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LEDUC RCMP ADVISES OF HIGHWAY CLOSURE

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On March 14, 2026, around 2:50 p.m., on Highway 2, near Township Road 490, a witness noticed a white/grey dirty pickup truck pull up beside what was later identified as a black 2012 Honda Civic. Moments later, the pickup truck sped

off at a high rate of speed and the Honda Civic pulled over to the side of the road. Investigation revealed that a weapon was discharged towards the Honda Civic, resulting in the death of the driver.

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit has taken carriage of the investigation

and is seeking public assistance. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who has dashcam footage of Highway 2, near Township Road 490, at around 2:50 p.m., is asked to please come forth.

WETASKIWIN AND MASKWACIS RCMP TEAM UP TO ARREST REPEAT OFFENDER

Submitted by Wetaskiwin and Maskwacis RCMP

On Feb. 27, 2026, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the Wetaskiwin Crime Reduction Unit was on proactive

patrol in south Wetaskiwin. Members observed a dark coloured sedan travelling East on 40 Avenue. The license plate attached to the sedan was obstructed by snow, making it illegible.

A traffic stop was attempted but the sedan engaged in a flight from police and failed to stop at a stop sign. A pursuit was not initiated. Neighbouring detachments

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ALBERTA RCMP WARN THE PUBLIC OF SPRING SCAM SEASON

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is advising that with the change of season comes an increase in certain scams. RCMP are already responding to reports of paving and

distraction/gold scams.

Paving scams are very common. Contractors claim to have leftover materials from previous jobs and offer to pave driveways and parking lots at reduced pricing. Companies may use business names that

suggest they are affiliated with a government road maintenance department and typically provide false addresses or contact information. After contractors collect payment and disappear from the area,

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were updated and provided a vehicle description. Maskwacis RCMP members advised that they located the sedan on Highway 611. Wetaskiwin Crime Reduction members arrived in the area and observed the sedan until it came to a stop. Crime Reduction members

engaged the sedan with a Tactical Vehicle Intervention Technique to prevent another flight & mitigate risk to the public.

As a result of this investigation, Bobby Larenze Bull (26) was identified as the driver and charged with the following;

- Flight From Peace Officer;

- Dangerous operation of motor vehicle;
- Offences under the Traffic Safety Act (x4).

Bull was taken before a Justice of the Peace and initially remanded however later released with his next court date set for March 17, 2026 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Wetaskiwin.

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customers discover the materials used are poor quality and the work is unprofessional. Victims are sometimes left unable to contact the scammers and face expensive asphalt re-

pairs or in other incidents, the contractors attempt to intimidate the customer into paying after the work is completed for poor product and services.

Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to a paving scam:

- Ask for names of previous customers and verify that they were satisfied with the work.
- Research the company through the Better Business Bureau in Alberta, the Consumer Investigations Unit, your local Rural Crime Watch, or on social media.
- Obtain a written quote that includes the full business name, address, phone number, GST number, as well as provincial

and municipal license numbers, if applicable.

- Quotes should specify the quantity and quality of materials being offered. Be skeptical if contractors decline to provide this information.
- Seek estimates from reputable companies to compare costs.
- Do not agree to a contract if you feel pressured or if the contractor refuses to take "no" for an answer.
- Be leery of unsolicited offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Do not pay for services upfront, before the work is done.

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Distraction/Gold scams mostly occur in retail parking lots. Victim is approached by a seemingly stranded motorist. Scammer claim they need money for food, gas, or airfare to get home, and offer fake gold

or jewellery for exchange. The scammer often cites hardship, such as the recent death of a family member, or referencing sad-looking children in their vehicles in order to solicit a sympathetic response from victims. The scammers will sell what turns out to be fake

jewelry or use distraction techniques to remove real jewellery from a victim.

Keep the following tips in mind to avoid falling victim to distraction/gold scams:

- Always remain vigilant
- Secure your valuables.
- Be cautious of strangers in your personal space or

attempting to hug or touch you.

