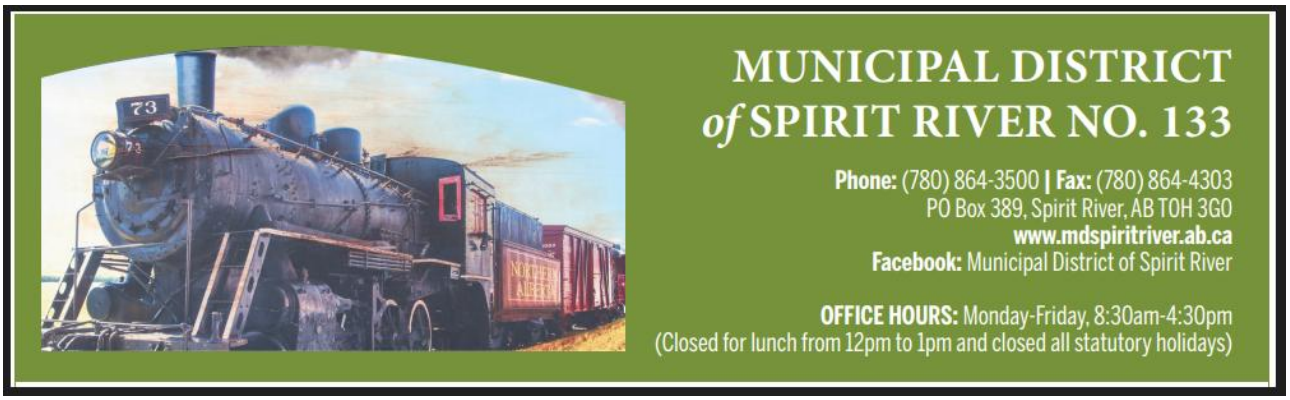


December 4,2025 Newsletter

The next Council Meeting will be Dec.17,2025 at 4pm and will be held in the Council Chambers located in the MD Office in Spirit River. Council meetings are recorded live for online public viewing, or you may attend in person. Please refer to our Facebook page or the MD website for your live link to log into these meetings.

Motion highlights from our Dec. 3rd, 2025 Council meeting can be found below:

ALBERTA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP (ACP) 2025-2026 Stormwater Management Plan Grant (Joint with Town of Spirit River)	
Moved by Councillor Rozecki that the Municipal District of Spirit River supports the Town of Spirit River's (managing partner) submission of a 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership grant application in support of the Regional Stormwater Management Plan Project, with no matching contribution being required to come from the Municipal District of Spirit River No.133. Further that the motion be retroactive to November 28th, 2025, to align with ACP grant deadlines.	**Carried Unanimously.**

	MD BUS SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING	
	Moved by Deputy Reeve Wark that Council approves the action of advertising the sponsorship opportunity for the MD Transit Bus to the community and local business sector.	**Carried Unanimously.**

Anyone wishing to review our Council Meeting minutes can visit the MD of Spirit River #133 website under Council and Council Meeting Minutes.

Public Works

In the event of Emergency Call out of Municipal Equipment please call: David Johnson 780 864-9600.

REMINDER , PLEASE NOTIFY US BEFORE YOU BURN. THOSE WHO DO NOT ADVISE OF CONTROLLED BURNS ARE SUBJECT TO A $ 500.00 FINE. THESE RULES APPLY YEAR ROUND!
When calling for a burn notification please call the office Monday through Friday before 4:15pm. MD Office at (780) 864-3500

R360 ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS CANADA LANDFILL IS OPEN TO MD RATEPAYERS ONLY

MD residents will be asked to show their Landfill Usage Card upon entering the landfill site.

Regular Landfill Take in days:
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Closed: Monday, Tuesday & Sunday

R360 LANDFILL will no longer be accepting any chemical jugs or containers.

