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BREAK & ENTER AT CALMAR FIRE HALL

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc, Alta – On January 26th, 2019 at approximately 08:00 a.m. Leduc RCMP responded to a break and enter at the Fire

Hall located in Calmar, Alberta. Investigation revealed two suspects forced their way into the Fire Hall and once inside stole over \$100,000 in property.

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RCMP MEMBER CHARGED FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Alberta Serious Incident Response Team

January 24, 2019 - On Nov. 15, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT)

was directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a 26-year-old man by members of the RCMP that occurred in Nisku, Alberta.

On that same day, the subject

officer entered a gas station where a confrontation occurred when the officer placed the man under arrest for possession of stolen property.

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BREAK AND ENTER AND THEFT

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On January 21st, 2019, Leduc RCMP responded to a break and enter to the Grasshopper Cafe in Calmar, Alberta. A male suspect gained entry into the cafe and a

number of items were stolen from inside. The theft was believed to have occurred during the early morning hours of January 21st, 2019.

The male suspect was believed to be driving a black pickup truck

at the time of the Break and Enter.

The Leduc RCMP are continuing to investigate the incident and are seeking the public's assistance. If you have information about this incident, please call the Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7200.

RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Thorsby RCMP

On January 23, 2019 the RCMP responded to a 911 report of a collision that resulted in the fatality of one adult male, who died at the collision scene.

At 9:56 a.m., RCMP responded with emergency services to a two vehicle collision on High-

way 39 at Range Road 25. Initial investigation indicates that a pick up truck pulling onto Highway 39 from a residential driveway and a pick up truck travelling eastbound on Highway 39 collided.

The 70-year-old driver of the truck entering Highway 39 was declared deceased on scene. The 60-year-old male driver of

the truck travelling on Highway 39 did not require medical attention.

Traffic was diverted for four hours while the RCMP Collision Analyst conducted an investigation and emergency services cleared the collision scene.

No further reporting on this collision is anticipated.

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AGE-WELL NATIONAL INNOVATION HUB

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to advise constituents that Western Economic Diversification has invested \$3.5 million in the new AGE-WELL National Innovation Hub: Digital Health Circle.

The funding will assist in

bringing innovative health technologies to market by sharing resources and addressing industry gaps by facilitating networking events, create custom training programs and provide business consultations to target audiences.

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duce healthcare costs and support increased independence and quality of life for our seniors. AGE-WELL network will impact the lives of seniors and caregivers.

For more information please visit the following two links: <https://agewell-nce.ca> and <https://www.digitalhealthcircle.ca>

Break & Enter At Calmar Fire Hall

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Video surveillance from the premise shows two masked suspects in what is believed to be a dark grey Mitsubishi Eclipse breaking in and removing emergency equipment and medical supplies from inside the Fire Hall. Police have determined the licence plate on the vehicle was stolen out of Mayerthorpe, Alta. on Jan. 20, 2019.

Suspect #1 was wearing black coveralls, black sweater and a

black balaclava with long dark hair.

Suspect #2 was wearing blue jeans, black jacket and a black balaclava.

Several items were stolen including a red hydraulic generator, jaws of life, three air lifting bags and three medical kits.

Leduc RCMP and RCMP Forensic Identification Specialists are continuing to investigate this break and enter and are seeking the public's assistance.

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2018 CITIZENS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS

– City encourages recognition of deserving local individuals, groups and businesses

Submitted by Natalie Lang, Corporate Communications | City of Leduc

The City of Leduc is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Citizens of Distinction Awards. Currently in their tenth year, the annual awards recognize outstanding citizens, organizations and businesses that have made notable contributions

to the community.

The Citizens of Distinction Awards are handed out annually, to six individuals, groups, organizations or businesses that have made outstanding contributions to the community in any of the following categories:

- Athletic Achievement Award
- Community Spirit Award
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Recognition Award

• Environmental Achievement Award

- Youth Award of Merit

• Mayor's Special Award (at the discretion of mayor and council)

The nomination period opened on Jan. 2, 2019, and will run until noon on Feb. 1, 2019. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel, and winners will be chosen based on their achievements

and the exposure and development they have brought to the community. Award winners will be honoured as part of the city's annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, hosted in April during National Volunteer Week 2019.

