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## February 9, 2021

### WHITECOURT RCMP INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN MALE CHARGED FOR SELLING STOLEN GOODS ONLINE

Submitted by Whitecourt RCMP

Whitecourt, Alta.– Whitecourt RCMP General Investigation Section (GIS) initiated an investigation as a result of a number of break and enter thefts that had occurred between Oct. 15, 2020, and Jan. 4, 2021. The

break-in's involved stolen items such as tires, a large quantity of various power and hand tools, and a bicycle—all totaling a value of over \$60,000.

Whitecourt RCMP GIS' investigation resulted in the arrest of a 40-year-old male on Jan. 29, 2021. As a result, Whitecourt RCMP

obtained search warrants for a residence in Whitecourt, a storage unit and a motor vehicle. As a result of those searches, the following items have been seized: tires, various stolen tools, documents and a stolen bicycle.

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### 20% OFF CROP INSURANCE FOR ALBERTA FARMERS

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Submitted by Devin Dreeshen, Alberta's Agriculture and Forestry Minister

As Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, I am proud to announce that Alberta farmers will receive a 20%

reduction in crop insurance premiums this year.

This reduction from Alberta's government and Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC) will save farmers more than \$55 million on their crop insurance premiums in 2021 and

increase the competitiveness of Alberta farmers internationally. It will directly support job creators and boost our rural economy at a time when it's needed most.

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# MP GERALD SOROKA ON BILL C-10 'BROADCASTING ACT' AND DEPLOYING SPECTRUM IN RURAL AREAS

**Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead**

OTTAWA: Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, participated this morning in the debate on Bill C-10 "An Act to amend the Broadcasting Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts". MP Soroka believes that C-10 is a regulatory mess that could have unintended consequences. His comments can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/GeraldSorokamp>

Later that morning during Question Period, he questioned the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (Science) on the results of the 600 MHz auction last

year.

MP Soroka stated: "Madam Speaker, when the minister announced the results of the 600 megahertz auction last year, she noted the government's set-aside policy had created more competition for Canadians, but we now know that set-aside bidders have a poor track record of deploying Spectrum in rural communities. There needs to be a "use it or lose it" condition to ensure Spectrum is deployed in rural Canada.

Why will the government not force service providers to deploy Spectrum in rural Canada so we can get high speed Internet?"

Mr. William Amos (Parliamentary Secretary to

the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (Science), Lib.) replied: "Madam Speaker, our government is taking every single measure in the policy toolbox to ensure that all sorts of investments and all sorts of new infrastructure around telecommunications can be integrated across Canada.

Spectrum auction is just one of these sets of policies. We are working towards a new spectrum auction later on this year. There have been delays due to COVID-19, but we are well aware that this is a very important mechanism to ensure that Canadians have the very best of telecommunications infrastructure across Canada."

**JOKE of the week**

When a woman on the staff of the school where I worked became engaged, a friend and colleague offered her some advice. 'The first ten years are the hardest.' 'How long have you been married?' she asked. 'Ten years', he replied.

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# Whitecourt RCMP Investigation Results in Male Charged for Selling Stolen Goods Online

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Chad Cameron Penman (40) of Whitecourt is charged with:

- Trafficking in property obtained by crime under \$5,000 (x3)
- Possession of stolen property for the purpose of trafficking
- Possession of stolen property under \$5,000 (x2)
- Theft under \$5,000
- Fail to comply with conditions (x2)

- Breach of probation (x2)

Following a judicial hearing, Penman was released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Whitecourt Provincial Court on Feb. 9, 2021.

“Whitecourt RCMP would like to caution people that if a dollar value for something on a buy and sell seems too good to be true, it is very possible that it may be stolen goods,” says Sgt. Ted Zadderey, Whitecourt RCMP Operations NCO, “serial numbers can

be checked online on CPIC to determine if items are stolen.”

The online link for the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC): <https://www.cpic-cipc.ca>.

Whitecourt RCMP would like to caution the public as this investigation surfaced two online buy and sell accounts believed to have been utilized for the purpose of re-selling stolen goods, one of these accounts is a Facebook account named “Bobs Parts” (sic) from Whitecourt.

