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MONITORING AND PROTECTING PINE TREES IN LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY

Submitted by Lorraine Taylor, Horticulturist, Lac Ste. Anne County

Many people have seen photos of BC forests devastated by mountain pine beetle (MPB). In Alberta's

forested regions, the loss of these trees brings a high risk of fire along with serious harm to our watersheds. Government and industry have been working hard to slow the spread. Because Lac Ste. County has

only a few stands of natural pine forest, the risk of large MPB infestations is low. The primary concern is for mature, high-value pine trees in home landscapes and shelterbelts.

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GEARING UP FOR 2021 WILDFIRE SEASON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

From updated digital tools to automated weather stations to drone technology, innovation is at the forefront of Alberta Wildfire's detection and management practices.

Wildfire season runs from March 1 to Oct. 31 in Alberta, which means permits are now required for activities such as residential, industrial or agricultural debris burning.

The wildfire hazard is highest in the spring months when fuels like trees and

grass have extremely low moisture content after the snow has melted and evaporated.

Thanks to the diligence of Albertans, effective department preparations and substantial precipitation in many areas of the province, last season proved to be one of the slowest years Alberta has seen in decades in terms of both number of wildfires and area burned.

Alberta Wildfire adapted to the demands of fighting wildfires during the pandemic, adopting strict health and safety protocols at its camps to ensure the

safety of staff. To date, there have been no COVID-19 cases at wildfire camps.

"Despite the incredible challenges of 2020, especially with COVID-19, our firefighters successfully contained hundreds of fires in the province. With the adoption of new technology and world-class training, Alberta Wildfire will be ready for whatever the season throws at them." - Devin Dreeschen, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Technology and innovation

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Gearing Up for 2021 Wildfire Season

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Wildfire management best practices are always evolving, which highlights the importance of research into and the adoption of new technology and innovative practices. This season, Alberta Wildfire is:

- Exploring remote camera, drone and satellite technologies to help modernize wildfire detection and data collection.
- Implementing modern remote automated weather stations that provide real-time or hourly data rather than once or twice per day.
- Continuing to evaluate the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of new fire-fighting tools and practices (e.g., gels, drones, cameras and water delivery systems such as large and mobile pumps and sprinklers).
- Researching the best

tree and vegetation management practices to help Albertans effectively FireSmart their communities and build resilience to wildfires.

2019 Spring Wildfire Review recommendations

Alberta Wildfire continues to make progress on the Spring 2019 Wildfire Review recommendations. Some initiatives have been completed in advance of this wildfire season, while others are multi-year projects.

Key accomplishments to date include:

- Establishing FireSmart Alberta to inform strategic and collaborative actions to improve FireSmart programming.
- Developing a new wildfire app and web-based status map that include more detailed information about fires nearest to app users, fire bans, mountain pine beetle, fire danger ratings,

and more.

• Coordinating the fire weather and fire behaviour teams more closely to ensure all tools and information are used in decision-making.

Quick facts

• Up-to-date information on fire restrictions, fire bans, OHV restrictions and general wildfire information is available at albertafirebans.ca or by calling 1-866-FYI-FIRE (1-866-394-3473).

• To report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE (310-3473) toll-free, from anywhere in Alberta.

• In the 2020 wildfire season, Alberta saw 704 wildfires burn just over 3,269 hectares (8,068 acres). That's less than one per cent of total area burned when compared to the five-year average.

• Eighty-eight per cent of last season's wildfires were human-caused.



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Please email Principal Kelly Muir at kelly.muir@ngps.ca for a link to the meeting.

If you would like to skip the meeting but still register your child for Kindergarten at Rich Valley School, then please go to our website richvalleyschool.ca for registration forms.

You can email the registrations to wendy.gerhardt@ngps.ca, drop them off in the school mailbox outside, or mail them to the school. (R.R.1 Gunn, AB T0E 1A0).

If you have any questions please contact the office @ (780) 967-5754.

PARKLAND RCMP TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN TWO ARRESTS

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On Feb. 5, 2021 at approximately 11:30 p.m. a Parkland RCMP member conducted a traffic stop. Police checks revealed that the driver and the passenger were wanted

on warrants. They were arrested and taken into custody. During the investigation, RCMP members located 30 g of methamphetamine, brass knuckles and a large sum of money.

Jack Young (41) and Ember Anderson (30) of Sherwood

Park, Alta. were charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking
- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose

• Possession of firearm/weapon/device/ammunition in motor vehicle

They are scheduled to appear in Stony Plain Provincial Court on May, 5, 2021.

Monitoring and Protecting Pine Trees In Lac Ste. Anne County

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In 2018 high winds carried beetles from Jasper to several locations in Lac Ste. Anne County and neighbouring counties. Since 2018 there have been no new reports of MPB in Lac Ste. Anne. While the MPB population in Jasper has collapsed, there is the potential for infight from Whitecourt/Blue Ridge and Edson/Hinton populations.