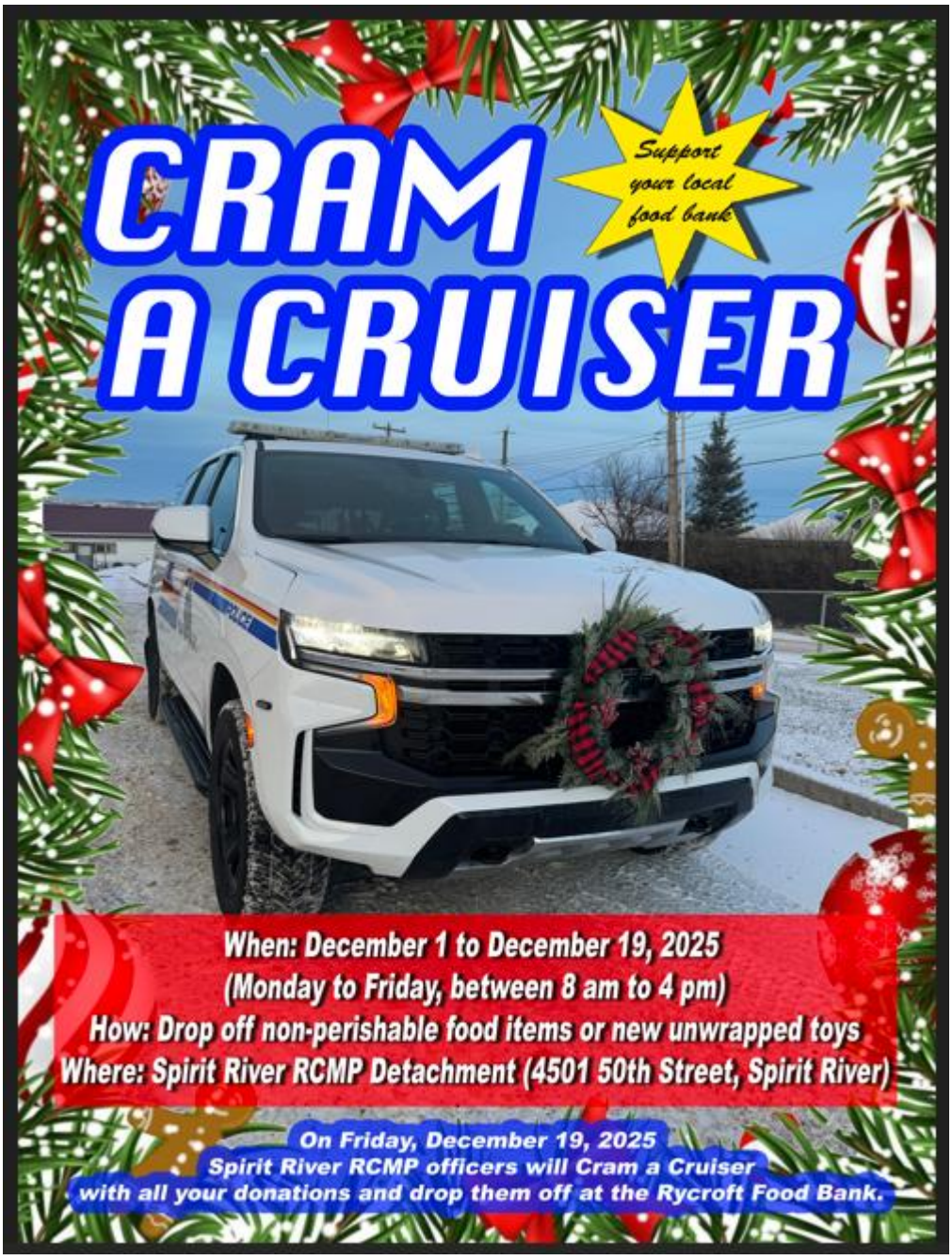
If you have any questions, please contact the landfill at 780-765-3745
Or the MD of Spirit River office at 780-864-3500

LANDFILL CARDS:

Attention MD Residents,
Landfill cards that have been issued with an expiration date do not need to be renewed unless you are renting your land. If you own your property and your Landfill Card has an expiration date on it, please disregard this expiration date. Your Landfill card will remain active until you have either reached your load limit, you have sold your land, or if you have lost your Landfill privileges. If you are renting in the MD of Spirit River and your Landfill Card has expired, please stop by the office for renewal.

The Municipal District of Spirit River #133 has several positions available. Please see our employment section on our website for more details!

Northern Spirit
at Evergreen Park
Light Show
The MD Transit Bus is heading to the show...
Friday, December 12th
& Friday, December 19th
Pick up at MD office @ 5PM
Show starts @ 6PM
~ $25 per person ~
Reserve your seat TODAY!
MD133
SPIRIT RIVER


CRAM A CRUISER
Support your local food bank
When: December 1 to December 19, 2025
(Monday to Friday, between 8 am to 4 pm)
How: Drop off non-perishable food items or new unwrapped toys
Where: Spirit River RCMP Detachment (4501 50th Street, Spirit River)
On Friday, December 19, 2025
Spirit River RCMP officers will Cram a Cruiser
with all your donations and drop them off at the Rycroft Food Bank.

DECEMBER 12TH CURLING FUN NIGHT!

Come solo or bring friends for a night of curling, followed by dinner from A & B Eats, bar will also be open. No full team required – teams will be organized at the event

Spectators of all ages are welcome!

