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### NEW FORM, NEW DEADLINE FOR CITIZENS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Submitted by City of Leduc

Help us honour 5 outstanding community members: nominate by Feb. 28

The City of Leduc has improved the online nomination process by creating a user-friendly form, and extended the deadline to meet the needs of the com-

munity. The Citizens of Distinction Awards program is about celebrating leadership, kindness and achievement to honour citizens of all ages, community groups and businesses for their extraordinary efforts.

“Leduc has exceptional leaders, volunteers and citizens who demonstrate amazing community spir-

it, athletic/artistic prowess and mentorship, and progressive ideas and actions that support environmental stewardship; all of which we want to celebrate through the 2021 Citizens of Distinction Awards,” says Leduc Mayor Bob Young.

Changes to this year’s Citizens of Distinction include: *Continued on Page 2*

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### RCMP CENTRAL ALBERTA DISTRICT CRIME REDUCTION TEAM ARREST REPEAT OFFENDERS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Jan. 5, 2022, members of the RCMP Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CAD CRU) were conducting surveillance in an area of Buck Lake known to be frequented by criminals. Officers observed 2 pick up

trucks driving together one of which matched the description of a truck stolen in Rocky Mountain House earlier in the day. Officers followed the vehicles until they arrived at a residence in Violet Grove Alta.

As officers entered the property, two suspects attempted to flee the area in

one of the trucks. Fortunately, the vehicle was disabled as it fled and officers were able to quickly take the suspects safely into custody.

A subsequent search of the property revealed 5 additional stolen pick up trucks and one stolen 5th wheel.

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# New Form, New Deadline For Citizens Of Distinction Awards

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- The Youth Award of Merit will honour youth aged 16 and under.
- The #Influencers Award will be incorporated into the Citizens of Distinction program and will honour individuals ages 17 to 21 in

the community. Stay tuned as award details will be shared later this month. Citizens of Distinction nominations will be accepted online and in-person at the Leduc Civic Centre until Feb. 28, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the following categories:

- 1.Athletic Achievement Award
- 2.Community Spirit Award
- 3.Arts, Culture and Heritage Recognition Award
- 4.Environmental Achievement Award
- 5.Youth Award of Merit

# RCMP Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Team Arrest Repeat Offenders

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The vehicles were originally stolen from Rocky Mountain House, Drayton Valley, Parkland County, Calmar, and Sanguo. Jason Sylvain Roy (34) of Wetaskiwin, has been charged with;

- Possession of property ob-

tained by crime over \$5000 (x2)  
 •Fail to comply with release conditions (x7)  
 Possession of a controlled substance  
 Roy was held in custody with his next court appearance set for Jan. 12, 2022, in Breton, Alta.  
 Derek Fernand Lavoie (32) of Brazeau County, has been

charged with;  
 Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000 (x2)  
 •Flight from Police  
 •Possession of a controlled Substance  
 Lavoie was released from custody with his next court appearance set for Jan.12, 2022, in Breton, Alta.



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**JOKE of the week**

My friend once called a few house painters to his house for some work. He wanted them to paint his porch. After a few hours, the house painters came back for the payment as their work was complete. Before leaving they told my friend that they had enjoyed painting his car, but it is not really a Porsche.



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## Alberta residents are saying great things about Xplornet's 50/10 Unlimited package.

Mayanne, who recently relocated from the city to Rocky View County, summed it up as, "We expected we'd be back in the days of dialup, but we have been pleasantly surprised with our speed. We often getting higher speeds than our plan offers. We are very pleased so far. And, I also have to say the customer service was amazing to deal with."

Xplornet District Manager, AJ Struyk, says that happy customers like Mayanne are as a result of Xplornet's investments in LTE through out rural Alberta and he's excited for what's to come. "In Alberta, we're investing in our LTE market and upgrading our towers to 5G. 5G is the future of wireless Internet, with speeds up to 100 Mbps," he said.