Whitecourt RCMP is asking members of the public who feel they have purchased stolen goods from a Facebook account named “Bobs Parts” (sic) from Whitecourt to contact the Whitecourt RCMP at 780-778-5454. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com) or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play store.

# 20% Off Crop Insurance for Alberta Farmers

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A farm with 2,000 insured acres will save about \$8,000 this year alone. This puts money back into the pockets of Alberta farmers right away. Agriculture continues to be an economic bright light and Alberta’s government is strengthening the sector even more.

This significant reduction in crop insurance premi-

ums will help counter the looming 500% increase in federal carbon tax, a misguided Clean Fuel Standard, and an impending punitive fertilizer limit regulation all imposed by the federal government. Reducing insurance premiums by 20% will help our farmers – more federal taxes, increased costs and punitive regulations will not.

Crop insurance is one of the most successful busi-

ness risk management programs for Alberta farmers with roughly 72% enrolling in the program every year.

This \$55 million dollar injection into agriculture is part of Alberta’s Recovery Plan which is a bold, ambitious long-term strategy to build, diversify, and create tens of thousands of jobs now. By building schools, roads and other core infrastructure we are benefiting our communities. By diver-

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PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
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*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.

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# COUNTY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by **Lac Ste. Anne County**

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The County is pleased to announce the launch of County Connect – a brand new multi-channel community alert system. To start, create your account at CountyConnect.ca, then opt in to receive

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This new County-managed platform is free to use by anyone who wishes to stay informed on critical County matters. Once registered, you

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In addition to County-specific alerts, County Connect also broadcasts emergency messages from Canada's emergency alert system (Alert Ready) Visit CountyConnect.ca and get critical County alerts as they happen!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Septic Sense: Solutions for Rural Living. Online Zoom Virtual Workshop on Wednesday, March 10 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The Septic Sense program continues in Alberta! This information session will teach you how to properly care for your septic system.

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# COVID-19 UPDATE FOR WHITECOURT

## Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

The Government of Alberta announced on February 6, 2021 that as part of Step 1 of its four-step framework to ease restrictions, limited school and minor sport training will be allowed as of Monday, February 8.

This change means that children and youth will be allowed to participate in lessons, practices and conditioning activities for indoor and outdoor team-based minor sports and athletics.

- All participants must be 18 years old or younger, excluding coaches or trainers.

- A maximum of 10 individuals, including all coaches, trainers and participants, can participate.

- All participants must maintain physical distancing from each other at all times.

- Participants must be masked at all times, except when engaged in the physical activity.

- Coaches and trainers must remain masked at all

times.

- There must be limited access to change rooms, including for accelerated arrival and departure, for emergencies and for wash-room use.

All minor sport associations will have to evaluate how this easing of restrictions will impact their operations. The Town of Whitecourt will also be evaluating operations early next week, and will notify the community if any changes occur.

Other previously announced measures set to ease in Step 1 will also be permitted starting on February 8 as part of Alberta's four-step path forward, including the opening of restaurants, and indoor fitness facilities for one-on-one training for individuals or households by appointment only.

All other mandatory restrictions will remain in place until further notice, including:

- All indoor social gatherings – public and private – are prohibited.

- Province-wide mandatory indoor public masking requirement.

- Retail restrictions (on occupancy limits) and continued business closures (i.e. movie theatres, community halls).

- Mandatory work from home measures.

COVID-19 information and updates are publicly available on the Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services websites:

- [www.alberta.ca/covid19](http://www.alberta.ca/covid19)
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# VEHICLES FALLING THROUGH THIN ICE ON WABAMUN LAKE

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

Parkland RCMP have recently responded to two separate incidents of vehicles falling through thin ice on Wabamun Lake in the last couple of days.

The first incident was reported on January 30, 2021 at about 2:40 pm where a truck had broken through the ice. The driver and sev-

en passengers were able to get out of the truck in time before the truck sank into the lake. There were no injuries in this case.

The second incident happened on January 31, 2021 at about 9:50 am where a truck broke through the thin ice. The two occupants in the vehicle were able to get out of the vehicle before it went further into the lake. No one was injured in this case either.

With the warmer than usual weather this winter coupled with the water conditions in Wabamun Lake, the ice has remained thin with some areas not freezing over at all. This increases the risk of being on thin ice in these areas, and falling through.