Text or call Rebecca Newman @ 780-832-4500 or message Spirit River Curling Club on Facebook to register. Register by December 10th

Curling is $10/person food and drinks not included

Male & Female, all skill levels welcome

Join as an individual or with friends, no full team required

Food by A & B Eats available

Come enjoy a night of curling and have some fun!

Start time 6:30pm, bar and kitchen will be open

LOCATION:
SPIRIT RIVER CURLING CLUB
4820 44 Ave
Spirit River AB
T0H3G0

We would like to remind MD of Spirit River residents that the MD provides snow plowing services to the following residents at the corresponding rates:

- ✔ Seniors – $125.00+ GST
- ✔ Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST
- ✔ Spouses of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST
- ✔ Dependants of Seniors and/or Handicapped Persons – $125.00+ GST

Additionally, seniors can access financial assistance to cover the cost of snow removal, through the provincial government.

To access the snow plowing hold harness agreement form, special needs assistance for seniors information booklet, financial assistance application, and the policy, go to https://mdspiritriver.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Hold-Harmless-2021.pdf and scroll down the page just passed Dust Control.

Seniors are welcome to stop by the office or contact us at (780) 864-3500 for assistance with the application.

For a list of private contractors, click: https://mdspiritriver.ab.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Private-Snowplowing-Contractors-1.pdf

SNOWPLOWING

REMINDER *to* RESIDENTS

Snow Removal Services

Magpie Trucking - Dwayne: 780-864-0872

Lefley Honey Co. Ltd. Jack: 780-831-0607 Kelly: 780-864-0281

Wild Horizon Ventures Ltd. - Keegan: 780-831-8136

RCZ Ventures- Rick: 780-864-7888

Whiterok Ranch - Darcy: 780-500-8824 or whtrok@gmail.com

Triple Y Trucking Ltd. - Brent Yanishewski : 780-814-4486

Burnt River Services Ltd. – 780-330-9900

Ryson Ventures Ltd. – Gary Fox 780-864-5436

Scott's Excavating Ltd. – Darryl 780-864-5957 or Myrne 780-864-0071

Bee Kay Welding – Bill 780-814-4022

NaR Environmental Ltd.– 780-864-7897 or nar.enviro@outlook.com

This is a list of private contractors. If you are a private contractor that would like to be added to this public list, please contact the MD of Spirit River office at mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Central Peace Family & Community Support Services

serving the MD #133, Spirit River, Rycroft, and western Birch Hills County

Family and Community Support Services

Thank You!!

Wow wow wow!! This year the community was so supportive with the Secret Santa for kids and Seniors I had Sponsors waiting for a list so they could go shopping!! This warms my heart to know that residents see the need. This year 27 seniors and 23 children will have a wonderful Christmas!! Reminder to sponsors that gifts are due back December 4.

Snow Angel is Needed

FCSS is looking for an individual or group who would like to volunteer shoveling snow for seniors and individuals that are unable to do it themselves in Rycroft. If you are willing to be a Snow Angel please call FCSS at 780 864 3500.

Christmas Sharing / Secret Santa for seniors and Kids Pick up location

Due to unforeseen scheduling issues, FCSS has moved the pick-up location for these programs to the **Rycroft Community Hall** Dec 10 from 2-4pm and Dec 11 10 am-2 pm. If there is any concern with picking up your items please call FCSS 780 864 3500.

Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels prepares and cooks meals 2 day per week. These meals are delivered to clients' homes throughout the Municipalities of Spirit River, Rycroft and MD of Spirit River. The cost is $14. You are eligible if you meet one or more of the following:

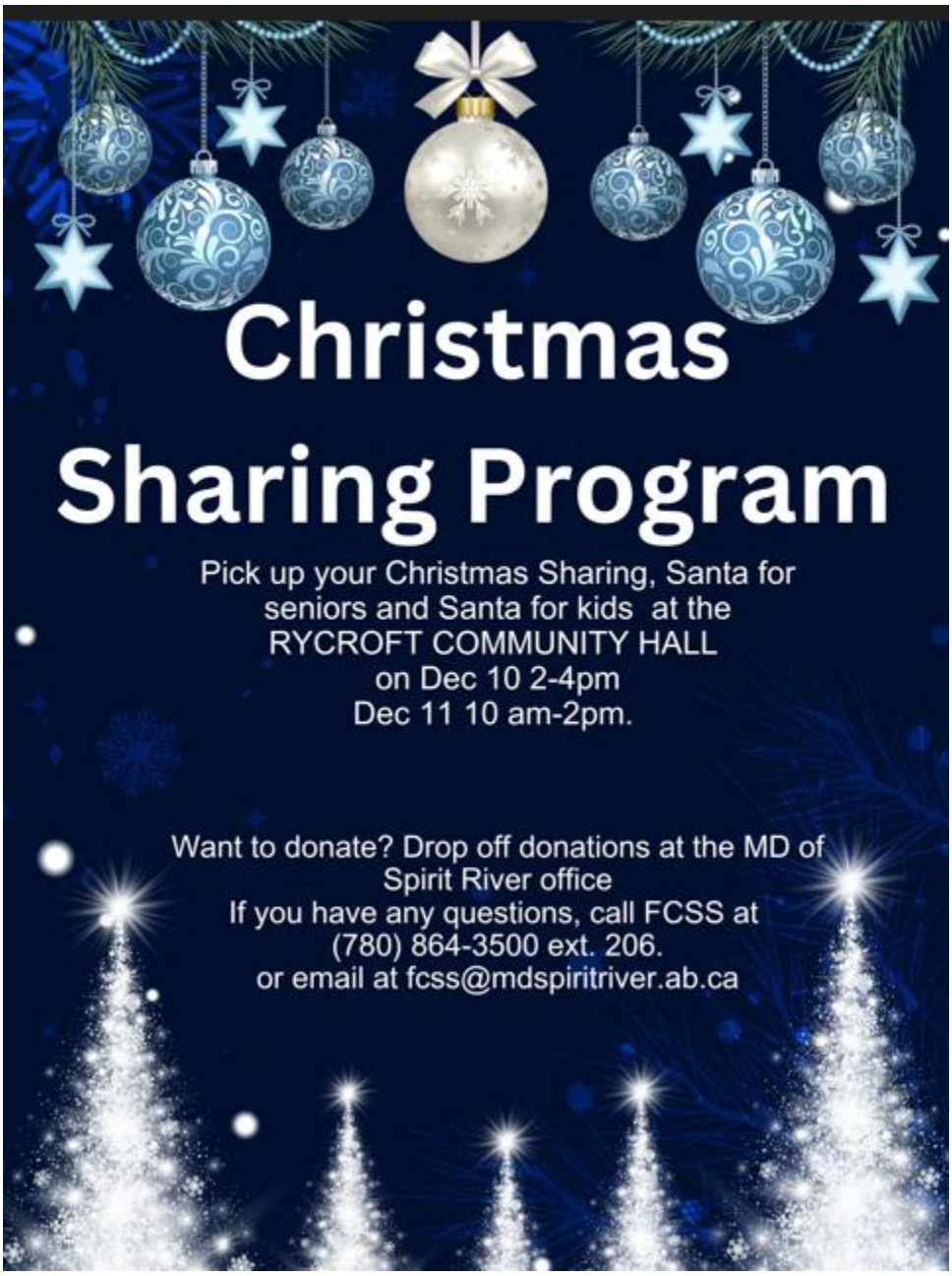
- 65 years old or older
- Housebound and unable to shop for groceries.
- Unable to cook for themselves due to physical limitation.
- Client under 65 years needs a referral from a General Practitioner, Social Worker or Community Nurse.
- Temporarily disabled such as after an accident, injury or surgery
- Those in need will be considered and this will be verified by the FCSS Coordinator.

If you are interested, please call the FCSS office 780 864 3500

FCSS Christmas Hours

Fcss office will be closed DEC 24,25,26 and Dec 31 (at noon) and Jan1 2026

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!


Christmas
Sharing Program
Pick up your Christmas Sharing, Santa for seniors and Santa for kids at the RYCROFT COMMUNITY HALL
on Dec 10 2-4pm
Dec 11 10 am-2pm.
Want to donate? Drop off donations at the MD of Spirit River office
If you have any questions, call FCSS at (780) 864-3500 ext. 206.
or email at fcss@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

fcss
Central Peace
Family and Community Support Services

Christmas programs

We are looking for Donors, sponsors for Secret Santa (seniors and children), and Shoppers

Snow angels

shoveling snow for seniors who are unable to.

Meals on wheels drivers

Help deliver our hot meals on Wednesdays or Fridays. This usually takes about an hour to an hour and a half.

Call FCSS at 780 864 3500 Extension 2

fcss
Central Peace
Family and Community
Support Services

Employment Opportunity

Central Peace Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is currently hiring a PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Central Peace FCSS is looking for a creative and enthusiastic individual to fill the position of Program Assistant.

Reporting to the Program Coordinator, the successful candidate will carry out the following responsibilities:

- To assist the Program Coordinator with the planning, organizing, and evaluation of FCSS programs and services.
- To plan and organize programs that enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.
- To assist with the planning and implementation of special events and celebrations.
- To serve as a community referral agent with the objective of connecting individuals with the appropriate resources.
- To collaborate with service agencies and businesses operating within the community to deliver social initiatives.
- To assist in the administrative functions of the FCSS department, including report writing, production of advertising and marketing materials, understanding and working with project budgets, and other duties as directed by the Program Coordinator. As well as acting in place of the Coordinator on occasion.