Homeowners can take steps to protect their vulnerable trees. 1. Know where your pine trees are and monitor them for signs of MPB. 2. Keep your trees healthy by protecting them from root damage, following proper pruning practices, only pruning in the dormant season, and preventing injury from drought. 3. Using a synthetic version of the beetle pheromone Verbenone to deter attacks. The good news is that only mature pine trees are at risk. Taking a trunk measurement at about 1.4 metres off the ground, trees less than about 20 cm in diameter are too small for beetles to successfully overwinter.

Based on recommendations from Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Lac Ste. Anne County is selling pouches of Verbenone Beetle Block. When these small

pouches are hung on individual trees or are spaced throughout a grouping of pine, they give off a message to incoming beetles which prevents them from attacking the trees. The Verbenone is \$10.00/pouch. By May 10, 2021 please contact the County to reserve and pay for your order and to book a pick-up time.

For more information about the MPB lifecycle, how to identify beetle damage, and recommendations for using Verbenone to protect your trees, visit the Lac Ste. Anne County website at www.LSAC.ca or contact the County Horticulturist at 1-866-880-5722.

ANOTHER RAINBOW SALE

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Online Bidding to open Monday, May 10, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m. and starts closing Friday, May 14, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

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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-D0087	Lot 40, Plan 0825408, Waters Edge within SE 10-55-03 W5M 303, 55101 Ste. Anne Trail	Garage Addition 12.0' x 30.0' (360.0 sq. ft.) on concrete slab Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 2.44.0 m, Requested: 1.67 m, Variance: 0.87 m	May 10, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

LILSA LAKE WATER QUALITY SURVEY

Submitted by LILSA

Lake Isle and Lake Ste. Anne (LILSA) is interested in hearing the viewpoints on lake water quality from residents & general users at Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne Lake. Our primary goal from this survey is to find out the current knowledge base

around the water quality, overall lake health, and your major concerns surrounding it.

This survey is completely anonymous, however if you would like any further information or would be willing to take any additional follow up surveys, you can leave your contact information at the

end of the survey. Providing us with your contact information also gets you entered into a draw for a gift card to a local business. This survey is available until June 15, 2021

LILSA, a non-profit society, is committed to promoting the preservation of Lake Isle and Lac Ste Anne Lake, located 40

minutes west of Edmonton, Alberta. Our goal is to maintain and improve the quality of the water. Our society is run entirely by volunteers.

Please go to the LILSA website <https://www.lisawaterquality.com/> and click on 'Take Survey Now' which is located on our homepage.

BILL 71 PASSED: STATEMENT FROM MINISTER COPPING

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Labour and Immigration Jason Copping issued the following statement on the passing of Bill 71: Employment Standards (COVID Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021:

"As our province's vaccine program continues to vacci-

nate more and more Albertans, we continue to take action to protect lives and livelihoods.

"Alberta's government has passed legislation that amends the Employment Standards Code to ensure working Albertans can access paid, job-protected leave to get each COVID-19 vaccine.

"By passing this legislation, we are reducing barriers for

Alberta workers to get vaccinated. This means no Albertan will have to choose between getting vaccinated and putting food on the table.

"Effective today, every working Albertan can access up to three hours of paid, job-protected leave for each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. All employees are eligible regardless of job status or length of em-

ployment.

"We urge all employees and employers to work together when scheduling COVID-19 vaccination leaves.

"This is the right thing to do and we will continue to take bold actions to protect Albertans lives and livelihoods while ensuring our economic recovery."

MP GERALD SOROKA PRESENTS PETITION ON OIL & GAS AND ANOTHER ON THERMAL COAL

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, was pleased to present two petitions to the House. The first petition was on oil and gas and the second on thermal coal.

He said:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to present two petitions today.

The first is regarding the fact Canada is still many years away from eliminating the use of oil and gas. Oil and gas produced in western Canada is produced with the highest labour and environmental standards in the world. Using Canadian oil nationwide first before importing

any oil from any other country would greatly benefit the economy.

Petitioners call on the government to eliminate all importation of foreign oil and gas into Canada within the next five years, thus creating more jobs and building back a better economy.

Mr. Speaker, my second peti-

tion is on thermal coal.

Petitioners call on the government to keep mining thermal coal in Alberta because it has the highest environmental and labour standards, with very low sulphur content, thus giving China access to better coal to lower its environmental footprint.

MILLION-DOLLAR LOTTO MAX WIN IN STURGEON COUNTY!

Submitted by Western Canada Lottery Corporation

Stephanie Bourque needed some time to catch her breath after scanning her LOTTO MAX ticket and discovering she won \$1 million on the April 14, 2020 draw. The Sturgeon

County resident claimed her prize almost a year later.

Bourque purchased her ticket the day of the draw at Valley Shell, located at 390 St Albert Trail in St Albert. She returned to the store a few days later and checked her ticket.

"I scanned my ticket in-store," she said. "I thought I won \$1,000, but the cashier

told me it was a lot more than that!"

"Afterward, I felt like I couldn't breathe," she continued. "It was a crazy experience."

Bourque said she has a couple ideas for her winnings.

"I'm going to buy myself a new car," she said. "I'm also going to share the winnings with

my son."

