

JANVIER NEWS



July 2025

Candidate nominations open for 2025 municipal election

Learn more at rmwb.ca/boards



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF WOOD BUFFALO

New rules in place for campaigning, find more information at rmwb.ca/elections

Candidate nominations are now open to all eligible residents interested in running for the position of RMWB mayor, councillor or school board trustee.

New rules are in place for 2025 municipal election

Changes to the [Local Authorities Elections Act](#) require candidates to submit a notice of intent to appear on the official register of candidates before accepting campaign donations and incurring expenses. In addition, all candidates must complete the nomination process to appear on the ballot.

Call for candidate nominations

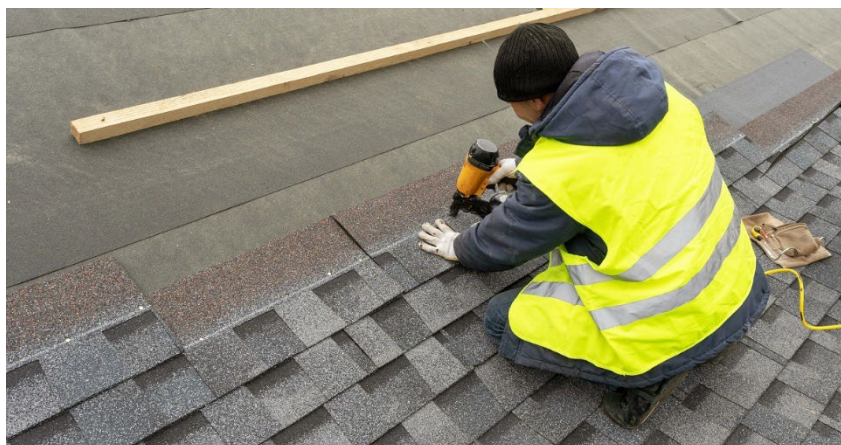
Nominations are now being accepted from candidates for the upcoming 2025 municipal election. Prospective candidates must file their notice of intent and complete the nomination process by **noon on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025**.

Find the notice of intent form, nomination forms, required documentation and additional information for interested candidates at rmwb.ca/elections.

Potential candidates with questions or in need of assistance, can contact the Elections Office through Pulse at 780-743-7000 or email elections@rmwb.ca and a Legislative Services staff member will assist.

The general election for the RMWB and all municipalities in Alberta will be held on Oct. 20, 2025.

FireSmart rebate program helping homeowners pay for upgrades



The **FireSmart Home Rebate Program** is available for all communities in the region.

Residents will be eligible to receive rebates until program funds have been exhausted, limited to one rebate per address and one rebate per homeowner.

Eligible home upgrades:

- Roof replacement - up to \$2,000 (e.g., repairing old/damaged asphalt shingles)
- Roof upgrade - up to \$2,000 (e.g., replacing wood shake shingles with asphalt shingles)
- Deck upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing wood decking with a fire-resistant material)
- Window upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing single-pane windows with multi-pane windows)
- Fence/gate upgrade - up to \$1,000 (e.g., replacing wooden fences or gates that attach to the home with a fire-resistant material)
- Siding upgrade - up to \$4,000 (e.g., replacing vinyl siding with stucco)
- New home construction - eligible for a siding or decking upgrade rebate



How to receive a rebate:

STEP 1 - Get a free Home Assessment

Ask for a free FireSmart Home Assessment at rmwb.ca/FireSmart or by calling Pulse. Details on how to apply for a rebate will be provided during the assessment.

Rural Water Sewer Service

Why connect?

Say goodbye to water deliveries and septic pick-ups! Once connected, deliveries and pick-ups will no longer be required at your property.

Flexible payment plan: **\$105 at 0% interest** spread out over 25 years through your bi-monthly utility bill.

Applications can be picked up and submitted at your local municipal office.

The cost will significantly increase after the connection window closes (end of construction season).

The Municipality will no longer coordinate or subsidize water delivery and septic pick-ups.

