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2025 LADIES BONSPIEL

The Rainbow Lake Ladies' Curling Bonspiel kicks off tonight, February 28th at 7:00pm! The Lounge will be open for you to cheer on your local ladies (lounge is 18+)! The theme for this year is Sesame Street so you can expect some fun colours and costumes! Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors that help to make this event such a great success!

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SESAME STREET®



Town of Rainbow Lake's 14th Annual Winter Carnival

Friday March 14th, 2025

6:00Pm - Chili Cook Off

7:00Pm - Talent Show

8:00Pm - Fireworks

Saturday March 15th, 2025

9:00Am - Pancake Breakfast (First come first served until food is gone)

10:30Am - Outdoor Activities

11:00Am - 12:00Pm - Free Skate


12:00 - BBQ Lunch (First come first served until food is gone)

1:00Pm - 2:00Pm - Carnival Room

1:30 - Crib Tournament (Ages 18+)

2:15 - Closing Ceremony

6:30 or 7:00Pm - Cornhole Tournament (Ages 18+)



To sign up for cornhole contact

Sidney @ (780) 956-1707

Or Splatt@rainbowlake.ca



**WILDFIRE
DANGER****LOW**

Alberta's wildfire season starts March 1. This means that fire permits are now required for burning within the Forest Protection Area, except for campfires.

Wildfires can still start in cooler conditions. Wildfire risk increases as snow melts and dry vegetation is exposed.

Always extinguish your campfire when you are done with it. Soak it, stir it and soak it again. Repeat these steps until there is no heat coming from the ashes.

Wildfire situation

There are four active wildfires in the High Level Forest Area. All of these wildfires are carryover fires from 2024 and are under control. There is also one wildfire along the Alberta-N.W.T. border, which is also under control.

**FireSmart**

FireSmart is a national program that helps Canadians increase their resilience to wildfire. Whether you are a homeowner, resident, business, local government or community leader, you can take small steps with lasting impacts.

URBAN COYOTES

Coyote encounters

If you encounter a coyote, make the experience unpleasant for the animal by making it feel unwelcome in your neighbourhood. Even if you are not concerned about problems with coyotes, they should not learn that neighbourhoods are safe places to feed and rest.

- Respond to their presence aggressively by making yourself appear large; wave your arms overhead or thrust long objects, such as a walking stick, toward the coyote.
- Throw rocks, sticks or other objects toward the animal.
- Shout in a deep voice and maintain eye contact.
- If the coyote continues to approach, back away slowly and move toward buildings or human activity.
- Do not turn away or run. This may encourage the coyote to chase you.
- Dog repellants and pepper spray products can be effective in deterring coyotes.

Protect your pets

- Do not allow your cat to roam.
- Supervise your pets when they are outside.
- Pick up dog feces and be aware that dog urine may also attract coyotes.
- If your dog is in heat, keep it inside or away from areas where they may encounter coyotes.
- Always walk your dog on a leash.
- If you spot a coyote, pick up your small dog. Ensure your large dog is leashed and under your control. Back away slowly and leave the area immediately.

Some people believe eliminating coyotes is the solution. However, trapping has proven ineffective. Poisoning or other methods pose risks to other animals and children. Removing coyotes creates room for others and the population may actually increase in response.



CRAIG DOUCE

Alberta Fish and Wildlife spent time in Rainbow Lake to gather information in an attempt to curb any potential problem coyotes in town. This is some information they have provided to keep residents informed about living with coyotes. For a pre-recorded message on the coyote situation you can call 780-644-5744.

Help your children be safe

Teach your children how to respond to coyote encounters and remind them about the importance of not leaving food or garbage in school yards, parks or in your backyard. If you know there are coyotes in the area, supervise your children when they are outside.

Avoid attracting coyotes to your neighbourhood:

- Do not feed coyotes. Feeding coyotes inevitably leads to unsafe situations that can result in human injury.
- Pet food will attract coyotes. Bring in feeding dishes immediately after your pets have eaten or feed pets inside.
- Dispose of garbage and compost materials in containers that have secure lids, or keep them in the garage or a shed.
- Take your garbage out only on collection day.
- Do not litter in school yards and parks.
- Keep a clean backyard. Remove seeds and suet put out for birds as well as fallen fruit. These foods can attract mice and squirrels, which are prey for coyotes.
- Make sure your fence has no holes or gaps that a curious coyote can use to access your property.
- Trim out thick shrubs and the bottom of trees to prevent coyotes or prey animals, such as rabbits or squirrels, from using those spaces as shelter.
- Coyotes and other wildlife may use the spaces under decks, patios and outbuildings as shelter. Close off these spaces with a durable wire mesh.
- Talk to your neighbours about following the same preventative measures.



FREE SKATE PROGRAM

The Town of Rainbow Lake is excited to announce that Cenovus Energy has generously sponsored a community ice time for the 2024/2025 season.

All members of the community are welcome to enjoy a free skate every **Monday to Friday from 4:30pm – 6:00pm.**

It is through collaborative partnerships like these that keep our town so vibrant and fosters engagement throughout the community.



As a reminder
clocks get
moved
ahead by
an hour
March 9!

WISHING everyone
a very HAPPY
ST. PATRICKS' Day on
MONDAY, MARCH 17



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