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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PROGRAM FUNDING

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to advise that the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food has

announced an investment of up to \$21.4 million to enhance the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) and fund about 2,000 jobs for youth in the agriculture sector.

YESP aims to support

agri-food employers and provide young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 30 with job experience in agriculture that could lead to a career working in the sector.

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TWO MALES ARRESTED FOR BREAK AND ENTER AND THEFT OF ATM

Submitted by Thorsby RCMP

After a lengthy investigation conducted by the Thorsby/Breton RCMP, two males have been arrested in

relation to several reported break and enters in the Town of Thorsby, Alta.

On October 6, 2019, Thorsby RCMP responded to multiple break and enters including the theft of an

ATM from the Esso fuel station in Thorsby. Police also investigated an attempted theft of an ATM from the Thorsby Village Supermarket.

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CHARGES LAID RELATED TO THEFT AT EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On April 5, 2021, Leduc RCMP received a complaint

of a stolen truck at the Edmonton International Airport.

Following an investigation, a male suspect was

identified and arrested on April 30 and his truck was seized.

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DEVON RCMP AND PARTNER AGENCIES LAUNCH A BOATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Submitted by Devon RCMP

Devon RCMP along with several partner agencies are launching a boater safety program that aims to educate water users before hitting the waterways. This program is intended to provide boater safety education and inspections in an effort to prevent emergencies from occurring.

This anticipated boater safety program has been named "kisiskāiwani-sipi" which means "swift current" or "fast-moving water" in the nehiyaw (Plains Cree) language. The naming of this project acknowledges the legal caretakers and protectors of this land, and is a symbol of our commitment to continuing to building partnerships with Indigenous com-

munities.

The Town of Devon is home to one of the few boat launches onto the North Saskatchewan River, opening up this river to a variety of motorized and non-motorized vessels. As a result, the boat launch at Voyageur Park sees boater traffic from all around the Capital Region.

The launch of this program is scheduled to begin on May 22, 2021 along with the assistance and support of several agencies such as; Devon RCMP, Town of Devon Fire Services, Town of Devon Peace Officer Service, Parkland RCMP, Leduc County Peace Officer Service, Edmonton Police Service, City of Edmonton Park Rangers, Transport Canada and River of Hope Church.

The program will run every second Sunday starting May

22, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. until the end of the summer. During these specified times, officers will monitor traffic on Saskatchewan Avenue West, in Devon for vehicles with vessels and direct them into the River of Hope church parking lot.

At a safe distance, officers will require the vessel user(s) to produce the minimum required safety equipment and operator card. Vessels not meeting the minimum safety standards will receive notification of the deficiencies to rectify.

Devon RCMP invite the media to attend the program launch on May 22, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Voyageur Park boat launch. Sgt. Chris Mosley will provide more information about the boater safety program and take any questions pertaining to the program.



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JOKE of the week

A lawyer, an economist, and a teacher were going to the bathroom. The lawyer gets done, washes his hands, and then proceeds to use almost the entire roll of paper towels to dry his hands. He says "I was taught to be thorough." The economist gets done, washes his hands, but uses only one paper towel. He says "I was taught to be environmentally friendly." The teacher gets done and leaves without washing his hands. He says "I was taught not to pee on my hands."

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A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

Since the beginning of the pandemic, seniors and residents in continuing care facilities have shouldered a uniquely heavy burden and sacrificed precious time with their loved ones.

These are parents, grandparents, and friends who need the hope, joy, and connection that many of us took for granted before the arrival of the virus.

Despite being vulnerable, Alberta's government understand that those living in continuing care are some of our strongest citizens with the most important stories to tell. When the pandemic began, we swiftly brought in public health rules to protect these Albertans. And we ensured they were a top priority in our vaccine rollout. Now, with 100 per cent of these Albertans having been offered a vaccine, we can safely begin to ease restrictions in continuing care facilities across the province.

