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Leduc County Conducting First-ever Citizen Satisfaction Survey From Leduc County

Survey open to property owners, renters
until March 31

Leduc County is conducting its first-ever Citizen Satisfaction Survey next month.

The survey is an opportunity for residential citizens – including property owners and renters – to provide input on the services and programs they receive, as well as share what they think the county should prioritize.

We are here to provide valuable programs and services to our citizens at a good value for their tax dollars. This survey is an opportunity for us to check in with our citizens and identify where we are succeeding and where there are gaps we need to address.

Duane Coleman, County Manager

The anonymous online survey, conducted in partnership with market-research firm Leger, will take citizens 10-to-15 minutes to complete and will remain open until March 31, 2021.

By March 5, each residential property owner should receive a letter from Leduc County with

a unique survey code and instructions for taking the Citizen Satisfaction Survey.

Renters can visit leduc-county.com/citizen-survey and fill out a survey code request form or call 780-979-2391 to request a code to take the survey.

Results from the survey will be shared on May 11 at leduc-county.com/citizen-survey.



**The Thorsby Municipal Office
FRONT OFFICE**

**will be open starting
March 1st, 2021
from 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

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Royal Care Guardian Drugstore
- email media@community39.com
- submit online at
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RCMP POLICING PRIORITIES SURVEY

Help set priorities for Leduc and Thorsby/ Breton RCMP

The Leduc and Thorsby/Breton RCMP set policing priorities each year to ensure that – in addition to responding to calls for service – members focus on the policing topics most important to the public.

Leduc County is assisting the RCMP to conduct a two-minute survey to ensure RCMP priorities align with those of area residents.

Take the survey by Feb. 28 at
surveymonkey.com/r/RCMP2021



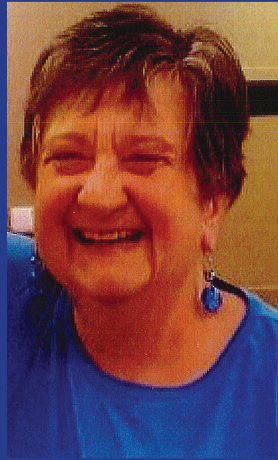
Town of Thorsby Upcoming Council Meetings

MARCH 2021

Tuesday 2 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 9 | Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday 16 | Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 23 | Regular Council Meeting

**All meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the
Council Chambers unless otherwise stated.**

Wow! How time flies!
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NOTICE of INTENT to SUBMIT DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

COUNTY OF LEDUC

NE ¼ SEC 24 – 49 – 1 – W5

West side Range Road 10 (50th Street), south of Township Road 494

Please be advised that **Carbon Capture Farm Inc.** will submit a Development Permit application relating to a Major Utility Service – Soil Composting Facility to the County of Leduc.

The carbon capture/compost operation's 8.5 acres will be centered within a full quarter section of land (160 acres).

The remaining 110 forested acres will be left undisturbed and the +40 acre balance will be organically farmed.

The property is currently zoned AG – Agricultural under the County's Land Use Bylaw and Utility Service, Major is considered a Discretionary Use.

Prior to the County deciding on this application, interested parties are invited to join us virtually in an online (Zoom) presentation followed by a live Question & Answer session on **Saturday, March 13 @ 11:00 AM**.

(Please note that you must register in advance by emailing admin@carboncapturefarm.ca to participate in the Zoom call. You will be required to provide your name and property address.)

Your submission of comments and/or questions will be accepted until Friday, April 2, 2021

The Development Permit Application will then be considered by the Development Authority and the application will be either approved or refused.

Please send your comments to Carbon Capture Farm: admin@carboncapturefarm.ca

Telephone: **780-488-7926** to speak directly with a project team member

Mail: PO Box 4513 South Edmonton CRO, Edmonton, AB T6E 4T7



COMMUNITY & info EVENTS

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

The **Glen Park Hall** is one of the most active and viable community groups in the area and we encourage you to join in this online outreach and see how you can benefit and help others in these challenging times. CALL MIKE & STELLA at 780-919-1250 to Register (get the link), or CALL RON at 780-668-2458 for tech support. **UPCOMING TOPICS/ EVENTS:** FEB 24 ESTATE PLANNING, MAR 3 FAMILY HISTORY, MAR 10 HEALTH MATTERS

World Day of Prayer 2021 worship service is now available as video on www.wicc.org for anyone to view as there will be no in-person service this year.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH - Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. Masks are mandatory and all COVID restrictions apply. For any further information contact Dan @ 780-789-3698.