### **Xplornet's commitment to supporting local has set them apart.**

"We use local dealers, so you might even know the person coming to your house to install your service. We're a Canadian company with roots in New Brunswick. Our customer service teams are based in Canada, and we pride ourselves on supporting local businesses. We try to make sure we're positively impacting the communities that we're in on multiple levels," AJ said. He also noted that Xplornet's Xplore 50/10 UNLIMITED plan has a track record of customer satisfaction.

### **Customers have appreciated the recent increase in speed.**

Take Andre in Wetaskiwin, for example. "I've been on the 50/10 unlimited for about 8 months now. I'm in an excellent location for Xplore 50/10, about 5 km from a tower with a good line of sight and couldn't be happier. Excellent speed and streaming quality. 4K plus is smooth and no problem with multiple devices. No surprises on the bill either," he said.



*District Manager, AJ Struyk, poses in front of one of Xplornet's LTE towers in Alberta.*

AJ knows that unlimited data is a big selling point because customers need to be able to use the Internet worry-free. "It's the freedom from overages. You don't have to monitor your usage. It's peace of mind," he said,

### **Truly unlimited data is especially important too.**

Unlimited data has been making a big difference for Dana in Buck Creek, Alberta. "I'm thankful for the upgrade and unlimited Internet. It has made working from home easier," she said. AJ thinks that truly unlimited data is especially important. "I think Internet has become a utility. It is no longer something you just want, you need it, it's a way of life. Everything is online now and that's never going to change," he said.

Peter, an Xplornet customer from Olds, Alberta has been relying on Xplornet throughout the pandemic. "It has been so helpful with keeping all the computers in our household online for schooling the last two school seasons," he said.

### **Xplornet's investments are designed to keep up as demand for faster speeds continue to grow.**

"It is truly faster than it's ever been and it's only getting faster. We are using future-proof technology. We can connect you to the Internet today and keep you connected as your family's usage needs grow," AJ said. Xplornet has built and upgraded hundreds of towers in the past year and there's more to come!

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# ALBERTA'S ECONOMY IS COMING BACK STRONGER AND MORE DIVERSIFIED THAN EVER.

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

Good economic news is abounding as Alberta's Recovery Plan continues to take shape, and this week was no exception. In every corner of the province, we learned of new investments that will create high-paying jobs for everyday Albertans.

In Alberta's Industrial Heartland, specifically in Lamont, we learned that Fortune Minerals has purchased a former steel fabrication plant to build a new cobalt refinery. This \$250 million project will create hundreds of high-paying jobs for skilled workers, in both its construction and operational phases, and it's another exciting investment happening in Alberta's Industrial Heartland, which has already seen major investments from companies like Dow Chemical and Air

Products.

In Calgary, we learned that EY Canada is building its first Canadian-based Finance Centre of Excellence. The centre will offer cutting-edge internal finance services that meet the most pressing needs of the business and joins a growing list of EY Finance Centres of Excellence around the world with distinct areas of focus ranging from cybersecurity, innovation and analytics to robotic process automation and manufacturing services.

Calgary was chosen based on its well-educated and diverse workforce, quality of life, and Alberta's affordable cost of living and doing business. This is great news as our economy continues to diversify and our province continues to build a reputation as a destination for major international business.

Calgary's international reputation in the film and television industry continues to grow as well, in addition to its reputation in the finance world. 2021 was a banner year for Alberta in film and television, with nearly \$1 billion in production costs, including HBO's *The Last of Us*, the largest production ever filmed in Canada. As a result, for the second consecutive year, Calgary has been named as a top ten city in North America to live and work as a moviemaker.

In the Capital Region, we learned that HCL Technologies, a leading global technology company, is building an Innovation Center focused on engineering and research and development services. This too will create high-paying jobs for Albertans, particularly in our growing technology sector.

Our province's technolo-

gy industry has had three straight years of incredible growth. In fact, our technology sectors in Edmonton and Calgary are some of the fastest growing in North America. From Amazon Web Services' multi-billion-dollar investment in a new cloud computing operation in Calgary to tech giant Infosys, Alberta is not only home to a rapidly maturing tech sector but a place brimming with remarkable talent and entrepreneurship. As we settle into a new year, this HCL centre is just another reason to be optimistic about the opportunities ahead.

