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EMERGENCY ALERTS: ANSWERING QUESTIONS

By Treasure A.

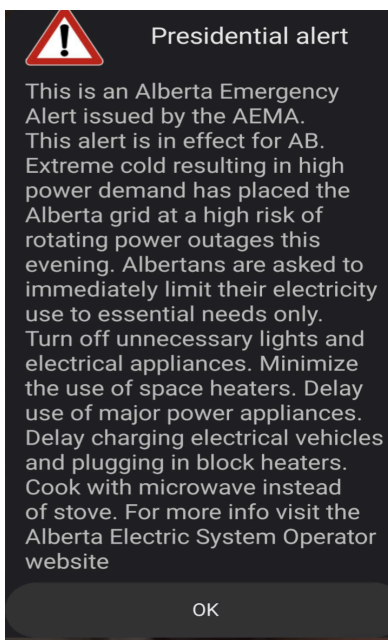


Image of the Emergency Alert received on January 15th.

On the 15th of January, 2024, a grid alert was issued by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) in effect for all of Alberta, the fourth one in a row. The Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) stated on Twitter, now dubbed 'X' through a tweet that the alerts were due to extreme cold and high risks of power facilities outages. However, it ended about an hour later.

Over the weekend, alerts from the province and the AESO, told Albertans to save power to prevent a power outage. Extreme power demands caused a lot of pressure to fall on the electricity grid. This is why they issued Albertans to save power by only using necessary devices to avoid a blackout.

It is the highest power demand Alberta has ever seen, with a record-breaking 12,383 megawatts consumed on Thursday, January 11th, 2024. Despite the challenges,

Albertans responded well to the alert, reducing their electricity usage, and Saskatchewan also provided support. As the province reaches much lower temperatures than expected consecutively, we need to be sensitive about our power consumption. So far, everything has been taken care of thanks to solar and wind power.

Glossary

Megawatt: *a unit of power equal to one million watts, especially as a measure of the output of a power station.*

Saskatchewan: *Saskatchewan is a province in Western Canada.*

Consecutively: *The using up of a resource.*

Rising Waters: How Our School Faced Flooding

By Deby A.

On Friday, January 12th, 2024 and Monday, January 15th, 2024, school at FLVT was canceled, due to a cracked pipe that burst. The pipe was located down the portable wing of FLVT, past the office. According to a message that was emailed to parents and guardians of FLVT students by superintendent of Holy Spirit Catholic Schools, Mr. Ken Sampson, the pipe carrying clean, fresh water burst around 6:00 AM, and did not stand for more than two hours.

“I was worried about the classrooms near the leak and the damage that would happen to the classrooms down that hallway”, Ms. Tkach commented, concerningly. “I know that lots of students were probably happy to be home and warm during the extremely cold weather, but I think we need to acknowledge the hard work that was done by caretaking staff, administrators and all others to clean up the mess.”

“I felt like it should have lasted for a month so I could relax instead of going to school,” Brooke from 7J, stated clearly appreciating the extra time off surrounding the holidays.

Mr. Pollio commented that the pipe burst was “wet, real wet”. The ruptured pipe caused a significant mess that led to fans needing to be on to dry the water and minimize the damage. ServiceMasters was called in to help clean the mess and safety of the school was examined over the days the school was closed to ensure a successful reopening of the school.

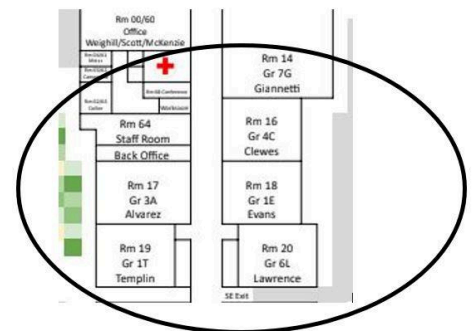
Extreme cold weather can cause water to freeze, and when water freezes it expands. This can put extra pressure on pipes in any facility or home, potentially causing pipes to rupture. FLVT was not the only school or facility that experienced pipes bursting or flooding during the cold weather. Other buildings impacted by similar events include Chinook High School, where a fire sprinkler line burst, resulting in flooding, St. Catherine’s School in Picture Butte, with a water main break, City Hall, Servus Sport Centre, and others.