Qualifications for this position include:

- Strong skills in networking and advocating for programs to other professionals and volunteers in the community.
- The ability to relate effectively to people of diverse economic, social and ethnic backgrounds.
- Patience and flexibility in an ever changing environment.
- Good communication and organization skills.
- Professionalism is a must in attire and attitude.
- Respect and confidentiality is required in dealings with FCSS programs, clients and board members.
- Firm understanding of Social Media for the use of networking and advertising. i.e. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Proficiency in Excel, Microsoft Word, and Publisher is an asset.
- Data entry and website editing and design are valuable skills.
- Experience working in the human services field is an asset.

Wage & Work Hours:

Successful candidate will receive $22-25 /hour based on experience and education. This is a part-time position of 20 hours/week.

Date Posted: September 5, 2025 until a suitable candidate is found
We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however, only those applicants who will be interviewed will be contacted.

Please submit cover letter along with resume and references in a sealed envelope marked "Personal & Confidential" to the attention of:
Central Peace FCSS Attn: Human Resources
Via mail to: Box 389, Spirit River AB T0H 3G0
Via email to: mbremont@mdspiritriver.ab.ca
Or drop off at the MD of Spirit River office: 4202- 50 St, Spirit River

SPIRIT RIVER/SEXSMITH BUS PILOT PROGRAM

STARTING JANUARY 2025

The MD 133 Spirit River transit bus will be **adding a stop in Sexsmith**! This service will run each **Tue/Wed/Thur** as a pilot program for the next 2 months, in partnership between the MD of Spirit River and Sexsmith FCSS.

Seats are $25.00 each. Pick-up will be at **Sunset Homes (9702-97 Ave)** in Sexsmith between **9:30am and 9:45am**. Passengers will be taken to Grande Prairie for appointments and shopping and then returned to the same drop-off location around **3:00pm**.

Passengers 16 and younger must have signed parental/guardian permission to ride. *Medical appointments are priority bookings!* The bus runs with min. 1 passenger - **24hr advance booking required.**

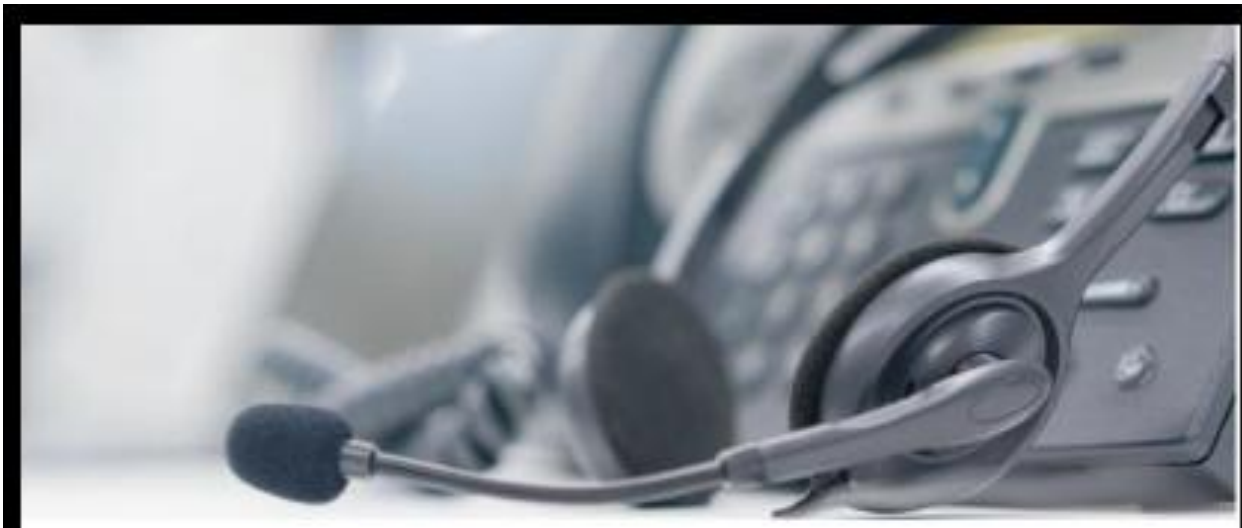
Subsidies are available for those requiring assistance. Please contact Naomi Robinson to apply: **780-568-4345 or fcss@sexsmith.ca.**

FCSS Family & Community Support Services SEXSMITH

MD 133 SPIRIT RIVER

Book a seat by calling:

780-864-3500



Starting July 2025

AFSC ON LOCATION

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

AVAILABLE BY REMOTE COMMUNICATION

Monday to Friday

8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To reach us call 780-864-3896

Or 1-877-899-2372

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AFSC.ca

AFSC

Stand on Fertile Ground

STAY CONNECTED AND INFORMED! This is a friendly reminder to download the Voyent App! And register to sign up for emergency alerts in our area, such as wildfires. If you see smoke or fire, please call 911.

