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COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise the Community Services Recovery Fund is open. This fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to help community service organizations to adapt, to modernize and to be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process is managed by National Funders: Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada, to reach a broad and diverse range of community service organizations, including non-profits, charities, and Indigenous governing bodies. Organizations are encouraged to register to participate in a webinar and complete an interactive quiz to determine where and how to apply for funding. Additional information can also be found on the Community Services Recovery Fund website.

The deadline for funding is February 21, 2023.

INFLATION RELIEF PORTAL AND PAYMENTS COMING SOON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Monthly \$100 affordability payments for families, seniors, and vulnerable Albertans will be released soon, and Albertans can act now to get ready.

Alberta's economy has recovered strongly, but many people are struggling to heat their homes and feed their families. Alberta's government has responded with the largest inflation relief package in Canada, with significant broad-based and targeted supports. Starting this month, six months of affordability payments will begin for Albertans through an application and distribution system that is fast, effective and safe.

Starting January 18, se-

niors 65 or older who are not receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit and eligible parents with children under 18 can apply online through the government portal or in person at locations across the province for \$600 in monthly affordability payments.

In order to use the portal, eligible parents and

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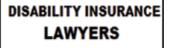


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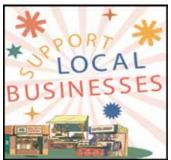
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seniors will be required to have a Verified Account. To ensure that the application process is as smooth as possible, Albertans should sign-up for their Verified Account or confirm they have an existing Verified Account with accurate information as soon as possible.

Many Albertans receiving these targeted relief payments are automatically enrolled for the program and do not need to apply to receive the benefit.

Along with Foster and Kinship Caregivers, anyone currently receiving regular monthly benefits through Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Income Support or Alberta Seniors Benefit, or receiving services through the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program will automatically receive their first payment starting January 31.

Affordability payments for AISH, Income Support and PDD clients

All clients accessing AISH, Income Support or PDD are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their benefits. They will receive their first \$100 payments starting January 31.

•Payments will be delivered the same way as a client's regular monthly benefits, whether by automatic deposit or a physical cheque.

•Payments will be delivered by physical cheque for existing PDD clients who are not receiving AISH or Income Support benefits.

•Beneficiaries will also be notified directly about their enrollment in the payment program and related information.

•These payments will be treated as exempt income by the AISH and Income Support programs and will not impact eligibility or financial benefits.

•Parents in these programs with children under 18 can also receive \$600 in additional payments per child. They will need to apply online or in person for these payments starting January 18.

Affordability payments for seniors

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All Albertans 65 or older with household incomes below \$180,000 will soon be eligible for \$600 over six months in monthly affordability payments.

Albertans receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their benefits. The distribution of additional monthly payments will begin January 31.

Eligible seniors who are not receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit will need to apply for affordability payments by creating or confirming their Verified Account and applying for benefits via the online portal or in person at a registry office or through Alberta Supports when the portal opens on January 18.

Affordability payments for parents or guardians caring for children under 18

Families with household incomes below \$180,000 per year will soon receive a total of \$600 for each dependent child under 18 over six months. Eligible parents can apply for affordability payments by creating or confirming their Verified Account and applying for benefits via the online portal or in person at a registry office or through Alberta Supports when the portal opens on January 18.

Affordability payments for foster and kinship caregivers caring for children under 18

Eligible kinship or foster caregivers caring for a child under the age of 18 are automatically enrolled in the program and do not need to sign up to receive their affordability payments. They will receive their first payments at the end of January.

•Payments will be delivered the same way as regular monthly benefits, whether by automatic deposit or physical cheque.

•Monthly payments will be rolled out starting January 31.

Alberta's government is delivering immediate cost of living and inflation relief while also working to support longterm affordability. Albertans can learn more about all the broad-based and targeted affordability relief programs online.

ALBERTA RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE IN BRETON

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

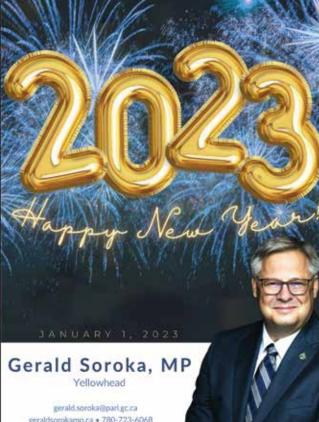
On Nov. 25, 2022, Breton RCMP responded to a re-

port of a sudden death at a rural location in Wetaskiwin County. As the investigation developed, officers from the Central Alberta District GIS Unit and the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit were deployed and took carriage of the investigation. The deceased was

identified as 44-year-old Wetaskiwin County resident Janet Magnuson.