Nomination forms and guidelines, as well as a full list of eligibility criteria, can be found online at <https://www.leduc.ca/citizen-recognition-program>.

RCMP Member Charged Following Investigation

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During the arrest, the officer is alleged to have used both physical force and a pair of handcuffs to strike the man. Following the arrest, it was determined that the man had sustained serious injury, including an orbital floor facial fracture.

ASIRT conducted a thorough and independent investigation into the circumstances surround-

ing the incident. Upon review, it was determined that the evidence raised reasonable grounds to believe that an offence or offences had been committed. As required under the Police Act, the complete investigative file was forwarded to the Alberta Crown Prosecution Service (ACPS) for a determination on whether it met the standard for prosecution. Having been advised by ACPS that the case meets the Crown

standard for prosecution, and having carefully reviewed the investigation, and there being reasonable grounds to believe that offences were committed, ASIRT executive director, Ms. Susan D. Hughson, Q.C., made the determination that the involved officer should be charged accordingly.

Today, Cpl. Peter MacMillan, a member of the RCMP, has been charged with one count

of assault causing bodily harm and one count of assault with a weapon, to wit: handcuffs.

Cpl. MacMillan was served with an appearance notice, and is required to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019.

As these matters are now before the courts, ASIRT will not provide any further information in relation to these incidents.

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EARLY COAL PHASE OUT: GOOD OR BAD POLICY?

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency Office

In a previous article I addressed the need for governments to make good policy decisions that:

- have an aspirational goal,
- consider and reflect public thought,

- at the very least do no harm,
- and establish an economic environment that will create jobs.

Here is one example of how a bad policy decision has hurt Albertans.

During its term in government the NDP with little to no consultation fast tracked the phase out

of coal.

Now there is no doubt that this new plan to replace coal generated electricity with renewable energy and natural gas was an aspirational goal but did it reflect public thought, do no harm and create jobs?

Within the electrical industry the phase out of coal resulted

in electrical chaos, lost jobs, stranded assets and the tax payer on the hook for at least \$1.7 Billion dollars in payouts to the electrical companies.

The County of Parkland believes that this decision has resulted in a loss of 25-30% of their tax base, partially because of the loss of jobs in both the coal industry and the fact that running a natural gas electrical power plant needs significantly fewer workers.

Now that renewable energy is becoming an important part of the Alberta electricity story we must also come to terms with the fact that when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow electricity is not being produced and an alternate source of energy must be found.

Alberta is tied into a continental electricity distribution grid that connects us to the rest of Canada and the United States.

So where do we receive the electricity we need when the sun doesn't shine or the wind doesn't blow?

Some of it comes from the Alberta-Montana tie in line.

How does Montana produce much of their electrical energy? Coal

So we find ourselves in the position where rather than producing electricity in Alberta, creating jobs and wealth and a larger tax base this government would prefer to buy from Montana, create jobs in Montana.

The result is what we call bad policy that hurts Albertans and can't even make the claim that we are sacrificing jobs for the environment because the carbon is still being produced by carbon leakage into Montana from plants that are less efficient than in Alberta.

This is just one clear example of how bad policy hurts everyday Albertans and why we need to be careful in crafting policy and in choosing governments as we move into 2019.

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DEVON RCMP SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING FEMALE

Submitted by Devon RCMP

UPDATE #1:
Jan. 16, 2019

Devon, Alta. – Devon RCMP continue to investigate the disappearance of Kathleen Rose Ferraz-Duchesneau (25) of Devon.

On Jan. 6, 2019 at 11:10 p.m. Kathleen's vehicle was located, abandoned, south of the Devon Bridge. Kathleen has not been located since the discovery of her vehicle.

To date, the RCMP have been following up on all tips provided, unfortunately no viable information or sighting has resulted. Local businesses have been solicited for any video surveillance, and local homeowners have been requested to check their property for any information that may lead to her whereabouts. Several RCMP units and detachments are involved and working collaboratively to explore all avenues of investigation. The RCMP continue to liaise with various community search groups.

There has not been sufficient evidence at this point for the RCMP to have made any determination that this is a criminal incident.

