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PARKLAND RCMP REQUESTING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING VICTIMS IN VOYEURISM INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

In the hopes of identifying other potential victims, Parkland RCMP are releasing a photo of Robert Bennett. Anyone who believes they have been a victim of Bennett, or knows someone who has, is asked to contact the Parkland RCMP at 825-220-7267.

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RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS DEATH IN PONOKA COUNTY UPDATED

Submitted by RCMP Major Crimes Unit

On Feb. 24, 2026, Ponoka RCMP located a deceased 92-year-old male outside his residence and the circumstances surrounding his death appeared suspicious. An autopsy confirmed the manner of death was a homicide. RCMP Major Crimes was called in to investigate.

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As a result of extensive investigation, Timothy Bull (48), and Syran Bull (19), both residents of Maskwacis, have been charged with the second-degree murder of Loel Fenske.

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After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Syran Bull was remanded to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Ponoka on Oct. 6, 2026. Timothy Bull was remanded to appear in Albert Court of Justice in Ponoka on Oct. 16, 2026.

NOTRAFFIC ADAPTIVE SIGNAL TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTED AT 12 LOCAL INTERSECTIONS

Submitted by Town of Spruce Grove

To help improve corridor efficiency and community safety, the City is installing NoTraffic adaptive signal technology to help keep traffic moving smoothly and make it easier for commuters to reach their destination.

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During the week of October 13, NoTraffic adaptive signal technology will be live at 12 intersections in Spruce Grove, with adjustments made throughout the week to optimize traffic flow:

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From Jennifer Heil Way and Dalton Link, south

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Notraffic Adaptive Signal Technology Implemented At 12 Local Intersections

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to Highway 16A

From Highway 16A and Jennifer Heil Way, east to Pioneer Road

NoTraffic responds to real-time traffic conditions, adjusting signal timing as traffic changes throughout the day to help create a smoother, more efficient commute. For drivers, this means better traffic light synchronization, less congestion and fewer delays along some of Spruce Grove's busiest corridors.

The technology also provides valuable traffic data and safety insights that help the City improve traffic flow and safety. NoTraffic only collects information needed for signal optimization and does not collect personal in-

formation, identify individual drivers or read licence plates. While the technology can detect vehicle speeds to adjust signal timing, this information is not tracked, stored or linked to identifying information. Tickets are not issued through this system.

The expanded system follows a pilot project launched in April 2025 at two intersections along Jennifer Heil Way at Grove Drive and Hawthorne Gate. The pilot tested the technology's ability to detect and respond to traffic movements while integrating with the City's existing traffic control infrastructure.

Following the successful pilot project, the expansion of NoTraffic technology to 12 intersections along High-

way 16A and Jennifer Heil Way was brought forward to Council and approved as part of the 2026 Spring Budget Adjustment. All 12 No-Traffic signal optimization locations will be activated, as of the week of October 13, 2026, with adjustments made throughout the week to optimize traffic flow.

As the system is activated and adjustments are made, drivers may experience temporary changes to traffic flow. We appreciate your patience as the City continues to monitor the technology and traffic conditions to understand how NoTraffic is performing and identify opportunities for further improvements.

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SPOOKY SEASON AT THE OPPERTSHAUSER HOUSE

Submitted by Red Brick Common

Red Brick Common brings ghost tours and a witch broom workshop to Stony Plain this October

Something spooky is stirring at the historic Oppertshauser House this October.

Red Brick Common is inviting the community to step inside one of Stony Plain's most fascinating historic homes for two hauntingly fun experiences filled with ghost stories, creativity and a touch of the unexplained.

Throughout October, guests can take part in an evening Ghost Tour featuring eerie stories, metaphysical experiences and reported paranormal encounters connected to the historic house. Tours will be held at 7 p.m. on October 17, 22, 24 and 30.

The Ghost Tours are open to all ages and cost \$20 plus GST per person. Advance registration is required, as space is limited.

Those looking to create a little Halloween magic of their own can also join Red Brick Common for the Make Your Own Witch's Broom workshop on Thursday, October 29 at 6 p.m.

During this guided workshop, participants will use dried florals, crystals, feathers and ribbon to design a one-of-a-kind decorative witch's broom. The evening will also include spooky ghost stories and a tour of the haunted Oppertshauser

House. Witch-inspired outfits are welcome but entirely optional.

The workshop costs \$95 plus GST, and space is limited.

Both events will take place at the Oppertshauser House, located at 5411-51 Street in Stony Plain. To register or learn more, call Red Brick Common at 780-963-2777 or email info@redbrickcommon.ca. For the Witch's Broom workshop, callers can use extension 1.

Whether you are curious about the paranormal, fascinated by local history or simply looking for a unique way to celebrate Halloween, Red Brick Common has a frightfully fun evening waiting for you.



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ONE COMMUNITY, ONE BRIGHT FUTURE: GRAND TRUNK SCHOOL CELEBRATES OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING

Submitted by GYPSD

A new era of rural education and community pride officially launched as Grand Trunk School celebrated the successful grand opening of its newly modernized Kindergarten to Grade 12 facility in Evansburg. The unified school name, Grand Trunk School, was chosen directly by community members through a survey following extensive visioning workshops in 2021.

