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ALBERTA'S ECONOMY IS CONTINUING TO CREATE JOBS AT A STRONG PACE

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

According to Statistics Canada's latest labour force survey, our province created 20,600 new jobs in January. That means Alberta has created a total of 129,900 jobs since 2021.

At \$1,278, Alberta workers are making more per week than workers in any

other province (a 12 per cent increase from 2019), and we expect average weekly earnings to continue to grow. These 20,600 new jobs represent more than just numbers on paper. These new jobs mean healthy, regular paycheques that everyday families can count on to buy groceries, pay hockey registration fees, take vacations, and in-

vest for the future.

This kind of tremendous job growth doesn't happen by accident. Our United Conservative government has spurred this growth by implementing policies that support Alberta job-creators and entrepreneurs, in doing what they do best - creating jobs and growing the economy.

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LEDUC RCMP IDENTIFY BREAK AND ENTER CHARGES LAID

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (LCRU) have recovered over \$35,000. in stolen property from The Hobby Spot break and enter, plus unrelated stolen property and have laid charges against one male in relation to this investigation.

On Feb. 7, 2023, Leduc

RCMP received information that three of the stolen cards were sold at a card business in Edmonton, Alta. After continued investigation and the assistance of Edmonton Police Service, a suspect and residence were identified.

On Feb. 10, 2023, LCRU with the assistance of Leduc RCMP General Investiga-

tion Section and Drug Unit executed a search warrant at a residence in south east area of Edmonton where they arrested the suspect.

As a result of the search, police recovered a

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Alberta's Economy Is Continuing To Create Jobs At A Strong Pace

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By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting pro-growth policies, we have renewed the Alberta Advantage and 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. This influx of people is needed to meet growing labour demands in a diverse field of industries. Companies

like Garmin Canada, Side-trade, De Havilland, HBO, Amazon Web Services, Walmart, and Air Products are investing in Alberta. Every one of these investments means hundreds if not thousands of new positions opening, and our government is working hard to attract families and skilled workers to help fill them.

There are other reasons people are coming to Alberta besides our high-paying jobs. We have low taxes, no sales tax, and the cleanest land, air, and water in the world. We also have a booming venture capital sector, a burgeoning film and television industry, world-class universities, affordable housing compared to other provinces, and accessible, affordable, and high-quality childcare.

When the NDP was 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. Now the NDP are promising to raise taxes again and destroy our renewed Alberta Advantage. We can't let that happen.

Alberta is back and people are going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and sectors. In every corner of the province and in all sectors of the economy, 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.

The NDP's plan didn't work. Ours is. Now, we want to build on our success to ensure Alberta is strong and resilient for generations to come.



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Leduc RCMP Identify Break And Enter Charges Laid

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large quantity of the stolen property and seized some items including:

- Semi-automatic rifle
- 149 rounds of ammunition
- Cash drawer
- 5grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine
- Over 500 capsules of various medications
- 17 boxes/bottles of various medications
- Several sets of

building keys and vehicle keys/vehicle key fobs

- Stolen mail
- Many trading/collecting and gaming cards including NHL, NBA, MLB, Pokemon, Magic The Gathering, Yugioh, Dicomasters, MetaZoo and Flesh and Blood.

- Comic books
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Justin Jarrod Charest (32), a residence of Edmonton, was charged with the following:

- Break and enter

• Trafficking property over 5,000.

• Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. (x2)

• Unsafe storage of a firearm

• Unauthorized possession of a firearm

• Possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine

• Fail to comply with release order (x4)

Following a judicial hearing, Charest was remanded in custody. He is scheduled to appear in Leduc provin-

cial court on Feb. 28, 2023.

“This investigation shows the success that comes when we work collaboratively with our policing partner, in Edmonton police service,” says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith. “This multijurisdictional investigation, including the intelligence sharing shows the impact we can have in our communities.”

LCRU’s investigation into this incident is ongoing.

LEDUC RCMP INVESTIGATE FIRE TO OUTDOOR RINK

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP have charged two 16-year-old youths

with arson in relation to this investigation.

Both youths were released from custody on conditions

to attend Leduc Provincial Court on March 24, 2023. In accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the

name of the youths charged will not be released.



