

STAND UP FOR ALBERTANS WHO STEP UP FOR SENIORS

Nominations are now open to recognize the dedicated and energetic efforts of Albertans who serve seniors with a 2022 Minister's Seniors Service Award.

Albertans are encouraged to nominate individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations that are supporting seniors through their volunteering, philanthropy, innovation or outstanding service.

"For an amazing 24 years, the Minister's Seniors Service Awards have recognized the inspiring individuals and businesses that have provided volunteer service to seniors. I am sure you know someone who deserves a nomination — the neighbor who performs at seniors centres or the community group that helps seniors file their income tax returns. They deserve our thanks and recognition. Please consider nominating a devoted volunteer or an organization that makes a difference in your community."

Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and

The deadline for nominations is May 2. Details are at alberta.ca/MSSA. Albertans can submit nominations for the 2022

Housing

Minister's Seniors Service Awards online, through mail and email.

Up to nine awards will be presented to individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations. This includes the Special Service Award, first presented in 2021, that highlights an area of particular importance to seniors in any given year. For 2022, this award, Building Better Together, will go to an individual, organization or business that worked with others to improve services to seniors.



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Sudoku Answers from Jan 21 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3 × 3 subgrids.



RUFF, LEESON FREDRICK 1934 ~ 2022



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Leeson Ruff of Warburg, AB at the age of 88 years.

Leeson will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 63 years Shirley; sons Randy (Leslie), Lindy (Gaye) and Marty (Donna); grandchildren Jared, Taryn, Brett, Eryn, Madeleine, and Brian; sister Rosaline (Vernon); brother Raymond; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Leeson was predeceased by his parents Sam and Bertie; and son Brent.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday February 4, 2022, at 1pm due to COVID restrictions the service will be live streamed using the following link

www.mattfosseyent.ca/leeson-ruff/

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Leeson's name may be made to the <u>Warburg Arena Fund</u> (c/o The Village of Warburg PO Box 29, Warburg, AB, T0C 2T0).



Condolences: <u>www.serenity.ca</u> Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688



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The successful applicant would need an agricultural background, have great communication and customer service skills, be a team player and be physically fit. Mechanical knowledge is an asset.

We will only be accepting your resumes by email:

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

NEW FCSS PROGRAM "MEN'S SHED" On February 9th at the Calmar Library (4705 - 50th Street) from 6pm - 8pm. Check out the website at www.mensshedds.ca or you can also email mensshedsleduccounty@gmail.com

BIG TEE RADIO BINGO

Breton Elks will begin Co-Hosting Radio Bingo sessions at Big Tee Restaurant for February 12, 24 and March 12 and 24. Ticket sales will commence at 5:00pm with door prizes and 50/50 tickets being available.

PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

WARBURG & DISTRICT MEMORIAL ARENA

Shinny on Tuesdays 3:45-5:45pm, Family skate is Thursdays – 3:45pm-5:15pm (helmets required for anyone under age of 18)

ROCK & ROLLERS FLOOR CURLING CLUB

meets at 1:15pm on Thursdays at the Warburg Community Hall for Adult floor curling. \$2 drop in fee. COVID protocols apply. Call Eleanor Jehn at 780-848-2621 if you have an questions.

WARBURG SENIORS CENTRE CARD GAMES

Ever Wednesday from 1-3pm. Bring a toonie and come have some fun with us! Proof of Vaccination is required to partake in the games afternoons.

WARBURG MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Hours of Operation are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 10am - 6pm and Saturdays from 12pm - 4pm, with the exception of long weekends. We require all patrons to wear masks, hand sanitize and sign in, as Covid numbers have increased in Alberta.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST BINGO: Weekly bingo's Tuesdays at t7pm.

