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## April 15, 2026

### ALBERTA RCMP TRAFFIC WHITECOURT UNIT SEIZES DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On April 6, 2026, members of the Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt Unit were patrolling Highway 43 in the MD of Greenview, Alta., near Fox Creek. During the patrol, officers observed a damaged vehicle parked in a roadside pullout. The driver appeared to be slumped over the steering

wheel. Officers approached the vehicle to check on the driver's wellbeing.

While speaking with the driver, officers observed contraband items in plain view, which led to the arrest of the driver. Following the arrest, a search of the vehicle was conducted. As a result of the search, RCMP recovered the following items:

- A sawed-off .410 shotgun;

- Ammunition;
- A set of aluminum knuckle dusters (brass knuckles); and
- A quantity of drug paraphernalia.

As a result of the investigation, Curtis Davis, a resident of Spirit River, Alta., was charged with numerous firearms and weapons-related offences. Davis was brought before a justice

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### WHITECOURT ADDRESSES ZONING CONCERN IN HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AREA

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

It was recently brought to the Town of Whitecourt's attention that the original use that was occurring at the Soaring Eagle Support Society's property has changed. As a result, current operations at this location no longer comply with the zoning for that

district.

While the coordination and availability of social services is important to our community, the location and operational impacts of a facility must comply with local zoning regulations.

Town of Whitecourt staff have met with the Society and provided information on options to address the

non-compliance. As a result of these meetings, it is the Town's understanding that the Society is working to prepare an application to rezone the property.

The Town advises the public that land use planning in our province is regulated by the Government of Alberta through the Municipal

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# Alberta RCMP Traffic Whitecourt Unit Seizes Dangerous Weapons

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of the peace and released on conditions. He is to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Whitecourt on April 28, 2026 .

“The mandate of the Alberta RCMP Traffic Units is to enhance public safety by reducing harm and hazardous behaviours on Alberta roadways” said Sgt. Gregory Anderson, NCO i/c

of the Alberta RCMP Traffic – Whitecourt Unit. “This is done through partnerships, enforcement, education and crime reduction initiatives.”

# Whitecourt Addresses Zoning Concern In Highway Commercial Area

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Government Act, which requires rezoning applications to follow a formal public process. Once an application is received by the Town of Whitecourt for rezoning, it will be advertised on the Whitecourt website and in the newspaper, and a formal Public Hearing will be sched-

uled. Since an application has not been received to date, it would be inappropriate for Whitecourt Town Council to accept submissions and consider comments on a potential future application. Accepting information outside of this process could compromise the integrity of the decision.

The Town of Whitecourt will inform the community if a rezoning application is received, and will include information on how members of the public can share their comments as part of the formal public process.

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**JOKE of the week**

One rainy evening, my husband, John, and I emerged from a restaurant only to find that he had locked the keys in the car. He insisted he could open the door with a wire coat hanger, so we went back to the restaurant to get one. There were none to be found.

John then ran to a department store a quarter-mile away and returned with a hanger. After a few attempts, he got the door open and we climbed in. As we sat there, soaked and cold, he stuck the hanger under his seat.

With a smug grin, he said, "Now if this ever happens again, I'll have one handy."

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**MEETINGS & HEARINGS**

[LSAC.ca/meetings](https://lsac.ca/meetings)

Meetings and public hearings are held at the County Administration Office near Sangudo, they are open to the public and available remotely. Explore the County's online calendar for agendas, minutes, and meeting details.

**Council Meeting**

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 9:30 am

**MPC Meeting**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 9:30 am

**Council Meeting**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 9:30 am

**COUNCIL ADOPTS COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN**

[LSAC.ca/strategic-plan](https://lsac.ca/strategic-plan)

Council recently adopted their 2026-2029 Strategic Plan, which outlines Council priorities and provides a framework for how the County will implement services, support the community, and plan for the future.

This new Strategic Plan defines Council's direction and guides Administration's planning, in turn, giving the Community a clear understanding of Council's vision for Lac Ste. Anne County.

This plan is structured around four priority pillars, designed to:

- Advance responsible financial management,
- Drive purposeful and measurable economic development,
- Enhance an enviable quality of life, and
- Foster trusting community relationships

Each pillar has established overarching goals and success indicators, which is the framework for decision-making over the next four years.

To learn more, please visit the Strategic Plan page on our website.