Eligibility

Ownership-You must be registered on Title
Tax-Account-your account must be in good standing

Utility Account- your account must be in good standing.

Historical Indigenous Residential Land Ownership Policy:

Approved by Council on October 8, 2024

May be eligible for the transfer of land from the RMWB to an Indigenous person having historical and continuing connection to a parcel of land

If a resident has resided on and used a parcel of land long-term, they may be eligible.

Getting Started!

1. Choose your certified contractor
2. Complete your application form.
3. Submit your application fee.

Have questions?

Visit rmwb.ca/rwss or connect with us through **Pulse** at 780-743-7000.



Conklin & Janvier

RURAL SUMMER CAMP

**Register for three action-packed
days of free summer camp fun!**

Water balloon fights, fish scale art, capture the flag and more!



Aug. 5 - 7 (Tuesday - Thursday)



9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Up to 20 participants at each camp

**Free to attend. Open to youth aged 6 - 14.
Spaces are limited - register early!**

To register, contact:
breanna.wallace@rmwb.ca | 587-941-1819



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Conklin & Janvier



Family Fun Nights



Come join the fun!



**All are welcome! Enjoy games,
trivia, movie nights, and more, with
something new to enjoy every night.**



Location alternates between Janvier
Municipal Office & Conklin Multiplex



5 - 7 p.m.



June 18 - Conklin, July 16 - Janvier,
Aug. 27 - Conklin

No registration needed.

For more information, contact:

Conklin – wendy.desjarlais@rmwb.ca | 780-559-2235

Janiver – ida.stepanowich@rmwb.ca | 780-559-2230



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Community Policing - presentations available

The Wood Buffalo Community Policing Unit has a great list of presentations they can bring to communities when requested.

Available presentations

- A Career in the RCMP - Gr 7-Adult
- ATV Safety - Gr 10-Adult
- Being a Good Citizen - ECDP-Gr 6
- Being a Mountie - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bicycle Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- Bullying (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 9
- Consent - Gr 7-Adult
- Crime Scene Investigations - ECDP-Adult
- Drug Awareness
 - For Teens (cannabis, alcohol, vaping and opioid awareness)
 - Gr 7-12
 - For Adults (includes clandestine drug labs, methamphetamines, opioids)
- Fraud & Identity Theft - Adult
- Halloween Safety - ECDP-Gr 6
- History of the Force - Gr 4-Adult
- Online Safety (includes Cyberbullying) - ECDP-Gr 6
- Online Safety (include Cyberbullying, Social Media & the Law) - Gr 7-Adult
- Personal Safety - ECDP-Adult
- Police & Canadian Law (for New Canadians) - Gr 10-Adult
- Property Crime Prevention - Adult
- Restorative Justice - Gr 9-Adult
- Senior Safety - Adult
- Sexting - Gr 7-Adult
- Traffic
 - Impaired Driving (Alcohol & Drugs) - Gr 9-Adult
 - Distracted Driving - Gr 9-Adult
 - Winter Driving - Gr 9-Adult
- Unhealthy Relationships/Dating Violence - Gr 7-Adult
- Youth Criminal Justice Act - Gr 7-Adult



Want a presentation?

Contact us if you'd like a presentation for your group, class or community at communitypolicing@rmwb.ca or call 780-788-4040 and ask for the Community Policing Coordinator

Bring your creative vision to life in the region



The Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant provides up to \$5,000 for projects that create, inspire and preserve within the cultural landscape of the region.

Apply early!

Individuals and groups may apply for a maximum of \$5,000. The deadline for grant applications is Dec. 31, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. MST or until the total \$50,000 funding is exhausted, whichever comes first.

Apply early through the Community Investment Program (CIP) Grant Portal as funding is awarded in order of completed applications received.

What projects are eligible?

Projects must align with one or more [Wood Buffalo Culture Plan](#) priorities. The eligibility list varies and ranges from performing arts to heritage restoration to landscape design.