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LEDUC RCMP BRR-AVED THE COLD IN THEIR 4TH POLAR PLUNGE



Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Jan. 29, 2023, Leduc RCMP team “Copsicles” braved the cold waters in their 4th Polar Plunge as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Alberta.

This year’s event was the first in person event since 2019.

Team “Copsicles” participated at the location at Lake Summerside in Edmonton, Alta. The team consisted of 4 participants and a total of \$930 was raised.

“We were extremely happy to have the opportunity to support Special Olympic athletes in our community along

with our law enforcement colleagues and other partner agencies for the 4th year,” says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith. “We are thankful for all the encouragement we received and the donations will certainly help the athletes continue to participate in the sports they love.”

MP SOROKA’S STATEMENT ON 8 YEARS OF LIBERAL INCOMPETENCE

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

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

“Mr. Speaker every day, I hear from countless people in my riding voicing their frustrations as they try to survive un-

der this Liberal-made affordability crisis.

After eight years under this Liberal government everything in Canada is broken.

After eight years, Canadians are out of money and can’t afford to eat, heat, or house themselves.

And just when you think it couldn’t get any worse or more

expensive, the carbon tax is, again, increasing on April 1st.

It’s no surprise Canadians are turning to their food banks as this is their only means to feed their families.

After eight years, this government has plagued the country with travel woes, passport & immigration backlogs, an affordability crisis, offers MAID

as a solution instead of assistance. It eased bail access for criminals, and eliminated mandatory minimum sentencing for offenders.

After eight years, it is time for this Liberal government to come to an end.

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LIBERAL INCOMPETENCE IS HURTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

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

“Madam Speaker, after eight years of this Liberal Prime Minister, Vera, a car wash owner in my riding is struggling because of the carbon tax. She says that if she keeps raising rates in her small rural town, people will stop coming and she will go out of business.

Will the Prime Minister take responsibility for crippling small business owners like Vera and remove the carbon tax? If he won't stop the tax, then get out of the way. Conservatives will keep the heat

on and take the tax off.”

Response from TheHon. Julie Dabrusin (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Natural Resources and to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Lib.):

“Madam Speaker, If the Member opposite was talking to his constituents,

he might have also been told that in January, they received either a direct deposit payment or a cheque as a climate action incentive and it has been shown that eight out of ten Canadians will receive more through that backstop than it was paid through the climate pricing. So in


fact, we are working very hard to make life more affordable and we are supporting them through these changes with utility bills and the like by helping them with retrofits and it's creating good paying jobs in communities like his.”

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LEDUC RCMP CHARGE TWO SUSPECTS WITH BREAK AND ENTER

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Feb. 6, 2023, at approximately 3:04 a.m., Leduc RCMP received a report of a break and enter in progress at a business in the area of 66 Avenue and 45 Street in Leduc.

Officers received information that there were two suspects on the property and immediately attended

the area. As a result, Leduc RCMP arrested two people and seized break-in tools.

Taylor Leigh Robulak (36), a resident of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was charged with the following:

- Break and enter
- Possession of break-in instruments
- Fail to comply with release order (x2)

Following a judicial hearing, Robulak was re-

manded in custody. She is next scheduled to appear in Leduc provincial court on Feb. 16, 2023.

Morgan Lance Landry (26), a resident of Leduc, was charged with the following:

- Break and enter
- Possession of break-in instruments
- Breach of conditional sentence order

Following a judicial

hearing, Landry was remanded in custody. He is next scheduled to appear in Leduc provincial court on Feb. 23, 2023.

“These successful arrests during a break and enter in progress are thanks to the active support we get from citizens who call in suspicious activity”, says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith.

RED TAPE IS SERIOUS BUSINESS FOR THOSE IT AFFECTS

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

Excessive bureaucracy, unnecessary regulations, and redundant paperwork are an expensive headache for businesses and families and a barrier for new investment and job creation.

Under Rachel Notley and the NDP, Alberta's red tape burden became so large, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) gave Alberta a grade of F in its annual red tape report card – which measures red tape performance across the country. Last week, however, under our United Conservative government, the CFIB gave Alberta a grade of A-, the highest grade in the country.

