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# THORSBY/BRETON RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL COLLISION

Submitted by Thorsby/ Breton RCMP

On June 28, 2025, at approximately 8:14 p.m., Thorsby/Breton RCMP responded to the report of a serious collision involving a Dodge Ram and a Chevrolet

Silverado on Highway 778 at Township Road 490 in Leduc County.

Thorsby/Breton RCMP attended along with Emergency Medical Services and area Fire Departments to the scene. Two occupants of the Chevrolet Silverado,

a 31-year-old female and 30-year-old male were pronounced deceased at the scene. The 41-year-old driver of the Dodge Ram was taken to a local medical facility to be further assessed for injuries.

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# LEDUC RCMP CHARGE FIVE YOUTH IN BREAK AND ENTER

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On Monday, June 23, 2025, at approximately 8:20 p.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a report of a break and enter at a residence in the area of 48 Street and 46 Avenue.

Officers attended the scene and located five youth inside the residence and all five individuals were arrested. Due to their age, their identities will not be released.

Between the five youth,

a total of 19 Criminal Code charges have been laid, including:

- •Break and enter to a residence
- •Mischief over \$5,000

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# ALBERTA UNCORKS NEW RULES FOR LIQUOR AND CANNABIS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is supporting liquor producers by enabling them to own, operate and sell their own products on large format bikes or "party bikes."

Albertans out for a spin on

a party bike or tavern tour will soon be able to sip locally made beers and spirits. Alberta's government is updating the rules to give small liquor producers the green light to serve their own products on party bikes, removing an outdated barrier that had prevented local producers from advertising their own brands.

This is one of several red tape reduction changes to the Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation (GLCR) aimed at making life easier for small businesses and expanding

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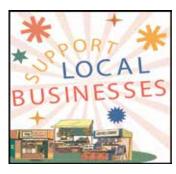
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### Thorsby/Breton RCMP Investigate Fatal Collision

Continued from Page 1 Although the collision is still under investigation, Thorsby/Breton RCMP's preliminary investigation indicates the Dodge Ram

was heading westbound along Township 490 and failed to stop at the stop sign where it collided with the Chevrolet Silverado that was headed northbound on

Highway 778.

Alberta RCMP wish to extend our condolences to the loved ones of the deceased.

### Leduc RCMP Charge Five Youth In **Break And Enter**

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·Being unlawfully in a dwelling house

The youth were held for Judicial Interim Release Hearings and released with multiple conditions.

The Leduc RCMP would like to thank members of the public for their assistance in this investigation. We encourage residents to continue reporting suspicious activity by contacting the Leduc RCMP at 310-RCMP (7267) or calling 911 in case of an emergency.





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### Alberta Uncorks New Rules For Liquor And **Cannabis**

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responsible choices for consumers.

"We are proud that these amendments not only cut red tape in the retail segment of the liquor marketplace, but also directly open more opportunities for small manufacturers to grow their businesses."

Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

More freedom to grow: Liquor and cannabis reforms

In addition to the changes to party bikes, Alberta is making it easier for liquor retailers to set up shop in commercial underused space. Businesses that own or lease large buildings can now carve out a separate liquor store within their space, so long as it has its own entrance and full floorto-ceiling walls separating it from other retail opera-

govern-Alberta's ment is also rolling out a long-awaited change for cannabis producers: federally licensed cultivators and processors will now be able to apply for a retail licence to sell their products directly from the same property, commonly known as "farmgate" sales. This move aligns

Alberta with other provinces and gives consumers more access to homegrown cannabis products, while supporting licensed grow-

These targeted reforms are part of Alberta's broader push to cut red tape, reduce regulatory burden, and promote a more competitive marketplace across province.

### ALBERTA RCMP OFFICER INVOLVED IN SHOOTING IN MASKWACIS

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On June 24, 2025, at approximately 2:28 p.m., Maskwacis RCMP was dispatched to a residence on the Ermineskin First Nation. Upon arrival, RCMP located a 36-year-old male with what was believed to be a firearm, at which point he confronted officers. This resulted in at least one officer discharging their service weapon. Officers transitioned to providing life saving first aid. EMS and STARS responded and the male subject was flown to an Edmonton hospital for treatment.

No officers were injured during this confrontation.