Projects that have received grant support in previous years include:

- Palette Town, a video showcasing the potential for art in Wood Buffalo.
- Rock the Rails, an annual skateboard and BMX competition that also features local musical acts.
- Lavender Skies: Exploring Queer Creativity in Wood Buffalo, a local art show at the Kirschner Family Community Art Gallery at MacDonald Island Park.
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Get started today by visiting rmwb.ca/CIP.

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COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Small actions make a
big impact!

Register at
rmwb.ca/cleanup.



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Refresh your community and pick up the trash from winter

Get involved with the Adopt-A-Trail program or host a Community Cleanup event!

How can I register?

- Online at rmwb.ca/cleanup.
- By calling Pulse
- At your local municipal rural office.

Registration for both programs will close Sept. 15, and all cleanup supplies must be returned by Sept. 30.

Learn more at rmwb.ca/cleanup.

Janvier Community Clean UP Postponed Until September.

Join the Volunteer Fire Department

We need paid on-call members!



What we do:

- We respond to fire emergencies, helping people and protecting property.

Who you are:

- Reliable and dedicated - with time for weekly training and the ability to respond.

Learn more:

Call 780-743-7000 (toll free 1-800-973-9663) and someone from the fire department will contact you.

Step up in an emergency

Be the Helping Hand When It Matters Most -

Volunteer with the Emergency Social Services team

Join a team that helps residents during an emergency or disaster.

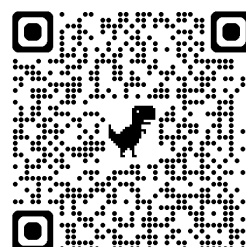


- Build your knowledge, confidence, and experience.
- No experience required. Training will be provided.

RMWB.ca/ESSVolunteer

For more information call:

- [780-743-7000](tel:780-743-7000)
- Toll Free [1-800-973-9663](tel:1-800-973-9663)



What we do:

Emergency Social Services helps people during large emergencies or incidents in the Municipality.

Who we are:

Volunteers, community partners, and municipal employees who work together under the Emergency Management Branch of Regional Emergency Services.



Youth in Rural Communities: Your Voice Matters. Apply to MACOY today!





The Mayor's Advisory Council on Youth (MACOY) wants diverse voices at the table, and that includes **you**.



Join MACOY and help shape a stronger, more inclusive future.

Let's make sure every corner of the region is represented—starting with you.

No matter where you live —from Fort Chipewyan to Fort McMurray to Conklin – your perspective matters. When you join MACOY, you'll:

-  Speak up for youth in your community.
-  Build leadership skills and gain valuable experience.
-  Share ideas on real issues like mental health, education, recreation and the environment.
-  Help plan community projects and initiatives.

Applications are open until Aug. 18.

Apply at rmwb.ca/macoy



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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

What is it?

- A voluntary program that offers a safe, respectful way to promote healing after harm has occurred.
- Allows offenders to take responsibility for their actions and allows the community to see its role in contributing to reconciliation.
- Provides an opportunity for everyone involved to have a voice and determine actions and outcomes to ensure accountability.

Restorative Justice Contact Information:

- Phone: 780-788-4253
- Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250
- Email: restorative.justice@rmwb.ca

Get involved.

We need committed volunteers to help! Please contact us.

For any questions, please contact Pulse!

PULSE

780-743-7000 • 1-800-973-9663
rmwb.ca/pulse

Call. Submit online.
Real answers every time, all the time.