Sunnybrook Community Hall yearly Membership Renewals are due. \$5 a person Or \$10 for a family. Payments can be done via etransfer to: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BRANCH: Has Cancelled all events until Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. Stay safe, wear a mask and hopefully see you all again soon. 780-935-6281

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

Thorsby Bingo CANCELLED due to rise in COVID-19.

Royal Canadian Legion #246 Mulhurst Branch: Has **Cancelled** the General Meeting that was to be held Jan. 11, 2021. No Bingo's at this time. No Social's at this time either. All due to, you guessed it...Covid. Call: 780-935-6281

Follow Thorsby Library on Facebook to learn the latest news. Visit us to renew your library card at <https://thorsbymunicipallibrary.ab.ca/copy-of-form>

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9:00 to 9:15 am, meetings 9:15 - 9:45 am, for more info call Jane 780-789-37891 or Elaine 780-221-3939

MARKETS / THRIFT SHOPS (NON PROFIT)

Thorsby Senior's Thrift Store is OPEN - ALL

COVID-19 regulations apply. Hours of operation: 10 am - 3 pm Thursdays and Fridays. **PLEASE NOTE:** We will only accept donations during store hours. We do not accept mattresses, car seats, strollers, cribs, or furniture. All donations MUST BE CLEAN AND RE-SELLABLE. Thank You!

Treasures Thrift Shop -IS NOW OPEN! (With restrictions) Please see signs at the store for everyone's safety. Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. Donations will only be accepted during store hours, please ensure your donations are clean. 5112 - 53 Street Warburg.

Leduc Public Market runs every Thursday 10-3 in the City Center Mall (Ken's Furniture) 5201 50 Street. Lots of vendors with a wide variety of items. For tables or info call Jenna 780-868-7616.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Please call Irene at 780-789-3176 to make an appointment or for information

Thorsby Family and Community Support Services - PH. 780-789-4004 or email: fcss@thorsby.ca

Does drinking affect your personal life in any way? Have friends or family expressed concerns towards your drinking habits? Have you ever tried to quit drinking, but could not manage to do so? AA can help! 5203 -54th Avenue Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780-270-7903

Thorsby Bylaw Enforcement - For concerns or inquiries email bylaw@thorsby.ca or call 780.789.3935 Ext. 21

Bus Transportation To Leduc - The 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Departs from the Thorsby Rec Center. Approx. 9:30 am, cost of \$7, call to reserve a seat: 780-848-7717.

Community Events Sign is Free to Non-Profit Organizations on a first come, first served basis for a period of one week, or less. To have your event placed on the sign call, 780-789-4041.

WORSHIP

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Thorsby is holding in-Church Worship on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Following COVID protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube.

Community United Church - 5112 - 53 St., Warburg. Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sun-



Volunteer Income Tax Program

The **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** is now completing 2020 income taxes free-of-charge for people with low to modest income and a simple tax situation. This can include seniors, students, social assistance recipients and newcomers to Canada. *The volunteer program does not complete returns for people who are deceased, bankrupt, or have business, farming or rental income. Assistance to complete past year tax returns is also available.*

In order to be eligible to receive the **Guaranteed Income Supplement, GST Tax Credit, Canada Child Benefit, Canada Workers Benefit or the Climate Action Incentive**, your 2020 tax return must be filed. Income taxes are due by April 30.

To find out if you are eligible for this program or to make an appointment, please contact your local Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) office:

- **Leduc County, New Sarepta and Thorsby: 780-770-9254**
- **Calmar: 780-985-3191 | Warburg: 780-848-2828 | City of Leduc: 780-980-7109**



Supported Self-File Tax Program

Have you ever wondered whether you could learn to prepare and file your own simple income tax return?

If you have thought about filing your own taxes but are worried that you might make a mistake, the Supported Self-File Tax Program is for you!

In order to participate in the program, all you need is access to the internet and a willingness to learn. Our volunteer coaches* will assist you to collect all the necessary paperwork, help you create a **My CRA Account** (if you need one) and walk you through the online tax filing software step by step.