The RCMP believes in pro-

cesses that seek the facts and it's important that processes taken to assess the actions of all those involved, including the police, are fair, transparent, and defendable. This is why, as soon as we became aware of this incident, we immediately notified the Director of Law Enforcement and initiated our internal review process. The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has been directed to investigate the circumstances surrounding the actions of the police during this investi-

Independent of ASIRT's investigation, the RCMP's internal review process has been implemented to gather

a full account of what took place during this incident. RCMP training, policy, police response, and the member's duty status will be subject to review. The RCMP is, of

course, fully cooperating with ASIRT. All media inquiries about this incident should now be directed to ASIRT at 780-641-9099.

#### 2 DAY ONLINE RETIREMENT SALE FOR JEAN PFANNMULLER AND THE LATE GORDON SKEELS

Day 1: Online Auction Sale Starts: Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Online Auction will start Soft Closing on Friday, July 11, 2025 at 12 p.m. Pickup will be:

Saturday, July 12 to Saturday, July 19 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Day 2: Online Auction Sale

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# EDMONTON PHARMACIES PARTNER WITH NORTHERNSTAR MOTHERS MILK BANK TO LAUNCH DONOR MILK DISPENSARIES FOR INFANTS IN NEED

Submitted by North Central Co-

NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank and North Central Co-op are excited to announce a new partnership to offer pasteurized human donor milk through the Chappelle and Hawkstone Co-op Pharmacies. This life-saving initiative will provide a much needed local option for families in the Edmonton area who require donor milk for their babies.

NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank is Canada's only community-based milk bank, providing screened, pasteurized donor milk to fragile and ill babies in hospitals and in the community.

While the organization has long supported Edmonton-area hospitals, this partnership marks the first time donor milk will be available directly to families through retail pharmacies in the city.

The new dispensary locations mean families can access donor milk without paying for shipping, which is particularly helpful when only a small amount is needed. With extended hours and weekend availability, Co-op Pharmacies offer greater convenience and peace of mind for parents needing immediate support.

"Having milk available when it's needed most is a game-changer for families with sick or premature babies," says Jannette Festival, Executive Director of Northern-Star Mothers Milk Bank. "We are thrilled to partner with North Central Co-op—an organization that shares our deep commitment to supporting community health and well-being."

NorthernStar provides donor milk on a cost-recovery basis and ensures families in financial need are supported through its Medical Relief Fund. As a charitable organization, NorthernStar relies on community support and partnerships like this one to help ensure that no baby goes without the milk they need.

"At North Central Co-op, we are committed to helping our communities thrive, and that includes supporting families during some of their most vulnerable moments," says Noreen Walji, Director, Pharmacy at North Central Co-op. "We're proud to partner with NorthernStar Mothers Milk Bank to make donor milk more accessible for Edmonton families and help give babies the best possible start in life."

Donor milk is now available at the following locations:

- Co-op Pharmacy (Chappelle) - 587-759-5300, 1025 Chappelle Boulevard SW, Edmonton, AB T6W 0C3
- · Co-op Pharmacy (Hawkstone)
- 780-428-3907, 18370 Lessard

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About North Central Co-operative Association - North Central Co-op is a member-owned co-operative governed by a democratically elected Board of Directors. The Association has proudly served North Central Alberta for more than 75 years. Today, North Central Co-op serves more than 140,000 members-and many more customers-in Edmonton, Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Legal, and Edson. It operates Food, Pharmacy, Gas, Convenience, Home Centre, and Liquor stores. The Co-op brand is built on the idea of being truly local and the promise of staying that

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### **DETECT EARLY, STOP CANCER**

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is investing \$5.5 million in cancer screening to improve early detection and ensure faster access to life-saving diagnosis and treatment.

Half of all people living in Alberta will have cancer during their lifetime. They deserve high-quality cancer care, including early detection. That's why Alberta's government is extending the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program and is providing grants to four organizations to improve access to cancer screening particularly in rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

Launched as a pilot in 2022, the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program was designed to assess whether a provincially coordinated approach could improve lung cancer outcomes through earlier detection and timely treatment. After a promising launch, it is being extended with a \$2-million investment and an additional \$500,000 from the Alberta Cancer Foundation. This funding will allow the pilot to continue offering screenings to eligible individuals for an additional year while plans are finalized to transition the program to a permanent, provincewide program.

"We're making progress, with more people in Alberta surviving lung cancer than ever before, but more work remains. That's why we're funding the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program to support early detection and improved patient outcomes."

Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health

Treatment for early-stage lung cancer is significantly more effective, less burdensome for patients and their families, and more cost-effective for the health care system. Since its launch, the Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program has screened more than 3,800 eligible people in Alberta, with almost 90 per cent of detected lung cancers identified at an early stage.

"Late-stage lung cancer is much harder to treat or cure because the cancer has already spread to other parts of the body or there's too much cancer in the lungs. Screening with low-dose CT scans can detect lung cancer earlier, before someone has symptoms."

Dr. Alain Tremblay, medical lead, Alberta Lung Cancer Screening Program

"This year alone, more than 2,700 Albertans will be diagnosed with lung cancer. Our donors are proud to support vital projects like this that strengthen cancer screening across the province and make a meaningful and lasting impact."

Wendy Beauchesne, CEO, Alberta Cancer Foundation

More funding available for screening, prevention

Detecting cancer early is crucial to saving lives, and Alberta's government continues to make early detection more accessible and easier to navigate.

The Cancer Research in Screening and Prevention Program is providing about \$3 million to support cancer prevention and screening initiatives to improve health outcomes for people living in Alberta, including research, education, marketing and

public policy development. Eligible Alberta-based health agencies and organizations, post-secondary institutions, non-profits, First Nations and Métis communities, as well as municipalities, can apply for funding under the program.

Four organizations received funding for their projects in 2024:

•Alberta Health Services

– Optimizing screening for subsequent primary cancers in recipients of hematopoietic cell transplantation – \$343,518

•Lakeland Métis Nation Association – Lakeland Métis Nation cancer screening awareness program – \$600,000

•Siksika Health Services – Siksika Nation cancer screening and prevention – \$997,850

•University of Alberta – A Phase 3 randomized trial of prostate cancer screening using high resolution micro-ultrasound versus MRI – \$987.000

"As a two-time cancer survivor, I know first-hand that early detection saves lives. This funding empowers us to raise awareness and deliver culturally relevant education in our Métis communities, ensuring citizens have the tools and knowledge to take charge of their health."

Melina Power, president & CEO, Lakeland Métis Nation Association





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### MORE SAND AND GRAVEL, LESS RED TAPE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta is laying the foundation for faster approvals by launching a new task force to cut red tape and accelerate regulatory processes for sand and gravel operations

Sand, gravel and crushed stone are the backbone of Alberta's construction economy - essential for building the roads we drive on, the homes we live in and the infrastructure that supports our communities. These critical aggregates, often sourced from private land, play a foundational role across multiple industries. While these materials are heavily regulated to protect Alberta's environment, landowners and operators have consistently voiced frustration that excessive red tape is creating unnecessary barriers to development and slowing down the delivery of sand and gravel to market.

To dig into these concerns and build a more efficient path forward, Alberta's government is launching the Sand and Gravel Task Force. This dedicated group will work to streamline regulations related to sand and gravel pits located on private lands, ensuring faster project timelines while continuing to uphold Alberta's high environmental standards.

Led by Glenn van Dijken, MLA for Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock, and Brandon Lunty, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont, the task force will include representatives from industry and municipalities who understand the importance of timely access to sand and gravel resources. Over the next six months, the Sand and Gravel Task Force will deliver actionable recommendations focused on reducing bureaucratic delays, supporting landowners and strengthening Alberta's aggregate supply chain.

By clearing away unnecessary red tape, Alberta is preparing the ground for a more responsive regulatory system – one that delivers more sand and gravel, faster and smarter.

"With the launch of the Sand and Gravel Task Force, we're paving the way for a faster, smoother process. It's time to stop graveling under bureaucracy and start building Alberta's future. MLA van Dijken and MLA Lunty will leave no stone unturned as they dig into this important work."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas

"Sand and gravel are foundational for building and maintaining a strong economy. From road infrastructure to industrial uses or residential housing, these resources are essential. Our government is determined to ensure the regulatory process around sand and gravel pits recognizes the need for efficiency and clarity."

Glenn van Dijken, Task Force Co-chair and MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

"This new task force will reduce red tape and answer the call to build more when Albertans need it most. With more than 1,000 sand and gravel pit registrations on private land, streamlining the applications and approvals will bring significant development benefits."

