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LEDUC RCMP SEEK ASSISTANCE TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECT INVOLVED IN A BREAK AND ENTER TO A CIGAR BUSINESS

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On March 23, 2026, at approximately 2:25 a.m. an unknown individual gained entry to a business near 51st street and 50th avenue in Leduc. The suspect gained entry to the property by accessing the ceiling through a vacant business next door. The security camera lines were cut upon entry before stealing merchandise and cash from the store. The suspect exited through the rear door into the back alley.

The suspect is described as wearing:

- yellow jacket
- yello gloves
- red spiderman mask

Anyone with further information on this crime is asked to contact Leduc RCMP at 310-RCMP (7267).

STRENGTHENING FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta invests in a new program to improve access to targeted supports for Albertans experiencing family violence.

Albertans deserve access to help they can rely on during a crisis. Through the new Emergency Family Violence Services program, Alberta's government is investing almost \$62 million to improve access to supports and services for

Albertans when and where they need them the most.

Over the past two years, Alberta's government has had many opportunities to meet with service providers to discuss their concerns and challenges. The new program reflects what we have heard from our partners through these engagements: people experiencing family violence need access to flexible supports in places they feel safest, whether that is at home, in their community or in a shelter. The Emergency Family Violence Services program establishes a needs-based funding allocation approach which would help address service demand and capacity concerns, define core emergency family violence services and encourage regional collaboration and innovation across the province.

"Women's shelters provide critical supports to Albertans during some of the most

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Strengthening Family Violence Response

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difficult moments in their lives, and I want to thank them for the important work they do. Through the Emergency Family Violence Services program, we are making it easier for Albertans to access help in ways that work best for them and their families, while continuing to strengthen existing programs.”

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

As part of the program, Alberta is investing \$4 million over three years, through a capital grant pilot, to help shel-

ters address urgent building repairs, renovations and safety upgrades.

“Domestic violence is a complex issue. Organizations like FearIsNotLove are committed to investing in both intervention – through women’s shelters – as well as prevention through evidence-based programs like Men&, which work to change behaviours and prevent violence before it occurs. We welcome this new funding framework, which will further empower organizations engaged in domestic violence intervention and prevention to support individuals at the

highest risk of experiencing or using violence, threatening the public safety of every Albertan.”

Kim Ruse, CEO, Fear is Not Love Calgary

The Emergency Family Violence Service program also introduces a modernized approach to provincewide data collection, which will provide insight into service demand, capacity and outcomes.

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

ALBERTA RCMP CONFIRMING INVESTIGATION INTO INAPPROPRIATE DISSEMINATION OF ELECTOR LIST UPDATE

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Statement from the Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP,

The RCMP has carriage of the investigation into the alleged misuse of the list of Alberta electors and is uniquely positioned to seamlessly engage investigative resources at the local, provincial, national or international level as required.

We appreciate the significant public interest surrounding this investigation – the apparent inappropriate release of your personal information is of great concern to the public and to the RCMP.

However, the RCMP’s primary responsibility must be to protect the integrity of the investigation and therefore are limited on details that we can share publicly, including confirming comments made by third parties.

With respect to this investigation we recognize there is a lot of public commentary, however we encourage the public to rely on official statements released by the RCMP.

Deputy Commissioner Trevor Daroux

Commanding Officer
Alberta RCMP

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COMMON-SENSE SPEED LIMITS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is testing a higher speed limit, raising it to 120 kilometres per hour on a select portion of Highway 2.

In a recent survey, almost 70 per cent of respondents agreed that Alberta's government should increase the speed limits on rural divided highways to 120 km/h. That's why, starting today, the speed limit will increase from 110 to 120 km/h, south of Leduc along a section of Highway 2.

Working alongside law enforcement, we will closely monitor driver behaviour and collect safety assessments during this pilot.

"Albertans told us they support 120 km/h speed limits on rural divided highways. Albertans want traffic safety rules that improve the driving experience in our beautiful province."

Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

Alberta is also making our roads safer by cracking down on dangerous driving. Fines for serious offences like careless driving, excessive speeding, stunting and racing have increased by 50 per cent, with most other traffic penalties rising by 30 per cent, ensuring those who put others at risk face real consequences.

"Leduc County is supportive of the Alberta government's decision to increase the speed limit on Highway 2.

The province made significant improvements to the acceleration and deceleration lanes on two overpasses through Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin. We appreciate the work completed and look forward to the data that will come from this trial."

Tanni Doblanko, mayor, Leduc County

Alberta's highway network is best in class, and we will continue to invest in our road network, so it stays safe for drivers. Safety upgrades have been made along this section, including improvements to the interchanges, paving to improve the road surface in select areas and installing additional barriers. Signs informing driv-

ers of the start and end points and 120 km/h signs have also been installed.

Alberta's government reminds motorists to drive to the condition of the road. When roads are wet, icy, or when there is reduced visibility, motorists must slow down. Speed limits are set for ideal conditions.

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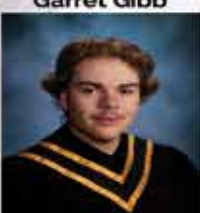
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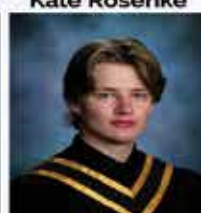
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KEEPING ALBERTA'S HIGHWAYS CLEAN

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta observes a remarkable milestone this year as volunteers come together to celebrate 50 years of the province's highway cleanup initiative.

Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, volunteers wearing bright safety vests will collect trash along Alberta highways to raise funds for community organizations. Drivers are asked to slow down, obey signs and use caution when passing cleanup

crews. Participants are asked to be aware of their surroundings, make sure they are visible and obey all traffic signs.

"Since its inception in 1976, the annual event has seen tens of thousands of Albertans collecting litter and debris from thousands of kilometres of roadside. This grassroots tradition not only helps preserve the natural beauty of Alberta's landscapes but also fosters community spirit and environmental stewardship."

Devin Dreesen, Minister of Transportation and Economic

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"The Alberta highway cleanup is one of the most important events for our scouting group, giving our senior cub scouts and younger members a chance to connect and learn while working side-by-side. This event is a vital fundraiser that provides essential support for group activities. In every sense – fundraising, community service and environmental impact – the highway cleanup is a cornerstone event for our group."

Maurice Shevalier, group

commissioner, 169 Bowmont Scouting Group

Since 1976, more than \$20 million has been paid to more than 17,000 clubs and organizations that have participated in the annual highway cleanup, representing more than 380,000 volunteers. Those volunteers have collected more than 1.1 million bags of trash along almost 250,000 kilometres of highway.

RCMP TEAM UP WITH CRIME STOPPERS RURAL CAMPAIGN WITHIN THE 4 NATIONS IN MASKWACIS

Submitted by RCMP

On Apr. 29, 2026, The RCMP teamed up with the Crime Stoppers and their rural sign campaign. Programs like the Rural

Sign Campaign empower residents to take an active role in crime prevention, ensuring that "what they see", "what they hear" and "what they know" can be shared through anonymous tips. The signs will also

be a reminder to all community members that reporting criminal activity is a pro-active way to get criminals off the streets, and that it can be done anonymously.

This will serve as a visual resource to people on assisting the RCMP with investigations current, past and on going. We the RCMP, chiefs and councils want the people of the nations to know this is a successful program and we are looking forward in getting these signs up. The Maskwacis RCMP would like to thank the nations chief and council's, crime stoppers, and the residents of the nations for their continued support.

"If you know something—about illegal activity, about those causing harm in your community—this is your chance to say something without putting yourself at risk. Even the smallest piece of information can help prevent violence,

remove illegal firearms, and protect innocent people." Inspector Richard Mckay Inspector of Maskwacis.

"We need to continue working with the RCMP and provide the information of your observations" Chief SADDLEBACK Samson Nation.

