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September 15, 2020

WE ARE MAKING UP FOR LOST EVENTS!

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

Join us at the Allan & Jean Millar Centre on September 19 for Making Up For Lost Events! This free, family event will include balloon art, indigenous storytell-

ing and games, magic, and more. Pre-registration is required, so contact the Allan & Jean Millar Centre at 780-778-3637 to book your spot.

The event is being hosted in partnership with the Allan & Jean Millar Centre, Alberta Culture Days

2020, and the Whitecourt and Area Family Support Program, and is part of the celebrations occurring throughout the province during Alberta Culture Days 2020.

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GRIEFSHARE weekly grief support group held Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm, starting Sept 15 at Crossroads Community Church in Mayerthorpe. 13-weekly sessions for \$25. **Pre-registration is required. Call 780-786-2695 to join us at GriefShare.**

COUNTY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

WEED INSPECTION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE

Program targets noxious and prohibited noxious

weeds.

The Agricultural Services department continues its annual weed & crop inspection program within Lac Ste. Anne County. The club-root survey is around 50%

complete, and crews are operating on time as per the schedule released several weeks ago. Visit LSAC.ca/weeds for County weed control updates and resources.

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MP SOROKA RETURNS TO OTTAWA FOR FIRST NATIONAL CAUCUS MEETING

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Today, September 9, 2020, Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead was in Ottawa for the first Conservative National Cau-

cus meeting under the new leadership of the Honourable Erin O'Toole. Many Conservative MPs from across the country were in attendance.

MP Soroka says he is optimistic about the energy

O'Toole's leadership brings to the Conservative party. His first speech to National Caucus as our new leader was passionate.

Our leader's speech can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3ig6lY>

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Alberta Culture Days runs September 1 to 30 and is the province's largest celebration of our heritage, arts, community spirit and cultural diversity. To learn more, visit www.Alberta-CultureDays.ca.

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Additionally, we are celebrating the launch of the Whitecourt and Area Family Support Program. This is a free service program that provides support and counselling to families with youth 7-18 years of age as well as universal programming and parent education. To learn more about services provided visit our Facebook page at Whitecourt & Area Family Support Program.

County News Highlights

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SEASONAL SITE LOTTERY TO BE DISCONTINUED

Legacy site holders given first pick of 2021 campsites. Lac Ste. Anne County Council moved at their September 2, 2020 Council meeting to discontinue the seasonal site lottery process. Current 2020 seasonal site holders will be given first right of refusal to return to their existing site for the 2021 camping season.

Following the seasonal site holders, all remaining sites will be available on a first come, first served basis starting October 1, 2020 by contacting the Community Services department.

More information regarding number of available sites, which facilities will be offering seasonal sites, 2021 seasonal site rates and more will be posted on the County website at LSAC.ca/campgrounds by mid-September. Watch for all the details!

COUNTY RESTARTS HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM: Assistance for County seniors.

The County's Home Support Program is back up and running with extra precautions in place to protect our most vulnerable during COVID-19. Visit LSAC.ca/homesupport to get started. For info on eligibility, services and subsidies, call 780.785.3411 (toll-free 1.866.880.5722) or email tmonteith@LSAC.ca.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

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

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
20-D0165	28, 54114 RGE RD 52 L:12 B:2 P:2211MC SE 10-54-5-W5	Single detached dwelling, Stick built residence Main 40.0' x 25.0' (1000.0 sq. ft.) with 10.0' walls Side Yard Variance Request, Required: 6.0 m, Requested: 5.2 m, Variance 0.8 m. Side Yard Variance Request, Required: 6.0 m, Requested: 4.7 m, Variance 1.3 m.	October 5, 2020
20-D0079	Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 939MC Chrystyna Beach Within NE 22-57-03 W5M 4, 3215 TWP RD 574	Single Detached Dwelling, 2010 Park Model 12.0' x 44.0' (528.0 sq. ft.) on floating slab, and deck on 3 sides (960.0 sq. ft.), 10.0' x 44.0' (440.0 sq. ft.), 8.0' x 44.0' (352.0 sq. ft.) and 12.0' x 14.0' (168.0 sq. ft.) with North Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 3.0m.	October 5, 2020
20-D0154	Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 939MC Chrystyna Beach Within NE 22-57-03 W5M 4, 3215 TWP RD 574	Detached Garage 24.0' x 28.0' (672.0 sq. ft.) with bathroom with Front Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 10.0m, Requested: 8.0m, Variance: 2.0m and North Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 3.0m.	October 5, 2020
20-D0168	Lot 24, Block 4, Plan 7920270 Birchwood Estates within NW 20-54-04 W5M 5, 4418 HWY 633	Shed 1 with Side Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 2.75m, Variance: 3.25m and Shed 2 with Rear Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 7.5m, Requested: 1.14m, Variance: 6.36m.	October 5, 2020

