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Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Edmonton - Alberta RCMP are pleased to report that the third quarter results for 2019 continue to show an overall steady decrease in property-related crime in Alberta since 2017 ([http://www.rcmp.gc.ca/ab/data-and-innova-](http://www.rcmp.gc.ca/ab/data-and-innovation-donnees-et-innova-)

tion/3-alberta-eng.htm). This could not have been accomplished without the continued efforts of Albertans in securing their personal property and informing their local police of suspicious activity and criminal offences.

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LEDUC RCMP QE II PROJECT UPDATE

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc, Alta - In 2016, an analysis of collisions over a five-year period in the six kilometer corridor of the QE II Highway within the municipal boundaries of Leduc was completed. The analysis showed the collision rate was more than

twice the provincial rate for similar four-lane highway segments.

The analysis also collected speed sensor data, which showed more than 100,000 vehicles a year traveling in excess of 30 km/hr over the posted speed limit and more than 16,000 vehicles a year traveling in excess of 50 km/hr over the posted

speed limit. In addition to the high speeds, the safety of first responders was identified as an area of concern. Collisions with first responder vehicles while attending collision scenes had also occurred over the same five-year period.

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RCMP INVESTIGATE BREAK & ENTER / THEFT FROM ATM

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc, Alta – Leduc RCMP are investigating a break and enter targeting an ATM machine that occurred early Sunday morning.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. on Sunday October 27th, 2019, Leduc RCMP were dispatched to an alarm

at the New Sarepta Market. A short time later, a resident reported that they heard a loud noise, looked outside and saw a white Dodge Ram pickup truck leaving the area with something laying on the road.

Officers attended the New Sarepta Market and observed a damaged ATM on Centre Avenue. There was

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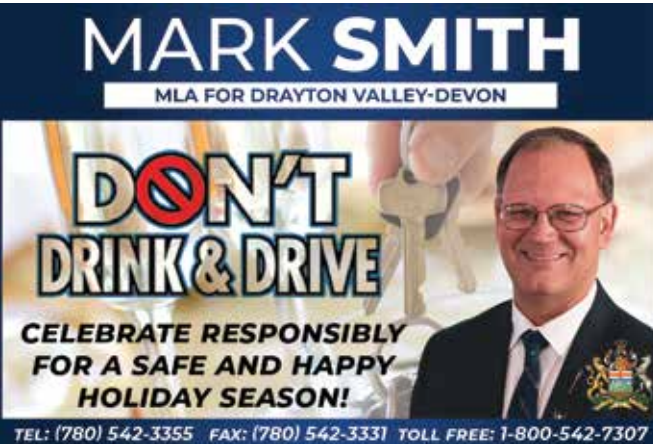
Video surveillance showed a white Dodge Ram truck with no licence plate and two unknown suspects use a tow cable to pull the ATM from the building.

Suspect #1 - Wearing a head lamp, ski mask and a jacket with reflective emblem on the left chest

Suspect #2 - Wearing a Toque and neck warmer

The investigation is ongoing.

If anyone has information regarding this investigation, they are asked to contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267 or their local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.



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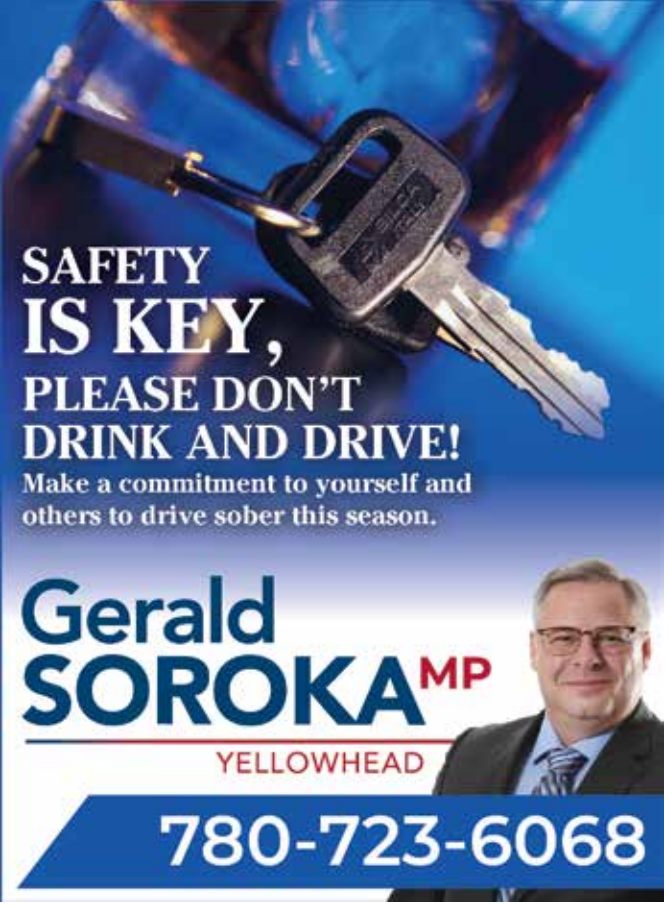
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Always Report Suspicious Activity

