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FRAUDULENT BANK DRAFT USED IN WETASKIWIN

Media Relations RCMP Alberta, January 16, 2025

Wetaskiwin Alta.- On Jan. 6, 2025, RCMP are investigating a case of fraud after a fraudulent bank draft was used to purchase 2 Snowmobiles and a trailer, leaving the dealership out of pocket and deeply impacted.

The dealership was approached by the buyer with what appeared to be a legitimate bank draft. After the transaction was complete, the victim discovered that the bank draft was counterfeit, leaving them without their snowmobiles and payment.

This scam has raised concerns as to how realistic the bank draft appeared. RCMP are actively pursing leads to identify the perpetrators and recover the stolen snowmobiles.

Suspect is described as

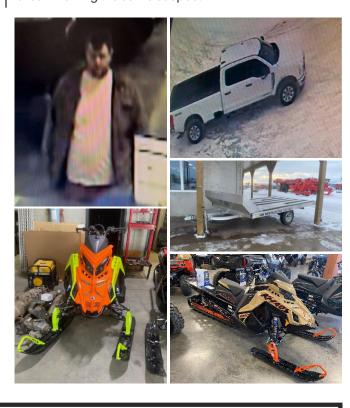
- Heavy set Caucasian male wearing a white shirt, dark jacket and blue jeans.
- · He was driving a white Ford pickup truck

Snowmobiles are described as follows:

· Polaris 850, black and tan coloured.

- · Polaris Patriot, orange in colour.
- Trailer is a grey Marlon 400-006AL trailer.

RCMP are aware of other similar cases in the Edmonton area involving the same suspect.





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Check out inside for information on how you can nominate someone who has shown you kindness in the Breton community...

Classifieds

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2008 DODGE 2500 SLT Diesel, grey, long box, matching topper, never seen winter, 75,000 original km, mint condition, 6.7 Automatic, 4wd, decent tires, \$40,000. Serious offers only. Contact Ron at 780-360-4369

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Classified Ads are \$5 for 2 weeks

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Connect 39 can be viewed online & in color at www.community39.com

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Tabs for tots collects the <u>"tab off beverage cans as well as other recyclable metals</u>. The collection is sold for scrap and the funds collected are allocated for helping local hospitals.



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Sudoku Answers from January 15 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.



10th Annual Predator Hunt on Saturday,

February 8, 2025

Registration 6:00 - 7:00am at Warburg Legion Hall Check-out Time is 5:30pm (No late check-ins, no exceptions.)

PRIZES 1st place winners, 2nd place team, 3rd place team. Heaviest coyote competition.

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Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16. Chili supper day of Hunt. Includes two tickets to the TFGA 57th Annual Banquet in April 5/2025 at Warburg Hall.

Participants must be a TFGA member.

Memberships are attainable with registration (\$45 per person or \$60/family.)

All prizes awarded at the Annual Banquet. Teams must be present to claim prizes.

All participants are responsible for getting their own permission to hunt on **PRIVATE LAND**.

Do not delay in registering, space is limited!!!

For more information please contact: Brent Lee (780) 898-5013 or Bruce (780) 621-2200



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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>January 24</u> - Music, Bible & Pizza on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm. NOTE NEW TIME

<u>January 24</u> - Ventriloquist Michael Harrison at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

<u>January 24</u> - Family Dodgeball Night at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. Kids vs. Parents from 5-7:30pm. Free. Family. Drop in.

<u>January 25</u> - **Newfoundland Kitchen Party** at the Warburg Legion at 6pm. \$30 per ticket (pre-sale). For tickets contact Deb at 780-848-2923

<u>January 27</u> - All things Ag - Rural Theft Prevention at the Breton Community Centre, 7:30-9pm, hosted by the Breton Ag Society. Everyone welcome. Questions? 780-542-0745

<u>January 29</u> - Thorsby Seniors Meeting. Potluck lunch at 12pm and meeting starts at 1pm

<u>February 2</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>February 5</u> - Managing Menopause class at the Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic from 6-8pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>February 6</u> - Slime Winter Workshop PD Day Camp at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex 10am - 2pm, ages 7+, Registration Required

<u>February 8 - 10th Annual Predator Hunt</u>. Registration 6-7am at the Warburg Legion. Check out 5:30pm. Chili Dinner. \$200 per 2 man team plus youth under 16. Participants must be TFGAMembers.

<u>February 9</u> - Pancake Breakfast at Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

<u>February 15</u> - Comedy Night with the Pepper & Dylan Show's Rob Pepper hosted by the Warburg playschool. Get your tickets at www.funnyfundraising.ca

February 17 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. \$8/plate, 5 & under free.

February 17 - Family Day Activities - more info to come

February 22 - Pigeon Lake Poker Rally at Ma Me O Beach starting at 10am. Pre Event Friday 21. Fun for the whole family.

