility with about 200 other countries? That does not seem very wise.

Some want to join with the United States, imagining that they would enjoy statehood like New York or California. That is unlikely, as Alberta's population is only about 1.5% of that of the U.S. Perhaps such proponents do not understand how states differ from provinces. Each has its own code of laws which differ from their neighbours (sorry: "neighbors"), and from their country. The small population would relegate Alberta to territorial status rather than place a new star on the striped flag. Anyway, such an arrangement

would mean getting used to constant 2-party squabbles, two year voting schedules, enjoying (?) the reputation of mass shootings, a critical world, and the vast costs of private health care, among many other things. Perhaps you should consider staying with those of us who actually like Alberta. If that doesn't suit you, find a place that will take you. Good luck with that!

Even the separatists among us can not agree on whether to stay conflicting with others, to leave completely and start anew, or to try to join our southern neighbour. Three groups clamour for the impossible, since they can not all be satisfied whatever the final result. Let us be happy to do the best with what we have. In Canada!

## UPCOMING AGM

Submitted by LSARA

LSARA will be hosting our Annual General Meeting on January 18, 2026 at the Gunn Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be information on what we have com-

pleted in the last two years and areas that are still being reviewed. We believe it is very important that LSARA continue and ensure that all the items we started to review are completed. LSARA can be a valuable resource

to council and that really was part of our original intent.

Memberships will be offered for \$20 a family (living in the same household) or \$10 each. The memberships are utilized to rent halls, pay

for FOIP requests, title fees etc.

A vote will take place to determine executive and directors for the upcoming terms. Hope to see you there

## PARKLAND RCMP INVESTIGATE SERIOUS CRASH CAUSED BY IMPAIRED DRIVER IN DEVON

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Dec. 20, 2025 at 12:31 a.m., Parkland RCMP received a report of a collision on Athabasca Avenue in Devon. Upon arrival, emergency responders tended to 5 individuals all occupants of one vehicle. Investigation revealed that the vehicle lost control striking a parked vehicle and a tree. All occupants had various levels of injury. Two occupants had serious life-threatening injuries. One was taken by STARS and one by ambulance to hospital where they remain.

The driver, a 20-year-old Devon resident, was arrested and taken to the detachment where they provided breath samples more than twice the legal limit. The driver has charges pending for impaired driving causing bodily harm.

"Investigations like this are yet another reminder of the dangers of impaired driving," says Sgt. Rob Gillies of the Parkland RCMP, "nearly 25% of all fatal collisions have impaired driving as a contributing factor."

Alberta RCMP and partners are out in full force conducting checking stops to keep Albertan's safe. Be responsible, drive sober.

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# WHITECOURT 2026 INTERIM BUDGET ADOPTED

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt Town Council has approved the 2026 Interim Budget. The budget, totaling \$69,078,492, consists of a \$50,957,865 operating budget and a capital budget of \$18,120,627. The budget maintains service levels and funds important capital investments with a 4.45% tax rate increase.

"This budget not only meets our needs today, but prepares our municipality for the future. Long-term financial health and stability are priorities for this new Council, and this budget includes a number of multi-year investments in local infrastructure, while balancing ongoing financial pressures from rising inflation and operating costs," stated Whitecourt Mayor Ray Hilts. "I'll be posting a series of budget highlights on social media in the new year to discuss what is planned for 2026, and how this budget will impact our community."

The 2026 Interim Budget Report

can be viewed on the Whitecourt website at [www.whitecourt.ca/your-town](http://www.whitecourt.ca/your-town). Whitecourt Town Council will be hosting its annual public open house on the proposed budget in the new year, which will provide an opportunity for further public engagement.

#### 2026 Capital Budget Highlights:

- The Culture & Events Centre will open in the fall of 2026.
- The 2026 Street Improvement Program includes street, lighting, and sidewalk repairs at locations throughout the community.
- Highway 43 Vitalization plantings will be completed along both sides of Highway 43 in west Whitecourt.
- Enhancements will be made at the intersections of 52 Avenue and 47 Street, and 51 Street and 49 Avenue, and improvements will be made to pathway and bus stop connectivity, and accessibility on portions of the transit route.
- Construction of the multipurpose courts at Festival Park will be completed to provide space for pickleball, basketball, badminton, tennis and ball hockey.

