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MP SOROKA ASKS WHY THERE IS A DELAY IN PASSPORT RENEWALS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following question in the House:

"Mr. Speaker, it is good to hear that the staff are working hard. It is too bad the government was not work-

ing as hard.

Kristen from Hinton mailed in her three sons' passports over two months ago and was still waiting for their passports to be renewed. After spending hours on the phone and taking two trips to Edmonton, which is three hours one way, she ended up hav-

ing to pay for express service.

Will the NDP-Liberal government stop charging people more money to fix its backlogs, or does it need the money to pay for all the NDP-Liberal coalition promises?"

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PROPERTY TAX NOTICES HAVE GONE OUT

Submitted by City of Leduc

Check your mailbox for your notice and pay by June 30

City of Leduc property owners can expect to see their 2022 property tax notices in their mail starting next week. On April

26, Leduc City Council approved the 2022 Property Tax Bylaw and the 2.5 per cent overall tax increase for this year after holding a tax rate of zero for the past two years.

Property tax revenue is distributed to Municipal tax, Provincial Education tax and the Leduc Regional

Housing Foundation. Overall, about \$51 million will be collected through Municipal property taxes and will fund the City's operating and capital budget, which oversees services, programs and infrastructure.

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MP Soroka Asks Why There is a Delay in Passport Renewals

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Reply:

Hon. Karina Gould (Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Lib.):

"Mr. Speaker, as I have said, there is an unprece-

dent demand right now when it comes to passports. However, if all required documents have been submitted and Service Canada is outside service standards, the client will not be charged for expedited or transfer fees. This is not something that should be

happening and, of course, if it is, I invite either MPs or citizens to follow up with Service Canada because they should be receiving their services without having to pay those expedited fees."

Property Tax Notices Have Gone Out

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While around \$161,000 will be collected for the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation and \$19 million collected on behalf of the Province of Alberta for education.

The payment deadline is June 30. Property own-

ers can pay their notices through a variety of options:

- Monthly Tax Installment Payments (TIPP)
- Online or telephone banking via your banking institution
- In-person at the Leduc Civic Centre (1 Alexandra Park)
- Drop box at the

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ALBERTA'S RECOVERY PLAN IS WORKING, AND THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR ALL ALBERTANS

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

By balancing the budget, cutting taxes, and creating an environment that welcomes new investment, our United Conservative team is guiding Alberta towards lasting prosperity. This year, economic indicators suggest Alberta's economy will continue to recover and grow across a wide variety of industries and sectors.

What does this mean for everyday Albertans? It means our people are going back to work. Alberta currently has the highest employment rate in all of Canada, as well as the highest employment rate for women. Our province has not only restored all the jobs lost due to the pandemic but gained even more. In the past year, we have

added 145,000 jobs. Investors are choosing Alberta again, with companies such as Amazon, Dow, HBO, Air Products, Northern Petrochemical, and Walmart investing billions in landmark projects across the province. The economic boom we are embarking upon will be different from ones from the past, with our government putting a strong focus on economic diversification, to build a strong and resilient economy for the future.

To further our diversification goals, this week, our government launched the Clean Hydrogen Centre of Excellence with a commitment of \$50 million over four years. This will accelerate research and development of clean hydrogen technologies in our province and allow us to compete in the global hydrogen sector

with made-in-Alberta solutions. This is a great opportunity for Alberta's energy sector in terms of investment, job creation, and emissions reduction.

Additionally, this week, our government is furthering our investments in the technology sector. Our government has invested \$30 million over three years into Alberta's growing Artificial Intelligence sector. Artificial Intelligence, also known as AI, is an important part of our Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy, and we are investing to accelerate and grow AI research, development, and expertise in the province. Alberta has what it takes to continue to accelerate AI and commercialize solutions that can be applied in health care, smart agriculture, clean energy, manufacturing, and more. Alberta's technolo-

gy sector is growing, with both Calgary and Edmonton in the top 50 cities in North America for technology growth. Our work and investments will help Alberta's technology sector become even stronger.

With so many exciting things happening in our economy, we have launched a new website - www.AlbertaIsBack.ca - to share the exciting news. I encourage you to visit the new site and learn more about all the work our United Conservative government is doing to support the economic recovery.

