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April 24, 2024

FIRE BAN ISSUED FOR THE TOWN OF WHITECOURT

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

ed a full fire ban, effective Friday, April 19 at 9:00am.

ended until conditions improve within Whitecourt.

In consideration of current weather conditions, Whitecourt has institut-

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WHITECOURT FARMERS MARKET


Submitted by Joanne Thompson Whitecourt Farmers Market Association

tion for the Whitecourt Farmers Market! Serving Whitecourt and area for approximately 30 years, the club recently received registered Non-Profit status on

April 17, 2024. The market is now the Whitecourt Farmers Market Association. The history of the market goes back to 1994 when it was

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LET THERE BE MUSIC CONCERTS BEGIN IN MAYERTHORPE

Submitted by LSACC

The Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir begins its spring concert season, Let There Be Music in Mayer-

thorpe on Saturday, May 4. That afternoon performance is the first of three scattered throughout the area.

Director Debbie Rosen,

with help from accompanist Keat Machtemes, leads almost 50 singers in a variety of musical pieces and types of music.

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Fire Ban Issued For The Town Of Whitecourt

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is not limited to:

- Backyard fire pits,
- Campground fire pits,
- All open burning,
- Fireworks,
- Flame propelled floating lanterns,
- Charcoal briquettes,
- Turkey fryers,
- Tiki torches.

Allowed for use during the fire ban:

- CSA approved or ULC certified gas or propane barbeques used for cooking,
- CSA approved or ULC certified Wood Pellet Smokers,
- Propane and natural gas fire pits,
- Catalytic or infrared-style heaters,

• Electric or propane meat smokers.

The fire ban will remain in effect until conditions improve.

The operation of Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) within the Town of Whitecourt is prohibited under the Traffic By-law 1573 which prohibits OHV use within Town boundaries between April 1 and November 30 annually. Penalties for contravening Bylaw 1573 range from monetary fines to OHV seizure.

Updates on the fire ban will be posted on www.whitecourt.ca and on Whitecourt's Facebook page. For details on fire bans across Alberta, visit

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JOKE of the week

Two guys were out walking their dogs on a hot day, when they pass by a pub. The first guy says "Let's go in there for a pint." Second guy, says, "They won't let us in with our dogs."

First guy: "Sure they will, just follow my lead."

He goes up to the pub, and sure enough the doorman says, "I can't let you in here with that dog." He replies, "Oh, I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog."

The doorman says, "Ok then, come on in."

The second guy sees this and does the same thing. He goes up to the pub, and the doorman says, "You can't come in here with a dog." He replies, "I'm blind and this is my seeing-eye dog." The doorman responds, "You have a chihuahua for a seeing-eye dog?" The second guy stops for a second, and exclaims, "They gave me a chihuahua?"



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Whitecourt Farmers Market

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first held at the Whitecourt Legion Hall. We assume this as unfortunately due to changes at both the Alberta Farmers Market Association and the Whitecourt Farmers Market (as it was known) past documents were lost. Starting May 7, 2024, new memories and history will be made.

The club has operated continually until covid which closed the market for awhile. But with the determination of dedicated members Cristie Altona, Jessica Marcer, Sharon Stochinski and Judy Olsen the market came back, small in size but big in heart! There

is a dedicated board of executives and members who work to create a club whose function is to provide a venue for producers, growers entrepreneurs, craftsman and small business operators to sell their wares directly to consumers and to foster a sense of community amongst the customers and our members. Serving the WFMA this year are: Joanne Thompson, President Brailynn Panter, Vice President Kandie Reid, Treasurer Marie Birkbeck, Secretary And board members Rod Romeo, Sue Christianson, Pat Bagwell, Amanda James and LeeAnne Er-

ickson. The WFMA also has a manager Ann Marie Brown At the end of the 2023 season the club realised it had outgrown the Legion Hall. The increase in vendors made a move necessary.

The new location at the Whitecourt Curling Club will fit our needs! A larger, brighter area with easier access, it is capable to host many more vendors. Outdoor vendors will also be available when the weather warms up! With a more visible location, more space and more vendors our visitors will be able to choose from a wider variety of "MAKE IT, BAKE IT, GROW IT" items.

For more information on how to become a vendor please contact market manager Ann Marie Brown by email farmer-marketwc@gmail.com Come join the Whitecourt Farmers Market Association at its grand opening on May 7, 2024! Market opens at 12 noon through to 3:30 pm. P.S. watch for upcoming information about our 30th anniversary celebrations on July 30, 2024!:



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Application Deadline is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.