"I know that everyone wants to help find Kathleen, so I'm asking the public to assist by providing the RCMP information and allowing us to do our investigational job" says Sergeant Jolene Nason of the Devon RCMP. "The public is welcome to conduct searches in open, public areas but should not be going on private property where they may be alarming homeowners and putting themselves in unsafe situations."

If you have seen Kathleen or have any information on her whereabouts, please contact Devon RCMP at 780-987-3414. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime

Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

BACKGROUND:

On Jan. 6, 2019, at approximately 11:10 p.m., Kathleen's vehicle was observed parked and running in the medium, between the north and south bound lanes, just south of the Devon Bridge.

Kathleen is described as:

- Caucasian
- 5' 5" tall
- 240 lbs
- Green eyes
- Blondish/brown hair
- Possibly wearing glasses
- Possibly wearing purple jacket with white fur around the hood
- Blue jeans

There is a general concern for



Kathleen's safety and well-being.

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VOLUNTEERS HONOURED WITH STARS OF ALBERTA AWARDS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Six outstanding Albertans were recognized at the 2018 Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards in Edmonton.

"Each day, Alberta volunteers step forward to lend their time and talents to the projects and causes that matter to them and to Albertans. This year's award recipients embody the very best of our province and the amazing family of volunteers that are the heart of our communities. They are truly the volunteer Stars of Alberta." - Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism

This year's recipients of the Stars of Alberta awards are

- Joyce Sydnes, Brownvale
- Allan Macaulay, Devon
- Emma Moore, Strathmore
- Sophia Qaderi, St. Albert
- Irehobhude O. Iyioha, Edmonton



• Glori Meldrum, Edmonton

Two awards are presented in the youth, adult and senior categories. The annual awards program started in 2000. Since then, 115 Alberta volunteers have received the honour.

The awards are part of govern-

ment's efforts to recognize and encourage Albertans to support community initiatives. Volunteer recognition programs help set a standard for service, encourage a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspire others to make volunteering a central part of their

lives.

The Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards coincided with International Volunteer Day on Dec. 5, a global initiative established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985.

RECOGNIZING ALBERTANS WITH DISABILITIES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans are joining people around the world on United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities to recognize and celebrate the important contributions people with disabilities make to the

province.

Events are being held across the province to create awareness and understanding of disability issues and to recognize the accomplishments and contributions people with disabilities make to Alberta.

"Albertans with disabilities are essential to our communities. Their

accomplishments and contributions help build a stronger, more inclusive province for all. Our government is proud to be making life better for people with disabilities by ensuring they have stable, predictable supports, and live with dignity. This is the Alberta we want and are working toward." - Irfan Sabir, Minister

of Community and Social Services

As part of the celebrations, individuals, groups and organizations across Alberta are being presented with the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Awards.

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STEP 2019 READY TO HELP EMPLOYERS AND STUDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Applications for the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) are now being accepted online.

The Alberta government re-introduced STEP to create work opportunities for high school and post-secondary students between May and August, by providing a \$7-per-hour wage subsidy to employers.

"Alberta students deserve good jobs and the best possible training, and Alberta businesses deserve the labour resources they need to thrive. Since we brought STEP back in 2016, the program has provided

nearly 9,000 jobs for students across the province. Employers who hire students improve job prospects for young Albertans and can hire additional resources to sustain and build their business." - Christina Gray, Minister of Labour

Last year, STEP helped almost 1,400 employers hire 3,050 students for summer positions. The program is available to small businesses, non-profit organizations, public libraries, school boards, publicly funded post-secondary institutions, municipalities, First Nations and Metis settlements.

"Well educated young people with useful skills are essential to our future and we need to provide mean-

ingful employment opportunities to help prepare them. The STEP program makes it possible to take on students to work in small businesses and public institutions that could not afford to hire them otherwise. Students who have worked for us have all gone on to build successful careers." - Peter Wallis, president and principal scientist, Hyperion Research Ltd.