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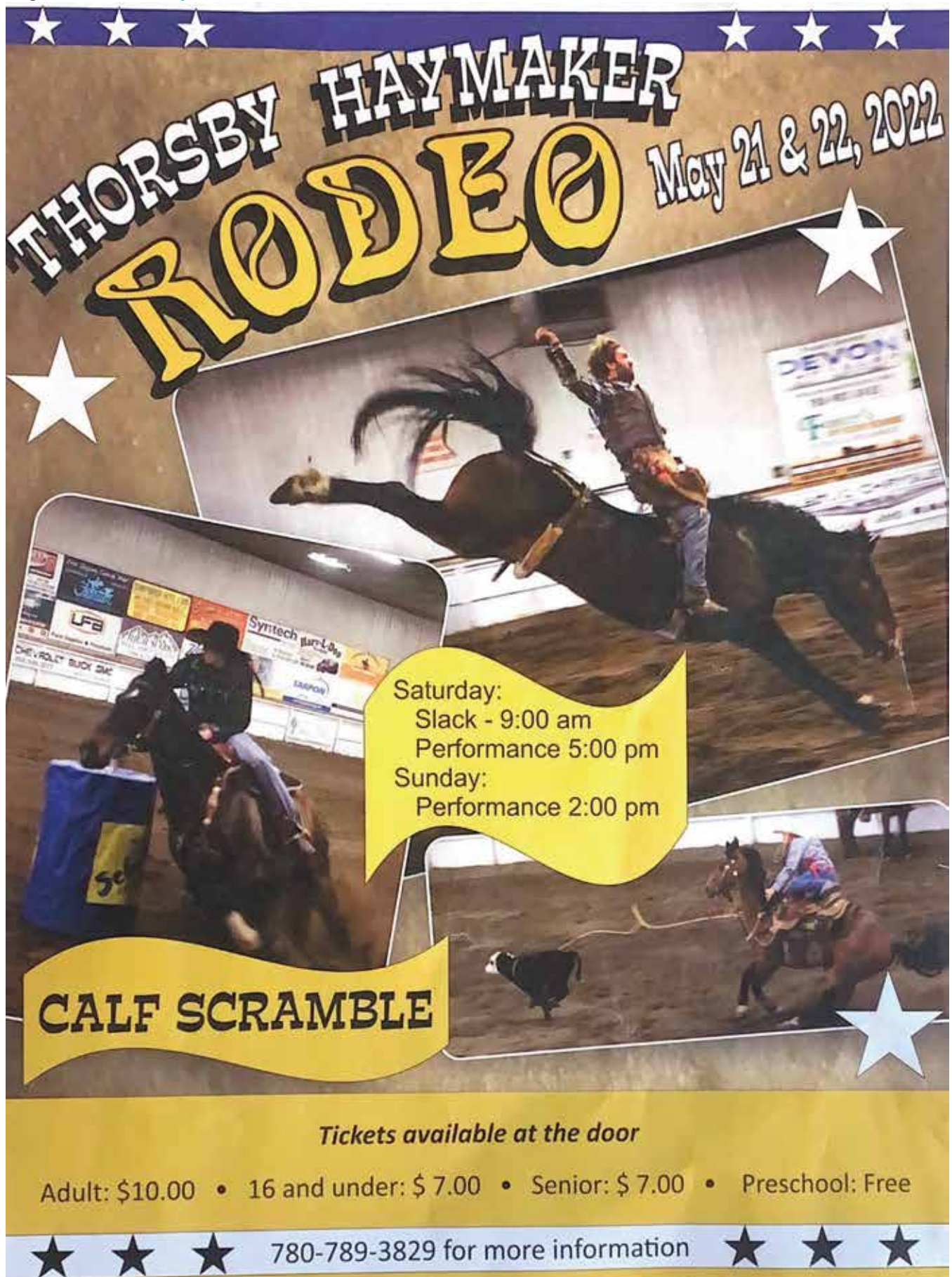
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CORRECTION TO ELIGIBILITY CHANGES COMING FOR THE 2022-2023 CROP YEAR

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his constituents that Canadian producers will be

releasing grain delivery declaration changes for the 2022-2023 crop year. Declarations of eligibility will be required across Canada starting from July 1, 2022 in Eastern Canada and August 1, 2022 in

Western Canada. Only grains subject to variety registration will require a declaration. These declarations provide a means to assure the dependability and quality of grain to the Canadian licensed

grain handling system. Canadians are encouraged to review the relevant link regarding Kinds of Grain that Require a Declaration of Eligibility for Delivery of Grain.