THORSBY AFTERNOON CRIB at the Seniors Centre runs every Monday at 1:30pm Everyone welcome! Bring your Vaccination Card and a mask. \$5 Admission

COMMUNITYSUPPORTSERVICES

Warburg Family & Community Support Services (FCSS) Tami Tubbs 780.848.2828 or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

Village of Warburg Bylaw Enforcement - 780.983.2096 or brasch@gmail.com

Warburg Village Office

780.848.2841 or email village@warburg.ca

Foot Care Nurse will be in Thorsby on the 1st Wednesday of every month, Please call Irene at 780-789-3176

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 - 54 Avenue at Thorsby New Life Christian Church (every) Monday 8:00pm 780.270.7903

Thorsby RCMP call 780-789-3950 / Breton RCMP Call 780-696-3520 or contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com For emergencies call 911

MARKETS/THRIFTSHOPS(NONPROFIT)

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Leduc Public Market Every Thursday from 10-2:30pm in the Leduc City Center Mall

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Seniors Services provides preventative social programs that assist seniors and adults with disabilities in maintaining their independence and enhancing their quality of life.

Houskeeping subsidy

Provides access to affordable housekeeping services through a partnership with Serving Hands Senior Care Inc. To be eligible for the housekeeping subsidy, you must:

- be a senior (65+) or an adult with a disability or inability to complete household task,
- · meet annual income thresholds, and
- be a resident of Leduc County (including New Sarepta), Calmar, Thorsby or Warburg.

Housekeeping fees are determined based on family income level and eligibility to other subsidies. Seniors who are eligible for subsidy from the Government of Alberta will be assisted with applications.

Seniors Services also offers one-to-one support to assist with:

- Information and referrals to other local resources.
- · Assistance with forms and applications.
- · Advocacy and coordination of services.
- Goal setting and future planning.

For more information, contact Leduc County FCSS seniors services coordinator at **780-955-4554.**







COMMUNITY GROUP REGULAR MEETINGS

Warburg Pioneer Ag Society

Meetings 2nd Wednesday of each mth. Phone 780.848.2841

Warburg Bloomin' Buddies Meetings

Please contact Linda McLaughlin @ 780.848.2916 for information regarding meeting dates and times.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION #246 MULHURST: Next General Meeting: Feb. 14, 2022 @ 7pm / New membership incentive: FREE one-year membership to serving or retired CAF and RCMP members. Also this FREE first year of membership is also open to spouses and children 18+ of Canadian Veterans (serving, retired or passed CAF or RCMP members). Contact Marion 780-935-6281 or check out Legion.ca/welcome.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at the Thorsby Seniors Centre - Mondays, weigh in at 9am to 9:15am, meetings at 9:15am to 9:45am. For more information call Jane 780.789.3789 or Elaine 780.221.3939

Thorsby & District Fish & Game - Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month @7pm at the Warburg Village Office Basement (entrance through the back). Please join us. Contact Bruce at 780.848.2242 for more information.

WORSHIP

Breton Word of Faith Church - Southwest corner of town on Hwy 616. Each Sunday, 10:30am, you are welcome to join us! www.bwofc.com or call 780.898.4648

Community Bible Church - Alder Flats

Pastor Samuel Hayford 780.388.3926. Sunday Service & Sunday School at 11am 780.388.0018

Community United Church - 5112-53 Street, Warburg Join us for Sunday morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30am. For more information please call the

Faith Covenant Church - 4712 - 53 Avenue Breton

In person or by live stream to worship every Sunday morning at 11am Call 780.696.3669 or Email

office.faithcovenantchurch@gmail.com

church office 780,848,2227

New Life Christian Fellowship - 5203-54 Avenue, Thorsby Worship Services Sunday at 10:30am, Ladies Fellowship and Prayer on Fridays at 9:30am. Call 780.789.3020

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church - 5115-48 Avenue Thorsby In-Church Worship every Sunday at 10:30am. Following COVID Protocols. Our weekly worship with Pastor Ron can still be found on You Tube

Warburg Alliance Church - 4628-55 Avenue, Warburg Open for 11am worship service. For more information please phone780.848.7577, check out our Facebook page or email us warburgalliance@gmail.com

Warburg Seventh Day Adventist Church - 5003-48 Street, Warburg. Saturday Sabbath School at 10am. Main Service 11:30am, Pastor Jason Williams. 780.848.2271

FACILITY RENTALS

Ashland Dam Park

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Breton Community Centre

Please contact the Breton Village Office at 780.696.3636

Breton Golden Age Club building is available for rent.

