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ALBERTA UNWRAPS ADOPTION SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Families who have adopted a child through a licensed agency in Alberta can now apply for a one-time \$6,000 subsidy.

Building forever families shouldn't be a financial burden for those yearning

to be called mom or dad. To help remove barriers for Albertans who choose to start or grow their families through adoption, Alberta's government is providing additional financial support for eligible families that will reduce adoption costs by as much as 50 per cent.

"As an adoptive parent myself, I know how challenging and expensive the adoption process can be. My heart aches for Albertans who've had to give up on starting or growing their family because adoption was financially out of reach.

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FUEL TAX RELIEF: STATEMENT FROM MINISTER HORNER

Submitted by Government of Alberta

President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance Nate Horner issued the following statement on Alberta's fuel tax relief program:

"On Jan. 1, 2023, Alberta's government paused the collection of the provincial fuel tax on gasoline and die-

sel for six months to help keep life affordable. We later extended the pause to the end of 2023 and committed to providing relief after that when oil prices are high.

"The provincial oil price-based fuel tax relief program will be reinstated on Jan. 1, which means Albertans will continue to save money at the pumps. The program sets fuel tax rates

quarterly based on the average price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI), with a rule limiting rate increases to a maximum of nine cents per litre each quarter.

"As a result, Albertans will continue to save four cents per litre on gas and diesel in the first three months of 2024, with the fuel tax applied at a

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I'm so pleased this subsidy will help make adoption more affordable so more children can find their forever families."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

While Alberta's government covers the costs associated with adopting a child in government care, fees to adopt a child through an agency can range between \$11,000 and \$15,000. This subsidy will be available for families with a household income of less than \$180,000 a year who completed a licensed private agency adoption in Alberta on or after April 1, 2023.

"In recognizing the pro-

found impact of Alberta government's adoption support initiatives, Adoption Options is grateful for the support provided to adoptive families. These initiatives not only transform the lives of children but also create a foundation for countless families to thrive, embodying the true spirit of community and compassion."

Sheryl Proulx, executive director, Adoption Options

"A Small Miracle Adoption meets with many Albertans ready to open their hearts and give children a forever family. This subsidy shows government wants to help them do just that by alleviating financial stress."

Edie Pendleton, executive director, A Small Miracle Adoption

Alberta's government, through Budget 2023, is investing \$4 million annually over the next three years in increased tax breaks and subsidies to help cover the costs of licensed agency adoptions and in increased supplementary health benefit coverage for children adopted in Alberta through government and licensed adoption agencies.




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JOKE of the week

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover.

The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter --haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"



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Fuel Tax Relief: Statement From Minister Horner

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reduced rate of nine cents per litre. After that, Albertans will save some or all of the provincial fuel tax when WTI prices average \$80 per barrel or higher in each

quarterly review period.

“Alberta’s fuel tax is a predictable source of provincial revenue, helping to offset the volatility of other revenue sources. As a stable component of Alberta’s revenue mix, the fuel tax

helps fund programs and services Albertans rely on while maintaining our significant tax advantage. The fuel tax relief program ensures we’re able to maintain strength in Alberta’s finances while continuing to sup-

port Albertans and Alberta businesses.

“We will provide another update before the next quarter ends on March 31, 2024.”

STRENGTHENING TIES WITH INDIGENOUS GROUPS

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc was recently pleased to tour the Four Nations of Maskwacis: Ermineskin Cree Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Montana First Nation and Louis Bull Tribe.

Included in the tour, which took place on Oct. 10, were the Nations’ town sites, band offices and infrastructure/environmental projects of note (e.g., a museum, solar farm, greenhouse, care clinic).

Intended to strengthen interactions and communication between Leduc and the four Nations, the trip was a reciprocal visit from when the City of Leduc welcomed Indigenous leaders to the Leduc Civic Centre on June 27 for a traditional pipe ceremony.


During the tour, City Council presented the Chief and Council of each Nation with protocol and a painting created by a local artist.

The City of Leduc reaffirms its commitment as a Treaty Partner and its approach to Treaty, Truth and Reconciliation. Through engagements and learning opportunities like this, we will continue to work with each Sovereign Indigenous Nation to understand ways we can partner together for social and economic benefit to each community

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 Alberta Health Services

LEDUC RCMP CHARGE FOUR YOUTH FOLLOWING VIOLENT ASSAULT

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Oct. 16, 2023, at approximately 12:10 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a violent assault involving several youth in a parking lot in the area of 50 Street and Corinthia Drive.

