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## April 29, 2026

### BRETON RCMP INVESTIGATE HOUSE FIRE

Submitted by Breton RCMP

On April 16, 2026, at 12:30 p.m., Breton RCMP received a report of a residential house fire on Township Road 482 in Brazeau County. Upon arrival, police learned that an adult female and two children were able to successfully evacuate the home, however, two children, an infant and a toddler

were still in the home. Fire crews fought the blaze, however, rescue attempts were not possible. The fire has now been extinguished. Upon initial search of the building, police located the baby and toddler deceased. The deceased has been transported to the Edmonton Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Emergency crews currently remain at the home searching for the

toddler who remains unaccounted for. The scene has been released, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation. Again, sincerest condolences to the family and friends of all involved. Alberta RCMP extend our condolences to the victims and family in this tragedy.

### LIFE-CHANGING DIABETES CARE NOW COVERED

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is now covering the province's first tubeless insulin pump, giving eligible Albertans more freedom and ease in managing diabetes daily.

Alberta's government is expanding the Insulin Pump Therapy Program to include the Omnipod 5, a cutting-edge device designed to make managing diabetes easier than ever. Unlike traditional pumps that use tubing, the Omnipod 5 automatically adjusts insulin in real time using data from a continuous glucose monitor, helping keep blood sugar levels within a healthy range.

More than 1.3 million Albertans are living with diabetes, and many rely on insulin every day to manage their condition. Managing

blood sugar can be complex and time-consuming, so improving access to easier, more advanced technology helps reduce that burden and support better health outcomes.

Alberta now covers the Omnipod 5 through the Insulin Pump Therapy Program (Credit: Insulet)

"I've heard from so many Albertans who have been waiting for this insulin pump. Living with diabetes is a daily challenge, and this device can make managing insulin simpler, easier, and much less stressful."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Primary and Preventative Health Services

Eligible Albertans can receive an insulin pump at no cost every five years through the Insulin Pump Therapy Program. Access

to the Omnipod 5 will follow this existing replacement cycle, meaning most current users will transition when their device warranty expires, rather than all at once.

Albertans already using an Omnipod system may also be eligible to upgrade earlier through the manufacturer's Omnipod Innovation Pathway Program.

"This is hugely exciting news. It builds on Alberta's previous commitment to supporting access to continuous glucose monitoring for children and adults with type 1 diabetes that enables access to automated insulin delivery (AID). AID has delivered unprecedented improvements in blood glucose levels and quality of life, and adding coverage for OP5 provides

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# Life-Changing Diabetes Care Now Covered

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young children and other vulnerable populations with an option that may better suit their needs. This investment will improve health and reduce the burden of diabetes for individuals, their families and our communities."

Dr. Peter Senior, director, Alberta Diabetes Institute and Charles A Allard chair in Diabetes Re-

search, University of Alberta "I'm thrilled to see expanded access to insulin pump options for Albertans living with diabetes! By adding another device to the Insulin Pump Therapy Program, eligible Albertans now have greater choice to select the technology that best fits their individual needs and lifestyles. This is an exciting step forward in advancing more personalized,

effective diabetes care in Alberta."

Dr. Julie McKeen, provincial medical lead, Alberta Insulin Pump Therapy Program, and medical director, Diabetes Centre Calgary

"Expanding choice and access to devices will be life-saving for many Albertans living with diabetes. Precision insulin delivery systems enhance blood glucose control and lower the risk of complications - enhancing quality of life and reducing the burden on health care systems."

Joan King, Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Diabetes Canada

Alberta continues to provide some of the most comprehensive publicly funded health benefits in Canada, and this investment gives Albertans with diabetes access to innovative, life-changing technology that makes daily care easier and improves health outcomes.

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A young man agreed to baby-sit one night so a single mother could have an evening out. At bedtime he sent the youngsters upstairs to bed and settled down to watch football.

One child kept creeping down the stairs, but the young man kept sending him back to bed.

At 9pm the doorbell rang, it was the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Brown, asking whether her son was there. The young man brusquely replied, "No."

Just then a little head appeared over the banister and shouted, "I'm here, Mom, but he won't let me go home!"

**Andrew Boitchenko**  
MLA FOR DRAYTON VALLEY-DEVON

IN SUPPORT OF  
**CRIME PREVENTION WEEK**

Working together for a safer community



# PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SKILLED TRADES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta launches a new, first-of-its-kind skills centre to give students hands-on experience and a real taste of a rewarding career in the skilled trades.

Alberta's government is supporting the next generation of skilled trades workers with the launch of the Alberta Trades Discovery Centre, an industry-led initiative that gives junior high and high school students hands-on exposure to careers in the skilled trades before they graduate.