The winner said she is also hoping to take a trip to visit her son in the United States when it's safe to travel internationally.

Bourque won her million-dollar prize on the April 14, 2020 MAXMILLIONS draw. Her winning numbers were 5, 9, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 36.

NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL WESTERN CANADIAN PRODUCERS, FARMCASH OPENS SPRING ADVANCE APPLICATION WITH NEW FEATURES

Submitted by Alberta Wheat and Barley Commissions

Starting March 15, 2021, for the first time in its history, FarmCash is accepting spring advance applications from all western Canadian producers. This announcement follows the multi-provincial expansion of the FarmCash program made public on February 17, 2021. While funds cannot be released until the official Advance Payments Program open date on April 1, producers can complete their online application today and explore new account features including a designated FarmCash account manager and an on-line account dashboard. These features provide a cash advance experience tailored to the unique needs of agriculture producers.

Western Canadian producers of over 50 agriculture commodities including crops, livestock and honey, can apply for up to \$1 million with the first \$100,000 interest-free and the remaining balance at a competitive interest rate of TD prime minus 0.75 per cent.

“The uptake of FarmCash as a business management tool continues to grow and we are excited to open up the enhanced program to producers in additional provinces,” says Todd Hames, Alberta Wheat Commission chair. “Because of the knowledgeable customer service team and excitement for FarmCash within the industry, producers are becoming increasingly aware of its year-round uses including mitigating the risk of unexpected weather or operational bills during the growing season.”

The new online account dashboard will provide producers with their current account information at-a-glance, and the designated account manager system will give customers an enhanced and personalized experience.

“FarmCash is committed to constantly improving the program experience for our customers,” says Syeda Khurram, chief operating officer of FarmCash. “Producers have questions on how FarmCash

can improve the long-term profitability of their operation and we continue to take a leadership role in educating producers on the Advance Payments Program offered by the federal government.”

FarmCash features that producers have come to rely on will continue to be provided, such as the convenient online application and quick application turnaround times with access to funds in as little as three to five business days.

Producers can learn more about the benefits of FarmCash and apply online at FarmCashAdvance.com or call 1-855-376-2274 to speak with a FarmCash representative.

The Advance Payments Program is a federal loan program administered by the Alberta Wheat Commission. It offers Canadian farmers marketing flexibility through interest-free and low interest cash advances.

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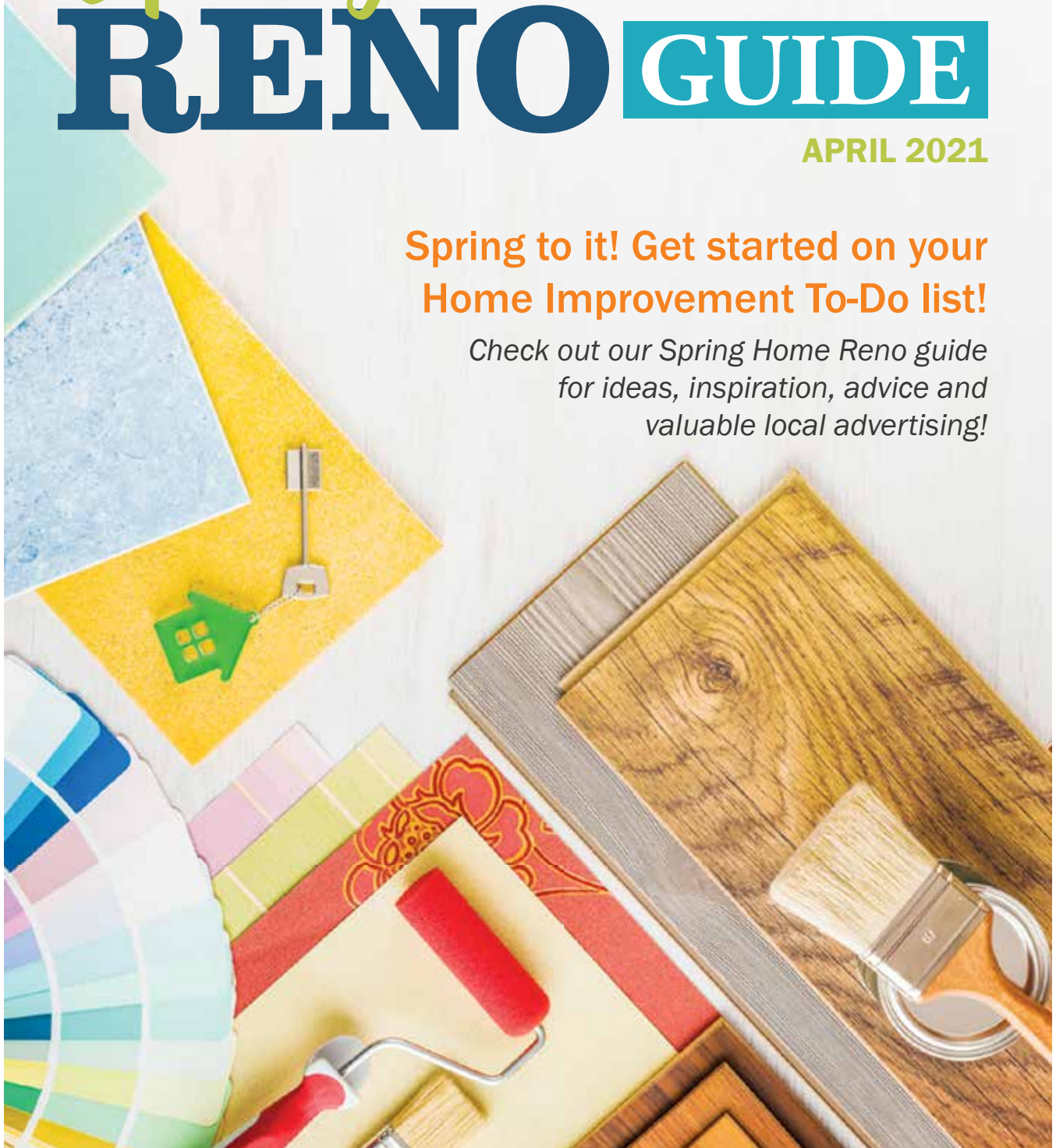
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THE DOS AND DON'TS OF FIRE PITS

