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LEDUC COUNTY ISSUES FIRE RESTRICTION

Submitted by Leduc County

Leduc County is now under a fire restriction. There is an increased risk of wildfire due to dry, hot conditions.

No open fires are allowed, and all open fires must be extinguished immediately. All fire permits are suspended, as per the Forest and Prairie Protec-

tion Act, and no new fire permits will be issued for the duration of the restriction.

Citizens can use cooking and heating appliances – such as barbecues, firepits and patio heaters – fueled by liquid fuel like propane or natural gas. Citizens can also use approved burn barrels and firepits, but should use extreme caution

and ensure they have water close by.

Fire officials will continue to monitor conditions, and will update the public at leduc-county.com and albertafirebans.ca when the restriction is lifted or downgraded, or a ban is issued.

LEDUC RCMP RECOVER MEMORIAL PLAQUES FROM BENCHES IN LEDUC

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On July 10, 2024, Leduc RCMP attended a business in Nisku and recovered thirteen bronze memorial plaques stolen from benches in Leduc.

Through investigation, Leduc RCMP identified the suspect who brought the plaques to the business and he was arrested.

Morgan Lance Landry (27), a resident of Leduc, Alta. was

charged with possession of stolen property under \$5,000.

Following a judicial hearing, Landry is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Aug. 1, 2024.

DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE MALE FOR FIREARMS OFFENCES

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On July 8, 2024, at 5 p.m., Drayton Valley RCMP received a report that a male suspect had brandished a

firearm from his backpack and pointed it at the victim who was seated in his parked vehicle. The victim did not know the suspect but was able to provide police with a good description

and direction of travel for the suspect who left on foot.

Officers responded to the area and the suspect was located walking into the popular Rotary Park,

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Drayton Valley RCMP Arrest And Charge Male For Firearms Offences

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where many children and families were gathered at the local splash park. The suspect was quickly taken into custody without incident. A search incidental to arrest located a loaded firearm and additional ammunition.

Joshua Spiker (27), a res-

ident of Drayton Valley, was arrested and has been charged with 12 offences, some of which include:

- Careless use of a firearm (x2)
- Use of a firearm while attempting to commit an indictable offence
- Pointing a firearm
- Possession of a

weapon for a dangerous purpose

- Possession of a controlled substance

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Spiker was released from custody to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on July 11, 2024.

CONSERVATIVE HUNTING AND ANGLING CAUCUS' 2024 ANNUAL SUMMER FISHING CONTEST

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is excited to announce the launch of this year's Annual Summer Fishing Contest,

starting on July 2nd, 2024, and running until September 2nd, 2024. This contest is a fantastic opportunity for fishing enthusiasts to showcase their skills and win incredible prizes.

Participants are invited to

use a fishing lure provided by MP Soroka's office. To enter, anglers must catch a fish using the lure, take a photo of their catch with the lure and the MP's name visible, and email the

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photo to cpchuntingandangling@outlook.com. Please include your name, province, age demographic, and a short story about your

fishing experience. Selected stories and photos will be shared with the community.

An expert panel will judge the entries, and the winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd plac-

es, as well as the top youth category, will be announced on National Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Heritage Day, September 21st, 2024.

To receive a fishing lure,

please send an email to Gerald.soroka.c1@parl.gc.ca include "Fishing Contest" in the subject line of your email.

ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS RESIDENTS OF THE 9PM ROUTINE

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Alberta summers mean late nights with the sun shining bright, however, it's still important to remember a nightly routine. On average, property crime tends to rise during the summer months. In July 2023, in Alberta RCMP jurisdictions, there were 2,798 reports of Theft Under \$5,000.

Property crimes are of-

ten crimes of opportunity, and maintaining a nightly routine can help deter thefts. The "9PM Routine" is a movement followed by police services around the world, encouraging people to follow a nightly checklist to ensure their property is secured.

A 9PM routine checklist consists of:

- Locking your doors at night (yes, even if you live in a small town).