Students, staff, dignitaries, Elders, alumni, and local community members—including many local seniors—gathered to mark a landmark milestone for the region. The grand opening represented the culmination of years of collaborative planning and visioning, resulting in a state-of-the-art learning hub built to serve students from across Evansburg, Wildwood, and Yellowhead County for generations to come. “Grand Trunk represents more than a new school building; it represents the coming together of communities, the honouring of our shared history, and the beginning of a new chapter for generations of students. With

the traditions of Wildwood, Evansview, and Grand Trunk High behind us, we have an incredible opportunity to build something special together,” shared Board Chair and Trustee for Lobstick zone, Melodie Bobilek.

The day’s ceremonies began on a deeply respectful note. Earlier in the morning, Elder Whitford performed a private blessing and smudging of the entire school to cleanse and prepare the spaces for learning. Later, during the formal program, Elder Whitford delivered a sacred prayer, grounding the grand opening in unity, respect, and tradition.

Principal Heidi Zadderey welcomed attendees with enthusiasm, reflecting on the journey of uniting three distinct rural school communities—Evansview School (formerly K–6 in Evansburg), Wildwood School (formerly K–9 in Wildwood), and Grand Trunk High School (formerly 7–12 in Evansburg)—onto a single K–12 campus. “Bringing together the rich histories and legacies of Evansview, Wildwood, and Grand Trunk High was a major transition for our

region,” said Principal Zadderey. “Today, under one roof, we aren’t replacing those distinct community stories—we are weaving them together. Seeing our students learn, collaborate, and thrive in these bright, modern spaces proves that every bit of hard work was worth it.”

The event truly put students at the center of the celebration. While Student Union President Mona Buckler (Grade 11) was unable to attend in person due to a volleyball tournament, she sent a warm video message expressing her deep appreciation for the new facility, which was played during the ceremony.

High school students served as greeters and led guided tours for visitors, while students from the school’s Culinary Arts program prepared refreshments and items for the celebratory community BBQ that followed.

Dignitaries participating in the plaque presentation and official ribbon cutting ceremony included Honourable Martin Long (Minister of Infrastructure and MLA for West Yellowhead), Mr. Shane Getson (MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland), Mr. Darren Hedley (Deputy Minister of Alberta Infrastructure), Mayor Wade Williams (Yellowhead County), Board Chair Melodie Bobilek, and Superintendent Kurt Scobie. Former Board Chair and Lobstick Trustee, Brenda Rosadiuk, was also present.

“Renovating a school in place is no small feat, but



looking around today, the results speak for themselves. What excites me most isn’t just the modern walls or updated spaces—it’s the energy filling them. For the first time, we have students from Kindergarten all the way to Grade 12 learning under one roof,” noted Superintendent Scobie during his presentation. “Walk down the halls on any given morning and you can literally hear it: the wonder of our youngest learners discovering something new, the buzz of collaboration as older students work toward brighter futures, and the mentorship happening naturally as our seniors lead by example. That shared energy is the heart of a true community school.”

Grand Trunk School and GYPSD extends its deepest gratitude to Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Education, ACI Architecture, Delnor Construction, the GYPSD Board of Trustees, Elder Whitford, and the communities of Evansburg and Wildwood for their vision, patience, and unwavering support in bringing this dream facility to life.



Fall HOME RENO GUIDE



TIPS ON SHOPPING FOR NEW APPLIANCES

Now may be the right time to make large appliance purchases. Know the product before visiting the store.

As the weather turns cooler, outdoor improvements become less practical. Homeowners' thoughts may turn to

projects they can tackle inside of the home. Now may be the time to consider the purchase of new appliances that can be the finishing touches to renovated spaces.

Fall is prime time to purchase new large appliances. Manufacturers typically unveil their latest models during September and October. At this point, prices on older models will be reduced to make room for new ones. By the end of the year, any older models that have not yet been cleared out will be discounted further. Even though the end-of-the year deals will be better, the selection may be limited the longer you wait.

It is best never to wait until an appliance is on its last leg for repair or replacement. Then consumers do not have the luxury to price shop nor find items that include the features they desire most. Here are some other buying tips.

Research

Shoppers should begin their research at home before they even enter a store. Make a list of features you want in the appliance, which helps narrow down the playing field and better focus your purchasing decisions.

Once you have a list handy, speak with friends or family members about their

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experiences with brands and/or retailers. Ask about which features they like the most and how often they have had to call for repairs. If they could do things differently, what would those things be?

Know your space

Perhaps you are familiar with the adage to measure twice and cut once. The same can be said for measuring prior to purchasing an appliance. Be sure you know the exact measurements of the space that will house the new appliance. Take into consideration the clearance needed to open doors, such as with a refrigerator or front-loading washing machine. It can be a waste of time and money to have an

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Consider your lifestyle

It is easy to be overwhelmed

and awestruck by the number of appliances available. You may desire the biggest and best there is, but if you are not a superstar in the kitchen, you may not need the commercial stove. A bachelor may not

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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton issued the following statement for Child Abuse Prevention Month:

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October to raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention, especially the importance of reporting abuse.