•Trust your instincts and don't be afraid to say no or yell for help if you feel uncomfortable.

•Walk away from any suspicious person or behaviour.

MORE SCHOOLS COMING TO RURAL ALBERTA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Budget 2026, if passed, will fund 16 new school projects in smaller cities and rural communities, bringing the total number of rural school projects underway to 79.

Budget 2026 is investing in what matters and that means

building and renovating more schools to meet the needs of growing rural and smaller communities. These 16 new public school projects build on the 63 previously announced projects that are currently underway in communities outside of Edmonton and Calgary.

“We are committed to building new schools across the

province to catch up with the historic population growth that has been straining classrooms and staff. Every student deserves the best education we can give them, no matter where they live. That's why Budget 2026 is making targeted investments to plan and design schools in the communities that need them most, including

smaller cities and rural areas.”

Danielle Smith, Premier
Together, these new school projects in rural and smaller communities will create or renovate more than 9,800 student spaces. With a total of 40 new school projects funded in Budget 2026, there are now 161 active school projects

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underway across the province, helping ensure that every child has a space to engage and thrive in Alberta's education system.

"Whether a family lives in a major city, a smaller community or a rural area, students deserve modern learning spaces. Budget 2026 approves 40 new school projects, including 16 outside the major metropolitan areas in communities across the province, so students can continue to thrive."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education and Childcare

This work is part of the province's generational investment of \$8.6 billion to build and renovate more than 100 schools, creating more than 200,000 spaces for Alberta students. Details of public school projects in Edmonton will be announced in the coming days.

"Growing communities need schools built faster to keep

pace with demand. These 16 new projects, in addition to the others already underway, help ensure students in rural Alberta and smaller cities will have access to modern learning spaces close to home."

Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure

Alberta's student population has increased significantly, with 80,000 students joining Alberta's schools in just three years, increasing demand for classrooms across the province. In response, the 16 new school projects moving forward will be located in fast-growing communities including Airdrie, Canmore, Caslan, Cochrane, Fort Saskatchewan (two projects), Lac La Biche, Legal, Paddle Prairie, Red Deer, Spruce Grove, St. Albert (two projects), Stony Plain and Sylvan Lake (two projects).

"Airdrie is one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, and families here know how

important it is to have enough classroom space. Investing in rural and small city schools helps communities like ours keep up. With planning underway for the new Chinook Gate elementary and junior high school, we're making sure students have the space and support they need to learn close to home."

Angela Pitt, MLA for Airdrie-East

"Every step toward opening a new school in Rocky View Schools is a cause for celebration and an investment in the success and well-being of students, employees and communities. This highly anticipated new high school in Cochrane will provide much-needed space relief in a community that has experienced years of rapid enrolment growth. We look forward to working with the Government of Alberta to open new schools for learning as quickly as possible."

Fiona Gilbert, chair, Rocky View Schools

"This announcement marks an important milestone for francophone families in the Bow Valley. The planned K-6 and 7-12 school complex in Canmore represents a significant step toward ensuring students can access a complete and equivalent French language education within their own community. We thank the Government of Alberta for recognizing the growing needs of this region and for supporting the continued vitality of francophone education in rural Alberta."

Gregory van Duyse, chair, FrancoSud

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ALBERTA MAKES HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN DOCTORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The largest investment in physician funding will strengthen access to care and support the health system priorities of Albertans.

If passed, Budget 2026 will make a record investment of \$7.7 billion in 2026-27, \$1.4 billion or 22 per cent more than Budget 2025, in physician recruitment, training, compensation and development. Family physicians caring for patients with chronic conditions, surgeons performing life-saving procedures and specialist physicians play a critical role in caring for Albertans. This investment helps ensure the province can meet that demand with timely, high-quality care in

communities across Alberta.

“Albertans expect to see a doctor when they need one. Access to care is a priority for families across this province. That is why we are making the largest investment in physicians in Alberta’s history, backing the doctors who care for our families and taking real action to improve care provincewide.”

Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

“We’re seeing record numbers of physicians moving to Alberta, record surgery volumes and more than 700 family physicians taking new patients. This record funding will help pay for treatments, appointments, services and training so that Albertans can get the care

they deserve. This investment in Alberta physicians will support our continued efforts to build a sustainable, modern health care system that delivers better care for Albertans.”

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

This record investment builds on Alberta’s ongoing efforts to support physicians and the care they provide. In 2025, the government launched a new primary care physician compensation model. Government has provided \$200 million over two years to support the transition to the new model and \$57 million over three years to help family doctors and nurse practitioners manage their growing patient loads.

As a result of these investments, more physicians are choosing to practise in the province than ever before. Currently, more than 13,000 physicians are registered in Alberta, a 34 per cent increase over the past decade, including an all-time high of 6,362 family physicians. Alberta’s government will continue working to ensure doctors are well supported and fairly compensated while building a sustainable, modern health system that delivers high-quality care for all Albertans.





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SMARTER WATER MANAGEMENT FOR ALBERTA'S FUTURE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is improving how water can be accessed and shared, helping farmers, ranchers, businesses and communities make the most of this vital resource.

The Water Amendment Act updates the Water Act for the first time in more than 25 years and is a forward-looking piece of legislation that balances the needs of Albertans, the environment and the economy. The act keeps the strong foundation of Alberta's water management system in place while modernizing the rules and processes to better meet the needs of our growing population and economy.

Passed in the legislature in fall 2025, amendments to the Water Act will come into effect March 11. The proclamation of these amendments implements a series of com-

mon-sense changes that will cut red tape, improve transparency and better meet the needs of farmers, ranchers, businesses and communities, while still maintaining the strong environmental protections that Albertans expect.

Clear, simple rules and streamlined processes will help farmers, ranchers and others more easily amend their licences and consolidate allocations under a single licence, while still making sure other water users and the environment are not negatively impacted. This flexibility makes it easier to adapt to conditions on the ground and effectively access and use of water.

"For too long we've put up with outdated and unnecessary rules that no longer make sense. Starting today, Alberta's water management system is more practical and modern, with less red tape to

slow down the good work of Albertans. I'd like to thank the previous minister, Rebecca Schulz, for leading this transition and doing so much work to get us to this point."

Grant Hunter, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

The Water Amendment Act removes barriers and improves processes associated with water licensing, making it easier to access and use water.

"These amendments will provide municipalities with the resources and tools they need to support their communities. By reducing unnecessary red tape, we will save time and taxpayer money. Enhancing reuse applications will enable further cost savings and new revenue streams."

Josh Bishop, reeve, Wetaskiwin County

Water use in Alberta will be more transparent than ever, thanks to amendments that allow the government to set consistent measurement and reporting expectations for all licence holders. The detailed requirements for measuring and reporting water use will be informed through upcoming discussions with water licence holders. Alberta's government will also develop policy to establish how any prices paid for water as part of a licence transfer will be reported in the future.

"Amending the Water Act has improved access to water and streamlined certain processes,

especially for users with multiple licences, like irrigation districts, which will improve reporting and strengthen transparency in water use."

Richard Phillips, chair, Alberta Irrigation Districts Association

Alberta was the only province in Canada to require inter-basin transfer decisions to be authorized through a special act of the legislature. Now, a new category of lower risk inter-basin transfers can be approved through a ministerial order. Only transfers that meet strict environmental standards and limits are eligible under this lower risk category. Any proposed inter-basin transfer that does not meet these standards will continue to require a special act of the legislature.

The amendments also enable communities and others to collect rainwater from rooftops and reuse wastewater. This improves conservation and increases water reuse for municipalities, industry and others.

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START OF 2026 WILDFIRE SEASON: MINISTER LOEWEN

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Forestry and Parks Todd Loewen issued the following statement on the start of Alberta's 2026 wildfire season:

"The official start of wildfire season is a reminder for all of us to be ready and to stay aware. As wildfires continue to grow in intensity, Alberta's government is taking proactive steps to prepare for the season ahead.