**SOLID WASTE UTILITY INVOICES ARE IN THE MAIL**

[LSAC.ca/utility](https://lsac.ca/utility)

The Solid Waste Utility applies to all County residents owning residential improved properties. Invoices were mailed on March 31.

Important information to consider:

- The 2026 Solid Waste Utility fee is payable upon receipt with a deadline of June 30, 2026.
- A 3.5% penalty applies to overdue balances.
- Outstanding amounts after 90 days will be transferred to your property tax account and will incur an additional \$50 transfer fee.

If you own a residential improved property, but have not received your Transfer Station cards, or have cards but have not activated them, please contact the County Administration Office to start the conversation.

**FROZEN CULVERTS: COUNTY CREWS ARE ON THE TASK**

[LSAC.ca/report](https://lsac.ca/report)

Spring is here, and so are frozen culverts! When warmer weather arrives, it takes time for culverts to thaw and resume moving water. This may result in water pooling near County infrastructure.

Public Works crews are actively thawing culverts throughout the region. Please use extra caution when driving on local roads, as standing water can be hazardous. For everyone's safety, keep a safe distance from crews and equipment.

See a problem area? Let us know by calling the County Administration Office or complete our action request form with a quick visit to our website.

**A County-Wide Road Ban is in Effect for all County road surfaces. This ban will remain in effect until further notice.**

Please visit [CountyRoads.ca](https://CountyRoads.ca) for more information.

**COUNTY ROADSIDE VEGETATION PROGRAM: Sign-up today!**

The County manages roadside and subdivision vegetation through a combination of mowing and selective herbicide application. Spot spraying typically occurs between May and September.

Those who wish to manage weed and brush control along the right-of-way adjacent to their land can apply for the County's No-Spray Program. Please note that these participation agreements must be renewed each year.

For more information visit [LSAC.ca/weeds](https://lsac.ca/weeds).



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## DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

[LSAC.ca/permits](http://LSAC.ca/permits)

The development permits below have been conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). This list does not include permitted uses. Please contact County Planning & Development to request additional information on permits listed.

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of these developments must do so in writing, using the applicable form on or before 4:30 pm on the noted date(s) to the appropriate appeal body:

### Subdivision & Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board  
Box 219, Sangudo, AB T0E 2A0 Email: [appeals@LSAC.ca](mailto:appeals@LSAC.ca)  
or

### Land and Property Rights Tribunal (LPRT)

2nd Floor, 1229 91 Street SW Edmonton, AB T6X 1E9  
Email: [lprr.appeals@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lprr.appeals@gov.ab.ca)

#### 26-D0009

Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1123849  
NE 23-55-02 W5M; 2103 TWP RD 55A

Detached Garage, Main 42.0' x 60.0' (2520.0 sq. ft.) 18.0' Walls, with attached lean-to horse shelter 36.0' x 15.0' (540.0 sq ft) 10.0' walls, garage size variance request to section 10.1.29 of LUB regulation: 1200.0 sq. ft. Requested: 3060.0 sq ft Variance: 1860.0 sq ft

**Appeal to SDAB by April 27, 2026**

#### 26-D0029

Lot 3, Block 1, Plan 2421573  
NE 35-54-05 W5M

New 2-story stick build micro home with deck, Main 20.0' x 14.0' (240.0 sq. ft.) 8'1 3/4" walls Second 10.0' x 14.0' (140.0 sq ft.) 8'1" walls, deck 21.0' x 6.0' (126.0 sq. ft.) height 8'10"

**Appeal to SDAB by April 27, 2026**

#### 26-D0041

Lot A, Plan 3421TR  
SW 26-54-01 W5M; 54407 RGE RD 12

Second Detached Garage, Main 56.0' x 32.0' (1792.0 sq. ft.) 13.8' Walls

**Appeal to LPRT by April 27, 2026**

#### 26-D0046

NW 35-55-04 W5M

2026 Manufactured Home on screw piles, Main 20.0' x 76.0' (1520.0 sq. ft.) 8.0' walls with Rear Yard Variance Request on proposed parcel - Regulation: 7.5 m, Requested: 7.0 m, Variance: 0.5 m

**Appeal to LPRT by April 27, 2026**

#### 26-D0051

Lot 4, Block 4, Plan 8020022; Mission Creek Estates  
NE 35-54-05 W5M; 103, 54227 RGE RD 41

2026 Mobile home with deck, Main 14.0' x 44.0' (728.0 sq. ft.) Walls 8.0 ft, Deck 8.0' x 14.0' (112.0 sq ft)

**Appeal to SDAB by April 27, 2026**

#### 26-D0038

Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 1822901  
NE 31-53-03 W5M; 53528 RGE RD 35

Pole barn 40.0' x 48.0 ft (1920.0 sq. ft.) 16.0' walls

**Appeal to SDAB by May 4, 2026**

## DOES THE COUNTY HAVE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS?

[LSAC.ca/address](http://LSAC.ca/address)

We send important mail to ratepayers throughout the year. Sometimes this correspondence goes astray due to an incorrect or out-of-date mailing address on file.