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

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

SEPTEMBER 24 AUCTION FOR: ESTATE OF ALBERT MCMILLAN

LOCATED: (From Mayerthorpe – Go 15 mi W on Hwy 43 to NOJACK Turnoff. Then 2 mi S on Hwy 751 to TWP 584. Turn E for 1.5 mi to 101003 Twp Rd 584A)

Thursday Evening, September 24th at 5:00PM

SPECIAL: * CAT D8H Crawler w (30,000 spent on under carriage), canopy, 14 ft hyd dozer blade, winch * Home Made HD pto Root Rake w HD 10ft x 3ft rotating drum, 2 tandem R Tire hyd trans * Antique CS Breaking Plow w hyd lift

TRACTORS AND HAY EQ: * Kubota M135 GX Tractor w (5155hr), 380/85 R24 FWA, 3 pt, Kubota M56 FE Loader, bucket, grapple * JD 567 Silage Mega Wide Baler * 10ft JD 925 MoCo Flail Disc Bine * JD 4430 Hay Rake Tractor * 8W Vicon V Rake on trans

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SEPTEMBER 25 AUCTION FOR: Estate of Andrew & Eileen Dezayer

LOCATED: (From Barrhead Ford - Go 16 mi S on Hwy 33 to TWP 570. Then 1 E to RR 31 Then 2 mi N)(From Junction Hwy 43 and Hwy 33 to Barrhead- Go 11 mi N on Hwy 33 to TWP 570. Then 1 E to RR 31. Then 2 mi N)

Friday Evening, September 25th at 5:00PM

GOOD JD EQUIP: *JD 4000 Tractor w (200hr on rebuilt motor), Good/Newer 20.8x34 Tires, Cab, P/Shift, Ezee On FE Loader * JD 5x16 TB Plow * New JD 524 D Snow Blower * Good JD LT 150 Ride 38" Mower * JD 38" Lawn Sweep * Nice JD AR Tractor (Sr#283148) * JD Air Comp * Other JD - 3 Btm Plow, 10ft Disc, More * JD 1209 Hay bine * WW 8ft Trailing Grass Mower

GOOD TRUCK and STOCK TRAILER: *2000 Ford F150 Ext Cab Truck w (200,000 km), 4WD, auto, tan colour, new tires, GN slide Hitch * Goertzen 16 ft GN Stock Trailer w 2@3500 axles, nice * 2004 Suzuki 250 Quad, lady driven

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CHARGES LAID IN RELATION TO HOMICIDE AT PAUL BAND FIRST NATIONS

Submitted by RCMP Alberta

Paul Band First Nation, Alta. – On August. 28, 2020 at 9:28 a.m., the Parkland RCMP responded to a request to assist EMS with an unresponsive male. When the RCMP arrived on scene it was determined that the 53-year-old male was confirmed to be deceased, outside a residence.

On Sept. 1, 2020 an autopsy was conducted and the manner of death was determined to be a homicide. The RCMP Major Crimes Unit was deployed to take carriage of the investigation.

An arrest has been made and charges laid in relation to the August 28, 2020 homicide of Rufus Clive Rain (54) of Paul Band First Nation.

On September 3, 2020, RCMP arrested 23-year-old Lynden Aerin Bird from Paul Band First Nation. Lynden Bird has been charged with one count of Manslaughter. A Judicial Interim Release Hearing was held on September 4, 2020 and he was remanded into custody with a first appearance date of September 9, 2020 in Stony Plain Provincial Court.

