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LEDUC RCMP ARREST 7 PEOPLE DURING WARRANT ROUND-UP

Submitted by Leduc RCMP
On Aug. 30, 2023, Leduc RCMP Crime Reduction Unit (LCRU) with the assistance of the Integrated Gang Enforcement Team

(IGET) a team within the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT), conducted a one-day crime reduction initiative that targeted offenders with outstanding arrest warrants in

the Leduc RCMP Detachment area.

Officers proactively attended multiple residences and arrested offenders on outstanding warrants for

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HELP GUIDE LEDUC'S ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc is updating its Environmental Plan and seeking resident feedback to ensure it con-

tinues to reflect the community's needs, priorities, and collective goals for the next decade.

Key areas the plan will focus on include:

- Waste (recycling, com-

posting and Eco station)

- Water (water conservation and stormwater management)

- Air (pollution and air quality)

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LEDUC RCMP LAY CHARGES FOLLOWING REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Aug. 31, 2023 at approximately 1:35 a.m.,

Leduc RCMP received a report of suspicious activity where a person was observed removing a licence plate from a vehicle parked

at a business on Sparrow Drive in Leduc.

Police made patrols in the area, located the

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Leduc RCMP Arrest 7 People During Warrant Round-Up

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a range of Criminal Code offences and Traffic Safety Act offences. In total, there were 7 individuals arrested resulting in the execution of

6 warrants with six charges, \$1057.14 in fines paid and one new charge being laid.

The Leduc RCMP implement crime reduction initiatives to target known offenders and address the

root cause of crime in the area. Efforts are being made to target their criminal activities, and hold them accountable before the courts.

Help Guide Leduc's Environmental Future

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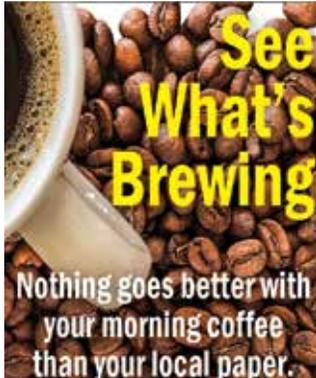
•Land (Wetland restoration, tree planting and naturalization)

•Light and noise (LED lights and dark skies)

•Energy and climate change (greenhouse gases, climate resilience and electric cars)

“Leduc is a proud environmental leader, and we want to protect and

sustain the natural beauty surrounding us,” says City of Leduc Mayor Bob Young. “It’s important that we are always working to improve, and your feedback will help guide the future of this community for the next decade.”



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JOKE of the week

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence.

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Leduc RCMP Lay Charges Following Report Of Suspicious Activity

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suspect vehicle and a traffic stop was initiated. A licence plate query showed the plate was not a match to the vehicle and the licence plate had been reported stolen out of Edmonton. The three occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 28 grams of cocaine, bear spray, an extendable baton and various types of ammunition.

Following further investigation, Leduc RCMP with the assistance of the Drug Unit and Crime Reduction, executed a search warrant on a room at a hotel nearby resulting in the seizure of a shot gun, sawed-off

shotgun and an SKS rifle.

Allen Manning (21), a resident of Warburg, Alta. was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 X2
- Careless use of firearm X3
- Unauthorized possession of firearm
- Tampering with serial number on firearm X2
- Possession of a prohibited firearm
- Fail to comply with release order condition X2

Following a judicial hearing, Manning was remanded into custody. He is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in

Leduc on Sept. 14, 2023.

Kesha O'reilly (19), a resident of Warburg, was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 X2
- Careless use of firearm X3
- Unauthorized possession of firearm
- Tampering with serial number on firearm X2
- Possession of a prohibited firearm

Following a judicial hearing, O'reilly was remanded into custody. She is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Sept. 21, 2023.

Robert Gordon Francis (38), a resident of Edmon-

ton was charged with the following:

- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000
- Possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose
- Possession of a controlled substance - Cocaine
- Fail to comply with release order condition

Following a judicial hearing, Francis was remanded into custody. He is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Sept. 14, 2023.



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HELP FOR ALBERTA FARMERS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRE AND DROUGHT

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the AgriStability program has reopened for late participation so producers affected by wildfires and drought can consider enrolling to manage business risks.

Alberta producers can sign up for AgriStability until September 29. The Government of Alberta and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have reopened the program

recognizing that wildfires and extremely dry conditions have affected many farmers and ranchers since the April 30, 2023, enrolment deadline. This gives affected producers more time to review and manage the business risks associated with these challenging situations.