Those living in rural areas can have two addresses: a mailing address and a municipal address. Your municipal address is the blue sign at the end of the driveway. While a municipal address helps emergency responders or courier services find your property, it is not a valid mailing address.

Not receiving County notices by mail? Please call 780.785.3411 or email [LSAC@LSAC.ca](mailto:LSAC@LSAC.ca) to ensure the County has your correct mailing address on file.

## COUNTY'S DUST SUPPRESSION PROGRAM Now Accepting Applications!

Reduce the impact of dust on your property with the County's Calcium Dust Suppression Program. Visit [LSAC.ca/dust](http://LSAC.ca/dust) for details and to download the application.

## THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

**Date:** Saturday, April 25

**Time:** 9 am – 3 pm

**Location:** Lysachok Family Farm, 56510 RGE RD 54, Lac Ste. Anne County

**Cost:** \$20, lunch is provided

**Registration:** is required – at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca) – please search **Tree Pruning Workshop with Toso Bozic**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Electors of  
LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY  
Province of Alberta

SECTION 251 – The *Municipal Government Act*

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of Lac Ste. Anne County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing Bylaw 11-2026 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Lac Ste. Anne County to borrow monies from the Province of Alberta or an authorized financial institution by way of debenture issue, to pay for the cost of the following municipal purposes(s), namely the construction of the Darwell Lagoon Transmission Line Phase B: Part II – Northeast Lagoon Expansion.

The total cost of the aforesaid project amounts to \$16,455,157. After deducting from this cost the amount of \$14,809,641 to be received by way of the Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Water For Life Grant, and reserve funding of \$45,023, the net amount to be borrowed on the credit and security of Lac Ste. Anne County at large by the issue of debentures is \$1,600,493. The debentures are to be repayable to the Province of Alberta or authorized financial institution, in fifty (50) equal consecutive semi-annual installments of combined principal and interest, the annual interest not to exceed the interest rate as fixed from time to time by Alberta Finance, and not to exceed nine (9.00%) percent.

**NOW THEREFORE NOTICE** is hereby given by the Council of Lac Ste. Anne County that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw 11-2026 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the said Council may pass the said borrowing Bylaw.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

DATED at Lac Ste. Anne County, in the Province of Alberta, this 26th day of March 2026.

**Ann Mitchell**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Lac Ste. Anne County

### INFORMATION FOR ELECTORS

Pursuant to Section 1(j) of the *Municipal Government Act* an "elector" means:

A person who is eligible to vote in the election for a councillor under the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

Pursuant to Section 47(1) of the *Local Authorities Election Act*, a person is eligible to vote in an election if the person:

- a. is at least 18 years old,
- b. is a Canadian citizen, and
- c. has resided in Alberta for the 6 consecutive months immediately preceding election day and is a resident in the area on election day.

A poll may be demanded in Lac Ste. Anne County by electors equal in number to at least 10% of the population of 11,300 (1,130 electors), in accordance with the provisions of Section 223 of the *Municipal Government Act* and in accordance with the provisions of Section 251 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

The petition for a vote must be received by the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of the last publication of this notice and shall contain on each page "an accurate and identical statement of the purpose of the petition". (Further requirements of the petition are provided in Section 224 of the *Municipal Government Act*).

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 13th day of April 2026.



# DON'T ANSWER TROUBLE: FRAUDSTERS KEEP TRYING TO RING YOU IN

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

This March, the Alberta RCMP will be sharing a variety of tips and resources in support of the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's (ACCPA) Fraud Prevention Month campaign. The campaign seeks to educate Albertans on the many ways that fraudulent activity

negatively impacts their communities.

