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DEVON RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL HOUSE FIRE

Submitted by Devon RCMP

On Jan. 10, 2023, at 1:20 p.m. Devon RCMP received a report of a house fire on Brazeau Drive in Devon. After the fire was extinguished, emergency responders located a deceased person inside the home. The

deceased has been transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner who will work in determining identity and cause of death.

Devon RCMP working with the fire investigator are confirming that the Jan. 10, 2023, fatal house fire on Brazeau

drive in Devon is not suspicious. The identity of the deceased has been confirmed as a 40-year-old Devon resident. Our thoughts go out to the family of the deceased.

ENOCH RCMP INVESTIGATE ARSON INCIDENT INVOLVING FIREARM

Submitted by Enoch RCMP

On Jan. 10, 2023, at approximately 10:15 p.m., Enoch RCMP and Enoch Fire responded to two reports of arson at rural residences on Enoch Cree Na-

tion, Alberta. It was reported that two suspects threw Molotov cocktails at the residences.

The first residence was damaged, but the sole occupant was able to extinguish the flames. The occupants of the

second residence were able to escape unharmed, but the home was destroyed.

The suspects were described as two males, both wearing dark clothing and masks.

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT TO MARK NEW FACILITY SPONSOR AT THE LRC

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc announces Chemo as the newest facility sponsor for the west twin

arena at the Leduc Recreation Centre (LRC). To celebrate this occasion, Chemo is hosting a key signature event.

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Enoch RCMP Investigate Arson Incident Involving Firearm

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One of the suspects was identified as 34-year-old Bryan Tyler Lee Sharphead, a resident of Enoch Cree Nation. When the suspects attempted to flee the area, their vehicle became stuck in the ditch nearby. This vehicle has been seized by police.

A witness approached the vehicle believing that the occupants needed assistance. The suspects exited the vehicle and allegedly pointed a firearm

toward them and rounds were discharged. The suspects then fled the area on foot, and were observed being let into a nearby residence.

The area was contained with the assistance of Enoch RCMP, Parkland RCMP, Police Dog Services (PDS), and the Emergency Response Team (ERT). A warrant was obtained to enter the residence, and Bryan Sharphead was located inside. He was arrested and held for a Judicial Interim Release Hearing.

Three other males were also

located in the home. The second suspect has not yet been identified. The investigation is ongoing, and search warrants are being conducted on the residence and recovered vehicle.

Bryan Sharphead remains in custody. His next appearance in court is set for Jan. 18, 2023. He is charged with 18 offences, including arson, firearms offences, and breach of his conditions.

Free Community Event To Mark New Facility Sponsor At The LRC

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arena," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "Their Chemco Cares Program speaks to their strong

commitment to community investment making Chemco a great fit here in Leduc."

The community is welcome to attend this event at the LRC, free of charge, Jan. 27, 2023, 7 to 8:45 p.m.

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JOKE of the week

A guy is sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door and sees a snail on the porch. He picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can.

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TEAM IMPROVES ACCESS TO ADDICTION, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Local and area residents now have improved access to addiction and mental health services with the launch of a crisis response team in their community.

A team of Alberta Health Services (AHS) addiction and mental health clinicians – including mental health therapists, registered nurses and addiction counsellors – will be on-call during evenings and weekends to consult in-person with physicians and provide counselling to patients who arrive at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre emergency department needing specialized crisis support.

“Alberta’s government is

building a comprehensive recovery-oriented system of addiction and mental healthcare,” says Nicholas Milliken, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction. “We are working with Alberta Health Services to ensure individuals have timely access to treatment and recovery resources.”

The service provides on-call counselling and support on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to midnight, and from 8 a.m. to midnight on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays. Prior to this initiative, patients would receive crisis support care but may have had to wait until regular business hours to be assessed by an addiction and mental health clinician.

