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DRUGS, FIREARM SEIZED FROM SUSPECTED WHITECOURT DRUG DEALER

Submitted by Whitecourt RCMP

Whitecourt, Alta— A joint forces investigation between Whitecourt RCMP and the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) has led to the arrest of a suspected Whitecourt drug dealer. Methamphetamine, cocaine, cash and a firearm were seized.

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MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER ON HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, rose in the House of Commons to question the Minister on holding providers accountable in ensuring

spectrum deployment in rural communities.

MP Soroka stated: "Mr. Speaker, for many rural Canadians, including thousands in my riding, wireless high-speed Internet is the only broadband solution available. Internet in my

riding is offered to constituents at speeds of zero megabytes and up. However, with access to more spectrum, they could receive 50 megabytes download and 10 megabytes upload.

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Drugs, Firearm Seized From Suspected Whitecourt Drug Dealer

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On January 21, 2021, a Whitecourt residence was searched to conclude a short-term drug trafficking investigation between Whitecourt RCMP and ALERT Grande Prairie's organized crime and gang team.

Inside the residence, police located approximately \$28,000 worth of drugs and cash, including:

- A shotgun;
- 179 grams of methamphetamine;
- 43 grams of cocaine;
- \$13,610 cash.

"Harmful drugs, such as methamphetamine, bring an assortment of negative consequences to our community. Whitecourt RCMP is grateful to partner with ALERT and get these drugs off the street," said Sergeant Ted Zadderey, Whitecourt

RCMP Operations NCOi/c.

"ALERT was able to successfully leverage intelligence developed by the Detachment. The arrest highlights a successful partnership and ALERT's ability to enhance capacity across the province," said Inspector Sean Boser, ALERT Regional teams.

Daniel Lee Scherer, a 27-year-old man from Whitecourt, has been arrested and charged with the following:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (Methamphetamine)
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (Cocaine)
- Possession of a firearm without authorization
- Unsafe storage of firearm
- Fail to comply with undertaking conditions (x2)
- Possession of property obtained by crime

Following a judicial hear-

ing, Scherer was released on a number of conditions to appear in Whitecourt Provincial Court on February 23, 2021.

ALERT and RCMP began investigating Scherer's suspected drug trafficking in November 2020.

Members of the public who suspect drug or gang activity in their community can call local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play store.

ALERT was established and is funded by the Alberta Government and is a compilation of the province's most sophisticated law enforcement resources committed to tackling serious and organized crime.

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TO FENCE OR NOT TO FENCE?

Submitted by ALUS

This county is eco-rich with wildlife moving across our landscape. Animals don't care where roads, bridges, culverts, fences, and property lines are and often get in the way. We have a love-hate relationship with appreciating nature; we love the beautiful plants and animals out there but are also wary of the hazards they can cause. As an agricultural producer, what can you do? You can put up wildlife friendly fencing! This can include temporary electric (that can be pulled when not in use) or lowering the top wire on the traditional four strand fence to less than 40 inches from the ground. Smooth wire can also be substituted for barbed on the top and bottom strands and have the bottom wire at least 18 inches from the ground. Do what works best on your farm, and if you are looking to fence off a wetland or forest, reach out to the Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Coordinator.

The ALUS program works with farmers to complete environmentally sustainable projects on private land and compensates farmers for land they are no longer farming or are unable to farm effectively. We cost-share fences, watering systems, nest boxes, and some tree and shrub planting to protect wetlands, old growth forests, and sensitive areas. Farmers are paid to grow clean air, clean water, and wildlife habitat with no change in land title. Perimeter fences and cross fencing is not covered as a part of this program.

The LSAC ALUS program runs on a Provincial grant from the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program and this is the last year for funding under this grant. Do you have an area on your farm that you would like to protect?

Please contact the County's ALUS coordinator Megan Casey by calling 780-785-5722 or via email, alus@LSAC.ca. 3411, toll free at 1-866-880-





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CHERRILL 4-H MULTI CLUB REPORT

Submitted by Owyn Jeffreys, Club Reporter | Cherhill 4-H Multi Club

Happy New Year to everyone.