Today's theme is mass marketing and phone scams, which may include any of the following:

- Spoofed phone numbers and calls
- Phone scams (tech support, airlines, etc.)
- Fraudulent telemarketers

• Mass mail-outs and subscriptions

• Emergency scam or grandparent scam

• Work at home schemes

- Canada Revenue Agency scams

• Foreign lottery and prize schemes

• Overpayment schemes

- Inheritance schemes
- Credit card interest rate reduction schemes

"In a world where mass marketing and phone scams grow more sophisticated every day, staying informed is our strongest defence. Educating ourselves, reporting anything suspicious, and using trusted resources like the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre empowers us to protect not only our own information, but our entire community."

-Cpl. Sean Milne, Provincial Financial Crime Team, RCMP Federal Policing Northwest Region  
To better protect yourself, con-

sider the following resources:

• Learn how to protect yourself from telemarketing and retail scams over the phone

• Learn about the many ways a scammer may target you by phone

• Learn how a scammer may use email or text messaging to carry out fraud

If you are unsure of whether or not you are being targeted by a scam, visit the Government of Canada's website to learn about common scam types. If you have been the victim of fraud, report it to your local law enforcement agency and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [www.antifraudcentre.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre.ca), or by calling 1-888-495-8501. Be sure to contact your bank and credit card company if you believe your personal or financial information has been compromised.



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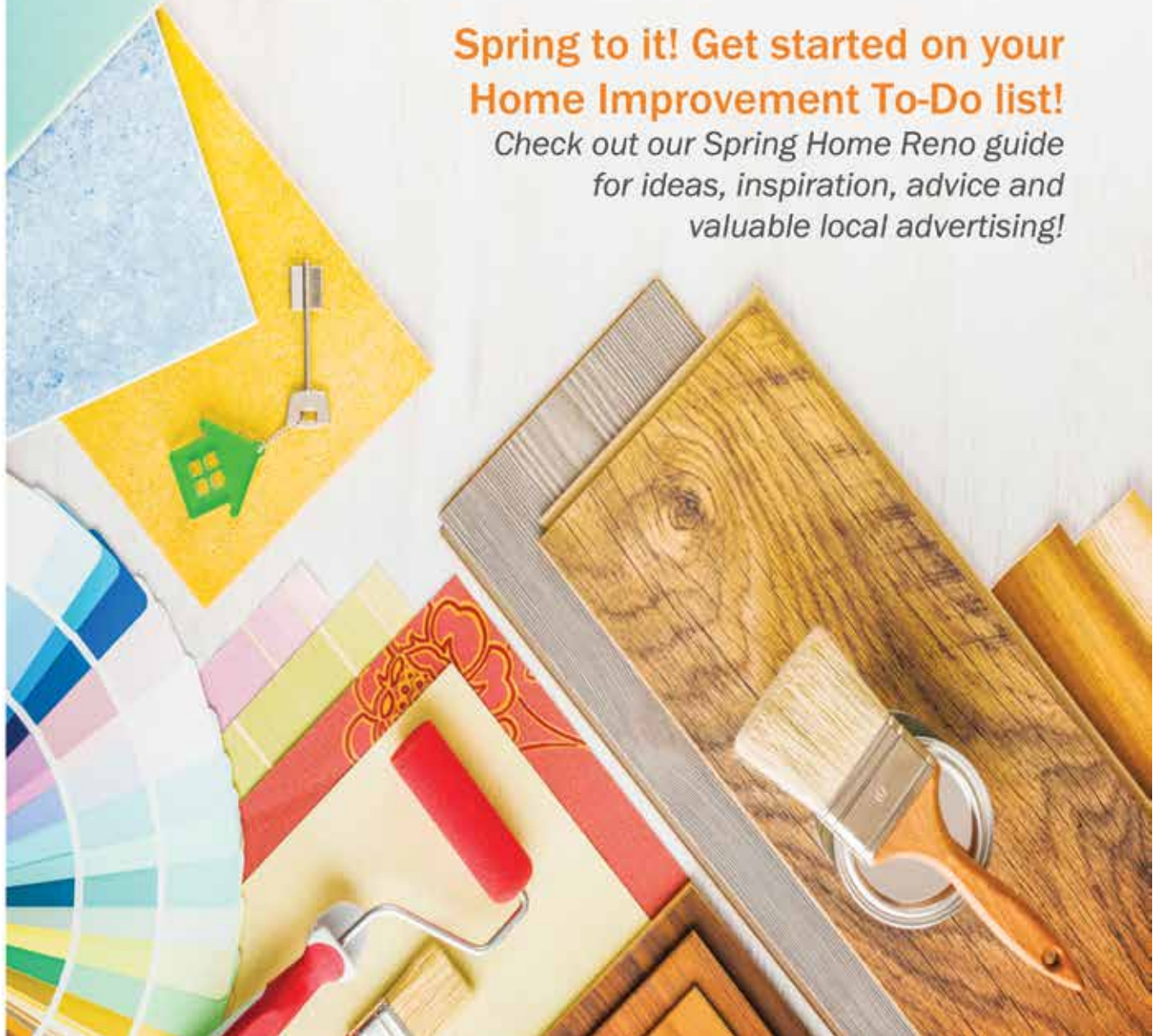
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## REDUCE ENERGY COSTS WHILE ENSURING HOMES STAY COOL

