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April 3, 2024

WHITECOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

An application for tree removal at 4420 52 Avenue (vacant property north of No Frills) was issued by Council. The property will be developed with a new commercial retail unit under

a separate application. Work on the property is expected to begin shortly.

Council awarded contracts for Biosolids Disposal to Lambourne Environmental Ltd. for a 3-year term, with an option to extend for a further 2-year period.

The Street Improvement Program contract for 2024 was awarded to E-Construction. The majority of roadwork will be in residential areas this year.

Administration reported on the status of 125 major maintenance

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MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #126

Submitted by Margaret Thibault

Five Veterans and one Veteran's son stood proudly at attention in the Mayerthorpe Legion on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 to be honored with a Quilt of Valor. The QoV is not a gift, but a personal award bestowed upon an individual in honor of their selfless service and

sacrifice in defense of our Nation.

Quilt of Valor representative, Barb Woodall, wrapped a quilt around the following recipients: Steve Isabelle (Army 22 years); Briana Isabelle (Army 5 years); Matt Pettifer (Navy 20 years); James Wood (Military 22 years); Brian Stewart (Army 8 years); and Ernie LaJeunesse (Army 38

years and Cadets Program 15 years). Steve Isabelle was unable to attend, and his 7 year old son Henry accepted the honor on his behalf. The quilt represents a warm hug, love, honor and appreciation to help each veteran stay grounded and acknowledged.

Also part of the presentation were Legion

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Whitecourt Town Council Update

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and capital projects completed or in progress for 2023. A Project List for 2024 will be presented once the 2024 Budget is adopted.

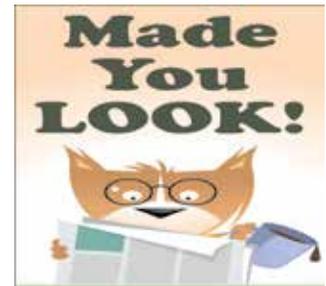
The 2024 Strategic Plan was adopted by Council and is available on the Town website. Top four priorities for the Plan include the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement with Woodlands County, tendering for the Culture & Events Centre, interim documents for the Town's Planning Documents (Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw) and updating cost estimates for Down-

town Vitalization.

The Town will be making a submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Awards for Municipal Excellence under the category of "Enhancing Community Safety" to recognize the Family Violence Initiative for its work in providing services and supports to prevent family violence/sexual violence and to promote and foster safe, healthy, equitable relationships. Supports include assisting with court preparations and the New Hope program.

Council also entered into agreements for the provision of fire services with the Alexis Nakota

Sioux Nation and Alexis Land Management Corp. and with the Alexis Hotel Corporation and Alexis Tourism RV Park Corp. The Animal Pound Services contract was awarded to Whitecourt Veterinary Clinic.



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JOKE of the week

With tears in his eyes, the little boy told his kindergarten teacher that only one pair of boots was left in the classroom and they weren't his. The teacher searched and searched, but she couldn't find any other boots.

"Are you sure these boots aren't yours?" she asked.

"I'm sure," the little boy sobbed.
"Mine had snow on them."



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Mayerthorpe Royal Canadian Legion Branch #126

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President James Mack, and Service Officer and Sgt. at Arms Owen Knott.

The Quilt of Valor non-profit program was started in 2006 in Edmonton and to date close to 24,000 quilts have been presented. The quilts cannot be bought, but are made with love by volunteers. The March 26 quilts each took an average of 40 to 60 hours to sew, and were made by volunteers from the Whitecourt Pins and Pine Needles Quilt Guild. Individual quilters declined to give their names, saying it was a gift of love from the entire group.

Quilts of Valour is a non-profit organization. Every donation of fabric, money or services helps

them continue to give support to our active military members and veterans.



Photo below is of the group from March 26, 2024 wrapped in their individual Quilt of Valor: (Back row l-r) Ernie LaJeunesse, Matt Pettifer, Brian Stewart, and

James Wood; (front row) Briana Isabelle and Henry Isabelle, son of Briana and Steve Isabelle.



Previous veterans who received their Quilt of Valor in Feb, 2020 are: Mac MacAskill, Adam Naslund, Gary Bauman, Barry Fulford, Owen Knott, Vi Johner, June Watt, and Alex McCalum.



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County News Highlights

April 3 Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

April 11 Council Meeting

Council meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, however, this schedule is subject to change. County Council meetings begin at 9:30 am.

Visit LSAC.ca/agenda for meeting agendas. Please note: to address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

DUST SUPPRESSION PROGRAM RETURNS
 Submit your Dust Suppressant Application by April 30
 Reduce the impact of dust on your property with the County's Calcium Dust Suppression Program. The purpose of this program is to assist in the reduction of the impact of dust on residential rural properties adjacent to County roadways.

If you wish to purchase, the application and payment deadline is April 30. To qualify for the program, have your municipal address sign posted prior to applying.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL BODY	APPEAL DEADLINE
23-D0288	SE 30-55-06 W5M 55413 Hwy 757	Contractors' business for small seasonal bridge building company with two shipping containers. Front Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 25.0m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 22.0m	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024
24-D0015	Lot 22, Block 7, Plan 2287MC Four Oakes within SE 35-56-2 W5M 230, 56514 RGE RD 21	Detached garage with second floor storage on slab with thickened edges, Main 26.0' x 24.0' (624.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, Second floor 11.0' x 24.0' (264.0 sq. ft.) South Side Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 6.0m Requested: 1.82m Variance: 4.18m, Northeast Side Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 4.88m, Variance: 1.12m, Southeast Front Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 10.0m, Requested: 1.82m, Variance: 8.18m	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024
24-D0017	Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 7821310 Eagle Ridge Estates within NE 15-54-1 W5M 17, 54228 RGE RD 12	2024 Manufactured home with attached deck on screw piles to be the new primary home, Main 20.0' x 64.0' (1260.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, Deck 10.0' x 50.0' (500.0 sq. ft.)	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024

ALBERTA'S WILDFIRE SEASON: INSURANCE EXPERTS SHARE TIPS TO STAY SAFE AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With experts warning that 2024 could pose significant wildfire risk, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is reminding Albertans to be prepared for some potentially difficult months ahead.