"We know preventing child abuse starts with ensuring families have the supports they need before challenges become crises. For example, Family Resource Networks bring together supports and ser-

vices focused on prevention and early intervention to help families build strength, confidence and connections close to home.

"Alberta's government is also investing in specialized supports for those impacted by sexual violence and abuse, including \$3.7 million for child and youth advocacy centres.

These centres provide safe, supportive spaces where children, youth and families can access help and services after experiencing abuse. We also invested \$17 million this year to support 15 sexual assault centres across the province and the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Centres. As a result, more children and youth can access the counselling, treatment and specialized supports they need to heal and build brighter futures.

"Child abuse can affect children and youth from any background, community or region of our province. Knowing the signs of abuse and neglect, speaking up when concerns arise, and supporting children, youth and families can make a life-changing difference.

"If you are concerned about a child's safety or well-being, do not wait. The Child Intervention Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-638-0715. You can also contact the nearest Children and Family Services office, Delegated First Nations Agency or local police.

"This October, I invite people across Alberta to #GoBlueAB and show their support for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"Whether you are a teacher, coach, neighbour, caregiver or family member, your actions can make a difference in a child's life. Together, we can help ensure Alberta's children and youth know they are safe and protected."



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TIPPLE PARK MUSEUM HOSTS ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Submitted by Tipple Park Museum

On Friday, October 2nd, Tipple Park Museum hosted their 8th annual Pumpkin Festival. Families of all ages came out to enjoy an evening of pumpkin carv-

ing, wagon rides, games, and fall-themed crafts. Although this year the museum had to work around ongoing construction on the main building, the evening was a success with about 200 in attendance.

We would like to thank

our volunteers, Double T perchons, Violet Gardens Greenhouse, Evansburg Public Library, Servus Credit Union, and everyone who participated.



DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP SEIZES DRUGS AFTER TRAFFIC STOP

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On Sept. 23, 2026, Drayton Valley RCMP initiated a traffic stop. Upon interacting with the driver, officers noted drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and arrested the five occupants. One of the passengers, who originally provided a false name, was identified and found to be on a Canada-wide war-

rant for violating his parole. The other four occupants were later released.

A search of the vehicle and occupants incidental to arrest resulted in the seizure of the following items:

- 187.9g of cocaine;
- 28.1g of methamphetamine;
- 2g of fentanyl;
- \$1395 in Canadian currency;
- Conducted energy device

(stun gun); and

•Drug trafficking paraphernalia.

As a result of the investigation, Jaymz Hancock (33), a resident of Thunder Bay, On., was charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x3);
- Obstruction of a police officer;
- Possession of proceeds of crime under \$5000;
- Possession of a weapon

for a dangerous purpose;

•Possession of a prohibited weapon; and

•Fail to comply with a weapon prohibition order.

Hancock was brought before a justice of the peace and remanded into custody. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of justice in Drayton Valley on Oct. 6, 2026.

MORE TIME TO GET YOUR \$100 REBATE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans now have one more month to apply for their \$100 Alberta Energy Rebate to get more money back in their pockets.

Alberta's government has extended the application deadline for the Alberta Energy Rebate to Oct. 31. This extension gives eligible Albertans who have not yet applied an extra 31 days to submit their applications for a one-time, direct payment of \$100 to each eligible Albertan to help with the costs of everyday essentials.

"More than 1.45 million

Albertans have already applied for and received the rebate. By extending the deadline, we are giving more families the time they need to apply and receive real relief."

Jason Nixon, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Launched on July 1, the Alberta Energy Rebate puts increased revenues from high oil prices back in Albertans pockets. Eligible two-adult households can receive \$200 in flexible relief that can be used for any household need, when and where it matters most. Families may also benefit from additional \$100 rebates for each eligible adult

family member or child aged 18 or older living in the same home.

To improve the application process, Alberta's government also added a third payment verification option to the online portal. In addition to online banking and document verification, applicants can apply for their Alberta Energy Rebate using their 2025 Notice of Assessment – making it faster and easier for more Albertans to complete their applications and receive their rebate.

Alberta's government is committed to putting more money back in Albertans' pockets, and starting Oct. 1, the prov-

ince's fuel tax relief program also kicks back in. This will save Albertans the full 13 cents per litre provincial fuel tax at the pump for the rest of the year as global uncertainty continues to push up energy prices.

Extending the Alberta Energy Rebate application deadline and suspending the fuel tax are just a few of the many ways Alberta's government is using its strong financial position to keep costs down, ensuring Alberta remains the most affordable place in Canada to live work and raise a family.

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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!

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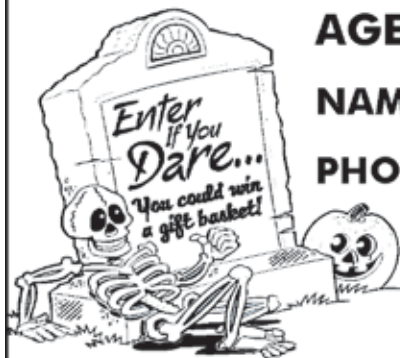


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