When attempting to cool their homes, many homeowners' first instinct may be to adjust the air conditioning thermostat. But there are other, more energy-efficient methods to cooling a home.

According to the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors, as much as half of the energy used in homes goes toward heating and cooling. The following are a handful of ways to make heating and cooling a home more eco-friendly.

### Insulate

Insulation often is associated with warmth, and rightfully so, as it is used to protect a home from cold weather. However, insulation also is effective at cooling homes. Many insulation materials work by slowing down the way heat moves through materials and into spaces. Proper insulation can provide effective resistance to the flow of heat, meaning it can help block hot air from flowing into the interior of a home. Insulation will help reduce the amount of work a cooling system will have to do to cool a home thanks to the flow of heat.

### Replace air filters

Air filters trap dust, debris and other microscopic particles so they are not circulating in the

air or clogging up vents. Over time, air filters can become so bogged down with dirt that air cannot

move through a home very easily, forcing cooling systems to work harder. Simply replacing the filters

can help cooling systems work more efficiently.

Adjust the thermostat

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## Reduce Energy Costs While Ensuring Homes Stay Cool

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Programmable thermostats allow homeowners to adjust their cooling systems for when they are home and when they are out. Air conditioners can be set at higher temperatures when residents are at work or school, and then lowered before residents arrive home.

Try evaporative coolers. Sometimes called “swamp coolers,” these devices can be effective in

regions with low humidity. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that these coolers evaporate water into the air to provide a natural and energy-efficient means of cooling a home. When operating an evaporative cooler, windows are opened part way to allow warm indoor air to escape as it is replaced by cooled air. Unlike central air conditioning systems that recirculate the same air, evaporative

coolers provide a steady stream of fresh air into the house. Plus, they consume only about one-quarter of the energy consumed by more traditional air conditioners.

Ceiling fans  
Fans help to circulate air throughout a home and create an effective draft. Ceiling fans are usually most effective at circulating air throughout a room. The larger the blades, the more air that can be offset

by the fan. Many fans operate quietly and effectively. In some locations, fans may be all that’s needed to cool a space. In others, fans may work in conjunction with air conditioners to enable homeowners to raise the thermostat by about 4 F.

Keeping a home cool and saving money in the process is possible by making a few tweaks to the cooling system.



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## TOOLS OF THE HOME RENOVATOR'S TRADE

Home renovation projects can be both exciting and tricky. Do-it-yourselfers are inspired by designs showcased in magazines, websites and their own communities. When DIY enthusiasts see a design they like, it's understandable that they may want to emulate these looks at home.

Remodeling is one of the larger DIY undertakings, and it goes beyond simple carpentry. Considering demolition, reconstruction, electrical, plumbing, and masonry work may be part of the DIY package, homeowners who are thinking about renovations must

first stock up on the tools and other supplies of the trade. Having the right tools can mean the difference between a job well done and a job that needs to be redone.

- Crowbar or prybar: Before you can put in new construction, you might have to get your hands dirty with some demolition. Crowbars or prybars can be used to pry up wood slats, remove nails or remove old decking.

- Tool pouch: A tool and fastener pouch gives DIYers a place other than their pockets to store fasteners and hand tools. Pouches can be attached to tool belts for added storage

capacity.