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Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit Investigate Homicide In Breton

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As a result of an investigation into the incident, on Dec. 16, 2022, 44-year-old Wetaskiwin County resident Corey Anderson was arrested and charge with first-degree murder.

Anderson has been taken

before a justice of the peace and remanded in custody with his next court appearance set for Dec. 20,2022, at Drayton Valley Provincial

Court.

As this matter is now before the courts no further details are available.

ARTICLE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

Happy New Year and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. As we move in to the New Year it is often important to take stock of where we are as people and I believe as a province. If we just look at the past three months we will see that Alberta has welcomed 58,203 new people. This represents a population increase of around 1.3 per cent, the largest growth our province has ever seen.

There are a lot of reasons why people are flocking to Alberta right now: an abundance of good jobs, affordable homes, and a quality of life that is second to none. But our low-tax advantage remains a tremendous draw for families in search of hope, opportunity, and a better life.

Alberta is the only province in Canada without a provincial sales tax. This means big savings for Albertans on vehicles, hockey equipment, clothes, furniture, tools, and so much more. Our lack of a sales tax isn't just good for families, it's good for businesses who can lower their overhead and attract customers from other provinces, in addition to Alberta.

According to a new report from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Alberta shoppers saved a whopping \$184 million over the Christmas shopping season, due to the fact we do not have a sales tax, while shoppers in other provinces paid hundreds of millions more

"Sometimes I think it can be taken for granted, not having a PST," said Kris Sims, the Alberta director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "When we have that savings across Alberta for our shoppers, I think it's important to point it out because other folks don't have those savings. I think that's one of the reasons Alberta has an advantage."

According to Sims, Albertans' massive holiday savings broke down to about \$80 per person, while the average Ontario shopper paid about \$90 more, and the average Quebec shopper paid about \$112 more.

Albertans pay the lowest taxes in the country and protecting Alberta's lowtax advantage is one of our United Conservative government's top priorities. Premier Danielle Smith even signed a pledge not to implement a sales tax in our province. This is great news for all Albertans, who benefit from our province's low taxes.

Despite the fact Albertans pay the lowest taxes in the country, all while our economy is booming and our budget is balanced – the NDP have a very different perspective on taxes. They want to raise them, and they're not shy about saying so.

When the NDP was last in government, one of their first actions was increasing businesses taxes. This turned out to be an ill-advised move, as the NDP took in less and less revenue as jobs, investment, and capital fled the province. Now they are promising to raise business taxes again.

The previous NDP government also implemented a job-killing provincial carbon tax (one they failed to mention in their election platform), which was the largest tax increase in the history of our province. Now they support Justin Trudeau's plan to increase the federal carbon tax by a massive 300 per cent, which will raise the price of everything from fuel to heat to groceries for all Albertans.

Our United Conservative government cut taxes for families and business, and as a result we're bringing in more revenue as businesses invest here and families move here. This is the path towards building a strong, resilient, and diversified economy – not raising taxes like the NDP did and wants to do again.

Alberta is back and Albertans can trust our United Conservative government to protect our province's low-taxes advantage, now and for years to come.

LEDUC COUNTY ANNOUNCES UNOFFICIAL DIVISION 3 BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Submitted by Leduc County

All voting stations have reported their vote counts from by-election day and advance voting, and the below individual has been elected* to serve the remainder of the current four-year term on Leduc County Council:

• Dal Virdi -- received 53.7 per cent of the divisions' votes with 268 of 499 votes. *Results are unofficial and will become official at noon on Dec. 16.

Unofficial results indicate 22.5 per cent voter turnout, with 499 of the eligible 2,217 voters in division 3.

On Jan. 10, 2023 Dal Virdi

will take his oath of office during the regular Leduc County Council meeting.

• Virdi will serve as division 3 Councillor for the remainder of the 2021 to 2025 Council term.

January 10, 2023 Community VOICE Page 7 HONOURING THE AWARD PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

As the MLA for Drayton Valley - Devon, I had the distinct honour of awarding the Queen Elizabeth II'S Platinum Jubilee Medal to 18 deserving recipients in our constituency.

I would like to pay tribute to those who have given of their time and talents in service to their communities, our province and our country.

As you know, Alberta's Platinum Jubilee Medal commemorates the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada upon the death of her father, King George VI, on February 6, 1952.