“As reported by Alberta Wildfire, firefighters are already battling numerous fires across the province,” said Rob de Pruis, National Director, Consumer and Industry Relations, IBC. “During the record-breaking 2023 wildfire season, fires started very early, spread extremely quickly and

kept emergency responders busy throughout the year. In many cases, residents in affected areas had only a short time to evacuate. And 2024 promises to be another intense wildfire year. Wildfires are a real and present danger, especially if you live in a heavily forested area. However,

there are steps you can take to help protect your family, your home or your business.”

Information about the current forest fire danger, forest fire activity and fire restrictions across the province can be found on the Government of Alberta's Wildfire webpage. Residents can also access the Government of Alberta's Wildfire Status Dashboard for real-time information on active fires, current fire danger across the province, and restricted fire zones in effect.

“IBC is urging Albertans to stay alert and follow the advice of local authorities when it comes to fire bans,” added de Pruis. “In the event that you are evacuated, make sure you plan as you could be out of your home for more than one or two days. Last year, many individuals and families were displaced for several days or longer.”

All standard homeowner's and tenant's insurance policies cover damage caused by wildfire. Most policies also cover additional living expenses, such as for hotels or other accommodation, if you are evacuated. During major weather events or wildfires, insurance companies may initiate temporary limitations on the sale of new policies in areas under imminent threat. Therefore, ensure you have the right coverage well in advance of a potential severe weather event or wildfire.

Albertans with general questions about their home, business or car insurance policies are encouraged to contact IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) or visit ibc.ca.

Protect your home before and during wildfire season with these 10 tips from IBC

Ways to be prepared year-round:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

of Bylaw 22-2017-01-2024

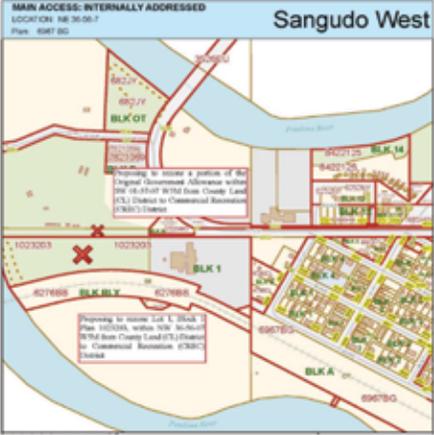
LOCATION OF HEARING
Lac Ste. Anne County Office
56521 Range Road 65

DATE OF HEARING
April 11, 2024

TIME
10:00 am

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Lac Ste. Anne County is considering an application for amendment to Land Use Bylaw 22-2017, by amending NW 36-56-07 W5M and SW 01-57-07 W5M through proposed Bylaw 22-2017-01-2024.

- Redistricting a portion of the lands within the lot legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1023203, within NW 36-56-07 W5M and the Original Government Road Allowance within SW 01-57-07 W5M from County Land (CL) District to Commercial Recreation (CREC) District under Bylaw 22-2017;
- Amending Map 3 Region C to reflect the redistricting of the lands legally described in Schedule "A" to Commercial Recreation (CREC) under Bylaw 22-2017;



Written comments on the above proposed Bylaw may be provided prior to 4:30 pm, on April 04, 2024 to:
Lac Ste. Anne County, 56521 RGE RD 65, Box 219, Sangudo, AB, T0E 2A0
Attn: Amy Roberts, Development Officer, Or email at devassistant@LSAC.ca

Interested individuals may attend the public hearing to voice their comments. To schedule an appointment please contact Development Officer, Amy Roberts at 780.785.3411. Appointment times shall be in accordance with the Procedures (and Committee) Bylaw #04-2020. To attend the meeting via zoom please use the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84111986569>

The proposed amendment and/or application may be reviewed during regular business hours at the County Administration Office located at 56521 Range Road 65 or on the County website at LSAC.ca/Hearings.



OK, so what all this fancy language means is that County owned lands have been identified for redistricting to commercial recreation in preparation for expanding the Sangudo Riverside Campground.

In order to amend the Land Use Bylaw for redistricting, a bylaw must be drafted and a public hearing held first under the provisions of Part 17 of the *Municipal Government Act* (Sections 216.4, 606, 632, 640 and 692).

The above is to let folks know about when and where the Public Hearing will take place.

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Alberta's Wildfire Season: Insurance Experts Share Tips To Stay Safe And Protect Your Property

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1. Install and regularly maintain smoke and CO alarms in your home. Remove dust from your alarms, replace batteries when the clocks change in spring and fall, test alarms regularly and replace them at least every 10 years.

2. Create an emergency preparedness plan and a disaster safety kit for your family. Develop a fire evacuation plan, practise it and stick to it in an emergency. Also, prepare a basic kit of food, water and other necessities in case of evacuation

3. Keep your insurance policy number and insurance company claims department phone number with you. If your home is damaged or you are evacuated, you will be able to contact your insurer more easily to start the claims process. Review and understand what coverage you have, and how your policy will respond if a wildfire affects you.

Actions you can take now, particularly if you live near a forest or wooded area:

4. Prepare your home. Check that your home's roof and exterior walls and the undersides of balconies are treated with flame-resistant materials.

5. Properly store flammable materials. Store gasoline, solvents or other materials that may ignite, at least 10 metres away from your home.

