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## April 10, 2024

### CHERHILL 4 - H MULTI CLUB

Submitted by Grace Yaremy

Hello everybody and welcome to the Cherhill 4-H report for the month of March.

Today we are going to begin with Archery. The archery kids shot from ten meters for practice and for provincial mail match scoring, and discussed record keeping for the bows and arrows they are using. The woodworking kids are about to finish of their log cabin bird houses with a roof.

The quilting project kids are starting their 3rd projects

and are getting ready for life skills achievement day where they can present their projects to the public on June 8th, along with the other life skills projects such as vet science, foods, bees, and archery.

The sheep kids lambs are all born, or they have bought their lambs, like my bottle lamb Blossom who I just bought!

The beef project kids had the leaders come to their houses to check on the progress of their calves growth. The vet science project kids had an equine aid presentation at the Busby School. The models and

foods projects are anxiously awaiting their next group meetings.

The bees kids talked about the bees coming out of winter and how to help them, as well as mite treatments, spring feeding, and pollen supplements and also chatted about the next field trip, which will be to inspect hives that did not make it through the winter.

This month was very eventful with everyone well on their way to finishing their projects for achievement day.

Thank you for reading and I hope you had a happy Easter!

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### ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Creamy Tuscan Chicken

The next dinner is Friday, April 19. Sponsored by SANG. Donna & crew are preparing creamy Tuscan chicken (cream sauce with

tomatoes, parmesan cheese & spices), with mashed potatoes, green beans, garden salad, and home-style buns. It's pineapple slab cake for dessert. The Veterans' Table is sponsored by Peggy Bakken.

If you want to book ahead,

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There is NO dinner on May 3 due to the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner being held on May 4. Ira and his team will be cooking a Roast Beef dinner with Yorkshire Pudding, soup, and salad to start followed by a scrumptious dessert. All Veterans of the Onoway Branch will be contacted personally in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in volunteering at this special event please contact Ruth at 780-967-5361.

CONGRATULATIONS to Edith Clarice White, Alexis Knee, and Sierra White recipients of the Legion Poppy Fund Bursary. Annual bursaries are available to students enrolled in post-secondary education who are descendants of

veterans. Poppy Funds are made available through the generosity of the local community.

Message from the President

April 1, 2024, marked 100 years of service for the Royal Canadian Air Force as a distinct military element. Members of the RCAF served overseas, and at home.

One of the first and most important contributions to the war effort was the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (BCATP). Although many of the instructors never left Canada, they still faced danger, with many dying in crashes while with student pilots. The training they provided to pilots, air and ground crews played an invaluable

role in the war effort.

Under a deal signed in 1939, Canada agreed to provide facilities and training for airmen from every part of the Commonwealth. Canada was ideally suited for this program because our country was far from most of the active fighting and had lots of wide-open spaces and good flying conditions.

In 1939, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) had only 4,000 personnel, less than a dozen airports of its own and training facilities for only 400 ground crew per year. By war's end, there were 151 training schools and every province had BCATP installations. It had graduated 131,533 pilots, observers, flight engineers,

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**JOKE of the week**

A lady was walking down the street when she was approached by a lady beggar asking for money. The lady took a \$20 bill out of her purse, and asked "if I give you this money will you spend it on chocolate?" "Don't be ridiculous" the beggar replied "does it look like I have nothing better to spend money on?" "How about shopping?" she asked. "No," the beggar said, "don't you understand I need money just to stay alive." "Will you spend it on your hair?" the lady asked. Annoyed the beggar replied, "No, I just need money for food, and shelter." "In that case" the lady said "I don't want to just give you money I would like you to eat out with me and my husband tonight." "Why?" The beggar asked. "Well," the lady said "I think it's important for him to see what a lady looks like after she gives up chocolate, shopping, and hair appointments."



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and other aircrew for the air forces of Canada, Britain, Australia, and New Zealand.

While over half the BCATP graduates came from Canada and the USA, the plan trained personnel from all over the world including about 2,000 French, 900 Czechoslovakians, 680 Norwegians, 450 Poles, and about the same number of Belgians and Dutch.

Join in the festivities by attending an event near you that will be celebrating the RCAF Centennial, including the Alberta International Airshow at Villeneuve Airport on August 17 & 18.

