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ALBERTA RCMP SERIOUS CRIMES BRANCH CONCLUDE LENGTHY CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Alberta **RCMP**

Albert **RCMP** continue their investigation into child abuse allegations involving several individuals.

Submitted by Marlaine

We had 40 teams come out

to enjoy 12 games of cards

at our tournament. We pro-

Janke

Following the initial arrest of Sherina Maria Handsor (43), the RCMP Serious Crimes Branch arrested Nicole Kathleen Barrett (45), a resident of Whitecourt, Alta. This is in connection to the

GUNN HALL'S APRIL 20TH

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fee, tea, juice, a full lunch

and desserts plus the bar is

open for a social drink. Our

volunteers strive to provide

everything needed to enjoy

a relaxing day of cards and

same investigation involving Handsor.

On April 24, 2024, RCMP arrested and charged Nicole Barrett with;

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Submitted by Onoway Legion

Upcoming Dinners

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

head. They had a

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Alberta RCMP Serious Crimes Branch Conclude Lengthy Child Abuse Investigation

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- Failure to Provide Necessities of Life (x3);
- Assault.

Barrett was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released on bail including conditions that restrict contact with the victims. Barrett's next court appearance is set for May 28, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt.

Five new victims have come forward to the RCMP reporting historical child abuse offences while in Handsor's care in White-court and Quesnel, BC. RCMP identified two additional victims, totalling seven new victims of child abuse. As a result, on April 29, 2024, RCMP charged

Sherina Maria Handsor with 13 additional charges related to historical child abuse including;

- Failure to Provide Necessities of life (x7);
- Assault with a weapon;
- Assault causing bodily harm;
- Assault (x3);
- Administrating noxious substance (x2).

Handsor was taken before a Justice of the Peace and remanded into custody. Her next court appearance is set for May 1, 2024 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Stony Plain, Alta.

Information received during the course of the investigation suggests that there may be other victims or individuals who may have information regarding the involvement of Sherina Maria Handsor and Nicole Kathleen Barrett in offences against children. In an effort to assist potential victims and witnesses, RCMP are providing an additional photograph of both suspects.

If you have any information about this crime or those responsible please call the RCMP Serious Crimes Branch at 780-509-3290. If you wish to remain anonymous you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1800 222-8477 (TIPS), by Internet at www.tipsubmit.com or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions).







Gunn Hall's April 20th Crib Tournament

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score of 1421 points and received \$350.00. Second place for \$250.00 was won by Helmut Formanski and Gary Damon of Onoway. They had a score of 1405 points. Third place for \$150.00 was won by Barb Brown and Kelly Krewski of Whitecourt with a score of 1404 points.

We also paid out \$10.00 each to the eight players that had 24 point hands. They were: Les Properzi, Dan Mills, Maxine Bourden, Ged Brent, Stephanie Trynchy, Doris Chizma, Austin McNamara and Terry Ryder.

Two 50/50 draws were held. The first being \$192.50 won by Ronnie Zur of Wabamun & the afternoons

draw was \$225.00 won by Bobbi Dingwall of Yellowstone

The 19 pot in the first 6 games came to \$31.25 and was won by Candace Mc-Namara. The afternoons pot was \$32.25 won by Bessie Stevens. Even by winning these small pots, the days entry fee cost is covered.

Our organization is

pleased with the support we get from the surrounding communities and we hope everyone had an enjoyable day. Congratulations to all the winners!!!

Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers who contribute their time into making this event run smoothly. You are important to us and we appreciate all you do.

Onoway Legion News

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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. Takeout orders are always available if pre-ordered.

There is NO dinner on May 17 due to the Victoria Long Weekend.

Another hosted dinner is coming our way on May 24th. The Lac Ste Anne Army Cadet Corps will be holding their fundraising dinner and silent auction. The menu is roast beef, roasted potatoes, peas and carrots, buns, gravy, ceaser salad, cake, and ice cream for dessert.

Make sure you book your spot before Wednesday, May 22 by phone or text at 780-967-536.

Club Activities

Tuesday - Darts Club, cost \$3 each week. Registration 7 pm. Play 7:30 pm

Wednesday - Pub Night and Musical Jam, doors open 6:30 pm, house band starts at 7 pm.

Thursday - Pool Club, cost \$5, play begins at 7 pm so arrive early.

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Friday- Every second Friday is pub night. Next pub night is May 31. Come out for a friendly evening of cards, darts, or pool with friends.

You don't need to be a Legion member to take part in these fantastic activities.

Hope to see you at the Onoway Legion!

Activities in the Works Annual General Meeting

Scouts Dinner June 7. Summer dart league will begin on June 5. No charge to play.

Wed night wing night will start on June 5.

Tiki Party Night- July 13. Did you know: If you are still waiting for your membership card or sticker you can now pick them up at the

bar. Not a member. Why

not visit www.legion.ca and join today. Anyone 18 years or older can join the Royal Canadian Legion. Help support Canada's Veterans and the community while participating in some great benefits.

WHITECOURT FIRE BAN LIFTED

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Due to recent precipitation, the Town of Whitecourt lifted the Fire Ban as of Wednesday, May 1. A Fire Ban was in place within Town limits since April 19, 2024 due to dry conditions.

Although the Fire Ban has been lifted, residents should remain diligent and

aware of potential fire risks. Residents are reminded that the Town of Whitecourt requires permits for all residential fire pits and temporary burning. For information on fi re pit and burning permits visit www. whitecourt.ca.

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

For details on restrictions in effect in areas immediately surrounding Whitecourt, and bans in place throughout Alberta, visit www.albertafi rebans.ca.







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RURAL CRIME AWARENESS

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Protect livestock by checking herds regularly and keeping accurate records of livestock born, sold or purchased.



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Utilize the Report-A-Poacher Program. Their toll free number is 1-800-642-3800.

Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area.Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.

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WHITECOURT RCMP TRAFFIC UNIT SEIZES DRUGS DURING TRAFFIC STOPS

Submitted by Whitecourt **RCMP**

On April 18, 2024, at 7:45 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit was performing roving patrols in Whitecourt. A driver on Hwy 43 was observed not wearing a seatbelt. A roadside stop was conducted and the Alberta RCMP Traffic Unit officer noted that

the VIN did not match the registration and insurance documents. It was determined that the vehicle had been stolen out of Didsbury. Alta., in 2022. The driver was arrested and a search of the vehicle incidental to arrest revealed the following items, valued at over \$10000, which were seized:

156 grams of suspected methamphetamine;

- 8.5 grams of suspected cocaine;
- 7 grams of suspected hash: and
- Break in tools.