Brandon Lunty, Task Force Cochair and MLA for Leduc-Beaumont

"Rural municipalities are on the front lines of balancing the economic value of aggregate extraction with the need to protect farmland, infrastructure and the environment. I'm honoured to represent the Rural Municipalities of Alberta on this Task Force and committed to advancing a more transparent, consistent and practical regulatory process. This is an important step toward ensuring that the voices of rural communities are not only heard but meaningfully integrated into decision-making."

Amber Link, representative, Rural Municipalities Association

"I'm pleased to represent the interests of our association's 264 member communities on this task force. I look forward to finding ways to streamline and accelerate the regulatory process for sand and gravel extraction, while upholding Alberta's commitment to environmental excellence."

Tara Elwood, representative, Alberta Municipalities Association

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# STUDENT LOAN APPLICATIONS HAVE OPENED!

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Students are applying for Alberta and Canada student financial assistance for the 2025-26 academic year starting on June 2.

Alberta Student Aid is an effective tool to reduce financial barriers to post-secondary education and helps students cover basic learning and living costs required for them to attend a post-secondary institution. Students are encouraged to apply at least 60 days in advance of their study period start date.

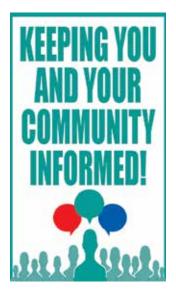
"Alberta's government is committed to ensuring post-secondary education is accessible and affordable for those who wish to pursue it. In addition to the variety of bursaries, awards and scholarships available, student aid is an effective tool to help reduce financial barriers for students who are most impacted by rising costs."

Myles McDougall, Minister of Advanced Education

Alberta students only need to submit one application to Alberta Student Aid and are assessed for both Canada and Alberta student grants and loans. Information, guidelines and requirements are available on the Alberta Student Aid website. Students can also access information about a wide range of student aid programs, including loans, grants, bursaries, awards, and scholarships – all of which can be used to support living costs.

Alberta's government has taken action to make post-secondary study more affordable by capping tuition increases, rejecting exceptional tuition increases, reducing interest rates on student loans and extending the interest-free grace period, increasing access

to the Repayment Assistance Plan, and modernizing shelter allowances for student aid.











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### SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE WITH COUNSELLING

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is investing an additional \$1.5 million to support the important work of sexual assault centres and empower survivors of sexual violence.

Sexual violence is devastating and can have lifelong impacts on a survivor's health, relationships and overall sense of safety. Almost 1.8 million Albertans have experienced some form of sexual violence in their lifetime.

To help support access to counselling services for survivors of sexual violence, Alberta's government is investing an additional \$1.5 million in sexual assault centres, further delivering on its commitment to increase funding for sexual assault centres by \$10 million. This investment builds on the \$1.5 million that was distributed to sexual assault centres in

March 2025, and is in addition to the \$13.8 million invested annually to 15 sexual assault centres across the province and the Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services for sexual violence supports and services.

"The work of sexual assault centres across Alberta is incredibly important. To stop the growth of sexual violence in our communities, we continue to make investments that enhance sexual violence programming to better support survivors. Together, we can keep our communities safe from sexual violence and let survivors know that we believe them and that they can access the supports they need."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

This investment is another step in helping to ensure that Alberta is the safest place to live, work and raise a family. It builds on the recent release of

Building on our Strengths, Alberta's 10-Year Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence, which outlines how the Government of Alberta will work to prevent gender-based violence, support those impacted and ensure those committing these crimes are held to account.

"As we mark the end of Sexual Violence Awareness Month, our government remains committed to addressing the unacceptable rates of all forms of gender-based violence, including sexual violence. Alberta's comprehensive strategy to end gender-based violence advances over 100 initiatives to prevent violence and support survivors. With continued investments in vital programs, we are ensuring survivors can access the supports they need, where and when they need them."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

"We appreciate this invest-

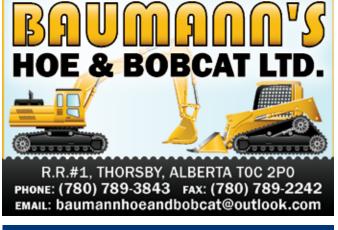
ment in sexual assault services. Sustained funding is essential to ensure those affected by sexual assault and abuse receive timely, compassionate support that is both trauma-informed and specific to sexual violence, and responsive to the diverse needs of Albertans."