- Locking your garage or shed.

- Ensuring all yard tools and recreational equipment is safely stored, preferably in a locked garage or shed.

- Removing all keys from vehicles and locking the doors; securely store any off-highway vehicles.

- Consider installing a home alarm; if you already have one, set your alarm before going to sleep.

- Use motion sensor lights on the exterior of your property.

If you have a seasonal property or trailer, there are still 9PM Routine tasks you can follow, such as:

- Using motion sensor lights on your property, especially at the entryways or near your shed or garage.

- Use a hitch lock and ensure it is properly secured.

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Alberta RCMP Reminds Residents Of The 9PM Routine

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- Remove the battery from your trailer when you leave for an extended period.
- Ensure all tools

and recreational items are securely stored once you are done with them.

- Ensure your vehicle is locked and the keys and garage door opener are

removed.

- Ensure your garage or shed is locked each night. For more tips and crime prevention information, follow #9PMRoutine and

our social media accounts on X (@RCMPAlberta) and Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta).

SOLID YEAR-END SETS STAGE FOR PROSPEROUS ALBERTA FUTURE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Positive 2023-24 year-end results display the government's commitment to fiscal responsibility that ensures prosperity and opportunity for Albertans.

For the third consecutive year, Alberta has balanced its budget, ending the fiscal year with a \$4.3-billion surplus. By staying true to fis-

cal discipline, government was able to pay down debt, save for the future in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, and support Albertans through measures such as income tax indexation and fuel tax relief.

This responsible strategy has earned Alberta credit rating upgrades from multiple firms, including Fitch's recent upgrade to AA. Improved credit ratings

make borrowing cheaper and attract investment and growth that will ultimately create more jobs and opportunities for Albertans and Alberta businesses.

"Our government has kept its promise to balance our budget and provide Albertans the services and supports they need. We will keep building opportunity so that our children and grandchildren can continue

to benefit, grow and share in the province's prosperity."

Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Alberta's government is committed to paying down debt. The government is allocating \$3.7 billion to debt repayment, with \$1.7 billion repaid in 2023-24 and another \$2 billion to

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Solid Year-End Sets Stage For Prosperous Alberta Future

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pay debt coming due in 2024-25. This is part of the province's strategic payment plan to reduce the overall debt burden on Albertans.

The province also grew the market value of the Heritage Fund to a record high of \$22.9 billion. That includes \$1.7 billion in annual investments earnings. Another \$2 billion in surplus cash has also been set aside to further grow the Heritage Fund this coming

year. Alberta's government is embarking on a plan that will return the Heritage Fund to its original vision of building intergenerational wealth, with its long-term goal to grow the Fund to between \$250 billion and \$400 billion by 2050.

At the same time, Alberta's government provided the highest-ever levels of funding in 2023-24 to strengthen health care and education, while also supporting Albertans through last year's wildfires, floods, drought

and the high cost of living.

To help Albertans, communities and farmers facing devastating consequences from natural disasters, the government provided \$3 billion in disaster and emergency relief. This included \$1.1 billion for the wildfires. Another \$1.9 billion went to help farmers and producers through the severe drought.

Albertans saved \$1.1 billion in 2023-24 as the government paused the fuel tax, saving Albertans a full 13 cents a litre in 2023. Al-

bertans continue to save when they fuel up their vehicles in 2024 at a reduced rate that is in line with the fuel tax program and a drop in the price of oil. Since 2022, Albertans have saved \$2.2 billion from the fuel tax program.

Indexation of personal income taxes to inflation saved Albertans another \$680 million in 2023-24, while those receiving social benefits saw their payments rise.

MASSIVE EXPANSION OF PROVINCIAL TESTING FAILS THE GRADE

Submitted by Alberta Teachers' Association

Students need more supports not more tests, according to Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) President Jason Schilling. On the first Friday of summer break, the Alberta government quietly released changes to provincial testing for the upcoming school year. In an email to school boards, government announced all schools will be required to administer provincially mandated numeracy and literacy tests to students in Grades 1 to 3 up to three times each school year. For the first time in Alberta, Kindergarten students will also now be subjected to standardized testing.