Our United Conservative government has very intentionally cleaned up the red tape mess the NDP left behind. In 2019, we promised to make life better for Albertans by cutting red tape by one-third. As was noted in the CFIB's latest

report, our government has, so far, cut more than 27 per cent of Alberta's regulatory burden since 2019 – meaning we are well on our way to keeping our promise.

This has a real impact on the pocketbooks of Albertans. The red tape we have reduced so far has saved Alberta families and businesses an estimated \$2.1 billion. And that number will only grow as we continue our red tape reduction efforts.

This also has a real impact on the lives and lifestyles of Albertans. Our red tape reduction efforts include giving responsible Albertans and Alberta businesses more options when choosing to purchase, consume, produce, or sell alcohol; modernizing the delivery of vehicle registry services by eliminating the use of license plate stickers that mark the month and year of vehicle registration – a move that is saving taxpayers around \$1.2 million per year; and reducing the

administrative burden for the innovation sector, enabling easier access to \$150 million in annual funding, while allowing Alberta entrepreneurs and researchers to spend less time on paperwork and more time on developing innovative solutions that can drive economic growth.

We haven't done this work alone. We have accomplished this with the help of everyday Albertans, as well as business and industry. And we continue to call for more ideas. Any Albertan who has come across a government process that is too complex, takes too long, serves no purpose, or is duplicative or wasteful should share their views and recommendations for change at www.alberta.ca/cut-red-tape.aspx. All submissions will be reviewed and sent to the responsible ministry for consideration and follow-up.

With your help, United Conservatives are leading

the nation in red tape reduction, and we will work to ensure red tape doesn't continue to creep back in. We want to make sure that Albertans face fewer unnecessary processes and that our province remains the best place in the world to live, work, and do business.

We are proud Alberta is once again a national leader in cutting red tape for job creators, taxpayers, and families. Alberta is back on top, and with your help, we will stay there.





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7 WEDDING TRICKS TO MAKE THE BIG DAY EASIER

Wedding planning is no small task. From sending out engagement announcements to gifting guests with take-home favors, a couple will pour over scores of details as they plan their weddings.

As if selecting a photographer or choosing the right passed appetizers isn't challenging enough, some unknown variables are sure to pop up on the big day as well. Couples can take their cues from others who have walked the aisle before them with these tricks of the trade, which may help couples' wedding days go smoothly.

1. Host everything at a single location. Couples who want to simplify their wedding day can select a site that can host the ceremony and reception and also house

guests. The cost of such facilities may be more affordable than couples think, as transportation costs will be minimal and the venue may offer discounts on group packages.

2. Think about a day coordinator. Couples who cannot afford a wedding planner to handle all of the details often find that a day-of-service provider is within their budget. This person can handle all of the details of the wedding day so brides and grooms can fully immerse themselves in the festivities.

3. Bring extra cash. Unexpected expenses may pop up. Couples may have to feed an extra member of the band or a guest who was able to get a babysitter at the

last minute. Brides and grooms may want to offer a bigger tip than anticipated to the waitstaff or deejay who went above and beyond.

4. Learn how to bustle. Walking around with a free-flowing train all day can become tiring for brides. Brides should make sure that one person practices how to bustle the train and will step in to do so for the reception. Also, it may not be the height of fashion, but having a garbage bag on hand can keep the train clean during inclement weather, or if the bride has to trek across grass or soil for photo opportunities.

5. Give an outgoing person a job. Enlist a boisterous friend or family member to wrangle guests for photo opportunities. He or she

can be the photographer's helper and give the happy couple one less thing to do.

6. Stock the bathroom. Some venues will have courtesy items for their guests, but couples also should bring their own necessities, such as breath mints, toothpaste, extra pantyhose, hairspray, lip gloss, and/or sanitary pads.

7. Be all smiles. Couples can't predict everything that will happen on their wedding day, but they can help create the mood. Smiling couples can make things better for everyone, even when zippers break or someone gets the chicken instead of the salmon.

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CATER WEDDING MENUS TO GUESTS' DIETARY NEEDS

Gone are the days when wedding reception menus were limited to the one-size-fits-all offerings of meat, chicken or fish. Thanks to modern diets, couples hoping to accommodate guests may need to provide a wide array of food choices.