Contact westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com for more info.

<u>February 22</u> - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

February 22 - Raise the Roof Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall featuring Krissy Stark & Weird Grampa. Cocktails @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6:30pm and Show @ 8pm. \$60/ticket text 780-777-8642 for tickets.

<u>February 23</u> - Canadian Country Music Legends at the Thorsby Community Centre hosted by Thorsby Playschool. Advance Tickets \$30 at the Rec Complex, Thorsby Hotel or call Brodi at 780-721-4296 or \$40 at the door.

<u>February 28</u> - Paint Night with MaryAnn at the Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

<u>March 2</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>March 15</u> - Ice Golf Tournament at Mulhurst Bay from 10:30am - 4pm with dinner and dance to follow. Go to <u>www.icegolf.ca</u> for more information. Registration Required.

Pick up your FREE "Community Connections" booklet

at the Breton Village Office, Brazeau County Office, CE Media Thorsby, Leduc County Office, Thorsby Town Office, Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex and the Warburg Village Office

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 4 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.
February 6 | ALUS PAC meeting | 9:00

February 11 | Municipal Planning Commission meeting | 10:00 a.m.

February 17 | Brazeau County Administration Building closed | Family Day

February 18 | Council Meeting | 9:00 a.m.

February 19 | Agricultural Service Board meeting | 1:00 p.m.

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Breton & Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change - Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.

MONDAYS

BUS TO DRAYTON VALLEY (Aquasize or Walmart) Must pre-register. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828 or Breton FCSS 780-696-3636 for more info.

CARDS & FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 1pm (\$3)

<u>DRAMA CLUB</u> at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. Email <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

TUESDAYS

STAY, PLAY & GROW - FREE Drop in for 0-6 years old from 10am -11:30am at the Breton Faith Covenant Church. Hosted by Brighter Futures. For more info 780-514-5070.

FLOOR CURLING at the Breton Golden Age Club at 12:30pm

YOGA WITH JUNE - Every Tuesday 10 to 11 am from January 7 to March 11 at the Breton Community Centre. \$2 drop in fee.

<u>FOOT WELLNESS</u> services the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in Breton. Contact Christa at 780-514-5640 or online <u>www.yourintrinsicelement.com/copy-of-services</u>

WEDNESDAYS

AA MEETING starting Jan 15, 2025. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Warburg Cultural Centre, 5120 51 Ave in Warburg

BRETON BOOK CLUB meets at the Breton Library the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm from September until June. All readers are welcome to join the conversation!

KNIT & KACKLE - knit and crochet items for non profits. No experience necessary. 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Breton Faith Covenant Church at 1pm. Gaylene 780-696-3597

TAI CHI at the Warburg Community Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11am, \$2.780-848-2841 or office@warburg.ca

THURSDAYS

<u>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</u> at the Breton Municipal Library on Thursdays from 11:15am - 11:45am

ADULT EXERCISE PROGRAM - Thursday mornings at the Breton Community Centre from 9-10am, Drop In \$2.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS at the Buck Lake Seniors Centre from 11am - 12pm. Drop in \$2. Call Erin at 780-352-3321 for more info.

TACO THURSDAYS at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12. from 3-6pm.

FRIDAYS

JAM DANCE & CARDS NIGHT at the Buck Creek Community Hall the first Friday of every month.

MUSIC, BIBLE & PIZZA on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm. NOTE TIME CHANGE

SATURDAYS

<u>CRIB</u> at the Breton Golden Age Club on Saturdays at 12:30pm. Contact Larry at 780-975-8755

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

<u>WELCOME TO BRETON</u> - We want to help newcomers feel welcome by giving you a package of promotional and informational items from local businesses and community organizations. We look forward to meeting you! Call or text: Diane - 780-514-4273

<u>MEMORIAL PLAQUE</u> - Anyone wanting to put their loved ones name on the memorial plaque at the Breton Cemetery can contact Diane with the Breton Royal Purple Elks at 780-514-4273 for more information.

<u>TABS FOR TOTS</u> - The Breton Elks collect the <u>tabs off beverage cans and other recyclable metals</u>. This is sold for scrap and the funds help local hospitals. To donate your tabs or other recyclable metals please call 780-696-3800

<u>BRETON YOUTH CENTRE</u> is volunteer run located at the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre downstairs from the Breton Library. All activities are FREE! All kids grade 6-12 are welcome. Contact them at <u>bretonyouthcenter@gmail.com</u>

<u>COMMUNITY CALENDARS</u> - FREE! Pick up at the Village of Breton Office or the Breton Municipal Library located in the Carolyn Strand Civic Centre at 4916 - 50 Avenue.

COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEETINGS (Breton & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

BRETON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Monthly meetings the 4th Monday at 7pm at the Breton Museum. Jan-June & Sept-Nov. 780-898-1155 or bretonmuse@yahoo.com

BRETON GOLDEN AGE CLUB - Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 11am (except July & August). Contact Pat at 780-696-6557 for more info.

BRETON ROYAL PURPLE ELKS NO. 285 - the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall (except July & August) 780-514-4273 or bretonrp285@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

BRETON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD - Meetings are typically the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm (except July & August) 780-696-3740 or bretonlibrary@yrl.ab.ca

BUCK CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Meetings at the hall the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm. 780-542-6604 or buckcreekhall@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

BRETON AG SOCIETY - Meets the second Thursday of every month (except July & August) at 7pm at the Community Centre. 780-202-0140 or bretonagsociety@gmail.com

BRETON ELKS 402 - at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday of the month (except July & August) at the Community Centre. 780-898-3557 or bretonelks402@gmail.com

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FCSS NEWS

from Deanne Young

780.696.3636

Wow sure glad the wind and cold didn't last long. If you are looking for activities to join or groups to help with, check out these community programs currently running:

"Yoga with June" Every Tuesday 10:00 to 11:00 am January 7 to March 11 - A Flow Yoga class for stability, strength, balance and relaxation. Pose sequences will be combined with Hatha Yoga core poses and restorative yoga poses. Instructed by June Knobel, Certified Yoga Teacher with Yoga Association of Alberta. \$2.00 drop-in fee. Come join us at the Breton Community Centre for rejuvenation, relaxation and fun!

The Adult Exercise Program is returning This class runs from 9:00 – 10:00 am on Thursday mornings. Equipment is provided. This class will focus on toning, balance, increased mobility, strength gains, and increased flexibility. Participants will be able to either do the exercise standing or sitting, which ever their ability will allow. This program is facilitated by Cassie Kreil a certified instructor. Participants will be asked to pay a small fee of \$2/class. Join today and start to get fit with friends. This is a drop-in group so you are welcome to start attending at any time throughout the year.

Busing to Aquacise or Walmart in Drayton Valley - Monday Mornings- Together with Warburg FCSS the bus will arrive in Breton at 9:15 to head to the Drayton Valley Gentle Aquacise class. Returning at 11:30. Purchase a 5 ride Bus pass for (\$36) or 10(\$72) bus pass from the Village of Breton office. Register with Shauna the Thursday prior to the Monday class to save your seat on the bus. If you register with the Active 55 program (at the pool) and live in Brazeau County (including the Village of Breton) there is no cost for the Aqua Size class. If you do not qualify for Active 55 the cost for the aquacise class is \$7.50 or a 10 card pass for \$67.50. We must have at least 8 riders to make a trip. The bus will also make a stop at Walmart for those that would like to shop for 1 hr.

Golden Age Club – Join older adults in the community for their monthly meeting. Held the first Monday of each month at 11:00 am. The Golden Age Club offers cards, floor curling and other activities for older adults in our community. For more information, please contact Pat at 780-696-6557. New members welcome.

Brighter Futures Stay, Play & Grow — Tuesday mornings — from 10:00 — 11:30. Hosted by Brighter Future's, held at Faith Covenant Church, 4712 — 53 Ave. Children 0 — 6 can burn off all that extra energy with physical activity. Drop in — Free. For more information 780-514-5070

Breton Youth Centre – A fun and safe place for youth Grades 6-12 to hang out, try new activities. Located in the Breton Civic Centre. Activates are advertised on social media. Volunteer run. Some activities have included Movie nights, Crafts, Taco Thursdays, Games, Music, Bible & Pizza Time, Drama Club. Everyone welcome.

<u>Just In Case</u> – Is a resource that you put together for those that may need when a loved one is unable to communicate with you or passes on. We have put together this binder for you to fill out, use and share with important people in your life. If you would like one of the binders, please contact us or come into the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue. We can also email you an electronic version for you to fill in and print.

<u>Save the Date for Family Day</u> – February 17, 2025 Planning is in the works. Pancake Breakfast, Balloon artist, facepainting, crafts and more great activities to be announced!

<u>Counselling Subsidies</u> –Breton and Area FCSS is pleased to offer Counselling Subsidies. A subsidy is available for individuals, couples and/or families who are struggling with common, everyday issues to access short-term preventative counselling services. The goal is to:

- Improve relationships with better communication and conflict resolution skills;
- Improve mood with anger management and emotional support;
- Enhance personal growth with creativity, spirituality, self-esteem, self-awareness, goal setting;
- Improve parenting skills by focusing on attachment;
- Reduce stress with life balance; and/or
- Learn new skills and behaviors

The cost of counselling can be a barrier for many individuals and families. This subsidy is available to those who do not have access to coverage through health benefits or employee benefits, such as an Employee Assistance Plan (EAP), and whose family income is less than \$75,000 per year. Fees are determined according to a sliding scale based on income and family size. Fees range from \$15 per session to \$50 per session. The maximum number of sessions available is seven for individuals and nine for couples or families.