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Mailing Address: Box 278 Alberta Beach, AB T0E 0A0
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County News Highlights

April 25 Council Meeting

May 1 Municipal Planning Commission 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](https://www.lfac.ca/agenda) for meeting agendas. Please note: to address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

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SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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If you have applied for a business licence, to qualify for the small business incentive, please ensure you don't have any outstanding balances.

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If you have any outstanding balances it will cancel the qualification of your small business incentive for a tax reduction.

Visit [LSAC.ca/bylaws](https://www.lfac.ca/bylaws) to view Bylaw 2023-02 - Business Tax Incentive Bylaw.

To learn more about Business Licences please visit [LSAC.ca/business-licences](https://www.lfac.ca/business-licences).

CHECK OUT OUR COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Get the Latest News Online

This initiative highlights key decisions and issues emerging from Council meetings, ensuring transparency and engagement with our community.

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2024 ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

A Non-profit Group/Club Fundraising Opportunity

The County seeks interested community groups to perform roadside clean-up on area roads in coordination with the annual Alberta Highway Clean-up; held on Saturday, May 4, with a rain-out date of May 11.

Nine County locations throughout the region have been chosen for the clean-up program this year. The County will pay \$200.00 per mile of roadway cleaned (both sides). Garbage bags will be provided. You will be responsible for your own safety vests.

Please submit a letter of interest including the group's name, what division you are in, contact name, and telephone number via email to publicworks@LSAC.ca or by regular mail to the mailing address noted in the above header.

Application deadline is April 30, 2024 at noon.

Let There Be Music Concerts Begin In Mayerthorpe

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The wide range, from pop to traditional to classical, means there's something that everyone will recognize and enjoy. Admission to all concerts is by donation.

The popular community choir's first concert, beginning at 2 p.m., is at the Mayerthorpe Legion Hall (5111 -45 Ave.). This group includes a number of local Mayerthorpe singers and musicians. The entire com-

munity is invited to enjoy the afternoon performance.

The group travels a bit further, moving to Spruce Grove on Friday, May 10. That location, closer to Edmonton, makes travel easier for friends and family from that area. The first evening performance, it begins at 7:30 pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church (131 Church Rd.).

After a short break, it's back to Alberta Beach for the final performance of Let

There Be Music. Beginning at 7 pm on Friday, May 31, this is the choir's traditional Friends & Family performance. After the concert, the entire audience is invited to stay for a short while to enjoy refreshments while visiting with choir members.

The Lac Ste. Anne Community Choir welcomes anyone over 18 who likes to sing. No auditions are required, and there's no need to read music or have choir

experience. All you need to join is a love of singing, and a wish to meet a group of like-minded people. After a summer break, registration and the first practice for fall's season will be early in September at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (5012 - 49 Avenue). Watch for the exact date, to be publicized in late August.

Questions? Call Sandra at 780-966-5678 or Shelley at 780-779-3880.

SPRING SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Submitted by Zion United Church

It is starting to feel like spring! Members of Zion United Church invite friends and neighbours to gather for supper on Sunday, May 5th. The meal in-

cludes spaghetti, salad, and garlic toast, prepared in our lovely new kitchen. Yes - there will be pie for dessert and a scrumptious selection of pies for sale.

Doors open at 5:00PM, supper served at 5:30PM. Tickets must be purchased

in advance and are available from UC members or call Lorraine at 780-668-2967 to reserve your meal. Children under 5 years old eat for free. This event helps support the United Church Mission & Service Fund. Our church is in Paradise

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Upcoming Dinners

The Veteran's Appreciation Dinner will be held on May 4. Ira and his team will be cooking a Roast Beef dinner with Yorkshire Pudding, soup, and salad to start followed by a scrumptious dessert. All Veterans of the Onoway Branch will be contacted personally in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in volunteering at this special event, please contact Ruth at 780-967-5361.

Come out on May 10th and support the Onoway Historical Guild's as they

host a fundraising dinner and silent auction. The menu is smoked brisket from Smoke Boys Texas BBQ of Stony Plain, baked beans, cornbread, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw with homemade pies for dessert. The Veterans Table will also be sponsored by the Onoway Historical Guild.

It's going to be a great night so make sure you book ahead by phone or text at 780-967-5361. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, May 8th. Take-out orders are always available if pre-ordered.

There is NO dinner on May 3 due to the Veteran's Dinner also no din-

ner on May 17 due to the Victoria Long Weekend.

Message from the President

At the April meeting, five new executive members were sworn in at the Onoway Legion. Cliff Cottingham has become our 1st Vice-President, with Liane Wenckowski taking over the 2nd Vice-President position. Three other members have accepted positions as Directors on the Board.

