

March 2025



Facts about St. Patrick's Day

- St Patrick's Day is also known as the 'Feast of Saint Patrick' and the 'Day of the Festival of Patrick'.
- St. Patrick was not Irish, He was actually British.
- Blue was actually the original color associated with St. Patrick's Day
- St. Patrick's Day is a public holiday in Ireland, banks and many other businesses close to celebrate

VILLAGE COUNCIL

March 2025

COUNCIL MEETINGS

- March 3, 2025
- March 17, 2025

COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS 5015 - 50 STREET STARTING AT 6:30PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I was able to attend a meeting of Alberta HUB. This organization receives the majority of its funding from the provincial government, with some contribution from its members. Its main objective is to promote economic development in the north east portion of Alberta.

The meeting's agenda covered many topics. New development opportunities were presented, for example communities with small airports have been scouted for drone operations. One company in Alberta, Aerium Analytics, fully expects materials will be delivered to northern communities via drone within the next three years. A lot of work is being done developing the infrastructure and technical support for that to be possible.

There was also a presentation from ATCO explaining power costs. The transmission charges on our bills refer to main lines delivering power to areas. The distribution costs are the smaller lines that bring the electricity into our homes. By legislation the costs for the transmission charges are shared by all Albertans. However, the costs for the distribution costs are shared within regions. The more populated the region the lower the cost. Premier Smith has recently stated that this inconsistency obviously makes business development less attractive in rural communities. Her administration is considering ways to change regulations so all charges, transmission and distribution, are shared equally across the province. Which will lessen costs to all rural power users.

This fall, Kitscoty will be looking for councilors. We need individuals who will take information like this and use it to keep Kitscoty growing and healthy. If this appeals to you, please contact our CAO Jason at the office or myself with any questions on running for office.

Until next month,

Joy Bell

Mayor Village of Kitscoty

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Municipal Elections October 2025

Confirm you are on the voter list or Register to vote
www.voterlink.ab.ca

Important information you need to know about voting:

- You will need an Alberta's Driver's License or an Alberta Identification Card for each individual you wish to register or update.
- Your registration or update should take less than five minutes to complete.

Prior to October 1st make sure you are a registered voter.

www.voterlink.ab.ca



VOTE

What's Happening in Kitscoty



When: March 6, 2025

WHERE: Kitscoty Community Church basement. Entrance on the north side of the building.

Time: 10:00 AM

Come join us for coffee, snacks and discussion about any topics of interest for those in attendance.

Kitscoty Legion

Easter Ham Bingo April 5, 2025.

Perogy supper on May 3, 2025.



Spring Finance Webinars

Attend one, two, or all!



Monday March 17 @ 7:30pm

Budgeting 101

Participants will learn the 7 steps to budgeting which will help them take control of their finances and give them peace of mind.

Monday April 14 @ 7:30pm

The Truth About Credit

Participants will learn the 7 steps to budgeting which will help them take control of their finances and give them peace of mind.

Free!

Wed May 7 @ 7:30pm

The Psychology of Spending

Participants will learn about various marketing techniques and strategies to resist temptation.



Please register via Eventbrite or call/email FCSS at (403)510-4521 or fcss@cremona.ca

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/finance-webinars-3975653>



Vermilion CLASS

English Language Learners

Let's Talk

Conversational English Class

Tuesdays

Dates: February 4 - April 8 (10 classes)

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: CLASS office

FREE

Childcare available while you attend class



Meet other English Language Learners in our community

Improve your conversational English

Build confidence in everyday English



To Register: 780-853-2000
coordinator@classab.ca



INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH

Thursdays, February 6 - March 13

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Lakeland College- MEAD Building (Room MB 102)

Registration: \$150

Learn the basics of Spanish and get around in a Spanish speaking country!



To Register:
 780-853-2000
coordinator@classab.ca
classab.ca



COMPUTER BASICS

Get to know more about your computer or laptop and how it works. (using Windows 10) In this class you will learn your way around a computer and perform basic tasks.

Thursdays, February 20- March 27

Time: 11am- 12pm

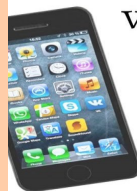
Location: CLASS office

Cost: No Fee

Limited Spots Available



To Register:
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Coffee Time Tech Tips

Wednesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

February 26 - April 16

Vermilion Public Library

Please note: Limited Spots Available

To Register:
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classab.ca

or scan here:



Kitscoty and District E.C.S.

Kindergarten Registration Night

PLEASE NOTE
We have changed the date.