Call Jane 780.696.6599 / 403.542.7921 or alternate Jean at 780.696.2439

Camp Bar V Nok - for bookings call Walter 780.717.2432 or Jason 780.990.4043 or email bookings@barvnok.com

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Funnell Community Hall

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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

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For bookings call 780.389.2455

Mulhurst Legion #246

Give Marie a call: 780-361-7350

Rundle's Mission Retreat Centre

For retreat or hall bookings call 780.389.2422 or email rent@rundlesmission.org. You can also visit our website at www.rundlesmission.org

Sandholm Community Hall

For bookings call Doris 780.389.2381

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Call Ollie at 780.789.2180

Sunnybrook Community Hall

For rentals contact Mikayla at 306.307.2599 or email sunnybrookcommunityhall@gmail.com

Telfordville Hall

For bookings call Tracy at 780.718.9549 after 5pm

Thorsby Community Center

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

ThorsbySeniors Centre

For rentals call Cathy Kuzio at 780.719.7124

Warburg Cultural Centre

For rentals of facility, wine glasses and/or tablecloths phone Linday McLaughlin at 780.848.2916. Meetings held quarterly

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Community Events & Information is <u>FREE</u> to advertise





CREATING ACCESSIBLE CHILDCARE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

by Leduc-Strathcona Services for Children

Leduc-Strathcona Services for Children is a family day home agency that oversees the screening, approval and monitoring of family day homes located in Strathcona County, Edmonton, and Leduc County including Calmar, Throsby, Beaumont and Devon. We strive to stay up to date with the most current curriculum and implement the best practices in the early childhood field by offering continuing education and training options for our educators on a monthly basis.

We are honored to share that last spring we were the recipients of a space creation program that aids to support in the creation of quality childcare spaces. Our goal is to create more accessible childcare in rural communities where we find that statistically childcare options are lacking. We would also like to see regulated, monitored overnight care spaces that would better support parents who are shift workers and first responders in the community. We understand that there is no cookie cutter model for childcare and that families have a wide array of requirements when it comes to finding suitable childcare that meets their needs and the needs of their children.

It is the inherent right of all children to have access to safe quality childcare that supports their growth, development, and emotional needs. Our goal is to ensure that children and parents have access to these childcare options regardless of their hours or work or their location of residence.

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Welcome to February! Lighter days and warmish weather.

The Wonder of Lost Causes by Nick Trout. I just finished reading this book and I would recommend it for Anyone who loves Dogs and know about the connection we all have with our Dog. A Boy and a Dog from a Rescue shelter make a connection to each other, the boy, Jasper has Cystic Fibrosis and struggles everyday to breathe. His Mom is a Vet at a clinic where they try to find homes for animals. In comes Whistler, a dog who looks like he has been abused, and the two connect right away, the story seems to indicate the two will not be together long, the Author kept me on the edge of my book, wondering what will happen, the ending is a wonderful surprise when it involves a young girl with health concerns of her own and that's when we find out Whistlers real reason he was trained for.....loanable from Trac.

Programming for February:

- A "take-n-make" is available for pickup at the Library, this kits has the supplies to make a butterfly and a rainbow to brighten your February.
- Staff want to decorate the bulletin board for Valentine days, bring in your creation and Staff will hang this on the bulletin board and trade you a chocolate heart for your creation.

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The Watchman

Over the weekend, my family and I attended the freedom rally at the Alberta Legislature. I was proud to be one of the thousands of Albertans, not only at the Legislature, but across the whole expanse of the province, demonstrating their devotion to the cause of freedom. The entire event was phenomenal; it was, perhaps, the most fun I've had in two years.