I welcome the newcomers to our legion and our board and I am especially looking forward to any new ideas they may suggest. Fresh blood is always a good idea in any

organization to prevent "routine" becoming more "stagnation". The bottom line is that every member, whether new or not, simply wants to do their best for the Legion and the veterans we support.

A key event next month is our Veterans' Dinner on Saturday, May 4. This dinner honours local veterans fellowship with a free meal and comradeship. It's our way of saying "we appreciate what you've done, and gone through, during your military career". It also is our way of recognizing VE (Victory in Europe) Day on May 8.

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We have many other exciting events in the planning stages, so keep posted for more information as it becomes available.

Richard Moses
President
Club Activities
Tuesday Night Darts Club

Each Tuesday, the thud of thrown darts fills the hall. Registration is at 7 pm so everyone can be assigned to a team for play to begin at 7:30 pm. Cost for darts is \$3 each week.

Wednesday Pub Night and Musical Jam

Enjoy a night of music every Wednesday at the Legion. Doors open at 6:30 pm each Wednesday, with our house band starting at 7 pm. with a jam that everyone is invited to join.

Everyone, member or not, everyone is invited. Bring an instrument to play or sing along with the band or as a soloist. If you'd rather, just tap your feet, sit, and listen, or dance. Not musical? You can play darts, pool, or cards while you enjoy the music. The bar is open with hotdogs and bar snacks.

Thursday Night Pool Club

On Thursday, the pool club racks up the balls. Play begins at 7 pm, so please arrive in time to be included in the evening schedule. Cost is \$5 each week.

Pub Night Every Second Friday

There is no meal at the legion on Friday, April 26 but everyone is welcome to enjoy a friendly evening of cards, darts, or pool with friends at our Pub Night. You don't need to be a legion member. A full bar service, along with snacks and

freshly cooked hot dogs will be available to enjoy with your cold beer. We even offer specialty cocktails, apple cider, chai latte, and specialty herbal teas!

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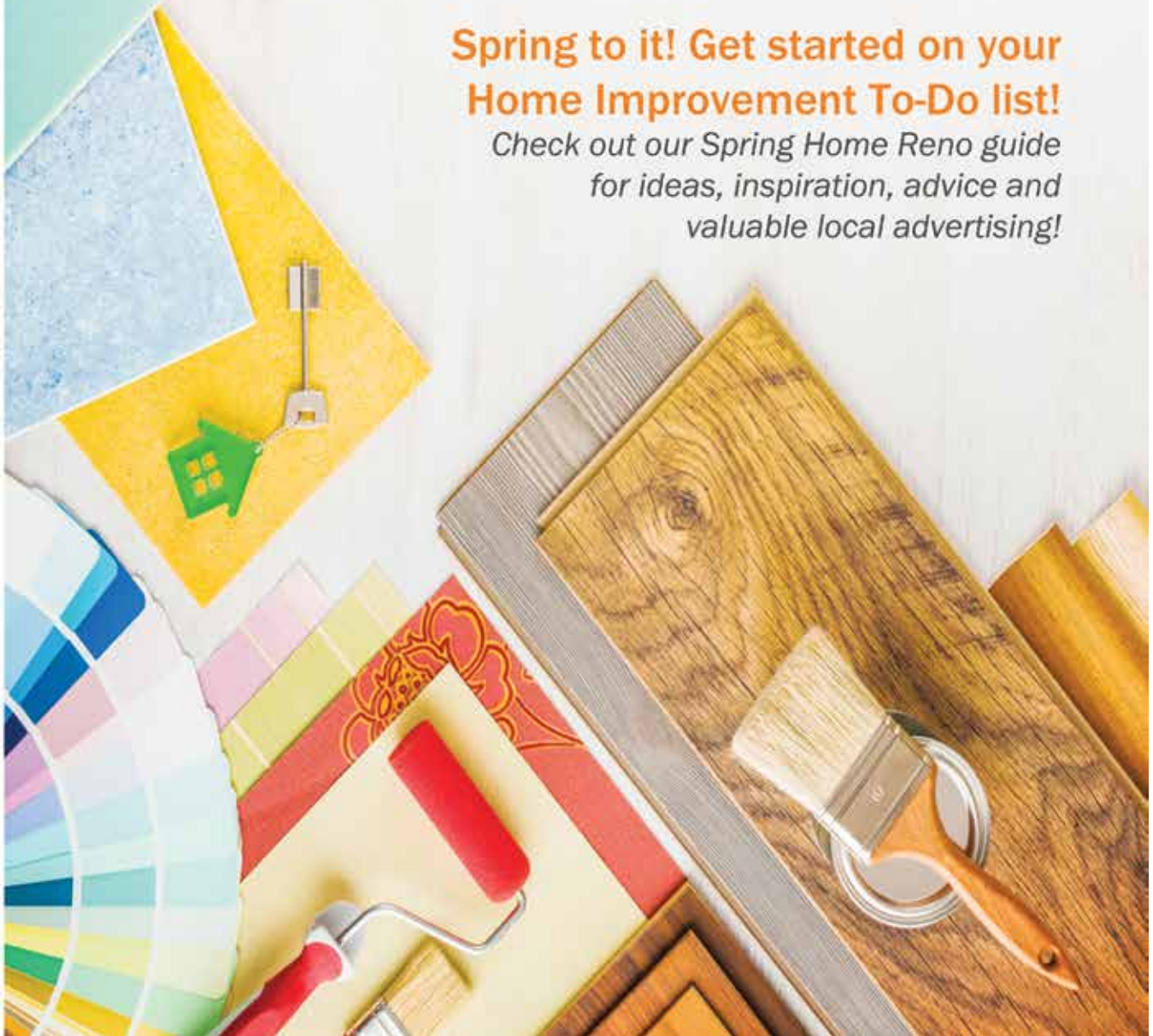
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· Start with the source. Low kitchen ceilings tend to fall victim to oil stains, which are an unfortunate side effect of cooking. But not all stains can be so easily traced to their origins. Some ceiling stains, such as those in bathrooms, may be a byproduct of mold, while others may be indicative of plumbing problems. Identifying the source of a stain is often the first step toward eradicating it.