As a result of the investigation, Amanda Lee McVittie (52), a resident of Calgary, was charged with:

- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x2);
- Possession of stolen property over \$5000;

- Possession of break in tools;
- Breach of undertaking; and
- Traffic Safety Act tickets (x4).

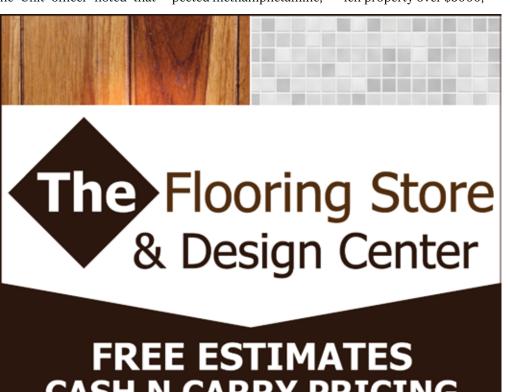
McVittie was released on conditions and is to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on June 11, 2024.

On April 19, 2024 at 5 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit was speed performing forcement on Hwy 43 near Whitecourt. A vehicle was observed traveling at 146 km/h in a 110km/h zone. An Alberta RCMP Traffic Unit conducted a roadside stop and observed the windows being rolled down, letting a cloud of cannabis-tinted smoke waft out, while hand rolled cigarettes were being thrown. The officer noted drugs within the vehicle, resulting in the arrest of six people. The vehicle was searched and the following items, valued at over \$90000, were seized:

- 1.2 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine;
- 178.8 grams of suspected cocaine;
- 2938 millilitres of codeine syrup;
- 78 bars of alprazolam; and
- A loaded prohibited handgun.

As a result of the investigation, the following people were arrested:

- Tommy Kayfay (19) and Chino Guiawan (21). both resident of Edmonton. as well as Bradley Mercredi (32) and April Sayine (33), both resident of Yellowknife, NT, were charged with:
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x4); Continued on Page 7



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Whitecourt RCMP Traffic Unit Seizes Drugs During Traffic Stops

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- o Firearm-related offences (x5); and
- o Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2).
- Gulied Ahmed Umar (19), a resident of Edmonton, was charged with:
- o Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x4);
- o Firearm-related offences (x6);
- o Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2);
- o Breach of release order (x2); and
- o Provincial sanctions (Impaired driving and

speeding).

- Suleiman Mohamed Abdow (28), a resident of Edmonton, was charged with:
- o Possession for the purpose of trafficking (x4);
- o Firearm-related offences (x6);
- o Transporting Cannabis/Alcohol within easy access of occupant (x2);
- o Possession of an identity document not belonging to them;
- o Obstruct police officer;
- o Identity fraud; and o Breach of release order.

Abdow, Umar, Guiawan,

Kayfay, Mercredi, and Sayine were brought before a justice of the peace. Abdow and Umar were remanded into custody, to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on May 14, 2024. Guiawan, Kayfay, Mercredi, and Sayine were released on conditions, to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on May 14, 2024.

"The Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit are always hard at work not only enforcing traffic-related laws but making sure that illegal goods transiting through the area are seized and that the people found

with them are dealt with according to the applicable laws" said Sgt. Greg ANDER-SON. NCO i/c of the Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit. "The Whitecourt unit provides Traffic Services such as community consultations, education and enforcement, to four detachment areas, including Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, Fox Creek and Swan Hills. Although our mandate is to provide traffic-related services, the Alberta RCMP Traffic-Whitecourt also provides back-up, support and assistance to these detachments as necessary".

SANGUDO HORTICULTURE CLUB SPRINGS INTO ACTION

Submitted by Arlene Gordon

On Saturday May 18, 2024, Sangudo Horticulture Club members will be busy in the hamlet of Sangudo "spring cleaning" and selling plants.

Raking, weeding, pruning and planting of annual flower in Sundial park and rest area. The main street flower box and look out area overlooking the beautiful Pembina River will also be tidied by the willing hands of SHC members.

SHC will be a vendor at the Deep Creek Market. Club members will be selling plants. Plants grown by club members or plants shared from their gardens. Vegetables, herbs, flowers; perennial and annual plants will be available.

Sangudo Horticultural Club meets the 4th Monday of most months. During the summer months, tours are planned.

Annual Membership Fee -

\$20.00

Drop-in Fee - \$5.00

For more Information contact club president- Heather @ 780-674-1575





START-UP OF THE TRANS MOUNTAIN **PIPELINE: JOINT STATEMENT**

of Alberta

Premier Danielle Smith and Minister of Energy and Minerals Brian Jean issued the following statement on the start-up of the Trans Mountain Pipeline:

"Alberta is celebrating an important achievement for the energy industry - the startup of the twinned Trans

Submitted by Government Mountain Pipeline expansion project (TMX). It's great news for Albertans and Canadians, as this will welcome a new era of prosperity and economic growth. The completion of TMX is monumental for Alberta, since this will significantly increase our province's output. It will triple the capacity of the original pipeline to now carry 890,000 barrels per day of crude oil

from Alberta's oil sands to British Columbia's Pacific Coast.

"We are excited that Canada's biggest and newest oil pipeline in more than a decade can now bring oil from Edmonton to tidewater in B.C. This will allow us to get our energy resources to Pacific markets, including Washington State and California, and Asian markets

like Japan, South Korea, China and India. Alberta now has new energy customers, and tankers with Alberta oil will be unloading in China and India in the next few months.

"For Alberta this is a game-changer. The world needs more reliably and sustainably sourced Alberta energy, not less. World demand for oil and gas resources will continue in the decades ahead, and the new pipeline expansion will give us the opportunity to meet global energy demands, increase North American and global energy security, and help remove the issues of energy poverty in other parts of the world.

"Analysts are predicting the price differential on Canadian crude oil will narrow, resulting in many millions of extra government revenues, which will help fund important programs like health, education and social services - the things Albertans rely on. TMX will also result in billions of dollars of economic prosperity for Albertans, Indigenous communities and Canadians, and create well-paying jobs throughout Canada.