This **free virtual program** will assist you to gain the confidence and skills to prepare and file your 2020 income tax return.

Upcoming virtual clinic dates:

- ▶ **Saturday, March 20 at 11 a.m.**
- ▶ **Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m.**
- ▶ **Wednesday, March 31 at 9 a.m.**
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.**

For more information or to sign up for a virtual clinic, contact **Eugena** at **780-955-6421** or **eugena@leduc-county.com**.

Telephone-only support is also available.

If the above dates and times don't work for you, please call to find out about additional options.



**While our volunteer coaches have been thoroughly screened, you are not required or encouraged to share your personal or financial information with your coach. You will maintain control of your own information while learning how to use the tax filing software.*



COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGES

WORSHIP

days of each month at 10:30 AM. For information please phone the church office 780-848-2227.

New Life Christian Fellowship - Worship Services Sunday - 10:30 am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer Friday - 9:30 am. 780-789-3020.

Our Lady of Victory Mass Time is 9:00 am. and anyone wishing to attend Mass must register first with Guy Giroux at 780-940-2751. There will also be Wednesday morning Mass at 11:00 a.m. Again registration is recommended by calling Guy Giroux.

Philippian Christian Friendship Church of Canada Thorsby - This is Rev. Pollard, if you need prayer or just to talk, please leave your number and we will get back to you. Have a blessed day! **587.930.7801**

Warburg Alliance Church is open. 11 a.m. worship service. For more information please phone 780-848-7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com.

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church, Sat. Sabbath School 10 am, Main Service 11:30 am, Pastor Jason Williams 780-848-2271

COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Thorsby Ag. Society Regular Meetings - First Wednesday of every Month, 7:00 pm, Haymaker's Arena. www.thorsbyhaymaker.com or call 780-789-3829.

CANCELLED Thorsby Senior's Supper Meetings These monthly meetings will now be held in the Senior's Centre (4812-51st Street) and are on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Members are requested to bring a potluck dish. Memberships are available for \$10 from Elaine Warnock at 780.221.3939.

Thorsby & District Fish & Game Regular Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @ 7:00 pm at Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780-848-2242 for more information.

Thorsby & District Lions' Club (non-profit organization serving Thorsby & District), Meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the Lions' Den in Community Hall Basement at 7:00 pm. For information or membership, call 780-903-1695.

The Royal Canadian Legion, Pioneer Br. 144 Thorsby is wanting more members. Meetings are every third Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at the Thorsby Senior Club 4512-51 Street at 9:30 am.

FACILITY RENTALS

Thorsby Community Centre - For bookings call Marlene at 780-789-3734 or text 780-217-9394 or email thorsbyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ThorsbyHistoricalSociety

Thorsby Senior's Centre rentals. Call Cathy Kuzio 780-719-7124.

FACILITY RENTALS

Ashland Dam Park - For reservations call Kelly @ (780) 898-9636.

Camp Barvok - For bookings, call Walter 7807172432, or Jason 7809904043, or email bookings@barvok.com

Centrelodge Community Centre - For bookings call Caroline 780-789-3089.

Genesee Community Hall - Rentals call Joanne Liba at 780-940-7229.

Glen Park Hall - For bookings call Mike at 780-919-1250.

Morrowdale Community Hall - For bookings call Elaine at 780-789-2104.

Mulhurst Legion #246 Hall Rentals - Call: Marie 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre: 780.389.2422 or rent@rundlesmission.org, you can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

Sandholm Community Hall - For hall bookings call Doris 780-389-2381.

Strawberry Community Hall - Call Ollie at 780-789-2180.

Sunnybrook Community Hall Rentals: Contact Name: Mikayla, Phone Number: 306-307-2599, Email Address: sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall - For bookings call Tracy at 780-718-9549 after 5:00 pm.

Rundle's Mission - For hall bookings call 780-389-2422 or www.rundlesmission.org

Breton Community Center- To rent the community center please visit our website www.bretonagsociety.com, call 780-696-3561 and leave a message or email us at bretonagsociety@gmail.com

Breton Golden Age Centre Rentals - \$10 / hour with \$25.00 for use of kitchen or \$15/day. Deposit of \$50 required. **Call Pat at 780.696.2056**

Warburg Cultural Centre - For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths, phone Linda McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly.