Our club has been following COVID-19 rules so we have not been able to get together since November. We were still able to have

a monthly club meeting on January 8, 2021 which was online. This way is different than being able to see all of our club members in person but at least we could still have a meeting.

A lot of our club events are cancelled or postponed because of COVID. Even our Public Speaking has been

postponed and the Regional Competition has been cancelled until next year. Public Speaking is where our club members either write a speech on something they want to talk about or they make a presentation on a topic they want to share with others. The Provincial level is still having a com-

petition that is open to any 4-H member in Alberta and you will submit your speech or presentation on video.

We are still working on our projects and we are trying to have workshops and meetings online until we can be together again.

Our next meeting is on February 5, 2021

MP Soroka Questions the Minister on High Speed Internet

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When the government is auctioning spectrum, what is it doing to hold providers accountable to ensure they deploy spectrum in rural communities?"

Hon. Maryam Monsef (Minister for Women and

Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development, Lib.) replied: "Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for his important advocacy both with spectrum auctions and subsidies for those communities where the business case to connect households to high-speed Internet sim-

ply is not there.

Our government is there. Spectrum auctions include a carve-out for smaller rural communities. We have worked diligently to ensure smaller Internet service providers receive at least a third of our investment, the other third has gone to in-

digenous communities and that last third goes to larger ISPs.

If my colleague wants to connect to talk about how we can support his community in getting connected, my team and I are always here for him."

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Gerald Soroka, MP Yellowhead

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JOKE of the week

Jim asked his friend, Tony, whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentine's Day. 'Yes,' came the answer from Tony who was a bit of a chauvinist, 'I've bought her a belt and a bag.' 'That was very kind of you,' Jim added, 'I hope she appreciated the thought.' Tony smiled as he replied, 'So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better now.'



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Bridal Guide

February 2021

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Bridal Guide

DOS AND DON'TS OF CARING FOR WEDDING AND ENGAGEMENT RINGS

Jewelry is a key component of weddings. The financial resource CreditDonkey notes that, in the United States, the average amount spent on an engagement ring is \$5,500, while Canadians spend an average of \$3,500. Jewelry costs can add up, especially when adding in the cost of wedding bands, which can cost as much as \$1,000. The cost of jewelry only underscores the importance of learning how to care for it and preserve its value.

The best way to maintain jewelry depends on the makeup of the rings. The online jewelry guide Jewelry Notes says gold rings without gemstones can be cleaned effectively with only soap and water. Simply prepare a solution of lukewarm water and mild dish soap in a small bowl.

Soak the rings for 20 to 30 minutes. Use a soft brush or cloth to clean the jewelry of dirt. Rinse the residue under clean water.

Rings with diamonds can be treated similarly with a mild soap-and-water solution. The Diamond Information Center also says to soak the diamond ring in equal parts cold water and ammonia for half an hour and let it air dry. Brand name jewelry cleaner also is another good option. This method only should be used with diamonds; ammonia can't be used with other gemstones.

Maintaining jewelry also should include twice yearly visits to a jeweler who can check the prongs and make sure the setting is not loose; otherwise, the diamond can become dislodged, according to Martha Stewart

Weddings.