The centre will provide a dedicated, professional space where students can explore construction trades, learn directly from experienced tradespeople and discover what they're good at and what they enjoy, helping them make informed choices about high school courses, post-secondary pathways and future careers. The centre is expected to open in Calgary in fall 2026, with plans to expand to other areas of the province as demand grows.

"Alberta's prosperity depends on a strong, skilled workforce. The Alberta Trades Discovery Centre will help students see the real opportunities available in the trades, while complementing the world-class training offered by our post-secondary institutions."

Myles McDougall, Minister of Advanced Education

The Alberta Trades Discovery Centre will be governed by a board with representatives from Alberta's construction sector, including the Alberta Construction Association, Building Trades of Alberta,

Construction Labour Relations Alberta, and OpenCircle, reflecting a shared commitment to growing the province's skilled trades workforce.

"This is a professional environment where experiences are developed and facilitated directly by seasoned trades professionals. By proving this concept in Calgary, we are build-

ing a sustainable model that honors the dignity of the trades and empowers young Albertans to build both our province and their own successful futures."

Warren Singh, board chair, Alberta Trades Discovery Centre, and executive director, Alberta Construction Association

Alberta's government remains committed to cham-

pioning the skilled trades to help meet the workforce demands of today and tomorrow, and make sure Albertans have access to rewarding, well-paying careers close to home.

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**That's what it takes to help prevent crime. During Crime Prevention Week, do what you can to keep your home, neighborhood and workplace safe.**



**When away from home for extended periods:**

- Install timers on a few inside and outside lights.
- Hold mail and newspaper delivery or donate it to a school or hospital.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor look after your home.



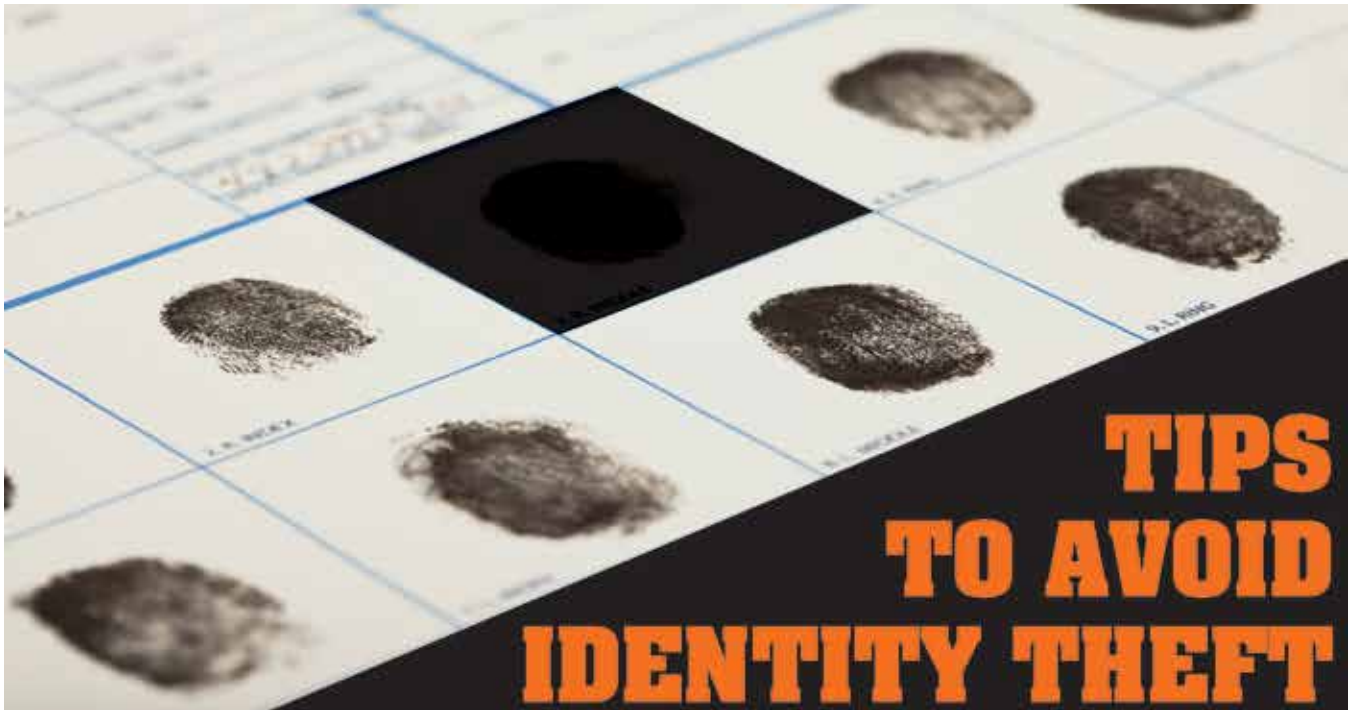
**Around the house:**

- Do not leave tools or ladders outside your home.
- Make sure external doors and frames are sturdy. Steel or 1 3/8"-thick wood is preferable.
- Installing a security system can add extra protection against crime, fire or accidents.