"Our province wants to congratulate the Trans Mountain Corporation for its tenacity to have completed this long awaited and much-needed energy infrastructure, and to thank the more than 30,000 dedicated, skilled workers whose efforts made this extraordinary project a reality. The province also wants to thank the federal government for seeing this project through. This is a great example of an area where the provincial and federal government can cooperate and work together for the benefit of Albertans and all Canadians."



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is investing wisely in wildfire preparedness with funding for additional airtankers, night-vision equipped helicopters and the Community Fireguard Program.

Alberta's government is preparing for the upcoming wildfire season following unprecedented wildfires in 2023 that impacted communities across the province. Significant investments are being made to the province's wildfire prevention, preparedness, and response to ensure Alberta's government can help communities prepare for the 2024 wildfire season.

The Community Fireguard Program is a valuable tool communities can employ to help educate residents and lower the risk of large wildfires. This year's budget provides an additional \$14 million to the program to support Alberta communities, bringing total funding to \$19 million. In addition, the budget includes funding for two additional airtanker groups and two new night vision-equipped helicopters.

"I am encouraged by the increased interest in both the FireSmart and Fireguard Programs this year. Albertans and their communities are wanting to better prepare themselves against the dangers of wildfire."

Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Enhancing wildland firefighting operations

The addition of two airtanker groups and two new night-vision equipped helicopters will increase the effectiveness of Alberta Wildfire's initial attack, sustained action and suppression efforts. Airtankers play a crucial role in limiting the spread when a wildfire breaks out, allowing ground crews to break up fuel sources and fully extinguish the wildfire.

The combination of additional airtankers and night vision helicopters will also contribute to Alberta's enhanced night operations, which was piloted during the 2023 wildfire season, allowing for night-time heli-tanking and improved suppression efforts. Wildfire behaviour is typically more subdued at night, as temperatures are usually lower and humidity is higher, leading to increased ability and possibility to extinguish fires.

Supporting community wildfire

resilience

Last fall, Alberta's government launched the Community Fireguard Program with an initial investment of \$5 million. The program, which is administered by the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta, helps protect communities by clearing the area near or surrounding a community that breaks the path of a wildfire to cut it off from fuel sources that could potentially drive it towards property, infrastructure or other values at risk.

The Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta has

experienced high interest in the program, signalling that communities throughout the province are eager to proactively prepare for the impacts of wildfire. In response to this demand, Alberta's government has increased investment in the Community Fireguard Program to help support Albertans.

"The Community Fireguard Program allows Albertans to take an active role in preparing their communities for the impacts of wildfire, leading to a safer province."

Richard Briand, president, Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta Alberta's government encourages everyone to download the Alberta Wildfire and Alberta Fire Bans apps, regularly check the Alberta Wildfire Status Dashboard, remain up to date on fire bans, restrictions and advisories throughout the province, and above all, exercise extreme caution when spending time outdoors.

Over the past five years, an average of 67 per cent of wildfires have been caused by people. Don't be that person this wildfire season.



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CHILDREN ON-LINE

SOME TIPS FOR CHILDREN ON THE NET

- 1. Do not use login names or nicknomes that will reveal age or gender.
- Never give out personal identification including friends, addresses, school activities, passwords or real names
- Everyone is a stranger. Identities can be hijacked or passwords compromised so even your "best friend" anline might not be who they say they are.
- Everyone lies. While this might not be true, it is easier to assume that it is true and to act accordingly.
- The Internet is NOT secure. It is a shared resource. Email is about as secure as a postcard; Chat is about as private as having a phone call with your parents listening in on the other extension.
- 6. The people who would harm you have often had lots of time, experience and knowledge on how to trap you. You are an amateur compared to them. They will do everything they can to trick you into trusting them.
- 7. Do not agree to meet anyone offline.
- 8. If you are even a little bit suspicious, talk to your parents.

SELF DEFENCE

- Computers used by children should be placed in a supervised area with the screen facing outwards.
- All computers that can connect to the Internet should have Anti-Virus Software installed and updated at least weekly, if not daily.
- All computers that have a dedicated connection (cable/dsl) should also have a firewall device or firewall software installed to block intruders.
- Never open attachments unless they have been scanned. If you do not know the sender, attachments should be deleted.
- 5. Use passwords to secure your computer even if you are the only user. If the computer equipment is stolen, all your information could be compromised.

 Change your password regularly.

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County News Highlights

May 9 Council Meeting

May 23 Council Meeting

PROPERTY TAX & ASSESSMENT NOTICES

Mailed out May 9

Correction: We previously stated the wrong date that Property Tax Notices would be mailed.

They will be mailed out May 9, with a payment deadline of June 30, 2024, in accordance with Tax Rate Penalty Bylaw 20-2023.

Please contact our office if you have purchased a new property in the past 3 months, to ensure we have your correct mailing information on file.

For more information about property taxes, please visit LSAC.ca/taxes.

ATTENTION TAX PREPAYMENT PLAN PARTICIPANTS

May 2024 Payment Changes

The Tax Prepayment Plan payment amount for the month of May will differ from previous months, as it has been recalculated using the 2024 tax rate, as set by Council in the Tax Rate Bylaw 09-2024. Please make note to expect a change in your May monthly payment reflecting this updated rate.

Should you have any questions regarding this change please contact the County's **Assessment and Taxation** department.

Considering enrolling in the Tax Prepayment Plan? Please visit LSAC.ca/tax-prepayment for all the details.

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

No-Spray Program Application and Renewal Reminder

The County spot sprays roadsides and subdivisions between May and September, and mows from June to October. Spot herbicide applications and other integrated management practices will be used throughout the County to control noxious/prohibited noxious weeds and brush.

Selective herbicide application on roadsides is done to control the spread of noxious and prohibited noxious weeds and brush. The Provincial *Weed Control Act* dictates which species of weeds are to be controlled by the municipality and on private property.

Those who wish to assume the responsibility of weed and brush control of the right-of-ways adjacent to their property can apply for the County's No-Spray Program. These agreements must be renewed annually.

For more information on the County's Weed Control and No-Spray programs, please visit LSAC.ca/weeds.

ROAD BAN REMINDER

Seasonal Road Bans remain in effect until early June!

A friendly reminder that Vehicle Axle Weight Restrictions will remain in place until early June 2024 or as determined by the County.