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“Your calls for service to the RCMP matter. Being led by intelligence, like where and when crime is happening, is key to the crime reduction strategy for the Alberta RCMP. This intelligence weaves the dif-

ferent components of our crime reduction strategy into a shared goal of community safety: from finding the criminals that cause the most harm, finding the victims that need the most support, and collaborating with the right partners to keep Albertans safe.” - Su-

perintendent Peter Tewfik, Officer-in-Charge of “K” Division Crime Reduction Unit

Quick Facts:

• A report to the police is all information we can analyze and use. Times of the day, locations, and types of vehicles observed are all

helpful to us.

• We share this information with our community groups, such as Rural Crime Watch and Alberta Citizens on Patrol Associations, to help identify hotspots and vehicle we are searching for.

Leduc RCMP QE II Project Update

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Following the analysis, it was incumbent upon the RCMP and City of Leduc to look for solutions in addressing speed and safety concerns – for both motorists and first responders – along the Leduc corridor of the QE II.

In response, the City of Leduc and RCMP partnered with Alberta Transportation and the University of Alberta Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to commence a project to reduce speeds and collisions in the corridor. This strategic and carefully considered project consisted of an intelligence-led, manned enforcement response supported by academic research.

Additional resources, above the regular compliment for Leduc Detachment, were brought in to support operations of the project. A public information campaign was launched, which included signage installed along the safety corridor alerting the public of the increased enforcement in the area. Media releases were published, and an educational pamphlet titled “Speed Impacts Us All” was distributed to accompany the enhanced enforcement.

Following the project’s conclusion, an evaluation was conducted by the University of Alberta. The results of the evaluation showed a reduction in the average speed of vehicles up to 8.8 km/hr. Overall, the results from this project demonstrated that

implementing an integrated speed management program, with manned enforcement at its core, has the potential to improve safety by increasing compliance with traffic laws,

reducing the number of violations, and decreasing the average speed on highways.