Warburg Legion Hall is available for rent at \$75.00/ full day and \$50.00/half day with a deposit of \$50.00 that is refundable upon inspection. For Hall rental, please contact Deb/Max 780 848 2923 or (780) 264 9217 or Nancy/Allan 780 848 7756.

Warburg Senior's Centre rentals. Call Nancy/Allan Gruninger 780-848-7756. \$75 per rental, \$50.00 damage deposit refundable after inspection.

Wilton Park Community Centre - For Hall Bookings or Information call Aileen at 780.850.9607.

Winfield Legion is available to rent. Rental Inquiries - Gordon 780-542-1243

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2021 CITIZEN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Check your mail for a survey code

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Learn more at leduc-county.com/citizen-survey



Leduc County Family and Community Support Services

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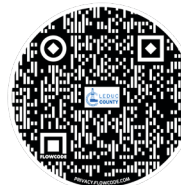
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World Day of Prayer

From Ebeline Zee-Hawtin

This year the World Day of Prayer is scheduled for Friday, 5th of March, 2021. Normally the service would have been held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Thorsby, but with the gathering restrictions that is not possible. However, a service has been made available by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and is available as a video on their web site. It can be viewed on www.wicc.org from now until September.

This year the host country is the Republic of Vanuata, a small country of islands located in the South Pacific Ocean north-east of Australia. Its black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fish, tropical birds, fruits and nuts, make the islands a pristine environment, even though they are vulnerable to frequent earthquakes, cyclones and active volcanoes. Melanesian people, along with Polynesian, are the primary source of Vanuata's culture and languages. The Republic was formed in 1980 from a French and British joint government. Today, Vanuata proudly waves its flag and its coat of arms which reads "In God we Stand." The theme for this year is "Build on a Strong Foundation."

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can learn how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can join in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.

The motto of the World Day of Prayer movement is Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action. Through our participation in the World Day of Prayer, we affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence on the world.

The World Day of Prayer traces its roots to the 19th century when Presbyterian women in the United

States called for a national day of prayer in 1887, and Anglican women in Canada established a national day of corporate intercessions for mission in 1895. In 1922, the Canadian and U.S. committees agreed to use the same theme and day for the Day of Prayer as U.S. women. This annual event became the Women's World Day of Prayer in 1927; in recent years it has been named World Day of Prayer although Women's Committees in the host countries continue to prepare the service to be used throughout the world. The Canadian committee is the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) and now includes representatives from 11 church partners. The WICC also distributes grants up to \$5,000 to fund social justice community projects.

Please view the World Day of Prayer Service and, if possible, donate to the WICC on-line or by mail to: The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, 47 Queen's Park Cresc. East, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3. It is vital that we all support this work. Thank you.

Ebeline Zee-Hawtin,
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church



Vanuata Coconut Cake

Ingredients:

1 cup unsweetened coconut	¼ cup water
½ tsp vanilla	¼ cup margarine or butter
½ cup sugar	2 eggs
½ cup flour	1 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt	

Directions:

In a small bowl combine coconut, water and vanilla. Set aside. In a medium bowl beat margarine or butter. Beat in sugar and eggs. Add flour, baking powder, salt and coconut mixture. Mix. Pour into greased 8-inch round pan and bake at 350 for 25 mins or until set and beginning to brown.

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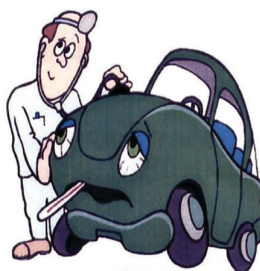
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FARMS & ACREAGES