No matter where you look, there are exciting things happening in Alberta. 2022 is going to be a strong year for our province's economy, as we lead the country in economic growth and into a new and exciting future!

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE



Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise the launch of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Platinum Jubilee marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the Throne.

The deadline to apply for funding for community projects is February 22, 2022.

# TEACHERS WANT NORMALCY, BUT CAUTION IS STILL NEEDED

Submitted by The Alberta Teacher's Associations

In response to the latest COVID-19 provincial update, ATA president Jason Schilling has released the following statement:

Just one month ago, the government decided to extend winter break and provided new, medical grade masks to all schools. Now just days after those masks have arrived in some schools, the provincial government has decided to eliminate masking requirements entirely. The school community expects that the government will make decisions after carefully considering expert scientific advice and, when appropriate, proceed with a gradual reduction in safety protocols so that students and teachers can continue to learn and teach with confidence that our schools are safe and healthy places.

"A return to a more normal school setting is something that everyone is hoping for. However, we do not want a hasty decision, only to take us a step backwards in a few weeks. We urge the government to take a more cautious approach regarding the safety protocols in schools."

"Teachers, like most Albertans, are tired of the pandemic, but they are also worried about the speed at which the government announced the removal of the one protection that was available to all students—masking."

Throughout the past two years, the minister of education has consistently abdicated the responsibility of the pandemic response to school boards. The minister has stated the importance of school boards' autonomy and their ability to make decisions and respond to specific local needs. In response, many boards

stepped up and made the hard, but necessary, decisions to ensure community safety. However yesterday, this strategy changed, and the minister stripped school boards of their capacity to respond to COVID in their schools and communities.

"Once again, the government has made a decision without consulting educational stakeholders, including the Associ-

ation and school boards. Consulting those working every day in schools was the bare minimum the government should have done. They didn't."

The government of Alberta has repeatedly stated that schools reflect the COVID that is present in the community. Average COVID rates remain at a high level across the province, and students will now be in crowded spaces, many poor-

ly ventilated, without masks.

"We have consistently heard from the government that schools reflect the COVID that is present in the community. Why remove the mask mandate so quickly when community spread has not decreased significantly? What will be so different next week from this week?"

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# MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER ON FIREARMS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following during Question Period:

“Mr. Speaker, John, a constituent in my riding, has been a firearm owner for over 50 years. He served in the military and never had an issue related to

the firearms he has owned. Many criminals in Canada purchase illegal handguns and commit crimes anywhere from armed robbery to murder and the government does nothing to stop them.

When will the Liberal government start punishing criminals instead of law-abiding citizens and remove the order in coun-

cil so that John can sell his firearms?”

Reply:

Hon. Mark Holland (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):

“Mr. Speaker, we have consistently introduced responsible legislation on firearms to make sure that the laws in place protect Canadians and that lawful firearms ownership is also

protected, but that, like all forms of rights and freedoms in our society, comes with reasonable restrictions. Just as in any other element of life, that is what we do with firearms because our priority is the safety of Canadians and making sure that we do not let ideology get in the way of making decisions for public safety.”

## CITY OF LEDUC COVID-19 UPDATE

Submitted by City of Leduc

City will follow provincial direction in lifting of public health measures

In response to the Province of Alberta's announcement on Feb. 8, the Restriction Exemption Program was removed within the City of Leduc as of 11:59 p.m. on

Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The City will continue to follow all applicable provincial regulations, including masking policies and capacity limits, and direction in lifting public health measures according to the province's three-step process. A full list of public health guidelines is available from the Province

of Alberta.

Since the start of the pandemic, the City has prioritized the health and well-being of staff and our community and has gone to great lengths, in alignment with direction from health officials, to protect one another's safety while continuing to also provide high quality services to

residents.