6. Remove dry leaves and debris. Keep leaves, other dry materials and potentially flammable garbage away from the exterior of the house, especially if you have wood or vinyl siding.

7. Manage space around your home. Remove combustible material such as shrubs, trees and woodpiles within 10 metres of your home.

8. Read these valuable resources from FireSmart Canada for in-depth information about wildfire resilience and steps you can take to minimize wildfire risk

How to reduce your risk when wildfire season is in full swing:

9. Stay informed about the weather. Be sure to monitor local and provincial information sources for fire bans and warnings.

10. Pay attention to fire danger ratings. Take note of and obey fire bans and restrictions to know the likelihood of, and prevent, wildfire igniting in your region. Check your lo-

cal government's website for more information.

As reported by IBC earlier this year, severe weather in 2023 caused over \$3.1 billion in insured damage across Canada. Between 2020 to 2023, extreme weather in Alberta resulted in \$3.6 billion in insured losses. IBC is continuing to engage with the federal and provincial governments on ways to improve the climate resilience of commu-

nities across the country. Insured losses related to severe weather in Canada now routinely exceed \$2 billion annually. By comparison, between 2001 and 2010, Canadian insurers averaged \$675 million a year in losses related to severe weather.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
of Bylaw 23-2014-01-2024

LOCATION OF HEARING	DATE OF HEARING	TIME
Lac Ste. Anne County Office 56521 Range Road 65	April 11, 2024	11:00 am

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 692 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Council of Lac Ste. Anne County is considering an amendment to Municipal Development Plan 23-2014, by amending the Municipal Development Plan through proposed Bylaw 23-2014-01-2024.

Proposed Amendments include:

- The allowance of subdivision that would create of 1 or 2 new parcel(s) within the Hamlet Policy Area, which shall not require an Area Structure Plan or Outline Plan.
- This allowance would be applicable to residential and commercial land uses.
- The subdivision authority would have the discretion to not require an Area Structure Plan.

Lac Ste. Anne is home to eight hamlets: Greencourt, Rochfort Bridge, Sangudo, Cherhill, Darwell, Glenevis, Gunn, and Rich Valley.

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Attn: Mitchell Kofluk, Development Officer, Or email at devassistant@lsac.ca

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OK, so what all this fancy language means is that administration has determined that by amending the existing Municipal Development Plan to allow 1 or 2 parcel(s) to be created through subdivision within our County's Hamlets, and not require an Area Structure Plan could help further grow and revitalize County Hamlets.

The above is to let folks know about when and where the Public Hearing will take place.

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MORE SPACES AT SAFE PLACES FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is keeping its promise to provide an additional \$10 million over four years to strengthen women's shelters and fund more beds.

Every year, thousands of women experiencing family violence and abuse seek help from women's shelters. These shelters help survivors overcome some of the darkest circumstances of their lives by providing a safe, supportive environment and critical supports, but have faced capacity challenges and increased demand for services.

Alberta's government is proud to support women's shelters and the valuable work they do to keep Al-

bertans safe. Right now, \$5 million is being distributed to women's shelters in 17 communities across the province to create additional spaces for those fleeing violence. If passed, Budget 2024 would see Alberta increase annual funding to women's shelters by \$5 million over the next three years.

"Vulnerable women and children should always have a safe place to turn. By delivering on our election promise to women's shelters, our government is helping keep more Alberta families safe, and empowering survivors' healing journeys."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

"Alberta's government

is engaging extensively to create a made-in-Alberta action plan that supports survivors and addresses the root causes of gender-based violence. This funding would help women's shelters across the province continue to address the needs of women and girls escaping violence, building stronger communities."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture, and Status of Women

Alberta's government is rolling out the full \$10 million over four years, \$5 million in 2023-24, \$1.5 million in 2024-25, an additional \$1.5 million in 2025-26, and \$2 million in 2026-27. This investment is funding an additional 104 beds at shelters across the province, including doubling the

number of beds available in Whitecourt and adding new beds at the Banff YWCA and Eileen's Place.

In addition, funding will support innovative programs to help meet high demand in rural areas. Solutions to enhance supports for rural shelters include \$350,000 for Rowan House Society's new, first-of-its-kind program in High River, which empowers women to have agency over their choices while experiencing domestic violence, as well as \$275,000 for Big Hill Haven in Cochrane, which has no physical shelter and rents units so those fleeing abuse have somewhere local to stay.

"Our members are grateful Alberta's

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More Spaces At Safe Places For Vulnerable Women

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government is delivering on its funding commitment with a significant investment up front, as well as providing more flexibility for women's shelters to better address survivors' needs."

Jan Reimer, CEO, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

"Wellspring is excited that

we will now be fully funded for operational costs, and will see our beds double from 11 to 22. The partnership with the province speaks volumes about government understanding the complexities of family violence."

Rebecca Wells, executive director, Wellspring Family Resource & Crisis Centre

"There are different ways to help women and families

experiencing abuse. We're thankful the province is recognizing our approach in providing supports for survivors that will minimize trauma while keeping them safe and connected to their community."

Wanda McGinnis, executive director, Big Hill Haven
Finally, Alberta's government is also initiating long-requested changes to women's shelter grant

agreements in 2024-25. Women's shelter providers have been asking for flexibility in how to allocate funding that works best for each shelter's unique circumstances and helps them better address survivors' needs. The changes to these grant agreements will be effective as of April 1.

HOLD THE PHONE: ALBERTA RCMP WARNS THE PUBLIC AGAINST MASS MARKETING AND PHONE SCAMS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP will be sharing information

and resources in support of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) Fraud Prevention Month

campaign. The campaign, which will include a weekly theme, seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraud-

ulent activity impacts their communities.