New this year, applications are being accepted online only to streamline the process, through the Labour Workforce Grants Portal. Employers interested in hiring a student for 2019 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Applications must be submitted

before the Feb. 8, 2019 deadline. Additional information and application forms are available online at alberta.ca/step

Quick facts

- STEP is a four- to 16-week wage subsidy program that provides funding to employers to hire high school or post-secondary students for summer jobs from May to August.
- Employers are offered a \$7-per-hour subsidy for a maximum of 37.5 hours per week.
- STEP was reintroduced in 2016, receiving \$10 million annually.
- The program will accept applications through the online portal alberta.ca/step from Jan. 3 to Feb. 8, 2019.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2019 APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to advise that the application to apply for funding under the Canada Summer Jobs program has been extended.

The deadline to apply is now

February 3, 2019.

The Canada Summer Jobs initiative helps employers create summer job opportunities for those between the ages of 15 and 30,” concluded MP Eglinski.

To ensure timely receipt of your CSJ application, please submit your application by going to: <https://srv212.services.gc.ca/ihst/Questionnaire>.

<http://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/aspx?sid=9ae0c0ff-04ec-40d1-8cf4-4a270740803f&lc=eng&iffsapid=EEC-CSJ&iffssid=562f599e-f6ed-4f3b-91a3-1e7fdd2ea707>

For more information on CSJ, including the eligibility criteria and application guide, please go to: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/>

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BOB YOUNG

Submitted by Nikki Booth, Manager of Communications and Marketing Services | City of Leduc

Friday, January 25, 2019

“The 65th Avenue Interchange is a significant investment that will help our region in reaching its full economic potential, and I am very proud to be a part of a community, a region and a province that have been working

collectively toward this common goal.

“The Interchange will provide additional access points to the airport and the surrounding lands, enabling the development of commercial infrastructure and further diversifying economic development in and around EIA and our region. It will also help expand logistical and transportation networks for new and existing businesses.

“Locally, the interchange is projected to pave the way in generating \$600 million in investment growth for our region, including 4,000 new construction jobs and 4,300 permanent, multi-sector jobs.

“On a larger scale, this interchange is just one critical piece of a much larger national trade corridor that includes the Nisku Spine Road. We will continue to work with our partners, Leduc

County, to ensure we get this trade corridor completed.

“Together, we are not only creating a physical connection for our transportation corridors, but also a meaningful connection to the global marketplace. This is a very exciting time for our region, and we should all be very proud.”



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Premier Notley and Minister Larivee meet with Great Kids Award recipients during a National Child Day event at the Alberta legislature.

NATIONAL CHILD DAY: MINISTER LARIVEE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

November 20, 2018

Minister of Children's Services Danielle Larivee issued the following statement recognizing National Child Day:

"Our government believes that all young people should be heard

everywhere and every day on issues and decisions that matter to them.

"Today, we celebrate National Child Day and children's right to identity, a right that includes respect for diversity and inclusion. Every child in our province deserves a happy and healthy life, no matter where they are born or where they live – no matter their personal, social or cultural identity.

"Our government is working to help kids reach their full potential by ensuring they have a voice and are supported. Every parent knows that laying the foundation for childhood success doesn't begin in Grade 1. That's why we're improving access to quality, affordable \$25-a-day child care. It's why the Alberta Child Benefit supports access to dance, soccer or music lessons. Because helping parents means helping children have brighter futures.

"A key step in A Stronger, Safer Tomorrow, our plan to protect children and improve supports for Indigenous families, is to establish a Youth Advisory Committee for children involved in the child intervention system, so we can hear from young people directly. Our government is also ensuring school environments respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging, including the ability for students to form gay-straight alliances.

"Today, I was honoured to meet with Great Kids Award winners, who showed once again just how bright the future of our province will be. Alberta is filled with great kids like these whose voices and ideas are building stronger communities throughout our province. This year's nomination deadline for the Great Kids Awards has been extended to Jan. 31. I encourage all Albertans to nominate great kids they know for this award and to celebrate all kids."

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MONDAY

- Breakfast
- Family Fishing Day
- ATV Poker Rally
- Skate Park



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ONE-STOP SHOP FOR ALBERTA UTILITY CONSUMERS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Albertans who have concerns about their water utility provider can access free mediation services through the Utilities Consumer Advocate beginning Dec. 1.

The Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate (UCA) has a proven record of educating natural gas and electricity consumers and mediating utility-related disputes. In June, the government passed An Act to Empower Utility Consumers, which expanded the mandate of the UCA to include water utilities.