For more information, please visit countyroads.ca.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL BODY	APPEAL DEADLINE
24- D0027	Within NW 14-55-03 W5M 55231 RGE RD 32	New stick build home regarded as caretaker residence with 2nd floor, 2 decks, and hot tub. Main 17.07m x 9.75m (166.43 sq. m.) 2.74m walls, 2nd Floor 8.22m x 9.75m (80.15 sq. m.) 2.13m walls, Deck (1) 10.97m x 4.27m (41.8 sq. m.), Deck (2) 5.49m x 3.35m (12.40 sq. m.), and hot tub 8.0 ft x 8.0 ft (64.0 sq. ft.). Variance for New stick build home approved as caretaker residence: Regulation: 55.0 sq. m. Requested: 246.58 sq. m. Variance: 191.58 sq. m.	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	May 20, 2024
24- D0028	Lot 22, Block 3, Plan 2321753 Highland Park within NW 07-55-03 W5M 326, 55123 RGE RD 35A	Shed, Main 10.0' x 20.0' (200.0 sq. ft.) 7.0' walls, West Side Yard Variance Request: Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 3.0m.	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	May 20, 2024
24- D0034	Within NW 22-55-01 W5M 55326 RGE RD 12A	Solar Array - 9m x 5m (29.5 ft x 16.4 ft) with a maximum height of 5.4m (18.0 ft), placed roughly 100m Southwest of House	Land and Property Rights Tribunal	May 20, 2024

THE COUNTER NARRATIVE, THINGS ARE NOT ADDING UP AND FOLKS KNOW IT

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

Have you ever had that feeling that someone was pulling your leg? Did you realize it straight away, or did they give you a sign that something wasn't right and let you in on the joke. When it is a friend, family member or co worker the vast majority of the time it is done in a good spirit, having fun because they like you. When it's done in a mean spirit, to take advantage of you it's called lying, and frowned upon. When it's done with malicious intent, and they deprive you of your property or wealth, it's called stealing. So why is it when it's the federal government doing it, it's called fighting climate change?

Things are not adding up here, and their narrative is so out to lunch on so many policies that world leaders are bypassing them entirely and are coming directly to speak with us. The world needs clean and ethical energy, and they are speaking directly with us because they too are not buying what our PM of the present, and his green gremlin minister of the environment are selling. There is indeed a business model for getting LNG to Europe!

Alberta is a world leader when it comes to hydrogen, and the Canadian Global hydrogen conference was just held recently in Edmonton. This event has really taken off, and folks from all over the world come here to learn from each other, to demonstrate their innovations, and as well as to sign some deals. The event gives us a great opportunity to meet in person, and sidestep all of the false narratives, and the "No Business Case" rhetoric we have heard espoused from the PM when it comes to our energy file. Germany, Greece, and most recently Poland have expressed real interest in obtaining LNG from Alberta, and Canada as a whole.

There is a business case, there is a need, and despite what false narrative you may have heard, we can most definitely be a big player on the world stage. Indeed, when we have NATO partners wanting to secure their energy lines, we should quite frankly feel compelled to do all we can to provide that secure supply. As the Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Corridor Development, reporting directly to the Premier, I, she, and our caucus take this very serious-

I had a chance to go to supper with our energy minister and the Romanian Minister of Energy during the conference. Unfortunately, due to our session sitting at the same time as the conference I and many of us were unable to attend the conference during the day and had to work the night shift as it were to catch up with all of the dignitaries. Many however were able to visit us during question period and receive formal recognition in the house. Having the Polish President there, as well as the Romanian delegation was an honor. The resounding message from the folks from Europe is we want your energy, and we want to partner with you in many areas ranging from technology, innovation, infrastructure, credentialing, and post-secondary education. In short, Economic Corridors between our region and theirs.

Another thing that is not adding up is the hyper partisan noise when it comes to the cause of not only the change in the weather but fires. El Nino, and La Nina have been documenting shifts in weath-

er patterns for years, and we know that these shifts indeed affect our weather....and it's been happening forever. Hearing the opposition scoff at such things in the house while they yell frantically about the "Climate Crisis" being the direct cause of our forest and white zone fires is bizarre to say the least. Their solution is to tax you more to change the weather. Like taking money out of your pockets and putting it into theirs is going to change the temperature outside....wild. Our solution is to educate folks so they stop starting fires, throw resources at fighting them when they happen, and punish those that are starting them with willful negligence or intent.

What we can do however is adapt to changing conditions and build our structures to become more resilient to changes. I strongly believe in the Economic Corridor model, and I strongly believe that not only infrastructure for transportation of goods and services, energy, food products, but for water as well. I believe we have a chance to start building out our irrigation networks along the corridors from the northern part of our province to the south will not only meet the present needs but build in that resilience for future generations to come. Food security is a big deal, and ensuring we have access to water won't be a nice to have, it will be a must. Further to that, we have a chance to ensure that industrial uses for water are considered, and trend towards a closed loop not an open loop system. Meaning that they reduce and reuse their fresh water as much as possible.

When we are meeting with global leaders, they like what we are doing here, where we are going and what we are saying. There isn't a bunch of fluff, they are always impressed by our "Make It Happen" attitudes, and our openness to talk about not only the good things we are doing and have done, but also our lessons learned. We are "genuine" as one delegate put it, and that puts everyone at ease instantly. In a day and age where there is so much "Fake News" and "Plastic People" it is a refreshing change for them to meet with us. You can't fake authenticity, and from what I've seen so far, breaking down the barriers really just comes back to being ourselves. That's exactly what leaders from around the world are looking for.

I look forward to sharing with you may more updates as we start getting some memorandums of understanding inked at the sub national level with other states / provinces not only in our own country, with those in the USA, and around the world. It's a strategy that works, that connects us at a more personal level, and with that, we are able to build long standing working relationships. Folks have asked me how they can get involved in this, and I always say the same thing. Be yourself, don't hold back from sharing with others your successes, and those of your friends, families, and neighbors. Promote each other and share that with those that you may meet from other areas. Keep positive and come up with ways to solve the problems that may come your way. We will keep doing the same on our end and keep standing up to the false narratives that are out there, because, the world is tired of hearing it as well, and they are coming our way to have an old fashioned conversation about what matters to you.

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- Keep an eye out for strange vehicles parked in your area at odd hours or for long periods of time
- Make sure all young children know how to handle possible confrontations with strangers.

Use these helpful tips to help keep our community a safe, enjoyable place. Look around your home, school or office and see where you can make a difference.

