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WATER QUALITY ADVISORY ISSUED FOR JUBILEE PARK BEACH ON WIZARD LAKE

Submitted by AHS

Due to elevated levels of bacteria, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is advising the public not to swim or wade at Jubilee Park Beach on Wizard Lake, effective immediately.

Elevated levels of bacteria were

detected via testing of the lake water at this beach location. At current levels, gastrointestinal illness may result from ingestion of the water at Wizard Lake. There is also the possibility of skin, ear and eye infections with water contact.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or

cook with untreated water directly from any body of water, including Wizard Lake, at any time. Water-borne organisms, including fecal bacteria, can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

This advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

WATER QUALITY ADVISORY LIFTED FOR ZEINER PARK BEACH ON PIGEON LAKE

Submitted by AHS

Effective immediately, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has lifted the June 24 water quality advisory that was issued for Zeiner Park

Beach on Pigeon Lake.

Water quality has returned to an acceptable level, and the health risk is low for usage of the beach for recreational purposes.

As always, visitors and

residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any body of water, at any time.

HELPING FARMERS FACING EXTREME MOISTURE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The Alberta and Canada governments made strategic changes to AgriStability to help agricultural producers manage business risks from wet conditions this season.

In recognition of excessive

moisture conditions that have affected many producers since the April 30 enrolment deadline, Alberta has opened late participation for the 2026 AgriStability program year. Alberta producers can now sign up for the program until Oct. 1, giving them more time to review and

manage business risks associated with extreme weather or other unexpected difficulties. Additionally, the 2026 interim payment rate has been increased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent of the estimated final payment. This change will put money in

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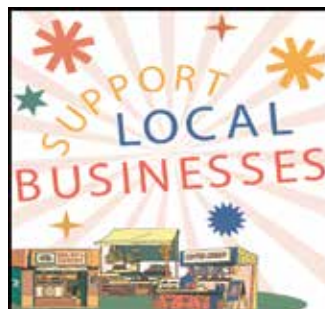
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Helping Farmers Facing Extreme Moisture

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producers' hands sooner and improve cash flow during a challenging growing season.

"Each year, farmers make careful decisions to prepare for the upcoming growing season, but extreme weather can disrupt even the best plans. When that happens, we are proud to stand with producers by providing the flexibility they need to make the best decisions for their operations and remain resilient in the face of uncertainty."

Heath MacDonald, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

"These extreme wet conditions demonstrate that one growing season can look very different from the next, making it difficult for farmers to predict what risks their oper-

ations may face. Our government is committed to advocating for producers to make sure they have access to tools and programs that are timely and reactive and help them manage business risk in times of stress and uncertainty."

Tara Sawyer, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

In Alberta producers can sign up for AgriStability and access benefits through the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation. Farmers and ranchers who missed the April 30 deadline and believe they have experienced a significant loss are encouraged to take advantage of the late participation. Late participation is subject to a reduced benefit, and producers must pay the required upfront fee by Oct. 1 to be able to be eligible for the 2026 program. Factors such as reduced in-

come, increased expenses or reduced inventory are used to determine a potential benefit.

"We know many producers are facing incredibly challenging conditions this year with record levels of moisture leaving some unable to access their fields and complete essential farming activities. We've heard directly from producers about the significant stress and uncertainty these circumstances create. AgriStability is designed to provide whole-farm protection during situations like this, helping producers manage the financial impacts of events that are beyond their control and supporting the long-term resilience of their operations."

Darryl Kay, CEO, Agriculture Financial Services Corporation (AFSC)

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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Canada's best BMX riders are gearing up to race as the 2026 Canadian BMX Championships return to St. Albert Aug. 29-30.

Alberta's government is providing more than \$54,000 in funding through the Major Sport Events grant program to support the 2026 Canadian BMX Championships. The competition will bring together athletes from across the country as they race for Canadian championship jerseys and Canada Cup Series titles. St. Albert is home to the only Supercross BMX track in the province and will host the competition over two days.

The Major Sport Events grant program provides financial assistance to support organizations and communities across the province in planning and hosting national and international competitions that attract visitors, support youth sport development and strengthen local sport organizations in Alberta.

"The Canadian BMX Championships highlight the passion, determination and excellence that define high performance cycling in Canada. Alberta is proud to support this event as it brings top athletes to St. Albert, creates economic benefits for the community and provides opportunities for riders to compete on one of the country's premier BMX tracks."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

Organized by the St. Albert BMX Association, the event is expected to welcome more than 860 participants, including 760 athletes, coaches and technical officials and 100 volunteers. More than 5,000 spectators from across Canada are expected to attend, contributing an estimated

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A RAM-ARKABLE NEW WAY TO SUPPORT ALBERTA CONSERVATION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans now have an exciting new way to show their pride and support conservation efforts across the province with a special licence plate.