The victim was taken to the hospital with injuries. They have since been released and are recovering at

home.

As a result of the investigation, four youth between the ages of 13 and 16, all residents of Leduc, have been charged with assault causing bodily harm.

The youths, who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, have been released from custody and will appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc

on Nov. 10, 2023.

Leduc RCMP are working closely with the Black Gold School Division and Leduc & Area Violent Threat Risk Assessment Team members to continue to support the community.

"This information is only being shared to raise awareness about the violent occurrence. This information is not to be used to carry

out unlawful and harmful acts against anyone," says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, Leduc RCMP Public Information Officer.

A 12-year-old youth, a resident of Leduc, has been charged with assault causing bodily harm and is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on Nov. 10, 2023.

CITY LOOKS FOR INPUT FROM LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City will conduct a Business Retention and Expansion survey from Oct. 30 to Nov. 20 to better understand the plans and needs of local businesses, and how owners/managers view our community as a place to do business.

The survey will be facilitated by Deloitte LLP on the City's

behalf and will be conducted by email and phone. Businesses will be randomly selected to participate starting the week of Oct. 30. Other local businesses wishing to participate can contact the City's Economic Development Team for information on how they can provide input. It should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

"Local businesses are the

lifeblood of our community, and it is very important to us that they be successful and feel supported," says Tara de Munik, Economic Development Manager at the City of Leduc. "This is an opportunity to learn what's going well and where we can improve so that we can put strategies in place to meet business needs."

Survey results will be re-

viewed for challenges and opportunities that the local business community is facing. Aggregate results will be shared with the community in early 2024 and will be used to plan future economic development activities focused on the top priorities of local business.



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BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK: MINISTERS TURTON, NICOLAIDES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton and Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides issued the following statement on Bullying Awareness Week:

“Bullying can happen to anyone, of any age. The long-term health and social impacts can be challenging to overcome and make people feel power-

less and alone.

“That’s why it’s important for all of us to learn how to recognize and prevent bullying, as well as support victims and help them find resources if they’re struggling. Alberta’s Bullying Helpline is available 24-7, in more than 170 languages. Albertans can get help by calling or texting 310-1818 or by connecting with trained staff at any time online.”

Searle Turton, Minister

of Children and Family Services

“Everyone deserves to feel safe no matter where they are, whether that’s at home, in our schools, at work or online. We can ensure our communities are safer for everyone by standing up to bullying and letting those around us know there are people and resources to help.

“This year’s theme, #WhereToTurn, encourages everyone to raise awareness that help is

always available. Get involved by using the hashtag on social media, starting a discussion with your friends, family or coworkers about how to intervene, and taking part in anti-bullying events at your school. Let’s work together to promote safe, healthy and respectful relationships.”

Demetrios Nicolaides,
Minister of Education

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HELPS MORE SENIORS AGE AT HOME

Submitted by Government of Canada

Every senior deserves to age in health, in safety, and in dignity. Everyone should have the choice to age at home, in their communities. The Government of Canada created the Age Well at Home Initiative to help more seniors do this. This program supports community organizations to pilot new approaches, scale up effective, existing ones, and mobilize volunteers to help seniors age at home.

Today, the Minister for Seniors, Seamus O’Regan Jr., announced \$39.6 million in funding for 71 pilot projects across Canada that will mobilize volunteers to support lower-income or otherwise vulnerable seniors in their homes. These projects were se-

lected after an open call for proposals held in summer 2022, under the In-Home Support Pilot Project stream of the Age Well at Home initiative. Work on implementing the Age Well at Home initiative in Quebec is ongoing.

The Minister made the announcement while visiting Connections for Seniors in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, which will receive \$798,846 for their Community Outreach Program. Connections for Seniors will use this funding to expand the availability of its practical in-home support services to up to 2,000 older adults in the St. John’s area.

The seniors-serving organizations receiving this funding make a real difference in the everyday lives of Canadian

seniors. Through their projects, organizations will help seniors with meal preparation, light housekeeping or transportation, and help them navigate and access other available services in their local area. These projects will also support the unique needs of diverse groups of seniors, including seniors who have a low income, are Black or racialized, Indigenous, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, seniors who live in rural and remote settings, are members of official language minority communities, newcomers and seniors who speak a language other than English or French.