"When so many kids are falling through the cracks, we need to be giving them a safety net

instead of measuring how fast they're falling. Teachers don't need a test to identify which students are struggling; they need smaller classes and more supports to get those kids additional help."

—Jason Schilling, ATA President

New provincial assessments are also being added in Grades 4 and 5, meaning the students who struggle the most could be subjected to as many as 32 standardized tests by the time they leave elementary school. The previous total was 10.

Schilling says the time and energy required by teachers to administer tests takes away from time teachers could actually be helping kids.

"While the government claims to have listened to experts, it's clear they did not hear what actual

teachers had to say. Politicians and bureaucrats who have little knowledge and experience of the realities of Alberta's classrooms might think this is a great idea, but teachers, who will end up spending hours administering tests and preparing students for them in September, January and June, do not.

All this is being foisted on the same teachers who are still trying to implement new curriculum across multiple grades and subject areas."

—Jason Schilling, ATA President

A better approach, Schilling says, is to respect teachers' professional judgment and allow them to determine which students could benefit from an assessment and when, rather than repeatedly testing every student. More fundamentally, the province

needs to stop the distractions and deal with the real issue in public education—the gross lack of appropriate funding.

"Alberta spends the least per student on public education in Canada. That's why we have large and growing class sizes, inadequate supports for students with special needs, shortages of aides and substitutes, and good teachers leaving the profession. Alberta is not going to test its way out of underfunding. It's time our provincial leaders got their priorities right."

—Jason Schilling, ATA President

The Alberta Teachers' Association, as the professional organization of teachers, promotes and advances public education, supports teachers' professional practice and serves as the advocate for its 46,000 members.

ENHANCED EARLY YEARS ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

Submitted

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to announce an enhanced early years assessment framework for Kindergarten to Grade 6. The enhanced early years assessment framework is based on stakeholder input and expert advice and will support our youngest learners to succeed.

As you know, students develop critical foundational knowledge in literacy and numeracy in the early years of education. Assessing students in their early years provides essential information to teachers, schools, parents, and Alberta Education about potential student learning issues and needs and ensures that students requiring additional sup-

ports receive the help they need early in their education.

Beginning in the 2024/25 school year, the following changes to the mandatory literacy and numeracy screening requirement will take effect:

- Kindergarten: Starting in January 2025, screening will be required in literacy and numeracy for all students in January of each year.

- Grades 1 to 3: Mandatory screening assessments will continue in Grades 1 to 3; however, the timing and frequency of these assessments will change. Starting in September 2024, the literacy and numeracy screening for students in Grades 1 to 3 will now be completed in September and January, with an additional assess-

ment in June for those students

identified in January as requiring additional supports. The administration window to complete all screening assessments in these grades will be extended to three weeks.

- Grade 3: Student Learning Assessments will be permanently discontinued and will no longer be available for use.

- Grades 4 and 5: Starting in September 2026, screening assessments in literacy and numeracy for students in Grades 4 and 5 will be introduced. Further information about this requirement will be shared at a future date.

- Grade 6: Provincial achievement tests for students in Grade 6 will contin-

ue to occur in May and June.

This revised approach to early years assessment will ensure that the literacy and numeracy skills of all students in these grades are assessed, and that students receive the necessary intervention supports in the critical early years of their education.

Further details related to the early years assessment framework will be provided to school authorities in the near future.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the success of Alberta students.

Best,
Demetrios Nicolaides ECA
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Minister of Education



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MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND TO FIGHT RURAL CRIME

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New surveillance teams led by the Alberta Sheriffs are now on the ground and working alongside local police to make rural communities in Alberta safer.