Alberta's new conservation licence plate is shown against Mount Nestor and Goat Mountain, overlooking Spray Lakes Reservoir.

Alberta's government is launching its first conservation-focused specialty licence plate. Proceeds from sales of the new plate will be directed to the Alberta Conservation Association, a trusted organization with a long history of stewardship, habitat restoration, wildlife research and support for

sustainable outdoor activities across Alberta.

Every purchase helps fund critical, on-the-ground work, from restoring habitats and monitoring wildlife to advancing research and supporting community-driven conservation programs across Alberta.

"Alberta's wildlife and wild places are a source of pride for people across our province. This licence plate gives Albertans an innovative, simple and visible way to support conservation while celebrating one of our most iconic species. Every plate sold helps protect habitats and keeps our fish and wildlife populations healthy for future generations."

Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

"This new licence plate gives Albertans another way to show their pride in our province while helping protect the wildlife and wild spaces we all enjoy. It's a simple way to make a difference while putting a little more Alberta on your vehicle."

Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

The plate features an iconic painting of two of Alberta's famous bighorn sheep with Mount Loughheed in the background. The Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep is Alberta's provincial mammal and one of the province's most recognizable and celebrated species. Artwork for the plate is based on a commissioned piece by Alberta artist Desmond McCaffrey.

"The licence plate provides a great opportunity for every Albertan to show their support for wildlife and wild spaces! Funds received from the sale of the plate will go directly toward enhancing fish and wildlife populations, and the habitats they depend on."

Todd Zimmerling, president and CEO, Alberta Conservation Association

"Hunters and anglers have long been a part of Alberta's commitment to conservation and the sustainable use of our natural resources, and this licence plate lets every Albertan join in. The big-

horn sheep, a symbol of strength and resilience, is a fitting choice. Every plate sold goes directly to conserving our wildlife and wild places, a first for conservation in Alberta."

Matt Besko, executive director, hunting and fishing branch, Alberta Forestry and Parks

"This is a great opportunity for Albertans to play a direct role in conservation across our province. This initiative will put more resources into conservation work and support projects that make a real difference on the ground."

Ryan Caswell, CEO, Ann and Sandy Cross Conservation Area

By choosing this specialty plate, drivers can proudly contribute to safeguarding Alberta's diverse ecosystems and the species that call them home. With each plate purchased, Albertans are helping ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the breathtaking landscapes and wildlife that define the province.

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Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves not only can be beautiful focal points within a home, but they also provide an additional source of heat and can be used to keep rooms or entire homes comfortable without the need for additional and potentially costly heating sources.

Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they

are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the

leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and

becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

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Preparing Your Fireplace Or Stove For The Season

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- Install or check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.
- Inspect the chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.
- Inspect the

damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

- Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks

or flames.

- Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

By preparing for fireplace and wood stove use now, homeowners can ensure their winters are comfortable and safe.

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HOW TO PREPARE A HOME FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS

Upon reaching retirement age, new retirees may face decisions regarding their living arrangements. Some seniors may opt to stay put, while others may want to downsize their homes to save money and relieve themselves of the burdens of maintaining larger homes.

But those are not the only situations seniors find themselves in. Some seniors realize they can no longer care for themselves without assistance. In such instances, seniors

may opt for assisted living facilities or choose to move in with a relative, such as a grown son or daughter. While assisted living facilities are designed to meet the needs of the elderly, young men and women welcoming seniors into their homes may need to take on some home improvement projects to ensure their homes are as safe as possible for elderly residents.

· Convert a room on the first floor into a bedroom. While this may not apply to all seniors, some men

and women struggle with stairs as they age, and that can make it difficult for them to fully participate in a household. Homeowners with an extra room to spare can convert a room on the first floor of their homes into a bedroom so seniors won't have to climb up and down stairs throughout the day. That ease of accessibility to the primary floor of the house encourages seniors to be active participants in a household. If possible, choose an area that is close to a first-floor bath-

room.

· Take steps to make bathrooms safer. The National Institute on Aging says that more than one in three seniors over age 65 fall each year, and 80 percent of those falls take place in the bathroom. Slippery tile floors can make it difficult for seniors to navigate bathrooms safely, and bathtubs and shower stalls present additional challenges. Install grab bars on bathroom walls and next to toilets to provide support.

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In addition, consider installing a shower chair or bench and removable shower nozzle in the shower or tub so seniors

can sit down while they bathe and rinse without having to stand up on slippery surfaces. Make sure any mats around bathtubs and sinks are non-

skid to reduce the risk of falls even further.