Thank you for continuing to do all that you can to help prevent the spread, and for being patient, kind and compassionate with each other and our teams.

## RURAL COMMUNITIES WILL ATTRACT NEW DOCTORS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Applications open Feb. 1 for a program providing benefits to bring new family physicians to rural Alberta.

The Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program will provide \$2 million to 20 new family physicians in each of the next three years. The physicians will practise in 15 identified rural or remote communities of need. Further communities will be identified in subsequent years.

“RESIDE will be key in attracting new family physicians to bring Albertans in rural communities the health care they deserve. By addressing rural physician recruitment and retention, this \$6-million program is another part of our \$90-million

commitment this year to ensure Albertans have equitable access to physicians no matter where they live.”

Jason Copping, Minister of Health

Family physicians who choose to work in specific communities will be eligible for \$60,000 for undergraduate tuition fee reimbursement, as well as a remote community incentive ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000, depending on the community's remoteness. In exchange, successful physicians will provide three years of service in a designated rural community.

“Rural and remote communities continue to face challenges recruiting and retaining family physicians, with deep consequences for the care Albertans receive. RESIDE will help bring 20 family physicians to provide needed

care in every corner of our province each year – and help them stay. I'm pleased to see Alberta's government is committed to attracting doctors to communities like Grande Cache and committed to providing health care in rural Alberta.”

Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead

The first group of successful RESIDE participants will start practising in rural communities this fall.

“The RESIDE program will play a vital role in attracting physicians to Alberta's rural and remote communities. The launch of RESIDE demonstrates the Government of Alberta's ongoing commitment toward ensuring rural Albertans have access to health care close to home.”

Dr. Gavin Parker, board chairperson, Rural Health

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“People of rural Alberta deserve access to high-quality, sustained, dependable, comprehensive health care in their hometowns. We are excited to be a part of encouraging medical students to explore the many wonderful opportunities that are available within rural medicine in Alberta. We hope this program will help bolster an interest in, and commitment to, rural family practice within the student body and help graduating physicians connect and settle within rural Alberta.”

Payden Spowart and Katrina Taylor, student co-chairs, Family Medicine and Rural Medicine Interest Group, University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine

# *Bridal Guide*

February 2022



## *Your* Guide to Planning Your Big Day

Filled with helpful planning advice, savvy how-to tips and the latest wedding trends, as well as a host of local wedding vendors here to help you plan the perfect day!

# Bridal Guide



## YOUR WEDDING TIMELINE GUIDE

Wedding planning involves many movable pieces that ultimately need to come together on the big day. Planning is typically a months-long process, and adhering to certain monthly benchmarks can help couples stay the course. Brides magazine offers that the perfect engagement period is 12 to 14 months, which affords ample time to get organized and work with vendors. With that in mind, here's a 12-month timeline for couples getting ready to say "I do."

12 months out

At the start of the planning process, establish your bud-

get, hire a wedding planner (optional), choose the wedding party, pick a date, and start to assemble a cursory guest list. This also is a great time to begin touring venues to get a feel for potential ceremony and reception locales.

11 months out

Now is the time to get a firm handle on the theme and scope of the wedding. Start picking wedding colors and overall design. Also, interview and hire vendors, such as photographers, bands and videographers. These vendors tend to book up quickly as wedding season draws near, so it's never too early to

book them.

10 months out

This is a good time to start shopping for a wedding gown because it might take some trial and error to find the perfect dress. You also can start shopping for wedding party attire at this time. Check with formalwear vendors to see how long it will take for the gowns to arrive in the shop for alterations. If you haven't already done so, be sure to book the wedding venue.

8 months out

Reception halls may have their own schedules, but you should think about setting your menu at this time,

including deciding if you will host a seated dinner, a buffet or something else.

Eight months out also is a good time to finalize the guest list and send save-the-date cards.

This also is a good time to visit stores to create registry gift lists.

6 months out

Meet with potential florists and other vendors, like transportation companies and hotels, to secure these arrangements. Your place of worship also may require certain classes ...