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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LOCATION:

- Kitscoty Elementary School Library – Learning Commons

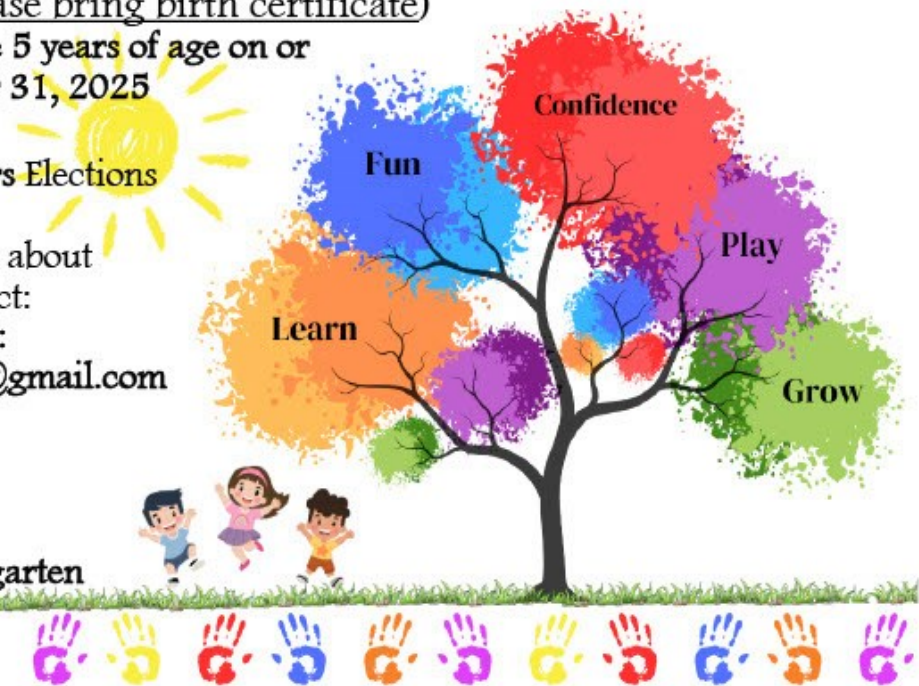
AGENDA:

- Registration (Please bring birth certificate)
Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2025
- Board of Directors Elections

For more information about board positions contact:
President, Shay Trach:
kitscotyecspresident@gmail.com

EXTRAS:

Parent(s) and Kindergarten
Student both attend
(please no siblings)



Kitscoty & District ECS

Kitscoty Public Library

Join us this March for two weekly programs!

Lego Hour Wednesdays 4pm-5pm

Story Time Thursdays 4:30pm-5pm

Book Club - Join us to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus on March 26th at 7pm

Now Offering Wireless Printing

Our library has offered printing services from our public computer, but now you can print from your own device! Black and white printing is \$0.25 per page, payment is accepted at the desk by cash only.

Interested in getting involved with the Library? Our next board meeting is April 10th at 7pm

For more details visit our website!

Library Hours

Monday & Friday 1pm-4pm

Tuesday, Wed & Thurs 1pm-7:30pm

Website: www.kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca

Facebook: Kitscoty Public Library

Email: librarian@kitscotypubliclibrary.ab.ca

Kitscoty Public Library - The Living Room of our Community





Kitscoty Public Library

Annual Report 2024



The library had **1,200** open hours in 2024!



732 people have a card at our library



13,783 people walked through our doors last year



In addition to **3,420** website visits



The library added **604** new items last year



Bringing the total collection to **10,314**



There were **3,153** downloads of e-Content



Contributing to a total of **17,321** checkouts!



We lent our items to libraries outside of our system **2,707** times



Our service is delivered by **1** dedicated staff



And **4** amazing volunteers



The library has **1** public computers



And brought in **1,134** items upon patron request



We answered **1,764** reference questions



And our meeting spaces were booked **3** times



1 mobile devices available for loan



We offered **61** in-person programs



21 outreach programs



And **6** take-home programs



1,081 people participated in total!



And our Wi-Fi had **1,043** connections!

Kitscoty United Community Church

Friends, we have come through the long cold, and February ends in softer weather. It's a kind of illustration for the season of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from the old English for "lengthen", signaling the longer days that are bringing us toward spring. The Christian church has used this winter into springtime for a space of self-reflection, kind of like the fallow time of plants when they gather energy for the blooming forth to come.

The self-reflection is intended to prepare us for the triumph and wonder of Easter. The one who was killed on a cross, the common mode of execution for criminals in Rome's empire, did not stay dead; he was raised by the power of God to new life. This seems incredible. We'd love to see inside the tomb to analyze the process. That was not possible. If we were to look at the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly, could we pinpoint the moment when the one "switched" into the other? It's not likely to be helpful. Maybe that's why butterflies are a symbol of resurrection. They invite us into wonder rather than analysis.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. It goes for 40 days (like the journey in the desert of the Israelites after they escaped enslavement in Egypt). The Sundays are not included in the counting of days, and together they bring us to Holy Week, when we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. These are the holiest days of the Christian year because they teach us that when we listen to God's word and contemplate the miracles of new life that are the essence of nature and creation, we can trust that God has new possibilities for us, too. We are not alone. We live in God's world. Thanks be to God.

Cordially, Carolyn

Rev. Carolyn Woodall 780-385-5124

Kitscoty Wesley United Church
Vermilion River Pastoral Charge

Kitscoty Community Track Area Rehabilitation & Enhancement Project

The Kitscoty Community Track is being renewed! The updates completed to this point have resulted in a dramatic increase in the youth using the facility and many personal and program success stories. Over the past two years, the long / triple jump pit has been excavated, lined with landscape ties and refilled with sand as well as having the runway paved. In addition, a new shot put throwing circle has been poured and a throwing sector edged.