- Start teaching children at an early age how to avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
- Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.
- Reach out to crime victims, their families or others in the community who need support.
- Get to know your neighbors you may find others with an interest in safety, too.
- Be familiar with members of your local police and fire departments.
- Make sure all street lights in your area are in working order. Alert local officials if they are not.
- Set up buddy systems for teens going out after dark.



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WHITECOURT TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Whitecourt Town Council passed Tax Rate Bylaw 1575 at the April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting, and property owners can expect to receive combined assessment and taxation notices next month. For details on how property taxes are calculated, and how tax dollars have been allocated in the 2024 Budget, please read through the 2024 Budget Report. The report is available on the Whitecourt website at www. whitecourt.ca/your-town. If you have questions about your tax notice or the 2024 Budget, please email administration@ whitecourt.ca.

Town Council receive an overview of 2024 assessment fi gures by the municipal assessor at the April 22 Council Meeting.

- The valuation date for 2024 taxation of properties is July 1, 2023.
- Assessment values for single family homes have increased by 1.2%. The average house value in Whitecourt is \$333,300.
- Property owners can view the assessment report for their property online. Visit the Whitecourt website at www. whitecourt.ca/live/taxes-payments/taxes-payments under the section titled "Assessment Reports" and follow the link

and instructions to view assessment reports.

• Property owners will receive a combined assessment and tax notice in May.

Whitecourt approved the 2023 Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. A presentation was made by the Town's auditor, Curtis Friesen from Metrix Group, who reported that the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Town of Whitecourt as of the end of 2023.

A development permit for a Shoppers Drug Mart at 4420 52 Avenue (near No Frills) has been approved. Construction on the 17,000 square foot commercial building will begin soon, and the business is expected to employ 30 to 40 people once in operation.

The Whitecourt Fire Department presented its 2023 Annual Fire Report and provided the following highlights:

- The Whitecourt Fire Department responded to 395 calls in our region;
- Members logged 14,442 hours responding to incidents, and attending meetings and training.

Whitecourt will be submitting an application to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA)

for funding for vegetation management work in 2025. The proposal will request funding for a 4-person hand crew to continue maintenance and community education in the summer of 2025.

The 2023 Automated Traffic Enforcement Annual Report was presented to Council, and provided the following highlights:

- 3,810 notices were issued for speeding in 2023;
- 34 red light notices were issued in 2023.

The Whitecourt Youth Advisory Committee will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at Percy Baxter Middle School and Ecole St.

Mary School on May 13. The meeting provides an opportunity for students to learn about municipal governance and ask questions of Town Council.

Youth Week, a new initiative for 2024, will be hosted May 1-8 and will celebrate youth in the community.

Whitecourt has received \$70,000 in grant funding under the Small Community Opportunity Program to support a Business Market Analysis & Retention Strategy.

Whitecourt Town Council has awarded \$2,500 in funding under the 2024 Tourism Enhancement Grant Program to the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association. The funding

will support the 3-day regional tourism event the Association is hosting, which includes an overnight stay in Whitecourt June 7.

Whitecourt Town Council approved the purchase of a wheel loader from Brandt Tractor Ltd. at a cost of \$435,000 plus GST.

The following groups have been awarded Community Clean Up projects under the 2024 program. Each group will provide roadside, playground and sportfield cleanup services as a way to raise funds for their non-profit group.

- École St. Mary School Grade Six Classes
- U13 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team
- U15 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team
- U17 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team
- U19 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team
- U13 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team
- U15 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team
- U17 Whitecourt Warriors Girls Soccer Team
- U19 Whitecourt Warriors Boys Soccer Team
- Scuba Diving Team for Festival Pond Cleaning
 - · St. Patrick's Anglican Church
- Whitecourt Social Experience

SUDOKU - of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets

ANSWER:

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BULLYING Tips for Dealing With Bullying

1) Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to work through the situation alone.

2) Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.

3) Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver about reports of bullying.

4) Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront the parents of the bully directly.

5) Ask your child specific questions about how your child is treated by peers, who he or she eats lunch with, and how other children are treated.

6) Teach your child to be assertive. Your child should be able to express feelings and needs clearly, without shouting or other aggressive behavior.



7) Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs, or other group activities.

8) Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaging possessions, threatening, name calling, & excluding someone



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- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
 Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.



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That's what it takes to help prevent crime. During Crime Prevention Week, do what you can to keep your home, neighborhood and workplace safe.



When away from home for extended periods:

Install timers on a few inside and outside lights.

Hold mail and newspaper delivery or donate it to a school or hospital.

> Have a trusted friend or neighbor look after your home.



Around the house:

Do not leave tools or ladders outside your home.

Make sure external doors and frames are sturdy. Steel or 1 3/8"-thick wood is preferable.

Installing a security system can add extra protection against crime, fire or accidents.



In the neighborhood:

Join a neighborhood watch committee, and ask local law enforcement for assistance.

> Get to know your neighbors. It will instill a sense of community and help everyone feel safer.

Report any suspicious neighborhood activity to the police.



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Drivers who are impaired by fatigue, drugs, alcohol or other distractions such as cell phones, are a danger not only to themselves, but also to the innocent drivers around them. If you witness any of the behaviors below, call 911 and tell the operator that you are calling to report an impaired driver. Be prepared to describe the make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle, and provide its exact location.

Signs of impaired driving include:

- · Failure to turn on headlights at night. · Illegal or sudden turning.
- Turning within an unusually wide radius.
 Nearly striking other cars or objects.
- Sudden or erratic braking.
 Drifting, swerving or weaving.
- Driving with the face close to the windshield. Drinking alcohol in the vehicle.
- Driving much slower than the posted speed limit.
 Rapidly accelerating.
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7 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING **A SHED**

Backyard sheds can be useful assets. Sheds can create storage space in the garage, basement or other areas of the house that have become gathering spots for gear typically used outdoors. Sheds are ideal for housing mowers, tools and even pool-care equipment. But they can be put to other uses as well, such as being key spots to engage in hobbies or even as a child's clubhouse.

Various factors should be considered before building or buying a shed. A storage shed can be a significant

investment. Once placed, sheds may remain in their dedicated spots for years to come. That means careful thought should go into the planning process.

1. Check your local building codes first. Before you accumulate building materials or order a shed, be sure to know the ins and outs of shed codes. The codes may impact the shed's placement, construction, the materials used, size, and numerous other factors. It's much easier to amend plans beforehand than to face the hassle and expense after

learning you did things incorrectly.