"Crime Stoppers will work with the rural jurisdictions and indigenous communities to place these signs in high traffic locations. "We are a Crime Stoppers Community" sign will proudly display that safety and security are of utmost importance to the community, along with not attending court and remaining anonymous." said A/Cpl Catlin Chiasson Maskwacis Information officer.

As a result, several signs have been installed within Maskwacis.

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YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Funding will strengthen supports for at-risk youth and expand access to vital services in rural and Indigenous communities.

Alberta's government is calling for applications for the 2026-27 Youth Suicide Prevention Grant program, which invests \$2 million to support community-based initiatives that help prevent suicide among young people across the province.

The Alberta government launched the Youth Suicide Prevention Grant program four years ago to invest in targeted supports for at-risk youth and help reduce suicide and suicide attempts. Since then, the program has provided

funding for more than 30 community-based projects and connected more than 5,000 youths with information and mental health resources.

"Youth suicide is preventable, and every young person deserves timely access to help when they need it. These grants will support the important work communities are doing to strengthen prevention efforts, build connections and improve access to services for youth across Alberta."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

Past grant recipients have delivered a range of programs including free access to team sports that integrate social, emotional and mental health skills

through play, as well as teen nights that provide safe spaces and increase young people's sense of belonging. They have also delivered on activities that help children, youth and families strengthen their cultural identities.

The program builds on Alberta's ongoing efforts to support youth mental health.

"Our young people should never feel alone when they are struggling. Alberta's government is working hard to expand access to caring, community-based supports that promote resiliency, strengthen mental well-being and help our youth get the help they need to thrive."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addic-

tion
 "Canadian Mental Health Association applauds Alberta's continued investment in youth suicide prevention, which helps strengthen supports, reduce stigma and ensure more young people and their families can access care earlier."

Mara Grunau, chief executive officer, Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Division and Centre for Suicide Prevention

Albertans anywhere in the province can connect with local supports through 211 Alberta. They can also call or text the 988 Suicide Crisis Helpline directly any time, day or night.



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JUNE 4-7TH, 2026

Wednesday June 3rd, 2026

Wednesday, June 3rd: Devon Days Kick-Off Hot Dog BBQ

Location: Community Centre

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join the Town of Devon for the official kick-off party! Staff will be serving up free hot dogs and floats. First hot dog is free, second (or more) by donation.

Thursday June 4th, 2026

Comedy Night (Evening Show): Community Centre. Doors at 5:30 PM, Show starts at 7:00 PM-10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$25/person or purchase a table of 8 and get 8 free drink tickets!

Get your advance tickets at IGA or MacMillan Motors
For full tables please contact Suzanne (call or text) at
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Friday June 5th, 2026

Devon's Got Taste: Downtown (Athabasca Avenue), 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and sold at the booth located on the boulevard.

Beer Gardens: Pocket Park Downtown, 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM.
Legion BBQ: Legion Gazebo, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Come and help support the Devon Legion. Enjoy a burger and listen to some great music!

Midway by Wildrose Shows: Downtown, 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM.
TICKETS:

Orange- (Single tickets) - \$1.00, Red Book- (20 tickets) - \$20.00,
Blue Book- (40 tickets) - \$40.00, Green Book- (60 tickets) - \$55.00

All day wristband is \$50.00

Main Street Market: Athabasca Avenue, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

Saturday June 6th, 2026

Devon Firefighters Annual Charity Breakfast: Devon Fire Department,

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM.

Come early to avoid line-ups.

Cost: \$7.00/person, 6 years and under are free. Cash, debit, or credit accepted.

All proceeds from the breakfast and the boot drive will go to Muscular Dystrophy. Remember your spare change at the parade for the boot drive!

Parade: Athabasca Avenue,

10:00 AM. The parade route begins at John Maland High School and goes straight to the Legion on Athabasca Avenue.

For registration forms see our Registration tab. For those who are registered in the parade, the line-up starts at 9:00 AM at C & P Auto (13 Saskatchewan Avenue).

Time Capsule Celebration: After parade next to Eye Clinic downtown.

Midway by Wildrose Shows: Downtown, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM.

Beer Gardens: Pocket Park Downtown, 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM.