"Preventing wildfires before they start is an important first step. About 60 per cent of wildfires in Alberta are caused by human activity, with the rest started by lightning. While we have made progress in reducing human-caused wildfire, even small changes in

behaviour can make a big difference. Checking conditions, following fire restrictions and ensuring winter burns are fully extinguished help protect our communities, landscapes and firefighters.

"When wildfires start, we are ready to respond; even with winter conditions still affecting Alberta, crews have responded to 27 new wildfires this year. Budget 2026 maintains strong, stable funding for wildfire response, ensuring crews, equipment, aircraft and technology are ready when and where they are needed.

"Alberta is a leader in using aircraft to fight wildfires and those tools continue to make a real difference on the ground. Helicopters play an important role, and we're building on 2025's

success by expanding our hoist-equipped helicopter program with the addition of two helicopters and enhancing training at the Hinton Training Centre to support safe deployment in hard-to-access areas. We're also expanding our night flying capability with three additional night-vision helicopters, bringing our total to seven, allowing crews to fight fires in cooler, more stable conditions and operate around the clock.

"Mitigating the risks of catastrophic wildfires remains a major focus as we work closely with communities to help them take proactive steps to reduce wildfire risk before fires start. Through Budget 2026, we're continuing to invest in FireSmart initiatives and community fireguard proj-

ects to reduce hazardous fuels near communities and strengthen long-term resilience.

"Wildfire safety is a shared responsibility. Follow fire bans and restrictions, obtain permits where required and fully extinguish campfires by soaking, stirring and soaking again. By working together, we can reduce risk and protect what matters most this wildfire season."



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ALBERTANS HELP SHAPE DISABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government continues to make progress on the Alberta Disability Assistance Program, thoughtfully designing the program based on feedback from Albertans.

Albertans with disabilities and the organizations that support them have consistently called for social services that better reflect the diverse needs, abilities and goals of people living

with disabilities. Many have also highlighted the importance of creating opportunities for individuals who are able to pursue employment while still receiving the supports they rely on.

In response, Alberta's government announced in February 2025 that it would develop the Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP). Offered in addition to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program, ADAP will empower Albertans with disabilities

to pursue meaningful employment while continuing to receive the supports they need.

"I want to thank each Albertan who took the time to participate in the engagement and provide feedback on the new Alberta Disability Assistance Program – your feedback is directly helping to shape this program, and helping ensure we get this right for our friends and neighbours who will rely on it."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services

ADAP is being thoughtfully designed, based on the input of Albertans with disabilities. As the Ministry of Assisted Living and Social Services reviews the feedback provided by Albertans, some key decisions have been made, informed by the engagement:

1. Increasing the employment income exemption for single clients on ADAP to \$700 per month:

- o This means individuals on ADAP will be able to earn up to \$700 per month before it begins to affect financial benefits.

- o Albertans on ADAP will be able to earn more than \$45,000 in employment income while continuing to receive financial benefits. This will be the highest limit for employment income while receiving financial benefits of any comparable disability income assistance program in Canada.

- o Albertans on ADAP will continue to receive the health benefits they need, regardless of employment income.

- o Detailed calculations for ADAP employment income exemptions will be set out in a ministerial order later this spring.

2. Current AISH clients who meet one or more of the below criteria will automatically remain on AISH, unless they choose to transition to ADAP to benefit from ADAP's higher employment income exemptions:

- o individuals with a severe and profound developmental disability, and/or who are deemed eligible for or are receiving Persons with Developmental Disabilities services

- o individuals with palliative or terminal medical conditions

- o individuals living in continuing care homes

- o individuals 60 years of age or older

3. Alberta's government will cover the cost of one medical assessment for current AISH clients who transition to ADAP July 1, and later choose to be re-assessed for AISH.

- o This support is not time-limited and will be available whenever clients choose to access it.

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BUILDING HOMES FOR ALBERTA SENIORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is committing more than \$200 million to build and upgrade seniors housing across the province.