Thanks to high rates of vaccination among residents and staff at continuing care facilities, updated public health measures will come into effect starting May 10 to allow families to more easily visit their loved ones. These updates will increase the number of designated family or support persons for each resident, expand the number of people who can attend outdoor social visits, and allow limited indoor social gatherings. Changes to visitation policy are not mandatory and will vary by site based on different factors, including the design of the building and the wishes of the residents.

Where possible, and provided the majority of residents agree, indoor social visits with up to four visitors will resume again. Visitors must be from the same household and adhere to the masking and distancing requirements that remain in place.

Outdoor social visits at continuing care facilities can expand up to ten people, includ-

ing the resident. This is double the current limit of five and brings the limit in-line with the current outdoor limit for the rest of Alberta.

Residents may name up to four designated family or support persons for unrestricted access, and visitors will continue to be able to visit when residents are approaching the end of their lives or suffer a change in health status.

Alberta's government has updated these public health measures based on the feedback we received from those

most impacted. Throughout April, town halls were held with continuing care operators, residents and staff to discuss the impact of getting Albertans vaccinated and COVID-19 variants. The majority of participants said they were ready for eased restrictions but wanted some safety measures to remain.

As we keep moving forward, Alberta's government will continue to monitor the emerging evidence on vaccines and their ability to protect residents from the variants and

limit transmitting the virus to others. The updated measures coming into effect on May 10 strike the right balance between protecting residents and staff from COVID-19 and enabling a strong quality of life.

We are starting to see signs of a return to normal, and while we all must remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19, we should do what we can to connect with our loved ones in continuing care and share those precious moments we all need.

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MP SOROKA WANTS ACTION TAKEN TO REDUCE THE MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE POPULATION

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following question today during Question Period.

He asked:
 "Madam Speaker, in my region of Canada, the forest industry needs help from the government. It is facing an epidemic caused by the

Mountain Pine Beetle. The species destroys many acres of pine trees every year and are expanding east, causing damage along the eastern slopes of the Rockies. The Mountain Pine Beetle in Jasper and Hinton are a genetic mix of the northern and southern Mountain Pine Beetle that are stronger and more destructive.

Will the federal government take action to reduce

the population of this harmful invasive species?"

Reply:

Mr. Marc Serré (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources, Lib.): "Madam Speaker, we are working closely with provinces and municipalities to help slow the spread and mitigate the impact of forest pests in Canada as well as reduce the risk of infestation in ar-

reas that are not affected.

Our government invested \$20 million annually in scientific research to address the risk posed to our forests. We remain focused on science-based solutions. We will continue working with our partners and invest to protect Canada's trees from infestation."

The video of the exchange can be found at: <https://fb.watch/5usPdUaF6J/>

Youth Employment and Skills Program Funding

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Eligible applicants include producers, agri-businesses, industry associations,

provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous organizations, and research facilities. Projects can start retroactively as early as April 15, 2021 to March 31,

2022.

Applications for the YESP are now being accepted and forms are available at either:

Youth Employment and

Skills Program - Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

Via email: aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca, or by calling: 1-866-452-5558.

Two Males Arrested for Break and Enter and Theft of ATM

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On March 19, 2021, Collin McDonald (30) of Edmonton, Alta. was arrested and charged with:

- Theft of Truck (x2)
- Mischief over \$5000 (x3)
- Break and enter (x3)
- Possession of break in tools (x3)
- Wear a disguise committing an offence
- Possession of stolen property

McDonald has been re-

leased from custody and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on May 26, 2021.

On April 30, 2021, Travis Stout (32) of Edmonton, Alta. was arrested and charged with:

- Theft of Truck (x2)
- Mischief over \$5000 (x3)
- Break and enter (x3)
- Possession of break in tools (x3)
- Wear a disguise committing an offence
- Possession of stolen

property

- Operate motor vehicle while prohibited

Stout remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in Breton Provincial Court on May 26, 2021.

"As a result of these arrests several outstanding files have now been brought before the courts," said S/Sgt. Dwayne Moore, Thorsby RCMP Detachment Commander. "We will continue to strategically focus on property crime offenders in

keeping with our crime reduction strategies."