Main Street Market: Athabasca Avenue, Noon – 10:00 PM.

Legion BBQ & Vet Market: Devon Legion Gazebo, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Family Fun Fair: Devon Community Church, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
ASA Strongman Competitions: Huron Street, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Sunday June 7th, 2026

Lion's Pancake Breakfast: Lion's Campground Chalet

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. For all you early risers, come on down to the campground and enjoy a pancake breakfast, complete with pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, watermelon and coffee, tea, and juice. Served by your local Lion's members. Breakfast is \$10.00/Adult, Children under 10 FREE.

Show N Shine: Community Centre Parking Lot, 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Do you have a vehicle you'd like to show off? Bring it on down to the Show N Shine! Vehicle Staging starts @ 9 AM. Please bring a Food Bank Donation. For inquiries call Jason @ 780-918-3640.

Midway by Wildrose Shows: Downtown, Noon – 5:00 PM.

Main Street Market: Athabasca Avenue, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Beer Gardens: Centennial Park, Noon – 5:00 PM.

Legion BBQ: Devon Legion Gazebo, Noon – 5:00 PM.

ASA Strongman Competition: Huron Street, 12:00 – 4:00 PM.

Arts Market: Dan Claypool Room, Community Centre, Noon Sunday in the Park: Centennial Park, Noon – 5 PM. We will have free bouncy castles and inflated obstacle course, face painting and balloon artist. Live music and Beer Gardens. There will be Market Sellers and Food Trucks onsite as well.

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Black Gold Days Events May 28 - 31, 2026

Fountain Tire Rodeo Kick Off to SUMMER

Friday May 22, 2026

Free concert from 4 - 7pm
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Live entertainment
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Extreme Cowboy Competition

Sunday June 7, 2026

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

ADMISSION: \$5 at the door, kids under 12 are free.

Challenges riders' skills and their equine partners with obstacles.

Held in the Leduc Recreation Centre Aspen Arena

*Tickets available (to be announced) Prices and availability subject to change.

**Midway operation is subject to weather conditions. Midway and Amusements are set up at Leduc Recreation Centre parking lot.



RODEO EVENTS

Thursday, May 28, 2026

Pro Rodeo Performance at 7 p.m. Thursday is Fan Appreciation night - Advanced Tickets only \$30.00

(doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Sponsored by

Rodeo Slack Performance at 8 a.m. SLACK is defined as an overflow of contestants. Same rodeo events - Free admission.

Midway Rides and Amusements** 3 - 10 p.m. Thursday is Fan Appreciation night and kids ride for \$50 with two non-perishable food bank items. There will be a food bank box on site this year.

Friday, May 29, 2026

Pro Rodeo Performance at 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Sponsored by

Rodeo of Smiles 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Aspen Custom Trailers Arena (Registered guests only)

Trade Fair 12 - 8 p.m. in the Leduc Recreation Centre Fieldhouses. Free Admission!

Saloon and Live Entertainment available during the Trade Fair

Midway Rides and Amusements** 3 - 10 p.m.

Lions Rodeo Barbecue (Leduc Lions Club) from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Co-op Grocery parking lot

Family Fun Fair 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Leduc Recreation Centre Curling Rink. Free Admission!

Rodeo Dance in the Dirt 10 p.m. (Immediately following the Rodeo Performance in the Rodeo Arena. ALL AGES - Admission FREE!)

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Pro Rodeo Performance at 7 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) Sponsored by CISN Country 103.9 Leduc Co-op

Lions Rodeo Breakfast (Leduc Lions Club) 8 - 10 a.m. in the Co-op Grocery parking lot

Black Gold Parade 10 a.m. Come early to stake out your spot along 50 Street

Trade Fair 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. in the Leduc Recreation Centre Fieldhouses. Free Admission!

Saloon and Live Entertainment available during the Trade Fair

Classic Car Show Registration at 10 a.m. Show from 12 - 4 p.m. outdoors at the Leduc Recreation Centre

Leduc Art Club Aspiring Young Artists Competition & Show 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Leduc Art Club Located at the Leduc Arts Foundry.