· Fix the problem. Once you have identified

what's causing the stain, fix the problem as soon as possible. Ceiling stains are often indicative of much larger problems, and the longer those problems are allowed to fester, the bigger they become. Some water stains on ceilings result from cracks or joints that have not been adequately sealed or caulked. Reseal or recaulk any cracks you suspect are leading to ceiling stains. If you have determined a leaky roof is behind your stained ceilings, then

have the roof inspected for damage, and prepare yourself to finance a new roof if the inspector determines that's the best solution.

· Cover nearby furniture. If you find ceiling stains above living areas, then be sure to cover the furniture below such ceilings with a tarp. Even if your stain solution will be made primarily of water, you don't want to risk compounding your ceiling stain problem by staining your

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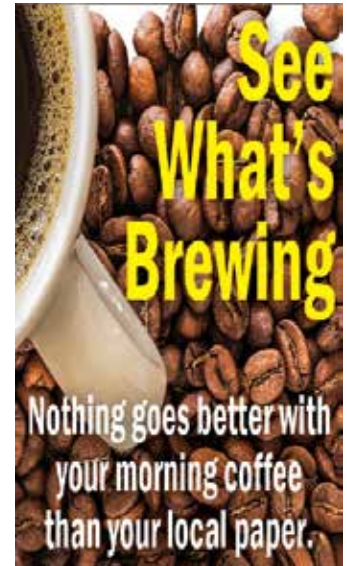
- Remove the stains. Different stains require different treatments. A solution made of water and bleach may be effective at removing ceiling stains, but only apply such solutions on days when you can open the windows and air out your home. Larger stains may require the application of a stain blocker, which may need to be applied with a roller and brush. No matter the stain, you

need to leave time for the ceiling to dry before you can move on. Opening the windows can prevent your home from being overcome by the smell of bleach and also speed up the time it takes the ceiling to dry.

- Cover the ceiling with primer. Once the ceiling has completely dried, you can apply a stain-blocking primer to prevent future stains. Allow the primer ample time to dry.

- Apply a fresh coat of paint. After the prim-

er has dried completely, you can then repaint the ceiling. Some paints may blend in even if you only paint the affected areas of the ceiling, but others will require a complete repainting of the ceiling. The eye test will help you determine how much work you have to do in that regard.



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HOW TO MAKE SPRING PROJECTS MORE ECO-FRIENDLY

The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes. For the latter group, home improvement season provides a great opportunity to make homes more eco-friendly.

When planning home improvement projects, it's best to first choose a project and then look for ways to make the project more environmentally friendly. Such an approach may not only benefit the envi-

ronment, but it also may benefit homeowners' bottom lines.