It is impossible to pinpoint an exact number, as there are no definitive surveys classifying all dietary preferences, but there are believed to be around 7.9 million people in the United States who follow a vegetarian-based diet. Of those people, around one million are strictly vegan, according to data in *The Economist*. In addition, NYU Langone Health says one-third of Americans are trying to avoid gluten. The Gluten Free

Agency, which is a consulting group dedicated to helping advertisers, says some nine million people in Canada are going gluten-free now for medical or personal reasons. Toss in the scores of people with peanut or other allergies and even more caution is needed when designing wedding menus.

Savvy couples who have guests' health and comfort in mind recognize the importance of offering a varied meal plan for wedding-related parties and receptions. The following are some ideas to consider when planning wedding menus.

- Consider a buffet-style service. Although couples might like the tradition

and flair that a seated/plated meal offers, it creates a much more limited selection of meal options. Buffet-style dinner service often provides couples with multiple choices, and it's much more likely they can come up with a combination that caters to any food allergies or dietary restrictions guests may have.

- Opt for food stations. In lieu of one long buffet table, a modern approach is to have staffed food stations. Foods as well as their ingredients can be clearly stated on food table placards so guests can make appropriate choices.

- Offer alternatives for dessert. Wedding cake can be a challenge to someone with a

gluten sensitivity or an egg or a nut allergy. While not every guest indulges in dessert, make it a point to offer an alternative to cake. Perhaps a groom's cake can be revamped into gluten-free cookie bars or a nut-free trifle.

Couples who know in advance which types of dietary restrictions their guests have can work with caterers to devise a menu that suits everyone.

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AGRISTABILITY FOR POULTRY FARMERS: MINISTER HORNER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation Nate Horner issued the following statement on business risk management options for poultry farmers affected by avian influenza:

“In response to the avian influenza outbreak in 2022, the governments of Canada and Alberta have agreed to allow late participation in AgriStability for the 2022 program year. This means

any poultry producers not currently signed up for AgriStability can reach out to Agriculture Financial Services Corporation to enrol by Feb. 28.

“Alberta’s producers have faced significant impacts, substantial losses and a great deal of stress during this time, and that is why we’re providing additional help to some producers. I commend Alberta’s poultry sector for its advocacy and information sharing over the past year to support

producers during the avian influenza outbreak.

“In recognition of the potential for more infections as we move into spring, I will continue to work with industry to identify any available tools and supports to mitigate avian influenza’s impacts.

“AgriStability is a margin-based program designed to help producers manage large income declines. Poultry producers interested in late acceptance for the 2022 AgriSta-

bility program should contact Agriculture Financial Services Corporation through AFSC Connect or by calling 1-877-899-2372.

“Late participants in AgriStability must comply with all program requirements and deadlines. Under the program guidelines, payments to late participants, including any interim payments under the program, are reduced by 20 per cent.”

SUPPORTING LOW-INCOME NURSING STUDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta’s government is

expanding the New Beginnings Bursary to help 1,700 low-income students become nurses.

Alberta has the best front-line health-care workers in the world. Alberta’s government is committed to making sure Albertans get the care they need, when and where they need it. That includes making sure there are more opportunities for more students. Making Alberta’s post-secondary system more affordable will help Alberta train the nurses the province needs.

Thanks to an additional \$8.5-million investment in the New Beginnings Bursary, up to 1,700 nursing students will be eligible for a one-time, non-repayable \$5,000 bursary. Recipients in nursing programs will be automatically selected from student loan applicants who meet program and financial eligibility criteria.

The additional funding builds off Alberta’s Health-care Action Plan to help address the high demand for

nurses and health-care professionals in Alberta. Last year, Alberta’s government created nearly 2,500 new seats in health-related programs across the province. Other initiatives include expanded training for internationally educated nurses and funding micro-credential programs in health-care fields.

The New Beginnings Bursary was created in 2022 to increase access to post-secondary education for those who might otherwise not be able to attend, due to financial constraints. By the end of the 2023-24 academic year, 3,400 low-income students will have benefited from the bursary, at a total investment of \$17 million. The bursary began supporting students in the 2022-23 academic year. Alberta Student Aid will deliver funding to recipients who meet the eligibility criteria and have approved student loan and grant funding applications during the 2022-23 loan year.