Richard Moses  
Pub Night Every Second Friday

There is no meal at the le-

gion on Friday, April 12 but everyone is welcome to enjoy a friendly evening of cards, darts, or pool with friends at our Pub Night. You don't need to be a legion member. A full bar service, along with snacks and freshly cooked hot dogs will be available to enjoy with your cold beer. We even offer specialty cocktails, apple cider, chai latte, and specialty herbal teas!

Wednesday Pub Night and Musical Jam

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

Everyone, member or not, everyone is invited. Bring an instrument to play or

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

Pool and Darts Clubs

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

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

You don't need to be a Legion member to take part in either of these regular clubs

each week.

Did You Know ...

April is the month of the Military Child. There are currently 81,000 military children in Canada. Referred to as a Dandelion Child for their ability to take root and flourish practically anywhere the wind blows them which helps develop them into strong, resilient individuals. The RCL Legion offers the Veteran Family Welcome Program which provides a free one-year membership to adult children of CAF or RCMP members who have not yet joined the Legion.

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Submitted by Town of Stony Plain

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# County News Highlights

April 11 Council Meeting

April 25 Council Meeting

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

Visit [LSAC.ca/agenda](https://www.lsac.ca/agenda) for meeting agendas. Please note: to address Council, appointments must be booked at least 8 working days prior.

## COUNTY-WIDE ROAD BAN IN EFFECT

### Until Further Notice

This Road Ban will remain in place until early June 2024 or as determined by the County.

For more information including the full Road Ban Notice, please visit [countyroads.ca](https://www.countyroads.ca).

## FROZEN CULVERTS

### Transitional weather creates natural water flow problems

Public Works employees are actively thawing culverts throughout the area on numerous roads and approaches within our borders.

Thawing culverts is a very time-consuming and challenging process.

When the warmer weather arrives, it will take some time for the culverts to fully thaw and to handle the increases in water volume. This may result in water pooling near our infrastructure.

Please be advised to use caution and slow down while driving in these affected areas.

To report a flooded road or blocked culvert please call the County Administration Office or visit [LSAC.ca/report](https://www.lsac.ca/report).

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For further information, contact the Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services Department.

## ANNUAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

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To book an appointment please get in touch with Taryn Monteith, Community Services Coordinator at 780.785.3411 or email [TMonteith@LSAC.ca](mailto:TMonteith@LSAC.ca).

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL BODY	APPEAL DEADLINE
23-D0288	SE 30-55-06 W5M 55413 Hwy 757	Contractors' business for small seasonal bridge building company with two shipping containers. Front Yard Variance Request, Regulation: 25.0m, Requested: 3.0m, Variance: 22.0m	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024
24-D0015	Lot 22, Block 7, Plan 2287MC Four Oakes within SE 35-56-2 W5M 230, 56514 RGE RD 21	Detached garage with second floor storage on slab with thickened edges, Main 26.0' x 24.0' (624.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, Second floor 11.0' x 24.0' (264.0 sq. ft.) South Side Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 6.0m Requested: 1.82m Variance: 4.18m, Northeast Side Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 6.0m, Requested: 4.88m, Variance: 1.12m, Southeast Front Yard Variance Request; Regulation: 10.0m, Requested: 1.82m, Variance: 8.18m	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024
24-D0017	Lot 2, Block 3, Plan 7821310 Eagle Ridge Estates within NE 15-54-1 W5M 17, 54228 RGE RD 12	2024 Manufactured home with attached deck on screw piles to be the new primary home, Main 20.0' x 64.0' (1260.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls, Deck 10.0' x 50.0' (500.0 sq. ft.)	Lac Ste. Anne County – Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	April 22, 2024
24-D0020	Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 2220664 within SW 4-55-2 W5M 2328 HWY 37	Use existing shop for repair business & unlit 4.0' x 7.0' sign in the back of a truck for business identification.	Land and Property Rights Tribunal {LPRT}	April 22, 2024



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# LOCKING DOWN REPEAT OFFENDERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Proposed legislation would create a provincial ankle bracelet monitoring program to hold high-risk offenders accountable while out on bail or serving a community sentence.

Far too often, police services in Alberta issue bulletins about the release of offenders who are at a high risk to reoffend. Just as often, there are news stories about Albertans being victimized by offenders who should not have been released. Under the proposed Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, individuals subject to a court-ordered electronic monitoring condition would be required to wear a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device on their ankle. This device would be monitored 24/7 by a centralized monitoring unit within Alberta Correctional Services.

