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## **County Sportsplex Grand Opening featuring Lanny McDonald this Sunday**

The County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex will be having its Grand Opening celebration this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The focal point of the event will be the autograph signing and photo session with former NHL star and Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee Lanny McDonald from 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.

“The County built this state-of-the-art regional facility to create a range of sports and recreation opportunities for the community. If it wasn’t for the tremendous support from businesses and our community, this facility would not have been possible.” says Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve. “We’d be honoured to have members of our communities celebrate this important accomplishment with us.”

The day will also feature activities perfect for all ages and families including:

- Pancake breakfast at 10 a.m.
- Ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m.
- Hot dogs and beverages all day
- Show ‘n’ Shine for cars, trucks and bikes
- Petting zoo, face painting and bouncy castle for the kids
- Drop in activities on the ice rink, indoor fieldhouse, and track
- Fitness club tours
- Draws and giveaways
- STARS presentation at 1 p.m.
- Photo opportunity with STARS helicopter

Admission to the Grand Opening is free; however, cash donations are encouraged and appreciated. One-hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to STARS.

The County of Grande Prairie Sportsplex is located at 7407 - 108 St. in Clairmont, 1 mile west of the County Administration Building on 84 Ave. and ½ mile south of 108 St. For more information please visit [www.countygp.ab.ca](http://www.countygp.ab.ca) or [www.cgpsportsplex.com](http://www.cgpsportsplex.com)

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