The message of FLVT’s school cancellation was shared on the school’s various social media. Many students reported feeling feelings of joy, satisfaction and ultimate happiness when school on Monday, January 15th 2024 was canceled. Others worried about the cancellation of sports, extra curricular activities, and the disruption towards learning activities. Many teachers indicated worry about being off track for their learning goals for the year, especially with junior high midterms quickly approaching.

The flooding event at FLVT may serve as a reminder that extreme cold weather can serve as a danger not only to those who spend time outside, but also the buildings that we rely on each day. The school is back and running as usual, however the ceiling around the affected area remains exposed.



Image of the location of the pipe rupture at FLVT and the water that pooled in on the early morning of Friday, January 12.



Areas of the school most affected by the pipe rupture. Photo credit to Mrs. Collier.

Lethbridge's Cold Snap

By Tino M.

A cold snap refers to an extended period of icy weather during winter. This is a common occurrence in the city due to its location in southern Alberta, where cold arctic air from the north can easily move in and create frigid temperatures.

A cold snap is typically characterized by temperatures dropping well below freezing, with average lows reaching between -15 to -20 degrees Celsius. However, temperatures can often plummet even lower, with wind chills making it feel even colder.

During a cold snap, the city of Lethbridge often experiences icy conditions, heavy snowfall, and strong winds, which can make it difficult to travel and can lead to dangerous road conditions. As a result, schools and businesses may close from excess snow making travel difficult or unsafe or pipe bursting, and transportation services may be disrupted.

According to a Global News report, Co-founder of Streets Alive Mission Ken Kissick said, "Today [January 10, 2024], instead of closing like we normally do ... We stayed open. We gave the soup kitchen a heads up and we provided some soup."

During extremely cold weather, a common struggle is vehicles not starting or getting stuck in the snow. "Don't even have time to think, don't even have time to put calls into the computer and I got to answer it otherwise, it just won't stop ringing," said Corey Hebel, general manager of Oil Country Towing in another Global News report while commenting about increases in requests for towing.

Extremely cold weather can also have a major impact on the city's residents, as it can be particularly harsh for those who are homeless or do not have access to adequate shelter. In some cases, it can even lead to power outages as the extreme temperatures put a strain on the city's electrical grid.

Residents of Lethbridge need to take precautions during a cold snap, such as dressing in warm layers, staying indoors as much as possible, and avoiding unnecessary travel. The city also implements measures to keep roads and sidewalks clear of snow and ice to ensure the safety of its residents.

Despite its challenges, cold weather in Lethbridge is a regular occurrence and is just one of the many unique aspects of living in this prairie city.



Image of Lethbridge during a cold snap.



Image of snow covered coulees and High Level Bridge. Photo credits to City of Lethbridge.

Earthquake in Japan

By Dinara W.

On January 1st, at 16:10 (Japan Standard Time), a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck 7 km north-northwest of Suza, located on the Noto Peninsula of Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. Then on January 9th another earthquake occurred off the west coast of Honshu at around 17:59, at a magnitude of 5.8. The death toll rises up to 161. Efforts continue to find people who went missing because of the earthquake. The bad weather is hampering rescues with not only heavy rain but also snow triggering warnings of landslides and building collapses. The earthquake also caused a major fire on top of toppling buildings. Those in the worst-affected areas are being urged to keep their guard up as they continue to experience further quakes.



Image of the destruction caused by the earthquake in Japan.

Season of Love

By Tessa O.



We all know that the day of *love* falls on February 14th, but have you ever wondered why? I'm about to tell you where Valentine's day came from! St. Valentine's Day historically was never a *love icon*. Valentine's Day, in fact, originated as a liturgical feast to celebrate and remember St. Valentine, a Catholic saint who was martyred. So, where does the love part come in you might ask? The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when actions of love flourished due to the association with "love birds" that existed around this time, during early spring. The love birds are now represented by angels.