- Stud finder: Invest in a more fool-proof method of locating studs behind drywall then knocking on the wall. Stud finders can

provide a picture of studs, pipes and other hidden items inside an entire length of wall. This is essential to driving nails where they

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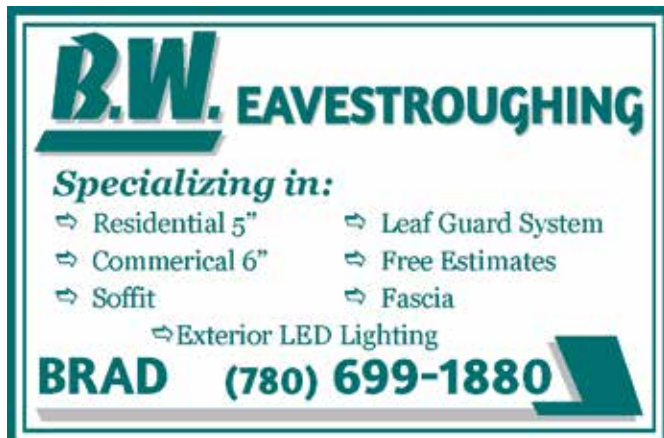
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belong and can also prevent sending fasteners into wires or nearby plumbing.

- **Level:** A level is an essential tool for everyone from casual decorators to more involved renovators. Whether hanging pictures or ensuring molding is parallel, levels are must-have tools for DIYers.

- **Safety glasses:** Invest in a pair of safety glasses so no one working on a project deals with obstructed vision. Safety glasses also provide ample eye protection.

- **Extension cords:** If power tools are part of the

renovation picture, extension cords can safely extend power where it is needed. Be sure to invest in a gauge that is large enough to handle the amperage of your most powerful tool.

- **Measuring tape:** The "measure twice, cut once" mantra is key to home improvements. To measure accurately each and every time, no tool chest is complete without a sturdy measuring tape.

- **Ladder varieties:** Home improvements aren't always at ground level. Purchase ladders of various heights so you can safely reach various areas of the home and avoid injury. Step

stools, a step ladder and an extension ladder all have their purposes on the job.

- **Digital inspection scope:** A scope lets you see inside walls, floors and ceilings to find the exact location of pipes, wires and joists. It also can be used to seek out the source of clogged drains or anywhere you desire sight into hard-to-maneuver areas.

In addition to these tools, brooms, shop-vacs, hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches and pliers can complete a DIYer's basic toolbox.

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## TYPES OF FIREPITS FOR YOUR BACKYARD OASIS

Outdoor entertaining areas are popular among homeowners, and firepits are one of the most sought-after additions to such spaces. In fact, a 2016 survey from the American Society of Landscape Architects found that fireplaces and firepits were the most popular outdoor design element in 2016. Various styles are available to homeowners who want to add firepits to their backyards, and choosing the right type may come down to budget, the amount of yard space available or even personal preference.

• **Wood firepit:** As their name suggests, wood firepits burn wood, which may appeal to homeowners who already

have wood-burning fireplaces inside their homes. Because they don't require homeowners to tap into gas lines, wood firepits are generally easy to set up and install, and many homeowners prefer the aesthetic appeal of crackling wood and flames that's synonymous with wood firepits.

• **Gas firepit:** Gas firepits are touted for their convenience, as they don't require homeowners to carry wood and build fires. Upon being connected to a gas source, gas firepits provide fire at the click of a switch. Gas firepits are also appreciated for their safety, as there is little or no risk that flames from gas firepits will

grow too large and become difficult to control.

• **Gas fire tables:** Gas fire tables might be ideal for those homeowners whose sense of decor favors more modern looks. Gas fire tables come in a variety of shapes and sizes and, like gas firepits, there's no need to struggle with lighting a fire or carrying firewood.

• **Tabletop firepits:** Homeowners, condominium or apartment dwellers with limited backyard space may want to consider the convenience of tabletop firepits. Restaurants may use tabletop firepits in their outdoor seating areas because they provide warmth

and ambiance without taking up much space. Tabletop firepits fueled by gas will not need to be connected to a gas source, which may appeal to consumers who want something that's simple as well as small.

• **Fire urns:** While they might not technically qualify as firepits, fire urns provide a similar effect as firepits. Fire urns are typically gas-powered and may be an ideal choice for homeowners who are looking for a unique, awe-inspiring feature for their outdoor entertaining areas.

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# PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED TRADES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta launches a new, first-of-its-kind skills centre to give students hands-on experience and a real taste of a rewarding career in the skilled trades.

Alberta's government is supporting the next generation of skilled trades workers with the launch of the Alberta Trades Discovery Centre, an industry-led initiative that gives junior high and high school students hands-on exposure to careers in the skilled trades before they graduate.