**In the neighborhood:**

- Join a neighborhood watch committee, and ask local law enforcement for assistance.
- Get to know your neighbors. It will instill a sense of community and help everyone feel safer.
- Report any suspicious neighborhood activity to the police.

# TIPS TO AVOID IDENTITY THEFT

- 1)** Before you reveal any personally identifying information, find out how it will be used and if it will be shared.
- 2)** Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time.
- 3)** Guard your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collections boxes or at your local post office. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery. Ensure mail is forwarded or re-routed if you move or change your mailing address.
- 4)** Utilize passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your SIN or your phone number.
- 5)** Minimize the identification information and number of cards you carry.
- 6)** Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you have initiated the contract or know whom you're dealing with.
- 7)** Keep items with personal information in a safe place. An identity thief will pick through your garbage or recycling bins. Be sure to tear or shred receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements and credit offers you get in the mail.
- 8)** Give your SIN only when absolutely necessary; ask you use other types of identifiers when possible.
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# IMPLEMENTING BUDGET 2026

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As part of Budget 2026, proposed legislation will help the government move forward on key initiatives while ensuring every tax dollar is spent where it matters most.

Proposed amendments to the Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 will focus supports on those most in need, attract investment, improve government efficiency and ensure Alberta's laws remain responsive. The bill will also help build a solid insurance framework ahead of the new care-first auto insurance system being implemented in 2027.

"We're focusing supports on those who need them most, creating the conditions for investment and laying the groundwork for a care-first auto insurance system. This legislation helps update our current frameworks, delivers real results and keeps this province strong and competitive."

Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

The Automobile Insurance Act and the Insurance Act

Alberta's government is implementing a care-first auto insurance system to ensure Albertans receive better, faster and more reliable insurance

coverage. To implement care-first, the province is making the necessary legislative changes to transition to the new model by Jan. 1, 2027.

If passed, amendments to the Automobile Insurance Act and the Insurance Act will strengthen Alberta's insurance framework by improving clarity, transparency and consumer protections. This made-in-Alberta approach will reduce the time and money spent on litigation, helping deliver more stable and predictable auto insurance rates for drivers.

The Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act and the Alberta Research and Innovation Act

As part of Budget 2026, Alberta's government is introducing amendments to the Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act and the Alberta Research and Innovation Act to enable Alberta Innovates and the Alberta Enterprise Corporation to co-invest as a minority partner in Alberta-based knowledge-based industry companies.

If passed, these amendments give Alberta Innovates and the Alberta Enterprise Corporation a new tool to help Alberta technology companies access the growth capital they need to scale, create jobs and compete globally while ensuring government investments are market-validated and generate

returns for Albertans.

"Alberta's best technology companies shouldn't have to leave the province to find the growth capital they need to scale. These amendments enable Alberta Innovates and Alberta Enterprise Corporation to co-invest as minority partners alongside qualified private-sector investors who have already committed their own capital and completed their own due diligence. Public dollars follow private dollars into market-validated opportunities that create jobs, generate returns for Albertans and keep our most promising talent and intellectual property right here at home."

Nate Glubish, Minister of Technology and Innovation

The Seniors Benefit Act

Alberta's government is supporting Alberta's most vulnerable citizens while ensuring the long-term sustainability of critical social programs. Alberta's seniors population is growing at an unprecedented pace, with more than one million Albertans projected to be seniors by 2035. Within 20 years, one in five Albertans will be over the age of 65; however, Alberta will continue to have the highest low-income threshold for seniors in Canada and offers amongst the highest benefit rates in the country.

If passed, amendments to

the Seniors Benefit Act would enact the nine per cent threshold adjustment announced in Budget 2026 for non-deductible income under the seniors low-income threshold. Low-income seniors will continue to receive robust support through multiple programs, including monthly income supplements, accommodation supports and assistance for health expenses, home repairs and property taxes. This adjustment balances fiscal responsibility while protecting the long-term sustainability of programs seniors rely on.