Interior decorating Longer days and warmer temperatures often translate into wanting to freshen up the interior of a home. Heavy draperies and comforters are put away, and lighter fabrics are taken out of storage. Whenever possible, reuse or repurpose items you already have rather than purchasing new items. Longer drapes can be cut and hemmed to be used as window treatments in other rooms. Making a patchwork blanket out of old T-shirts is a

crafty project that makes use of items that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

When laundering linens, skip the energy-using dryer and let items line dry in the sun and fresh air.

If you decide to purchase some new items, look for products made from sustainable or organic fabrics. Hemp and bamboo textiles have grown in popularity. Hemp and bamboo plants grow quickly, and their durability makes these materials smart choices.

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How To Make Spring Projects More Eco-Friendly

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When replacing items around the house, donate older items to a charitable organization.

Flowers and plants

Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than non-native alternatives, so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and herbicides to keep

them healthy and viable.

Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space.

Proper disposal

Spring cleaning is another tradition for many families

come the end of winter and dawn of spring. Many people use spring as a time to go through closets and garages to remove items they no longer use or need. In an effort to clean up fast, some people may dispose of chemical products, paints, treated lumber, and many other items in ways that can be damaging to the environment. Always learn local municipal guidelines for proper disposal of potentially harmful products. Area recycling centers may have drop-off areas for stains and paints, used motor oil and other potentially harmful products.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold.

This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills.

Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from cleaning products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible products whenever possible.

Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.

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THE POPULARITY OF THE COLOR WHITE

White is a versatile color in home decorating and renovation. White helps any space look effortlessly chic, blends well with just about any color and can be incorporated into various design styles from modern to traditional.

While the color white is always trendy, the paint manufacturers Benjamin Moore chose white (Simply White OC-117) as their 'it' color for 2016. White can be used nearly anywhere inside and outside the home. Improving interior and exterior spaces with white elements is easier than you might think, and it instantly can make anything look as good as new.

Kitchen

While rich cherrywood cabinets and deeply hued granite countertops have long been

popular in kitchens, creamy white cabinets paired with blonde wood countertops can work together to make kitchens seem open and airy. If all white is not your thing, brighten up kitchen spaces with white canisters, cookie jars and a fresh bouquet of white flowers to add instant appeal.

Living Room

Use white as a base color for living room spaces so you can build on it with other hues on pillows and draperies, mixing and matching however you see fit.

Homeowners who have children and/or pets should look for furniture with removable slipcovers. This way they're easily removed and laundered.

Bathroom

White bathrooms look fresh and are easy to clean and

maintain. White tiles provide a classic look. Include colored bath mats, towels and shower curtains to break up the white as you see fit. A neutral white base makes it easy to switch out color schemes whenever you feel like it.

Bedroom

Feminine and fresh, white bedrooms may not be the first choice for novice designers. If the prospect of white on white seems too sterile, offset deeper hues on bed linens and walls with white furniture. This provides some pop against the darker contrast.

Keep in mind that doing a bed up in all white means it will always be easy to find matching sheets and pillowcases, making it possible to ensure everything looks cohesive and crisp.

Outdoors

Use white paint on trims, shutters, mailboxes, and more to provide that pop of contrast against the rest of the home. White complements just about every color, making it a versatile choice on a home's accents regardless of the main exterior color of that home.

White and other light shades will reflect the sun as well, contributing to cooler temperatures on walkways, decks and other structures, which can be advantageous to homeowners who live in warm climates.

Is it any wonder that white continues to be a classic and popular color to use around the home? Whether you do so with monochromatic rooms or accent pieces, you can incorporate white into design plans throughout your home.

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MAYERTHORPE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #126

Submitted by Margaret Thibault

The Mayerthorpe Legion Branch #126 has been ringing with the sounds of people enjoying a variety of events this month. April 3, 10 and 17 the crowds were huge for Wing Night. It's always appreciated to see so much support for the Legion.

On April 13 it was a full house

for the Roddie Murphy Memorial Dart Tournament, with all registration dollars paid out to the keen-eyed winners. Meals and refreshments kept up the strength of the 48 players on 12 teams. There was an awful lot of laughter shared for a sport where you're supposed to keep quiet when somebody's throwing, but nobody seemed to mind! A huge basket of refreshments was raffled off and

won by a person who knows you have to keep hydrated at all times: Kelly Granley, owner and manager of Gym 2.0 in Mayerthorpe.



Brenda Murphy (centre) organized the Tournament in honor of her late husband, Roddie Murphy, an avid Legion supporter.