If anyone has any information regarding this incident or any other crime, please contact the Thorsby RCMP at (780) 789-3950. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com (<http://www.p3tips.com/>) or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

Charges Laid Related to Theft at Edmonton International Airport

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On May 4, 2021, with the assistance of RCMP Auto-Theft Unit, a search warrant was executed on the seized truck and police recovered stolen vehicle

parts.

Kevin Bird (41) of Leduc was charged with the following:

- Theft over \$5000.
- Possession of stolen property over \$5000.
- Fail to comply with release order condition

Following a judicial interim release hearing, Bird was held in custody to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on June 4, 2021.

If you have information related to property crime in the community, you can contact Leduc RCMP at

(780)980-7267. 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.

RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT LAY CHARGES IN HOMICIDE ON ERMINESKIN CREE NATION

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On April 11, 2021, at 6:19 a.m., Maskwacis RCMP responded to a call of a stabbing at a residence on Ermineskin Cree Nation, Alta.

Maskwacis RCMP attended along with emergency medical services, who treated a 51-year-old male that had suffered in-

juries at the residence and was taken to hospital for treatment. Further investigation indicated a home invasion had allegedly occurred wherein a number of suspects forcibly entered a residence on Ermineskin Cree Nation. During the home invasion, the 51-year-old male victim was injured.

Maskwacis RCMP's investigation resulted in the arrest

of two subjects, Leon Clark Ermineskin and Justin James Larocque, for Aggravated Assault and additional charges and those subjects were subsequently remanded into custody awaiting court.

The victim, Albert Dean Wildcat (51) of Ermineskin Cree Nation, remained in hospital until he succumbed to his injuries and died on April 15, 2021. An autopsy was conducted by the Edmonton Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on April 16, 2021.

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes took over carriage of this investigation and have been working in partnership with Maskwacis RCMP, Maskwacis General Investigation Section, RCMP Forensic Identification Services, RCMP Police Dog Services, and Strathcona County RCMP Detachment to further this investigation.

On April 22, 2021, Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit

charged both Leon Clark Ermineskin (25) and Justin James Larocque (33)—both of Ermineskin Cree Nation—for Second Degree Murder.

Following a judicial hearing, both Leon Ermineskin and Justin Larocque were remanded into custody and are both scheduled to appear in Wetaskiwin Provincial Court on April 27, 2021.

As this matter is now before the courts, no further details will be provided regarding the above noted accused. Alberta RCMP Major Crimes continue to investigate this homicide.

If you have information about this incident, please contact Maskwacis RCMP at 780-585-4600 or your 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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Lawn & Garden

TECHNIQUES TO REVITALIZE A LAWN

Pristine, snow-covered landscapes can be wonders to behold. While that blanket of white is idyllic, a lawn's delicate blades may be paying a hefty price beneath the cold, heavy piles of snow.

Snow plows push salt and sand up on the grass while subterranean animals like mice and moles dig burrows beneath piles of snow as they try to find food and stay warm. Such conditions are not favorable for thriving landscapes. When the spring thaw arrives, lawns may be in dire need of some TLC. The following techniques can mitigate winter-related lawn damage.

- Clear out debris. Remove any scattered leaves,

branches and other debris that has been strewn across the property due to storms or snow-laden trees. This will give you a clean canvas to work on.

- Dry out snow mold. The Family Handyman says snow mold is a cold-season fungus that causes gray-colored circles or patches on the lawn where there has been snow. To alleviate snow mold, rake the lawn to loosen matted grass and facilitate the drying-out process.

- De-thatch the lawn. Heavy snow can compress the grass and cause some of it to die off. De-thatching helps to remove dead grass blades and separate any matting. This enables water, nutrients and air to

reach the lawn's roots more effectively. Thinning out old organic matter also helps encourage new growth.

- Aerate the soil. Coupled with dethatching, aeration involves loosening the soil or poking holes to allow nutrients to move freely to the roots.

- Kill weeds before they spread. Weeds may be the first to start growing when the weather begins to warm. Address them promptly by manually pulling them or applying an herbicide.