In Alberta, producers sign up for AgriStability and access benefits through Agriculture Financial Services Corporation. Factors such as reduced income, increased expenses or re-

duced inventory are used to determine a potential benefit.

https://afsc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/2023-AgriStability_Late_Participation_Application-for-Fee-Notice.pdf

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LEDUC RCMP AND LEDUC PUBLIC LIBRARY HIT THE BOOKS WITH MORE READING SESSIONS

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP and Leduc Public Library help young readers hit the books with more reading sessions for their R.E.A.D. with the RCMP literacy partnership.

Leduc Public Library will again be hosting drop-in "R.E.A.D. with the RCMP" literacy program sessions on Thursday Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, 2023 at 10 a.m.

"Being a member of the RCMP is more than just patrolling, it's about serving our community," says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith.

"This program allows us the opportunity to connect with families in a fun, positive and educational manner."

"Come and enjoy fun, interactive stories read by your local RCMP, Constable Cheri-Lee Smith with a 15 min craft at the end. What a great way to foster a love of literacy," says Rhonda Campbell, Youth Services Coordinator at the Leduc Public Library.

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TIPS ON SHOPPING FOR NEW APPLIANCES

Now may be the right time to make large appliance purchases. Know the product before visiting the store.

As the weather turns cooler, outdoor improvements become less practical. Homeowners' thoughts may turn to projects they can tackle inside of the home. Now may be the time to consider the purchase of new appliances that can be the finishing touches to renovated spaces.

Fall is prime time to purchase new large ap-

pliances. Manufacturers typically unveil their latest models during September and October. At this point, prices on older models will be reduced to make room for new ones. By the end of the year, any older models that have not yet been cleared out will be discounted further. Even though the end-of-the-year deals will be better, the selection may be limited the longer you wait.

It is best never to wait until an appliance is on

its last leg for repair or replacement. Then consumers do not have the luxury to price shop nor find items that include the features they desire most. Here are some other buying tips.

Research

Shoppers should begin their research at home before they even enter a store. Make a list of features you want in the appliance, which helps narrow down the playing field and better focus your purchasing decisions.

Once you have a list handy, speak with friends or family members about their experiences with brands and/or retailers. Ask about which features they like the most and how often they have had to call for repairs. If they could do things differently, what would those things be?

Know your space

Perhaps you are familiar with the adage to measure twice and cut once.

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The same can be said for measuring prior to purchasing an appliance. Be sure you know the exact measurements of the space that will house the new appliance. Take into consideration the clearance needed to open doors, such as with a refrigerator or front-loading washing machine. It can be a waste of time and money to have an ap-

pliance delivered only to find it doesn't fit at the time of installation.

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that feature the Energy Star® logo use 20 to 30 percent less energy than required by typical federal standards. Homeowners who purchase qualifying appliances may be eligible for tax breaks and other incentives.

Consider your lifestyle It is easy to be overwhelmed and awestruck by the number of appliances available. You may desire the biggest and best there is, but if you are not a

superstar in the kitchen, you may not need the commercial stove. A bachelor may not require an oversized washing machine.

Do your research and comparison shop so you won't have any regrets later on.



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WEEKEND RENOVATION PROJECTS

Some home renovation projects require the expertise of professionals, but there also are many ways for homeowners to improve their homes without hiring a pro or spending too much money. The following are a handful of DIY renovation projects homeowners can tackle in a typical weekend.

- Closet conversion: Ample closet space is a big plus for home buyers, but upon moving into a new home, many homeowners may find they don't need as much closet space as they initially thought. Guest room walk-in closets, in particular, may prove to be underutilized resources. Such closets often come with built-in shelving, and therefore, they make ideal spaces to convert to mini

home offices or study areas for kids. Installing an extra shelf to serve as a desk area for remote working or homework stations won't take up much of a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and before you know it, you will have a fully functioning workspace.

- Accent wall: Accent walls can live up a room by breaking the color pattern of the walls in the room. Accent walls also can be used to divert attention on a particular design element in a room, such as a painting or an elaborate wall furnishing. Painting an accent wall won't take very long, but such a project can give a room an entirely new look and feel.

- Driveway: If weather permits, repaving an asphalt driveway can be an ideal

weekend project, especially if an existing driveway has endured its fair share of wear and tear. Many driveways can be paved anew in a single day, but larger driveways or those that have endured an extraordinary amount of wear and tear may take a couple of days.