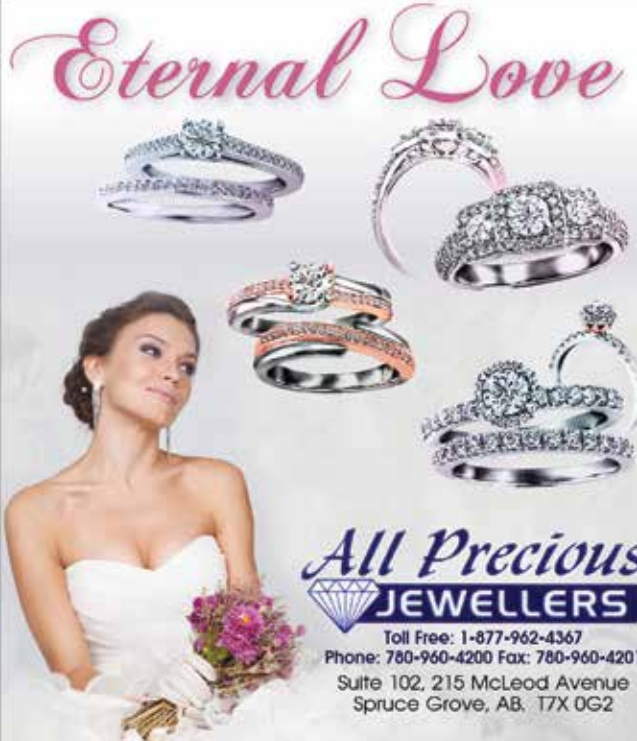
Avoid touching diamonds and other gemstones as much as possible when putting rings on and taking them off. Precious stones often are magnets for dust, dirt and body oil, according to Taylor Lanore, diamond consultant and engagement ring designer for Lauren B. Fine Jewelry and Diamonds. Grab the ring by the band.

Use discretion when wearing rings while engaging in hands-on activities. Activities like cleaning dishes, moving furniture, gardening, or diving through waves at the beach warrant caution; otherwise, you risk damaging or making jewelry unnecessarily dirty. Store the ring in a safe location until you can safely wear it again.

One of the most important steps to safeguard wedding and engagement rings is to insure the jewelry. The description of the ring, its cut, carat weight, metal, and other information offered through a certified independent jewelry appraisal will be needed to insure the ring. Take a close-up photo of the jewelry as well. Other items like laser inscription or a home security system can qualify jewelry owners for discounts on insurance. Consumers also can add a jewelry rider to a homeowner's or renter's insurance policy.

These are some ways to care for wedding jewelry. Always consult with a jeweler before attempting to clean items made of various materials.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE BOOKING A PHOTOGRAPHER

Various components combine to make weddings beautiful and memorable. Couples rely on photographers to capture the smiles and moments that helped make their events unique and to ensure the big day is remembered for years to come.

The trusted wedding resource The Knot notes that an internal study found that, among 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, an average of \$2,400 was spent on a wedding photographer to document their big day.

Couples who want to find the best photographer for their wedding day can ask several questions before making their final decision.

What style do you specialize in? Photographers may be able to shoot various styles of photos, but may specialize in a specific type. For example, some photographers specialize in photojournalism, while others may excel at portraiture. Going with a photographer who has the most expertise shooting the style you prefer will help produce the desired results.

Who will be shooting my wedding? Certain photography studios have several photographers working under one roof. Just because you meet with one does not necessarily mean that photographer will be on site, unless it is specified in the contract.

Have you ever worked at my venue before? Photographers may be familiar with several local wedding venues and houses of worship. A photographer who has experience working in the locations where couples will tie the knot and subsequently celebrate might produce the best results, but lack of experience with particular venues need not exclude

other professionals.

Can we see a full gallery of a recent wedding? According to Brides magazine, unlike an album or a highlight gallery, a full gallery provides a better sense of a photographer's style and attention to detail.

Will photos be color balanced and retouched? Skilled photographers are capable of capturing winning photos. But photos can be enhanced further in the studio with retouching software to bring out specific effects. Some photographers will polish all proofs, while others only will work on the images ultimately ordered. Confirm retouching details before signing the contract.

What's included in the photo packages? A detailed price list helps you compare one photographer to another and decide which elements are covered. Additional

prints, having a photographer's assistant, ordering albums for the parents, or ordering a large framed print can alter costs significantly. Explore all prices to ensure you're getting the best value. In addition, consider how many hours of event coverage are included in the price.

What is the payment timeline? Photographers may accept deposits for their services but expect a different timeline of payment. Some may require payment in full before the wedding, while others may offer a payment plan that includes a final payment when picking up proofs or albums.

Wedding photography is one of the essential elements of a wedding and helps tell the story of couples' special day. Asking key questions can help couples find a photographer who will produce the desired results.