HOW TO REGISTER

Step 1: Watch the short video: Registration tutorial - Voyent Alert! for tips @ **www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSXaklw5tsI**

Step 2: Learn about registering for the Central Peace Fire & Rescue* Alerting System @ **www.voyent-alert.com/community/#registration**

Step 3: Register:

• For Mobile App Users, download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple or Google Play app stores.

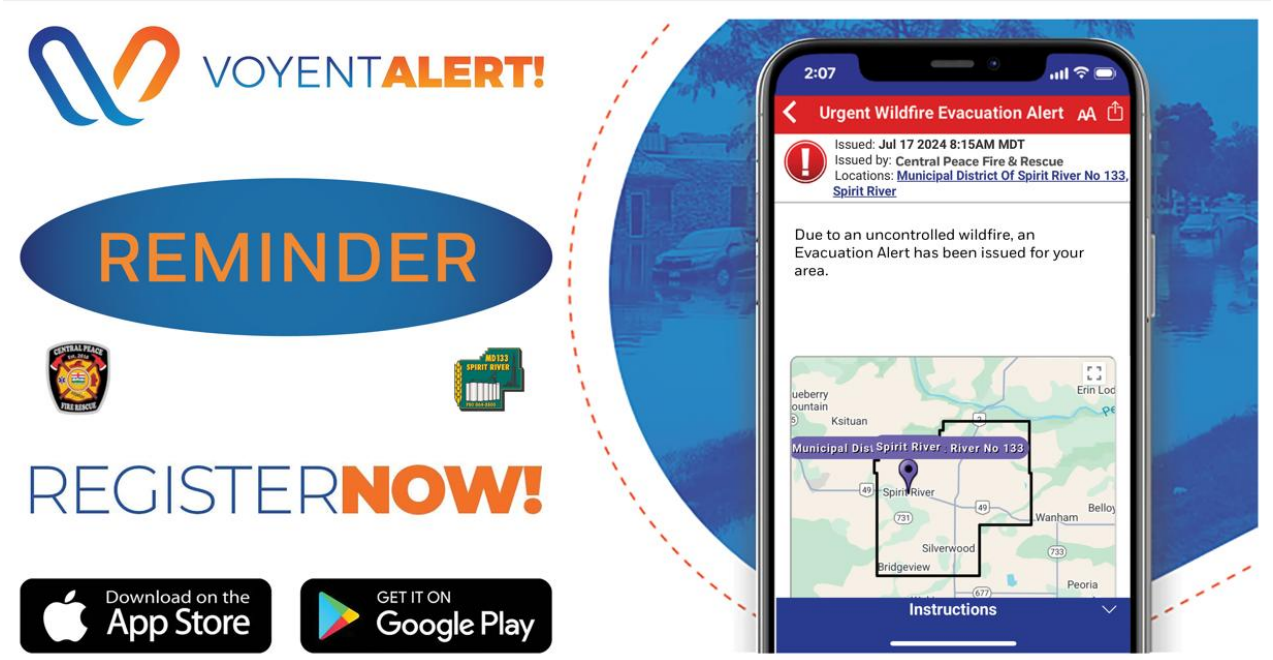
• For Email, Phone, or SMS (Text message) Users, register online to receive alerts

Once downloaded, register for your account by selecting your region on a map and receive immediate emergency alerts.

YOU CAN ALSO ADD NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES

Birch Hills County, County of Grande Prairie, City of Grande Prairie, and Saddle Hills County, just to name a few, also use the Voyent Alert! notification system. You can choose to receive alerts from Voyent Alert! for any or all of these communities.

* The Central Peace Fire & Rescue covers the MD of Spirit River, the Town of Spirit River, and the Village of Rycroft