Many homeowners relish any opportunity to retreat to their back yards, where they can put up their feet and relax in the great outdoors. That retreat-like escape is made even more relaxing when sitting around a fire pit.

Fire pits can be found in millions of suburban backyards across the globe. Fire pits have become so popular that a 2016 survey of landscape architects conducted by the American Society of Landscape Architects revealed they were the most sought after outdoor design element. Fire pits remain wildly popular a half decade after that survey. Homeowners who are only now joining the fire pit revolution can keep these dos and don'ts in mind as they plan their summer s'mores sessions.

DO keep the fire pit a safe distance away from the home. Fire pits should be located a safe distance from the home at all times, but especially when they're in use.

Home design experts recommend keeping fire pits a minimum of 10 to 20 feet away from a house or other structure, such as a shed or a detached garage. The further away the fire is from houses and other structures, the less

likely those structures are to catch on fire.

DON'T place the fire pit beneath trees or next to shrubs. Though fire pits should be kept safe distances away from a house and other structures, it's important that they're

not placed beneath trees or next to shrubs. Shrubs and low hanging branches can easily catch embers and be lit ablaze, so make sure fire pits are not placed in locations that increase that risk.

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HOW TO DESIGN A FITNESS ROOM AT HOME

People exercise for many different reasons. Exercise can improve one's appearance, reduce the risk for illness, alleviate stress or anxiety, and even help pass some time. Exercise is often a social activity, but in the wake of social distancing guidelines issue in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, many people have found themselves looking for ways to exercise at home.

Building a home fitness room has never been a more timely project, and such a project can continue to provide rewards even when life returns to some semblance of normalcy. Here's how to successfully stock a home gym.

- Find a dedicated space. A home gym will be limited by the amount of space that can be devoted to workouts. Possible fitness room locations include a spare bedroom, a garage, a basement, or an enclosed patio. Measure the space so you can pick and choose equipment that will fit. Leave some floor space empty for movement exercises or mat activities.

- Keep the space bright. Darkness can sap energy levels, so invest in mirrors and adequate overhead lighting to make the space inviting. Natural light can make the exercise area more enjoyable.

- Consider the flooring. New flooring can protect

against damage and make an area more conducive to working out. Rubber mats can offset echoes and reduce the noise of running on a treadmill or setting down heavy weights.

- Use space-saving equipment. A home gym space will likely not be as expansive as the space inside a traditional fitness center. Thankfully, many activities do not require a lot of space or equipment. Classic exercises like squats, lunges, push ups, and sit ups require little gear but still produce results. Figure out which equipment you like the most and invest in two or three key pieces. Dumbbells of various weights, a medicine ball and a yoga

mat can be all you need to create a versatile, effective workout. A TRX system and a door-mounted pull-up bar also are great space-saving options.

- Have a TV hookup. A home gym may benefit from a smart TV that you can use to stream workout videos or catch up on the latest news while running the treadmill or using the stationary bike.

A home gym is beneficial year-round, and can be especially valuable when social distancing guidelines are put in place.



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AVOID FURNITURE TIP-OVER HAZARDS AT HOME

A home is supposed to be a safe haven for its residents. But dangers lurk in nearly every room of a home. Parents may be quick to safeguard against burn risks, electrical outlet exposure and even common household items that can prove poisonous if ingested, but it's easy to overlook the potential hazards posed by furniture.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that hundreds of fatalities occur each year in the United States due to falling furniture, electronics and appliances. According to a recent report from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 12,500 children per year

were injured and treated at emergency rooms due to tip-over accidents between 2016 and 2018. Roughly once every 12 days someone is killed by a falling TV, piece of furniture or appliance.

AnchorIt.gov, a division of the CPSC that focuses on tip-over education, says dressers, bookshelves, televisions, and TV stands can tip over easily. These measures may prevent death and injury from falling appliances and furniture.