The next day, April 14, the Legion was packed to capacity for the always-popular Marathon Bingo. Approximately \$11,000 was paid out in prizes, and again meals and refreshments were available. Special thanks to Kim O'Dempsey who spent countless volunteer hours preparing and organizing the day-long Bingo before-hand and then had eight volunteers join her on Sunday to keep everything running smoothly. Lots of accolades from the Bingo players who came from near and far - very far! Even the Bingo caller deemed Mayerthorpe his favorite Bingo! The Legion appreciates the many great doorprizes donated by our generous business community and individuals.



The Legion weekly schedule keeps everyone busy - it's great! We also welcome private rentals. To arrange phone the Legion 780-786-2470, or Kim 780-305-6035.

Join us Tuesdays for Chair Yoga with Jo 5:30-6:30, followed by Darts at 7:30.

Wednesday is Wing Night from 4:30-8:00, with Crib Games in the hall at 7:00.

Thursday Floor Curling is offered from 1:00-4:30, followed by Dancing with Dixie at 4:30; and Yoga with Jo from 6:30-7:30.

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TROLLS, MOOSE TICS AND SPRING

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I know the topic headline is a little strange, well stranger than usual, but there are a few things that became clear over the last while that have helped me in conversations, and to put things in perspective.

Trolls, not the most favourable mythical characters out there. They conjure up mental imagery of nasty beings, living in dark places, unhappy with others existence, and have not had the ability, or the fortitude to change their state. Rather they gather with other trolls, squabble amongst each other, until there is someone or something else, they can take out their own personal hostility on. Misery indeed loves company. I now see why on social media they call folks that exhibit this kind of behavior as Trolls.

Many may not know it, but I have some outstanding office staff! They work their backsides off helping folks that need it every day. They literally do everything they can to make someone else's life better. They also take on the burden of sadness when things do not move as fast or turn out as well as they would have hoped.

We are all very lucky to have them.

My staff is also unable to engage on social media other than posting an article or items that I've asked them to do. They are some of the hardest working and

most conscience people I've met in my time as an MLA.

So...when I hear of a small group of local folks taking a run at my staff's integrity, or their commitment to our community, I absolutely take exception to that type of behavior. My staff are at an extreme disadvantage, and are unable to respond directly, they have to turn the other cheek as it were. I would ask that those that want to cast stones, act like trolls, and if you can't change your nature, direct your attention at me. I have no problem responding and dealing with you directly, and ironically, a number of you already have my cell phone number, and you have never been shy on using it in the past, so please, let my staff do what they need to do in peace, because you are only tearing down good folks that are trying their best to help others.

I was told by a number of folks that I am a bit of a storyteller, and they explained to me that it is a good thing. A powerful thing that helps to bring folks in on a personal level and help articulate an idea or a thought. Perhaps it's my country upbringing, when you visit with folks it's over a coffee and are catching up because it's been a while. It's about sharing real experiences, and spending quality time.

One childhood story I recently told a number of folks that I hadn't thought about for years, but with

federal policy, and listening to the debate from the opposition in the house it all came back.

When I was about 13, it was a late spring, ponds and rivers were still frozen over, snow on the ground, and we were still feeding the cows in the pens, and just wrapping up calving season.

Out checking the cows, I came across a young moose trying to jump into the water trough and trying to stay in amongst the cows for the feed. The young moose looked sick, skinny, acting funny, and had one terrible looking coat, all blotchy. We called Fish and Wildlife; they said there wasn't much we could do and to let nature take its course. The moose was probably trying to get into the water to drown the ticks that were feeding from it. They had similar calls, but we were not allowed to treat the animal, we had to let nature take its course.

The moose died a few days later, and to me it was heart breaking, the animal didn't deserve to die that way, killed by parasites. It died in the corrals, and it was up to me to burn it, making sure that the cows didn't come into contact with it. Diesel fuel and a tiger torch...I know cowboys aren't supposed to cry but I wept, sadness, frustration and anger all combined, thinking of how that poor animal had suffered.

That memory came back to me recently in wake of the harmful effects the

NDP / Liberals have had both Nationally and Provincially since 2015. I can't rationalize why the Alberta NDP on a whole still support it?

It wasn't one tic that brought that moose down, it was thousands. The culmination of radical social justice, eco-utopianism, a "self-balancing budget", defund the police, and anti-freedom fear mongering have indeed taken their toll. Taxing people to change the weather, breaking people financially to punish them for not buying into the ideology in the process...it should be criminal.

I am hopeful however, even though the Liberals cruel April Fool's Day joke has taken another swing at all of us by increasing the carbon tax another 23% spring is just around the corner.