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Residents in rural communities can contact the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 24/7 by contacting Pulse via the following:

- 780-743-7000
- 1-800-973-9663 (toll-free)

www.rmwb.ca/pulse

WAYPOINTS OUTREACH TEAM

WE WILL BE IN:

- Conklin July 8th & 21st at the Multiplex from 1pm-6pm
- Janvier July 2nd & 23rd at the Multiplex and Health Centre from 11am-4:30pm
- Anzac July 17th & 31st at the Recreation Centre from 1pm-6pm
- FMFN 468 July 4th & 14th at the Nikinan Community Centre from 10am-4pm
- Fort McKay July 22nd at the Family Support Centre from 11am-4pm

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY FAMILY AND/OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE? ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SUPPORT AND WAYS TO COPE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

**To book an appointment
please call our systems
navigator at
+1 (780) 750-8650
or email at
system.navigator@waypointswb.ca**

**WE OFFER FREE
COUNSELLING AND
SUPPORT SERVICES**



WALK INS ARE WELCOME

www.waypointswb.ca



WAYPOINTS

**100-130 Prospect Drive
Fort McMurray, AB, T9K 2Z5**



Wood Buffalo Victim Services provides victims of crime and trauma with support, information and referrals based on their needs. The intent is to ease the crisis and help them return to stability.

Why should victims of crime and trauma contact us?

Our support workers are empathetic listeners. They will give you information to help you make decisions that are best for you and your circumstances. Part of our role is to make sure you are treated fairly. You have rights under the *Alberta Victims of Crime Act*.

Please call or email to speak to a support worker. We can arrange to meet in your community.

Community visit dates for June

- **Fort Chipewyan** – July 3
- **Fort McKay** – July 3 and July 17
- **Conklin** – July 7 and July 21
- **Janvier** – July 9 and July 23
- **Anzac/FMFN 468** – July 10 and July 24

Wood Buffalo Victim Services

Phone: 780-788-4250

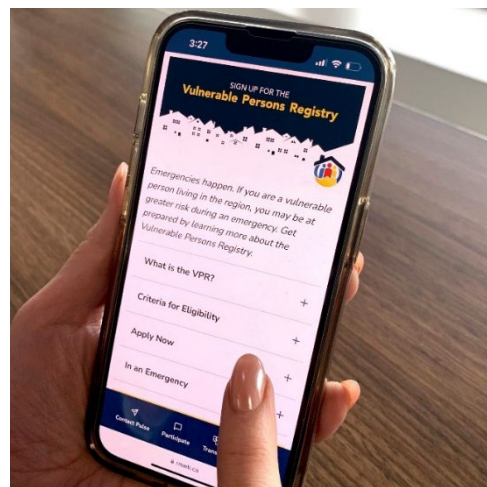
Toll Free: 1-888-788-4250

Email: victim.services@rmwb.ca



Emergencies happen. If you are a vulnerable person living in the region, you may be at greater risk.

Apply to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) - a free, voluntary and confidential service for residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.



To sign up or learn more visit – rmwb.ca/vpr



Did you know that you can drop off residential garbage and recycling, including household hazardous waste, for free at the Janvier Waste Transfer Station?

Help protect the environment and keep Janvier clean by disposing of items properly. All dropped off items are brought to the Municipal landfill for proper disposal or recycling.

Everyone, including First Nation communities, are encouraged to use the facility! It is located at the end of MacDonald Avenue in Janvier.

Hours of Operation (April 1 – Oct 31, 2025)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday: 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 	

The following items are **not allowed** to be dropped off at the Janvier Waste Transfer Station:

- Commercial waste
- Ammunition
- Explosives
- Radioactive waste
- Biological, biomedical or pathological waste
- Animal carcasses or deceased pets
- Asbestos
- Oilfield waste
- Waste containing free liquids
- Vehicles and vehicle parts

Learn more about garbage and recycling services at rmwb.ca/garbage. If you have any questions, connect with Pulse at 780-743-7000 or toll-free at 1-800-973-9663



FUN IN THE SUN

ANZAC - GREGOIRE LAKE ON JULY 2ND

Departing Sekweha at 11 AM

Returning to Janvier by 7 PM

Weather permitting!

To register, contact:

Candace Black: 780-607-1754

Amber Lemaigre: 587-723-0543



Brought to you by Sekweha & Chard Métis – let's make some summer memories!

Permission slips available at Sekweha!

chardmetis.ca





SEEKING MORE LEARNING FLEXIBILITY?