Ankle bracelet electronic monitoring would protect Albertans and communities by helping to secure offender-restricted areas, such as victims' residences, places of employment or any other area deemed off-limits as part of an individual's bail or community-release conditions.

"The federal government's bail policies are failing to keep people safe. We are taking an important step toward combatting rising crime, creating safer streets and neighbourhoods and protecting our communities. Ankle bracelet electronic monitoring is another tool in the toolbox for courts to hold high-risk and repeat offenders accountable for their actions while

out on bail."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Currently, people in Alberta who are subject to provincial community-based court conditions and bail supervision are monitored by staff within Correctional Services, primarily within regular business hours. Once operational, the Al-

berta ankle bracelet program would provide more supervision of repeat offenders and those on bail who require around-the-clock monitoring as a condition of their community supervision. This program would also align Alberta with jurisdictions across Canada running similar programs.

Alberta's government al-

located \$5.25 million in funding for electronic monitoring through last year's budget. Of that funding, \$2.8 million will cover implementation costs for this 2024-25 fiscal year, with the full funding of \$5.25 million to begin in the 2025-26 fiscal year.



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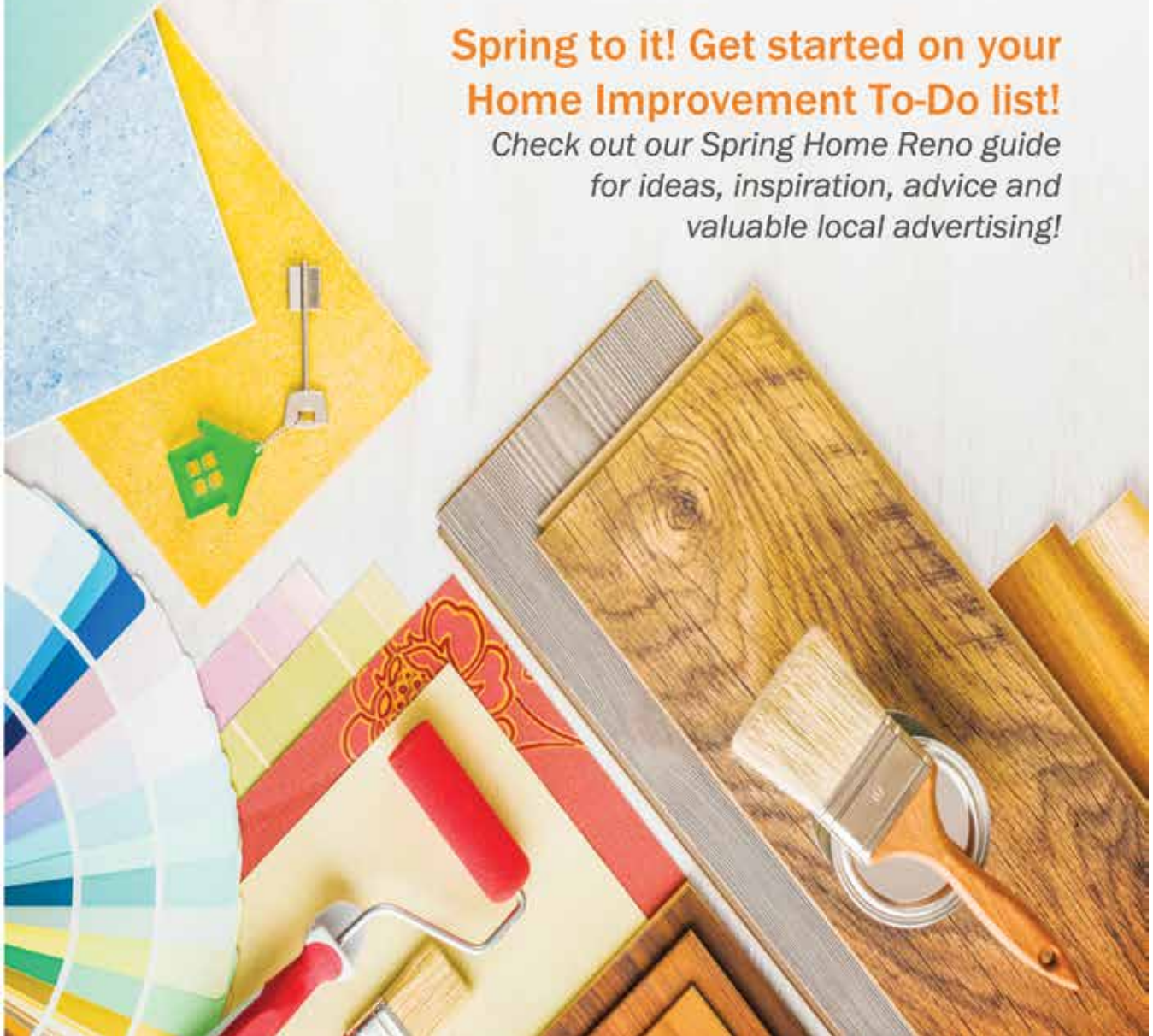