“We know many individuals with addiction and

mental health concerns present to our emergency after-hours,” says Carla Prediger, Director, West Rural for Addiction and Mental Health in AHS Central Zone. “We are pleased to be able to optimize the expertise we have in place and ensure individuals are getting the timely care they need.”

Community crisis response teams also operate in Wetaskiwin, Ponoka, Lacombe, Rimbey, Sundre, Olds, Innisfail and Rocky Mountain House.

Access Addiction & Mental Health is the access point for non-urgent addiction and mental health information and services. In Central Zone, call 1-888-594-0211.

Supports are always available. To find programs and services, call Health Link

at 811. For 24/7 support, call the Addiction Helpline at 1-866-332-2322 or the Mental Health Helpline at 1-877-303-2642. In an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency department.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait-times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.

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SECONDARY SUITE ADDRESSING NOW AVAILABLE IN LEDUC

Submitted by City of Leduc

Homeowners with unaddressed legal secondary suites on their property can now apply for a mailing address for their suite through the City of

Leduc. Through this process, a permanent address will be assigned to secondary suites (e.g., in-law or granny suites) that are properly permitted and Code compliant.

Homeowners who develop a

secondary suite in the future will be provided a secondary address when they apply for their development permits.

Homeowners should be aware that applying for suite addressing is voluntary and

may require an inspection. If a unit is found to not be Code compliant, property owners may be required to bring the suite into compliance at their own cost.

2023 BUDGET ADDRESSES GROWTH AND INNOVATION

Submitted by City of Leduc

Ongoing funding for infrastructure projects, investment in parks and recreation, and additional mental health support is included in the balanced City of Leduc 2023 Budget approved by City Council at a public meeting on Dec. 12.

The 2023-2026 Strategic Plan drives the budget process and in 2023 shifts the municipality's focus from maintain-

ing services to investment, growth, and innovation.

Community health and safety is a prominent theme - with the North Fire Hall included, providing much needed emergency services to the industrial areas of Leduc, funding for a community navigator to help connect residents to mental health and social supports, a School Resource Officer, and a position added to the RCMP Police and Crisis Team

to work in partnership with an AHS Mental Health Nurse.

As an active community, the need to maintain and invest in recreation services is a priority for residents. 2023 will see improvements to Lede Park, outdoor rinks, fitness and aquatic equipment. These investments continue to make Leduc an attractive destination for large sporting events that support the local economy, like the 2025 Alberta 55+

Summer Games, a bid the City recently won.

The City anticipates spending roughly \$112 million in 2023 to maintain and enhance service levels and move capital projects forward. To balance the budget, a modest increase of 4.19 per cent in tax revenue is required; of that, almost 3 per cent is related to rising inflation.

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AFFORDABILITY PAYMENT PORTAL OPENS JANUARY 18

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Beginning January 18 at 9 a.m., eligible Alberta parents and seniors can apply to receive \$600 in affordability payments over six months.

Alberta's economy has recovered strongly, but many people are struggling to heat their homes and feed their families and the government wants to help. Along with significant broad-based supports to help all Albertans, Alberta's government is delivering targeted relief for families, seniors and the most vulnerable.

The secure online application portal will launch on January 18 at 9 a.m. Families with household in-

comes below \$180,000 are eligible to receive \$100 per month for six months for each dependent child under 18. Seniors 65 or older who have household incomes below \$180,000 and do not receive the Alberta Seniors Benefit can also apply for monthly payments.

Anyone who cannot easily go online can apply in person through any registry agent or Alberta Supports to receive support in 50 locations and over 100 languages during regular business hours.

Applications will be accepted any time between January 18 and June 30, 2023. Once the application process is completed, most Albertans will receive payments at the end of that month. The exact timing

will vary.

Applying online is fast and secure

The application portal for direct supports was designed with personal privacy and security in mind. To apply, eligible parents and seniors must have a confirmed or pending Verified Account, which allows Albertans to prove who they are online without paper documents or face-to-face visits.