- **Sunnybrook - 22 acres** with a 2017, 1550 sq. ft. amazing bungalow built by Mikes Homes. Fully finished basement. Immaculate home. 40x60' shop, heated, power, insulated. \$699,000.00
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- **Thorsby - 4.87 acres** - private hidden road. Upgraded 4 bedroom, 2-storey with large attached garage, 24'x26' heated hobby shop. \$639,000.00
- **Thorsby - 130 acres** - good quality farm land. \$399,000.00
- **Genesee - 12.36 acres** - 1300 sq. ft. bungalow - lots of outbuildings. Nice treed yard. \$449,000.00
- **Sunnybrook - 13.32 acres** - 2140 sq. ft. bungalow, finished basement, 4 bedrooms. Attached garage, 42'x60' shop - storage shed, fenced for animals. \$799,000.00
- **Pigeon Lake - 2 acres** - very private and set in beautiful evergreens. 1700 sq. ft. 3 bedroom house, fenced for animals. \$359,900.00
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Roar of the Rings on Pigeon Lake

By Amissa Jablonski

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought out creativity in the most surprising ways. As fall trudged into winter, Grandview Beach (south side of Pigeon Lake, near Lakedell) resident Corey Kozack realized that there was a need in his community and he used his creativity to fill it.

Building skating rinks on Pigeon Lake is a long standing tradition for those living along its shores, but with the current situation keeping everyone a lot closer to home for the winter, Mr. Kozack realized that these rinks were leaving out a large segment of the community - seniors. Corey decided to remedy this situation and his solution was to build a curling rink on the lake. Not being a curler himself, Corey had a lot to learn about the process but with a little help from the internet and the community, he was able to create something special. He soon enlisted the help of friend and neighbour, Darcie Carey, to bring the vision to life.

Curlers know that ice is arguably the most important element of the sport. Quality ice for curling is even more important than that for skating or hockey and, fortunately, this year has been relatively successful for ice forming on the lake. Despite the superior conditions, Corey still regularly floods the sheet and heads out to refresh the pebbling on a routine basis to maintain a good surface.

The sheet truly has been a community effort with Crystal Springs resident Gloria Olson offering the use of a set of rocks for use by the players. Her rocks even include one signed by Alberta curling legend, Kevin Martin. Additionally, Loretta Wisenberger has made some homemade 'rocks' out of coloured water frozen in milk jugs for younger curlers to try their hand

at sliding out of the hack. Scoring sticks were made to ensure the competitive curlers can keep track of their progress. Originally straw bales were set out to offer a place to take a rest between ends, but thanks to a generous donation from Lakeside Custom Woodwork, wooden benches are now installed. Neighbours from the area take turns shoveling both the sheet of curling ice and the nearby skating rink, making this a real community project. There is also a firepit available for use at Grandview Park so people can make a day of their experience out on the lake.

The 150 foot by 15 foot sheet of ice can be booked by reaching out to Corey on Facebook or calling him at 780-868-1475, and he has people coming out well into March, provided the conditions hold. Prior to each booking, Mr. Kozack and Mr. Carey prepare the ice by spraying water to refresh the critical pebbles for a good game. They also sanitize all the rocks and set them out for use. At the completion of the booking, the rocks are again sanitized to comply with all COVID restrictions. Those using the ice are asked to observe the restrictions as well, and to make sure they are being respectful of the natural environment by taking out anything they bring in at the end of their time on the ice.

Corey has been very pleased with the response to his project. Users of the ice have ranged from teenagers to octogenarians and everyone in between. He has learned plenty over the course of this season and is already planning on making this an ongoing feature next to the Grandview skating rink, which he has also been involved with maintaining over the past several years. Mr. Kozack is a very community minded person. He is also involved in creating the Haunted Barn during Halloween and organizing the Sledz and Treadz Fundraising Rally taking place on February 27. He hopes that everyone gets a chance to try their hand on the roaring rings before they melt!



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What's a land use bylaw?

The Land Use Bylaw is the primary document we use to guide decisions on planning applications for everything from building a shed to building a shopping mall. It outlines what types of development is allowed on each parcel of land in the county.

Why are we updating it?

We want to create a user-friendly, comprehensive document that supports growth in the county, streamlines processes and protects our resources.

To make our goal a reality, your input is vital.

If you own land in Leduc County, the outcome of this project could affect you.

From **March 1 to April 12** we want to hear your comments, suggestions or past experiences with planning in Leduc County.

Visit leduc-county.com/shapingyourcounty to learn how you can get involved and to sign up for project updates.

For more information call us at 780-979-6180 or email the project team at shapingyourcounty@leduc-county.com.