All TVs should be mounted to a wall or piece of furniture. Wall-mounting kits are available for most TVs, including older models. Screws also can secure a TV to a piece of furniture.

New televisions typically have anchor spots on their frames.

Buy anti-tip kits. The CPSC says anti-tip devices, also known as anchoring kits or anti-tip strap, are available and affordable. These kits can take as little as five minutes to install and provide invaluable safety.

Target dressers, bookcases, mirrors, and other heavy furniture pieces. If an anchoring kit is unavailable, furniture can be screwed directly to studs in a wall using drywall screws and brackets.

Keep certain electronics out of sight. Many children climb furniture in an attempt to get at iP-

ads, remote controls, toys, and other things parents believe are out of reach. Climbing increases tip-over risk. Instead, hide items elsewhere so that children are not tempted to try to retrieve them by climbing furniture.

Install drawer stops. Stops can be placed on drawers to keep them from being pulled all the way out and serving as makeshift ladder rungs for kids to climb. Also, multiple open drawers can cause weight to shift precariously in a dresser or other item, resulting in a tip-over.

Tip-over injuries are a very real concern but also very easily prevented.



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It's a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues. Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

· Gutter hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the

home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

· Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and

appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

· Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to

your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the gutters is often necessary.

· Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

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The Dos and Don'ts of Fire Pits

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DO clean out seasonal debris. It can be tempting to let seasonal debris resting inside the fire pit burn away during the season's first s'mores session. But burning debris poses a serious safety risk, as embers can easily be blown out of the fire pit and catch nearby trees or shrubs or even a home on fire. The National Fire Protection Association advises homeowners that embers blowing from a backyard fire pose the same threat to homes as if they are from a wildfire.

DON'T let fire pits burn near flammable materials. Store firewood piles a safe distance away from the fire

pit while it's in operation. It may be convenient to keep firewood right next to the fire pit while the fire is burning, but that increases the risk that embers will land on firewood and start a fire outside of the pit.

DO check the weather report prior to starting the fire. Windy weather increases the risk of embers blowing around and potentially landing on the house, other structures around the property or trees. If the weather report is calling for gusting winds, burn a fire on another night.

DON'T leave a fire pit fire burning. Unattended recreational fires are illegal and incredibly dangerous. Homeowners should never

leave fire pit fires burning unattended or allow fires to slowly die out overnight. Always extinguish the fire before going inside and stop adding wood to the fire roughly one hour before you plan to go inside. Water or sand can be poured on ashes to extinguish the fire. Once homeowners are confident a fire has been extinguished, ashes can be spread around to ensure there are no hot spots still burning. If there are, start the extinguishing process over again.

A night around the fire pit is a summertime tradition in many households. Safety must be as much a part of such traditions as s'mores.

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5 TIPS TO PREPARE FOR WINDOW REPLACEMENT

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Replacing old windows can make a home quieter by blocking out exterior noises. Consumer Reports also notes that new windows are often easier to clean and maintain than older varieties.

Many homeowners are interested in replacing their windows, but may not know where to start. These guidelines can help the process along.

1. Get several estimates. Ask for recommendations from neighbors or other people in your area on which

companies they used to install their replacement windows. When you interview the prospects, ask several questions about how they go about installing the windows. Questions can include:

- How long will the project take?
- Will I need to remain home during the process?
- Do you discard of old debris?
- What is the protocol for installation during inclement weather?

2. Research permits. Most home renovation projects need to be approved by the local municipality. Go to the permit office and find out the requirements. Some window contractors will include securing permits in

the cost of the project. After the project is completed, an inspector will come by and ensure the work was done according to code.

3. Change up the appearance. Look at the type of hardware you have around the home and other fixtures. Choose windows that have locks or latches that can match those features for continuity of style. Think about choosing a different style or frame color of the window, or a different type of window to improve efficiency and function.

4. Research top window manufacturers. It's tempting to purchase windows based on price alone, but replacement windows are often a decision that only has to be

made once or twice for the life of the home. Invest in durable windows that will have staying power. Consumer Reports offers unbiased reviews on various window brands and can help homeowners make sound decisions.

5. Prepare for installation. Clear pathways, remove window treatments and disconnect window alarm systems. Plan for one to two days of installation, advises Andersen Windows and Doors. Keep pets and children away from work areas.

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HOW TO REMOVE MILDEW FROM YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR

Homeowners want their residences to look inviting inside and out. Part of keeping an attractive property involves addressing issues that can compromise not only the appearance of a home, but even its integrity.

People who live in regions with high humidity may find their homes are vulnerable to exterior mildew growth. Mildew is a kind of mold. Molds include all species of microscopic fungi that grow in the form of hyphae, which are multicellular filaments, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Mold thrives on any organic matter and surfaces with moisture management problems. Mildew, in particular, lives on shower walls, windowsills and other places

where moisture levels are high. Mildew also can grow on home siding as well as fences and other exterior structures. While typically gray or white, mildew can be various colors.