- An outdoor classroom will be developed at the Forest Interpretive Centre to provide space for a variety of community programming.

#### 2026 Operating Budget Highlights:

- A Community Safety Plan will be developed that will connect local agencies and organizations with shared safety priorities for the community that will focus on crime prevention and crime reduction.
- A Community Emergency Preparedness Day will be organized to provide community members a chance to meet local first responders, and to learn how to prepare for emergencies.
- Continuation of youth-focused programming, including the Doors Open Program and Teen Week.
- Continuation of the social prescribing services for seniors in the region, with support from the United Way and Health Aging Alberta.

This program helps connect seniors with non-medical programs

and services in the community to enhance their quality of life.

- A Volunteer Coordinator position will be added to support Whitecourt non-profit groups in areas such as grant identification and writing, budget development, recruiting and retention of volunteers, and other organizational supports.

- A Utilities Master Plan will be created to assess the Town's existing water, sanitary and storm systems, and provide recommendations for future services and development.

The 2026 Budget will be finalized in the spring of 2026 once the Provincial budget is adopted, and final assessment figures are established. Specific tax rate impacts will vary by property type depending on the assessed value of a home or business, and will be determined once the final budget is adopted.



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# REVITALIZING ALBERTA'S ICONIC SKI RESORTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Castle, Fortress and Nakiska have been designated as Alberta's first all-season resort areas, making it easier for people to stay and play year-round.

For decades, red tape has restricted these resorts to winter operations and limited the ability to make facility upgrades or simply maintain existing facilities. These resorts are central to Alberta's outdoor heritage, inspiring generations of athletes and outdoor enthusiasts. They have hosted world-class events such as the 1988 Olympics and served as the backdrop for cinematic blockbusters like *The Revenant* and *Jumanji: The Next Level*. All-season resort area designations support the revitalization of iconic resorts while maintaining strong environmental protections.

All-season resort areas will offer a wider variety of affordable and accessible recreation experiences for families, outdoor enthusiasts and visitors. These designations simplify regulatory processes while maintaining Alberta's high environmental standards.

"Our government is proud to champion former Premier Peter Lougheed's vision for Alberta's Rockies, ensuring future generations can continue to access and enjoy these beautiful areas. By helping revitalize Alberta's legendary ski resorts, we are striking the right balance of economic growth, environmental stewardship and Indigenous opportuni-

ty."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

Environmental excellence remains a core requirement. All projects must meet Alberta's existing environmental standards, including the Public Lands Act, Water Act, and Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and will be subject to environmental assessment. Plans must address wildlife protection, water conservation, wildfire mitigation and sustainable visitor behaviour.

Since 2019, Alberta has expanded provincial parks and recreation areas by more than 300,000 hectares. As part of these designations, minor boundary adjustments ensure long-standing ski terrain is placed under the appropriate regulator, affecting less than 0.03 per cent of Alberta's parks system.

"All-season destinations are all about serving community and building community. The new all-season policy will bring both social and economic opportunities to Alberta."

Christopher Nicolson, CEO, Canada West Ski Areas Association

Over the next decade, these three all-season resort areas have the potential to create 24,000 new jobs, \$3.6 billion in GDP, and \$4 billion in visitor spending. All-season resort developers and operators will be encouraged to partner with local businesses and use locally sourced materials, workforce talent, suppliers and service providers.

"Alberta's outdoor recre-

ation and resort potential was held back for decades by an unworkable land-use framework, even as our population grew. The new all-season resort regulations will now help catalyze responsible, year-round, nature-based development that draws new rural investment and strengthens Alberta's culture of stewardship through lived connections with the land."

Darren Reeder, President and CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Alberta

All-season resorts present the opportunity to further support Indigenous economic participation, leadership and cultural inclusion in Alberta's visitor economy. Alberta's government is committed to continuing meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities, including ensuring that Treaty rights and traditional practices are respected.