Albertans will use the login information from their Verified Account to sign in and complete their online application. Applicants will be asked a series of questions to verify their eligibility, as well as banking information so that payments can be deposited directly into their bank account.

Applicants without bank accounts can also select to receive their payments by mailed cheques.

In-person, online and call-in supports are also available for those who have difficulty applying online or need extra assistance.

Vulnerable Albertans will receive payments automatically

Many Albertans who qualify for the inflation relief direct payments are automatically enrolled and do not need to apply through the portal or in person. Everyone who receives benefits through Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Income Support or the Alberta Seniors Benefit, or services through the Persons

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- Alberta Seniors Benefit

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THE AFFORDABILITY ACTION PLAN



Affordability Payment Portal Opens January 18

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with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) program are already registered and will automatically receive their \$100 payments starting January 31. If you are a recipient of one of these programs and you also have

dependent children under age 18, you will need to apply to receive payments for your children through the portal.

Foster and kinship caregivers are also automatically registered and do not need to apply for children in their care.

Along with \$600 in affordability payments, the Affordability Action Plan is also providing \$500 in total electricity rebates and hundreds of dollars in estimated fuel tax relief, as well as natural gas price protection and income tax changes to help with the rising cost

of living. To further support vulnerable Albertans, Alberta's government has provided an increase to core support programs and additional foodbank funding.

LEDUC TRANSIT RIDERSHIP INCREASE WITH ON-DEMAND SERVICE

Submitted by City of Leduc Transit

Ridership grown by 252 per cent in first year

Since the launch of On-Demand Transit in August 2021, ridership on Leduc Transit has increased 252 per cent, according to a recent study released by RideCo. The on-demand service expanded local transit coverage to 100 per cent of the city and both Leduc and Nisku business parks, resulting in significantly en-

hanced service. This granted access to areas outside of the previous fixed-route network that covered 42 per cent.

“On-demand transit provides a more flexible service to our residents and suits our unique mobility needs,” says City of Leduc Mayor Bob Young. “Residents and businesses jointly benefit by giving each better access to employment and local talent, and in return bolsters our economic opportunities and contributes

to our thriving and growing community.”

The increase in ridership has also come with efficiency as costs per passenger has decreased by 47 per cent from \$51.72 to \$27.60.

“We know how critical it is to connect people to and from the businesses in Nisku Business Park through effective, efficient transit service,” says Leduc County Mayor Tanni Doblanko. “Through our partnership with the City of Leduc, Leduc Transit’s on-demand

solution has done this in a way that not only increased coverage and frequency of service within the park, but also reduced our operating costs – saving taxpayers’ money. We have seen a huge increase in ridership since moving to an on-demand model, and with 450 flex stops in the service area, we’re confident riders can get where they need to go, when they need to be there.”

ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

Our United Conservative government won't back down when it comes to defending our province against anger and hostility from Ottawa. We proved that once again this week when we challenged the liberal government's "just transition" plan to shut down our energy industry

– the economic engine of Canada.

In case you missed it, the Liberal government has announced its intention to table legislation to facilitate a “just transition,” and replace our energy industry and jobs with a new green economy.

The “just transition” thinking – which stems from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change, and which

has been adopted by environmental activists across the world – isn't just about phasing out fossil fuels and shutting down energy economies, however. It's also about radically restructuring societies and redistributing wealth.

It's disturbing that the liberal government is seeking to impose this on Canada at a time when there is a tremendous demand for

Alberta energy – not only across our country, but across our world. It's even more disturbing that the liberals are seeking to make an enemy out of Alberta to build support for his “just transition” plan. In a recent interview, their leader said, “one of the challenges is there is a political class in Alberta that has decided that anything to do with

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climate change is going to be bad." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Alberta is the most environmentally responsible and humane energy producer in the world. We are well known to be leaders in carbon capture usage and storage, and we are continually investing in technology to reduce emissions. As Calgary Herald columnist Don Braid put it, their leader "is either clueless about what's going in Alberta, or cares nothing for the truth."