Experts recommend various cleansers to help combat the issue of mildew on a home. One of the first products that homeowners tend to reach for is sodium hypochlorite, which is a standard bleach used in laundry and pool sanitation. While sodium hypochlorite seems to make mildew vanish, those at This Old House say that chlorine evaporates too quickly to get to mildew's roots on porous surfaces, such as wood or vinyl siding. Bleach also can stain clothing and damage foliage around the house. Hydrogen peroxide, or

oxygen bleach, is less volatile, will not affect foliage and can clean mildew, algae and dirt on and below the surface.

Trisodium phosphate is another effective cleanser. Commonly known as TSP, it often succeeds where other solutions fail in regard to stubborn stains and mildew. TSP also works well on various exterior surfaces. TSP needs to be used with extreme caution. When using TSP, wear long sleeves, gloves, goggles, and a respiratory mask, says Today's Homeowner. The product also requires adequate ventilation. There also are some environmental concerns, as TSP can damage foliage. In addition, if the product ends up in lakes and streams, it can trigger an overgrowth of algae that re-

sults in the depletion of oxygen levels in the water. Eco-conscious homeowners may want to try oxy cleansers before TSP.

Mildew shies away from bright sunlight, so it tends to grow on the north side of homes. Removing trees or other foliage that can further block sunlight to areas of the house can help eradicate mildew growth and stop it before it starts. Another tactic is to clean out gutters regularly and thoroughly to reduce moisture and to prevent decomposing debris from running over the edge of the gutters. This runoff can drip down the home's siding and spread the mildew to other areas.

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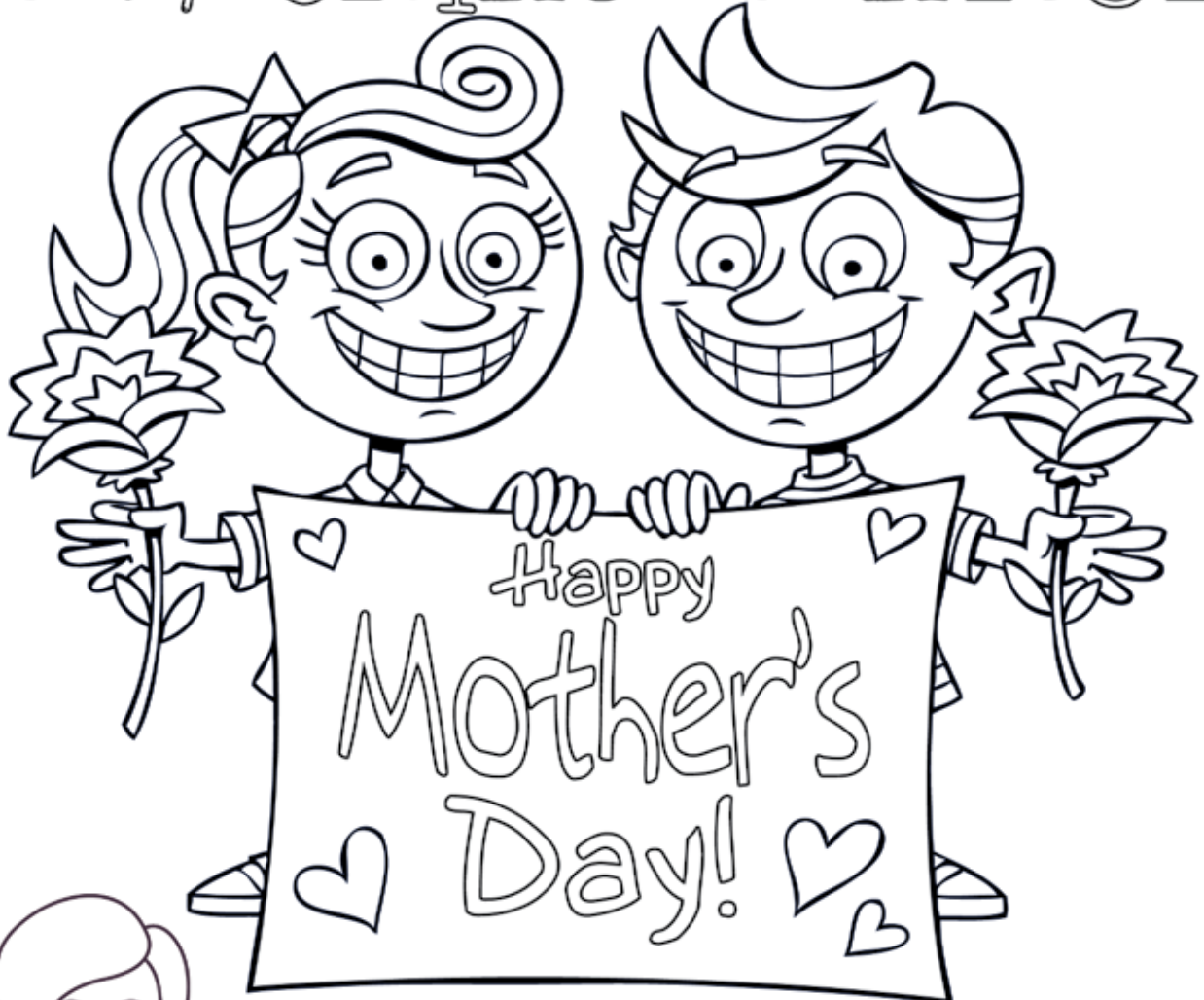