Parkland RCMP would like to remind people that there are signs posted at Wabamun Lake warning people of open water or

thin ice. The consequences of ignoring these signs can be quite serious. In both recent cases, everyone was lucky to get out of their vehicle in time. It should also be noted that the owner of the vehicle will be responsible for all costs associated with recovering the vehicle in addition to any environmental remediation costs as a result of vehicle fluids entering the water system.

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NEW BUSINESS RELIEF

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Expansions to the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant program announced in January are now included on the Government of Alberta's application portal. New businesses that began operating between March and October 2020, as well as unregistered sole proprietors, can now apply for COVID relief funding.

"Even during the pandemic, Alberta saw around 10,000 new businesses open across the province in 2020. These new businesses were started by Albertans who had the entrepreneurial spirit and confidence to bet on Alberta. Entrepreneurs, whether new or experienced, need to know that Alberta's government is here to support them." - Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation

"We appreciate the government expanding access to the SME relaunch grant for sole proprietors and new businesses that started operations in 2020. Access to the grant for new businesses will help, considering they have largely been unable to access the federal support programs. With restrictions continuing and small businesses struggling, support programs will need to be extended and expanded in order to avoid widespread business closures across the province." - Annie Dormuth, Alberta provincial affairs director, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant offers financial assistance to Alberta businesses, co-operatives and non-profit organizations with fewer than 500 employees that have faced restrictions or closures due to COVID-related public health orders,

and have experienced revenue losses of at least 30 per cent.

Businesses can use the funding as they see fit to offset the costs they are facing as they relaunch their businesses. This includes the costs of items that help prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies, as well as rent, employee wages or replacing inventory. The funds can also be used to help businesses expand their online presence or e-commerce opportunities so that they can continue to serve customers. These grants do not need to be repaid.

The program launched at the end of June 2020, and the government has committed \$500 million to the grants. More details are on the program web page. Application intake will be open until March 31, 2021, unless otherwise communicated.

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Quick facts

- As of Feb. 1, Alberta's government has provided more than \$327 million to more than 47,000 businesses.

- Small and medium enterprises are an important part of Alberta's economy, accounting for more than 99 per cent of all businesses and almost 55 per cent of all employment.

- Additional supports for businesses are available through the federal government.

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# Bridal Guide



## HOW TO FIND YOUR WEDDING FLORIST

Weddings join the lives of two loving individuals so they can share their future with one another. Various elements help make weddings both momentous and magical.

Some weddings adhere to themes that are designed to make an impression and showcase couples' personalities. Floral arrangements are key components of wedding themes, as they help to establish ambiance at both the ceremony and reception.

Flowers can easily help couples achieve a desired vibe, whether that's rustic, romantic, modern, or even whimsical. Skilled florists may use a variety of flowers and foliage, as well as dramatic displays to help create the couple's wedding day vision. According to an internal study from the wedding advice and planning resource The Knot, which surveyed more

than 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, the average cost of wedding flowers was \$2,000 in 2019. However, the cost of floral arrangements can vary depending on the scope of the arrangements and choice of flowers, including whether they're in season or not.

It is essential for couples to spend time vetting potential florists to find one who will produce their desired vision at a price that fits their budget. These guidelines can make the process go more smoothly.

- Establish your theme early on. Floral arrangements will complement and enhance other elements of the wedding, including color scheme and the wedding theme. If your wedding theme ties into a specific season, you will work with the florist to find blooms and other pieces that coordinate. For example, winter weddings with white, ice

blue and silver color schemes may coordinate with white ranunculus flowers, dahlias, dusty miller foliage, and viburnum berries.

- Bring swatches and photographs to consultations. It is easier to explain color palettes to a florist with examples in hand. Show the florist the types of arrangements you prefer and have actual fabric swatches from bridesmaid gowns or groomsmen vests so that colors can be complemented.

- Create a list of desired items. Florists may sell items a la carte or have packages of common floral pieces for wedding celebrations. Types of floral arrangements include bridal bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets, maid of honor bouquet, corsages for mothers/grandmothers, boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers/grandfathers, flower girl headpiece, petals

to sprinkle, table centerpieces, altar arrangements, pew or chair decorations, and cake decorations.