GRAIN GRADING UPDATES FOR THE CROP YEAR

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the Canadian Grain Commission, following consultations with the Western Standards Committee and Eastern Standards Committee, is implementing a series of grading changes aimed to address the needs of grain buyers and Canadian agriculture sectors. Some of the highlights for the upcoming 2022-2023 crop year can be found through the 'Full List of 2022-2023 Crop year Changes'



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START YOUR GARDENING PLANS WITH LEDUC'S GREEN GOLD SALE

Submitted by City of Leduc

In partnership with RONA, sale runs from May 19 to June 15

The annual Green Gold sale returns for City of Leduc residents to purchase select discounted eco-friendly products for

their outdoor needs. Customers can purchase rain barrels, soaker hoses, a water timer and a composter from the Leduc RONA (5202 Discovery Way) as an opportunity to add more environmentally sustainable features to their home.

The Green Gold sale be-

gins May 19 and runs until June 15, or while supplies last. Sale items have limits per household and a fixed quantity available on a first come, first served basis.

Free compost is also available while supplies last, May to Sept., for pick at the Eco station (6102

- 46 St.). Mix one-part compost with six-parts soil, in a 1:6 ratio, to optimize growing soil. Residents must bring their own shovel and pail and can grab up to four 5-gallon pails of compost per household.

CANADA EXPANDS SETTLEMENT SERVICES FOR PRAIRIE NEWCOMERS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP of Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise his constituents that the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship has announced an investment of more than \$14 million to support the expansion of vital resettlement capacities and settlement services in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.



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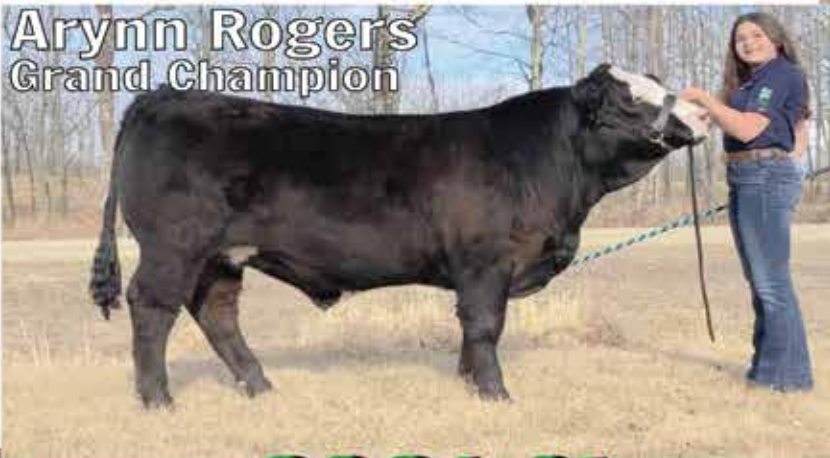
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CRIME REDUCTION UNIT DISMANTLE CHOP SHOP AND RECOVER 9 STOLEN VEHICLES



Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On April 1, 2022, officers of the Leduc Crime Reduction Unit obtained and executed a search warrant with the assistance of Leduc RCMP General Investigation Section and Drug Unit, Wetaskiwin RCMP Crime Reduction Unit, the RCMP Emergency Response Team, RCMP Police Dog Services and the RCMP Auto Theft Unit, on a rural property that they believed was being used as a chop shop in the area of Township Road 492 and Range Road 235 in Leduc County.

Four people were arrested at the scene.

As a result of the search, police seized a large quantity and variety of ammunition, firearms and prohibited weapons, vehicle identification number (VIN) fabrication equipment and motor vehicle parts. Police also recovered several stolen license plates and 9 stolen vehicles. The estimated value of the seized and recovered property is \$191,000.

Shawn Robert Phinney (30) of Wetaskiwin, Alta. was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Parkland and Wetaskiwin.

Following a judicial hearing, Phinney was remanded into custody. He is scheduled to appear in Wetaskiwin provincial court on April 21, 2022.