Midway Rides and Amusements** 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Rodeo Cabaret 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the Leduc Recreation Centre Curling Rink (Doors open at 8:30 p.m.) Adult 18+ event

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Pro Rodeo Afternoon Performance at 1:30 p.m. (doors open at 12:00 p.m.) Sponsored by The One 93.1 FM

Rodeo Pancake Breakfast 9 - 11 a.m. in the Leduc Recreation Centre Curling Rink Foyer (Rodeo breakfast with the Leduc Scouts and Kinsman)

Cowboy Church (Interdenominational Service) 10:15 a.m. in the Leduc Recreation Centre Fieldhouses

Trade Fair 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Leduc Recreation Centre Fieldhouses. Free Admission!

Saloon and Live Entertainment available during the Trade Fair

Leduc Art Club Aspiring Young Artists Competition & Show 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Leduc Art Club Located at the Leduc Arts Foundry.

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ALBERTA IS GEARED UP AND READY FOR WILDFIRE SEASON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With trained crews, prepared air response, strong municipal partnerships and its Alberta Wildfire Mitigation Strategy, Alberta is ready for the 2026 wildfire season.

Alberta is set for the 2026 wildfire season with trained crews and prepared equipment in place.

The province has hired more than 550 seasonal firefighters for this wildfire season and has access to hundreds more through contracts and mutual aid agreements should they be needed.

“Protecting our communities, forests and critical infrastructure from the threats of wildfire is a top priority for Alberta’s government. We’re taking action so Albertans, our municipal partners and our communities can feel safer and more prepared during the 2026 wildfire season. Through partnerships, education, risk reduction and the use of new technology, we’re using all available tools to create a more wildfire-resilient Alberta.”

Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Crews are prepared to respond to wildfires anywhere in the province. They are trained for both quick response and long-term firefighting, and new partnerships will bolster wildfire mitigation and response to keep Albertans safe.

Alberta’s government continues to invest in improved air attack capa-

bilities to better support crews on the ground. This includes helicopters with night-vision capability for around-the-clock aerial support, and hoist-equipped helicopters that can safely move firefighters into and out of difficult-to-reach terrain.

“Alberta’s government has been meticulous in their work in wildfire response. They understood early on what the CL-215-T could do, and they built their aerial suppression program around it. When a fire breaks out here, those aircraft are in the air fast, scooping from the nearest lake and dropping before the fire has a chance to establish itself. That is the advantage. It is not just the aircraft, it is the fact that Alberta has them, they are maintained, the crews know them, and they are ready. That kind of readiness is what keeps a small fire from becoming a disaster.”

Paul Lane, vice-president and COO, Airspray Canada

In March, Alberta announced a \$400-million contract with De Havilland Canada for five new, made-in-Alberta water-bombers. Together these tools will improve safety, effectiveness and coordination between air and ground crews.

Alberta also has a network of airbases across the province that allow aircraft to be deployed where they are needed most. Partnerships with communities and airstrips are essential to getting these resources in the

air where and when they needed to be.

“When a wildfire threatens a community, Albertans count on their local firefighters to be ready. That’s why we’re investing in the training they need to respond safely and effectively, because strong local fire services are the backbone of our wildfire defence, and we’re making sure they have the tools and skills to protect the people they serve”

Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs

New this year, Alberta is introducing the Mutual Aid Incentive Pilot for the 2026 wildfire season. The program offers municipalities up to \$125,000 to support wildfire response and encourages them to ask for provincial assistance sooner. With wildfires becoming more frequent and severe, the costs of responding to wildfires is significant for all levels of government, including Alberta’s municipalities. This new pilot program will lower financial barriers that may have delayed mutual aid requests in the past and help reduce the immediate cost concerns for municipalities.