2. Choose placement wisely. Spend several days assessing the yard and thinking about the uses for the shed. If you plan to store pool floats and chemicals inside of the shed, it should be located close enough to the pool to be convenient. Look at the lay of the land. If there is a soggy patch of land that can turn swampy under the shed's foundation, that is a poor location choice. If you need access to electricity, placing it far away from the house could

necessitate running expensive wiring.

3. Consider the design. Just because a shed is for storage doesn't mean aesthetics should be overlooked. Choose a shed style that complements your home. You may also want to match certain architectural features, like arched doorways or dormers. Design also may relate to practicality. For instance, storing a riding mower inside may necessitate dual doors that open widely.

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- 4. Invest in quality materials. Spending a little more and using quality materials can ensure it lasts long enough to be cost-effective. The right materials will be resistant to splitting, cracking, decay, and insect damage.
- 5. Prepare the site well. A proper foundation for the shed is almost as important as the shed itself. You cannot just drop the shed on the lawn and leave it, as the shed can sink or structural issues may arise if it is placed on a weak base.
- 6. Blend into the environment. Surround the shed with shrubs or plants so that it blends into the yard and complements the space.
- 7. Deck out the interior. Use every storage tool at your disposal to maximize floor, wall and even rafter space for storage. Plan where items will be kept and customize the storage options around those locations.

Sheds can be an asset and improve storage capability in the backyard.











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BEST METHODS TO REPAIR DAMAGED DRIVEWAYS

Asphalt and concrete driveways are common throughout suburban neighborhoods. They are as much a part of a home as lawns, decks and other exterior elements. Regardless of how they're utilized, driveways need to be cared for and maintained to retain their appearance and function.

Even the most durable driveways can suffer from cracks and pits over time. As cracks form, they pave the way for more deterioration if they are not addressed. Water infiltration can break down the integrity of the driveway during freeze and thaw periods, and any little hole or crack can promote weed growth. Driveway repair can be a do-it-yourself project, but pay attention to the details to ensure the job is done right.

Asphalt

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman says it is key to first repair cracks and pits in an asphalt driveway before planning to topcoat it, which is generally done every year or so to maintain its appearance and durability. A variety of topcoat products are available at various price points. Experts recommend investing in a quality product that will not shrink and crack. A melt-in material that is similar to products used by highway crews can be purchased for around \$100. This product also will require use of a propane torch.

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Best Methods To Repair Damaged Driveways

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Caulk-style crack repair products may not require as many tools, and are much easier to apply. They may not last as long, however. Homeowners must weigh the pros and cons to each before beginning.

The experts at Popular Mechanics say that there also are other asphalt patch mixes available at home supply retailers. Serious holes, rather than cracks, can be addressed with a coarse-aggregate filler commonly referred

to as cold patch.

After cracks and holes are filled, use a sealer to lock everything in place and create a smooth top-coat appearance. Speak with a store employee if you are unsure which product is needed for your application.

Concrete

The process is similar with concrete driveways, yet the products differ. Small driveway cracks can be repaired by scrubbing out the crack to remove debris and then filling us-

ing a mortar repair compound, suggests the repair advice site Home Guides. Larger cracks and potholes should be cleaned. Once that's done, apply a painted-in bonder to the crack or hole, followed by a dry concrete patching product mixed with water. The material can be worked into the damaged area with a trowel, and then leveled using a wood board. Afterward, a liquid concrete sealer can be applied to help prevent future cracks and holes.

Homeowners who are hesitant to fix their drive-ways can contact masons or asphalt specialists to perform the job. Keeping up on driveway repair can prolong the life of the surface and help delay a complete driveway replacement for several years.



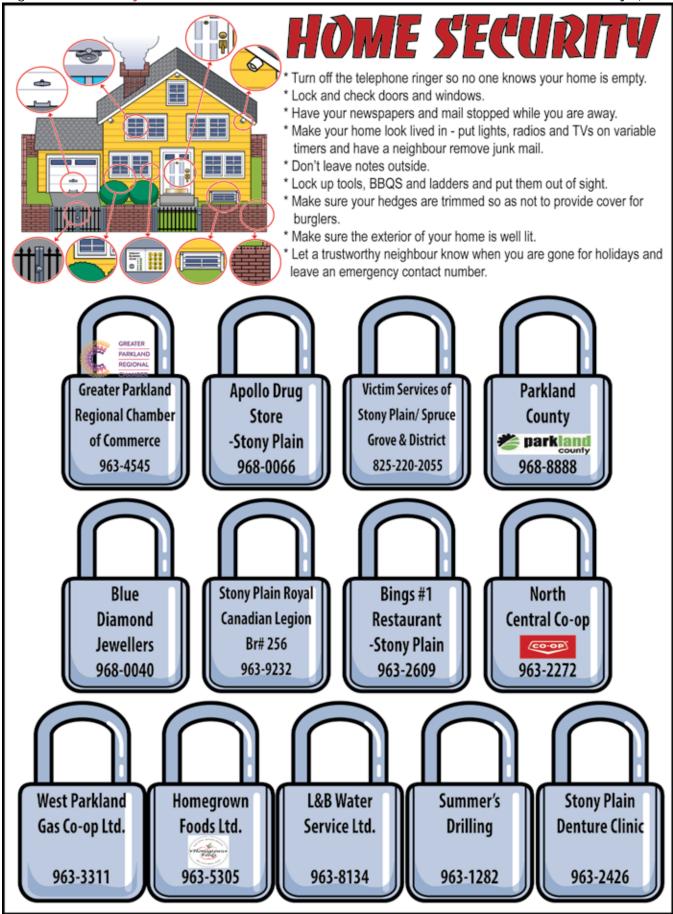








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REAL ESTATE AND THE MORTGAGE FRAUD

Tips to Protect your Real Estate Investment Dollars

- * Consult public real estate websites to review property listings in the community where the property is located. Compare features, size & locations to establish if the asking price seems reasonable.
- * Get independent representation for your purchase. If the seller objects, consider it a red flag.
- * Check to make sure your representative is a licensed real estate agent. Contact your local Real Estate Board or the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Using a licensed real estate agent does not cost anything from a purchaser's standpoint. Usually all commissions are paid by the seller.
- *Beware of a real estate agent or mortgage broker who has a financial interest in the transaction.
- Ask your independent representative to provide you with a comparative market analysis of the property.