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NEW SURVEY SHOWS FEW ALBERTANS SUPPORT CREATION OF ALBERTA POLICE SERVICE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

The results of a public opinion survey conducted by Calgary pollster Janet Brown for Alberta Municipalities in late January 2023 confirm what our association has been saying for almost a year: most Albertans see no reason to replace the RCMP with a new provincial police service.

A resounding 85 per cent of respondents said that if the Government of Alberta insisted on going ahead with the creation of an APS, the matter needed to be put to a provincial vote.

Sixty-six per cent of those surveyed thought the provincial government should spend its time, effort and resources on community service supports for Albertans

who are marginalized and struggling with homelessness, addictions and mental health issues.

There was also broad support for increasing spending to improve current policing efforts in communities across Alberta and improve the provincial justice system.

“The results of this survey paint a very clear picture,” said President Cathy Heron. “Albertans are simply not interested in a discussion or review of community policing in Alberta that is based on political aims or recommendations from the 2020 Fair Deal Panel Report. Municipalities are interested in discussing the delivery of community policing with the primary goal of enhancing public safety.”

Alberta Municipalities has been calling for

a province-wide Public Safety Task Force led by the Government of Alberta since September 1, 2022. Such a task force is urgently needed to explore and address the root causes of crime, as well as weaknesses in Alberta’s current justice system. Our member communities believe a province-wide task force is urgently needed, and they want to see it happen now.

We strongly encourage all the provincial political parties to include public safety and policing in their election platforms. Albertans deserve to know where the political parties and their candidates stand on these important issues as they prepare to vote in the 2023 Provincial Election.

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Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Feb. 8, 2023, shortly after 4 p.m., Alberta RCMP Traffic - Whitecourt was conducting speed enforcement on Highway 43 near Whitecourt. A semi-truck with an unloaded flat deck tractor trailer was observed traveling at a high rate of speed. The Alberta RCMP Traffic officer obtained a laser speed reading of 130 kms/hr in the posted maximum 100 km/hr zone.

The semi-truck was stopped and the driver was required to provide a mandatory alcohol screening

breath sample into an Approved Screening Device. The sample came back as a "CAUTION". This indicates to the officer that the driver, a 43-year-old class one driver from Edmonton, Alta., had a blood alcohol concentration between 60 and 99 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

Any driver who provides a breath sample that leads the officer to have reasonable and probable grounds that the drivers blood alcohol concentration is between 50 and 100 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, will receive a

three day Immediate Roadside Sanction and the vehicle will be seized for three days as well. This driving suspension comes with a \$360 fine. In addition to the Immediate Roadside Sanction and vehicle seizure, the driver was also issued a \$175 speeding ticket.

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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

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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. Pleas 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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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

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

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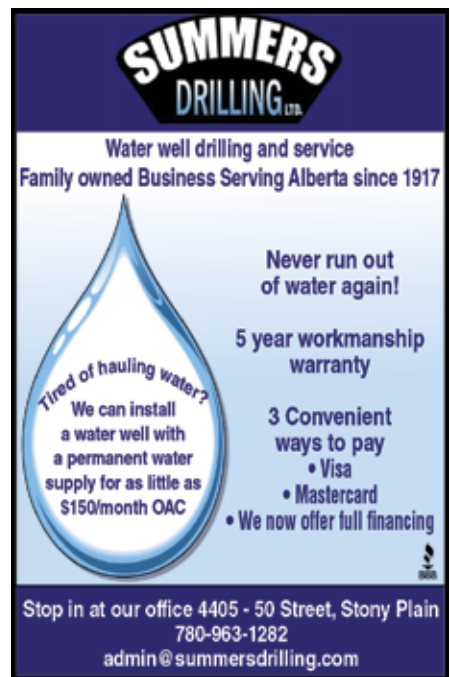


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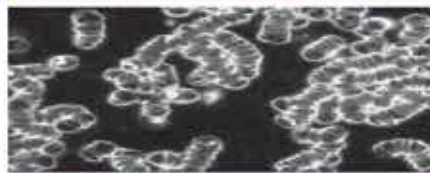
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