When we first arrived around 12 o'clock, the Legislature was already saturated with protestors and families. Flags were flying everywhere, people had custom signs they happily displayed, and everyone was enjoying each other's company. The sun was warm, the weather was wonderful, and an undeniable spirit of renewed vigour and resolution electrified the air for the first time in a long time.

Just being with others was enjoyable enough, but then the convoy's cavalry arrived. As the semis commenced their march down downtown's block, everyone rushed to the sidewalk to try and catch a glimpse of the parade. Horns started honking, people cheered louder and louder, and the whole Legislature shook like thunder as the unified voice of Albertans drowned out the rumble of the diesel engines with fantastic power. The rally lasted for hours, but it felt like minutes.

After returning home, I decided to watch the news. I turned on the channel and was immediately frustrated (though not surprised). In the first place, the MSM was careful to capture strategic shots of the protest early in the morning, making the rally seem malnourished and unimpressive. Had they surveyed the crowd even an hour later, when the protest actually started, the news might've reported something closer to the true size and solidarity of the movement.

In the second place, this is one of the greatest protests in Canadian history. Our convoy has captured the hearts of countless millions worldwide. Why then does the news think it's sufficient to dedicate one or two minutes to it and nothing more? One would rationally assume this protest would have 24/7 coverage...apparently not.

Lastly, and this is perhaps the most infuriating, I have seen many on the media and social media call this protest a "White Supremacist Movement." What utter nonsense. It's an insulting and appalling accusation precisely because it's not true. This movement has never been about age, gender, race, or even vaccination status. It's about reversing the contemptible mandates our government has imposed on us at their whit and whim. Does such a protest constitute "white supremacy?" Not at all; shame on the media outlets who call it so.

As a matter of fact, that sort of inflamed rhetoric is the exact reason we're protesting. We're tired of being publicly shamed because we disagree with ideologues believing it's better to force a man to live underground and try to outlast a virus that will surely outlast him. Thus, let's keep rallying for freedom! Let's keep the momentum rolling! Besides, what do the Liberals and others have to worry about? We are, after all, just a "small fringe minority."

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Semester II has started for our high school students. Semester I report cards were sent out via email. Parents and guardians are reminded that your student marks and attendance are available on your PowerSchool account at any time during the school year.

No School on February 10 & 11 for ATA Teachers' Convention.



We look forward to our Subway Lunch on February 14th. Thank you to our parent council for organizing this. Orders can be made using the Parent Portal in PowerSchool.



Last year Warburg School received a grant from the MusicCounts BandAid Program with which we purchased 24 individual student piano keyboards. Our elementary students are becoming excellent at using them under the guidance of Mrs. White. This semester we are offering this opportunity to our junior high school students. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn a new skill and have fun!



W.S. Junior and Senior high basketball teams are enjoying the season so far. High school teams are able to play their games, while our junior teams are spending time perfecting their skills until their levels are back to competing on the courts. A big thank you to our coaches for volunteering their time for our basketball athletes.



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ALBERTA TO REACH EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOAL BY 2025

A new provincial report shows Alberta is on track to hit its methane emissions reduction target.

In the province's first progress report on methane emissions reductions from Alberta's oil and gas sector, data shows that methane emissions from these operations decreased by about 34 per cent between 2014 and 2020.

Based on these estimates, Alberta will meet its target to reduce methane emissions from the oil and gas sector by 45 per cent from 2014 levels by 2025.

Developing practical emissions-reducing technology to create jobs and diversify the economy is a key part of Alberta's Recovery Plan.

Funding for methane programs

Investing in technology, innovation and scientific research are central to Alberta's approach to reducing methane emissions. Alberta offers a number of programs that are helping the oil and gas sector improve methane emissions monitoring and management, including the Baseline and Reduction Opportunity Assessment Program. Due to high interest and uptake, Alberta's government is adding \$5 million from the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction (TIER) fund to this \$10-million program. This brings Alberta's total TIER fund commitment for oil and gas sector methane programs to \$57 million.