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# 6 EASY SPRING CLEANING PROJECTS

Warmer days are here and what better way to spend them than cleaning? Although enjoying the great outdoors is probably high on many a to-do list come spring, by the end of winter, homes can probably do with a much-needed overhaul. Owners and renters can rely on temperate days to throw open the windows and engage in some easy spring-cleaning projects. The earlier one begins spring cleaning, the more quickly he or she will be able to head outside and

bask in the warm spring sun. Spring cleaning tasks can be stretched out across several days to make the jobs more manageable. While certain spring cleaning tasks can be time-consuming, many projects can be started and completed in 30 minutes or less.

### 1. Look up

Start by looking up at ceilings, molding and ceiling fans. Chances are strong that some cobwebs and dust have formed in these areas. Always begin cleaning by working from the

top downward so you don't have to clean any tables countertops or floors twice. Static-charged dusting cloths work well to catch and contain dust. Use a pillowcase on ceiling fan blades to clear the dust and keep it from cascading to the floor.

### 2. Blinds and curtains

Heavy window treatments can be removed and replaced with more gauzy fabrics. This lets in more light and warmth from the sun. Many curtains can be freshened up right in the

laundry, but blinds may require a bit more effort. If the blinds can be snapped out of the brackets, place them in a tub full of vinegar, dish soap and water. Allow them to soak and then rinse with the shower nozzle. Stationary blinds can be cleaned with using an old sock over your hand dipped in a vinegar-and-water solution.

### 3. Change linens

Remove and launder bed linens. While the linens are in the wash, thoroughly dust all furniture and

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vacuum the carpets. Move furniture so you can reach areas where dust gathers, such as under the bed or dresser.

#### 4. Grout cleaner

Grade school science lessons can be put to use as you look to remove stubborn dirt. Combining baking soda and vinegar produces a reaction that causes the formation of gassy bubbles. These bubbles can help to break up dirt that clings to crevic-

es, such as grout between tiles. Some light scrubbing and then subsequent rinsing can rid surfaces of hard-to-remove dirt.

#### 5. Vacuum vent intakes

Many houses are heated by forced-air systems. The air intake vents can become clogged with dust and other debris. Vacuum these vents so that air flow is not impeded. Let the heat run for a few minutes to catch any small particles that become dislodged, and then change

the furnace filter.

#### 6. Clean out the refrigerator

Now is a great time to remove any of those mystery containers growing fuzzy experiments in the back of the refrigerator. Take the food out of the refrigerator and use a food-safe cleaner to scour the shelves and inside of crisper drawers

Spring cleaning is a necessary task, but it doesn't have to be a headache. Break up the work into

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## FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A HOME OFFICE

As technology has made working remotely easier, more and more professionals are working from home. Working from home can help working parents save money on childcare costs and help all workers avoid rush hour traffic jams and the costs of commuting to and from the office.

The right working environment is essential for men and women who work from home. An environment that's conducive to work can help people increase their productivity

and make their employers more likely to allow more employees to work from home. Professionals who are new to working from home may find it takes some time before they can create the perfect working environment, but the following are a few factors to consider when planning a home office.

### Space

One of the disadvantages to working from home is that remote workers don't have access to the same level of equipment as in the

main office, such as color copiers or scanners. If you want to include even scaled-down versions of such equipment in your office, you will need ample space. In addition, less spacious home offices can feel too tight and enclosed, making workers uncomfortable and less enthusiastic about working every day. Pick a spot in your home that affords room for your equipment and the ability to move around so you don't feel cramped

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throughout the workday.

