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LEDUC RCMP HOST OPEN HOUSE - PROTECTIVE SERVICES SHOWCASE

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

The Leduc RCMP would like to welcome the community to their upcoming Protective Services Showcase. It will be held on Saturday Sept.6, 2025

from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Leduc RCMP detachment in the public parking lot.

This family friendly event includes exploring police cars, fire trucks, and other first responder vehicles. There will

also be recruiting resources for those interested in a career with the RCMP, free hot dogs and games for all ages.

Alongside the Leduc RCMP, you will also meet:

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LEDUC RCMP LAY CHARGES FOLLOWING DRUG TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

In July of 2025, Leduc RCMP Stryke Team began a drug trafficking investigation in the area of Leduc.

On Aug. 21, a search war-

rant was executed at a residence in Leduc. A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of cocaine, methamphetamine, psilocybin, a quantity of canadian currency, digital scales, drug

packaging materials, and equipment items used to produce a controlled substance.

Kevin Vansickle (39), a resident of Leduc,

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PONOKA ARREST TWO IN STOLEN VEHICLE TRAVELLING AT EXTREME SPEEDS

Submitted by Ponoka RCMP

On Aug. 20, 2025, Ponoka RCMP were making patrols when they located a vehicle traveling 190 km/h on Highway 2A entering Ponoka. Officers attempted a traffic stop

however, the vehicle fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was later located and both occupants arrested.

As a result of the investigation, RCMP have charged 37-year-old Maskwacis alta. resident Brandon Buffalo with;

- Possession of property obtained by crime \$5000;
- Flight from Police officer;
- Dangerous Operation of a motor vehicle;
- Possession of

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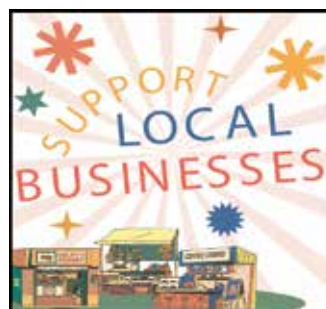
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Leduc RCMP Host Open House - Protective Services Showcase

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- City of Leduc Enforcement Services and Fire Services
- Central Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society
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- Leduc County Peace Officers
 - YIELD (Youth Initiatives and Education in Lifestyles and Driving)
- "This is a great opportunity to connect with the peo-

ple behind the uniforms, ask questions, and see the tools we use to keep our community safe," says Cst. Stephen Curtiss, Leduc RCMP Community Policing. "We look forward to welcoming everyone!"

Leduc RCMP Lay Charges Following Drug Trafficking Investigation

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was arrested and charged with the following:

- Trafficking a controlled substance
- Possession for the purpose of trafficking a controlled substance
- Possession of a controlled substance
- Production of a

controlled substance

- Driving while unauthorized
- Fail to comply with a Release Order condition X 2

Vansickle was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released on a release order with conditions and is scheduled to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on on Aug.

28, 2025.

If anyone has information regarding criminal activity within the area of Leduc they are asked to contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267.

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'Now,' he says, 'are there any questions?'

One girl stands up timidly. 'Please sir,' she asks, 'may we have our teacher back?'

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Ponoka Arrest Two In Stolen Vehicle Travelling At Extreme Speeds

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Weapon for dangerous purpose;

- Resist arrest;
- Refusal to comply with breath demand;
- Operate motor vehicle

while impaired.

Buffalo was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released from custody with his next court date set for Sept. 12, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Ponoka.

RCMP have additionally

charged 45-year-old resident of Maskwacis, Wydell Rabbit, with;

- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Possession of a weapon by dangerous pur-

pose.

Rabbit was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released from custody with his next court date set for Sept. 12, 2025, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Ponoka.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS: SAFETY NEAR LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is reminding drivers to be aware of the big differences between their personal vehicles and larger commercial vehicles like buses and semi-trucks.