· Install an extra phone line or two. While kids and adults between the ages of 18 and 50 may never

use the landlines in their homes, many seniors still rely on traditional telephones as their primary means of communicating with the outside world. Install extra landlines in your home, including in seniors' bedrooms, so they can more readily access the phone should they fall and need to call for emergency help. Phones in seniors' bedrooms may also provide some additional privacy to seniors who don't want to carry on phone conversations in busy areas of the home, such as the kitchen or living room. Such lines may also reduce feelings of isolation.

· Prioritize accessibility when storing items. When storing groceries, books, magazines, or other items seniors are likely to use, choose locations that are accessible to seniors. Avoid storing items on the top shelf of pantries, bookcases or entertainment centers, as seniors with limited mobility may not be able to reach them.

Many seniors move in with their adult children to make their golden years safer and more enjoyable and manageable. Such a change in living arrangements may necessitate some changes on the part of homeowners so they can ensure their homes are safe for seniors.

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Gearing Up For BMX

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\$100,000 in economic activity to local businesses, hotels and restaurants.

Among the competitors are some of Alberta's most accomplished BMX athletes, including Red Deer's Molly Simpson, an eight-time Canadian national champion and Olympi-

an and Calgary's Logan Lee, the reigning world champion in her age category. The event will showcase elite racing while creating opportunities for Alberta athletes to compete on home soil against the nation's best.

"The Championships give athletes the opportunity to

showcase their talent and hard work on the national stage while competing against the country's top contenders. The St. Albert BMX Club is proud to host this event with support from the community and the Government of Alberta."

Kris Mitschke, president, St. Albert BMX Club

Alberta's government continues to support major sport events that create opportunities for athletes, strengthen communities and generate economic benefits across the province.

CYANOBACTERIAL (BLUE-GREEN ALGAL) BLOOM ADVISORY ISSUED FOR HALF MOON LAKE

Submitted by AHS

A cyanobacterial (blue-green algal) bloom and/or toxins have been identified in the waters of Half Moon Lake. Residents living near the shores of this lake, as well as visitors, are advised to take the following precautions:

- Do not swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacterial blooms are visible.

- Avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms in the water and washed up on shore. Wash with clean tap water as soon as possible if contact occurs.

- Do not drink or cook with water from this lake.

- Do not eat whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake as fish may store toxins in their

liver. Fish fillets contain less toxins and are safer to eat.

- Keep pets away from the water. Do not allow pets to swim in areas where cyanobacterial blooms are visible or to contact blooms in the water or on the shore.

- Do not feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any body of water, including Half Moon Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock while this advisory is active.

Cyanobacteria are naturally

occurring and large growths called 'blooms' are more common during warm weather. Cyanobacterial blooms can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, pink and/or red, and can look like scum, streaks, grass clippings, fuzz balls, paint or pea soup. They often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with a cyanobacterial bloom or who ingest water containing cyanobacteria may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms can appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all people are at risk of these symptoms.

Exposure to cyanobacteria may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause cyanobacterial blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Half Moon Lake until further notice.

Please note waters of Half Moon Lake in which the cyanobacterial bloom is NOT visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this Health Advisory is in place.

If you suspect a problem related to cyanobacteria or if you require further information on health concerns and cyanobacteria, please call Health Link at 811. Additional information is also available online, at www.ahs.ca/bga.

RCMP OFFICERS IN ALBERTA WILL SOON START WEARING A NEW NAVY-BLUE UNIFORM SHIRT

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

As part of on-going efforts to modernize the RCMP uniform, the RCMP is equipping officers with new navy-blue uniform shirts on a province-by-province basis. Starting in August 15, 2026, frontline RCMP officers at RCMP detachments in

Alberta will begin to wear their new navy-blue uniform shirts.

Members of the public should note that RCMP officers may still wear the previous grey uniform shirts for the foreseeable future, meaning they can be seen wearing either the grey or blue shirts on duty.

The RCMP understands that

seeing a new uniform colour may cause confusion. The RCMP also understands that there have been recent incidents of individuals impersonating police. If you have any concerns about the identity of the police officer you are interacting with, you can ask the officer for identification. You can

also contact your local detachment's non-emergency line to determine if there is a police officer at your location.

EXPANDING SUPPORTS FOR VULNERABLE ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is investing nearly \$21 million to increase access to specialized supports for those impacted by sexual violence and abuse.

Alberta's government is providing \$17 million to 15 sexual assault centres and the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services. This includes an additional \$3.3 million toward the government's mandate commitment to increase funding for sexual assault centres by \$10 million by 2028-29.

The government is also investing \$3.7 million in annual funding to eight child advocacy centres, increasing access to specialized, coordinated care for children, youth and families affected by sexual violence and abuse.