Municipal District of Spirit River No. 133

Box 389 Spirit River, Alberta T0H 3G0
e-mail: mdsr133@mdspiritriver.ab.ca

Telephone (780) 864-3500
Fax (780) 864-4303

NORTHERN LIGHTS FIBER

northernlightsfiber.ca

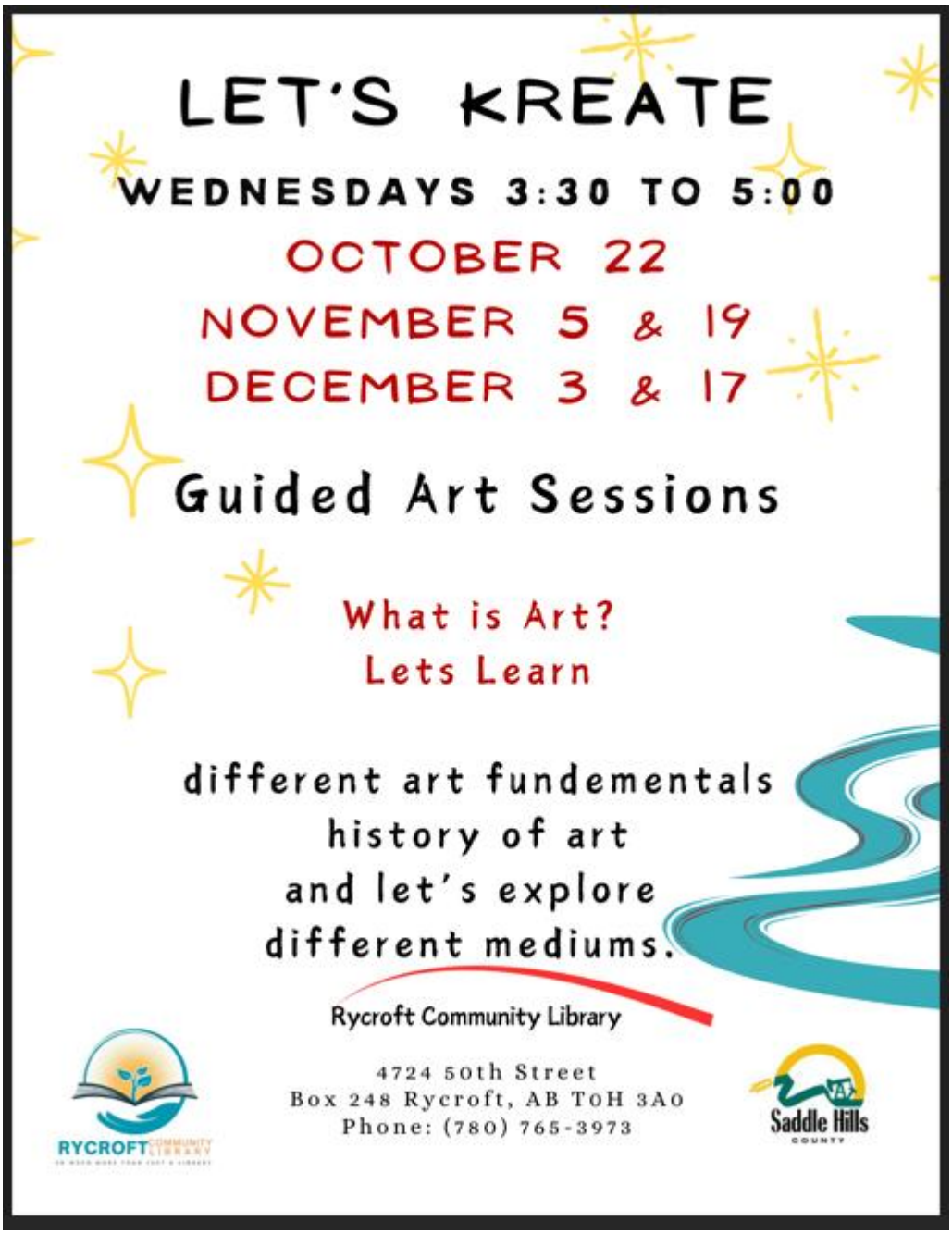
https://www.northernlightsfiber.ca

Attention! Municipal District of Spirit River #133 Residents!

If you are interested in getting Fiber Optics to your residence or business, please go online and submit a request.
3 simple steps to submit a request, go to:

1) Northernlightsfiber.ca
2) Project Aurora
3) At the top of the page- Click for form

Submit a NO Obligation Fiber Access Request (FAR) to ensure your home gets fiber optics lines built. Click Here.


LET'S KREATE
WEDNESDAYS 3:30 TO 5:00
OCTOBER 22
NOVEMBER 5 & 19
DECEMBER 3 & 17
Guided Art Sessions
What is Art?
Lets Learn
different art fundementals
history of art
and let's explore
different mediums.
Rycroft Community Library
4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973
RYCROFT
Saddle Hills

FUTUREWORKS

Job Search Supports and Resource Centre

- Resumes
- Job Search
- Career Guidance
- Job Applications
- And more!

Drop-In Time
12:00pm - 3:30pm

Dates

December 9th

February 3rd

Joined by EMPLOY Abilities GRANDE PRAIRIE

April 21st

Location
Rycroft Community Library
4724 - 50th St.

RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY
SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST A LIBRARY

In Partnership with the Rycroft Community Library

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.