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Red Flags to Watch for Mortgage Fraud

- Someone offers you a fee to use your name and credit information to obtain a mortgage
- "You are encouraged to include false information to a loan application
- You are asked to leave signature lines or other important areas on a loan application blank
- *The loan amount on the mortgage is significantly higher than the value of the property
- * The mortgage has been refinanced several times and each instance, the amount of the mortgage has increased
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Obituaries



Carolyn Weymouth Obituary great sadness announce the passing of Carolyn Weymouth on February 20, 2024, in Pincher Creek, AB, after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. She was 82 years of age. Carolyn was born in London Ontario on May 10, 1941, to parents Cliff and Hilda Handley. Carolyn was an active individual who enjoyed the outdoors, sewing, knitting, a glass of wine, reading, and loved her cats and dogs. She was also very involved with horses, including training

them as well as pleasure riding. She was a member of the Alberta Trail Riders Association and rode many years in the "Ride against Cancer" in the early summer each year. Carolyn was even known to get out on the golf course in her younger days. After graduating high school Carolyn went to the University of Sarnia Nursing Academy from 1959 to 1962. She then moved to Winnipeg and worked at the Misericordia Hospital from 1962 to 1965, she then transferred to Edmonton Misericordia and worked there from 1965 until 1972. Later she moved to the Onoway area and then to Albert Beach. Carolyn and Ed then moved to Coleman, then to West bank BC, and back to Coleman. Carolyn moved into Whispering Winds assisted living for her last few years. She will be remembered with love and respect for a life well lived. Carolyn leaves behind two sons: Jon (Kim) Thorsteinsson of Winnipeg,

MB, and David (Dianna) Potter of Onoway, AB; one brother: Jim (Helen) Handley of London ON; one stepdaughter: Sharon Weymouth of Edmonton, AB; two stepsons: Edwin (Barbara) Weymouth of Edmonton, AB, and Don (Pat) Weymouth of Gunn, AB. Carolyn was predeceased by her parents Cliff and Hilda Handley. A celebration of life will be held for Carolyn on June 28, 2024, at 10:30 AM at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (14929 - 20 Ave., Frank, AB). Memorial donations will be gratefully accepted by Canadian Cancer Society.



January 30, 1936 - April 28, 2024

With a smile on his face and a whistle on his lips, Paul graced our world for 88 years. He was a kind and gentle man who loved his family and friends, the farm, old-time country music and the Oilers. On Sunday, Dad passed away on the farm where he was born with family by his side. He will be forever loved by his four children: Brian (Jodie), Lynn (Ren), Barry (Karla) and Colleen: five grandchildren: Stephanie (Alex), Taylor (Mike), Brock (Katt), Blake (Emily) and Gabriel; two great-grandsons: Jack and Henry; his devoted partner and companion, Florence Strembitsky; along numerous nieces and nephews. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed by life-long neighbours, friends and fellow musicians, especially those at the Onoway Golden Club. Paul was predeceased by his loving wife of 53 years, Vera; brother Walter: sisters Anne and Helen: as well as his beloved parents Peter and Eugenia. A funeral

service was held Monday, May

6. 2024 at Parkland Funeral

Services, followed by interment at St. Peter and St. Paul Orthodox Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made in Paul's name to STARS Air Ambulance. A special thank you to the acute care staff and Dr. Tawfik at the Barrhead Healthcare Centre for their care and compassion the past six months. Gratitude also to Honeybee health care workers who took such good care of Paul, making it possible for him to spend his final weeks at home, on the farm he loved, with family and friends.



TRIPLETT, Yvonne January 16, 1926 - May 1, 2024 It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Yvonne Triplett on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in Edmonton, Alberta. She was born prematurely in Bonnyville, AB, weighing only 3 pounds. The doctor didn't think she would make it, but she was determined. Yvonne grew up on a farm near Bonnyville with 5 other siblings. They raised pigs, cows and chickens, while keeping big gardens and doing plenty of chores with no modern equipment - everything was done by hand. Yvonne walked to a small county school until finishing grade 8. She then stayed home for 4 years, until 19, before going back to school in Bonnyville to finish grade 12. Halfway though grade 12, a nursing aide program became available from World War II. She took it at the age of 22 and became a nursing aide. She worked in Calgary, Lethbridge and the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. In her 20's, she had her 2 beautiful daughters, Gwen and Joan. She met her second husband, Clarence, and married in 1953. They farmed north of Sangudo where they were blessed with 3 boys, Robert,



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Roy and Baby Jeffery, in addition to 3 more daughters: Janet, Darlene and Trudy. In 1966 and 1967, they built a big house to raise all the children. This is where they hosted countless celebrations, birthdays, wiener roasts, Christmases, Easters and Thanksgivings. Yvonne cherished these celebrations with neighbours and family. She also enjoyed quilting, gardening, flowers, loved animals, walks, reading books and embroidery. After her husband passed away, she sold the farm in 1985, moved to a house in Mayerthorpe, and then a trailer in 1993. In both places she babysat for different families. When her grandchildren or greatgrandchildren would visit, she had a huge smile, she loved her big family. She traveled lots, including going through Alberta, B.C., a cruise to Alaska, Hawaii, a maritime trip, Ontario and Quebec. In 2002, she sold her trailer and moved to Devon. where she lived in a smaller house. After she got sick with kidney disease, she moved to Discovery Place, a senior's home in Devon, which was her home for 8 years. When her health declined, she moved to Benevolence Care Centre in West Edmonton, where she lived until her passing. Yvonne was a beautiful free spirit, who loved nature, the beauty of the world and her family. She will be missed dearly. Yvonne will be lovingly remembered by her children, Gwen (Bill), Joan (Brad), Robert (Leona), (Tess), Janet (Barry), Darlene (Dwight) and Trudy (Syd); along with numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, 4 greatgreat granddaughters, nieces, nephews, great-nieces great-nephews. She was predeceased by her second husband, Clarence; her baby boy, Jeffery, son, Roy; son-in-law, Pat; two stepsons, Ken (Joan) and Carl; great-grandson, Baby Kennedy; parents, Philippe and Clara Lavigne; 3 sisters, Marie-Ange (Louis), Irene and Marielle (Cliff); and 3 brothers, Baby Real, Alex and Henry (Esther). We would like to thank the staff at Discovery Place and Benevolence Care Centre for

the care and love they gave our mom. A Celebration of Yvonne's Life was held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Mayerthorpe Diamond Centre, 4918 - 54 Street, Mayerthorpe with interment in Mayerthorpe Cemetery. In lieu of other tributes, donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, https:// kidney.ca Photos, memories, and condolences may be shared www.parkmemorial. through com. Park Memorial