### Lighting

Lighting is another factor remote workers must consider when they're planning their home offices. Natural light can provide an energetic boost and improve your mood, so choose a room in your home that gets lots of sunlight during the day. Many professionals who work remotely do so from the basements of their homes, which can make it difficult to rely on natural light. If the basement is the

only location in your home that can fit a home office, look for lighting sources that replicate daylight so you are not working in dark quarters. Speak with your physician about how to arrange lighting to reduce eyestrain caused by staring at a computer.

### Connectivity

Connectivity also must be considered when planning a home office. While wireless Internet has made Internet dead zones less problematic, certain areas or rooms in your home may still be touch-and-go with

regard to Internet connectivity. Such areas should be avoided when choosing a room for your home office, as it can be difficult to remain productive if your connection to your office's external server is routinely compromised. Find an area where the wireless connection is always strong.

### Distractions

While your home might be empty for much of the day, you don't want to be distracted when the kids come home from school or when your spouse or roommate arrives home from work.

Avoid putting your home office too close to popular hangout areas in your home, such as the kitchen and the living room. Instead, choose a room where you have lots of privacy so you can focus on your work and won't be routinely interrupted.

Working from home can pay numerous dividends, but professionals who telework must put careful thought into the rooms or areas of their homes where they plan to work.

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# ADDRESSING SPRING ANT PROBLEMS

The return of warm weather in the spring often marks the return of animals and insects as well. The spring season is a popular time for insects to mate and build nests. This also may be a time when homeowners see ant "swarms" in or around their homes.

Ants and termites are social creatures, and when their colonies become too large, flying ants will spread out in search of new territories and to establish new queens. This mobility may also be coupled with an

increasing number of ants marching on the ground and scaling walls.

Although many species of ants are harmless, homeowners do not want to see ants inside their homes especially in large numbers. The following strategies can help homeowners address ant infestations this spring.

- Identify the type of ant around your property. Consult with online guides or books to identify the species of ant on your property. Knowing which species of ant is in or around your

home can help you address the problem more effectively.

- Create a food trap. Ants are attracted to various food sources, such as fats, sweets and proteins. Mixing a very small amount of a food with boric acid can help control ant populations. Ants will bring tainted food back to their colonies and perish.

- Keep a clean house. Use vinegar, soap and water to clean areas where ants are seen. Many leave a scent trail of pheromones

to tell others where to go for a food source.

- Treat carpenter ants at the source. Carpenter ants will not bring back food to the nest. Instead, sprinkle diatomaceous earth, or DE, around outdoor nests to eradicate colonies.

- Work with an exterminator. If home remedies do not work, consult with a trained exterminator.



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# LAKE ISLE COMMUNITY HALL NEWS

Submitted by Lake Isle Community Hall

The Hypnotist event held March 23 was a huge success. Hypnotist Shane Lytang entertained the sold out crowd. Everyone enjoyed the delicious supper and a lot of laughs. Thank you to everyone who came and supported our community hall.

A big SHOUT OUT to SANG - Ste. Anne Natural Gas Co-op Ltd. for the funding to help with the purchase of 2 new kitchen gas stoves. We are forever thankful for their continued support.

The quilters club is looking for members. Do you have an interest in learning to quilt? The experienced quilters can offer their

knowledge and encouragement. This is not limited to quilting; bring your crafts and enjoy lively conversation and fellowship. The club meets Mondays... Call Marilyn at 780-982-2481 for more information.

Our next event is the annual Mothers' Day Breakfast (sponsored by SANG) Sunday, May 12. 9:30am - 11:30am. Entry is by cash

donation.

Our facility and ball diamond with picnic area is available for rentals. For more information please call or text to 780-725-2533 or by email to: lakeislefarmersassociation@gmail.com.

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## USING TECH TO FIGHT DROUGHT IN ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With the risk of drought facing the province, Alberta's government is investing in projects to maximize water supply and deliver adequate drinking water to communities.