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Hold The Phone: Alberta RCMP Warns The Public Against Mass Marketing And Phone Scams

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This week's theme focuses on mass marketing and phone scams, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Phone scams;
- Fraudulent telemarketers;
- Mass mailouts and/or subscriptions;
- Emergency and/or grandparent scams;
- Work from home schemes;
- CRA scams;
- Foreign lottery or prize schemes;
- Overpayment schemes;
- Inheritance schemes; and,
- Credit card in-

terest rate reduction schemes.

How can you better protect yourself from these types of scams? Here are some helpful resources:

- Do not provide any personal information to an unknown caller;
- Learn the warning signs of caller ID, email and website spoofing; and,
- You have the right to say no to any questions and directly contact a business to speak to a designated representative.

"Phone scams are typically employed to gain information or money

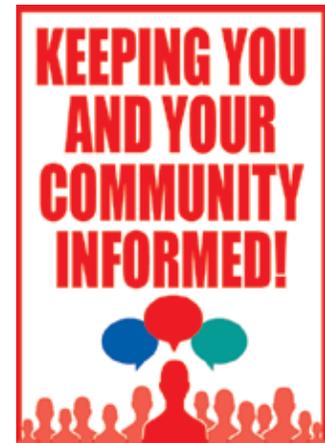
from a potential victim. If you feel like something is off about an interaction, you have every right to say no and to end the call."

- Cpl. Sean Milne, Alberta RCMP Provincial Financial Crime Team

If you believe you may be a victim of fraud, or are currently being targeted by fraud, please report it to your local law enforcement and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) at 1-888-495-8501. Instances of compromised personal and/or financial information should be reported to your bank and credit card company. To learn more about the

various types of frauds and scams, please visit the CAFC's scam webpage.

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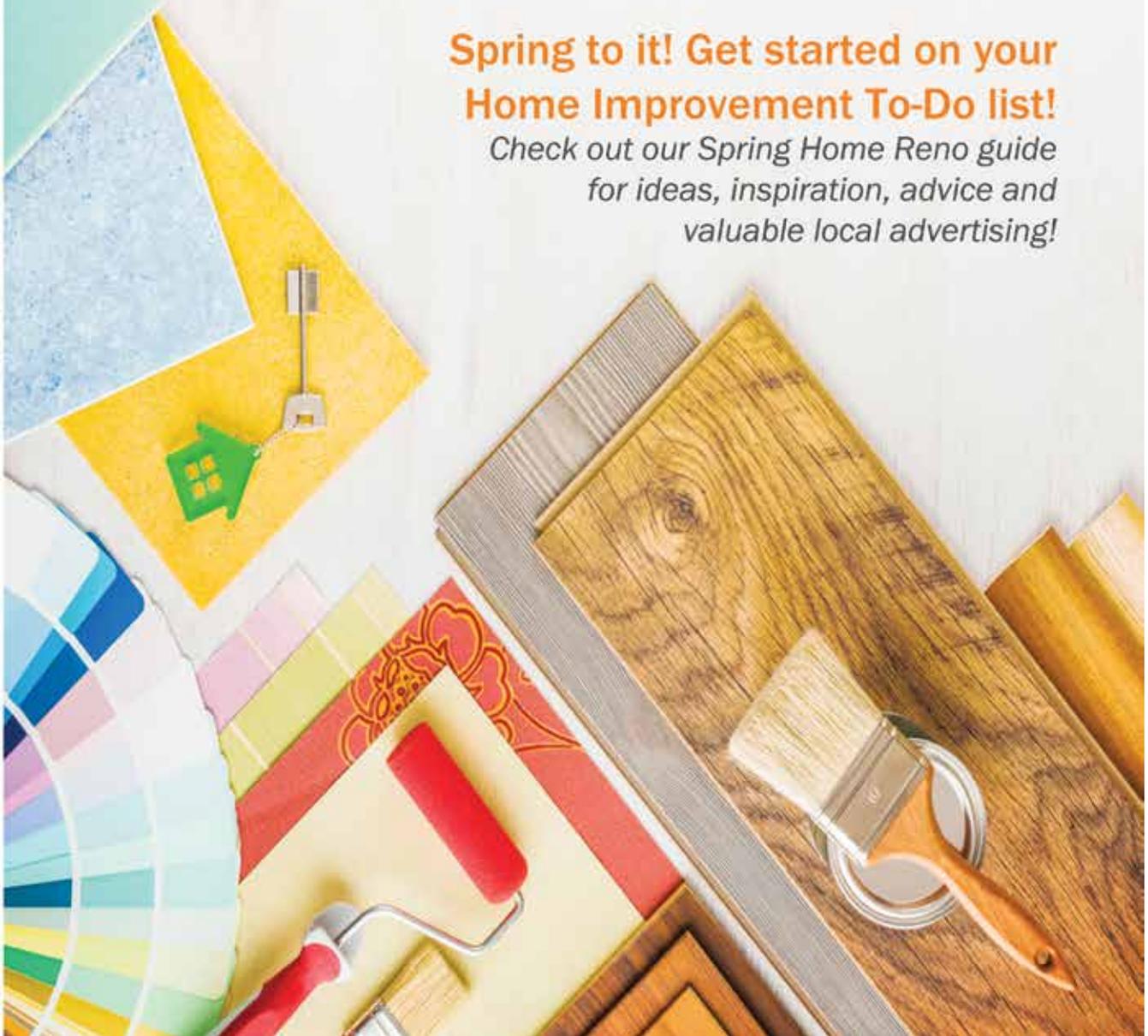
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WHAT IS A SMART HOME?

Refrigerators that inform their owners when it's time to buy more eggs and thermostats that learn homeowners' heating and cooling preferences may once have seemed like futuristic ideas straight out of a sci-fi movie. However, such products are no longer a dream but a reality.