The centre will provide a dedicated, professional space where students

can explore construction trades, learn directly from experienced tradespeople and discover what they're good at and what they enjoy, helping them make informed choices about high school courses, post-secondary pathways and future careers. The centre is expected to open in Calgary in fall 2026, with plans to expand to other areas of the province as demand grows.

"Alberta's prosperity depends on a strong, skilled workforce. The Alberta Trades Discovery Centre will help students see the real opportunities available in the trades, while complementing the world-class training offered by

our post-secondary institutions."

Myles McDougall, Minister of Advanced Education

The Alberta Trades Discovery Centre will be governed by a board with representatives from Alberta's construction sector, including the Alberta Construction Association, Building Trades of Alberta, Construction Labour Relations Alberta, and OpenCircle, reflecting a shared commitment to growing the province's skilled trades workforce.

"This is a professional environment where experiences are developed and facilitated directly by seasoned trades professionals.

By proving this concept in Calgary, we are building a sustainable model that honors the dignity of the trades and empowers young Albertans to build both our province and their own successful futures."

Warren Singh, board chair, Alberta Trades Discovery Centre, and executive director, Alberta Construction Association

Alberta's government remains committed to championing the skilled trades to help meet the workforce demands of today and tomorrow, and make sure Albertans have access to rewarding, well-paying careers close to home.

## THIS IS ALBERTA WHISKY

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Distilled in Alberta, sipped around the world, proposed legislation would give Alberta whisky the brand power it rightfully deserves.

Alberta's government is introducing Bill 24: the Alberta Whisky Act to define and protect what can be labeled as "Alberta Whisky." If passed, the Alberta Whisky Act would give Alberta whisky a clear identity, just as Kentucky is known for bourbon and Scotland is known for scotch.

By defining what can be called Alberta Whisky, the legislation would build pride in a product made by Alberta businesses using ingredients grown in the province, all while strengthening its credibility across the globe. Alberta's distillers are crafting something truly special, and the Alberta Whisky Act helps tell that story by elevating the brand power of our whisky into something people around the world recognize, trust and

seek out.

"The world wants more of everything Alberta has to offer. Our distillers craft some of the finest whisky in the world, using the highest quality ingredients that only Alberta can offer. This legislation would ensure Alberta distillers have the recognition they need to flourish on the world stage."

Danielle Smith, Premier

"Across Alberta, distillers are turning local ingredients into something very special that we can all be proud of. This legislation is about supporting their work and making sure Alberta Whisky is recognized for the world-class quality and craftsmanship behind every bottle."

Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

The proposed legislation would require Alberta Whisky to be made using 100 per cent Alberta water and a defined proportion of grains sourced from local farms, anchoring production in Alberta's agriculture sector. This would sup-

port farmers across the province while showcasing Alberta Whisky as a true reflection of the province's agricultural strength and craftsmanship. From prairie grain to poured glass, the Alberta Whisky Act would tell the story of the people and places behind it.

"The Alberta Whisky Act is a landmark step to showcase Alberta's whiskies globally. Spirits Canada is proud to have helped shape this initiative and looks forward to supporting its successful rollout."

Cal Bricker, president and CEO, Spirits Canada

"Today, the Alberta Whisky Act affirms our world-class whisky industry, rooted in Alberta's blessed agricultural lands. We are thrilled to drive economic growth through the Whisky Trail while continuing to craft internationally award-winning whiskies."

Bryce Parsons, president and chair, Alberta Craft Distillers Association

When Alberta's distillers succeed, it means more visitors touring tasting rooms, more

bottles on shelves and more economic activity flowing into Alberta communities. The Alberta Whisky Act would create new opportunities to showcase the province through local distilleries and visitor experiences, including the potential for an industry-led Alberta Whisky Trail, helping us meet our ambitious goal of \$25 billion in annual visitor spending.

"The Alberta Whisky Act gives our spirits the global identity they deserve. By protecting our local craft and ingredients, we ensure Alberta Whisky is recognized alongside the world's finest regions."

Jordan Ramey, chief operations officer, Burwood Distillery

If the proposed legislation passes, Alberta's government will work with industry to implement the Alberta Whisky Act framework, while Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) would oversee compliance and enforcement of the new legislation.

# Mother's Day

## COLORING CONTEST



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# SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AGAINST DROUGHT AND FLOODS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government will invest more than \$28 million to help protect families, communities and our economy from future floods and drought.