Effective Dec. 1, the UCA will be a one-stop shop for people looking for help on water, natural gas and

electricity issues. The UCA previously mediated disputes between consumers and electricity and natural gas providers, but can now help water utility customers with questions about billing, customer service, disconnection and metering issues.

"Albertans hit with unexpected high water bills told us they had nowhere to go. The UCA has a long history of mediating disputes between consumers and electricity and natural gas providers, and the UCA will now be able to help Albertans with their water bills. Finding new ways to protect consumers is another example of how we're making life better for Albertans." - Brian Malkinson, Minister of Service Alberta

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UCA panel up and running

In addition to the expanded mandate, a new panel that will advise on electricity and natural gas matters concerning residential, agricultural and small business consumers is now in operation.

The Power and Natural Gas Consumers Panel was created to provide advice and guidance regarding current and emerging energy consumer issues to the Minister of Service Alberta and the UCA.

The panel has nine members, including four members who represent the following stakeholder groups:

- Alberta Chambers of Commerce
- Alberta Federation of Agricul-

ture

- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta

The remaining five public members were selected through an open competition, based on a diverse range of skill sets. They bring to the panel backgrounds in policy/law, utility infrastructure, education, social work and home ownership.

The panel will meet two to four times a year and is projected to have an annual budget of \$32,000. This is an 88 per cent decrease from the previous governance body, the UCA Advisory Board, which averaged an annual budget of \$264,000 during the three years prior to its dissolution in 2016.

Recognizing Albertans With Disabilities

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The awards recognize leadership and achievement in creating and promoting inclusive communities.

The 2018 award recipients are

- Access for All Barrier-Free Playscape, Red Deer
- Anne Pype, Barrhead
- April Ruzicki, Medicine Hat
- Associated Canadian Travellers, Grande Prairie
- Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta
- City of Edmonton Programs for Persons with Disabilities, Edmonton
- Colin Cantlie, Calgary
- Daralynn Swensrud, Edmonton

- Romeo Crow Chief, Siksika
- Sean McEwen, Calgary
- Valley Bus Society, Drumheller

"We are honoured to present the Premier's Council Awards to these deserving Albertans. Their leadership in building barrier-free and inclusive communities is creating a future where all persons, regardless of ability, can reach their full potential and lead meaningful lives."

- Sheila Serup, chair, Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

The Government of Alberta is making life better for people with disabilities by

- Appointing Alberta's first Advocate for Persons with Disabilities.

- Increasing the Persons with Developmental Disabilities budget by \$150 million.

• Creating jobs for persons with disabilities through the Internship for Persons with Disabilities.

• Improving the application process for the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program and increasing the AISH budget by \$182 million.

• Improving access to service dogs and approving five new qualified service dog organizations, bringing the provincial total to eight, that can train and test service dogs, including dogs that support people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

- Launching a review of the Per-

sons with Developmental Disabilities program.

- Proclaiming Disability Employment Awareness Month.

• Repealing the PDD Safety Standards and stopping the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS).

• Recently passed legislation that will:

- Increase benefit rates for Albertans who receive AISH and Income Supports, including living allowance and supplemental benefits.

- Increase asset limits for the AISH child allowance and AISH personal benefits.

- These benefits would increase annually to keep pace with inflation.

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR ALBERTA CAMPGROUNDS

It was the best year of the decade for Alberta Parks' online reservation system.

Submitted by Government of Alberta

With nearly 171,000 reservations, the provincial reservation system exceeded all nine previous annual totals.

Introduced in 2009, Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca (RAP) helps bolster tourism and helps Albertans connect with nature and experience the provincial parks system.

From the quiet tranquility of lake-front comfort cabins to large family-style group camping to full-amenity park settings, RAP helps visitors explore a wide range

of opportunities, many of which have been bolstered by the government's ongoing investment to improve and upgrade campgrounds.

The province is investing \$38 million this year in Alberta's provincial park upgrades, expansions and modernizations throughout the system.

In 2018, the RAP system processed 164,101 regular campsites, 3,251 group sites and 3,638 comfort camping units. The 2018 total exceeded last year's online reservation tally of 163,780.