The term "smart home" refers to a residence that has appliances, HVAC, lighting, entertainment

systems, security, and many more devices that communicate with one another. Such devices can be controlled remotely, according to SmartHomeUSA, an automation product retailer. Proponents of smart home technology say features can help people save money on utilities and conserve natural resources, all the while providing peace of mind to homeowners.

In 2016, 80 million

smart home devices were delivered worldwide. That marks a 64 percent increase from 2015, according to the research data firm IHS Markit. The smart home trend is only expected to grow in coming years.

Although there's interest in smart home technology, the industry remains fragmented. Consumers are trying to figure out which devices are simply fun and which provide practical

benefits. Furthermore, the range of smart devices is expanding rapidly, making potential compatibility issues a concern. Companies that plan to educate consumers further about the advantages of smart home features and are open to standardization may have the best chances of survival.

Those interested in dabbling in some smart home technology

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What Is A Smart Home?

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and testing the waters may want to start with the following household items.

- **Smart bulbs:** Manufacturers offer various types of smart light bulbs. Some are color-changing, others react to doorbells or alarms, and others can simulate typical lighting patterns when homeowners are away. Integrated apps enable remote access to

scheduling so people can arrive home to a well-lit house.

- **Home security:** Wi-Fi enabled doorbells with video capabilities allow residents to see who is at the door without having to open it. Cameras can even be accessed remotely, simulating that someone is at home at all times. Never wonder if you've locked the door again with smart locks that can be engaged via a

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- **Flood sensor:** Get peace of mind against damaging floods with Wi-Fi flood sensors.

- **Appliances:** A new breed of smart appliances can make it possible for users to turn on the washing machine while out of the house, close refrigerator doors from afar or even start

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STEPS TO A MORE ORGANIZED, FUNCTIONAL GARAGE

Organization can help homeowners transform their homes into less cramped, more spacious oases without forcing them to finance potentially expensive expansion projects.

Homeowners who park in their driveways may find that their garages have become crowded, cluttered spaces in which searching for tools can feel like scouring a haystack in search of a needle. Organizing a garage can create extra room in a home while affording

homeowners the chance to protect their vehicles from the elements. Homeowners who want to turn their garages into something more than cluttered storage units can employ the following strategies to transform these largely overlooked areas into more valuable spaces.

- Choose the right day. Garages tend to be separate from the rest of the homes they're a part of, meaning the only way to organize a garage is to first remove all items from the

garage and into the driveway. Because items removed from the garage will be exposed to the elements, homeowners should choose a day that's temperate and sunny to clean their garages. If possible, homeowners should opt to organize their garages in late spring, summer or early fall when there are additional hours of daylight. This protects homeowners from having to work in the dark should the job take longer than they initially anticipated.

- Discard or donate duplicate items. Duplicate items are some of the main culprits behind cluttered garages. As garages gradually become more cluttered, homeowners may buy tools they already have simply because they cannot find their original tools. When organizing the garage, create separate piles for duplicate tools, placing still-useful items in a pile that can be donated to neighbors, local charities or organizations and

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another pile for old tools that are no longer useful.

- Host a garage sale. Homeowners who want to organize their garages and make a buck at the same time can host garage sales. Make only those items that are still functional available for purchase, and let neighbors and bargain hunters do the bulk of your organization work for you.

- Designate areas of the garage for certain items. Once the items that won't be going back into

the garage have been sold, donated or discarded, organize the garage by designating areas for certain items, making sure to separate items that can pose safety risks. For example, store kids' bicycles and outdoor toys in a corner of the garage that is opposite the corner where potentially dangerous items such as power tools and gas cans will be stored. Keep the center of the garage open for vehicles.

- Periodically park cars in the garage. Home-

owners who are comfortable parking their vehicles in their driveways can improve their chances of maintaining organized garages over the long haul by periodically parking in the garage. Doing so not only prevents the gradual build-up of clutter that can slowly take over a garage, but also protects homeowners' automotive investments.

Maintaining an organized garage can help homeowners make more practical use of the space in their homes.

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The dawn of spring marks the return of many things, including long hours of sunlight and warm temperatures in which to enjoy that sunshine. But homeowners know spring also marks the return of insects, unwelcome guests that can be difficult or expensive to control once they have entered a home.

As problematic as insect infestations can be, preventing such problems can be simple, especially

when homeowners are proactive. The following are a handful of ways to keep insects out this spring and summer.

- Consider potential food supplies and cut those supplies off. Insects often enter a home in search of food, so cutting off potential food supplies is a great way to prevent insects from coming inside. Give dining areas a thorough cleaning after meals, vacuuming or sweeping the floors beneath dining

- tables each night before going to bed. (Parents of young children may want to sweep floors after each meal.) In addition, clean pets' bowls each night to be sure there are no food scraps left that may entice insects, and make sure pet food containers are tightly sealed after each serving. Sinks are another potential food source, so empty food traps after using the sink and run the garbage disposal as well to remove any food that might be lin-

gering.

- Address potential shelters. Insects also seek shelter inside homes, and there are many areas in a home that can provide adequate shelter. Cracks around windows and doors and in the foundation provide both entry points and potential shelters for insects. Seal such cracks with caulk, testing the areas by feeling for any incoming air.

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If you still feel air coming in, there is still some sealing to do. Cracks in cabinets or counters also may provide shelter to insects, so address these areas as well.

- Reconsider exterior lighting. Exterior lighting may be inviting insects into your home. Insects tend to congregate around lights at nighttime, so avoid placing lights right outside entryways. Once doors are opened, insects can then fly right into your home. Keep exterior lights as far away from entryways as possible. If you need lights right outside your doors, install motion-sensing lights that only turn on when you come within a few feet of the door. This reduces the volume of insects that congregate outside your entryways, and lowers the risk that insects will follow you in when you arrive home at night.