Monique Stephanie Gardner (43) and Corey Robert David Landry (33) of Leduc County and Steven Joseph Irvine (29) of no fixed address are jointly charged with multiple offences:

- Careless use of a firearm (X3)
- Tampering with a serial number (X2)
- Unauthorized possession of a weapon (X3)
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000. (X6)
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. (X5)
- Tampering with a vehicle identification number (X2)
- Fraudulent concealment (X2)

Steven Joseph Irvine was also charged with:

- Possession of a weapon contrary to order (X2)

Irvine was also arrested on outstanding warrants out of Edmonton and Landry was also arrested on outstanding warrants out of Leduc.

Steven Irvine was brought before a Justice of the peace who released him.

He is scheduled to appear in Leduc provincial court on April 7, 2022. Monique Gardner and Corey Landry were brought before a Justice of the peace who released them both to appear in Leduc provincial court on April 28, 2022.

"Property crime remains a priority for the Leduc RCMP and we will continue to dedicate resources who can collaborate with our partner agencies to target those individuals who cause the most harm to our communities." Says Inspector Jeff McBeth, Officer in Charge of the Leduc RCMP. "We will continue to use intelligence led policing to steer the direction of our Crime Reduction Unit to relentlessly target and arrest prolific offenders."

SUDOKU

of the week

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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NEW LEDUC INTERCHANGE DRIVES INVESTMENT, CREATES JOBS

Submitted by City of Leduc

A new interchange at Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Highway and 65 Avenue in Leduc will support more than 470 construction jobs and improve access to key cargo hubs.

Construction on the interchange is expected to begin in summer 2022. The interchange will be cost-shared by the Government of Alberta and the City of Leduc, with provincial taxpayers investing nearly \$80 million.

"As part of Alberta's Recovery Plan, we are modernizing Alberta's infrastructure, building the architecture of the future economy and creating jobs. This critical investment sets our province up for success

and prosperity for generations to come." Jason Kenney, Premier

"The QEII is the busiest stretch of highway in Alberta and a critical economic and trade corridor. The Edmonton International Airport is growing as a significant cargo hub. This project supports hundreds of jobs while providing carriers, commuters and consumers safer and more efficient access to the area." Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation

"I am excited that the 65 Avenue interchange project is now fully funded and construction will be proceeding. This is a critical investment for Alberta in our booming trade corridor and has been decades in the making. This project

will support our growing community and business sector by creating jobs as well as driving future investment and growth in the City of Leduc, Leduc County, the Edmonton International Airport and Alberta." Brad Rutherford, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont

The project will deliver safer and more efficient connections between the City of Leduc, the Edmonton International Airport and area businesses.

"Unlocking the full economic potential of our region is a top priority for the City of Leduc and our Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board partners, and this critical infrastructure investment is a groundbreaking step forward. We are thrilled for the devel-

opment to move ahead with the support and collaboration of the Province of Alberta and our valued regional partners." Bob Young, mayor, City of Leduc

"Our mandate goes beyond flights; we operate as a true economic engine for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. This increased road access will support our multi-modal cargo operations and growth as a global logistics hub for Western Canada. We had another record year in 2021 for cargo at EIA and this development will position our region for continued cargo growth that will create jobs, promote economic diversification and benefit all Albertans." Tom Ruth, president and CEO, Edmonton International Airport

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SYNERGISTIC BENEFITS: Can be used in conjunction with regular medications with no side effects.

NO SIDE EFFECTS: Does not damage the liver, kidney or GI Tract like OTC medication.

DIETARY SUPPLEMENT: Can be administered daily as part of your pet's diet.



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KEY BENEFITS

MANAGES PAIN: Helps to treat inflammation, arthritis and joint pain.

TREATS DIGESTIONAL ISSUES: Helps with loss of appetite, nausea, IBS and gastrointestinal swelling.

GENERAL HEALTH: Helps to manage mood, anxiety and general joint pain. For healthy, happy pets.

CONVENIENT: Can be sprayed into pet's mouth or on food.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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
EVANSBURD 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 Betty 780-916-1845

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. 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 @ 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: 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.

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

MUSICAL PROGRAM: every

4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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MEETINGS

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

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

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043
ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.
BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively

speaking 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 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: 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.

Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, 1st 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 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

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



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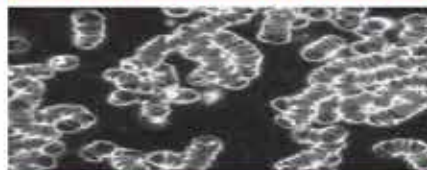
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