"Alberta seniors built this province, and we're backing them with more than \$6.6 billion in supports this year alone. The unprecedented growth of our senior population is putting real pressure on the system, which is why we're making sure that support goes to the people who need it most while still maintaining amongst the highest and most robust supports in the country – so all Albertans, including our most vulnerable, can live and age with dignity."

Jason Nixon, Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services

Budget 2026 is focused on what matters, makes disciplined choices, and takes decisive action.

## MASKWACIS RCMP WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Submitted by Maskwacis RCMP

Maskwacis RCMP has received several complaints about drivers not obeying the school bus red alternating lights. We would like to remind drivers about what school bus lights mean and the laws in place to keep our children safe.

Alternating amber lights mean the bus is slowing and preparing to stop. Be alert for the lights to turn red, give the school bus space and treat the area with extra care - children might be present waiting for their bus.

Alternating red lights (and a stop arm, if equipped) mean the bus is stopped

and children are getting on or off. Do not proceed until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm is retracted. It is illegal to pass a bus with its red lights flashing.

"We are currently investigating several complaints of motorist failing to stop for a school bus with alternating flashing red lights"

said Cst. Catlin Chiasson, Public Information Officer for the Maskwacis RCMP. "The potential ticket for this is \$486.00. Please continue to report these violations to the Maskwacis RCMP. We thank the public for their assistance".



# Spring HOME RENO GUIDE



## ADDRESSING SPRING ANT PROBLEMS

The return of warm weather in the spring often marks the return of animals and insects as well. The spring season is a popular time for insects to mate and build nests. This also may be a time when home-

owners see ant "swarms" in or around their homes.

Ants and termites are social creatures, and when their colonies become too large, flying ants will spread out in search of new territories and to estab-

lish new queens. This mobility may also be coupled with an increasing number of ants marching on the ground and scaling walls.

Although many species of ants are harmless, homeowners do not want to see ants inside their homes – especially in large numbers. The following strategies can help homeowners address ant infestations this spring.

- Identify the type of ant around your property. Consult with online guides or books to identify the species of ant on your property. Knowing which species of ant is in or around your home can help you address the problem more effectively.

- Create a food trap. Ants are attracted to various food sources, such as fats, sweets

and proteins. Mixing a very small amount of a food with boric acid can help control ant populations. Ants will bring tainted food back to their colonies and perish.

- Keep a clean house. Use vinegar, soap and water to clean areas where ants are seen. Many leave a scent trail of pheromones to tell others where to go for a food source.

- Treat carpenter ants at the source. Carpenter ants will not bring back food to the nest. Instead, sprinkle diatomaceous earth, or DE, around outdoor nests to eradicate colonies.

- Work with an exterminator. If home remedies do not work, consult with a trained exterminator.

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## 3 POTENTIAL TROUBLE SIGNS FOR DRIVEWAYS

Though they are often easy to overlook, driveways are durable parts of a home that can greatly impact a home's curb appeal. Driveways endure quite a bit of wear and tear over their lifespans, and homeowners who have not given their driveways much thought may want to start looking for potential trouble signs that indicate a need for some driveway maintenance.

According to the on-

line home improvement resource HomeAdvisor.com, the average cost of a driveway installation in 2015 was just under \$3,700. Those costs are influenced by a host of factors, including the size of the driveway and the material its made of. Damaged driveways do not necessarily need to be replaced, as some may just need minor repairs. But homeowners who see any of the following trouble signs

in their driveways may want to consult a professional contractor to determine what their next steps should be.

### 1. Potholes

Potholes might be most often associated with heavily trafficked roadways, but even driveways are susceptible to potholes. As the ground beneath the driveway expands and contracts, the pavement above that ground weakens and becomes more susceptible

to damage. That damage may ultimately lead to large chunks of the driveway breaking down, creating holes as a result. Homeowners who live in areas that experience heavy snowfall may see their driveways develop potholes after they are shoveled or plowed. Potholes that are not fixed may damage vehicles that drive on the pavement, and potholes may even expand over time.

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## 3 Potential Trouble Signs For Driveways

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2. Accumulation of water

Puddles that form during a rainstorm may not be indicative of anything other than a rainy day. But water that pools or runs down the middle of the driveway may indicate drainage problems. Such problems may be the result of structural problems with the slope of the driveway, which can cause bigger

issues down the road. When water is not absorbed into the ground or directed away from your home, it can then flow into the house, potentially making your garage or home susceptible to water damage.

3. Cracks

Cracking is one of the more noticeable issues that can plague driveways. Many driveways experience cracking as materials inevitably succumb to the elements.