When driving near a semi-truck or bus, please remember:

- Unlike personal vehicles, trucks and buses need more room on the road to operate safely.
- Large vehicles, like a semi-truck or bus, also take longer to stop than passenger vehicles because of their size and weight, as well as the condition and temperature of the vehicle's brakes.
- Give semi-trucks and buses the room they

need to operate safely by avoiding blind spots and not following too closely.

- Semi-trucks will usually swing slightly to the left before making a right-hand turn; do not assume the driver is turning left.

- Leave at least three metres between your vehicle and the rear of a semi-truck stopped at a light or stop sign, especially on a hill.

When passenger vehicles are involved in a collision with a large vehicle such as a semi-truck or bus, the occupants are more likely to be killed or injured because of the differences in weight, stopping distance and rollover potential.

Commercial vehicle drivers can contribute to traffic safety by doing the

following:

- Stay alert while driving, pull over for the day when you're tired, and follow the Hours of Service Regulation.
- Maintain a safe following distance.
- Be aware of your blind spots and make wide turns safely.
- Ensure that cargo

is properly secured.

- Follow 511 Alberta to stay updated on road conditions, traffic, construction and weather conditions.



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MORE MONEY FOR READING, WRITING AND MATH SKILLS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is providing \$7.5 million to school boards to help students with reading, writing and math skills.

Reading, writing and math skills are important for lifelong success in and out of the classroom. This year, schools started screening students in kindergarten to Grade 3 more often to ensure no student falls behind in reading, writing and math. To help young students that need extra support, Alberta's government is providing a one-time grant of \$7.5 million to ensure schools

have the resources and staff needed to support students in developing these important skills.

"Basic skills like reading, writing and math are key to student success. This funding will help schools identify students that need help the most and get them the extra help they need."

Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education

The additional \$7.5 million in grant funding builds on the \$10 million that is being provided for reading, writing and math support for this school year. Budget 2025, if passed, also invests more than \$40 million into school boards

for reading, writing and math support over the next three years.

"Today's announcement solidifies Minister Nicolaides' ongoing commitment to address learning difficulties in our province. This is a strong statement of support to school divisions, teachers and researchers as they work collaboratively to ensure that our students have the resources they need to succeed."

George Georgiou, professor, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

"Alberta School Boards Association welcomes the government's addi-

tional investment in supports and interventions for literacy and numeracy. This grant will help Alberta's locally elected school boards provide essential early learning resources to support the unique needs of our youngest learners."

Marilyn Dennis, president, Alberta School Boards Association



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EVANSBURG RCMP ARRESTS TWO PEOPLE IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE

Submitted by Evansburg RCMP

On July 28, 2025, Evansburg RCMP members located a stolen vehicle that fled from police into a remote area between Wildwood, Alta., and Lobstick, Alta. Occupants fled the vehicle and police started a search. Thanks to assistance from the public, who called in suspicious activity and people on or near their property, two suspects were located and arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Roger Cooley Mc-

Cann (44) and Carrie Ann Stephen (46), both residents of Leduc, were charged with Possession of stolen property over \$5000. Furthermore, McCann was also charged with Flight from police, 2 counts of failure to comply with release order and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

McCann and Stephen were brought before a justice of

the peace, where McCann was remanded into custody while Stephen was released. They are to appear before the Alberta Court of Justice in Evansburg on Aug. 11, 2025.

"We would like to take the time to thank the public for calling in suspicious activity and thus helping to keep our community and their goods safe" said Cpl. Ryan

Darren of the Evansburg RCMP. "Thanks to their help, we were able to apprehend both suspects, with McCann being a known prolific offender who had been released 6 days earlier after having done similar offences. We are committed to continuing our efforts to hold people accountable for their actions."

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: MINISTER TURTON

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Family Services Searle Turton issued the following statement on the annual launch of a scholarship to help young adults formerly in care:

"To commemorate the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's royal visit to Alberta in July 2011, Alberta's government established the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes the exceptional educational achievements of Advancing Futures students who have been in government care.

"We are investing in advancing the futures of young adults transitioning out of care by

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5 WAYS TO MAKE HOMES SAFER

Injuries that occur around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and tens of thousands of fatalities each year. Falls account for the largest percentage of home accidents, with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that around 30,000 fall-related fatalities occur each year in the United States. Many home accidents are entirely preventable when proper caution is exercised.