As this matter is now before the courts, no further updates will be provided.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT SENIORS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise the launching of the 2020-21 New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Call for Proposals for community-based projects.

This year, organizations will be able to apply for funding to support seniors dealing with the pandemic by submitting project proposals that offer specific COVID-19 relief and recovery activities for seniors.

Organizations are invited to apply for funding that supports the NHSP national priorities for this cycle:

- Supporting healthy ageing
- Preventing elder abuse and

fraud

- Combatting ageism, celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion

- Improving seniors' access to government services and benefits

- Adapting community-based organizations to a more virtual environment

Organizations are still welcome to submit proposals for more traditional NHSP projects that they plan to deliver in 2021-22.

The 2020-21 NHSP community-based Call for Proposals is open until October 20, 2020.

Details on how to apply, please go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html>

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RCMP SEEK ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING WANTED MALE

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

The Parkland RCMP have laid charges following a shooting incident, and are requesting public assistance in locating Colby Trent Bird (21) who is wanted on an arrest warrant.

On August 29 at 6:53 p.m., the Parkland RCMP re-

sponded to a complaint that a male in a black Cadillac was involved in an altercation with several people outside of a vehicle. The situation escalated and the male allegedly assaulted a male and fired shots towards the vehicle of the male.

Colby Bird has been identified as being involved and

has been charged with seven criminal code charges including assault with a weapon (x2), point a firearm (x2), careless use of a firearm, et al. His location is unknown and the RCMP have a warrant for his arrest.

If anyone has information about the whereabouts of Colby Bird, please contact the Parkland RCMP at 825-



220-2060. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app.

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Contact my Office 780-723-6068

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PARKLAND RCMP INVESTIGATE ARMED ROBBERY IN STONY PLAIN

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Stony Plain, Alta. - On Sept. 12, 2020 at 3:25 am Parkland RCMP responded to a report of an armed robbery at a convenience store located at 48 Street and 44 Avenue in Stony Plain.

A male and female entered the store and demanded money. The male was brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. The clerk handed money over to the pair who then fled the area. Police responded immediately but they were not able to locate the suspects. The firearm however, was located and seized near the scene by police.

Thankfully, the clerk did not receive any injuries as a result of this incident.

The female is described as:

- approximately 5'3" tall
- dark hair
- appeared to be in her early 20's
- wearing a blue hoodie with white writing on the arm and a white circular logo on the chest, dark sunglasses and a white mask

The male is described as:

- approximately 6' tall
- dark wavy hair
- appeared to be in his early 20's

• wearing a grey hoodie and a black mask with a white pattern

Parkland RCMP continue to investigate and are asking for the public's assistance for any information in relation to this incident or identifying those responsible. If anyone has information about this crime, please contact the Parkland RCMP at 825-220-7267. If you wish to remain anon-

ymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store



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5 TOP GOLF TIPS TO HELP BOOST YOUR GAME

(NC) When it comes to golf, it's the little things that can have the biggest impact on your game. Whether it's your first attempt, or 10th season, golf expert Bob Weeks has got you covered at the links this summer with these five tips:

Choose the right clubs: Regardless of your experience or skill level, choosing the right equipment can be the difference between duffing it and striking the ball straight down the fairway. It's important to work with a professional to get the clubs best-suited to

your game and then, to have them custom fit. You should be fit for the length, loft, lie angle, shaft flex and even the grip size. If your clubs aren't custom fit, it will be like walking around in shoes that are the wrong size.

Get on the ball: Choose the right kind of golf ball for your game. While golf balls all look the same, it's what's inside that determines if it's right for you. Golf balls fall into two categories: distance or control. Distance balls are generally two-piece balls with a large core

and a cover. They are harder and better suited for higher handicappers or beginners. Control balls, usually three- or four-piece balls, are softer and spin more meaning they will land on the green and stop. More skillful players should use these.

Consider the elements: Weather is always a factor in golf and dealing with it must always be considered. For instance, in cold temperatures, the ball will travel shorter distances, so take more club. The opposite is true for warmer temperatures. If you're playing

into the wind, swing easy as that will keep the ball from spinning too much and rising up into the breezes. And downwind, make sure to judge the intensity of the breezes so you can choose the proper club. Your ball will roll further than normal on a downwind shot so take that into account.