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## Your Wedding Timeline Guide

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.... or preparatory meetings, so be sure to inquire about these.

Meet with a makeup and hair stylist and book a trial. Choose attire for groomsmen and give them a deadline for fittings and orders. If you will not be getting married in a place of worship, hire an officiant at this time.

4 months out

Grooms traditionally arrange the honeymoon, so this is a fine time to get those travel plans in order. If you need passports, you should secure

them as early as possible, and no later than four months prior to the wedding to ensure processing times. Book cake tastings and order the cake if it is not part of the venue food and beverage package. If you haven't already done so, the bride should have an initial gown fitting, and wedding invitations should be ordered at this time.

2 months out

Secure your wedding license and buy wedding party gifts. Address and mail the wedding invitations. Undergo a second gown fitting and work with the seamstress for the final fitting date just before the wedding.

Finalize any song selections with the DJ or band.

The final details will occur in the last weeks before the wedding. Buy all the small accessories and items, undergo final fittings and check in with all vendors for final payments and to ensure they are on schedule. Notify the reception hall of the final guest count.

Once the wedding day arrives, couples who have done their best to stay on schedule can relax and have a great time with family and friends.



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# JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

That is what Albertans were seeing when they looked at January's Labour Force Survey from Statistics Canada that showed Alberta created 7,000 net new jobs in January, while much of the country saw significant losses.

The report shows Alberta continued to lead Canada with an employment rate of 64.5 per cent and a declining unemployment rate. Alberta is one of only five provinces to see such growth and one of only four provinces to see a drop in its unemployment rate.

This data followed a strong year for Alberta that saw nearly 130,000 net new jobs created and our unemployment rate drop to its lowest since before the pandemic began. While modest, Janu-

ary's numbers show a continuation of those trends. Year over year, Alberta's unemployment rate has gone from 10.8 per cent in January of last year to 7.2 per cent last month.

Our people are going back to work. The share of those ages 25 to 54 with jobs – the “prime age employment rate” – exceeded to approximately 85 per cent in January – the highest rate we've seen in seven years.

The January labour numbers also showed very strong numbers for female labour participation. The labour force participation rate for women ages 25 to 54 is now approximately 85 per cent – the highest rate in the history of our province. That is amazing news for our economy.

As the pandemic wanes, Alberta's economic recovery continues to show

strong momentum. This is a far cry from when the Notley NDP lost 200,000 jobs with no pandemic. Alberta is starting to look like its old self again as our oilpatch roars and our people go back to work. As many have said, Alberta is starting to get its “swagger back”.

Our economy is also continuing to experience strong economic diversification, and I am confident we will continue to see growth in our province as word spreads that Alberta is a business and entrepreneur-friendly jurisdiction with a high quality of life and low cost of living.

Last year, we saw several record-breaking investments in our province, and we are looking forward to even more investment in 2022. The most recent reports show increases in retail sales, restaurant sales,

wholesale trade and oil production. Further, the province saw building permits increase by 30 per cent over the past year.

The pandemic has been challenging for so many Albertans, but we will soon be back to normal, at which point our economy will really take-off. I am very excited about the outlook for our province. If we can produce such strong numbers with a pandemic weighing on us, imagine what we will do when we are back to normal. Alberta is coming back, and I am very much looking forward to the days ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your strength and fortitude. I look forward to providing you with more positive updates soon about jobs and Alberta's economic recovery soon.

## MP SOROKA'S STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, gave the following statement in the House.

“Mr. Speaker, prior to my time in Parliament, I served in municipal government. I was encouraged to speak up on behalf of the people

who put their trust in me. I am concerned I do not have the same freedom to ask legitimate questions about the government or popular narratives of society. In the past two years, many of the people in my riding have expressed concerns about their rights and freedoms. We say every Canadian has individual rights and free-

doms, but our right to free speech is under attack. I am not talking about hate speech, but about having one's own opinion or questioning the government or society's popular narrative. For me, it seems that if someone asks questions about or does not agree with this narrative, their voice is shut down by hate-

ful rhetoric, labelling them racist, misogynistic or a conspiracy theorist.