Have a desire to continue learning at home?

**JOIN THE NORTHLAND ONLINE SCHOOL
COMMUNITY FOR THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR!**

- Kindergarten to Grade 12 school!
- First Nations, Métis language, culture and land-based learning are woven throughout the curriculum.
- High school students can:
 - Join daily live online classes
 - Work at their own pace
 - Learn from their local school with online support
- Courses available through partnerships across Northland School Division.
- Learn Math with Minecraft. Explore Science through coding and robotics!
- Each student receives a Chromebook and learning tools

To learn more visit www.northlandonlineschool.ca



SUMMER SCHOOL 2025

Offered by Northland Online School



Due to high demand, we are no longer accepting registrations for students outside of Northland School Division.



Program runs from
July 7th to August 1st



Northland student
registration closes
July 7th



Online learning at
your own pace



Teacher support
available daily

Classes Offered:

English, Social Studies, Math, Science,
Career and Life Management, Physical
Education, Forensics, Food Safety, Job
Preparation, Work Experience, and the
Registered Apprenticeship Program

Scan the QR code to register!





The Northeast Alberta FASD Network enhances regional capacity to prevent FASD and support those impacted by it through coordinated planning, collaboration, education, and service delivery.

- **Assessment and diagnosis:** Diagnosis is the first step to getting the help that individuals with FASD need.
- **Rural outreach:** Our Outreach program is designed to assist and support individuals affected by FASD as well as their Families/caregivers. Through a strength-based approach clients are prepared to achieve greater success.
- NEAFAN team is available in:
 - **Janvier Multiplex Building – July 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd and 30th**
 - **#468: Health Centre- July 8th 15th 22nd and 29th**
 - **Fort McKay: Family Support Building – July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th**
 - **Anzac: Recreation Centre – July 17th**
 - **Fort Chipewyan: Nunee Health Centre – July 3rd**
 - **Conklin: Multiplex Building – July 10th**
- *Please refer to the community Events and programs Calendar for date and time for information or to schedule an intake appointment, please contact:

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Kenisha Boothe
 9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB
 Phone: 780-799-1748
 Email: Kenisha.boothe@mcman.ca

FASD Rural Outreach Worker: Alyssa Nicolle
 9916 Manning Avenue Fort McMurray AB
 Phone: 587-919-5237
 Email: Alyssa.nicolle@mcman.ca



Wood Buffalo Addiction and Mental Health Services: Travel Team

Mental Health Therapist
Addiction Counsellor
Registered Nurse
Indigenous Cultural Liaison

Not sure what would help? Our team can support you to determine what would help.

Services we provide:

Mental Health Support: Individual counseling; crisis intervention; stress management; coping strategies for anxiety, depression, and trauma; assistance in accessing other mental health and addiction services.

Addiction Counseling: Support for substance use concerns, relapse prevention, personalized recovery plans.

Nursing Services: Mental health assessments, medication administration, health monitoring, education on medication management, support for physical and mental wellness; information on mental health, wellness, addiction prevention; provision of harm reduction supplies.

Indigenous Cultural Support: Facilitate connections between Indigenous clients, community members and service providers to enhance access to mental health services through a culturally appropriate and holistic approach.

Walk in Services are available:

📅 **Wednesday — Chipewyan Prairie First Nation (Janvier)**

🕒 11:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

📍 Multiplex/ Health Center/ RMWB





CHARD MÉTIS NATION

Medical Transportation

Available Tuesdays & Thursdays

For Chard Métis Members

Contact:
John Herman: (780) 788-0723
Candace Black: (780) 607-1754

Get ready to dig in – the 2025 Seed of the Year is Lettuce.

Free packs of lettuce seeds are available from Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom while quantities last.

Grow a Row, Share a Row - and win a planter!

Share your homegrown produce with neighbours, family or local support organizations and make a difference in your community!