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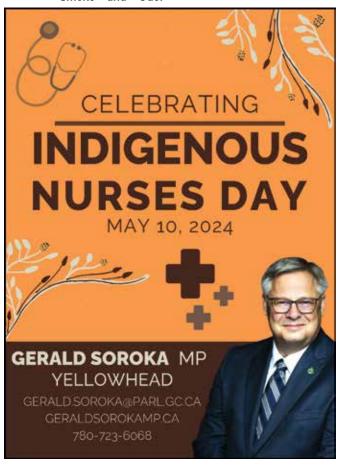
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FARMERS MARKETS

ALBERTA BEACH: Sundays, 11:30 - 3pm. Contact Hali 780-666-1604 *May -September

September
BARRHEAD: Saturdays, 10AM-1PM at
Barrhead Agrena. Sherry 780-674-6802
*May - Dec.
EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET:

Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

ONOWAY: Thursdays, 5-8PM at Onoway Community Hall. 780-667-6327 or onowayfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Starts May 1st.

SPRUCE GROVE: at the Elevator, Sat 10:00-1:00PM, Info (780)288-6174 *April

- Dec.
STONY PLAIN: Saturdays, 9AM-1PM,
Community Centre Downtown, Stony
Plain. Nancy 780-962-3993. *April - Dec.
WHITECOURT: Tuesdays 11AM-2PM,
Whitecourt Legion Hall, 779-7002. *May
- Oct.

BINGO

RICH VALLEY COMMUNITY HALL BINGO: on May 8 & 22 at. 7:30PM STONY PLAIN SENIOR'S DROP-IN CENTRE, public bingo every Tues, 7PM. All ages welcome. Phone (780) 963-

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

MEAT DRAWS

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

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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-

ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION:

Fridays, Ph. 780-967-5361
STONY PLAIN ROYAL CANADIAN
LEGION BR# 256: Saturdays @ 3:00PM-5:00 PMMeat Draw & 50/50.

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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 SUMMERDALE COUNTRY HALL

notice 780-785-4105.

SPRUCE GROVE: at Sandhills
Community Hall, 3rd Sunday, 1-5pM. Info
Florence 780-962-3104 Margaret 780962-3051 "September - June.
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STONY PLAIN: Stony Plain Seniors Drop

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

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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 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

at 10am at WILDWOOD: Thurs at 10ar 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-

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

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Tues-Sat, 9:00-3:00рм. 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

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.

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.

SCRAPBOOKING Wed 4-6PM Pre-register by Tues evg. Mayerthorpe Public Library www.mayerthorpelibrary. abca (780)786-2404 "ME, YOU, & EVERYBODY" Fun new.

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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-

ONOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FIT! CNOWAY HAVE FUN & GET FITE Excercise 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 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.

2402.

SPIRITUAL LIVING STONY PLAIN INSPERATIONAL 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

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CANADIAN ARMY CADET CORPS,
Onoway Historical Centre, Wed. 6:45pm.
Onoway Heritage Centre contact
3053army@cadets.gc.ca
526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS, Wed
630-930pm, High School. Ages 12-18.
780-305-7233

PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs,

755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS Thurs, 630-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

A - 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).

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

(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 Fireldstone Dr Church

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

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

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

ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM meets on the 2nd Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 002, 7:07.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Journey of Hope Group, Mondays 8рм, Golden Club 5023-49Ave

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

Aug, Sept.
CHERHILL 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

Agliplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. *Sept-June.

DARWELL & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY MEETINGS, 7:00PM, 1e Monday, Darwell DDRA MEETING, 7:00PM, 2nd Mon, Darwell Centennial Hall 780-892-3099. *except Jul/Aug/Dec CriefShare: Experience the many benefits of a grief support group. CriefShare 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.

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

RINETIE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE, 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1ª Tuesofmonth. 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 Sandra @ 780-966-5678 LAC STE. ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY: 3rd Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers

Chambers.

AKE 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 Queer Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965

MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY 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: 3rd Thurs of each month 7:00pm years 1.

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3rd Thurs of each month, 7:00PM, room 3
of the Heritage Centre
ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD:
Every 2rd Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac
Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info,
Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629.
ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
Ceneral Meetings 1st Mon 7PM *Sept-

General Meetings, 1st Mon, 7pm. *Sept-June

June
RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD
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RIVER TALKERS TOASTMASTERS
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7-9PM at Eagle River Casino. Call
Melinda Tarcan, (780)778-1180.
SANGUDO PAINTINC GROUP:
Every Thurs, 9AM-12PM at Sangudo
Community School. Info, call 780-7852112.

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

960-5258
WESTLOCK & AREA CANCER
SUPPORT GROUP: 3rd Wed. 6:308:00PM at Westlock Library.
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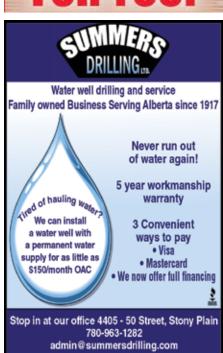
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Wabamun Lakefront

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\$995,000



Lake Isle Lakefront Beauty

This luxury home offers unparalleled lakeside living, where beauty blends with functionality. Featuring 4 bedrooms with a primary suite that is amazing, enjoying its own private balcony overlooking the westward views. Embrace your best life at this amazing lakefront home!

\$989,900



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75 feet of Lakefront on a ½ acre, located on Lake Wabamun! Architecturally designed and built, looking for a little love and attention, you won't find another like it on the lake. With everything included all that's left is to make it your own!

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Fully Modernized Lakefront

Located in Fry's Beach, the location is perfection on Lake Isle. This fully renovated home has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms with over 1800 sq ft of above grade quality living and over 1100sq ft below grade with a walk-out. Ample parking for all the friends and family that you would like to have come out to the lake!

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Yellowstone Lakefront

This extensively renovated home awaits you! Offering 2 bedrooms up plus a den, office or bedroom on the main floor, 2 bethrooms, a beautiful sunroom with sunken hot-tub, an attached double garage plus a single detached in the front, this home is perfect for the family! Shimmering Lakefront and breath-taking Sunsets complete this oasis for you!

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