Premier Danielle Smith has emerged as a national voice of reason against the liberal's divisive "just transition" plans and rhetoric. She's been crystal clear on this issue: Alberta's energy and technology will continue to power the world for generations, and Alberta

will not shut down its industry. Premier Smith even reached out, in good faith, and asked the Alberta NDP to join her in opposing the liberal's reckless plan. They, unfortunately, refused, and have remained silent on the subject – once again choosing their friend and ally over everyday Albertans.

Alberta's resources are Alberta's jurisdiction, and we will not let the liberals meddle with our jobs or our industry. We all care about the environment and reducing emissions. That's why Alberta's government is continually investing in oil well remediation, hydrogen development, carbon capture usage and storage, and more.

Premier Smith is standing her ground against the liberal government. It's unfortunate the Alberta NDP

won't join her in defending Alberta, but it's not surprising. This is what we have come to expect from the Alberta NDP, who often take their orders from the liberal government, or their ultimate boss, the federal NDP Leader.

United Conservatives will not let you down and we will not let anyone shut-down Alberta's energy industry. We will continue to grow our industry and invest in technology, so we can continue to be the most environmentally responsible energy producer in the world.

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ALBERTA'S JOB NUMBERS ARE SOARING.

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created 41,200 full-time jobs in December, capping off a year of strong provincial job growth.

In total, our province created 88,800 new jobs in 2022, and we have created a whopping 221,000 new jobs since 2021. This has more than replaced all the jobs lost during the pandemic and under the NDP. Alberta is truly back.

This kind of tremendous job growth doesn't happen by accident. Our United Conservative government has spurred this growth by implementing the right policies that support Alber-

ta job-creators, entrepreneurs, and innovators in doing what they do best – building our province.

By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting pro-growth policies, we have re-established Alberta as a top destination for businesses and families to invest.

According to numbers recently released by Statistics Canada, interprovincial migration to Alberta has surged, with our province's population increasing by 119,000 since the first quarter of 2022, and 135,190 since the fourth quarter of 2021. The numbers aren't slowing down either. Over the past three months, we've welcomed 58,203

new people to our province, an increase of 1.3 per cent – the highest rate of population growth in Canada.

This influx of people is needed to meet growing labour demands in a diverse field of industries. Over the past few years, we've seen major investments from companies like Telus, Mphasis, Amazon, Walmart, Air Products, Dow, PIP International, de Havilland, Phyto Organix Foods, and more. Opportunities are abounding for workers in manufacturing, technology, food processing, film and television, and other diverse Industries.

When Rachel Notley and the NDP were in government, their first order of business was raising taxes on businesses. The move

was so short-sighted, they took in less and less business tax revenue, as investment fled the province to other jurisdictions across Canada, North America, and the world. In total, Alberta lost 180,000 jobs under the NDP – who nearly drove our economy off a cliff with their disastrous policies.

Alberta's tremendous job numbers aren't just theoretical. These new jobs mean regular paycheques that everyday families can count on to buy groceries, pay hockey registration fees, and take vacations.

You can see Alberta's economic recovery taking shape across our region, with people going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and

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optimism is growing for the future – and our United Conservative government is working tirelessly

to make sure Albertans are going back to work and participating in this renewed Alberta Advantage.

AMENDMENTS TO BILL C-21 WOULD BAN MILLIONS OF HUNTING RIFLES IN CANADA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

This Liberal government says it has no intention to go after long guns and hunting rifles. I beg to differ. Amendments to Bill C-21 would effectively expand the Liberals ban to virtually every semi-automatic rifle and shotgun except for small caliber 22s.

What this Bill and amendments will do is make life

easier for violent criminals by repealing mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes with Bill C-5, have made it easier to get bail with C-75, and have failed to stop the flow of illegal crime guns across the US border. Then why are the Liberals targeting the tools of law-abiding hunters and farmers instead of going after the illegal guns used by criminals and street gangs?