- Go easy on aroma. Tread lightly when selecting blooms that have strong aromas. They may be beautiful, but many people are sensitive to smells. Allergies also may be exacerbated by flowers with strong aromas. Discuss options with the florist before proceeding.

- Explain your budget. Research the average cost of floral arrangements and let the florist know what you can afford. This can help the florist narrow down options or make substitutions that fit your theme and your budget.

Couples can take certain steps as they choose floral arrangements for their weddings. Cost should not be the only factor in the decision, even though it is an important one.

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## HOW TO HOST A SOCIALLY DISTANT WEDDING

It's likely that few people heard of "social distancing" prior to 2020. That changed as the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread rapidly across the globe and the world found itself in the midst of a deadly pandemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines social distancing as keeping a safe distance of at least six feet between yourself and other people who are not from your household. Public health officials continue to champion social distancing while acknowledging the fatigue that many people have experienced as the pandemic stretched on for months. Though much of the world hit the proverbial pause button, life went on during the pandemic. Perhaps nowhere was that more evident than at the altar, where

many couples still tied the knot, albeit in scaled back ceremonies that adhered to social distancing guidelines in their communities.

Engaged couples who have yet to tie the knot no doubt recognize that planning a socially distant wedding will not be the same as organizing more traditional ceremonies and receptions. While planning a socially distant wedding presents some unique challenges, couples can take certain steps to ensure their big day is memorable and safe.

- Spread the socially distant word. Let guests know what they're in for should they decide to take part in the festivities. Many people have strictly followed social distancing guidelines, while others have been reluctant to do so. Couples intent on keeping themselves and

their guests safe from COVID-19 should emphasize that their weddings will be socially distant affairs so there's no confusion come the big day.

- Stream the wedding online. Stream the wedding online for those guests who won't be in attendance. By the end of 2020, millions of people had already "attended" weddings via platforms like Zoom, so loved ones may be experienced virtual guests by the time couples walk down the aisle in 2021. Couples who may need some help planning virtual affairs can visit the virtual wedding coordinators at Wedfuly.com, who recently partnered with Zoom to help couples bring their ceremonies online.

- Pare down the in-person guest list. Couples who planned large

weddings prior to the pandemic can still invite all of their loved ones to witness the festivities online, but pare down the in-person guest list to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Limit in-person guests to immediate family and those people who are part of your social distancing bubble.

- Plan a party for down the road. Couples can still celebrate their nuptials with family and friends down the road. Plan a post-pandemic reception and let guests know you will fill them in on the details once social distancing restrictions have been lifted.

Socially distant weddings may require couples to take some unusual steps as they try to tie the knot while keeping themselves and their loved ones safe.