Although the system is only in place between February and November, Albertans can still winter

camp at a number of provincial parks listed at Albertaparks.ca.

Quick facts

- Alberta's RAP system has nearly 600,000 account users.

- There are about 250 provincial campgrounds with more than 14,000 campsites in the Alberta provincial parks system.

- The RAP system allows online booking for 88 provincial campgrounds (the remaining provincial campgrounds are first come, first served), 162 group campsites and 64 comfort camping units.

- The online system is mobile-friendly so people can book

campsites on their mobile devices.

- To make an online reservation, set up an account or update your existing account in advance of the reservation days, visit Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca.

- Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca campsite opening dates for 2019 are:

- Feb. 4 - group camping
- Feb. 11 - comfort camping
- Feb. 19 - regular camping
- Feb. 25 - backcountry camping
- Revenues generated from camping fees are invested back into Alberta Parks.

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VETERANS IN NEED HAVE A NEW PLACE TO SEEK HELP

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MLA Goehring (second from left) unveils plans for a new veterans service centre with Shawna Laychuck (L), veteran service team manager for Veterans Affairs, Debbie Lowther and Gerry Finlay, command service officer for the Royal Canadian Legion, Alberta-NWT Command.

Edmonton-area veterans will soon have a one-stop shop to find housing, get mental and physical health supports and receive help securing employment.

The provincial government is investing \$3 million in a new Veterans Service Centre and transitional housing project in north Edmonton. The project will help link veterans to a range of services, including transitional housing, employment and training services and crisis supports.

"Men and women who have served in the military make incredible sacrifices in the line of duty.

When the time comes to hang up the uniform, transitioning to civilian life can be difficult. This new service centre and transitional housing will be key in helping ensure veterans at risk of homelessness have the supports they need." - Nicole Goehring, MLA and Government of Alberta Liaison to the Canadian Armed Forces

Veterans Emergency Transition Services (VETS) Canada, a non-profit organization, will manage the operations of the Veterans Service Centre. They will also lead the intake process for veterans in need of housing.

"From our research with thousands of in-crisis veterans across the country, we have learned that those who are struggling are in desperate need of a 'one-stop shop', a safe place where they can go and receive immediate support and services from qualified personnel and other veterans, without having to chase a referral to another location. That is what this project is all about." - Debbie Lowther, chair/co-founder, Veterans Emergency Transition Services Canada

The service centre is located along public transportation routes with access to the downtown core, the operational stress injury clinic and the Edmonton Garrison. It is just steps away from an apartment building, purchased by the Government of Alberta, to provide transitional housing for 15 homeless veterans. The Royal Canadian Legion, Alberta-NWT Command, is contributing up to \$75,000 to furnish the suites in the building.

"We are pleased be able to make a financial contribution to this project. As we come closer to Remembrance Day, it is important to remember veterans' sacrifice and their service, but also to look forward and to provide essential supports and collaboration with our partners to ensure that veterans themselves have the opportunities to live their lives fully and enjoy the freedoms that Canada has asked them to defend." - Chris Strong, president, The Royal Canadian Legion, Alberta-NWT Command

The service centre is expected to be operational before the end of the year. Veterans are expected to begin moving into the transitional housing in the coming months.



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FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. www.devergreenfarmersmarket.ca

BINGO

MULHURST: Every Tuesday night, 7:00PM at the Mulhurst Legion

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

JAMBOREE

CALMAR: Wilton Park Community Hall, 4th Sat of Month, 7:30PM. 780-985-2478.
DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

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

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

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

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 BUS: to West Edmonton Mall - 1st Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3rd Wed. 1:30PM;

Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Wed. of each month @ 7PM, June - Sept. Chalet Lions Campground. \$5 Admission, Musicians FREE. 780-987-2093

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.
JAM DANCE & CARDS: 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

"KIDS OWN WORSHIP" an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780) 542-5048

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

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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 ea mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

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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Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

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Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

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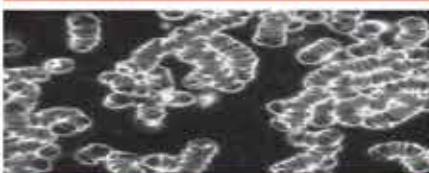
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