Milestone methane agreement

Alberta's equivalency agreement with the Government of Canada on methane emissions came into force in 2020. This agreement keeps Alberta in charge of regulating methane emissions. Without it, both provincial and federal regulations would apply in Alberta, increasing red tape and imposing additional costs onto Alberta's energy sector.



TIPSFrom TOPS!

From P. Elson

Our meetings are designed to encourage weight loss, maintenance, to educate and to provide support. New members are welcome to attend a meeting with no obligation. Meetings are held at the Thorsby Senior's Centre on Monday mornings with weigh in from 9am to 9:15am and the meeting following from 9:15am to 9:45am. There is an annual fee to TOPS International of \$49 and a monthly fee to the Thorsby Chapter #1694 of \$5. The first month chapter fees are free. Phone Jane at 780-789-3789 or Elaine at 780-221-3939 for more info.

Making Room for the Positive

Sometimes I need to shut down my computer for a bit, just to clear out the clutter from past tasks and make space for new input. The circuits become overloaded with information that has to be removed in order to receive new data. My mind is a lot like my computer at times, and sometimes it's almost as if The Beach Boys are talking to me about "Good Vibrations!"

I've found a simple exercise that helps me reboot my thinking process during hectic times like the holiday season, when I'm suffering from information overload:

Before starting, turn off your phone, television and computer. Tape a note to the doorbell that says, "Do not ring or knock." Sit in a comfortable chair and just relax for a minute or two. Close your eyes, take three deep breaths and let them out slowly. Relax your muscles, starting with your toes and slowly moving up (feet, ankles, legs, hips, fingers, arms, chest, back, shoulders, neck) to your face. Sort of "melt" into the chair.

Now, picture tying a hot air balloon to a trash can that is tethered beside you. Imagine lifting the lid off and dumping into it all your "stinkin' thinkin'," as Zig Ziglar would say. Toss away your negative attitudes, resentments, "can't dos," self-deprecating statements and overwhelming feelings, as well as any blinders, switches or buttons — and toss them in as well. Now put the lid on tight! Un-tether the can and watch the balloon carry all that negativity away. Then take a deep breath, let it out completely and slowly repeat to yourself, "GONE."

Look **inside yourself** and you'll see lots of room that is ready to **fill full of good vibes!** The following **actions for a positive attitude** will help keep those vibes going.

- **1. Balance your life.** Though things in one area may begin to go bad despite your best efforts, concentrate on the positives elsewhere.
- **2. Keep going.** Don't give up. We all have setbacks. Don't think of them as an end but as a beginning.
- **3.** Make the most of it. If things are less than ideal, look for ways you can make them more pleasant.
- **4.** Engage in positive self-talk. Telling yourself you can do something will help you succeed.
- **5. Visualize success.** This will help make you more self-assured and comfortable in the situation when it occurs
- **6. Attack problems head-on**. When a negative situation occurs, find a way to turn it around.
- **7. Look on the bright side.** Make a habit to look at the good in life rather than the bad.
- **8. Maintain a sense of humor.** Don't take yourself too seriously. Look for the humor in dily annoyances.
- **9. Make work fun.** If you think your job is dull and boring, look for ways to make it interesting.
- **10. Accentuate the positive**. Concentrate on ways to use your strengths and abilities, and look for ways to improve your weaknesses



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CENTRAL ALBERTA RCMP CRIME REDUCTION UNIT ARREST MALE IN STOLEN VEHICLE RESULTING IN NUMEROUS CHARGES

Buck Creek, Alta. — On. Jan. 19, 2022, the Central Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (CAD CRU) was working in the Breton/Thorsby area on an unrelated investigation when investigators identified a stolen pickup truck, which had been stolen from a business in Warburg, AB the day prior, travelling in the Buck Lake area on Highway 22.