Driveway cracks may develop for various reasons, including poor initial installation. Tree roots that grow beneath the driveway surface may also contribute to cracking as the driveways ultimately succumb to the pressure created by the growing roots. Some cracks may prove less problematic than others, but homeowners should still speak with a contractor if they notice their driveway is

starting to succumb to cracks.

Driveways may not draw the attention of homeowners too often, but damaged driveways that go ignored may ultimately lead to very costly problems.




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# RURAL CRIME AWARENESS

Protect machinery from theft by leaving valuables locked in a shed or storage facility and by marking equipment with your drivers licence and province of issue (an engraver can be borrowed free of charge from most local police detachments).

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Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area. Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.



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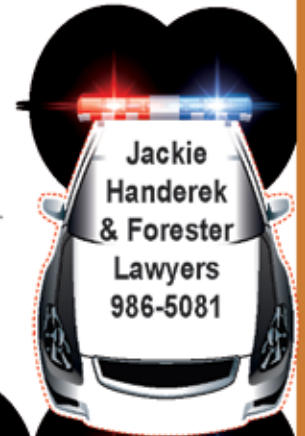
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# CRIME PREVENTION Week

Use these helpful tips to help keep our community a safe, enjoyable place. Look around your home, school or office and see where you can make a difference.

- Start teaching children at an early age how to avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
- Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.
- Reach out to crime victims, their families or others in the community who need support.
- Get to know your neighbors - you may find others with an interest in safety, too.
- Be familiar with members of your local police and fire departments.
- Make sure all street lights in your area are in working order. Alert local officials if they are not.
- Set up buddy systems for teens going out after dark.



# STRYCHNINE EMERGENCY USE REGISTRATION: MINISTER SIGURDSON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation RJ Sigurdson issued the following statement on the federal decision on the use of strychnine for pest control:

"I am pleased that the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has accepted Alberta and Saskatchewan's re-submission for emergency use registration for two per cent liquid strychnine for Richardson's ground squirrel control. We heard concerns from farmers and ranchers across the prairies and successfully advocated on their behalf for

the federal government to reverse its decision.

"This decision means that many prairie farmers will have another tool back in their toolbox for gopher control. Alberta's producers have faced significant challenges managing Richardson's ground squirrels and the loss of this effective control method has been difficult and costly for many in the agriculture sector. Some of Alberta's producers saw thousands of dollars in crop and pasture damage last year alone, and many faced livestock injuries and equipment damage.

"I'd like to thank Premier

Danielle Smith for her advocacy directly to Prime Minister Carney. Ensuring we have open lines of communication from the provincial to federal government is crucial to resolving issues of this nature.

"I also extend my gratitude to federal Minister Heath MacDonald for his work on ensuring this issue was resolved.

"I'm proud to work alongside Saskatchewan Minister David Marit on this application to ensure both provinces secure access to this effective control measure.

"We are working to procure supply and fully implement the agreement as soon as possible,

and we will continue to work closely with farmers and ranchers across the province in the coming days to share more information.

"Farmers and ranchers across the prairies work tirelessly to feed Canadians and the world and they are already excellent stewards of the land. They know that responsible pesticide use is crucial to reducing environmental impact.

"We remain committed to finding pest management alternatives that will protect both our agriculture sector and rural infrastructure from the impacts of agricultural pests."

# ALBERTA AND B.C. UNCORK WINE DEAL

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans will have more choice and easier access to wine as Alberta and British Columbia renew an agreement allowing direct-to-consumer sales.

The two provinces have renewed their memorandum of understanding to make it eas-

ier for Albertans to buy wine from B.C. while ensuring out-of-province wineries pay their fair share of fees from liquor sales in Alberta. The agreement also keeps the door open for Alberta wineries to sell directly to customers in B.C., supporting local businesses by expanding market access.

The agreement cuts red tape, provides a path forward to get

more Alberta products on B.C. shelves, improves data sharing, and ensures systems work better for consumers, producers and governments. Through this agreement, Alberta continues to lead Canada with the most open and competitive liquor market, giving Albertans access to the widest selection of products.

With more than 300 wineries

currently operating in B.C., the agreement expands consumer choice and makes the liquor market more competitive. The agreement will remain in effect until March 31, 2027, and may be extended or replaced with a longer-term arrangement.

## 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

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

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	5				9			3

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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.

### 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

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

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

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

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

### SOCIAL EVENTS

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

**CALMAR SENIORS:** Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781 **"KIDS OWN WORSHIP"** an hour after-school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780)542-5048

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

**MUSICAL PROGRAM:** every 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

**BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY** Regular Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



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*Entries must be recieved by May 8, 2026.*

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