Alberta's largest innovation agency, Alberta Innovates, has invested more than \$75 million through its Water Innovation Program, supporting 101 completed projects, with 65 more in the works. All 166 projects represent a total project value of more than \$256 million. These projects are helping researchers and industry accelerate the development of new technology that will deliver safe, secure drinking water to communities and promote healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Water Innovation Program projects that come under environment technologies are funded

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## Using Tech To Fight Drought In Alberta

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under four themes: future water supply and watershed management; healthy aquatic ecosystems; water conservation, efficiency and productivity; and water quality protection. As the province faces a risk of extreme drought, these technologies are more important than ever.

“Technology is driving innovation in every industry. Each project supported through this funding will help us bring real-world solutions to real-world problems, that include a high-performing responsive waste management system for our province.”

Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation  
“We are investing in innovation and technologies

that will help us maximize Alberta’s water supply to fight drought. These innovative projects are part of our work to modernize and transform how water is used in this province, finding new and better ways to manage, conserve and use our most precious resource.”

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

One of the technologies, developed at the University of Alberta uses a granular sludge reactor to increase the amount of processed water that can be reused and recycled. It will also increase the performance and capacity of municipal water treatment facilities. The project is currently being piloted at a City of Calgary wastewater treatment plant

and is showing promise.

As Alberta continues to diversify its economy, innovations like these are critical. They will not only help create a cleantech industry for water treatment but also improve the province’s marketability and competitiveness with these technologies for a global market.

“Water is always taken for granted until such time as there is none. The Water Innovation Program creates the knowledge and technologies to help ensure a safe, secure and reliable water supply, so our communities, businesses, farms and ecosystems have the water they need now and into the future.”

Laura Kilcrease, CEO, Alberta Innovates

“The University of Alberta is committed to bringing

our expertise to bear to address the grand challenges of our time. We are pleased to be working once again with Alberta Innovates and the Government of Alberta, as well as other collaborators, to accelerate the development of key technologies that will ensure Albertans can rely on a clean water supply today and for generations to come.”

Aminah Robinson Fayek, vice-president (Research and Innovation), University of Alberta

Working with the government, Alberta Innovates supports resource and technology companies, small and medium-sized enterprises, and post-secondary institutions in research, technology development and commercialization.

## NEW LEARNING PATHWAY FOR CLASS 1 DRIVERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta’s government is improving Class 1 licensing and training with a new, made-in-Alberta learning pathway for professional truck drivers.

Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) became a new pre-licensing requirement for Class 1 commercial drivers in Alberta on March 1, 2019. Since then, insurance claims have risen for Class 1 drivers and MELT has been identified by the trucking industry as one of the leading factors contributing to the ongoing commercial driver shortage, increasing time and costs for the driver recruitment process.

Industry input found broad support for the con-

tinuation of Class 1 pre-licence training, but also included recommendations to improve safety. These recommendations included tiered or restricted Class 1 driver’s licences, more appropriate training for certain industries, increased in-cab training hours to avoid the need for retraining, and an expanded scope of training to include additional competencies for Class 1 driver licensing.

“This is a proactive approach to ensure truck drivers in Alberta have the right training with the right vehicle to perform their jobs professionally and safely. This new learning pathway provides more appropriate training for drivers and ensures Alberta’s truck drivers are the best-trained in the country.”

Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

In response, the improvements to Class 1 licensing and training are focused on ensuring road safety while developing driver competency throughout a driver’s career. The new made-in-Alberta learning pathway was developed through extensive consultation with a wide range of perspectives in the commercial driving industry and is designed to increase driver skills, improve safety, and create ongoing training for current and prospective Class 1 drivers.

“Working with industry leaders was a key component of our plan to attract and train drivers and develop a new Class 1 learning pathway. Class 1 drivers will

now bring better skills and enhanced operational and safety training to the many rewarding opportunities of a career in trucking. I look forward to working with the industry on its recent proposal towards becoming a designated trade.”

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Advanced Education

This apprenticeship-style model offers a learning pathway for Albertans to develop the skills to succeed and advance in their career as a professional driver, developing skills as a trainee and building on their skills and experience, with the goal of obtaining a Red Seal designation and the recognition as a professional trade. This also allows drivers to get on the job training in the actual

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# New Learning Pathway For Class 1 Drivers

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vehicle they will be using each day throughout their career.

“Getting the right people with the right training behind the wheel is critical to the province’s commercial transportation industry and economy. This new made-in-Alberta learning pathway will help train more drivers while securing safety on the province’s highways.”