- Overseed the lawn. Chances are there are some bare spots that have formed over the winter. Overseeding can help to fill in the lawn. Make sure that frosts are largely a thing of

the past and soil temperature is around 50 F to 60 F before seeding. Water daily until grass fills in.

- Apply nutrients. Fertilizer and compost can restore nutrients to the lawn that may have been used up over winter. A soil test at a nearby horticultural center can tell you which nutrients are needed, according to the Chemistry Cachet, a guide to using chemistry secrets for healthy living, beauty, cleaning, and gardening.

Lawns can be restored to their pre-winter glory after some sweat equity and about five to six weeks of consistent sunshine and warm weather.

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INSURERS URGE ALBERTANS TO PREPARE FOR THE 2021 HAIL SEASON

Submitted by Insurance Bureau of Canada

June to September is hail season in Alberta. Homes are being damaged more frequently not only by hail, but also by heavy rainfall and strong winds. In preparation of this year's hail season, Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is sharing tips and information to help consumers protect themselves and their property.

During a severe weather event, such as a hailstorm, everyone's priority must be their own safety, and the safety of their loved ones and neighbours. With the COVID-19 pandemic still being a major factor across Canada, there is a greater need for Albertans to plan ahead and be prepared.

- Be prepared
- Keep a current, detailed inventory of your home's contents.
- Assemble an emergency supply kit.
- Create an emergency preparedness plan for your household.
- Monitor the local weather forecasts and Alberta Emergency Alerts for watches and warnings for thunderstorms

(which often include hail).

- Know your risks and review your insurance policy with your insurance representative.

How to get ready for severe weather

- Secure barbecues, and secure or store patio furniture indoors when severe weather is in the forecast.

- Park your vehicle in a covered area.

- Ensure proper grading around your home.

- Have someone check your property if you are away.

- Install a sump pump, and a sewer backup or backflow valve.

- Consider resilient building materials when completing repairs.

How to protect yourself before and during a storm

- Stay away from windows, doors and skylights during a storm.

- Do not drive through flooded intersections or large puddles.

- Watch for flooded areas. Excessive hail combined with heavy rain can plug storm drains and create local flooding.

- If driving, find a place to safely pull off roadways and protect yourself from shat-

tered glass by facing away from all windows.

- If you are caught outdoors with no immediately available shelter, crouch down, face away from the wind and protect your head and neck with your hands.

If you need to make a claim, here's how to start the process

- When safe to do so, assess, photograph and document the damage.

- Call your insurance representative or company to report the damage or losses.

- Be as detailed as possible when providing information of the damage to you property.

- Water damage to vehicles is usually covered under comprehensive or all-perils auto insurance policies. Contact your insurance representative for details.

- If you need help getting in touch with your insurer, phone IBC's Consumer Information Centre at 1-844-2ask-IBC (1-844-227-5422) or email askibcwest@ibc.ca.

This decade, Alberta has experienced more severe weather events than any other region in Canada. Taxpayers and insurers share the cost for severe weather damage. For every dollar paid in insurance

claims for damaged homes and businesses, all levels of government and taxpayers pay much more to repair public infrastructure. Yet Canada still lacks a national climate adaptation strategy with measurable targets and the accompanying investments needed to protect Canadian homes and businesses from natural disasters.

Canadians continue to experience accelerating financial losses from the changing climate. In 2020, the federal government created the Task Force on High-Risk Residential Flood Insurance and Strategic Relocation. Through this task force, insurers will work with governments across the country to better protect properties from flooding and to ensure that every Canadian has access to affordable flood insurance. Currently, this is a standalone effort. IBC believes it should be part of a larger climate adaptation plan that coordinates action by governments and the private sector to address the growing physical risks of climate change.

Visit IBC's website at ibc.ca for information on ways to prepare for a hailstorm.

SUDOKU of the week

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. 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!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

ANSWER:

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CALL FOR INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS LAUNCHED

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

The Department of Families, Children and Social Development, has launched a call for concepts for innovative projects to prevent and eliminate homelessness under the Community Capacity and Innovation stream of Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy.