As homeowners prepare for home-improvement projects, improving safety inside and outside the home should be a priority.

1. Improve lighting

One of the easiest ways to reduce the risk of falls is to improve lighting around the home. The National Institutes of Health state that adequate

lighting is important at entrances to the home, stairways, hallways, and other frequently traversed areas. Make sure lighting fixtures are using the highest wattage light bulb allowed. Artificial lighting sources become even more vital in fall and autumn, when natural light is less abundant in a home. In addition, install lighting outdoors by the front door, over the garage and where garbage pails are stored to facilitate safe passage.

2. Eliminate slick surfaces

Improving traction around the house also can minimize falls. Throw rugs and runners can be made more secure with nonslip rubber backings. Bath rugs can reduce slipping on wet surfaces in the bathroom. Also, nonslip mats can be used inside of showers and bath-

tubs.

Use shoe trays to reduce puddling from melting snow or rain runoff in entryways. Mop up spills quickly, and consider the use of matte- or textured-finished flooring to improve stability underfoot.

Promptly remove snow and ice from driveways and walkways. For those who live in cold climates, heated concrete can help melt precipitation before it accumulates.

3. Make needed repairs

Repair loose floorboards and pull carpet taut if it has started to stretch out. Address cracks outdoors and ensure that patio stones, bricks and pavers are secure and level to reduce tripping hazards. Fix areas of the landscape where water may pool and freeze, creating potential hazards.

4. Declutter all spaces

Remove unnecessary items and furniture from rooms to free up more space to get around. Be sure there are no obstructions in walkways, entryways and near doors. Keep staircases clear at all times.

5. Invest in assistive devices

Handrails, grab bars, nonslip stair treads, and many other devices can make homes safer for people of all ages and abilities. Outfit cabinets and closets with organizers that put frequently used items within easy reach. A sturdy step stool can reduce the risk of injury while reaching for items stored on high shelves.

Taking measures to reduce the risk of falling around the home is a worthwhile home improvement project.

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Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they

are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the

leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

- Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and

becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

- Install or
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Preparing Your Fireplace Or Stove For The Season

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check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are inexpensive safeguards that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

• Inspect the

chimney from outdoors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimney and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

• Inspect the damper. A damper is a

valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

• Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.

• Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

By preparing for fireplace and wood stove use now, homeowners can ensure their winters are comfortable and safe.

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EMPLOY SIMPLE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY

Did you know that, according to the National Fire Protection Association, most people have a false sense of security regarding house fires, believing that they would have approximately six minutes to evacuate their home in the event of a fire?

In reality, smoke and fire spread rapidly and can overcome occupants in less than three minutes.

When a fire occurs, there's no question that time is critical. The good news is there are several important steps you can take to maximize your escape time. With the following mea-

sures in place, you'll create critical protection for what matters most; your home and family.

1. Install smoke alarms. You should have one in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

2. Inspect and clean smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries in spring and fall. To clean the alarm, open the cover and gently vacuum the interior.

3. Prepare and practice

a fire escape plan. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room - especially sleeping areas. Discuss the escape routes with every member of your household, and agree on a meeting place outside your home in case of emergency. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

4. Select building materials that provide passive fire protection. Passive fire protection is part of the core of the building and helps control fire by limiting its spread. One very effective form of passive fire protection is the installation of

insulation. When adding or upgrading insulation, look for products made from naturally fire-resistant, inorganic materials. A favorite among builders, contractors and homeowners is a stone wool insulation called Roxul Safe 'n' Sound, which offers fire resistance up to 2,150°F. Its melting point is higher than the temperature of a typical house fire, which means it will stay in place longer to provide passive fire protection when every second counts, allowing more time for safe evacuation and for first responders to arrive.

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Building For The Future: Minister Turton

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opening applications for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge Scholarship until Aug. 31.