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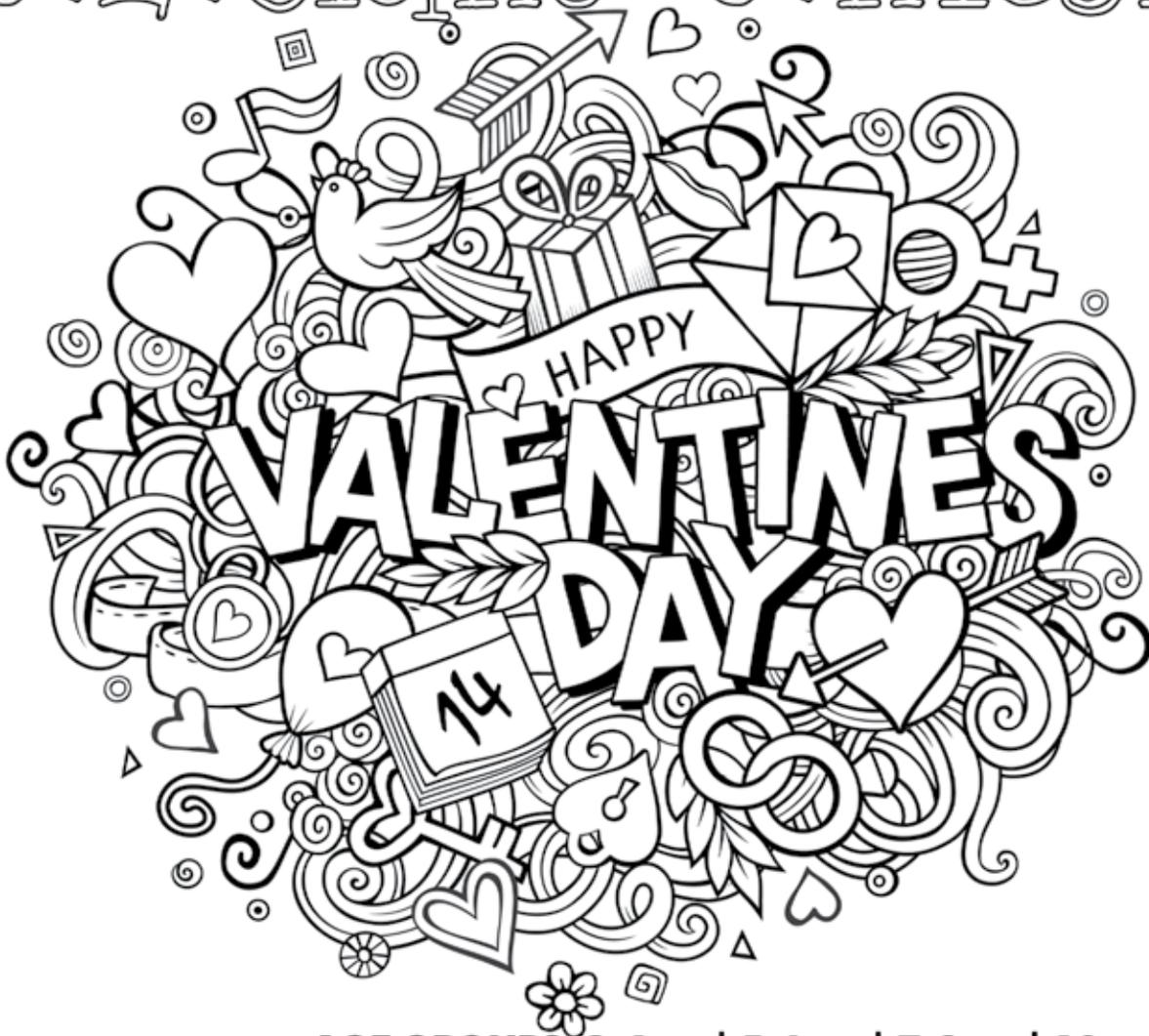
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**ANSWER:**

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

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

<p><b>Rich Valley Community Church</b></p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 11:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>Catholic Parish of Lac Ste. Anne</b></p> <p>Sunday 10:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>Mayerthorpe Baptist Church</b></p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 10:30a.m.</p> <p>Children's Church 10:30a.m.</p> <p>4606-54 St. Mayerthorpe (780) 786-2677</p>	<p><b>Alberta Beach Alliance Church</b></p> <p>Sunday Worship Service &amp; Kid's Church 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m.</p> <p>(780) 924-3282</p>	<p><b>St. John's Anglican Church</b></p> <p>Onoway</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>Everyone Welcome</b></p>	
<p><b>St. John's Lutheran Church</b> Alberta Beach</p> <p>Sunday Service 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School</p>	<p><b>Zion United Church</b></p> <p>Sunday Service 10:00a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School</p> <p>Serving Alberta Beach, Wabaman, Darwell &amp; Lake Isle, Onoway &amp; Area (780) 924-3351</p>	<p><b>Sangudo United Church</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Service 6:00p.m.</b></p> <p>Worship Service 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 11:00a.m.</p> <p>4907-50 Ave. Sangudo, AB</p>	<p><b>St. Mary's Anglican Church Service</b></p> <p>Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>at Sangudo United Church</p> <p>Reverend Barry Rose Officiating</p>	<p><b>Cherhill Community Church</b></p> <p>Sunday School 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.</p> <p>Worship Service Sunday 11:00a.m.</p>	<p><b>St. Michael Lutheran Church</b></p> <p>Sunday Services 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2:00p.m.</p> <p>Pastor Rick Chappell (780) 674-2618 Mystery Lake</p>
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