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ST. ALBERT RCMP EDUCATE CITIZENS REGARDING NEW MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION REPORTING

Submitted by St. Albert RCMP

In wake of the Provincial Government's recent announcement of the collision reporting threshold being raised from \$2000 to \$5000 combined damage, which will take effect on January 1, 2024, St Albert RCMP would like to educate citizens what to do and what their obligations are if they are involved in a motor vehicle collision in the New Year:

- Check yourself, your passengers, as well as the other vehicle occupants to see if medical help is required. If so, call 911 immediately for an ambulance.
- If an ambulance is not required, please take a quick picture of the vehicles, then move them out

of the roadway to a safe location if they are driveable. Ensure the other driver knows to meet you there.

- If the vehicles are NOT driveable AND blocking traffic, call the RCMP at 780-458-7700 or 911.
- Once parked in a safe location, take a picture or record the other driver's license, registration and insurance. Ensure the other driver takes a picture of your documents as well. Also, exchange phone numbers. At this point, you are free to leave without police attending.
- Contact your insurance company and advise them you were in a collision. They will give you instructions on how/where to tow your vehicle and how to obtain damage estimates.

Follow the insurance company's directions for repair.

- When you obtain your estimate:
 - 1) if under \$5000, call the other driver to determine if combine damage exceeds \$5000
 - 2) if over \$5000, call and report to RCMP at 780-458-7700
- There is no need to report your motor vehicle collision to the police UNLESS one or more of the following occurs:
1. Injury is involved
 2. Either driver fails to exchange information as outlined above, or drives away before exchanging info (Hit & Run)
 3. The damage amount of all vehicles and property combined is over \$5000.

Cpl. Curtis Harsulla of St Albert RCMP Traffic Services states, "With the milder road conditions we have had this winter, motorists must remain alert and drive with care as conditions may change quickly. Icy patches develop in the same spot where drivers had travelled only moments before. Please help us by doing your part to reduce collisions, increasing safety and keeping insurance premiums for all motorists from rising."

Please contact Cpl. Curtis Harsulla at 780-418-6674 with any motor vehicle collision questions regarding the new collision reporting threshold.

ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS CITIZENS ABOUT ICE SAFETY

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The Alberta RCMP is issuing a warning to the public reminding them to practice ice safety this winter. With the changing weather conditions and above average temperatures, it is hard to tell the strength or thickness of ice by its appearance.

RCMP have responded to multiple occurrences over this past weekend and want to remind the all Albertans the dangers of unpredictable thin ice and open water. If you choose to go out on the ice, keep in mind the following safety tips:

Consider Conditions: Keep a close eye on the weather, changing weather

can make ice surfaces unpredictable. Do not travel over ice in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous. Avoid slushy, thawed, recently refrozen ice, or ice near moving water. Avoid going on the ice at night as reduced visibility increases the risk of falling through.

Always check the ice for thickness and stability. The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength – clear blue to black ice is strongest, and likely the deepest. You should only skate or walk on ice that is 15+ cm thick, 20+ cm for a group of people and 25+ cm for off highway vehicles. White opaque or snow ice should be avoided, grey ice indicates the presence of

water and is unsafe to stand on.

Plan Ahead: Don't travel on the ice alone. Leave a trip plan with someone that includes where you're going, for how long, and when you will be back. If you are unable to leave a trip plan with someone, leave a note on your car windshield. Don't drink alcohol and travel on ice, alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your ability to stay warm in cold conditions.

Safety: When spending time on the ice, you should always be prepared for the worst-case scenario and have an emergency plan.

Be Prepared: Carry a personal safety kit that includes:

- a lighter

- waterproof matches
 - fire starting materials
 - pocket knife
 - whistle
 - cellphone in a waterproof pouch
- Carry a fully-charged GPS, a compass and map as a backup, and know how to use them. Familiarize yourself with your buckles, bindings, and belts on equipment so they can be removed quickly if needed. Changing weather conditions can also affect ice from day to day. So, remember, if in doubt, don't go out! Should you need emergency services, dial 911.