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February 11, 2021
County Council Meeting

February 25, 2021
County Council Meeting

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. County Council meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Please visit [LSAC.ca/agendas](https://www.lacsteanne.ca/agendas) for meeting agendas. To address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

AG SERVICES EXTENSION SURVEY

Have your say with a quick, ten-question survey!

The County's Ag Services team periodically conducts surveys to determine where they can apply resources to the benefit of regional producers.

Whatever your focus is in the ag sector — we want to know what types of events and opportunities interest you. To take part, just visit surveymonkey.com/r/36LTW3G.

SAVE THE DATE: ONOWAY PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

June 14, 2021 | 8:30am

Thinking of enrolling your child in the County's popular playschool program? Registration will open on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 8:30 am. Please mark your calendars and save the date!

In late May, further playschool details including dates, fees, class options and how to register will be posted to [LSAC.ca/playschool](https://www.lacsteanne.ca/playschool).

COUNTY SEEKS PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Help guide land use, planning, development and subdivision

Public members are being sought to augment the Municipal Planning Commission (MPC); an advisory and decision-making committee of County Council.

The County is presently determining the make-up of the MPC; a collective that provides recommendations and decisions on land use, planning, development, and subdivision issues and applications referred to it by the development authority. Meetings are typically held on an as-needed basis at least once a month.

Interested parties are invited to send a resume and cover letter outlining expression of interest and relevant experience to mferris@lsac.ca.

The deadline for submission is March 31, 2021.

Due to conflict of interest, applicants cannot belong to the Lac Ste. Anne County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB).

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT

Keeping electronic equipment out of our main landfill

The County is excited to announce its participation in a two-year expanded electronics pilot project to help keep discarded electronic equipment out of the landfill.

Through this project the County will do its part to divert 24,600 tonnes of electronics while adding jobs and positive economic impact to Alberta.

Recyclable electronics included in the pilot project include audio visual equipment, telecom, cell phone and wireless devices, electronic gaming equipment, small home appliances, portable power tools, toys, musical instruments and solar panels.

All Lac Ste. Anne County transfer stations and the Highway 43 East Main Landfill now have dedicated bins to collect these types of electronic waste.

For further information on this project, visit [LSAC.ca/waste](https://www.lacsteanne.ca/waste).

COUNTY CONNECT IS HERE New opt-in system alerts users via text, email and voice

The County is pleased to announce the launch of County Connect — a brand new multi-channel community alert system. To start, create your account at [CountyConnect.ca](https://www.CountyConnect.ca), then opt in to receive important County news alerts like road closures, fire bans and other regional updates.

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CVITP COMING SOON Annual Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Lac Ste. Anne County Community Services is gearing up to offer its popular annual **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** (CVITP) to eligible citizens.

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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or devassistant@LSAC.ca, Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
21-D0005	Lot 6, Block 4, Plan 7622324 Birchwood Estates within NW 20-54-04 W5M 37, 4418 HWY 633	2 Recreational Vehicles – 29 ft. and 24 ft. Other	Feb. 15, 2021
21-D0007	Lot 11, Block 6, Plan 7821036 Four Oakes within SE 35-56-02 W5M 248, 56514 RGE RD 21	1 RV – 30 ft.	Feb. 11, 2021
21-D0011	Lot 22, Block 1, Plan 7721213 Warwa Estates within SW 34-54-04 W5M 43, 4224 TWP RD 545	Stick Built 2 storey residence main floor (1640.0 sq. ft.), 2nd floor (1112.0 sq. ft.), crawl space (1640.0 sq. ft.), on 6.0' concrete foundation wall on 18" strip foundation, covered deck (330.0 sq. ft.), and attached garage (1194.0 sq. ft.) with Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 6.0m Requested: 4.0m Variance: 2.0m	Feb. 22, 2021

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

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1	5	2	8	9	4	7	3	6
7	4	8	2	6	3	9	5	1
6	9	5	4	2	8	3	1	7
2	3	4	9	1	7	6	8	5
8	1	7	5	3	6	4	2	9
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4	2	1	6	8	9	5	7	3
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Rich Valley Community Church

Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Worship Service
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Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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Worship Service
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