Approximately \$6 million over three years will be pro-

vided starting in 2021-22, for scalable projects that will test and develop new and innovative approaches to addressing homelessness in communities across the country.

Project concepts must address at least one of the following three priorities:

- Testing or developing interventions for specific populations, such as Indigenous people, youth, seniors, LGBTQ2, women fleeing violence, veterans, or Black and racialized Canadians.

- Developing strategic partnerships that contribute to community collaboration, increase capacity building within the homeless-serving sector, or build connections between sectors or different levels of government.

- Developing effective practices or innovative techniques to measure the scope of homelessness or address data gaps related to homelessness, including hidden homelessness.

Priority consideration will

be given to large-scale multi-year projects, projects serving Indigenous communities and projects addressing homelessness in the territories.

Concepts can be submitted by completing a concept application form and submitting it via email to: -dci@hrsdc-rh-dcc.gc.ca by June 11, 2021.

Concepts will be evaluated by a review committee, and selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals for consideration in the summer.

PROLIFIC OFFENDER LOCATED AND CHARGED

Submitted by Parkland RCMP

On May 10, 2021 at approx. 10:00 a.m., a Parkland RCMP officer was conducting patrols of the Acheson Industrial area when he observed a male sleeping in a parked vehicle. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had fled from

Slave Lake RCMP earlier in the morning when police attempted to stop the vehicle.

When the investigator attempted to speak to the suspect, the suspect placed the vehicle in drive and fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was located a short time later and the suspect was observed walking along the road. After

observing police, the suspect ran into a wooded area. RCMP sent up containment, located the suspect and arrested him without incident.

Break and enter tools, a can of bear spray and methamphetamine were found to be in the suspect's possession.

Wayne Parsons (38) of Edmonton, AB. was arrested for

outstanding warrants and charged with the following: Flight from peace officer; Resist or obstruct peace officer; Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; Possession of break in tools; Possession of methamphetamine

Parsons was held for judicial interim hearing and was remanded into custody.

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Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

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When COVID-19 vaccines

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ping the spike of COVID cases and hopefully putting this pandemic behind us for good.

Alberta's government is ahead of schedule and delivering on our promise to offer every Albertan over 18 their first dose by June 30. This is testament to the efficiency of our vaccine administration program and our determination to increase rates of vaccination as we receive vaccine supply from the federal government.

Despite the setbacks we have faced as a result of Ottawa's failure to secure an early supply of vaccines, dedicated Albertans in healthcare, pharmacies, support roles and our Vaccine Task Force have worked together to develop and implement an efficient model to rapidly distribute vaccines. Their efforts are protecting Albertans, but the time is now for all of us to work together, protect each other, get vaccinated and ensure we can have the summer we deserve.

We have come a long way, but we have a bit further to go. Every Albertan can help drive cases down by following the public health rules in their community and getting vaccinated. The end is in-sight and we are all grateful for the patience Albertans have shown throughout this pandemic and through this final push.

All eligible Albertans can book their vaccine appointments through Alberta.ca/vaccines or through 811. Albertans can also book an appointment for these vaccines through participating pharmacies. To find the closest location to you with an earliest available booking date, check the list on Ab.bluecross.ca.

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NOTE: Please inquire first as COVID-19 restrictions may still apply.

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca

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. 780-542-4378

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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.

BALLROOM, LATIN, COUNTRY DANCE SOCIAL: 1st Saturday of every month. Doors open 8PM at Central Lions Recreation Center, 11113 113 St., Edmonton AB. Cost \$15 paid at the doors. Hosted by Everyone's Ballroom Dance Assoc. More info: www.ebda.ca 780-893-6828

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 @ 6PM, June - Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 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. Please bring a snack for your child.

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

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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

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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.

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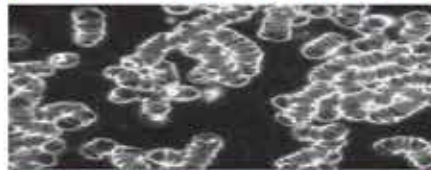
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