A Time to Celebrate, A Time to Come Together, A Time to Reflect and Remember, A Time to Share Our Appreciation and Best Wishes With Folks Like You!

As we wind down the year and look ahead to a new one, we can't help but be moved by the trust and support we're so fortunate to have from our friends, customers and associates here in the community. We thank you sincerely for believing in us and choosing us, and we hope you know how much we've enjoyed spending time with all of you in 2023. From our family to yours, best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in 2024. We hope your New Year celebrations are just the beginning of more good times, good health, good people and good fortune to come.
Happy New Year!



Wishing you good times, good friends and good memories this New Year's Eve and all year!
 Thanks for believing in us and for your loyal support through the challenges of 2023.



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ALBERTA RCMP AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS LAUNCH OPERATION COLD START

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

As the temperatures drop and the snow starts to fall, the Alberta RCMP will once again be partnering with law enforcement partners across the province for Operation Cold Start from Jan. 8 – 12, 2024. Operation Cold Start is designed to work with the public to reduce the theft of idling vehicles during the winter months.

Law enforcement agencies will be performing a variety of tasks to help keep vehicles safe. They will be checking on unattended, idling vehicles to see if the keys are in them, and whether or not they are properly secured. Officers

will also be participating in educational efforts to teach the public ways to keep their property safe.

“Warming up your vehicle briefly before your commute might seem convenient, but this convenience can turn into a serious problem when your vehicle is stolen. Vehicle-related crimes often occur due to opportunistic situations,” says Cpl. Mike Fulton of the Alberta RCMP’s Community Safety and Well-being Branch. “In 2021, 8.3% of vehicles stolen in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction were left idling. The goal of Operation Cold Start is to reduce crime by educating Albertans on steps they can take to help keep their property

safe.”

Vehicle theft doesn’t only affect vehicle owners; it has an impact on the greater community. Not only do thefts increase the cost of insurance across the province, but stolen vehicles can also be used for further crime, or even be put back on the market and sold to unsuspecting Albertans.

The Alberta RCMP offers the following tips for vehicle safety:

- If you can’t park in a garage or driveway, ensure that you’re parking in a visible well lit area.
- Visible anti-theft devices like steering wheel locks can help mitigate vehicle thefts and break-ins.
- If possible, look

into automatic car starters as an option to warm your vehicle.

- Never leave your vehicle unattended if the keys are in it.
- Always lock your vehicles doors even if you’re parked in a drive way or garage.
- Never leave valuable items like wallets, keys, purses, or even change visible in an unoccupied vehicle.
- Most modern engines do not require a ‘warm-up’ period. If your vehicle does need to warm-up, do not leave it unattended.

CITY RECEIVES MINISTERIAL AWARD FOR RED TAPE REDUCTION

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc is proud of the recently changed Edmonton Airport Vicinity Protection Area (AVPA) regulation and is honoured that this project was selected as the winner of the 2023 Minister’s Award for Municipal Excellence for Red Tape Reduction.

The regulation was amended in May 2022. As part of this process, the noise contours that restricted development in Leduc were reduced by 30 per cent. This, paired with the construction of the 65th Avenue Interchange, creates a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reimagine how Leduc will grow and develop.

“In Leduc we believe

building a community is a partnership and are committed to and encourage growth that will benefit the City of Leduc and the region,” says City of Leduc Mayor Bob Young. “We are pleased with how the amended regulations reduce red tape and helps create an environment where new opportunities for residential, commercial and industrial development in Leduc are possible.”

Changes to the AVPA regulation were developed collaboratively between Edmonton International Airport (YEG) and the City of Leduc. Engagement also took place throughout the process, initially led by the Province with the City and YEG, and later by the City with local businesses and

residents.

The recent updates were made possible by recognizing that aircraft have advanced greatly in the past few years. As the adoption of new aircraft and phasing out of older aircraft has occurred, engines have become quieter and more efficient. Aircraft pathways have also changed, which results in more efficient operations and permitted reduced noise contours and increased developable lands.