While the academic-led project has now completed, enhanced enforcement con-

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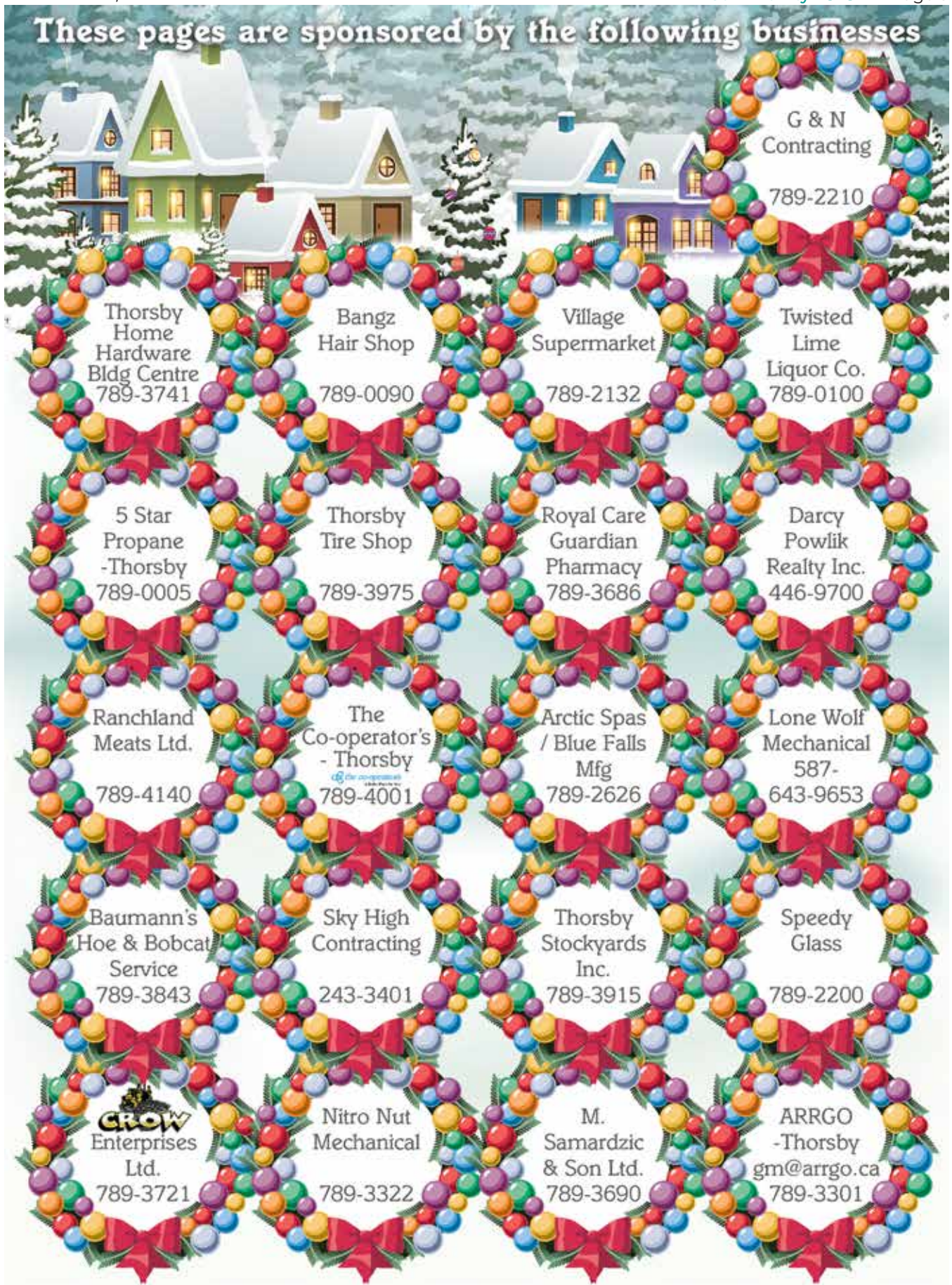
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MLA SMITH ON THE 2019/2020 BUDGET

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

October 25, 2019

Today is not just any day and this article is not just an everyday article that can be skimmed and quickly forgotten because as I write this article it is Budget Day!

How is it going to impact our lives? Are taxes going to go up? Will the budget bring deep and serious cuts in spending? Who will be the winners in this year's budget?

All of these questions are asked in light of a new government that has inherited a \$62 Billion dollar debt that could blossom to \$100 Billion over the next 4 years if spending is not curtailed.

Alberta's debt has been growing faster than any other sub-national debt in the world. Alberta has experienced a deficit budget every year since 2008. Alberta could spend approximately \$10.4 Billion dollars less if our per capita spending matched the average

of Canada's 3 largest provinces. We spend about \$2,600 dollars more per person to receive approximately the same level of services.

The budget that the Finance Minister presented to Albertans focused on controlling spending by reducing the budget by about 3 cents for every dollar the government spends. That may not sound like a lot but it speaks to the care that was taken to reduce spending while ensuring that Albertans priorities of Health Care, Education and taking care of the vulnerable would also be reflected in the budget.

The Minister has produced a realistic budget that uses cautious revenue projections. He estimates that there will be .6% real GDP growth this year with growth rates over the next 3 years of 2.7%, 3% and 3%. He has also used a conservative oil price for oil revenue predicting that the WTI price for oil will be \$57.00 this year and that it will likely rise to \$63.00 over the term of the present government. A possibility of a global recession and how successfully

we increase our access to tide-water could affect the predictions of revenue that this budget is built upon.

The budget is built upon prudent budget cuts that look to ensure effective use of tax dollars. With this in mind the government is predicting a 2019/20 budget deficit of \$8.7 Billion dollars while predicting that subsequent budgets will reduce yearly deficits until in the fourth year of the government's mandate there is a projected \$600 million dollar yearly surplus.

Health and Education spending will remain relatively stable with few if any cuts in spending while Advanced Education is looking at about a 5% reduction in overall spending. Municipalities will be facing spending cuts but Community and Social Services will see an approximately 7.6% increase and Seniors and Housing will receive a 1.6% increase and Children's Services will receive a 15% increase. The goal in this budget is to bring Public Sector remuneration in line with other provinces and the budget predicts a 7.7% reduction in the size of the Public

Service over the course of the next 4 years obtained primarily through attrition as individuals retire.