Rural crime continues to be a top concern among residents and businesses in rural Alberta, which is why Al-

berta's government remains committed to addressing it through enhanced surveillance and other crime reduction initiatives. Alberta's government invested \$4.3 million for the Alberta Sheriffs to put more boots on the ground. This investment supported the establishment of two plainclothes teams – one in northern Alberta and one in southern

Alberta – to support police in carrying out surveillance on criminal targets in rural areas.

Both teams are now fully staffed and operational, ready to fight crime in rural areas across Alberta. These rural surveillance teams will work to prevent crime, monitor agricultural theft and work in collaboration with local law enforcement

to share intelligence and resources to keep Albertans and their property safe and secure.

“Criminals and organized crime are not welcome in Alberta. Full stop. The addition of two new surveillance teams will further support our law enforcement partners in stamping out criminal activity in Alberta's rural areas. This is about supporting local investigations to address local crime in our smaller communities. Together, both teams will form another key component of Alberta's efforts to combat crime and ensure Albertans feel safe at home and in their communities, regardless of where they live.”

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

The Alberta Sheriffs have an existing surveillance unit that is part of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) and focused mainly on serious and organized crime investigations. The new surveillance teams will fill a gap by helping rural RCMP detachments with local investigations.

“Through their specialized knowledge, training and experience, Alberta's new surveillance teams are providing another important mechanism in the fight against crime in Alberta's rural communities. Working in close collaboration with the RCMP and other policing agencies, their efforts will play a key role in gathering evidence and information that will help disrupt crime throughout the province.”

Mike Letourneau, superintendent, Alberta Sheriffs

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More Boots On The Ground To Fight Rural Crime

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"This announcement by the Alberta government and Minister Ellis is a positive step forward for the residents of Alberta, especially in rural areas. Targeting known criminals is a very effective way to reduce the level of crime taking place and will greatly assist the RCMP who have a vast area to police."

Lance Colby, mayor, Town

of Carstairs

"We are happy to hear about increased resources being allocated to assist our communities. Addressing rural crime is one of the top priorities of the Alberta RCMP, and our partners at the Alberta Sheriffs already play a vital role in keeping Albertans safe. The creation of these new surveillance teams will help augment our ongoing crime reduction strategies in Alberta

communities, and we look forward to working with them going forward."

Trevor Daroux, assistant commissioner, criminal operations officer, Alberta RCMP

The new surveillance teams are part of a suite of measures to expand the role of the Alberta Sheriffs and make Alberta communities safer. Other actions include the expansion of the Safer Communities and Neigh-

bourhoods (SCAN) unit – which uses legal sanctions and court orders to target problem properties where illegal activities are taking place – and the expansion of the RAPID Response initiative with funding for the Sheriff Highway Patrol to train and equip members to assist the RCMP with emergencies and high-priority calls.

TELLING ALBERTA'S STORY IN WESTERN U.S.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

MLAs Grant Hunter and Shane Getson will be promoting Alberta's economic priorities in Portland, Oregon from July 8-12 at the Council of State Governments (CSG) West.

While in Portland, the MLAs will meet with lawmakers, government leaders, industry representatives and other delegates from 13 U.S. states at the CSG West 77th annual meeting.

This cross-border meeting will provide a platform to discuss areas of importance to the province such as energy and the environment, investment, agriculture, transportation and border policies that promote the efficient movement of people and goods.

"Western U.S. is a key trading region for our province that contributes to prosperity and job cre-

ation on both sides of the border. We are committed to reinforcing Alberta's ties in the region and solidifying Alberta's role as a leader and partner in energy security through the development of economic corridors."

Shane Getson, MLA for Lac Ste. Anne-Parkland

CSG West is a regional, multilateral forum comprised of the following member states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Alberta, British Columbia and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands are associate members.

Following participation in the CSG West annual meeting, MLA Hunter will travel in his role as parliamentary secretary for Agrifood Development to Sacramento,

California and Boise, Idaho from July 13-19. Parliamentary secretary Hunter will meet with government officials to exchange best practices on enhancing irrigation systems to grow the agricultural sector for the future, and with private sector leaders to promote Alberta as a world-class destination for agri-food investment.