As Alberta's seniors population grows at an unprecedented pace, Alberta's government is investing record amounts to support seniors and ensure the province's seniors housing stock grows along with it. Alberta's government created the Seniors Lodge Modernization Program and is committing hundreds of millions of dollars to build new seniors lodges and upgrade existing ones, ensuring Alberta seniors can age with dignity in the communities they've helped build.

"Seniors have made enormous contributions to the communities we live in today, and they deserve housing that

reflects that. By investing more than \$200 million to modernize and expand seniors lodges, Alberta's government is helping ensure seniors can continue living in the communities they helped build, with the comfort, dignity and support they deserve."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services

If passed, Budget 2026 would commit \$150 million over the next three years for the Seniors Lodge Modernization Program. This is in addition to the almost \$54 million already allocated to six projects across the province – all of which are in small communities across Alberta. This total more than \$200-million commitment would support more than 1,000 units for seniors across the province.

"ASCHA appreciates the

Government of Alberta's investment in the Seniors Lodge Program. Modernizing lodge infrastructure will help ensure seniors continue to have community environments that improve well-being and support seniors to maintain their independence in a home setting."

James Nibourg, president, Alberta Seniors & Community Housing Association (ASCHA)

The Seniors Lodge Program is unique to Alberta and is the province's oldest social housing program. There are currently about 11,000 seniors lodge units across the province, which serve as important community hubs – especially in rural communities. The Seniors Lodge Modernization Program brings together partners from public and non-profit organizations to provide comfortable, supportive housing for seniors in the

communities where it's most needed.

"Affordable housing for seniors is more important than ever. The Government of Alberta's continued support helps us provide more affordable options for residents and improve the quality of life for seniors. This funding supports the development of a new 102-unit subsidized seniors supportive lodge in Spruce Grove, a first of its kind in the city."

Lori-Anne St. Arnault, CEO, Meridian Housing Foundation

The next intake for Seniors Lodge Modernization Program applications is expected to open in fall 2026.

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INVESTING IN ALBERTA'S FUTURE VETS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

A new program funded by the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership will encourage veterinary students to work and stay in rural Alberta.

The two-year, \$250,000 Veterinary Student Recruitment and Retention Pilot Grant Program is aimed at enticing rural practices to hire summer veterinary students and encouraging students to continue their careers in those communities. The program focuses on practices that provide livestock veterinary services and have a current or anticipated veterinarian vacancy.

Albertans need vets they can rely on in all corners of the province. The demand is especially high in rural communities, where veterinary access is essential to livestock producers' livelihoods.

"Alberta's ranchers take the health and well being of their

livestock seriously, and veterinarians in rural communities are an essential part of their operations. This program helps vets plant roots and helps producers do what they do best - providing safe, high-quality food while building the rural communities that help drive Canada's economy"

Heath MacDonald, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"We understand the urgency of the veterinary shortage in Alberta. Rural and mixed-practice veterinarians are essential to the well-being of our livestock and the sustainability of our agriculture sector. By investing in veterinary students, we are investing in the future of Alberta's agriculture industry. More trained vets in Alberta means we are one step closer to ensuring every livestock producer has reliable access to veterinary care for their animals, and we can continue to be world

leaders in animal health and food safety."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

Rural vet clinics can apply now for the pilot grant program. Eligible clinics will receive up to \$10,000 as a wage incentive for one veterinary student who works at the clinic between May 1 and Aug. 31, 2026. Applications for 2027 will open next year.

"Investing in veterinary students today is an investment in the future of rural veterinary care. Helping rural practices to provide meaningful, hands-on experiences to our students will result in lasting connections and strengthen a resilient veterinary workforce that Alberta can rely on for years to come."

Renate Weller, dean, University of Calgary Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

"Rural Alberta depends on accessible, quality veterinary care. Creating mean-

ingful opportunities for students in rural practice helps build lasting connections and supports a strong, sustainable workforce. This is an important step toward addressing the veterinary shortage where it's felt most."