- Storage and shelving: Much like some homes come with an abundance of storage areas, others fall short of homeowners' or apartment dwellers' needs. If your home or apartment falls into the latter category, adding some shelving or finding some new furniture that can serve double duty as storage areas is a weekend project that can help clear up some space. Purchase some wood shelving from a local furniture

retailer to mimic the look of traditional built-ins or replace existing single-use furniture with newer items capable of serving multiple functions, including storage.

- Art: If the rooms and hallways in your home are bare or in need of new looks but your budget is tight, try your hand at spicing things up by creating some of your own paintings. Parents can encourage kids to create their own colorful masterpieces. Frame the finished works and hang them on the wall and enjoy your inexpensive and homemade "art gallery."

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PARTNERING WITH FIRST NATIONS TO BOOST SURGERIES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Construction is beginning on a new chartered surgical facility on Enoch Cree Nation that will increase publicly funded surgeries and reduce wait times.

Some Albertans are waiting too long for surgeries. That's why Alberta's government launched the Health Care Action Plan to improve key areas of health care, including lowering surgery wait times. As part of the plan, the number of surgeries happening every year at hospitals and chartered surgical facilities such as the new facility at Enoch Cree Nation will be increased.

The new facility is expected to open by June 2025 and will offer about 3,000 more publicly funded orthopedic surgeries per year, reducing wait times for Albertans.

"The surgical facility at Enoch Cree Nation is an innovative partnership that will reduce wait times and reflects the government's commitment to ensure Albertans have access to the

care they need when they need it. We will continue the work to bring down wait times even further and deliver surgeries within the clinically recommended time." Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

The facility will be one of the first built on First Nation land in Canada, and will be operated by Enoch Cree Nation. The partnership between Enoch Cree Nation and Alberta Health Services (AHS) will support a culturally safe facility that will provide high-quality surgical care for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"Today's groundbreaking marks a significant step in making this surgical facility, the first of its kind in Alberta, a reality. This is the first surgical facility to be run by a First Nation and built on their land and is an example of our government's commitment to working with Indigenous people as equal partners and an important step forward towards reconciliation in Alberta." Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations

"This partnership is an example of reconciliation in action. Maskêkosihk is supporting the Alberta Surgical Initiative to bring additional capacity to Treaty 6 territory, address surgical wait lists for all Albertans, and ensure that the medical care we deliver together is done so in a way that respects all cultures, including First Nations people who have made this land their home for thousands of years." Chief Cody Thomas, Enoch Cree Nation

When a surgeon decides a patient needs surgery, AHS then schedules the surgery and determines whether the patient will have the publicly funded surgery at a hospital or a chartered surgical facility based on several factors, including the type of surgery.

Moving more orthopedic surgeries to chartered surgical facilities frees up operating room space in hospitals to provide more complex surgeries, which reduces wait times for these types of surgeries that require hospital care.

As a result of actions to

boost the number of publicly funded surgeries happening at both hospitals and chartered surgical facilities, wait times for hip and knee replacements have significantly improved. As of June 2023, about 56 per cent of hip replacement surgeries were completed within target, compared with 41 per cent in June 2022. For knee replacement surgeries, about 49 per cent were completed within clinically recommended time, compared with 25.5 per cent the previous year.

"Patients are at the centre of all we do and every decision we make at AHS, and we know that Albertans want more access to the surgeries they need. The new surgical facility on the Enoch Cree Nation will help us deliver more orthopedic surgeries to patients in the Edmonton region, improving access to the procedures they need and reducing their wait times." Mauro Chies, president and CEO, Alberta Health Services

SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY: MINISTERS WILLIAMS AND TURTON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Mental Health and Addiction Dan Williams and Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton issued the following statements on World Suicide Prevention Day:

"Every death by suicide is an unimaginable loss for families, friends and loved ones, with the impacts felt by entire communities.

"World Suicide Prevention Day is an urgent call to action for us all. Suicide can be a difficult subject to talk about, but it is only through open discussion that we can prevent these tragic deaths. By speaking openly, acknowledging our challenges and reaching out to those who may be struggling, we can build resilience and hope.

"If you're struggling with feelings of hopelessness

and despair, please know there is help. It's important that people know there is a hopeful alternative to suicide. Crisis support is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, no matter where you call home. Call or text 2-1-1 or call the Mental Health Help Line at 1-877-303-2642 for support, information and referrals to services." Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"Awareness is so important in supporting mental health – learning to recognize warning signs, developing healthy habits and encouraging our loved ones to seek help when they need it most. Building a strong foundation of mental wellness ensures our children and our families have the skills and tools to overcome any challenge they're faced with.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES PROGRESS ON THE CANADIAN DENTAL CARE PLAN

Submitted by Government of Canada

Every Canadian deserves quality dental care, yet one-third of Canadians are unable to visit an oral health professional because they do not have dental insurance.