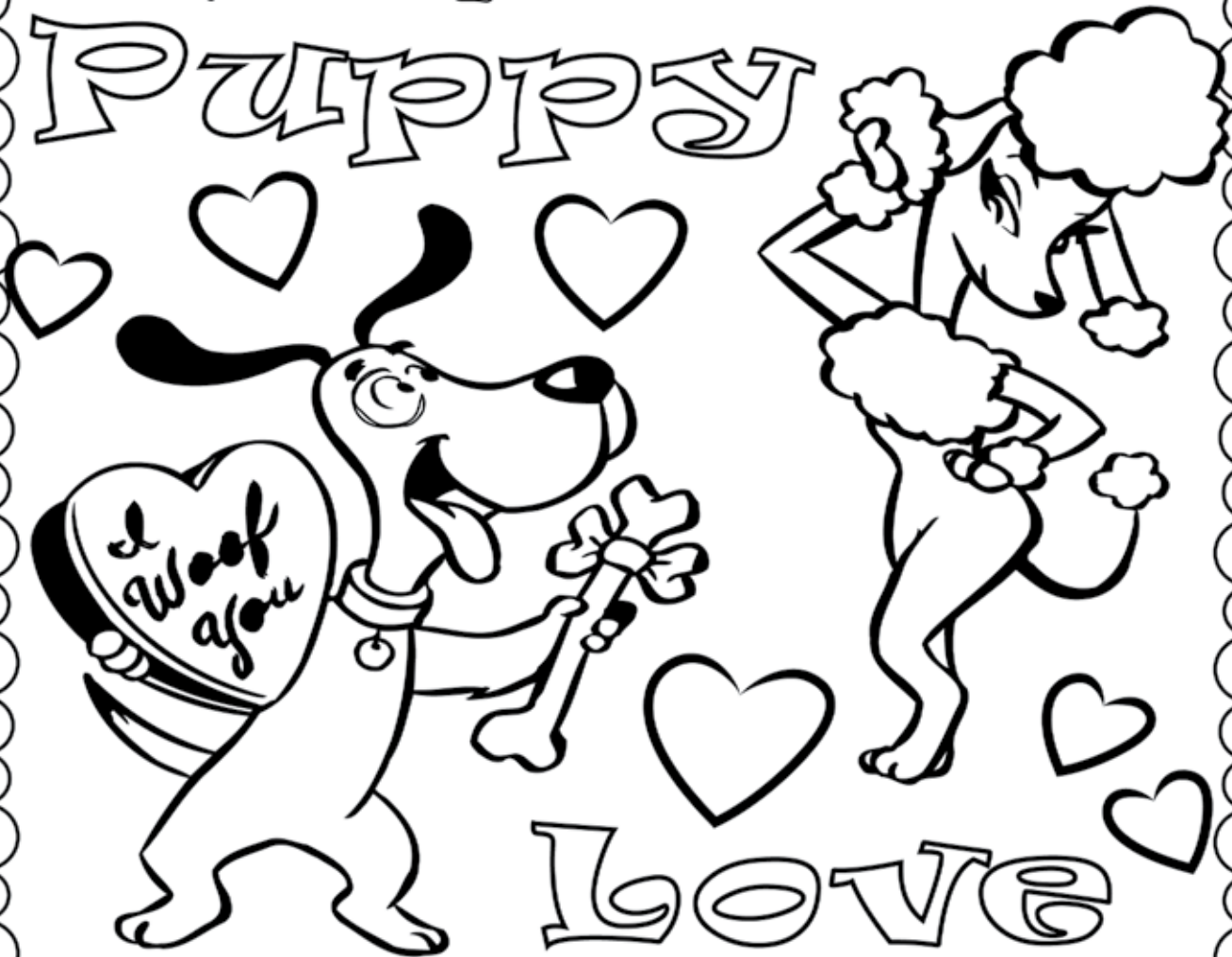
“The AVPA is an important piece of regulation for both the airport and the surrounding communities because it helps ensure that our airport is able to operate on a 24/7 basis,” says Steve Maybee, Vice President of Infrastructure,

Facilities and Airside Operations, Edmonton International Airport (YEG). “It supports our commitment to serve our region with the around-the-clock movement of people and goods, globally.”



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We sincerely appreciate everything this community has done to help us through the difficult times, so we can be here for you in 2024 and beyond.



Thanks, and very best wishes to all of you!
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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.

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.

WARBURG ARENA HOSTS FREE SHINNY HOCKEY, Sun 2:30 - 3:45PM & Mon /Wed

4-5:45PM, arena closures & cancellations can be heard on recorded messages, call Arena 780-848-7581

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

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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