Haley Scott, co-CEO, Association of Alberta Sexual Assault Services

Sexual assault centres play a critical role in supporting survivors. By providing access to services such as counselling, sexual assault centres support survivors work through their trauma in a safe, caring environment.

If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual violence, you are not alone. You can call or text the Alberta One Line for Sexual Violence at 1-866-403-8000 or visit your local sexual assault centre for support.







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# BUILDING SAFER FUTURES FREE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is taking action against family violence by investing \$6 million in grants for community-based supports and services.

Every year, thousands of Albertans face the devastating impact of family violence. Until June 24, through the Taking Action on Family Violence Grant, eligible organizations can apply for funding to deliver timely, direct services to support families affected by family violence. Successful projects will help reduce the consequences of family violence and

ensure victims have access to trauma-informed services that will help them rebuild their lives. Together, we can prevent family violence before it starts, intervene at early signs, respond, and support survivors and families to live safely in their communities.

"Every Albertan deserves to be free from violence and abuse. I'm proud to support the Taking Action on Family Violence Grant Program that will empower local organizations to deliver early, culturally appropriate support to those affected by family violence. By working together, we can help individuals and families find

safety, stability and hope."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

Populations at increased risk will be a focus – including Indigenous people, women and children, 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals, rural and remote communities, youth, newcomers and people with disabilities. The grant will also prioritize survivor-focused strategies that promote healthy relationships and programs targeted to men and boys struggling with abusive behaviours.

"The Taking Action on Family Violence Grant Program is a powerful example of our government's ongoing commitment to supporting critical community programs that prevent gender-based violence from occurring in the first place and making it a rarity in Alberta, not a norm."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Help is always available for anyone affected by family or gender-based violence. Confidential help is available 24/7 by calling or texting the Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818, or Alberta's One Line for Sexual Violence at 1-866-403-8000. Anyone in immediate danger should call 911.

# SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is providing Indigenous and small communities with an additional \$3 million in grants to maximize opportunities in rural areas.

Indigenous and small communities play a vital role in the province's economy. Working together with non-profits, they tap into opportunities and address unique challenges to help rural Alberta grow its economic footprint.

To support local projects

that promote innovation and sustainable economic growth across the province, Alberta's government is providing the second round of grants through the Small Community Opportunity Program. The program has awarded grants between \$20,000 and \$90,000 for 41 community-led projects that build capacity in agriculture, small-business supports and local economic development.

"Indigenous and small communities are vital to Alberta and its long-term economic prosperity. For the second year, the Small Community Opportunity Program is financially backing Indigenous and small communities. These grants help to build capacity in small businesses and the agriculture industry. When rural communities succeed, all of Alberta thrives."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation

"Indigenous communities are vital partners in building a prosperous province. These investments empower local leaders, foster innovation, strengthen local economies and help build vibrant,

self-sustaining communities." Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Indigenous Relations

Each of the successful projects aligns with the Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan, which works to ensure rural Albertans and Indigenous communities have economic opportunities where they live. Grant recipients have two years to complete their projects and make a measurable impact supporting, improving or enhancing economic development in rural and Indigenous communities and/or the agriculture industry.





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# CONFIRMED CASE OF MEASLES PROMPTS PUBLIC ALERT TO POTENTIAL EXPOSURES

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has been notified of a person with confirmed measles in the Edmonton Zone who has been in a public setting while infectious. Additional locations may be released if necessary.

Individuals who were in the following location/s during the specified dates and times may have been exposed to measles:

Location:

Leduc Community Hospital Emergency Department

4210 48 St., Leduc Exposure time periods: June 17: Exposure time: 10:39 p.m. to June 18: 3:10 a.m. (MDT)

Location:

Leduc Community Hospital Diagnostic Imaging

4210 48 St., Leduc Exposure time periods: June 18: 12:30 a.m. – 2:35 a.m. (MDT)

Anyone who attended these locations at these times, who was born in or after 1970 and has less than two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine, may be at risk for developing measles. They should self-monitor for symptoms of measles and are strongly encouraged to review their immunization records.

Measles is an extremely contagious disease and

the virus spreads easily through the air. Symptoms of measles include:

- Fever of 38.3° C or higher; and
- Cough, runny nose and/or red eyes;
   and
- A rash that appears 3 to 7 days after fever starts, usually beginning behind the ears and on the face and spreading down to the body and then to the arms and legs. The rash appears red and blotchy on lighter skin colours. On darker skin colours, it can appear purple or darker than the skin around it, or it might be hard to see.