As such, the Government of Canada has been working extensively to improve access to dental care services for Canadians, and has reached a key step in

the procurement process to administer the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Today, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, and the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, announced that an Early Work Agreement worth up to \$15 million has been awarded to Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (Sun Life). This interim measure will enable Sun Life to undertake

necessary pre-contractual work to ensure the timely launch and successful operation of the Canadian Dental Care Plan while details of the main contract are finalized. This includes work such as recruitment, information technology-related activities and business planning. The main contract is expected to be awarded in fall 2023, pending Government of Canada approval.

Once fully implemented, the Canadian Dental Care

Plan will support up to 9 million uninsured Canadians who have an annual family net income of less than \$90,000 in getting the oral health care they need, with no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000. Further information on the plan, which is expected to begin rolling out by the end of 2023, will be communicated by Health Canada in the coming weeks.

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WETASKIWIN RCMP INVESTIGATE ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION

Submitted by Wetaskiwin RCMP

On July 26, 2023, at 7:26 p.m., Wetaskiwin RCMP received a report of a possible attempted child abduction. Investigators were advised that 7-year-old and 15-year-old youths were walking on a side street in Pigeon lake when they were

approached by a woman who exited her vehicle and started to speak to them. After a short conversation, the woman grabbed the 7-year-old. The child was able to break free and both youth ran away.

After continued investigation, RCMP have been able to obtain a photo of a potential suspect vehicle as

well as a composite sketch of the female suspect who is described as:

- fair complexion
- 40's-50's in age
- 180-190 pounds
- approximately 5 foot 6 inches tall
- long to mid shoulder length grey hair
- very vibrant blue eyes
- small hairs around the

mouth and chin

•wearing a long black coat. RCMP are providing a photo of a vehicle seen in the area at the time of the offence that is believed to be driven by the suspect.

The vehicle depicted is described as a 2015-2018 Blue Ford Edge.

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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!

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

ANSWER:

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

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 25 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May 3rd-October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. Special Christmas Market Friday December 8 from 4:00pm-9:00pm at the Mackenzie Centre 4737 45 Ave. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

EVANSBURG 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

Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale, 2nd Sunday each month, Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304

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.

ST. DAVIDS JR. CHOIR is seeking singers ages 7-13. Boys and girls are welcomed. Rehearsals in Leduc Tuesdays 3:45- 5PM. Contact 780-432-7805.

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cancellations can be heard on recorded messages, call Arena 780-848-7581

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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 speak in public - we help conquer your fear. More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

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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The Masters Tournament is the first of golf's four major championships in the calendar year. Competitors tee off at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, GA, in April 2020. Americans Tiger Woods and Patrick Reed are the two most recent Masters champions, and fans are already eager to see who earns the fabled green jacket this year.

Televised golf competitions often inspire people to hit the links. People with a passion for golf may want

to check out some of the top courses in the world, as ranked by leading golf resources and experts.

- **Ballybunion:** This Irish course was touted as "nothing less than the finest seaside course" by famed golf writer Herbert Warren Wind. The course hosted the 2000 Irish Open, but lack of other tournaments can be attributed to its remote, albeit beautiful, location

- **Cypress Point:** This club sits at the foothills of

the Santa Lucia Mountains at the tip of the Monterey Peninsula in California. Located in coastal dunes and on rocky coastlines, Cypress Point is often noted for its dramatic holes along the Pacific Ocean.

- **Pine Valley:** Located in Pine Valley, NJ, this course, which is more than 100 years old, boasts some formidable hazards with sophisticated green expanses.

- **St. Andrew's:** This historic course in Scotland

has hosted the Open Championship (once known as The British Open) a record 29 times. Historians believe golf originated in Scotland, and people have been playing on this course since the 15th century. Massive greens, cavernous bunkers and a brilliant layout contribute to its distinguished history.

- **Shinnecock Hills:** This course in Southampton, NY, is a very old club built in the tradition of Scottish courses. This was likely the inaugural American golf course design, and the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club was one of the five founding members of the United States Golf Association.

- **Augusta National:** Home to the Masters, Augusta is considered a golf paradise by many. The sheer beauty of Augusta has made it a staple on many golfers' bucket lists, even if only a few may get to walk its fairways with club in hand.

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