- React quickly upon seeing insects. Insect infestations happen gradually, so homeowners should react quickly when seeing a single insect or a handful of insects inside their homes. The slower your response, the more likely one or two intruders is likely to turn into a large infestation. Immediately clean any ar-

reas where you see insects, and take more substantial measures if your initial efforts were not enough to prevent more insects from

coming in.

The presence of insects inside a home can be a nuisance, but there are many ways to prevent

such infestations and keep unwelcome guests at bay.

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FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL (DIVISION 7801)

Submitted by Fire Rescue International

Village of Alberta Beach, Summer Villages of Nakamun Park, Ross Haven, Yellowstone, Castle Island, Sunset Point, Val Quentin, South View, & Silver Sands.

A lot has gone on over the past few weeks – in particular as things relate to the Town of Onoway and it's decision to terminate the contract early. Until this week, we have not been able to say too much on the matter because we had not received official notice until March 11th. As to our official position regarding the termination, I can not comment as the matter is under review by our legal council.

What I can tell you is that this decision came without and consultation or warning. We are in receipt of the motion that was carried in September 2023 stating the Town of Onoway's intent to negotiate in good faith with Fire Rescue International (FRI) with the goal of entering another long-term contract. I can also confirm that we have been invited

to attend a round-table discussion on March 8th that was to be the pre-negotiation meeting for the next agreement. Unfortunately, as it turns out, on February 22nd, council passed a motion to terminate the agreement early. What precipitated this this change in the town's position is completely unknown to FRI. What we do know is that as per the Onoway's media release, the decision has nothing to do with the performance of FRI. Frankly, FRI's performance statistics speak for themselves. We have also heard that the decision was based on money, but can not confirm this much less understand such an argument. By our calculations, the Town of Onoway generates a gross profits of \$20,000.00 per year hosting a station and administering the contract.

From the view of your fire department, the matter of Onoway's termination is mostly an issue that needs to be worked out between the ratepayers of the town and their council. Although we do not believe termination if the fire ser-

vices agreement will save Onoway a penny and see no option that could possibly bring better service, this matter shouldn't create panic within the other areas we serve. The principals of FRI are people of their word... We are not going anywhere. When FRI entered this agreement, the contemplated end was December 31st, 2025. FRI has no plans to renege on the deal as originally contemplated.

Presuming the balance of our communities also intend to continue in the spirit of the original agreement I can confirm the following:

a) There will be no change to the service levels, response protocols, or pricing for the remaining 9-months prior to March 7th, 2025

b) B) After March 7th of next year, FRI has every intention on fulfilling the original contract term ending December 31st, 2025 with as little change to the service delivery model as possible.

c) C) FRI will undertake to provide a proposal that will allow for

continued operations with the little or no financial impact on the remaining 9-municipalities.

In other words: AS far as Fire Rescue International is concerned, things are business as usual for the next 12- months and for the final 9-months of 2025, we are confident we can work with our team of communities to continue the same fine service our ratepayers deserve at a cost the municipalities can afford. This leaves us ample time to continue our regular contract negotiations as originally planned without undue stress and pressure.

While Onoway residents, visitors, and businesses may have good reason to worry, rest assured; your residents do not. I look forward to your continued faith and support as well as our future agreement to provide long-term and affordable medical aid, firefighting, and rescue services.

David Ives
Fire Chief

KEEPING LIFE AFFORDABLE FOR SENIORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is fulfilling its promise to provide seniors with a 25 per cent discount on personal registry services.

Many seniors rely on fixed incomes and the ongoing high cost of living

means more pressure in their daily lives. Alberta seniors should be able to rely on stability and have confidence that their government is working to keep life affordable for them.

To help keep life affordable for seniors, Alberta's government is delivering

on a promise to bring in a 25 per cent discount on personal registry services. It is anticipated this will benefit more than 725,000 Alberta seniors.

"Last year, we promised Alberta seniors we would reduce their costs at registry offices and on April 1, we're doing just that. Ev-

ery dollar Alberta seniors save through this measure is another dollar back in their pockets that they can better spend on other priorities."

Danielle Smith, Premier
As of April 1, when seniors visit their preferred registry office,

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Keeping Life Affordable For Seniors

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they will be eligible for the discount on services like vehicle registration renewals, driver's licenses, standard plates, and vital statistics products like marriage licenses. Eligible seniors must be a resident of Alberta and 65 years or older on the day they purchase the registry service or product.

The discount will be applied to a range of personal registry services at Alberta registry agent offices. Seniors purchasing personal registry services online through MyAlberta eServices will also be able to access the discount.

"Delivering on this promise was a major priority for our government. Over the past few years, rising prices have made it difficult for many seniors to make ends meet. The discount will provide some modest relief for seniors, many of whom are on a fixed income, and make life more affordable."

Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

"The seniors' discount will benefit more than 725,000 seniors. As the

fastest-growing age group in Alberta, many seniors rely on income support to meet basic needs and age safely in their homes. Putting money back in their pockets will make their lives better."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

As part of Budget 2024, the seniors' discount on personal registry services will mean annual savings of \$16.5 to \$20 million for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Those savings mean Alberta seniors will keep more of their money in their pockets that they can allocate to other needs.

"The compounding effects of inflation have forced seniors to make difficult decisions to make ends meet. Implementing a seniors' discount on license renewals and registration fees is a concrete action that will provide much needed relief to their pocketbooks. We applaud the Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction for finding a way to reduce the cost of these services for Alberta seniors."

Sheila Hallett, executive

director, Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council

"Providing seniors with discounts on registry services and medical driving tests not only eases their financial burdens, but also promotes their well-being and independence."