Putting and chipping is priority: Lots of players like to boom their drives and will spend a lot of time on the range hitting their drivers. But if you want to improve your scores, you should spend more time working on your putting and chipping. Since most average players miss a lot of greens, the best way to save strokes is by chipping it close and making more putts. Focus more on your short game than your drive and you will improve.

Play the 19th hole: Win or lose, there's no better way to celebrate than hitting the 19th hole. Less is often more in golf and the same applies when considering what to eat and drink after a round. Molson Canadian 67 for example is specially brewed with 67 calories and an ABV of 3% per 341ml, offering a light, refreshing alternative for active players.

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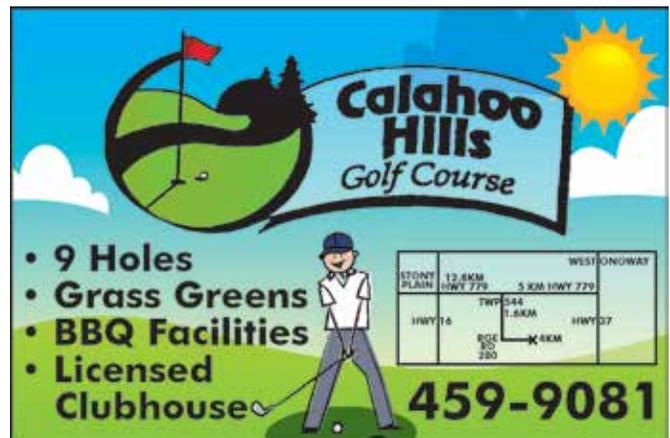
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OPTIONS ABOUND WHEN SHOPPING FOR HOME SIDING

Home improvement projects run the gamut from minor repairs to complete overhauls. Replacing exterior siding is one of the most significant home improvement projects homeowners can undertake. Such a project can give homes a completely new look, which is why choice of siding is such an important decision.

Homeowners have many siding options to choose from, and the following guide can help them make the best choice for their homes.

Vinyl siding

Vinyl siding is easily maintained and among the

more budget-friendly siding options. According to the home improvement resource HomeAdvisor, vinyl siding is made from a PVC plastic that does not rot or flake. Siding professionals note that the technology used to create vinyl siding has changed considerably in recent years, making this option more diverse than traditional vinyl siding. So homeowners turned off by the potentially plastic look of vinyl siding might be surprised at how different modern vinyl siding looks compared to the vinyl siding of yesteryear.

Fiber-cement siding

The home improvement

television network HGTV notes that fiber-cement siding has grown in popularity among homeowners in recent years. This material does not require much maintenance and it's non-flammable and resistant to termites. HomeAdvisor notes that fiber-cement siding can create the look of wood, stucco or masonry, making it a versatile option capable of creating various looks. In addition, fiber-cement siding is known for its durability, with some products coming with warranties lasting as long as 50 years.

Wood siding

Homeowners have many

choices if they prefer wood siding on their homes. Cedar, cypress, fir, pine, and spruce are just a handful of the many wood siding options homeowners can choose from. HomeAdvisor notes that cedar shingle siding offers a natural look that blends well in wooded and waterfront landscapes. Wood clapboard siding is another popular option, though it tends to require more maintenance than cedar shingle siding. Homeowners who want wood siding should discuss their options with an experienced siding professional, as many factors, including the choice of wood, must

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DOING AWAY WITH DINING ROOMS

Formal dining rooms are no longer as coveted as they once were. Family dinners, if they manage to be at home, are now just as likely to be served in the kitchen or in another space, such as on the patio or in the living room while watching television, as they are in formal dining

rooms. Trendy homeowners have begun to ditch dining rooms in favor of using the space for other purposes. Homeowners with a passion for literature can outfit the room with floor-to-ceiling bookcases to turn one-time dining rooms into the ultimate library. Those who need a bit

more family space can use a dining room as a family room, outfitting the room with all storage nooks, a flat screen TV and a comfortable couch to make it more inviting. Because dining rooms are often located next to the kitchen, the removal of walls can make expanding the kitchen even

easier. If their kitchens are cramped, homeowners can look into ways to spread out into the space allotted for the dining area. There are many ways to repurpose dining rooms so they are functional to homeowners' specific needs, especially if those needs do not include formal dining areas.