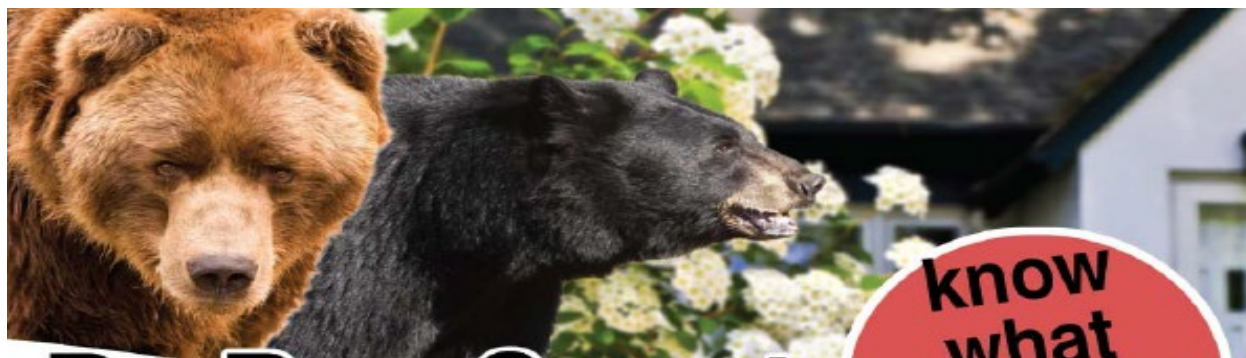
Each donated bag of lettuce = 1 ballot entry for a chance to win a planter box prize package.

Learn how to participate at rmwb.ca/CIB.

rmwb.ca/CIB



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Be BearSmart

DO N'T FEED BEARS

These items have odours that could attract a bear to your property. Keep your yard clean and store what you can in the house or garage.

- garbage ■ birdseed ■ pet food ■ compost
- fruit-bearing trees and shrubs ■ jerry cans
- motor oil ■ anti-freeze ■ rubber ■ vinyl
- insect repellents ■ air fresheners
- scented candles ■ BBQs ■ cooking oil
- food odours coming from open windows
- food and drinks ■ pop cans and other empties
- rabbits, chickens, other small domestic animals
- grain and livestock feed

Doing this can help prevent problems with other kinds of wildlife, too.

www.bearsmart.alberta.ca

If the presence of a bear is a safety concern, contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife office at 310-0000 or, if after regular business hours, call Report a Poacher at 1-800-642-3800.

**know
what
attracts
bears**



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JANVIER MUNICIPAL OFFICE

110 Opportunity Way, Chard AB T0P 1G0
 PH: 780-559-2230 Fax: 780-559-2447

Office hours are:
 Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INFO.RR@RMWB.CA

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PULSE (MUNICIPAL SWITCH BOARD)	1-800-973-9663 780-743-7000	PULSE@RMWB.CA	RMWB.CA/PULSE
COMMUNITY CONTACTS:		SOCIAL MEDIA:	
RCMP	780-788-4040	 @WOODBUFFALORURALCOMMUNITYCONNECTION  @RMWOODBUFFALO  @RMWOODBUFFALO	
FISH & WILDLIFE	780-743-7200		
JANVIER SCHOOL	780-559-2240		
ATCO	1-800-668-2248		
CHARD METIS	780-799-0645		
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE	780-791-6247		
HEALTH LINK	811		
ALL EMERGENCIES	911	DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER SUMISSIONS: JULY 25, 2025 INFO.RR@RMWB.CA	

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Office closed CANADA DAY	2	3	4	6
		AA@6:30		AA@6:30		
6	7	8	9	10 FOOD BANK 11-1pm	11	12
		AA@6:30		AA@6:30		
13	14	15 Senior Lunch & Bingo @ 12	16 Family Night 5-7pm	17	18	19 Lac St Ann Starts
		AA@6:30		AA@6:30		
20	21	22	23	24 Lac St Ann Done	25	26
		AA@6:30		AA@6:30		
27	28	29	30	31		
		AA@6:30		AA@6:30		