Finally, the budget also focuses on Standing Up for Albertans. In light of the results of the Federal election this budget will follow through with the campaign promise to spend \$30 million on the Canadian Energy Center that will promote and defend Alberta's energy industry. There is also the intent to pursue fiscal fairness within the Canada by addressing the billions of dollars that leave Alberta every year through the equalization payments.

The 2019/20 Budget successfully addresses Albertans priorities of Health Care, Education and the vulnerable while facing up to the fiscal realities that have left the province in financial distress. It addresses fiscal issues responsibly with cautious revenue projections and realistic reductions in government spending while increasing spending in some areas but above all it addresses the priorities that Albertans set in the last election.

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RCMP INVESTIGATE THEFT OF ATVS

Submitted by Thorsby RCMP

Between the dates of September 5 to September 6, 2019 the Thorsby RCMP were notified of a break and enter to a rural property in Mulhurst Bay. The

RCMP is seeking public assistance to identify the culprit(s) responsible.

It is believed suspects entered a campground in Mulhurst Bay and then stole two ATVs described as; yellow Polaris Sportsman 2000 and

a light green Yamaha Grizzly 2009. Thorsby RCMP were later informed that one of the suspects may have sustained injuries when one of the ATVs rolled. This male suspect is believed to have been transported to the Wetaskiwin hospital

by a friend or family member. If anyone has any information regarding the persons involved, please contact the Thorsby RCMP at (780) 789-3950.

LEDUC'S NEW CROSSWALK TECHNOLOGY AMONG THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN CANADA

Submitted by City of Leduc

Two types of adaptive pedestrian crossing technologies have been installed at a number of crosswalks in Leduc. The technologies, which are among the first of their kind in Canada, adjust crossing times and light cycles based on pedestrian needs.

The first technology allows pedestrians to pick from two pre-programmed walk times dependent on the time they need to cross the intersection safely. Pressing the button for one second activates a stan-

dard walk time, while pressing the button for two seconds activates an extended walk time. This feature is installed at six crosswalks along 50 Avenue from Discovery Way to Deer Valley Drive, which are clearly marked with instructional signs.

The second technology, which is installed at the intersection of Highway 2A and 50 Street/Southfork Drive, uses a video detection system to sense when pedestrians require additional time to finish crossing. The system doesn't increase walk times but delays lights from changing so

pedestrians can safely exit the intersection. Green lights are extended up to a set time limit to keep traffic lights cycling on a regular basis. The video detection system is anticipated to be active within the next several weeks.

"Innovative solutions like these help make our community a safer place for pedestrians and motorists," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "Any improvements we can make to address the needs of our pedestrians puts us one step further in reducing potential risks and increasing traffic safety in Leduc."

The technologies are placed at intersections where wider than average road width means some pedestrians, especially students from surrounding schools and those with mobility restrictions, may require additional crossing time. Rather than extend all walk times, which ultimately extends light cycles and disrupts traffic, pedestrians are given extra crossing time as needed.