To foster trust, transparency and collaboration in the development and management of all-season resorts, Indigenous groups were formally consulted by Alberta's government as part of designation evaluations. Prospective project proponents must undertake consultations in accordance with Government of Alberta consultation policies and guidelines.

"Alberta's first all-season resort areas mark an important step forward, and we are encouraged by the ongoing engagement between our Nations and proponents. When development respects our land and is built on true partnership with our communities, it

creates meaningful opportunities for Indigenous Peoples, supporting economic growth, strengthening leadership and sharing our culture with visitors."

Chief Aaron Young, Chiniki First Nation

"We look forward to working with the province to make sure that Treaty rights are upheld, protect the land and maintain open dialogue with our communities as these resorts move forward, ensuring Indigenous Peoples play a leading role in shaping Alberta's visitor economy for generations to come."

Chief Clifford Poucette, Goodstoney First Nation

"The All-Seasons Resort Act presents a significant opportunity for meaningful Indigenous economic participation in the tourism sector. By capitalizing on this potential, Indigenous tourism can propel Alberta's tourism sector to become a national leader and serve as a tangible tool for economic reconciliation, including job creation, language revitalization and cultural pride."

Chelsey Quirk, CEO, Indigenous Tourism Alberta

Alberta's government has created a clear regulatory pathway for all-season resorts. Designation is the first step in the regulatory process. Prospective project proponents can now begin Indigenous consultation, public engagement and proposal submissions to the regulator. Each proposal will be carefully reviewed by the regulator with input from subject matter experts and affected municipalities.

# 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 words or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

## FARMERS MARKETS

**ALBERTA BEACH:** Sundays, 11:30 - 3pm. Contact Colleen 587-534-2236 \*May - September

**BARRHEAD:** Saturdays, 10AM-1PM at Barrhead Agrena. Sherry 780-674-6802 \*May - Dec.

**EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:** Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

**May-Sept**

**ONOWAY:** Thursdays, 5-8PM at Onoway Community Hall. 780-667-6327 or onowayfarmersmarket@gmail.com. \*Starts May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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. 587-982-8303. \*April - Dec.

**WHITECOURT:** Tuesdays 11AM-4PM, Whitecourt Curling Rink, 779-3062. \*May - Sept.

## BINGO

**RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO:** on Jan 14 & 28 at 7:30PM

**STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE:** public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685

**WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE:** Every Tuesday. Open @ 5PM, 1<sup>st</sup> call @ 6:45PM, Nevadas, Concession. 780-778-4950 \*Sept - June

## MEAT DRAWS

**ALBERTA BEACH:** Lac Ste Anne Community Choir & Museum Meat Draw/Prizes - Every Sundays, 3:00PM at Jungle's Bar & Grill.

**BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:** Fridays 6:00PM. Queen Of Hearts draw & 50/50.

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

**DARWELL MARKET & MEAT DRAW** 4th Sat of the month, till 4:30 ( year round) All is welcome Lisa @ 780-233-0700

**JUNGLES BAR AND GRILL** Saturday's 3-6pm Alberta Beach 3rd Sunday a month at Wally's Bar and Grill, Onoway

**ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:** Fridays. Ph. 780-967-5361

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

**MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:** June -Fridays from 4 - 8 pm Pub Night/Meat Draw & 50/50

**WHITECOURT LEGION:** Saturdays 3:00PM. Located downtown behind the CIBC.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

**ONOWAY:** LSAC Div 1 & 2, East of Hwy 43. Hazel Bourke: 780.967.2338 or bbourke@cloud.com

**WEST END:** Sangudo, Mayerthorpe & west end of LSAC. Jill: 780.785.2924 or Donna: 780.785.3118 or email: westendmow@outlook.com

## JAMBOREES

**CARVEL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

**DUFFIELD:** Oct 26 \$20, Entertainers \$10. Doors open @ 4pm Dinner @ 5pm, late lunch and 50/50.

\*Sept - May, except dec.

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

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

**SUMMERDALE** 2nd Sunday of month. Bring a snack. Watch FBS Summerdale

jamboree for updates. 780-674-0263.