Doug Paisley, chair, Alberta Motor Transport Association

“The PMTC is pleased to participate in the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridor Commercial Driver Shortage Committee. This committee, which is working on a Learning Pathway for Class 1 Drivers, will serve as the foundation towards a professional designation for drivers.”

Marcel Pouliot, western Canada representative, Private Motor Truck Council of Canada

“Our economy depends on the safe, efficient delivery of goods, and Insurance Bureau of Canada applauds the government for leading the way to support Alberta’s commercial trucking sector. The enhanced focus on

training and oversight for Class 1 operators brings the potential to improve road safety, help reduce collisions on our roadways and create new opportunities for drivers to enter this important profession.”

Tim Morrison, director, Insurance Brokers of Canada  
“Women Building Futures also sees the huge demand in commercial transportation. Alberta needs more safe, qualified commercial drivers to keep our economy moving, and we are proud to help women shift gears into these roles.”

Carol Moen, president and CEO, Women Building Futures

The new learning pathway also responds to the unique needs of Alberta farmers by exempting them and their immediate family from the requirement for pre-licence training and providing them a farm-restricted Class 1 driver’s licence. This new farm-restricted Class 1 driver’s licence will allow farmers and their immediate family members to operate Class 1 vehicles within Alberta only, and for authorized farm purposes only. Farmers who are eligible for the new farm restricted Class 1 driver’s licence must still complete a knowledge

test, road test and vision screening, and submit a driver medical assessment to demonstrate they can safely drive Class 1 vehicles.

“The former Class 1 licence exemption is a positive first step to alleviate the trucking shortages impacting farms and ranches. Alberta Beef Producers is looking forward to working with the government and stakeholders on future steps in transportation to ensure a healthy agricultural supply chain for Albertans.”

Brodie Haugan, chair, Alberta Beef Producers

“The announced changes are a significant step forward. This exemption aids farmers in overcoming time and financial hurdles and prevents the migration of agricultural drivers to com-

mmercial trucking. It recognizes farmers’ vital role and acknowledges their unique contributions to Alberta’s economy.”

Roger Chevraux, chair, Alberta Canola

Transportation and Economic Corridors will optimize monitoring and oversight of commercial truck drivers, carriers, driving schools, driver instructors and driver examiners to enhance safety on Alberta’s roads. Neighbouring jurisdictions will also be notified of the changes, and drivers without proper Class 1 driver’s licences will be subject to the rules and regulations of those jurisdictions.



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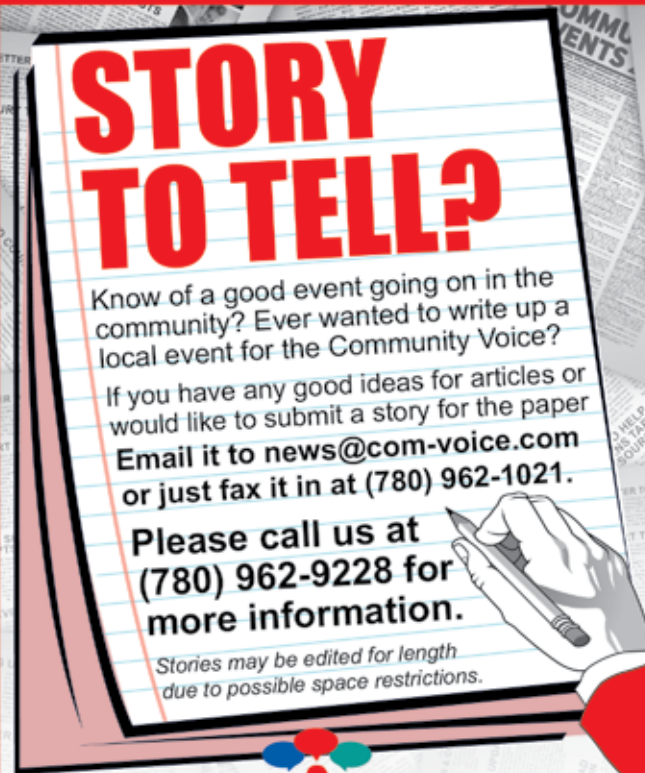
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**ANSWER:**

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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**WRITERS PROGRAM:** Mayerthorpe Library, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1PM.