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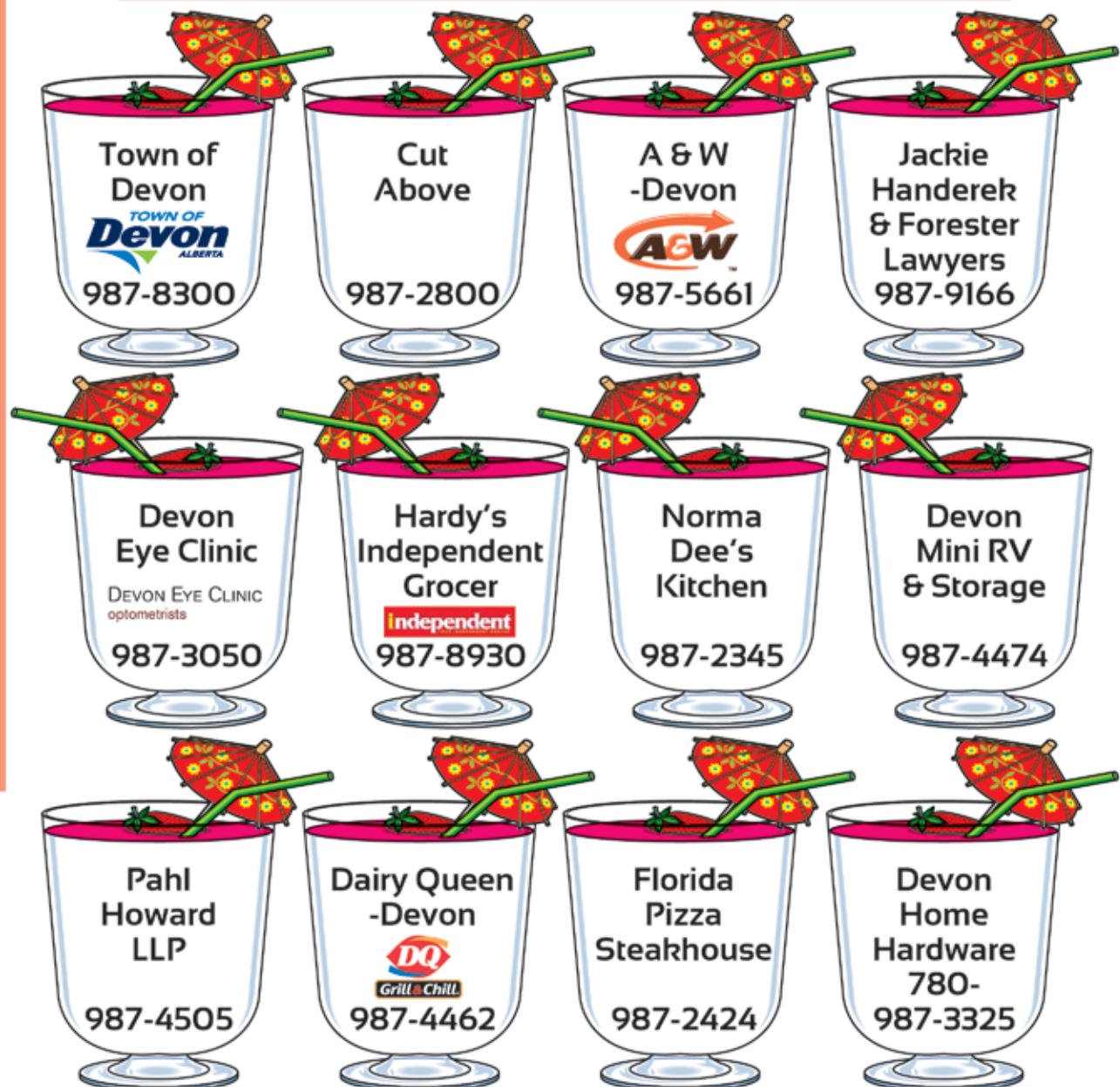
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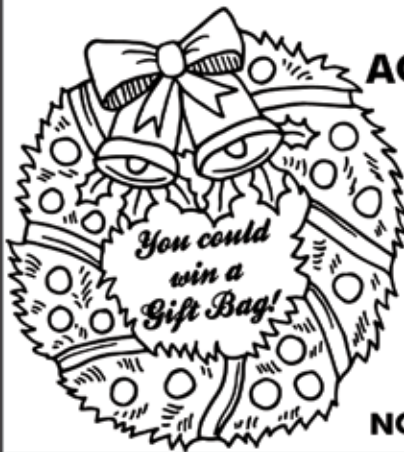
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BINGO

MULHURST: Every Tuesday night, 7:00PM at the Mulhurst Legion

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

JAMBOREE

DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

DEVON: Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

EDMONTON: Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

LEDUC: Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

THORSBY: meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept -

June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS BUS: to West Edmonton Mall - 1st Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3rd Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Wed. of each month @ 7PM, June - Sept. Chalet Lions Campground. \$5 Admission, Musicians FREE. 780-987-2093

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Pleas bring a snack for your child.

JAM DANCE & CARDS: 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

"KIDS OWN WORSHIP" an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780) 542-5048

MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4th Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

MUSIC JAMBOREE: Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

MUSICAL PROGRAM: every 4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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seeking singers ages 7-13. Boys and girls are welcomed. Rehearsals in Leduc Tuesdays 3:45- 5PM. Contact 780-432-7805.

WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE SHINNY HOCKEY, Sun 2:30 - 3:45PM & Mon /Wed 4-5:45PM, arena closures & cancellations can be heard on recorded messages, call Arena 780-848-7581

WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE PUBLIC SKATING, Sundays 1-2:30PM & Fridays 4-5:45PM, call arena for closure dates

MEETINGS

AHS: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932
DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, 1st Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

Meals on Wheels: Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic, by appointment only, 2nd Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.



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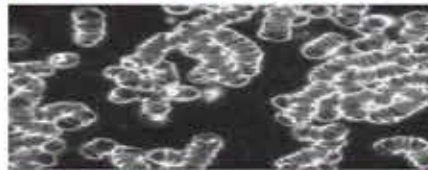
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