Her Majesty was crowned on June 2, 1953, during Her Coronation ceremony, which was held at Westminster Abbey, as Coronations have been for 900 years. Steeped in this rich history, Her Majesty's Coronation made history as the first ever to be televised and was watched by 27 million people in the UK alone and millions more around the world.

And so, with Her Majesty representing both the storied past of Britain, as well as the modern-day world, she has dedicated more than 70 remarkable years of continuous service to Canada, the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. This extraordinary achievement makes her Britain's longest reigning and longest-lived monarch.

Her Majesty has expressed her wish that Jubilee events be an occasion for enjoying a sense of togetherness and optimism about the future which makes this the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of people who make our community better.

Our medal recipients lead rather than wait to be led. They tackle challenges head-on. They see problems as opportunities instead of obstacles. I would like to congratulate the following outstanding individuals on receiving this special distinction in the Drayton Valley - Devon constituency. Dale Babuik Audrey Brosseau Lorne Clemens (awarded posthumously) Katie Conner Ariel Delaney Tanya Hines Matt MacDonald Sean MacIntyre H. Jean McCulloch Shawna Ofstie Denis Preece (awarded posthumously) Barry Rasch Jewel Reierson **Richard Skermer** Jeannette Vatter Don Yez Grant Little Congratulations to all recipients,

LEDUC RCMP AND THORSBY BRETON RCMP INVESTIGATE RASH OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN LEDUC COUNTY

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP and Thorsby Breton RCMP are investigating a rash of theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles in Leduc County and seek public assistance to identify suspects involved.

Between the evening hours on Jan. 2, 2023 and the morning of Jan. 3, 2023, RCMP responded to multiple reports of suspicious activity in Leduc County south and south west of Calmar.

Police received information that unknown suspects were driving onto private property where they looked for unsecure properties, stole items from vehicles and stole at least two vehicles. It is believed that at least one of the stolen vehicles was left unlocked with keys inside. The two known stolen vehicles have since been recovered along with a third vehicle stolen out of Edmonton, Alta.

The investigation is ongoing. Leduc and Thorsby RCMP are requesting residents report any criminal or suspicious activity to police as soon as it occurs, as these reports tell us where to look, who to look for and where to patrol.

Leduc and Thorsby Breton RCMP would like to remind residents of some tips to keep their vehicles safe:

• If possible, look into command start options as a means to warm your vehicle

• Steering wheel locking devices are effec-

tive options that can help mitigate theft

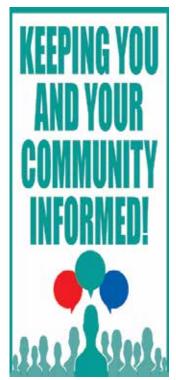
• When starting your car, or allowing the engine to warm up prior to driving, ensure that you are in the vehicle

• Never leave valuable items like purses, wallets, keys or change in an unoccupied vehicle

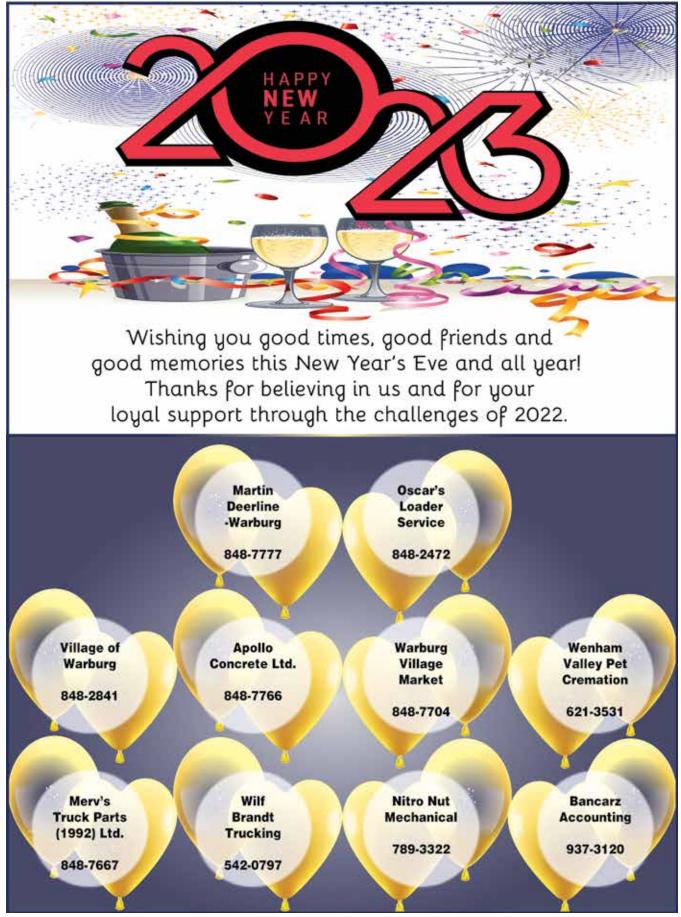
• Always place keys to vehicles in a safe place, out of plain sight and in a secure location