## MEETINGS

**1ST ONOWAY SCOUTS:** Registration, Mondays 6:30-8PM. Beavers 5-7; Cubs 8-11; Scouts 12-14. Kim 967-4339.

**2716 ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS,** Wednesdays 6:30-9:00PM at Mayerthorpe Legion. Youths 12-18yrs, Call 780-515-1842

**299 ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS CORPS MACKENZIE:** Stony Plain Comm Center, Wed 6:30PM. Youths 12-18, 963-0843

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

**526 BARRHEAD AIR CADETS,** Wed 6:30-9:30PM, High School. Ages 12-18. 780-305-7233

**755 PARKLAND AIR CADETS** Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM Muir Lake School, ages 12-18. Info call 405-6585 or www.755aircadets.com.

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

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

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

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

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**ALBERTA 55 PLUS:** Villeneuve Hall at 10AM. Meetings on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month. Info: Donna 780-962-5933

**ALBERTA BEACH & DIST LIONS CLUB** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tues 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

**ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY** meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs of month, 7:00PM, Alberta Beach Agplex.

**ALBERTA BEACH MUSEUM** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, 7:00PM at Heritage House 924-3167.

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

**BARRHEAD & AREA CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 6:30-8:00PM at Barrhead United Church.

**BARRHEAD ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION,** meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 7PM at the Legion Hall.

**CHERRILL COMMUNITY ASSOC.** Monthly Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 8PM at the Hall. 785-2825 \*Except Jan, July, Aug, Sept.

**CHERRILL SILVER & GOLD SENIORS CLUB** Regular Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

of month, Cherhill Seniors Hall. Call Rosamy 780-785-2625

**CHERISHED MEMORIES, PARENTS & TOTS** Wed & Fri, 10-12PM, Alberta Beach Agplex. Info call 780-902-4879 or 780-999-7622. \*Sept-June.

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

**GriefShare:** Experience the many benefits of a grief support group. GriefShare is held Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30 pm, starting February 20, 2024 at Crossroads Community Church, 4419 44 Ave, Mayerthorpe. \$35 includes 12 weekly sessions and your personal journal workbook. Pre-register by calling 780-786-2533. **Girl Guides**

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

**KINETTE CLUB OF MAYERTHORPE,** 7:30PM at Kinsmen Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month. Contact: mayrthorpekinettes@gmail.com, Tracy (780)-786-0161.

**LAC STE ANNE ARMY CADETS,** Thurs, 6:30-9:30PM at Onoway Museum (780) 967-0443

**LAC STE ANNE COMMUNITY CHOIR,** Wednesdays 7PM at the Heritage Centre in Alberta Beach (50+ Club behind the hotel). Further info, call Sandra @ 780-966-5678

**LAC STE ANNE & LAKE ISLE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri, 7PM, Alberta Beach Council Chambers.

**LAKE ISLE HALL COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETINGS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of each month @ 7:30PM at the Lake Isle Hall (Hwy 633 and RR55) Ph # 780-892-3121

**MAYERTHORPE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ASSOC,** every 4<sup>th</sup> Mon, 5PM in Hospital Basement Education Room.

**MAYERTHORPE LEGION BR. #126:** Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of month at 7:30PM. For more info please call 780-786-2470.

**MEN FOR SOBRIETY:** Wednesdays at 7:30PM, FCSS Building (#105, 505 Queen Street, Spruce Grove). Mike (780) 965-9991.

**MS SOCIETY PARKLAND COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP** Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? Last Tues of month, 7-9PM, Westview Health Centre. Cassy 780-471-3034 \*Sept-June

**NA MEETING,** Tuesdays 7:00PM Poplar Valley Church (780)514-6011

**ONOWAY & DIST HERITAGE SOCIETY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month, 7:00PM, Onoway Legion

**ONOWAY & DISTRICT QUILT GUILD:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 10AM-4PM, @ the Lac Ste. Anne Chateau Activity Room. Info, Ph Lyla @ 780-967-2629.

**ONOWAY ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION** General Meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Mon, 7PM. \*Sept-June

**RICH VALLEY AG SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS:** at the Agplex on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month. 7:00PM.

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**SUNDOWNERS TOASTMASTER CLUB:** Mon (excl. Holidays) 7:30-9:30PM, St. Matthew's Church, Spruce Grove. Judy 960-5258

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

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