There are also some events around school to do around during the candy heart season! Are you feeling generous? Have someone sweet in mind? Buy them a rose to show your love! The roses will be able to be bought on January 25th until February 5th, for 2 for \$1 or 3 for \$5 and maybe 7 for \$10! The roses will be dropped off during AEP class on Thursday, February 8th. When you go to buy the roses, you will be offered a sheet of paper to write a message with your name or the name of the rose recipient. If you want your rose to be anonymous make sure you tell the people selling the roses that! There's also going to be a Valentines Day dance on February 8th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM for Jr. High students.

Candy Hearts

By Ashley A.

Every holiday boasts its signature sweets – Christmas brings forth candy canes, Easter unfolds marshmallow Peeps, and Valentine's Day unveils the iconic conversation hearts.

Picture this: heart-shaped sugary delights with engraved text, ranging from the classic "XOXO" to the straightforward "No." These saccharine gems come in various flavors, depending on the company, with staples like chocolate, lemon, orange, strawberry, cherry, cinnamon, and lime. However, if you ask any conversation heart detractor, the unanimous response would be a resounding "chalk."

The controversy surrounding conversation hearts dates back to their inception. In modern times, the simple explanation is, "They taste like chalk." Yet, rewind to the 19th century, and these candies served a medicinal purpose as lozenges for sore throats. That medicinal concept eventually morphed into what we know as "Necco wafers" – a confection that sparked intense debates (standing for New England Confectionary Company, or NECCO) . Unfortunately, Necco faced bankruptcy, and all licensing shifted to a company called "Spangler Candy." The candy saga continues, leaving taste buds and nostalgic sentiments in its wake.



Image of the conversation heart candies.

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Roses and Spoons

By Ashley A.

It's fascinating how traditions can vary across different cultures, and some explorations of Valentine's Day traditions are quite interesting! Roses and chocolates, the classic symbols of love, take center stage in many places, representing affection and romantic attachments.

However, the real fun begins with the silly and unique traditions. In Wales, the exchange of specialized spoons, adorned with hearts, swirls, arrows, doves, and ribbons, adds a touch of whimsy to expressing affection. Germany breaks away from the norm by incorporating gingerbread into Valentine's Day, proving that sweet treats aren't reserved only for Christmas. Meanwhile, Iraq takes a creative approach by carving apples to symbolize the iconic first lovers, Adam and Eve. A common yet weird tradition in France is giving your special loved one an odd number amount of roses. On the same topic of common yet weird traditions we have, Italy with the gift of a small chocolate covered hazelnut, the bigger the more love it represents.

These traditions show the diverse and creative ways people express love and celebrate relationships around the world. It's a delightful reminder that there's no one-size-fits-all approach to romance, and each culture adds its own twist to the universal theme of love.



Image of heart-shaped spoons.

Someone Who Will Be Missed

By Brooke S.

A famous TikTokker who was known as “Lynja” on the TikTok app, sadly passed away on January 1st, 2024. She died at Red Bank, New Jersey from throat cancer.

Her real name was Lynn Yamada Davis. She was born on July 31st, 1954 to Mabel Fujisaki and Tadao Yamada in New York City. She worked at AT&T Labs for 29 years of her life as a project manager and systems engineer. She grew up in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

In March of 2020, while in lockdown, she started working on creating TikToks when she was 63. She worked with her youngest son, Tim Davis. He helped Lynn film and edit her cooking videos called “Cooking with Lynja”. The videos went viral soon after because of the easy and simple cooking recipes, unique and clever editing, references to popular memes, and writing themes.

At the 11th Streamy Awards, “Cooking with Lynja” won “Best Editing”. At the 12th Streamy Awards, she won 2 other awards, including “Best Food” and also “Best Editing” again.



Image of “Lynja”.

Celebrity Birthdays In February

By Jonah H. and Joel I.

1. MICHEAL JORDAN



Basketball player
Born: February 17, 1963

4. THE WEEKND



R&B singer
Born: February 6, 1990
Real name: Abel Tesfaye

2. CRISTIANO RONALDO



Soccer Player
Born: February 5, 1985

5. BILL RUSSEL



Basketball Player
Born: February 12, 1934
Died: July 31, 2022

3. NEYMAR JUNIOR



Soccer Player
Born: February 5, 1992

6. DUKE DENNIS



YouTube star
Born: February 26, 1994

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Body Standards? Who Needs ‘em?