"It recognizes Advancing Futures students who have achieved exceptional grades while dealing with challenging circumstances. We will award \$2,000 scholarships to support the studies of 25 students in programs like arts, busi-

ness, science and social work as well as diplomas in correctional services, esthetics, hospitality and paramedics.

"Through the Advancing Futures Program, the only program of its kind in Canada, Alberta's government invests \$14.2 million annually to support youth who have been in care by providing social and emotional transitional resources that assist them in accessing

post-secondary education.

"Since Advancing Futures started in 2004, participants have experienced increased employability, higher earnings and increasing participation in the workforce, helping them transition to adulthood. They have enhanced life skills such as financial literacy and time management while experiencing an overall improvement in their well-being. So far, 1,575 young adults have

graduated with a certificate, trade, diploma or degree.

"We remain committed to supporting young adults pursue post-secondary education and developing the employment and life skills they need to build meaningful careers and live independently. Alberta's government is committed to the well-being of children and youth who have been in our care."

SEE THE FARMS, TASTE THE FLAVOURS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Support Alberta food producers during Local Food Week and participate in Open Farm Days activities.

Albertans can enjoy rural life throughout the province this August as farms, ranches and agri-tourism operators bring people together to participate in educational, agricultural-based initiatives and learn where their food comes from. Alberta is known around the world for producing premium-quality, great-tasting food with the highest standards of food safety, animal care, biosecurity and environmental stewardship.

Open Farm Days is the perfect time to showcase the hard-working farmers, ranchers and processors that produce food for Albertans, Canadians and the world. Whether you're picking fresh fruits and vegetables at a u-pick farm, buying locally grown products, or taking part in activities

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to learn about where our food comes from, there are many ways to support local producers and processors throughout the week and beyond.

"This week, Albertans can help celebrate the farmers and entrepreneurs that put safe, high-quality food on our plates. Open Farm Days' theme this year is Water, The Lifeblood of Every Farm, recognizing the essential role water and irrigation have in our agriculture sector and for the entire province."

RJ Sigurdson, Minister Agriculture and Irrigation

Agri-tourism continues to grow in popularity, with many travellers seeking authentic experiences like farm-to-table dining, culinary adventures and farm stays. This steady flow of visitors supports local economies by driving business to local shops, restaurants and nearby attractions. For many years, Alberta's government has provided annual funding to the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies to support Alberta Open Farm Days. This helps advance agri-tourism and food and culinary tourism across the province.

"Alberta's rural and

agri-tourism sectors play a vital role in the continued growth of our economy. Initiatives like Open Farm Days showcase Alberta's rich agricultural heritage and invite visitors to discover the unique experiences, innovative farms and local business that lie outside the province's top tourist destinations."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

During Open Farm Days on Aug. 16 and 17, host farms will open their gates to tours, and participants can buy Alberta-grown and produced products. Many hosts also organize culinary experiences featuring

some of the finest chefs in rural Alberta. These farm-to-table experiences are a unique way to enjoy fresh, homegrown dishes while supporting the livelihoods of local ag operators.

"A lot of locally grown ingredients really resonate with Albertans and Canadians. Our wheat and Alberta beef are known around the world, helping to highlight Canadian cuisine. I love working with local producers who skilfully cultivate what the land can offer us."

Blair Lebsack, chef and co-owner, RGE RD and The Butchery

SUPPORTING FIRST NATIONS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is awarding \$4.2 million to improve learning and mental health supports for First Nations students.

Supporting mental health is a key priority for Alberta's government. To help ensure that First Nations students have the supports they need, and to help meet the diverse learning and mental health needs of K to 12 students in on-reserve schools, Alberta's government is providing 27 First Nations with up to \$4.6 million for the 2025-26 school year.

"Strong mental health and learning supports are crucial to helping students build resilience and succeed in school. We're proud to work with First Nations education partners and communities to

support the success and well-being of First Nations students. This grant will empower communities to deliver the learning and mental health supports that are right for their students."

Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education and Childcare

First Nations with at least one on-reserve school were invited to apply for the Specialized Learning and Mental Health Supports for First Nations Grant in May. Recipients will receive funding for the upcoming school year and will have the flexibility to use the dollars in a way that best supports their students.