We Conservatives are

against these Liberal proposed amendments to ban almost all semi-automatic rifles and shotguns and we will fight to repeal Bill C-21 and the recent amendments that would wrongly ban hundreds of thousands of firearms in Canada that are used for hunting. They say they are only going after "military-style assault weapons." What they are going after are hunting rifles and hunting shotguns!

What Bill C-21 and current amendments to the bill does is not respect hunters, farmers, and Indigenous Canadians. Instead, a committee of law enforcement officials, First Nations, hunters, and sport shooters should be created to decide how firearms are classified. We Conservatives support common-sense firearms policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

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ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS THE PUBLIC OF THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP are always on the lookout for distracted drivers, working hard to reduce fatalities and serious injury collisions caused by distracted driving. Today, in Provincial Traffic Court in Airdrie, Alta., a 40-year-old male from Alberta, was sentenced for his 13th distracted driving conviction. For this 13th conviction, he received a \$2,000 fine and a \$300 victim surcharge. The individual also received three demerit points for the conviction.

Following a large public education campaign, distracted driving became illegal in Alberta on Sept. 1, 2011. That same day, this individual was issued a distracted driving ticket. In the 11 years that followed, he has now been convicted a total of 13 times for distracted driving here in the province, with fines totalling \$5,371.

Research has shown driver distraction is the primary cause of over 20% of all crashes, and that distracted drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a col-

lision than attentive drivers.

Alberta's distracted driving law applies to all vehicles as defined by the Traffic Safety Act and all roads in Alberta. It restricts drivers from doing any of the following, even while stopped in traffic or at red lights:

- Using hand-held mobile devices
- Texting or emailing
- Using electronic devices such as laptop computers, video games, cameras, video entertainment displays, and portable audio players

- Entering information on GPS units
- Reading printed materials
- Writing, printing, or sketching
- Personal grooming, such as brushing and flossing teeth, putting on makeup, curling hair, clipping nails, or shaving

Sadly, motor vehicle collisions caused by distracted driving are happening every day in Alberta. Please, leave the phone alone.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEW CANADA DENTAL BENEFIT ARE NOW OPEN!

Submitted by Government of Canada

Seeing a dental care professional is important not only for oral health, but for overall health. In Canada, a third of people do not have dental insurance, leaving many unable to visit an oral health professional to get the dental care they need.

That is why today, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, Minister of National Revenue, and the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health, are taking action to help those who need it most to access dental care by announcing that applications for the new interim Canada Dental Benefit are now open. The Canada Dental Benefit will give eligible families up-front, direct payments of up to \$650 a year per eligible child under 12 for two years (up to \$1,300) to support the costs of dental care services.

In order to access the benefit, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- They have a child or children under 12 as of December 1, 2022 and are currently receiving the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) for that child;
- They have an adjusted family net income of less than \$90,000;
- Their child does not have access to private dental insurance;
- They have filed their 2021 tax return; and
- They have had or will have out of pocket expenses for their child's dental care services incurred between October 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, for which the costs are not fully covered or reimbursed by another dental program provided by any level of government.

The CRA is leveraging its experience in administering essential benefits to Canadians

to deliver a smooth, secure and user-friendly application process on behalf of the Government of Canada. Eligible parents can apply for the Canada Dental Benefit quickly and easily through their CRA My Account. Those who apply online and are signed up for direct deposit could receive their payment within 5 business days. Those who are unable to apply online can call our new dedicated phone line at 1-800-715-8836 to complete their application with an agent.

Parents and guardians will need to keep the receipts for the dental care services that their child received with the benefit for 6 years in case the CRA contacts them to validate eligibility. Applicants that are found to be ineligible for the benefit during the verification processes will be required to repay the benefit they received.