Complications of measles can include ear infections, pneumonia, inflammation of the brain, premature delivery, and rarely death. Persons who are pregnant, less than 5 years of age, or have weakened immune systems are at greatest risk of serious complications.

If symptoms of measles do develop, individuals are advised to stay home and call the measles hotline at 1-844-944-3434 before visiting any healthcare facility or provider, including a family physician clinic or pharmacy.

Measles vaccine is highly effective at preventing infection and complications. In Alberta, measles vaccine is offered, free of charge, through Alberta's publicly funded immu-

nization program. The recommended schedule for measles vaccination is two doses, the first at one year of age and the second at 18 months.

If you think you have been exposed, and you are not protected against measles you may be able to receive immunization to reduce the risk of infection. A dose of vaccine needs to be given within 72 hours of exposure to prevent measles. Babies under 1 year of age, people with severely weakened immune systems, and those who are pregnant may be able to receive immunoglobulin within 6 days of exposure to prevent disease. Call the measles hotline at 1-844-944-3434 for more information if these situations apply to you or your family.

Albertans uncertain of their immunization history, or their child's immunization history, can check eligibility and/or book an appointment by calling the measles hotline at 1-844-944-3434.

Individuals who are 14 years of age and older can check their My Health Record.

The measles hotline connects you to a professional who can assist with accessing your immunization records or offer general information; provide advice for those experiencing measles symptoms and are feeling unwell; and assist

with booking measles immunization appointments or locating a public health clinic offering immunization in your area

You can also text 'Measles' to 88111 to get measles health information texted to your mobile device.

For further information on routine childhood immunization, visit ahs. ca/immunization. You can also learn more from MyHealthAlberta about the risks of measles here and find frequently asked questions here.

For the latest information on measles in Alberta, visit ahs.ca/measles

Alberta Health Services provides a range of healthcare services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide excellent, patient-focused healthcare 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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### EDMONTON RIVER HAWKS SCOUT RECOGNIZES BRIGHT FUTURE IN TYLER HUMMEL

Submitted

My name is Bob Walker, and I am the northern Alberta scout for the Edmonton River Hawks. I recently had the pleasure of watching a talented young player, Tyler Hummel, from Victoria, BC. From the moment I

saw him play, it was clear that he was head and shoulders above anyone his age.

Two years ago, I began my role as the northern Alberta scout for the River Hawks. Through my contacts and friends, I was able to help Tyler secure a scholarship with Louisiana University. He has now completed two years there and is continuing to play well.

Recently, I arranged a ten-day tryout with the Edmonton River Hawks for Tyler, and I am pleased to say he did not disappoint. During the games on Tuesday,

June 3rd, and Wednesday, June 4th, the Hawks faced the Victoria Harbour Cats, winning 13-3 and 9-1, respectively. Tyler made a significant impact, scoring three runs and making three catches for putouts at left field.

The coaching staff, management, and I are all very happy with his performance. I wish Tyler all the best in his future endeavours. If you know of any talented young ballplayers in the area, please give me a

call.







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.

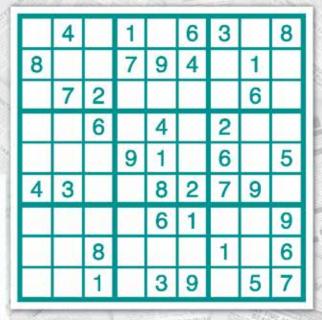
ANSWER:

Last Weeks

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!

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			6					
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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 words or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

#### FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May -October4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. 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

**Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale,** monthly sunday market Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304 www.artsdevon.

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market. Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

#### **BINGO**

**CALMAR**: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

#### **JAMBOREE**

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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS: Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month. 1:00Pm. (587) 988-3636.

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: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

**MUSICAL PROGRAM**: every 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info. BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-

**BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY** Regular Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup>
Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

696-3636.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 780-471-7074

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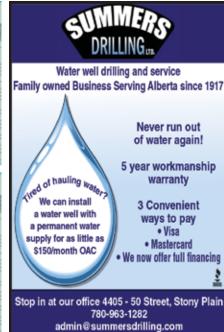




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