Dr. Jami Frederick, president, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association

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ELECTIONS ALBERTA ADDRESSES PETITION CANVASSER CONDUCT, HARASSMENT, AND MISINFORMATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Since the first citizen initiative petition was approved on June 30, 2025, Elections Alberta has observed and addressed significant misinformation about recall and citizen initiative petition processes, legislation, and campaign and canvassers' requirements.

Over the same period, Elections Alberta has received canvasser harassment reports from nearly every recall and citizen initiative petition campaign. While these concerns have been present over the last eight months and addressed on our social media channels and website, the marked increase in recent weeks, along with increasing-

ly inflammatory actions and online commentary, compels our Office to address the following topics again.

Canvassers conduct All petition campaigns are advised of both Elections Alberta's and their own role, responsibilities, and requirements in detail as their campaigns begin. During their campaign, Elections Alberta makes every effort to advise them of reported conduct that may not align with the requirements so that they may correct their or their representatives' conduct. The Recall Regulation and Citizen Initiative Regulation set out the conduct and duties of petition canvassers, supplemented by the Canvasser Code of Conduct and direction by the Chief Electoral

Officer. These are applied equally and consistently to all petition campaigns and canvassers.

Registered canvassers represent the citizen initiative proponent or recall petition applicant for whom they are canvassing only. They do not represent Elections Alberta and may not represent themselves as Elections Alberta in any way, including verbally, in advertising, or on signage. Verifiable instances of canvassers not complying with this, or any other requirement of the relevant Act or Canvasser Code of Conduct, should be reported to Elections Alberta.

Harassment of canvassers As noted above, nearly every petition campaign has reported instances of can-

vasser harassment, including abusive, derisive, threatening, insulting, offensive or provocative statements, gestures, or actions.

Any canvasser who experiences harassment or feels unsafe should contact local law enforcement. Elections Alberta cannot assist in these matters. There are no provisions or penalties under the Recall Act or Citizen Initiative Act related to harassment of canvassers and neither the Referendum Act nor the Election Act provisions apply; petition campaigns are not elections, votes, or referendums.

To be very clear, Elections Alberta does not condone these behaviours in any way nor is this behaviour

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FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May -October4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. 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, monthly sunday market Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304 www.artsdevon.org

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

BINGO

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

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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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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)

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Friday of ea. Month @ 1:30 pmPioneers 73 Club, 29 St. Lawrence Ave. Admission \$10.00

- Musicians \$5.00 More info - 780-991-2425

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.

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

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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

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 Monday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

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unique to any one group or political position. We urge all Albertans to conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner when engaging with their fellow Albertans in person or online, particularly as it relates to electoral processes and events.

Rights of access

There are no provisions under the Citizen Initiative Act or Recall Act requiring public or private facilities, landlords, businesses, or organizations to provide access or space to petition canvassers or campaign events. Permission must be obtained from the property manager, local government, or business owner, or other individual responsible for the property, and campaigns and canvassers must comply with the facility's or organization's processes and rules.

Misinformation

Elections Alberta is an independent, non-partisan office of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections, and

referendums. We administer electoral processes as set out in the relevant legislation and ensure compliance with legislation. We are the source of credible, accurate information about electoral processes in Alberta.

Elections Alberta actively monitors media and debunks misinformation on our social media channels regularly. Albertans are encouraged to visit our social media channels and website for accurate, non-AI-generated information related to electoral processes and events in Alberta.

The following addresses some of the most persistent misinformation and disinformation:

- All citizen initiative and recall petitions have been conducted according to the relevant legislation in force at the time. Several amendments have been made to this legislation since July 4, 2025, adding or removing requirements. This in no way suggests campaigns and verifications conducted before those changes were enacted are less accurate or

credible.

- No fraud has been reported or detected during any petition verification process.

- The petition validation, count, and verification processes are consistently applied by Elections Alberta and reflect the requirements of the relevant legislation. This includes reviewing every signature on every sheet and contacting a statistically valid random sampling of electors who signed petition sheets to verify their information.