A topographic survey of the track has been completed. The survey will be used to complete the next phase of the project which includes addressing the track drainage issues, shaping, grading and re-graveling the track as well as establishing proper 100 m running lanes. Lastly, a discus throwing circle will be poured and surrounding safety fence will be erected. This phase will be completed in the summer of 2025 and spring of 2026.

The cost of the entire project is estimated at approximately \$131 000. To date the support received is approximately \$45 000. Information on how you can help support this project will be coming soon! Stay tuned!



Community Association

On May 14th the Community Association is hosting the Popovich's for a country music performance. This will be held at the center, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The Popovich couple are well known as the performers on the Stettler Train Ride over the past several decades. They also perform around the province and were here in Kitscoty last May

The annual seniors' week celebration lunch is to be held on June 4th at the Kitscoty Hall.

The recently constructed covered outside addition to the Community Centre will be available for rental this year. There will be seating for up to 50 people. and gas-fired BBQ is available. The rental rate has been established at \$25.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 per day for the space and if the BBQ is required there is an additional fee of \$100.00. The new addition official opening will occur this spring.

For any rentals, please contact Dennis Roth at 780-205-8877. For memberships, at \$10.00 per year, please contact Ellen Frank at 780-846-2974.

Watch the next village newsletter for further details, and for further information, contact John Scott at 780-846-2832 johnandshirleyscott@xplornet.ca

Time Change
March 9th, 2025
2:00 AM



Lloydminster Spring Sport & Leisure Show

March 21st to 23rd, 2025

Friday 12pm- 8pm

Saturday 10am- 7pm

Sunday 10am- 4pm

<https://www.lloydex.com/spring-sport-leisure-show>

Movie Night

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Kitscoty Hall is Hosting

**MOVIE
NIGHT**
IS
BACK!

**FREE ENTRY AS ALWAYS
KIDS UNDER 7 PLEASE BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT
CONCESSION PROCEEDS
GO TO KITSCOTY
COMMUNITY CABIN 4
KIDS**



DISENFRANCHISED GRIEF

Disenfranchised grief refers to grief that is not openly acknowledged, socially supported, or publicly mourned. This type of grief is often felt by individuals whose loss is not recognized as significant by others, or who do not have the space to grieve openly. This may occur because the relationship with the deceased is not seen as socially acceptable or because the grief is hidden.

One example of disenfranchised grief includes the death of an ex-spouse or partner. Though a relationship ended, there is often an emotional bond that persists. When people lose an ex-partner, others may not understand the dynamics of this emotional bond and may not take their grief as valid. Pet loss is another example of disenfranchised grief. Many do not understand or accept the role that pets play in people's lives, and therefore, the loss of pets does not seem as significant as losing a human loved one. Miscarriage or stillbirth can also lead to experiencing disenfranchised grief and these losses are often considered hidden grieving experiences. Further, those who lose a loved one to suicide may also be navigating disenfranchised grief. The grief experienced by loved ones of someone who has taken their own life can be compounded by feelings of shame or stigma, leading to less support and understanding. These are just a few of the many experiences of disenfranchised grief.

The following symptoms of disenfranchised grief may be experienced:

1. **Feelings of Isolation:** Individuals experiencing disenfranchised grief often feel alone in their grief, lacking the typical support expected during times of grief.
2. **Shame or Guilt:** Individuals may question whether it is legitimate grief or wondering if they have the "right" to grieve.
3. **Suppressed or Delayed Grief:** In some cases, individuals may try to push their grief aside because it isn't recognized by others, which can lead to unprocessed emotions that can be delayed.
4. **Confusion or Ambivalence:** Individuals may feel uncertain about how to express their grief or whether it is acceptable to feel sad or devastated.
5. **Anger or Frustration:** Anger can arise from feeling that the loss is not acknowledged, or from a sense that the grief is being minimized by others.

Difficulty Finding Closure: Since others may not acknowledge the grief, it becomes difficult for individuals to find closure or healing. Accessing support from grief counsellors or therapists and/or connecting with grief support groups can be helpful for navigating the symptoms experienced with disenfranchised grief.

Submitted by: Walking Through Grief Society

Funded by FCSS; City of Lloydminster, Towns of Vermilion and Wainwright, Village of Kitscoty. and County of Vermilion River.

PUBLIC WORKS

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Jason Olson, Chief Administrative Officer cao@vokitscoty.ca
 Ryker Morton, Public Works pwsuper@vokitscoty.ca
 Joyce Bell, Mayor joyce@vokitscoty.ca

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm Closed Holidays

WASTE MANAGEMENT

WASTE TRANSFER STATION	WINTER HOURS : NOVEMBER 1 - APRIL 30
	Wednesday 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
	Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
RECYCLING	Co-mingle recycling bins are located at the WTS for all of your recycling activities (except plastic).
INCLEMENT WEATHER	In the event of inclement weather call the Vermilion River Regional Waste Management Services Office at 780-853-1070 to get updates on transfer station sites. Automated recording will inform you of any changes.