The library has been closed to staff since February 12. A repair is being taken care of at the facility and we are unable to offer curbside. However, we hope to be back inside as quickly as possible and getting items out to you! If you leave a message on our machine (780-789-3808) we will get back to you with a response to any library related questions or concerns.

We look forward to the following upcoming programs delivered online and available for a limited time.

Feb 26: Interview with Leduc and District Food Bank and the filming of our "Make and Do Soup" program

March 5: Soup Storytime Reading

March 12: St. Patrick's Day Make and Do activity

March 19: Storytime reading of the book "Trouble Gum" by Matthew Cordell

The Lucky Winner!

From Payton Schwindt
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Lakedell 4-H Light Horse Club

Our cash raffle was a huge success! We were able to raise \$5,000.00 for our club to put towards creating learning opportunities for our members! Our lucky winner was Jackie Lacey of Turner Valley, who won \$5,000.00!

Thank you to Gracie and Nova for selling the most tickets for our club! Great job guys! We would also like to thank Sylvia Schnick of Warburg, for donating a prize to the members who

sold the most tickets. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to help support us! We greatly appreciate our community for all your support!

This year the club's public speaking looked a little different. Members had the options of doing a prepared non-competitive or a prepared competitive speech, a member led workshop of their choice, a virtual interview, a debate, a monologue or a video of their choice. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our judges for the competitive speeches, our judges were: Sheri Harink, Reiden Hodgetts, Brienne Chapman, Carmen Biggelaar, Michelle James and Kasha Levie.

The winners for our club competition were:

Juniors:

- o 1st- Reese Stone
- o 2nd- Sara Shaver
- o 3rd- Aspen Fiveland

Intermediate:

- o 1st- Jenna Boyce
- o 2nd- Emersyn Tabler

Due to the enhanced public health measures to help prevent the spread of COVID, we are not able to meet in person, but our club has been busy "Learning to do by doing" and our members are trying to stay connected through our virtual mentor meetings. Every second Thursday, older and more experienced members are paired with younger or new members to get together and learn more about 4-H, horses and dogs and to have fun and interact with one another.

We are hoping to get back as soon as possible to in person activities once it is safe enough to do soon, but until then we will continue with our fun new ways of learning and enjoying each other.

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MLA REPORT

from The Office of MLA Mark Smith,
Member of the Legislative Assembly
for Drayton Valley - Devon

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed everything about our lives. From whom we see to how we work, shop and learn, every single one of us has been impacted in one way, shape or form. That is why Alberta's government has taken action to protect the lives and livelihoods of Albertans as they continue to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Early in the pandemic, we recognized that social distancing guidelines and financial stress could have adverse effects on the mental health and wellbeing of Albertans. That is why we made a \$53 million investment in mental health and addiction supports to make sure Albertans who were in crisis would get the help they need.

We also took action to protect Alberta's most vulnerable, including those living in congregate living facilities. In May 2020, Alberta taxpayers invested more than \$170 million in funding to help keep residents and staff in long-term care, designated supportive living facilities and seniors' lodges safe. Knowing that seniors are at high risk from COVID-19, this funding helped us continue to protect our most vulnerable and allowed for facilities to enhance staffing and purchase additional PPE and cleaning supplies.

As part of Step 1 of Alberta's four-step framework to ease restrictions, we are taking a cautious approach as we look to ease restrictions impacting the day-to-day lives of Albertans. All the activities still have associated guidelines to ensure the safety and well being of Albertans, and we continue to monitor data to ensure that any steps we take to reduce restrictions on Albertans continue to protect their lives. While vaccines offer some hope of a return to normal, ongoing delivery delays from the federal government mean reasonable public health restrictions must remain in place. That is why Alberta's government has continued to take steps to protect the livelihoods of Albertans.

We recently announced the Enhanced COVID Business Benefit, a new program that provides financial relief to those businesses whose bottom lines have been most affected by public health measures. Providing additional support to our small businesses means Alberta's job creators can continue to pay their employees, so they in turn can continue to support their families. We have also provided income support for people unable to work while they self-isolate, and provided support for daycares and day homes so childcare is not a barrier for those who are still able to work.

Applications for the Critical Worker Benefit also recently opened on Feb. 17. This benefit was launched to recognize hundreds of thousands of critical workers who continue to support and provide services to Albertans during this pandemic, and workers in health care, social services, education and in some parts of the private sector are eligible to receive this one-time payment.

