



Raising Money Through Walk-a-thon

St. Thomas Aquinas walkers hit the road on September 25 to raise money for three different causes. The school students raised \$1,650 for the Terry Fox campaign; \$7,500 for its elementary school fund which will donate 25 percent of that to the local museum. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.



A Lot of Sole

Shoes by the dozen fill the floor at the Central Lutheran Church as a youth retreat was taking place in Provost on Friday and Saturday. Other pictures in this paper. ©PROVOST NEWS PHOTO.

Speed a Factor in Nearly Quarter of Fatal Collisions

Alberta's 2007 traffic collision statistics reveal that nine out of 10 collisions in the province are caused by driver error.

In 2007, 24,530 people were injured in traffic collisions. That is 1,434 less than in 2006. Collisions increased by nearly eight per cent for a total of 153,901 and 458 people died in collisions, five more than in 2006. Compared to five years ago, the number of vehicles on Alberta's roads has increased by more than 500,000.

Driver error was a contributing factor in 90.9 per cent of all traffic collisions, up by 0.3 per cent compared to the 2006 statistics. Following too closely (29.2 per cent), running off the road (15.7 per cent), and turning left across the path of an oncoming vehicle (13.0 per cent) were most frequently identified as contributing to collisions causing injury or

death. More than 60 per cent of all casualty collisions occurred when road surface conditions were dry. Almost one in four (23.9 per cent) of fatal collisions were attributed to speeding.

When accounting for population, licensed drivers and registered vehicles, the fatality rate remained the same as in 2006, while the injury rate decreased. Traffic volumes increased by 19 per cent over the last

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five years (2003-2007). Population, vehicles and drivers have also increased over the last five years - population by 10 per cent, vehicles by 21 per cent and drivers by 10 per cent.

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PROVOST CURLING CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

7:30 p.m. at the Provost Agriplex

DISCOUNT ON CURLING FEES for those who attend, register and pay fees at time of meeting!

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