Joel Sinclair, co-executive director, Calgary Seniors Resource Society

"This initiative will be helpful for many people, including a number of our volunteer drivers who are 65+. These volunteers give back so much to help our clients to access services and to age well. A reduction in fees is helpful to keep these volunteers on the road!"

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Obituaries



Terrance (Terry) McDonald passed away on March 5th, 2024, in Evansburg Alberta. Terry was born in Edmonton on July 26th, 1939. During his life he lived in Darwell, Consort, Ontario, Calgary, Wabamun, Red Earth Creek and Stanger. He was a welder, a pilot and a farmer, and volunteered everywhere he could. He loved sports, playing many, and still enjoyed curling and slow pitch up to the age of 82. Terry leaves behind his loving family: daughter Janeen (Roger) Horne; son Robb; granddaughters Jackie and Dana (Jesse) Mirriam; sisters Edie (George)

Richardson, Rilla Offord and Patty (John King); brother in laws Hank (Sandy) Moore; Roger (Mona) Moore; and sister in laws Elaine Moore (Bob); Brenda Moore, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and many friends. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 58 years, May; parents Gilbert and Ellen; brother Allister; sister in law Leona; brother in law George Offord and sister in law Gloria Banga.

A celebration of life for Terry will be held at the Interlake Golden Age Senior Center on Saturday April 6th, 2024, starting at 1:30 pm. Join the family for refreshments and reminiscing. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer Society.

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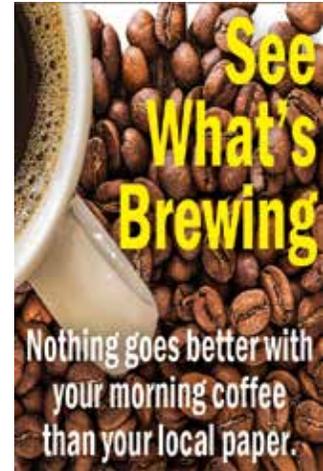
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RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO: on April 10 & 24 at 7:30PM.
STONY PLAIN SENIORS DROP-IN CENTRE, public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-6685

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE, Every Tuesday. Open @ 5PM, 1st call @ 6:45PM, Nevada's, Concession. 780-778-4950 *Sept - June

MEAT DRAWS

ALBERTA BEACH: Lac Ste Anne Community Choir & Museum Meat Draw/Prizes - Every Sundays, 3:00PM at Juggle's Bar & Grill.

BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Fridays 6:00PM. Queen Of Hearts draw & 50/50.

C.A.N. COMMUNITIES OF ALBERTA NETWORKING FOR SENIORS, Spruce Grove At Pioneer Center. first market March 25 1 - 5:30pm

DARWELL MARKET & MEAT DRAW 4th Sat of the month. till 4:30 (year round) All is welcome Lisa @ 780-233-0700

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Fridays, Ph. 780-967-5361

STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BR# 256: Saturdays @ 3:00PM.- 5:00 PM Meat Draw & 50/50.

MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: June -Fridays from 4 - 8 pm Pub Night//Meat Draw & 50/50

WHITECOURT LEGION: Saturdays 3:00PM. Located downtown behind the CIBC.

MEALS ON WHEELS

ONOWAY: LSAC Div 1 & 2, East of Hwy 43, Hazel Bourke: 780.967.2338 or bhbourke@icloud.com

WEST END: Sangudo, Mayerthorpe & west end of LSAC. Jill: 780.785.2924 or Donna: 780.785.3118 or email: westendmow@outlook.com

JAMBOREES

SUMMERDALE HALL COUNTRY JAMBOREE every second weekend of the month. 10.00 fee. Meals for purchase. Sep to May, 3 day jamboree June 6-7-8 9

CARVEL: 2nd Sunday of month. \$6 lunch served. Info 780-991-3001

SANGUDO: Sangudo Community Hall Jamborees are on hold until further notice 780-785-4105.

SPRUCE GROVE: at Sandhills Community Hall, 3rd Sunday, 1-5PM. Info Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780-962-3051 *September - June.

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

STONY PLAIN: Stony Plain Seniors Drop

In Center, 5018 - 51 Ave, Every 1st & 3rd Thurs of month, 6:30PM, \$2.

WHITECOURT SENIORS CIRCLE: 2nd Sunday of the month 1-5PM, \$5/Adm Door prizes & 50/50 draw. 780-778-4950 *Nov - June

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SANGUDO: Tues 5pm at Golden Club. Toni (780)786-4612

STONY PLAIN: Thurs evening at 5:30PM, Stony Plain Library. Susan (780) 968-0869

SPRUCE GROVE: Mon at 4:30pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Betty (780)962-3857

SPRUCE GROVE: Tues at 6:15pm at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Sharron (780)962-2722

SPRUCE GROVE: Wed at 8:45am at Anglican Church, 131 Church Road. Christiane (780)960-1109

WILDWOOD: Thurs at 10am at Wildwood Hall, Bea (780)727-2129

YOUR COMMUNITY

MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126: Seniors' Floor Curling - Thurs @ 1PM. Fun Darts - Thurs @ 7PM. Wings Night - Every Wed 5-8PM. Steak & Fish Night - 1st Friday of month 5-8PM. Everyone welcome. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Open Tuesdays 7PM to 10PM for "Games" (pool, shuffleboard, darts, cards, etc.) Fridays 3PM-10PM. Friday's Family Friendly Dinner, 5:30PM (open to the public).

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SPRUCE GROVE ELEVATOR TOURS, Tues-Sat, 9:00-3:00PM. Info 960-4600.

UNITED CHURCH THRIFT SHOP: North end Curling Rink, Onoway. Open Fri & Sat, 10AM-2PM.

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WATER SAMPLE DROP OFF: Tues Onoway Aspen Health Services. Drop off 1:00-2:30PM.