Many communities face challenges keeping up with water demand, drought-proofing their infrastructure or preventing floodwaters from damaging homes and critical infrastructure. That's why Alber-

ta's government is investing \$25 million for 12 projects through the Drought and Flood Protection Program and \$3.5 million for projects through the Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program.

With this funding, communities and other partner organizations will build projects designed to keep homes and businesses dry, roads accessible, and critical infrastructure operating safely during an emergency. Water supply and stor-

age infrastructure will be expanded and watershed health will be improved so growing communities have the water they need, even during periods of drought.

"Investing in drought and flood protection keeps communities safe, while allowing them to continue to grow and thrive. This helps ensure safe and reliable access to water while making Alberta more resilient to extreme weather events."

Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected

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Alberta's government is investing \$125 million over five years into the Drought and Flood Protection Program. Last year, the government delivered millions to counties, towns, cities and Indigenous partners for infrastructure projects, which are now underway. In total, \$75 million has now been invested in 40 projects through the program.

# ONSCREEN ALBERTA GROWS TOURISM INTEREST

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's stunning landscapes gain global attention as Netflix features 28 locations across the province.

From the dramatic mountain vistas seen on *Can This Love Be Translated?* to the rolling foothills featured in *My Life with the Walter Boys*, Alberta's natural beauty is being discovered by millions of viewers worldwide. On the streaming platform's website, Canadian filming locations are recognized, placing a spotlight on the province's growing portfolio of globally recognized productions.

"Every film and series filmed in our province is an invitation to international viewers to explore all that our province has to offer. Showcasing the province on the screen helps drive tourism spending, support local businesses, and create

jobs across Alberta, while inspiring more visitors to experience the province's magic for themselves."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

New research from Netflix highlights ties between screen content and tourism interest, with viewers exposed to Canadian content on the platform twice as likely to say Canada is their number one travel destination. This content-driven tourism phenomenon puts Alberta on the map, representing a significant opportunity for Alberta. To support this growing tourism trend, Travel Alberta highlights multi-day itineraries and details on filming locations in the province where key productions have been shot for visitors to see firsthand. Details can be found on the Travel Alberta website.

"By promoting Alberta's advantages to production companies, we are putting a spotlight on our

amazing landscapes while driving tourism, attracting investment and creating good-paying jobs. We are proud to continue strengthening our dynamic film and television sector to develop local talent, strengthen businesses and create opportunities for Albertans across the province."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Major film and television productions generate immediate economic benefits through local spending during filming, while also sparking long-term tourism interest. The province is well-positioned to build on this trend as part of its ambitious goal to reach \$25 billion in annual visitor spending by 2035. In 2023 alone, Alberta's cultural film and television sector contributed \$1.25 billion to the economy and supported more than 9,000 jobs, with productions in-

creasingly choosing communities of all sizes across Alberta – spreading these benefits throughout the province

"Alberta offers a fantastic combination of world-class crews and stunning backdrops, with everything from urban settings to epic mountains and open prairie. Audiences from around the world have loved the shows we film there and we look forward to continuing to work with the province."

Danielle Woodrow, director, Content, Canada, Netflix

With more than 60 per cent of all Alberta-made projects filmed or planning to film in small cities, towns, and rural locations across the province, screen production is revitalizing communities throughout Alberta, with every dollar of government support generating four dollars of investment back into the province.



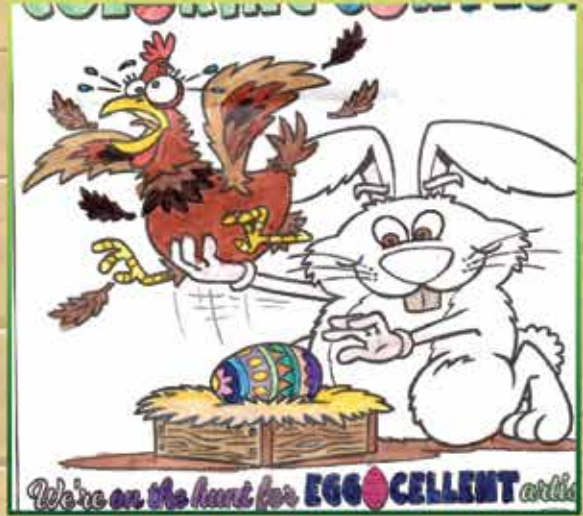
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**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

**ANSWER: Last Weeks**

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

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

	5		1	4				
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