By Treasure A.

Recently, on multiple types of social media, there has been an overabundance pushing specific body images in advertisements. These ads are, of course, shown to the younger generation, causing their view of their bodies to become flawed. Too old, too young, too skinny, too big, too "flat," too "skimpy" or insecure. These words are rammed into kids' heads on a daily basis, even when off social media. Going out to town, grabbing some things with your family, even with their best friends—these views are stuck in their heads.

Many clothing stores and makeup brands subconsciously do this. Showing ads with “perfect bodies,” selling only smaller sizes, and selling that they will make you “perfect,” causes children to see themselves as too big simply for needing a large instead of a small. Too “girly” for boys, too “masculine” for girls. It's all common in today's world, whether you want to shop or just enjoy a day.

As God's children, FLVT students understand that the Lord created them beautifully and perfectly. God leads His children in the right direction; regardless of how we perceive ourselves. He wants his children to love and be proud of themselves. However, when brands and advertisements discourage us from loving ourselves, that hurts body image.

So, let's break this cycle and appreciate our natural, beautiful body types. There's no need to judge someone who doesn't wear makeup, and there is no need to judge someone who does. There is no need to judge clothing styles. There is no need to damage our beautiful skin with anti-aging creams out of fear of living your life and showing it.

Glossary:

Over.a.bun.dance: *An excess quantity. Too much.*

Ad.ver.tise.ment: *A way to display or announce your work, services, or even. Making it public.*

Sub.con.scious.ly: *Not fully aware of what you are doing.*

Anti-Valentine's Day

By Ashley A.

Forget the clichés; this year, Anti-Valentine's Day is stepping into the limelight, and it's not just a day – it's a two-day affair! The festivities kick off on February 14th, a day where those without much interest in the “love-dovey” stuff either hang out with friends or treat it like any other regular day. Now, onto the second day, February 20th. It's not your typical celebration; it's a blend of heartwarming and bittersweet moments. Those observing this day spend time with their past loves – spouses and dates who are no longer with them. So, in the midst of all the hearts and flowers, Anti-Valentine's Day offers a laid-back alternative, inviting everyone to take a breather from the usual romantic fuss.



Image of heart-shaped box and roses.

Top 3 Anime Fights

By Rayne B., Mikko L., and Lucas I.

1. One Piece: Luffy vs. Lucci Rematch
2. Jujutsu Kaisen: Gojo vs. Sukuna
3. Demon Slayer: Rengoku vs. Akaza



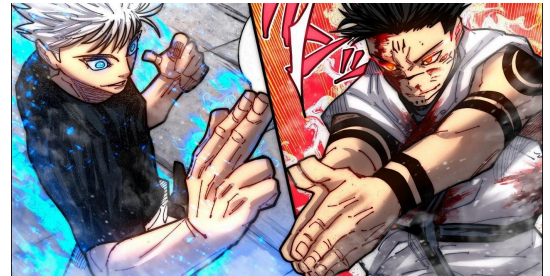
ONE PIECE (Luffy vs. Lucci Rematch)

During the latest chapter of One Piece there proved to be quite an incredible fight against Luffy and Lucci. This is the second fight between the two. The first fight was during CP9. It was the first time we got to see Luffy use gear two. For the rematch, both Luffy and Lucci will be using all of their powers, by Luffy using gear 5 and Lucci awakening his fruit. This fight takes place on Egghead Island.



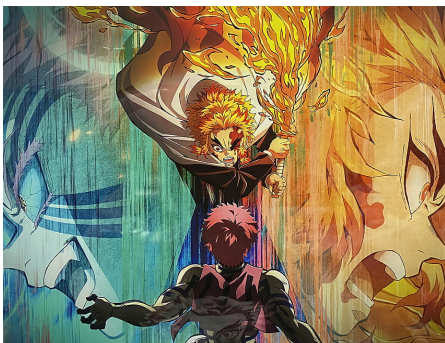
JUJUTSU KAISEN (Gojo vs. Sukuna)

After enduring Sukuna's Malevolent Shrine in their previous encounter, Gojo miraculously lands a decisive blow, shattering Sukuna's domain. However, Chapter 229 unveils a crucial revelation. Gojo's Unlimited Void possesses an unprecedented advantage, granting him an indisputable advantage, granting him an indisputable upper hand.