Canada Alberta

Rycroft Community Library presents

SESSION 6

Community Cafe

Hosted by
Steve and Janet - Burnt Offerings

For more information contact Steve @ 780 500 9553

Follow the music and meet some new friends

LAST TWO OF 2025!

FRIDAY 6 PM
NOVEMBER 21ST
DECEMBER 12TH

4724 50th Street
Box 248 Rycroft, AB T0H 3A0
Phone: (780) 765-3973

Youth Club

youth inspired activities

ages 12-17

Thursdays
3:30- 5pm

December 18

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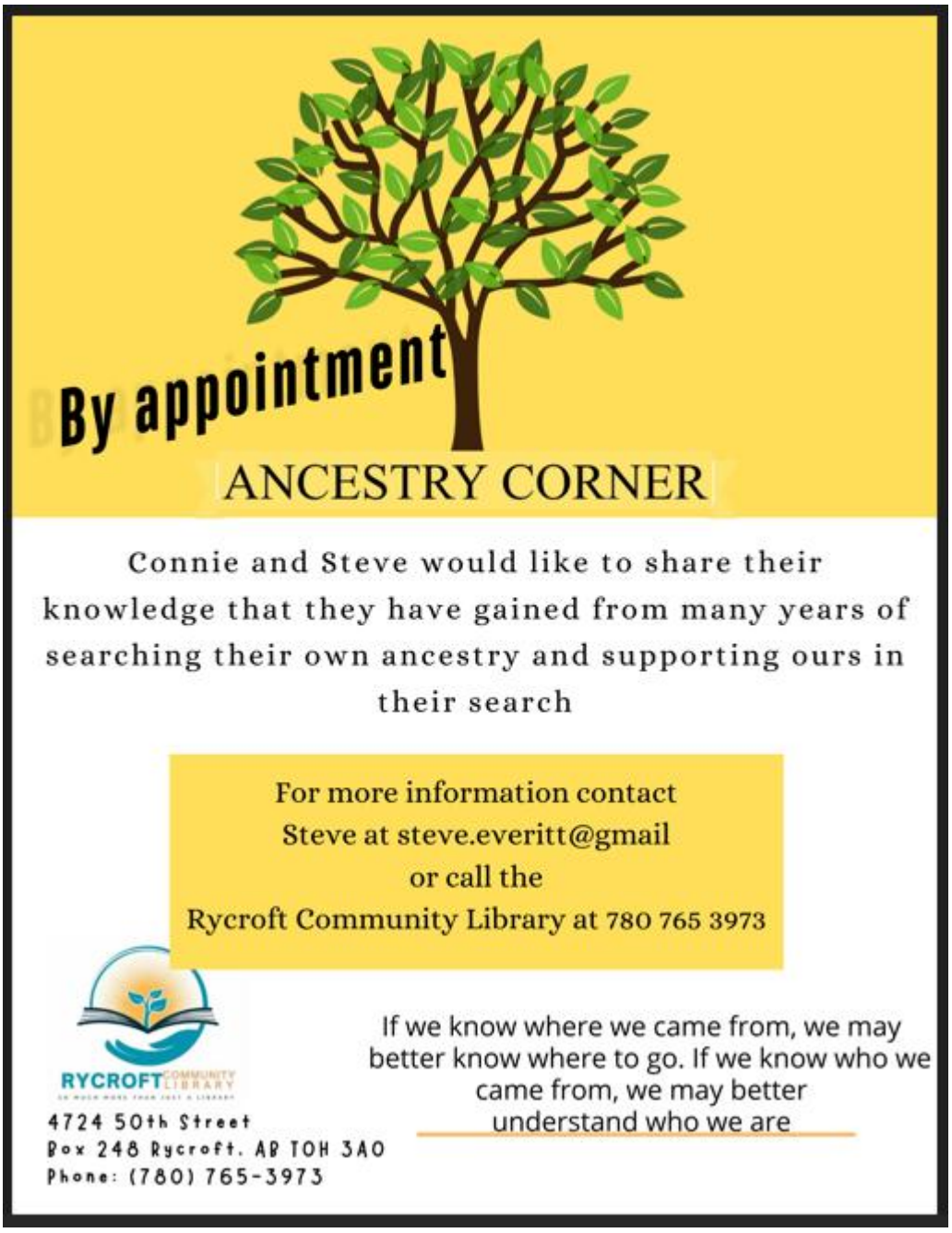
RYCROFT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Saddle Hills COUNTY


By appointment
ANCESTRY CORNER
Connie and Steve would like to share their knowledge that they have gained from many years of searching their own ancestry and supporting ours in their search
For more information contact
Steve at steve.everitt@gmail
or call the
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If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are