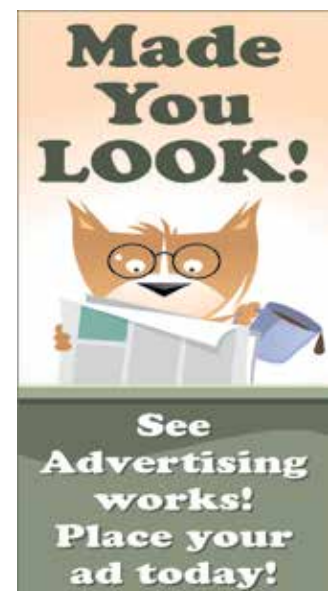
"Alberta's world-class irrigation network, diverse agriculture industry, business-friendly regulatory environment, and competitive business tax system make our province the premier destination for large-scale investments in agri-food processing. This is an opportunity to promote Alberta's advantages, share insights with our partners in the U.S., and reinforce vital links that help build our economies and feed the world."

Grant Hunter, parlia-

mentary secretary for Agrifood Development

Mission expenses will be posted on the travel and expense disclosure page.

Alberta's government is committed to working with its national and international partners to advance shared interests that can lead to new opportunities for people and businesses in Alberta and around the world.



SUPPORTING ALBERTA'S YOUNGEST STUDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

New screening tools for Alberta's youngest learners will ensure they continue succeed in the classroom by identifying any learning gaps early.

Alberta's government is building an education system that ensures no student falls through the cracks. Through a phased-in approach, students in kindergarten to Grade 5 will be assessed on their foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Beginning fall 2024, teachers and educational staff will be able to identify areas where students may need an extra hand earlier on in a student's education journey.

"Supporting our youngest

learners as they develop essential literacy and numeracy skills is fundamental for their success in school and life. These skills are the foundation for living, working and succeeding in our modern world. These additional assessments will tell teachers, schools and parents about potential learning issues and better position them to support students."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education

Under the new requirements, beginning in fall 2024, students in grades 1 to 3 will be assessed twice a year, and students receiving extra support will be assessed a third time in June to monitor their progress. In January 2025, an early literacy and numeracy screen-

ing will be introduced for kindergarten students, and in September 2026, there will be new screening requirements for students in grades 4 and 5.

"Research studies around the world have clearly shown that there should be early screening and frequent monitoring of children's reading and mathematics performance. Alberta's new framework for Early Learning Assessments is perfectly in line with this research. Early screening and monitoring of children's literacy and numeracy skills is a human right, and I am happy to see Alberta's government prioritize this."

Dr. George K. Georgiou, Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

Alberta's government is committed to ensuring each and every Alberta student has a supportive learning environment where they thrive. The new early years assessment framework was developed with input from school authorities, academic experts and other education stakeholders. School authorities will be provided with a list of approved assessments for staff and will have the autonomy to select the screening and assessment tools needed to support their students. The assessments will enable school authorities to make local decisions to better support students' specialized learning needs.

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TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT'S DISHONEST NATO & MILITARY SPENDING PLANS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Justin Trudeau was the laughingstock at the 2024 NATO Summit for promoting his weak defence policies on the world stage. While announcing an official statement to an empty room in Washington, D.C., Trudeau said that Canada will reach the minimum 2-percent NATO defence spending target by 2032 presently at 1.37 percent.

This will certainly be another failed promise as he has not presented any plan to reach that objective. If the Trudeau Liberals were serious about this commitment, they would have disclosed new investments and funding plans in their 'Defence Policy Update'

three months ago.