SOCIAL EVENTS

ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT ACTIVE 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: Mon 7PM Darts; Tues 7:30PM Crib; Wed 1PM Bridge. Thurs 7:30PM Euchre; Mon, Wed, Fri 8:30AM Aerobics/Fitness. Everyone Welcome.

BADMINTON: Wed, 7-10PM, Barrhead High School Gym. Jamie (780)674-8974 or (780)674-6974.

COME PLAY CRIB: Fridays, 7:00PM 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.

Darwell Public Skating 7-days weel 8am - 8pm. more details on Darwellag.com or Facebook

JR. SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM. Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpepubliclibrary.ab.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 & DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD: Every Wed, 9-4pm at Onoway Golden Club Onoway Museum. 967-4485

ONOWAY GOLDEN CLUB: Cards Tuesdays, 1PM. 5023 49 Ave. 780-967-3436.

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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 Lorainne 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

THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE 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 Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

3053 (LAC STE ANNE) ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS, Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45PM. Onoway Heritage Centre contact 3053army@cadets.gc.ca

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, Community Service Bldg 4909-49Ave, Thurs 8PM. (780) 648-3903 or (780) 779-0155

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

AA - WHITECOURT, united church side door, Mon, Wed, Fri 8pm call 780-424-5900

AA - WOMEN'S GROUP (NEW), Whitecourt United Church - use side door at 5201-50St. Saturday 11:00 Call (780)424-5900

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

Hope and Help for Family and Friends, New Al-Anon meeting in Spruce Grove Wed @ 11am. 1A Fieldstone Dr Church Library

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, Mondays 8PM, Golden Club 5023-49Ave

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.

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

GriefShare: Experience the many benefits of a grief support group. GriefShare is held Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting February 20, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 includes 12 weekly sessions and your personal journal workbook. Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533. **Girl Guides Embers,** Guides and Pathfinders Saturdays 2-4pm Onoway Heritage Center On-line Registration www.girlguides.ca

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

KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1st Tues of month. Contact: mayrthorpekinettes@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 Sandra @ 780-966-5678

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 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

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

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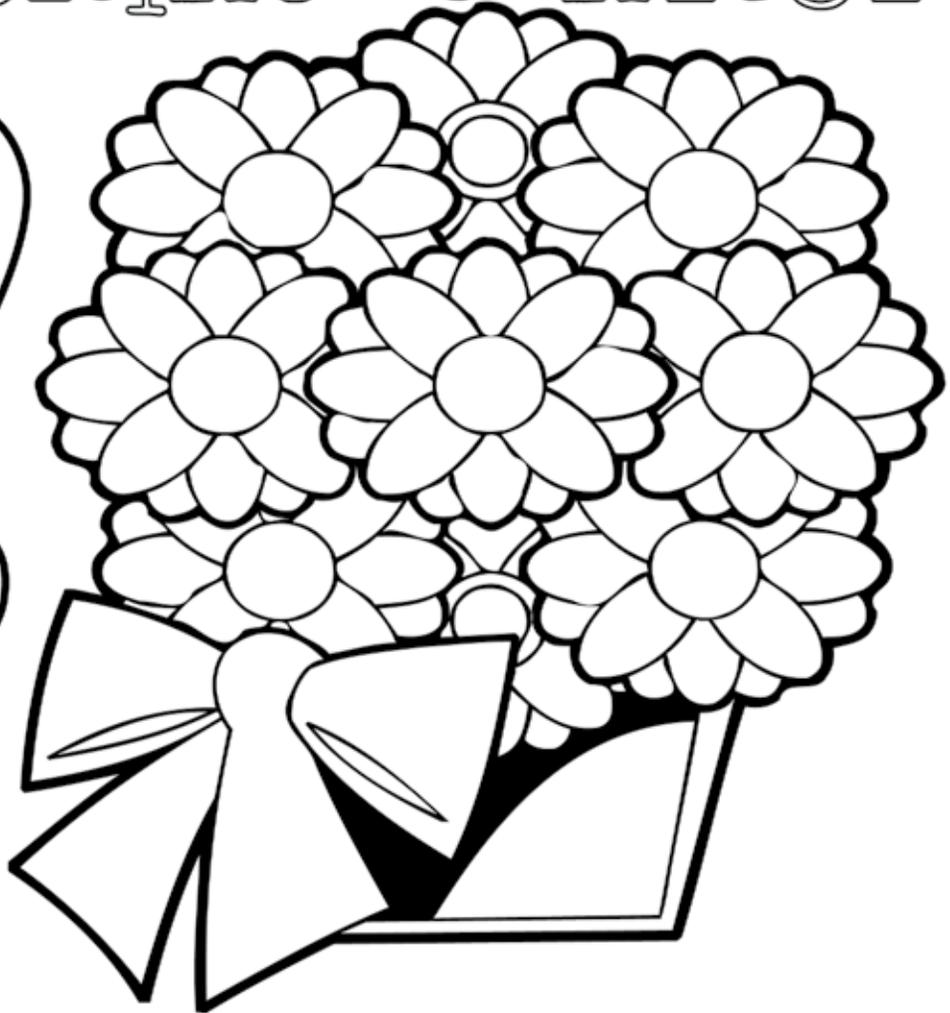
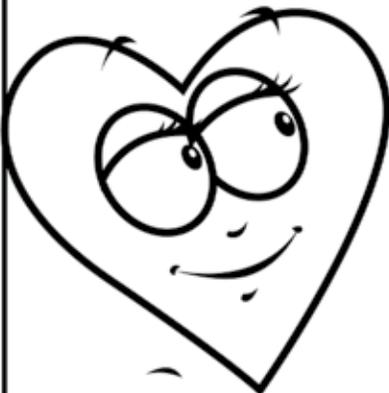
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