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**SANGUDO:** Tues 5pm at Golden Club. Toni (780)786-4612

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

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

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Tues at 6:15pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Sharon (780)962-2722

**SPRUCE GROVE:** Wed at 8:45am at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 303 Church Road. Christiane (780)960-1109

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

## YOUR COMMUNITY

### MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126:

Seniors' Floor Curling - Thurs @ 1PM. Fun Darts - Thurs @ 7PM. Wings Night - Every Wed 5-8PM. Steak & Fish Night - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month 5-8PM. Everyone welcome. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

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

### PROBLEMS WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION

in a loved one? Contact Drug Rehab Resource free confidential consultation. 1-866-649-1594 or www.drugrehabresource.net.

### SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS

Tues-Sat, 9:00-3:00PM. Info 960-4600.

**UNITED CHURCH THRIFT SHOP:** North end Curling Rink, Onoway. Open Fri & Sat, 10AM-2PM.

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

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge. Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone Welcome.

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

**COME PLAY CRIB:** Fridays, 7:00PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!

**COUNTRY QUILTERS** in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.

**Darwell Public Skating** 7-days week 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellagile.com or Facebook

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

**ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILTING GUILD:** Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway Golden Club 5023 49ave. 967-4485

**ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB:** Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436.

**ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT!** Exercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. Ph: 780-967-2056.

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

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

**SANGUDO ART CLUB** meets every

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

**SANGUDO LIBRARY** Board Games 7 to 9:30 PM, on first Tuesday every month, October 2024 through March 2025. All ages welcome! More details at sangudolibrary.ca

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

**WRITERS PROGRAM:** Mayerthorpe Library, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1PM.

## MEETINGS

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

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

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

**3053 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps-** Wednesday 6:45pm Onoway Heritage Centre contact: 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agiplex.

**ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agiplex.

**ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 6:30PM at Admin Bldg 780-346-8030.

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

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

**BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY LEGION,** meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

**CHERHILL COMMUNITY ASSOC.** Monthly Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 \*Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.

**CHERHILL LEGION BR 184:** is now operating under Cherhill Community Hall Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month except July & August. Pancake Breakfast 9am-noon on 3rd Saturday of month for Jan, Apr, July & Oct. Contact 780-305-6399 Jim

**CHERHILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB** Regular Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamay 780-785-2625

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

**DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS:** 7:00PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Darwell DDRA MEETING, 7:00PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon,

Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. \*except Jul/Aug/Dec

**GriefShare:** Weekly grief support group on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting Sept. 17 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 for 12 sessions. Pre-registration required by calling Fran at 780-786-2533.

**Girl Guides Embers**, Guides and Pathfinder Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway Heritage Center On-line Registration www.girlguides.ca

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

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

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

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

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

**LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL** Quilting: every Mon 9-3pm. Drop in fee \$10. More info call or text 780-819-7907

**LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. 7:00 PM. Lake Isle Community Hall, Hwy 633 Range Rd 55. email: lakeislefarmersassociation@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook@Lake Isle Community Hall

**MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC.**, every 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

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

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

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

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

**ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of each month, 7:00PM, room 3 of the Heritage Centre

**ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION** General Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, 7PM. \*Sept-June

**RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS:** at the Agriplex on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

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

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

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

**WHIST DRIVE, MEADOWVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER,** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month @ 1:30pm \$5 Admission

# 2026

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we get set to ring in a new year, we'd like to make some noise for the friends and neighbors who have made 2025 such a great time for us. **Thank you, and best wishes for the year ahead!**

<b>Bings #1 Restaurant -Stony Plain</b> 963-2009 	<b>McEwen's Fuels &amp; Fertilizers</b>  963-2078 	<b>Apollo Drug Store</b> 968-0066 	<b>Parkland County</b>  968-8888 
<b>North Central Co-op</b> 963-2272 	<b>Blue Diamond Jewellers</b> 968-0040 	<b>Homegrown Foods Ltd.</b> 963-5305 	<b>Summer's Drilling</b> 963-1282 
<b>Stony Plain Denture Clinic</b> 963-2426 	<b>Stony Plain Auto</b> 963-6297 	<b>L&amp;B Water Services Ltd.</b> 963-8134 	<b>Competition Chevrolet Ltd.</b> 963-6121 
<b>B.W. Eavestroughing</b> 699-1880 	<b>Border Paving Ltd.</b> 967-3330 	<b>Stony Plain Royal Canadian Legion Br #256</b> 963-9232 	<b>West Parkland Gas Co-op Ltd.</b> 963-3311 



## A Time to Celebrate, A Time to Come Together, A Time to Reflect and Remember, A Time to Share Our Appreciation and Best Wishes With Folks Like You!