“The Mutual Aid Incentive Pilot is the kind of program that makes a real difference at the municipal level. With up to \$125,000 dedicated to wildfire response, we can act decisively the moment a fire threatens our community. Sturgeon County sits in a landscape that demands we move fast, and this program empowers us to do exactly that while

strengthening the provincial-municipal partnership that protects Alberta”

Alanna Hnatiw, mayor of Sturgeon County

Alberta’s government will continue to rely on the expanded Wildland Urban Interface teams made up of specially trained municipal firefighters, to provide an added line of defence for communities and critical infrastructure threatened by wildfires. This work builds on other municipal-level wildfire mitigation and resilience measures, such as community fireguards, FireSmart programs, and the Community Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program.

“As MLA for West Yellowhead, my constituents know well the risks each wildfire season brings. Our government has taken lessons from previous events to strengthen mitigation, preparedness and response. As another season begin, we are ready and focused on supporting at-risk communities across the province”

Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure

Our government will continue to use all available tools and technology to assess wildfire risk, predict where wildfires may start and respond quickly to protect forests, infrastructure, communities and all Albertans.

NEW PROVINCIAL DNA LAB: FAST-TRACKING JUSTICE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Budget 2026 is investing \$8.9 million to build Western Canada's first provincial forensic DNA laboratory to speed up investigations and support prosecutions.

Once operational, the Alberta forensic DNA laboratory will help reduce wait times and allow police to identify suspects sooner, supporting prosecutors in building stronger cases and helping victims get answers faster. The lab will also reduce the cost of DNA testing paid by municipalities and allow police to submit more evidence from property crimes for testing, helping solve offences that often affect rural communities.

DNA testing allows police to identify suspects by comparing biological evidence, such as blood, hair or saliva, found at crime scenes. Currently, most DNA evidence collected by police officers must be sent to a federal laboratory, often resulting in months-long wait times that can slow investigations and delay court proceedings.

"Alberta will no longer outsource our public safety to Ottawa. This new lab means faster

testing and quicker turnaround times. Victims shouldn't have to wait years for closure while evidence sits on a shelf in another province. We are bringing DNA testing home to Alberta to speed up prosecutions, protect our communities and ensure that justice is served at the speed Albertans expect."

Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services "The justice system must work fairly, efficiently and transparently to maintain public confidence. By bringing forensic DNA testing here to Alberta, we are helping move investigations and court proceedings forward faster, with stronger, more reliable evidence."

Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice

"The Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police welcomes this investment in a provincial forensic DNA laboratory. Faster access to DNA results will directly support police investigations, strengthen prosecutions, and help deliver timely answers for victims. This is a meaningful step toward improving public safety and addressing both serious and violent crime across Alberta."

Al Murphy, president, Alberta

Association of Chiefs of Police "The new DNA lab will deliver faster results for police, prosecutors and most importantly, victims of crime. Having a local DNA lab will strengthen capacity, lower turnaround time and reduce costs. Faster results will lead to safer communities across the province."

Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure

"The Edmonton Police Service is pleased to see the Alberta DNA lab moving forward. We identified the need for enhanced forensic capacity early on and have been working closely with the Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police and the province to advance this project. As it moves into the next phase, we look forward to continuing to contribute our expertise to help ensure this forensic biology service is developed in a way that best meets operational and community needs across Alberta."

Warren Driechel, chief, Edmonton Police Service

Following renovations later this year, the laboratory will be located within the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) facility in Sherwood Park. It will open in phases to

ensure operational readiness and that testing procedures meet international accreditation standards. By 2029, it is expected to begin accepting DNA evidence from property crimes, such as break-ins and thefts. By 2031, services are expected to expand to include serious crimes, such as homicides and sexual assaults.

Alberta sends more DNA evidence for testing than any other province. In 2024-25, each DNA test cost about \$2,482 when processed through the federal system. With a provincial lab, Alberta expects the average cost per case to be up to 40 per cent lower, helping reduce costs for municipalities and taxpayers.

To help offset operating costs, Alberta's government intends to negotiate a new funding arrangement with the federal government, similar to agreements already in place in Ontario and Quebec. Under this model, Alberta's forensic DNA laboratory could operate at net-zero cost to provincial taxpayers by 2031.

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

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

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

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May -October 4 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

LELUC: 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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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 Monday 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

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