I believe that with 70 percent of Canada's Premiers pushing back, and voters nation wide who are seeing these hypocritical policies for the lunacy that they truly are.

Although our country is in a weakened state like that young moose I had encountered in my youth, we can indeed intervene, and people across the country are seeing things for what they are. I believe that they are indeed tired if the "Whack a Do Woke", eco extremist socialist policies. Spring is right around the corner, open water, and the ability to shed ourselves of these parasitic policies.

Mayerthorpe Royal Canadian Legion Branch #126

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Thursday, April 18 of Volunteer Appreciation Week was a salute to volunteers who have stepped forward to help their group operate at peak performance. The Town of Mayerthorpe treated 71 volunteers to a dozen wings of their choice. Three extra special volunteers

who have gone above and beyond were called forward by Mayor Janet Jabush to receive a bouquet and a Co-op gift certificate: Tammy Lee Gilroy, Sylvia Krikun, and Charlotte Arthur. These three are hard to keep up to in this town!

The extremely popular Mayerthorpe Market will return to the Legion Hall on Friday, April

26 from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 10-4. Talented artisans will have a huge variety of homemade crafts and gifts for sale at this "April Showers" Market.

Sadly the Legion will be saying goodbye to our exceptional cook of 16 years. Brenda Murphy will be leaving at the end of April to cook at the Mayer-

thorpe Golf Course, where she has cooked part-time for a few years. The Legion's loss is definitely the Golf Course's gain.

NEW CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - CHRIS LEGGETT

Submitted by Town of Mayerthorpe

Mayerthorpe, Alberta

During their April 8, 2024 regular meeting, Council appointed Chris Leggett as the new Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Mayerthorpe effective April 2, 2024.

CAO Leggett is an experienced Chief Administrative Officer having gained considerable experience working for the Village of

Pouce Coupe in northeastern British Columbia and, most recently, the Town of Vegreville in central Alberta. He has a strong financial background and is a University Certified Local Government Administrator, Certified Local Government Financial Administrator, and Certified Local Government Human Resource Administrator.

CAO Leggett grew up on a family farm in eastern Canada, started his career in banking, and transitioned

to local government approximately 10 years ago. He's married and has a blended family with 5 children. When not in the office, he and his family can often be found riding motocross and enjoying the great outdoors.

"Council and I are thrilled to welcome Chris to our hard-working little team. When he arrived for his in-person interview, we were struck by his easy-going demeanor, his up-beat personality and, be-

lieve it or not, the fact that he wore jeans. More than one Councillor remarked that "he fits right in with his jeans and his pick-up truck". We're looking forward to working with Chris and excited to see the positive impacts he'll have on our community!"

Mayor Janet Jabush, Town of Mayerthorpe.

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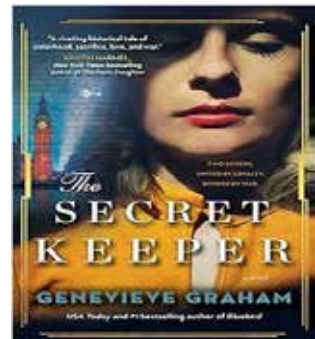
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Join us on Monday, April 29, at 6:30 pm for a presentation by local author Genevieve Graham. Genevieve is an internationally bestselling author of historical fiction books. Her

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about the writing process, the genre of historical fiction, the publishing process, and whatever else people want to know about. Everyone is welcome to join us. Copies of her books will be available for purchase and she would be happy to autograph them for you.



WHITECOURT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

The Town of Whitecourt is proud to announce the appointment of Drew Hadfield as the new Director of Infrastructure.

For Drew, this will be a return to our community. Drew previously worked for the Town of Whitecourt (between 1997 and 2006) in

supporting the development and engineering functions of the community before heading to BC. Since that time, he has worked with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, Comox Valley Regional District and, for the past 14 years, with the City of Campbell River as the Director of Operations.