As we wind down the year and look ahead to a new one, we can't help but be moved by the trust and support we're fortunate to have from our friends, customers and associates here in the community. We thank you sincerely for believing in us and choosing us, and we hope you know how much we've enjoyed spending time with all of you in 2025.

From our family to yours, best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2026. We hope your New Year celebrations are just the beginning of more good times, good health, good people and good fortune to come.

Happy New Year!

**The Flooring Store**  
960-9212

**Sandy View Farms**  
962-0067

**Preshush Jewellers & Goldsmiths**  
960-4200

**Serenity Funeral Services -Spruce Grove**  
962-2749

**Sunset Motors**  
962-4848

**Parkland County parkland county**  
968-8888

**Grove Collision Repairs Ltd.**  
962-3755

**Sobeys - Spruce Grove**  
962-4121

**NAPA Auto Parts -Spruce Grove**  
962-4421

**H & E Upholstery**  
962-3048

**Royal LePage -Noralta**  
962-4950

**B.W. Eavestroughing**  
699-1880

# Christmas Colouring Contest Winners

Harper L. Age 4

Viola. Age 7

Skyla Age 9

Annabelle D. Age 12

Our contest was a huge success!

There were so many great entries that it was difficult to choose the winners, but after careful deliberation, we made our decision. Each winner received a gift bag.

# Classified Ads - Call 962-9228

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Hall, Kevin 780-785-8153

Darwell Centennial Hall, 780-892-3099

Darwell Seniors, Phone Debra  
780-785-2907

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674-1349 Darren

Goose Lake Hall, Contact Ellen  
780-584-2452

Gunn Hall (G.A.R.S.) 780-951-  
9452

Hathersage Community  
Centre, Noreen at 786-2946

Lake Isle Community  
Hall, HWY 633 rr 55,  
lakeislefarmerassociation@

gmail.com,  
contact:780-725-2533

Magnolia Hall, 727-2015

Manley Goodwill Community  
Hall, 780-920-3217

Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre,  
Charlotte at 786-4659

Mayerthorpe Legion, 786-2470.

Onoway Community Hall, 967-  
4749.

Onoway Heritage Center -  
Gym/Classrooms, 967-1015

Onoway Legion, 780-973-5361

Park Court Community Hall,  
727-4476

Parkland Village Community  
Centre, 780-298-9155 @  
PVCCentre

Pioneer Centre, Spruce Grove  
780-962-5020 or email.

Ravine Community Hall,  
Dawna @ 325-2460

Rich Valley Community Hall,  
967-5710 or 967-3696

Rosenthal Community Hall,  
963-7984

Sandy Beach Rec Hall, 967-  
2873

Sangudo Community Hall,  
780-785-3221 or 780-785-2259

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5018 51 Ave, Stony Plain.  
Phone 780-963-4707 or email  
stonyplainseniors@gmail.com  
for info.

Stettin Nakumun Comm. Hall,  
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- Bookings - Tammy 780-667-  
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## Dog Caretaker

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Pasture for rent. Must have  
water and be fenced. 80 to 360  
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# SUDOKU of the week

**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

**ANSWER:  
Last Weeks**

6	8	1	3	7	5	2	4	9
7	2	9	1	4	8	3	5	6
3	4	5	6	2	9	8	7	1
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2	9	3	7	1	6	5	8	4
5	1	6	4	8	3	7	9	2
1	3	7	8	9	4	6	2	5
9	6	2	5	3	7	4	1	8
4	5	8	2	6	1	9	3	7

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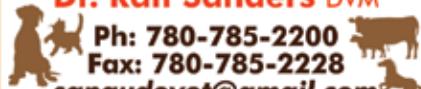
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