We have also made significant investments in infrastructure projects. Accelerated schools, roads and other construction projects have helped us get more Albertans back to work while also moving ahead on important projects for communities across the province.

While life has changed significantly over the past year, Alberta's government continues to work hard to support you every single day. As the pandemic continues and we move forward on vaccinations, we will continue to do everything we can to protect both your lives and your livelihoods.

For more information on how Alberta's government is protecting the lives and livelihoods of Albertans, we encourage you to visit livesandlivelihoods.alberta.ca.

Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

I can be reached at the main constituency office in Drayton Valley at 1-800-542-7307 toll-free Monday to Friday, the Devon constituency office at 780-987-3666 Wednesdays and Thursdays or emailed at draytonvalley.devon@assembly.ab.ca anytime.



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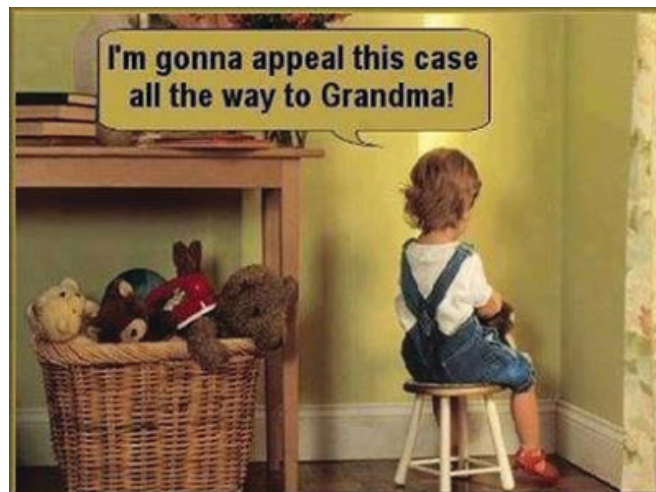
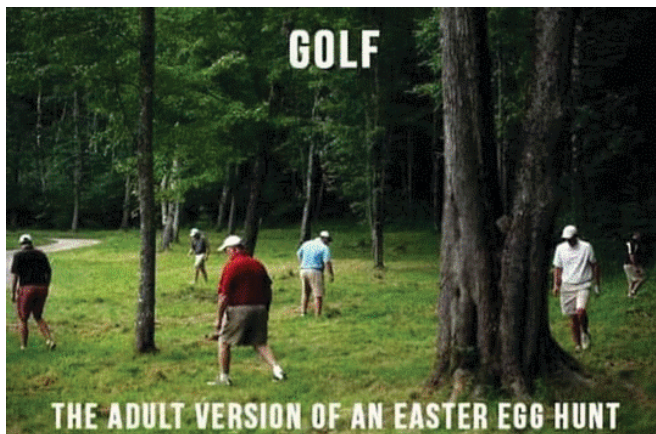
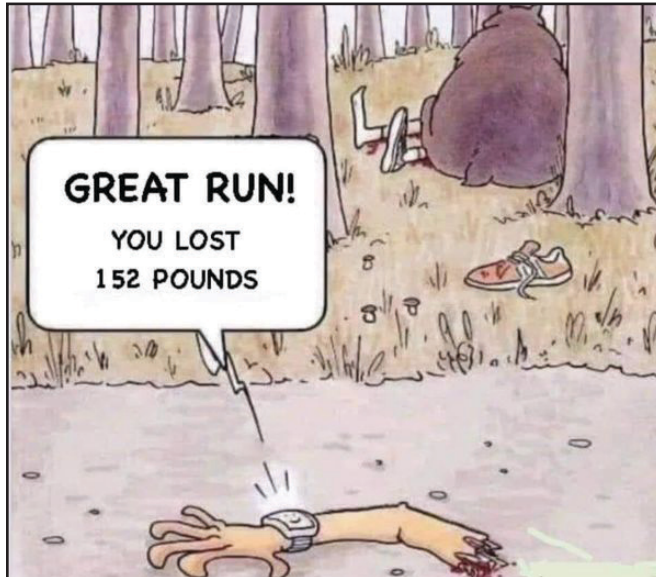
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