"I am excited to be returning to Whitecourt in this role," said Drew

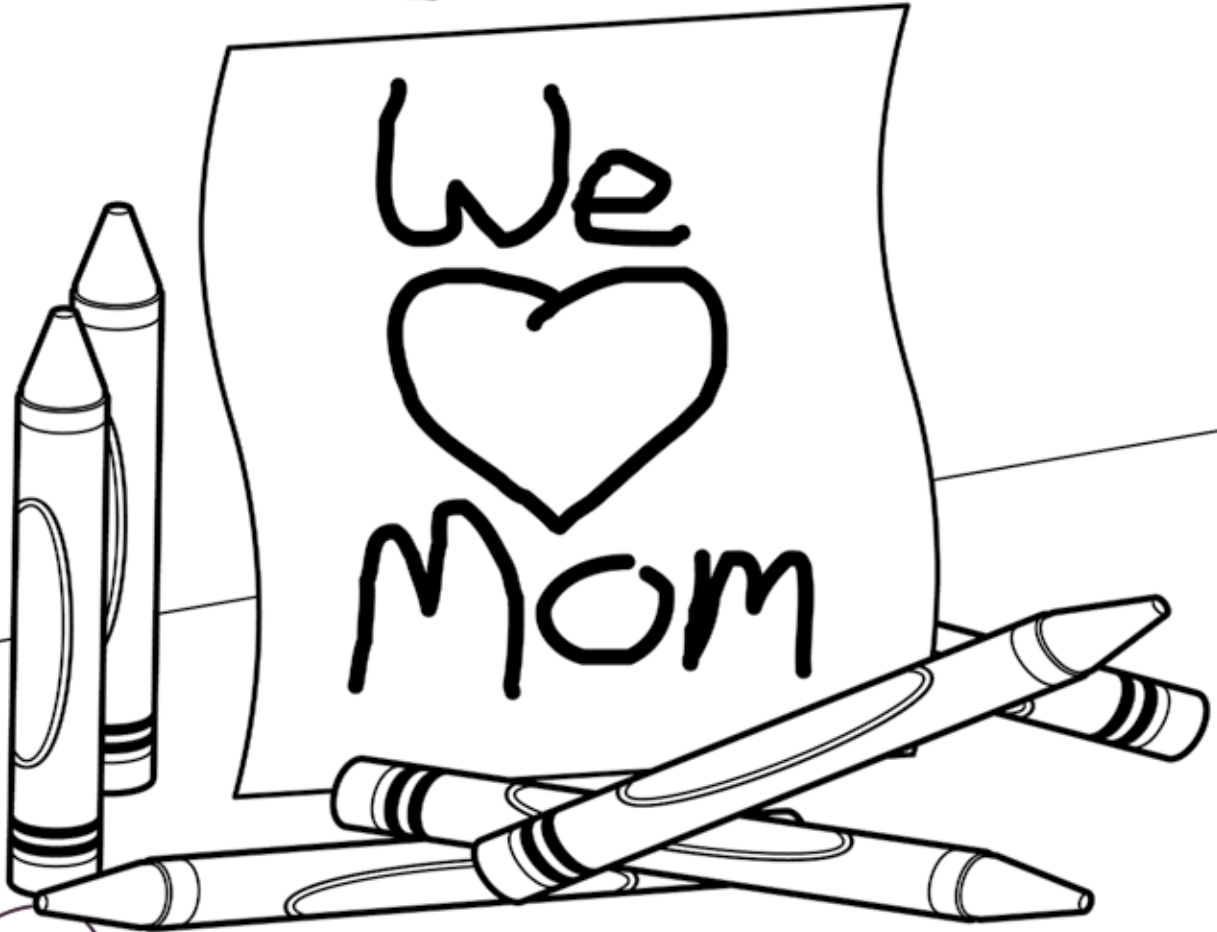
Hadfield. "The community has grown significantly since I left in 2006, and I look forward to supporting the Town operations in this continued growth." As the Director of Infrastructure, Mr. Hadfield will oversee public works operations; fleet maintenance; infrastructure and road maintenance operations; utilities operations; engineering services; parks and open spaces

maintenance; and, the Whitecourt Cemetery.

"Drew brings a wealth of experience in municipal operations and infrastructure services," added Peter Smyl, Chief Administrative Officer. "I look forward to working with him as part of our senior management team."

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Obituaries

Yuill, William Keith Mr. William "Keith" Yuill passed away on April 13, 2024, at the age of 81 years. Keith will be forever loved and remembered by his loving wife Doris, daughter, Candi (Dave) Cooper, stepdaughter Janice Arndt, two sons, Richard (Delina). Derek (Marcy), two stepsons, Randy (Natasha) Arndt and Brad Arndt. Also to miss him dearly are six grandchildren, Bradley, JJ, Jeremy, Thomas, Kyle, Jason, and 13 great-grandchildren. Also to mourn his loss are three brothers, Senley, Les, and Klent, as well as two sisters, Gene and Alfreda. He was predeceased by his parents William and Grace, brother John, and granddaughter Crystal. A celebration of Life was held for family and close friends on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 1:00pm at Serenity Funeral Services in Spruce Grove, 600 Calahoo Road. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Keith's memory to Parkinson's Society.

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