Road conditions were extremely poor, however with the assistance of the RCMP Helicopter, the suspect vehicle was monitored until it stopped at a business in Breton, Alta., where the driver identified as Logan Davis (26) of Breton, was arrested without incident by the members of CAD CRU, with assistance from the Thorsby/Breton RCMP.

As a result of the investigation, Davis has been charged with:

- Possess stolen property over \$5000
- Dangerous driving
- Possess weapon dangerous to public
- Unauthorized possession of ammunition
- Breach release order (x 5)
- Breach Probation (x1)

In addition to the new charges, Davis was arrested on three outstanding warrants.

After a judicial hearing Davis was remanded to custody and appeared in Breton Provincial Court on Jan. 26, 2022.

As these matters are now before the courts, no further details regarding the investigation can be released.

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The Bible Truth Page

Who is In Control?

I have heard it said that God is in control of everything and that He allows evil things to happen in the world. I could write a book about what the Bible says on the subject, but I will attempt to summarize it onto one short page. Back in the very beginning God gave man (mankind) dominion over the earth and everything in it. God instructed man to dress it and keep it. The earth was created for man and God turned it over to him. Adam even named all the animals. "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Modern English Version, Gen. 1:26). "The heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth He has given to the children of men" (Ps. 115:16). Man had complete dominion on earth. In reference to man, David said: "You (God) have given him (man) dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" (Ps. 8:6). Man was created in the image of God. The plan was for man to rule the earth as an extension of God Himself, in obedience to God. Unfortunately, Adam chose to disobey God and obey Satan instead, when he ate the forbidden fruit (Gen. Ch. 3). "Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves to obey, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16). When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they took on the nature of sin and death. "But from the fruit of the tree, which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You will not eat of it, nor will you touch it, or else you will die" (Gen. 3:3). "Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, so death has spread to all men, because all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12). In the act of committing sin and rebelling against God, man submitted to Satan, making Satan the ruler over man and earth. I will point out one more proof of the transfer of dominion to Satan. It is recorded in Luke that Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness. Here is one of those temptations: "The devil, taking Him up onto a high mountain, showed Him all the Kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this power and their glory, for it has been delivered to me. And I give it to whomever I will. If You, then, will worship me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve" (Luke 4:5-8). Jesus would not have been tempted if the devil was lying about having dominion over all the Kingdoms of the world. Now we can clearly see from scripture that the devil had control of the world. When we see evil in the world, we now know it is caused by "the god of this world." "The god of this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" (2 Cor. 4:4). God respects the authority system which He set up. He follows His own rules. Adam had the legal right to give control of the earth to the devil. However, God made a plan to defeat the devil, and that plan was fulfilled by the sinless sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus Christ. "And having disarmed authorities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them by the cross" (Col. 2:15). When we choose to make Jesus our Lord and obey Him, we are transferred from under the power of the devil into the Kingdom and authority of Jesus (Col. 1:13). With the authority of Jesus and Jesus working through us, we are commanded to make things right on earth. Through Christ, Satan is defeated and believers have been given power and authority over him. See Luke 10:19, Matt. 28:18-20, and Mark 16:15-18. God is not sitting around deciding what evil to allow and what evil to stop. He told us to stop it!!

Written by Tyler Untinen, Lifeteam Leader with John G. Lake Ministries. If you have any questions, comments, or would like prayer, email tbu.lifeteam@gmail.com

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ALBERTA RCMP STATEMENT REGARDING COUTTS BORDER ASSEMBLY

February 1, 2022, Coutts, Alta.—The Alberta RCMP continue to act to preserve the peace and maintain public safety at the Coutts border crossing.

What may have begun as a peaceful assembly quickly turned into an unlawful blockade. While the Alberta RCMP has been in a position to conduct enforcement, we have been engaged with protesters at the Coutts border crossing in an effort to find a peaceful and safe resolution for all involved. We thought we had a path to resolution, the protesters eventually chose not to comply.