"This grant will give students on First Nations another tool in their toolbox to set them up for success. Building mental wellness in youth not only improves academic outcomes but

lays a foundation for a lifetime of positive mental health practices."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction

"This grant supports programming at Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority that improves the student experience and contributes to greater student engagement and outcomes. This funding enables us to provide programs such as equine assisted learning, occupational therapy, and mental health and family liaison supports that increase family engagement in education and student attendance."

Daphne Mai'Stoina, superintendent, Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority

Additionally, through Budget 2025, Alberta's government is providing public school boards with

almost \$94 million in the 2025-26 school year to support self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

"This funding ensures that resources are going where they're needed most – into the hands of communities who know their students best. By supporting specialized learning and mental health initiatives, we're helping First Nations students thrive in school and beyond. These grants reflect our commitment to building brighter futures for Indigenous youth across Alberta."

Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Indigenous Relations



MASKWACIS RCMP CHARGE MALE WITH ACQUIRING AND DISTRIBUTING CRIME GUNS

Submitted by Maskwacis RCMP

Maskwacis, Alta. – In February of 2025 Maskwacis began an investigation into illegally purchased firearms in Maskwacis. As part of the investigation, RCMP identified a suspect and observed that several

firearms purchased by the suspect were recovered at crime scenes in Maskwacis and other Detachments and Provinces.

As a result of the investigation, RCMP have charged 24-year-old Maskwacis resident, Colby Ray Buffalo with, Firearms Trafficking and Transfer without au-

thority.

The RCMP are continuing efforts to locate outstanding firearms and this investigation is ongoing.

"Maskwacis RCMP continue efforts to reduce the amount of illegally used firearms in Maskwacis," says Inspector Richard McKay, "part of that effort

includes investigating and charging those that are acquiring and distributing firearms for an illegal purpose."

If you have any information regarding the location of these firearms please contact the Maskwacis RCMP at 780-585-4600.

STRENGTHENING ALBERTA'S TOURISM TIES IN ASIA

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Tourism and Sport Andrew Boitchenko will promote Alberta's tourism industry in South Korea and Japan.

Alberta's government will lead a strategic tourism mission to strengthen Alberta's presence in Tokyo and Seoul. Minister Boitchenko and representatives from Travel Alberta will meet with travel, trade and media partners in key Asian

markets to promote Alberta's new air gateways and world-class visitor experiences.

The mission builds on the success of WestJet's direct flights from Calgary to Incheon and Narita, made possible through Alberta's Air Access Program and a memorandum of understanding between Alberta's government and WestJet. These strategic initiatives aim to boost Alberta's tourism market position and generate increased interest

in the province's unique tourism experiences. It reflects the province's goal of becoming a top travel choice for South Korean and Japanese travellers, a target market that is key to Alberta reaching \$25 billion in annual visitor spending.

"Alberta is ready to take centre stage in Asia's travel market. By building strong ties in Tokyo and Seoul, we're positioning the province as a top year-round destination. This mission turns global interest into

real visits, inviting more visitors to discover the unique experiences Alberta has to offer."

Andrew Boitchenko, Minister of Tourism and Sport

Minister Boitchenko will be joined by one staff member. Mission expenses will be posted on the travel and expense disclosure page. Travel Alberta representatives' expenses will be covered by the provincial agency.

SUDOKU

of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

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

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

CALMAR SENIORS: Meetings - every 2nd 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. 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.

MUSICAL PROGRAM: every 4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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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



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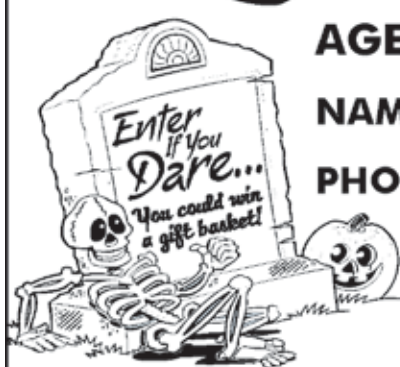
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