DEMON SLAYER (Rengoku vs. Akaza)

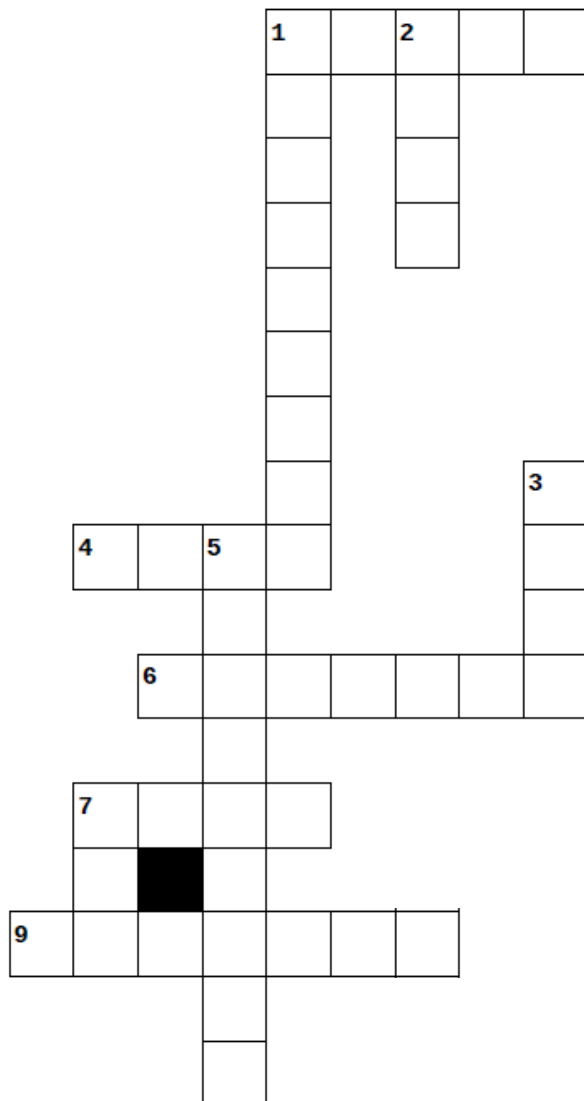
Rengoku vs. Akaza was a battle that took place outside the Destroyed Mugen Train. It focuses on the battle between the Flame Hashira, Kyojuro Rengoku, against Upper Rank Kizuki, Akaza. It happened after the main character, Tanjiro Kamado, and Inosuke Hashibira escaped from a blood demon art that was controlling them. They were fighting Lower Moon 1, Enmu.



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Valentine's Day Crossword



Across

- 1. he has a bow and arrow
- 4. the opposite of hate
- 6. it comes in a bouquet
- 7. represents that your married or engaged
- 9. they secretly like you

Down

- 1. comes in a heart box
- 2. the color of bubble gum
- 3. your lips touch other lips
- 5. you get them on Febuary 14th
- 7. the color of a strawberry

By Kinzley H. and Kena K.

Snakes

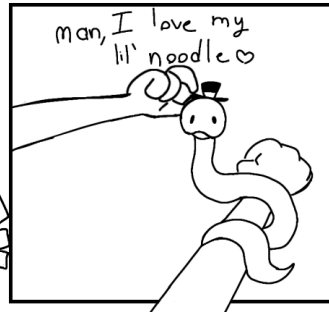
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about
60 million years
later...

snakes now:



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Valentine's Day Word Search

By Eden G., Sydney F., and Maddie G.

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I O T B K I R E D A
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Z R U E I J S U F D
W H M I P W E A M Y

Word Bank:

Red
Hug
Pink
Gift



Love
Heartthrob
Rose
Candy

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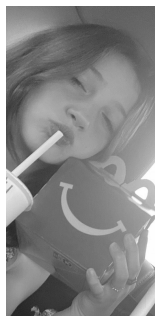
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