Options Abound When Shopping For Home Siding

be considered before making a final decision.

Stone and stone-veneer siding

Many homeowners fall in love with the natural appeal of stone, but the price tag, which tends to be costly, may not be as awe-inspiring. HGTV notes that stone

can be difficult to add to an existing home, and doing so may drive the price up even further. Stone siding is durable, and there are many options, including solid stone and natural stone cladding, that make this an option capable of providing an array of looks.

Stone-veneer siding is less expensive than natural stone and also comes in an array of styles. As is the case with wood, stone siding options are so extensive that homeowners are urged to discuss each one with a siding professional before making their decisions.

These are just a handful of the many siding options homeowners can choose from. Siding can give homes a completely new look, making choice of siding a significant decision worthy of careful consideration.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR YOUR FALL TO-DO LIST

Homeowners know that maintaining a home can be a year-round job. No home is immune to wear and tear, and homeowners who want to protect

their real estate investments should try to stay two steps ahead to ensure their homes do not succumb to the elements or become outdated and unap-

pealing to prospective buyers.

Fall has become a season that's synonymous with home improvement, but homeowners need not wait until the leaves begin changing colors to start planning their next projects. The following are a few items homeowners can add to their fall home improvement to-do lists.

ROOF INSPECTION: Less precipitation tends to fall during the warmer months than during the late fall and winter. As a result, homeowners may not be aware of leaky roofs until autumn has come and gone. But waiting until winter to inspect the roof can prove disastrous, as weather conditions will not be conducive to inspection and increased precipitation may result in potentially costly damage. Leaky roofs

can be easily identified by looking for water stains on interior ceilings. Once you see a stain, you can climb onto the roof to identify the location of the leak and fix it before winter rains and snowfall turn the problem into something much larger. Inspect your ceilings for signs of leaking after a strong rainfall, and then address any leaks immediately.

GUTTER CLEANING: While some homeowners prefer to delay their gutter cleaning projects until late fall, those whose homes are surrounded by trees may need to schedule two such projects. Gutters clogged with leaves and other debris can cause serious roof damage, and that damage can extend all the way inside a home. In addition, clogged gutters make great

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nesting areas for insects or critters. Always stand on a ladder when cleaning gutters, wearing gloves to remove items by hand and dropping leaves and debris into a trash can below. Standing on the roof and leaning over gutters greatly increases your risk of injury. If the gutters are clear when you first examine them in early fall, you can wait until later in the season to give them a complete and thorough cleaning. Once you have finished clearing the gutters, you can use a hose to run water through them and the downspouts to confirm everything is functioning properly.

WINDOW AND DOORWAY INSPECTION: Before temperatures start dropping once again, homeowners will want to in-

spect their windows and doorways for leaks. Over time, cracks can develop around windows and doorways, and while such cracks are rarely noticeable when the weather outside is warm, they can be quite obvious and very costly if they remain unsealed come the start of winter. Cold air can enter a home through cracks around windows and doorways, and many homeowners who don't suspect leaks may respond by turning up the thermostats in their homes. That can prove quite expensive over a full winter. Choose a windy autumn day to place a hand by windows and external doorways in your home to see if you can feel drafts. If you can, seal these cracks as soon as possible.

PATIO CLEANUP: Patios are popular hangouts during spring and summer, and that can result in a lot of wear and tear. Once you store patio furniture for the winter, inspect your entire patio to determine if it needs any refurbishing. While certain patio projects may be best left for spring, you can still clean any stained areas around the grill and look for cracks in the sidewalk that need to be addressed.

Preparing for fall home improvement projects ahead of time can help homeowners complete projects in a timely manner and ensures they won't be forced to brave the winter elements when refurbishing their homes.

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IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN ADVANCE OF WINTER

Upon the arrival of winter, people in regions where winter is marked by cold weather tend to spend significantly more time indoors. Because windows tend to be closed during winter, indoor air quality can suffer, making conditions inside a home less than desirable.