The real issue behind the lack of defence spending is that the Trudeau Liberals do not care about our military. Since Trudeau rose to power, our Canadian Armed Forces have been underfunded and ignored by this government. Recruitment is falling behind with the military being almost 16,000 members short, procurement of proper resources is absent, and our serving troops are neglected at home and abroad. The Liberal government recently cut \$1 billion in the defence budget for operational funding after eight years of providing \$10 billion dollars with no progress to show for our military.

Like millions of Canadians, our service members

are also struggling in this affordability crisis caused by this Liberal government. They have been sent overseas and forced to pay for their own meals and buy their own equipment. Our forces are short over 6,700 housing units, and military families are using food banks to get by. Even some serving members are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Trudeau government is recklessly spending on every matter except for properly funding our military. Due to his lack of leadership, the Canadian Armed Forces' worldwide reputation has decayed just like the outdated equipment that our troops still use to serve our country at home and abroad.

Only a Common-Sense Conservative government will restore our military to its former glory and effectively support our troops in their fundamental responsibilities. Conservatives will make real efforts to meet our NATO spending requirements and reinvest in our defence sector.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

MILLIONS OF REASONS TO SEARCH LOST-MONEY DATABASE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is seeking the rightful owners of a combined \$154 million in unclaimed money and property.

Alberta's unclaimed property registry holds money that is lost, abandoned or forgotten. The registry currently contains millions in cash, cheques, money orders and other unclaimed items belonging to people who may be entitled to an unexpected payout.

Alberta's unclaimed property

registry returned \$1.4 million to 650 people in 2023 alone. Almost 350,000 individual items remain unclaimed in the registry, including one valued at more than \$850,000. If claimed, it will be the largest single balance the province has ever paid out, surpassing the current record of \$368,124, which was returned to its rightful owner in 2019.

"Who doesn't like free money? Alberta's unclaimed property registry is free and easy to check, and a quick search of the registry could help reunite someone with money

that they may not even know they were entitled to."

Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Since its inception in 2008, Alberta's unclaimed property registry has returned \$13.8 million to more than 8,500 owners. Sources of the unclaimed funds include unclaimed deposits, uncashed wages, loan overpayments and unclaimed funds from inactive investment accounts.

Alberta's unclaimed property program is governed and man-

aged by the province through the Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act. The act provides 10 years for owners to stake and reclaim their lost money, after which the money is transferred to the government's general revenue fund to help pay for programs and services for Albertans.

Individuals can search Alberta's unclaimed property registry on the MissingMoney website, a portal used by Alberta and other North American jurisdictions that allows searches across multiple jurisdictions.

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ANSWER:
Last Weeks

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!

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

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 25 words or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May 3rd-October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd.

Special Christmas Market Friday December 8 from 4:00pm-9:00pm at the Mackenzie Centre 4737 45 Ave. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

EVANSBURG 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

Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale, 2nd Sunday each month, Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market. Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

BINGO

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

JAMBOREE

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

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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: Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:00PM. (587) 988-3636.

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

"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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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

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

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: Jan, May, Sept. Contact Secretary Treasurer Gordon Watson 780-542-1243

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.

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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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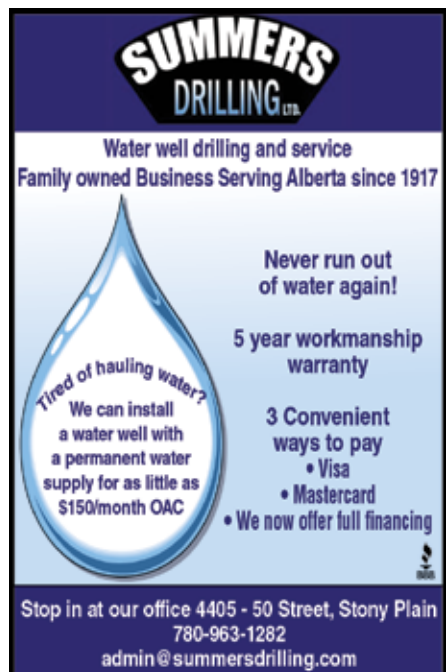
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