By delivering targeted fi-

ancial support to those who need it most, the new interim Canada Dental Benefit represents just one of the ways that the Government of Canada is working to make life more affordable for families in Canada.



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SUPPORTING ALBERTA'S MOST VULNERABLE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is taking action to make life more affordable for families, Albertans with disabilities, seniors and those out of work.

Alberta's economy has re-

covered strongly, but Albertans are struggling to heat their homes and feed their families and the government wants to help.

Thousands of Albertans who rely on social benefits are being affected by the increased cost of living due to rising inflation. Alberta's

government is stepping up to provide support to those who need it most by adjusting AISH, Income Support, the Alberta Seniors Benefit and Alberta Child and Family Benefit rates by six per cent to match the rate of inflation. Moving forward, these programs will continue to be

indexed with inflation to ensure low-income Albertans have the resources to afford their basic needs.

"The affordability crisis has made life more difficult for seniors, families with children and Alberta's most vulnerable citizens. Everyone struggling needs to know that they are not alone. Our government is increasing benefits to help make life more affordable and ensure all Albertans can afford the rising costs of life's necessities." Danielle Smith, Premier

"I remain committed to supporting vulnerable Albertans, especially those struggling to meet their basic needs as a result of the high cost of living. I am proud to see our government taking steps to support seniors and vulnerable Albertans by increasing social benefit payments. These programs are vital to supporting thousands of individuals and families, which is why it is so important to ensure they are kept in line with increasing costs of food, utilities and other essential goods and services." Jeremy Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

"I am happy Premier Smith is helping people on AISH. Thank you, because I can get out of the house more with my staff and friend Natalia. I can get some good food and pop from the grocery store. I can try to save a little money in case I want my own home. I can buy a new winter coat and boots too. I like when government helps us because my life gets better." Taisa McRorie, Alberta AISH recipient

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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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Examples are based on the maximum core monthly benefit rates for single people with no children:

- \$1,685 to \$1,787 - AISH
- \$745 to \$790 - Income Support (expected to work)
- \$866 to \$919 - Income Support (barriers to full employment)
- \$286 to \$303 - Alberta Seniors Benefit

Indexation will increase the benefit payments per child by six per cent for families who access the Alberta Child and Family Benefit. The increased benefit payment for annual totals, based on whether a family has anywhere from one to four children, follows:

- o one child - \$120
- o two children - \$198
- o three children - \$260
- o four children - \$307

Benefit increases are based on the consumer price index for 2022 and benefit rates vary depending on Albertans' needs, household composition and other factors.

Alberta's government will invest about \$45 million in 2022-23 and \$173 million in 2023-24 to support indexation of the AISH, Income Support and Alberta Seniors benefit programs, and about \$7 million in 2022-2023 and \$35 million in 2023-2024 to

support the indexation of the Alberta Child and Family Benefit.

Alberta's government is delivering immediate cost-of-living and inflation relief while working to support long-term affordability.

The Affordability Action Plan will extend broad-based supports while targeting additional relief to families, seniors and our most vulnerable.

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SUDOKU of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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!

ANSWER:

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

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 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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WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE PUBLIC SKATING, Sundays 1-2:30PM & Fridays 4-5:45PM, call arena for closure dates

MEETINGS

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

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

Drinking a Problem? There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

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

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

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

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear. More info: Marc 780-729-4932

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.

Derrick Toastmasters: Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538.secretary@gmail.com for information.

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)

LEDUC AND DISTRICT SENIOR CENTRE : Provides programs and activities to enhance seniors' lives. Drop by for a tour, meet new friends, and see what we have to offer! 780-986-6160 www.leducseniors.ca

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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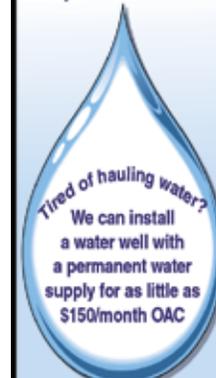
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