As of this morning, further action is being taken by the Alberta RCMP as this blockade continues to impede the ability for emergency agencies to provide full services to area residents. It has also negatively impacted the flow of goods and services, and impedes the public's freedom of movement.

A Highway is considered essential infrastructure. It is unlawful to wilfully obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the construction, maintenance, use or operation of any essential infrastructure in a manner that renders the essential infrastructure dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective as per the Critical Infrastructure Defence Act of Alberta. Anyone who actively blocks a highway—or aids, counsels or directs a highway to be blocked—may be subject to arrest and charge under this act.

Person's participating in this blockade can also expect enforcement of any contraventions of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Traffic Safety Act and Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulations at this location and area roadways.

The Alberta RCMP uses necessary measures to protect the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, to promote the safety of all citizens, to enforce laws and to maintain peace and order. In turn, it must be recognized that while everyone has a right to peaceful freedom of expression; the general public, local residents and businesses also have the right to a safe environment and freedom of movement. This event is not a peaceful assembly.

Alberta RCMP would like to advise that commercial vehicles should contact Canada Border Services Agency for further information regarding border crossings.

February 2, 2022 UPDATE Coutts, Alta.—The Alberta RCMP continue to respond to the Coutts border crossing.

This afternoon, in response to concerned citizens in the area of Coutts, the participants in the blockade made the decision to open a lane going northbound and southbound on Highway 4 near the Coutts border. This allows for area residents to have freedom of movement, school bussing that was

impacted to be reinstated, emergency services to provide full services, border access and the flow of goods and services to resume.

The Alberta RCMP remain on scene and our efforts continue to be focused on fully reopening services.

Feb. 3, 2022 The Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police Joint Statement on Protests and Coutts Blockade

Edmonton — Over the past week, many Albertans have seen protests take place on their roads and in their communities. Some Albertans have participated in these protests, convoys and blockades. As these events have unfolded, all of Alberta's police services and Alberta Sheriffs, throughout the province, have worked together to ensure public safety has been balanced with the right to protest legally and peacefully.

The safety of all who are involved in any of the events that have taken place has been our first priority, and it will continue to be as we move forward. If necessary, we will take enforcement actions at events like these, responding accordingly to the risks to public safety they may present. Our services are working together, and sharing information and resources, just as we do each and every day. Albertans can feel assured that their respective police services and law enforcement agencies will maintain peace and security across this province - together



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Laurie's Laughs



I'm not sure what is more frightening, the car accident, grandma still in the car, or Grandpa's pants...



Pro Tip: Save business cards of people you don't like. If you ever hit a parked car accidently, just write "Sorry" on the back and leave it on the windshield.



The father of this little girl says he brought her a cat to forget about the phone, but this is what happened.



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2022 LEDUC COUNTY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Leduc County invites county residents to apply for the following positions by **4:30 p.m. on Feb. 22**. Mileage and an honorarium may be provided to committee/board members.

LEDUC COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Manages, regulates and controls municipal library services. The committee is comprised of six members of the New Sarepta library region and two Leduc County Council members. This is a voluntary position; no per diem or mileage is provided.

- Positions available: one
- Term: three years ending Dec. 31, 2024
- **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Mondays commencing at 6:30 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Acts in an advisory capacity to Council. The committee is comprised of six members of the community and two Leduc County Council members.

- Positions available: three (one each from Leduc, Thorsby and Warburg)
- Term: two years ending Dec. 31, 2023
- **Meeting frequency:** four times per year on Wednesdays commencing at 6:30 p.m.

EDMONTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (EIA) NOISE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Noise Advisory Committee is managed by the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority for the purpose of reviewing complaints related to aircraft noise. The committee is comprised of members from adjacent and nearby municipalities, Transport Canada, NAV Canada, airline representative(s) and Edmonton Airports.

- Position available: one
- Term: two years ending Dec. 31, 2023
- · Meeting frequency: as needed

If you are a Leduc County resident and have an interest in serving on any of these committees/boards, submit your resume via email or mail by

Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. to:

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