• Lock vehicle doors all the time, even if you are parked in your driveway or garage at home

• Never leave your vehicle unattended if it is running or the keys are in it







Page 10 Community VOICE January 10, 2023 A SEASONAL PARKING BAN COMES INTO EFFECT

Submitted by City of Leduc

A seasonal parking ban will come into effect this upcoming Monday, January, 9 in the City of Leduc, with snow removal scheduled to begin on Priority 3 - collector roads. Enforcement Services and Snow Removal Crews are expected to arrive as early as 5 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, and vehicles must be removed in advance to avoid being towed and ticketed.

The City has completed the arterials and Priority 1 and 2 roadways. This declaration is for Priority 3 only. Collector roads (e.g. Windrose Drive, Corinthia Driver, Alton Drive) are roads typically used to move between neighbourhoods connecting residential roads to arterials.

Seasonal no parking signs have been installed along all collector roads. Vehicles parked along these roads during the parking ban will be towed to a nearby cleared road or street not affected by the ban. It will also be subject to a \$250 fine.

LEDUC RCMP AND PARTNERS HELD 4TH ANNUAL STUFF A CRUISER

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Dec. 10, 2022, Leduc RCMP held their 4th Annual Stuff a Cruiser in partnership with City of Leduc Enforcement Services and Vintage Towing in Leduc to Support the Leduc District Food Bank. The team collected 2658 lbs of food and \$1940 in monetary donations.

"The support from residents in Leduc and all the surrounding areas was phenomenal" says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith. "As the need to support our food bank grows, our community continues to step up and support those in need. We certainly appreciate everyone who generously donated and volunteered their time to make this event a success."

Leduc RCMP, City of Leduc peace officers and Vintage Towing would like to give a huge thank you to the Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild for their generous cash donation, as well as a thank you to Leduc Safeway, Craig's No Frills and Leduc Coop for their support of the Leduc & District Food Bank.





CITY UNVEILS TWO NEW JOHN DEERE ELECTRIC GATORS

Submitted by City of Leduc

Two John Deere TE electric gators were recently added to the City's fleet and are now operational for operations staff. The gators cost roughly \$39,900 and were funded (nearly \$12,000) through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre's (MCCAC) Electric Vehicles for Municipalities grant program. "The City of Leduc is continuing to find opportunities to lower its carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gas emissions," said City of Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "The two new electric gators are a welcomed addition to our operations equipment, and we're excited to get them into operation."

The two gators are estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1.22 tons of CO2 per year, a 56 per cent reduction compared to the gasoline-powered UTV of a similar size.

The new electric gators and the solar carport and electric vehicle charging stations downtown Leduc are the two newest investments in promoting green energy alternatives and reducing carbon emissions in the City of Leduc. The MCCAC delivers funding, technical assistance, and education to help Alberta Municipalities, school authorities, and community-related organizations advance actions that lower energy costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve climate resilience.







joy and prosperity to you and everyone you know Thank you for supporting our success in 2021. We value your business and your trust in us beyond measure.

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If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 200 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

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 **EVANSBURD** FARMERS MARKET: Every Saturday 10am 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905 May-Sept

Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc Betty 780-916-1845

BINGO

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00рм 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

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

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 7:00-7:30рм. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

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

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG HEART AT 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. 1:30 рм; Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

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

PLAYGROUND: INDOOR 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, 7рм, 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, 1:00рм 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.

ST. DAVIDS JR. CHOIR is seeking singers ages 7-13. Boys and girls are welcomed. Rehearsals in Leduc Tuesdays 3:45- 5PM. Contact 780-432-7805. HOSTS WARBURG

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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 7рм at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

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

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

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7рм 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 I FDUC SOCIETY MS 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.

Derrick Toastmasters: Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538. secretary@gmail.com for information.

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)

LEDUC AND DISTRICT SENIOR **CENTRE :** Provides programs and activities to enhance seniors' lives. Drop by for a tour, meet new friends, and see what we have to offer! 780-986-6160 www.leducseniors.ca

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

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

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



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after careful deliberation, we made our decision. Each winner received a gift bag.