"Sexual assault centres and

child advocacy centres provide critical supports for survivors across Alberta at every stage of their healing journey. Through these investments, we are strengthening the work of these organizations to provide specialized supports for vulnerable Albertans as they navigate some of the most challenging times of their lives."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

"Every Albertan deserves access to support during times of crisis. By investing in the organizations that provide front-line support, our government is helping ensure compassionate, trauma-informed care remains available in communities across Alberta."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

"Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit plus people experience sexual violence at

disproportionate rates, and they need safe, respectful and culturally sensitive supports. This funding will strengthen the front-line services survivors rely on and help ensure they can access culturally informed, survivor-centred care when and where they need it."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Indigenous Relations

Alberta's government works closely with sexual assault centres and child advocacy centres to better understand the unique role each organization plays and improve access to supports. Strengthening information sharing and service coordination helps ensure that vulnerable Albertans receive timely, responsive supports.

"We are deeply grateful for the Government of Alberta's continued and enhanced investment in specialized sexual violence services. This funding

provides much-needed stability and capacity for sexual assault centres across Alberta to respond to growing demand and ensure that survivors of sexual assault have access to timely, responsive supports, when and where they need it."

Corrine Ofstie, co-chief executive officer, Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services

Sexual assault centres support people of all ages affected by sexual violence through crisis response, counselling and long-term therapeutic care. Child advocacy centres provide coordinated, multi-disciplinary supports for children and youth impacted by abuse or neglect, helping reduce re-traumatization as they move through the justice system.

FARM SALE FOR TED & BEATRICE BRUNER

Online Timed Auction September 3rd—6th, 2026

Directions: From Entwistle Overpass on Highway 16, West to RR 75A (Evansburg).
North 1.5.7 km to RR 80 (Rochford Road), North 1.2 km - Right Side (55023 RR80)

VIEWING DATE: Sept 2nd from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm



PARTIAL LISTING INCLUDES:

- **1989 John Deere 2755 FWA Loader Tractor
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- **Many Shop Tools
- **Many More Items, Too Numerous to Mention



AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Ted was well known for restoring wagon wheels and horse drawn equipment. There is a large assortment of old horse drawn implements and many rare parts for anyone in this business. He is also selling his last restoration of a VanBrundt Wooden Horse Drawn Seed Drill. For additional information, please contact Ted at 780-542-1025.

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SUPPORTING JOBS AND GROWTH IN THE FORESTRY SECTOR

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is supporting the expansion of Alberta Newsprint Company's Whitecourt operations through the Investment and Growth Fund.

Alberta's government is investing more than \$1.5 million through the Investment and Growth Fund to help secure the almost \$50-million expansion of Whitecourt Newsprint Company Ltd., which operates as Alberta Newsprint Company. The project will modernize the company's Whitecourt facility, enabling it to produce multiple grades of paper while strengthening the province's forestry industry and creating new jobs.

The expansion will create 13 permanent full-time jobs and 25 temporary construction jobs while helping retain more than

220 existing positions. It will also allow the company to manufacture higher-value products and compete in evolving markets.

"Our government is proud to support Alberta Newsprint Company's expansion in Whitecourt. This investment strengthens our forestry sector, supports jobs in rural communities and reinforces that Alberta is the best place to do business."

Joseph Schow, Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration

"Alberta's forestry industry supports thousands of jobs in rural and northern communities, and our government is committed to helping it grow and compete. This kind of investment strengthens the whole sector, from the mills to the workers and communities who depend on them."

Todd Lowen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

Alberta Newsprint Company is Alberta's only newsprint mill and plays a critical role in the province's forestry supply chain by turning Alberta wood fibre into paper products. Modernizing the facility will help the company remain competitive while supporting a stronger, more resilient forestry industry.

"I know firsthand the important role this paper mill plays in Whitecourt and Alberta's forestry sector. This expansion helps secure good local jobs, supports long-term growth and ensures the company remains competitive for years to come."

Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead

"This investment supports Alberta Newsprint Company's continued modernization and helps position our Whitecourt facility for long-term competitiveness. We appreciate the Government

of Alberta's support as we diversify our products, strengthen our operations, and support good-paying jobs in rural Alberta communities like Whitecourt."

Mike Putzke, general manager, Alberta Newsprint Company

The Investment and Growth Fund attracts private sector investment that creates jobs, strengthens rural communities and grows Alberta's economy. Supporting projects like this helps Alberta maintain its reputation as the best place to do business, with Canada's lowest corporate tax rate, a strong commitment to reducing red tape, a highly skilled workforce and abundant natural resources.



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

You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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

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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

BINGO

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

JAMBOREE

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.

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

"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,

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WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE 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

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

LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034.

MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

Winfield Legion Branch 236: Jan, May, Sept. Contact Secretary Treasurer Gordon Watson 780-542-1243

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health



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