- Our Office and staff are not involved in and do not attend canvassing or events supporting or opposing any petition campaign.

- Elections Alberta does not endorse or sanction petitions, campaigns or their activities, nor canvassers or their activities during the canvassing period.

- Petition proponents and applicants are responsible for sending canvasser applications to Elections Alberta for registration and processing canvasser ID.

Elections Alberta sends out approved canvasser ID within 3 business days of receipt of complete applications from proponents via Canada Post Xpresspost. If canvassers have not received their ID in a timely manner, they should contact the proponent to determine the status of their application.

- Proponents/applicants are sent the approved official signature sheet template at the beginning of their campaign and are responsible for providing canvassers with the approved petition signature sheets.

- Proponents and applicants are solely responsible for answering canvassers' and the public's questions about their campaign during the canvassing period.

- Canvassers providing refreshments or entertainment is not an inducement unless they require individuals to sign a petition to receive the refreshment or entertainment.

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.

ANSWER:
Last Weeks

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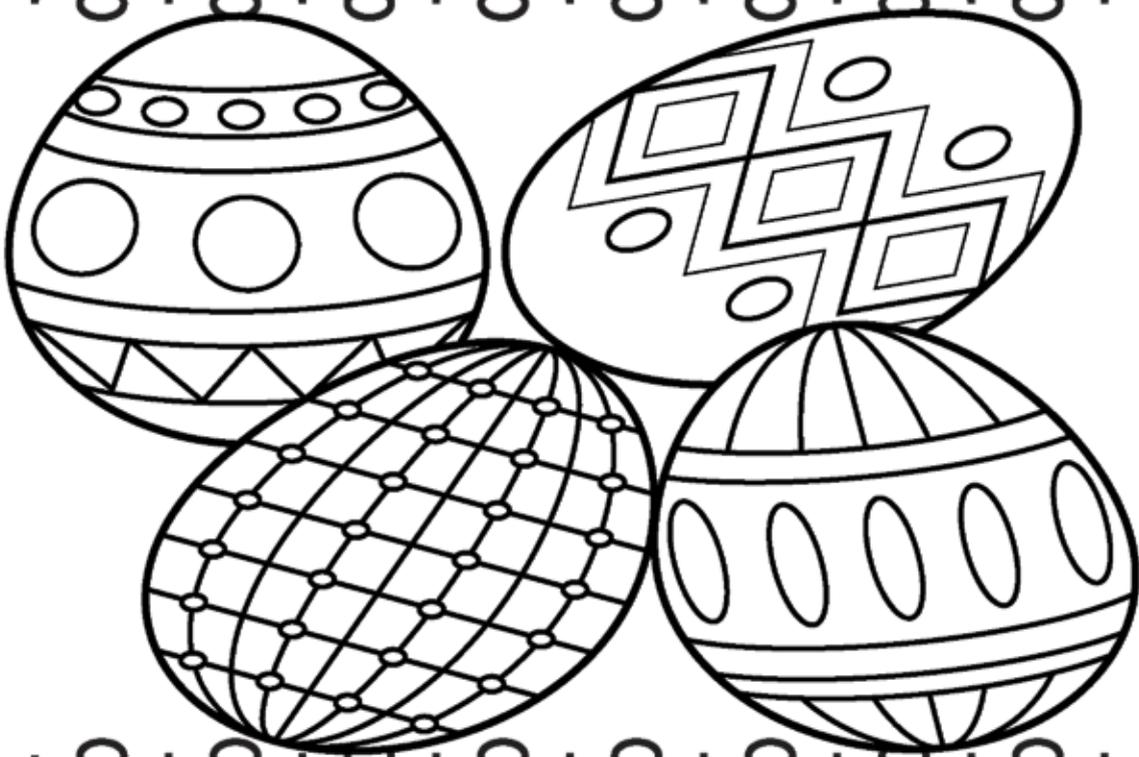


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