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"We are building world-class schools in every corner of our province. These projects are putting Albertans to work now while ensuring we have top-tier educational facilities for future students to enjoy." - Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure

In total, the 2021 Capital Plan spends \$1.6 billion over three years on school infrastructure. In addition to these 14 new school projects, this funding also continues work on more than 62 previously announced school projects across Alberta. Of these, 19 are expected to be complete through 2021-22. The remaining projects are in various stages of planning, design or construction. Additionally, Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding of \$203 million over three years will go to existing school facilities.

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(Community - School Division - Project)

- Airdrie - Calgary Roman Catholic Separate School Division - Addition and modernization of St. Martin de Porres High School

- Calgary - Southern Francophone Education Region - New complex in south Calgary (Grades K-6/7-12)

- Calgary - Montgomery School (Calgary Board of Education) - Funding to support ownership options for the Montgomery School

- Camrose* - Elk Island Catholic Separate School Division - New high school (Grades 9-12)

- Coaldale - Palliser School Division - Replacement and reconfiguration of Kate Andrews High School

- Edmonton* - Edmonton

- Catholic Separate School Division - New high school in north Edmonton (Grades 10-12)

- Evansburg* - Grande Yellowhead School Division - Modernization of Grand Trunk School (Grades K-12)

- Fort Vermilion - Fort Vermilion School Division - Modernization of Fort Vermilion Public School (Grades K-12)

- Lethbridge - Lethbridge School Division - New elementary school in west Lethbridge (Grades K-5)

- Manning* - Peace River School Division - New school in Manning (Grades K-12)

- Milk River* - Horizon

- School Division - Modernization of Milk River School (Grades K-12)

- Red Deer - Red Deer School Division - Modernization to address health and safety concerns and addition to Hunting Hills School

- Red Deer - Red Deer Catholic Separate School Division - New middle school, full build design was approved in 2019 (Grades 6-9)

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Hager; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Ross (Babs) Patterson; sister Audrey Nimko; her cousins, nephews and nieces; and dear friends. Freda was predeceased by her husband, Hugh; father, Chester; mother, Doris and brothers, Donald and Harry. Due to Covid Restrictions a celebration of Freda's life will take place at a later date. Cremation has been entrusted to Parkland Funeral Services, Stony Plain AB and memories and condolences can be shared on their website. If one chooses, donation in her memory can be made to the Alberta Beach Museum or the Rich Valley Historical Society. Written Tributes may be made to www.parklandfuneralservices.com



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BADMINTON: Wed, 7-10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.
BALLROOM, LATIN, COUNTRY DANCE SOCIAL: 1st Saturday of every month. Doors open 8PM at Central Lions Recreation Center, 1113 113 St., Edmonton AB. Cost \$15 paid at the doors. Hosted by Everyone's Ballroom Dance Assoc. More info: www.ebdba.ca 780-893-6828

COME PLAY CRIB: Fridays, 7:30PM at Darwell Seniors Hall; lite lunch is served. All ages!
COUNTRY QUILTERS in Stony Plain house a "Sew in Tuesday", 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 10-3PM. Drop in \$5/member, \$6/non-members. Contact Cindy 780-963-7170.
JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues eve. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpepubliclibrary.ca (780)786-2404
"ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new local program for people of all ages with disabilities. Thursdays @ Alberta Beach Agplex from 10:00-11:00AM starting May. Funded Lac Ste Anne FCSS.

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards

Tuesdays, 1PM. 1st Tuesday: Pot Luck Supper. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436.

ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT! Exercise Class with Video La Blast. Fridays 10:30AM at the Drop in Centre, 5023-49 Ave. Ph: 780-967-2056.

PANCAKE/BREAKFAST SOCIAL: 3rd Sunday 9:00-11:30AM, Parkland Village Community Centre. ***except June, July, August**

RIVER TALKERS TOAST MASTERS CLUB, Thursdays, 7-9PM. 32 Whitecourt Ave. Hilltop Community Church. Info Lorraine 286-5040.

SANGUDO ART CLUB meets every Thursday morning at 9AM at the Sangudo Community School. New members welcome. For further information call Brenda at 780-785-2402.

SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN INSPIRATIONAL CINEMA & DISCUSSIONS at PERC Building (5413-51 St). 2nd Friday of month at 7PM. Popcorn provided, donations appreciated. Contact 780-940-3032

SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN GATHERING at PERC Building (5413-51 St). Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of month. Meditation 10AM, inspirational sharing 10:30AM. PH 780-940-3032

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE DROP IN CRIB 1st & 3rd Sundays 1:00PM. 780-778-4950

WRITERS PROGRAM: Mayerthorpe Library, 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 1PM.