According to the American Lung Association, poor air circulation in a home can promote the spread of bacteria and viruses. Once such bacteria or viruses are inhaled, coughs, colds and flu can spread. In addition, asthma and allergy sufferers may experience worsening symptoms thanks to the presence of endotoxins, which are substances that come from the broken-down cells of dead bacteria.

Because many people spend significantly more time indoors during winter than other times of the year, it's essential that

they take measures to improve indoor air quality in the months ahead.

Cut back on chemicals. It's ideal to avoid heavy chemical usage inside a home throughout the year, but it's especially important to do so during winter. Solvent-based cleaners or cleaning products with strong fragrances can negatively affect indoor air quality and potentially trigger allergic reactions. In lieu of chemically-enhanced cleaning products, use natural products that get the job done without sacrificing indoor air quality.

Stop smoking indoors. Tobacco smoke can affect smokers and nonsmokers alike. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems in infants and children. Those include more frequent and se-

vere asthma attacks and respiratory infections. In addition, reports from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have linked secondhand smoke to an increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome. Adults exposed to secondhand smoke are at greater risk for coronary heart disease, stroke and lung cancer. Tobacco smoke contains thousands of pollutants that can greatly diminish indoor air quality, so make sure smokers limit their smoking to outside the home throughout the year, but especially during winter.

Take off your shoes when entering the home. Snowy conditions often require a home's inhabitants and guests to remove their footwear upon entering a home, but it helps to remove footwear in a mudroom or just inside the front door when entering a

home even when it's not snowing. Shoes can pick up dirt, dust and a host of other particles during winter, and if tracked inside those unwanted guests can negatively affect indoor air quality.

Routinely inspect bathrooms for mold. During winter, mold can grow in rooms that are exposed to moisture but not properly ventilated. In many homes, that's the bathroom. Even if a bathroom has a ventilation fan, routinely inspect the ceiling and shower for mold growth. Exposure to mold can cause a host of negative side effects, including nasal and sinus congestion and sore throat. Mold also can exacerbate asthma symptoms.

Improving and maintaining indoor air quality in winter can help a home's inhabitants stay healthy during the colder months.



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HOW HOME DESIGN TRENDS ARE EVOLVING FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

(MS) - COVID-19 has brought changes to everything, and home design is no exception. Experts are expecting to see lasting impacts on everything from the materials we use to the rooms we prioritize. Check out these and other noteworthy trends:

Houses over apartments: Many people who live in condos or apartments do so to be closer to the action - work, entertainment and shops - and never planned on spending much time at home. But the pandemic has changed that, and more people are going to want a home that offers plenty of room and outdoor space in case they need to self-isolate again.

Self-sufficiency: A hard lesson we've learned is that things and services we thought we could count on aren't necessarily a sure thing, so items that increase self-reliance will become very popular. Expect to see more homes with sources of energy like solar panels, sources of heat like fireplaces and stoves, and even urban and indoor gardens that allow you to grow your own produce.

Outdoor living: Between playgrounds closing and parks becoming overcrowded, many of us are turning to our balconies, patios and backyards for fresh air and nature. This means we're going to be investing more in our outdoor spaces, with functional kitchens, soothing water features, cozy firepits, and high-quality outdoor furniture to create a much-needed escape.

Healthier spaces: Thanks to spending more time indoors and reprioritizing our health, we'll turn to design to help ensure our homes are safe and healthy for our families. We'll see a rise in products like water filtration systems as well as materials that improve indoor air quality. For new homes and additions, alternatives to wood-framing like insulated concrete forms from Nudura, which offer improved ventilation for healthier indoor air quality and an environment that's less susceptible to mold, will be key.

Home office space: Business experts are suggesting many companies will see that work-

ing from home is not only possible but offers tangible benefits, like saving money on office space rent. With working from home on the rise, creating a home office space that inspires productivity will be a major project many of us tackle. Luxury home office

furniture that feels chic and blends into your décor as well as ergonomic chairs and desks will see a major boost.