What has happened to our freedom of speech? I hope we all can work to re-establishing this core principle in our domestic society.”



# ONLINE SERVICES MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ALBERTANS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government continues to reduce red tape by modernizing and streamlining services.

Since June 2020, when changes were introduced to make registry services more accessible, more than 350,000 transactions have been completed online.

"We've been working hard with industry partners to make sure Albertans have options that are flexible, convenient and modern. The increased use in online services is an important milestone as

we continue to reduce red tape and make services more accessible."

Nate Glubish, Minister of Service Alberta

Services can be completed anytime, anywhere, and Albertans are increasingly looking to complete these transactions online. For example, new parents can register the birth of their child and order their child's first birth certificate before they leave the hospital, or when they return home. Since changes were made, more than 83 per cent of all birth registrations and about 75 per cent of first birth certificate orders have been

completed online.

The following registry services were brought online in 2020 and 2021:

- Birth registrations
- Birth certificate ordering
- Extra-provincial registration for corporations and limited partnerships across western Canada
- Name Search Report ordering
- Annual registration renewals for various vehicle types
- In-transit permit orders
- Specialty licence plate orders

Standard and commercial driver's abstracts

- Vehicle information reports
- Duplicate vehicle registration certificates

MyAlberta Digital ID has been a key element for Alberta's government to bring more services online. A verified MyAlberta Digital ID account allows Albertans to sign in, verify their identities using their driver's licences or ID cards, and complete registry services without needing to visit a registry agent in person.

## HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

ing for 21 projects will bring high-speed Internet to 2,676 households in rural Alberta.

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that over \$41 million in fund-



# SUDOKU

of the week

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**ANSWER:**

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# Cupid's Choice

We loved every entry but these are the 2022 Valentine's Day Colouring Contest winners



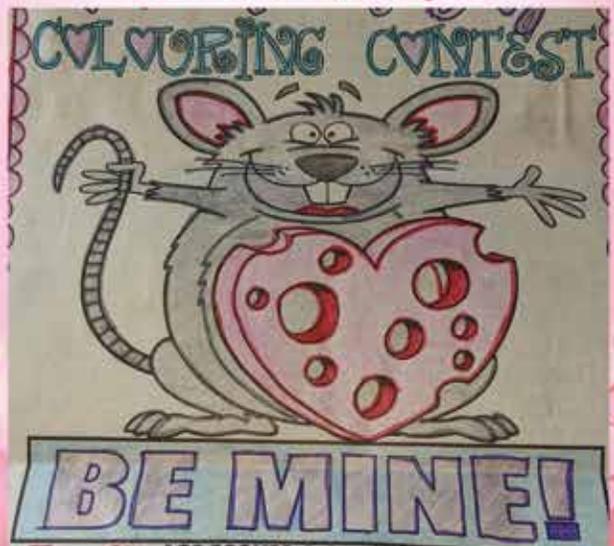
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS 2021

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 200 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

**NOTE: Please inquire first as COVID-19 restrictions may still apply.**

## FARMERS MARKETS

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

## BINGO

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

## JAMBOREE

**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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

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

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

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

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church

Basement, \$7 per plate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

**CALMAR SENIORS BUS:** to West Edmonton Mall - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

**DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month @ 6PM, June - Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

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

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

**MUSIC JAMBOREE:** Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

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

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

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

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

**DEVON TOASTMASTERS,** Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932

**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA,** 1<sup>st</sup> Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

**Meals on Wheels:** Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

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

**Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic,** by appointment only, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.





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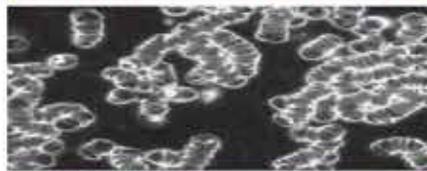
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