MEETINGS

1ST ONOWAY SCOUTS: Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS, Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE: Stony Plain Community Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

3053 (LAC STE ANNE) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS, Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45-9:30PM. FREE program for youths 12+, Contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca or 780-886-1586

526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed 6:30-9:30PM, High School. Ages 12-18. 780-305-7233

755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

AA - MAYERTHORPE, Kingsmen Hall, Thurs 8PM. (780) 786-2604 or (780) 786-1927

AA - SANGUDO GOLDEN CLUB, Tues 8PM call 786-4402/785-9214/785-3599

AL-ANON Wednesdays, 8PM. Spruce Grove United Church, 1A Fieldstone Dr. 780-962-5205

ALBERTA 55 PLUS: Villeneuve Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2nd Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB meets every 4th Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY meets on the 4th Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on the 2nd Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: The Journey of Hope Group, Fridays 8PM, (please arrive earlier). Present location in church basement 4805 - 50 St. Onoway

BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 4th Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, meeting every 2nd Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

CHERRILL COMMUNITY ASSOC. Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 ***Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.**

CHERRILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB Regular Meetings 1st Tuesday

of month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach Agplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. ***Sept-June.**

Citizens Helping In Life's Defence (C.H.I.L.D) Join our Pro-Life meetings for the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain area once a month. Call Chris 780-963-6997.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS, 8:00PM, 1st Monday, Darwell **DDRA MEETING,** 7:00PM, 2nd Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. ***except Jul/Aug/Dec**

GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES & SPARKS Thurs, 6:30PM, Onoway Heritage Centre. Info Laura, 780-967-1004.

GREENCOURT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meet 2nd Tuesday, monthly at 7:30PM at the hall. Info W. Jager (780) 786-4648.

GriefShare: WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP held on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm, starting Feb 25 at Crossroads Community Church, 4719 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. 13-weeks for just \$25. Call 780-786-2695 to register.

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kingsmen Hall, 1st Tues of month. Contact: mayerthorpekinettes@gmail.com, Tracy: 780-786-0161.

LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS, Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR, Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Diane @ 780 924-2348.

LAC STE. ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: 3rd Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC, every 4th Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Meetings 2nd Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

MEN FOR SOBRIETY: Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Cassy 780-471-3034 ***Sept-June**

NA MEETING, Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY: 2nd Wed of each month, 7:00PM, Onoway Legion

ONOWAY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: 3rd Wed 7PM, Onoway Museum. 967-5263 or 967-2452.

ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD: Every 2nd Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info, Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION General Meetings, 1st Mon, 7PM. ***Sept-June**

RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS: at the Agplex on the 2nd Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB Build confidence, speaking, leadership & listening skills. Thursdays 7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.

SANGUDO PAINTING GROUP: Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo Community School. Info, call 780-785-2112.

SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB: Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM, St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

WEIGHT WATCHERS Alberta Beach Agplex - Mondays, weigh in 6:30PM. Meeting at 7PM.

WESTLOCK & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: 3rd Wed. 6:30-8:00PM at Westlock Library.

SUDOKU

of the week

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ANSWER:

9	2	7	5	1	6	3	8	4
4	8	5	9	2	3	7	1	6
3	6	1	4	7	8	9	2	5
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8	7	6	1	9	4	2	5	3
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Church Directory

<p>Rich Valley Community Church</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne</p> <p>Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Mayerthorpe Baptist Church</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Children's Church 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>4606-54 St. Mayerthorpe (780) 786-2677</p>	<p>Alberta Beach Alliance Church</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service & Kid's Church 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>(780) 924-3282</p>	<p>St. John's Anglican Church</p> <p>Onoway Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Everyone Welcome</p>
<p>St. John's Lutheran Church</p> <p>Alberta Beach</p> <p>Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p>Zion United Church</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Serving Alberta Beach, Wabaman, Darwell & Lake Isle, Onoway & Area (780) 924-3351</p>	<p>Sangudo United Church</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 3rd Sunday 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>4907-50 Ave. Sangudo, AB</p>	<p>St. Mary's Anglican Church Service</p> <p>Holy Communion 2nd Sunday each month 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>at Sangudo United Church</p> <p>Reverend Barry Rose Officiating</p>	<p>Cherhill Community Church</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m.</p>
<p>St. Michael Lutheran Church</p> <p>Sunday Services 1st & 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Pastor Rick Chappell (780) 674-2618 Mystery Lake</p>	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church (LC-C)</p> <p>"The Church of the Lutheran Hour" - Rochford Bridge</p> <p>Pastor Dan Hansard Church (780) 778-2055</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Senior's Service & Cottage Bible Study - Phone for locations</p>	<p>Crossroads Community Church</p> <p>P.A.O.C.</p> <p>Rev. Arnold Lothoiz</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>(780) 786-2424</p>	<p>Onoway Baptist Church</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>(780) 967-2266</p>	<p>Roman Catholic Church</p> <p>St. Agnes' Parish, Mayerthorpe</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>St. Elizabeth Parish, Evansburg</p> <p>Saturday 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>(780) 786-2032</p>
<p>Calahoo Alliance Church</p> <p>Family Worship Service Sunday 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>For Info Call Jerry (780) 974-7734</p>				

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