Custom and quality: With the hit to the economy, people are going to be buying less, but what they do buy will be better quality, while at the same time

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The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services, and Whitecourt recently announced that the Government of Alberta's Labour Market Partnership Program has allocated \$59,000 to the Whitecourt region to complete a COVID-19 Impact Assessment Project.

The Town of Whitecourt, Community Futures Yellowhead East, Whitecourt & District Chamber of Commerce, and Alberta Labour and Immigration are partnering to complete the COVID-19 Impact Assessment and Recovery Strategy. The initiative will provide a complete and accurate analysis on the impacts to the labour force in the Whitecourt region, including employer and employee needs and challeng-

es. The project will explore the impacts of COVID-19, changes to business and labour force trends, and make recommendations for business and labour force retention and recovery strategies moving forward.

Local consulting and training firm Ballard Group has been contracted to conduct the assessment and provide a proactive plan to address the needs of the business community and its workforce within the context of the pandemic. The Ballard Group team will be conducting interviews with business owners and managers directly in the community beginning mid-September.

"We've been a part of the Whitecourt community since 2014, with many of our staff delivering consulting and training programs directly in the region. We are very excited to build upon our relationships in Whitecourt and provide valuable insights that will support local businesses in the months and years ahead," stat-

ed John Corie, Ballard Managing Partner.

Components of the project include:

- Conducting a COVID-19 Economic Impact Assessment for the Whitecourt region, based on interviews with employers, employees, training providers, post-secondary institutions, and various organizations regarding their recent experiences;

- Determining immediate labour force needs and challenges, and making recommendations on short-term strategies and programs that will support business and labour force recovery;

- Identifying long-term challenges and anticipated labour force trends due to COVID-19, and providing strategies and initiatives that will support employees and employers into the future.

"The impacts of COVID-19 have and will continue to change how business and industry hire staff, address la-

bour force challenges, and respond to consumer behavior," stated Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak. "Understanding the challenges faced by local businesses will help us build strategies that will help with recovery, growth and sustainability in our region."

More information will be available at the Whitecourt Business Support Network meeting scheduled for September 16 at 11:30 AM. Interested participants can access the BSN meeting via Zoom videoconferencing, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978579450> or by visiting www.albertabsn.ca

The solutions-based project will be completed over the next 12 months. To learn more or to inquire about an interview with your business, contact Rhonda Hough, Economic Development Officer for the Town of Whitecourt at 780-778-2273 or rhondahough@whitecourt.ca

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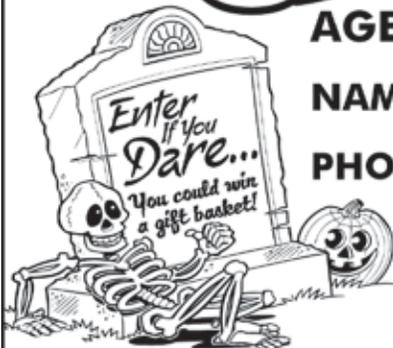
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The family of Ms. Annie Nusl of Prince George, B.C. (formerly of Glenevis, Alberta) announces her passing on September 5, 2020 at the age of 76 years. Annie will be remembered as a loving and caring person who dedicated her life to the service of others. She loved to gather with family and friends and share a good laugh. Annie will be forever loved and remembered by her brother Joseph (Aleah) Nusl; her sisters: Patsy (Rob) Cline, Mary Jane (Ken) Vaughan and Bernice (Blaine) Negraiff as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Annie was predeceased by her parents Charles and Louise Nusl and by her sisters Rose Crum and Veronica Hansen. A Public Visitation will be held starting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Parkland Funeral Services, 3502 - 44 Avenue in Stony Plain, AB with a Memorial Service to follow beginning at 7:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 200 Veterans Blvd, Spruce Grove. Interment to follow in Captain Paulson Cemetery, Cherhill, Alberta. If friends desire, donations may be made in Annie's memory to either Hospice Society-Prince George, 1506 Ferry Ave. Prince George, B.C. or to the Light Up Your Life Society, 4405 Southpark Drive, Stony Plain, AB, T7Z 2M7. Written Tributes may be made to www.parklandfuneralservices.com

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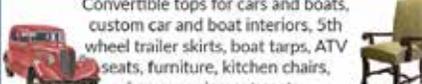
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