Counselling services are provided through a partnership with Karunia Counselling from Leduc.

We know that in this current environment many may have additional stress and anxiety. We also know that transportation may be an added barrier. These sessions can be arranged to be in person in the Karunia offices in Leduc, over the phone in your own safe environment or virtually on your computer.

Breton FCSS Continued...

To apply for the subsidy services, application forms are available through the Breton FCSS Office at 4916 50th Avenue or by contacting them at fcss@breton.ca or calling 780-696-3636.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Breton and Area FCSS will be doing the intake of the applications. Counselling services are provided by Karunia Counselling by Registered Psychologists, Registered Provisional Psychologists, Canadian Certified Counsellors and Masters or PhD level student interns under the supervision of a qualified psychologist. All applications will be kept in strict confidence.

Kindness Project 2025

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An act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. You can show kindness in everyday life; from picking up the phone to say hello, to dropping round a baked loaf, to offering to pick something up for someone, to raking their yard. It could even be as simple as saying hi to someone in the street or taking the time to stop with someone who might need to see a friendly face.

Throughout 2025 we are asking you to let us know who has shown you Acts of Kindness. There are a couple of ways you can share with us:

- Send an email to <u>fcss@breton.ca</u>. Include the Act of Kindness, whom it was done by and their contact information along with your name and contact information.
- Drop by the Village office or the Breton Municipal Library and complete a form

Once a month we will select random entries to be awarded gift certificates to local businesses for their gestures.

Please feel welcome to contact us at fcss@breton.ca or 780-696-3636.

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- · Send an email to fcss@breton Include the Act of Kindness, whom it was done by and their contact information along with your name and contact information.
- \cdot Drop by the Village office or the Breton Municipal Library and complete a form.

We will randomly draw for prizes each month



BRAZEAU COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January 13, Regular Council Meeting

2024 Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) Program

Council directed administration to submit an application under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) program in the amount of \$50,309.31 to recover the school requisition portion of unpaid taxes.

The municipality must remit the school requisition amount owed to the province, even if taxes are not paid.

Support for Transportation Services

Council directed administration to proceed with supporting DRAKE's Handi Bus in the amount of \$2,000. The organization provides transportation services to seniors and residents with mobility challenges in the region.

Elections Open House

Council directed administration to jointly plan an open house with Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County Councils for public engagement focused on 2025 municipal elections.

Charity Golf Tournament

Council directed administration to jointly plan an inaugural charity golf tournament with the Town of Drayton Valley. The

tournament will be selffunded.

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VENTRILOQUIST MICHAEL HARRISON PREVIEW EPAC January 24

Submitted by Russell Hickman

I feel like a dummy! Ventriloquist Michael Harrison is generous. The interview is going well. His seven weeks 'on the road' performing VENTASTIC! on Princess cruise ships in the South Pacific was nice. The "sailing and flying" between Australia and New Zealand was routine. As I spill his words onto a page for you to read, noticing my frozen thermometer, I wonder, "who's the dummy here? Harrison kindly uses the word puppet.

From the outside looking in, Harrison's successful entertainer lifestyle looks glamorous. "It is!," he laughs, "It certainly has upsides. Many more upsides than downsides. I have a good balance between work life and home life. It's the secret I think in this business and during the hard work of starting a career, too."

We all know the wooden headed puppets don't speak. I asked Harrison how ventriloquism works with of an audience. "I don't know for sure," he started, "but I watch other ventriloquists and see it works the same way. There's a moment the audiences looks at the ventriloquist and sees that their lips aren't moving. There's nothing to look at, so they focus back on the puppet. That's the trap! Now there are two personalities on stage and you go back and forth, just like it was two humans!" He added: "You suspend your disbelief for moment and away we go, merrily down the road!"

I asked him how he got his start. "I had no friends!" he confided. "We all feel that way sometimes and then I got a magic kit for my 10th birthday. I really loved it. I learned how to ride a unicycle and juggle. I took mime courses and bought a book on ventriloquism, which I really loved. The others fell by the way side and I've done ventriloquism ever since. As a kid, it was just a fun hobby and I could make my friends laugh and then I started doing kid's birthday parties. You make a little bit of money; five dollars for a half hour birthday party show. And you know, at 15, that's the good life! I was kind of a shy kid so performing helped me get over my shyness. I had a tool, you know, that I could use and sort of deflect the attention off me and onto my puppets."

Then he spoke from the heart. "I highly recommended it for any parents who have shy, slightly introverted kids. It's a great tool that helps kids get over their shyness. They're able to speak through a puppet but still be in control."

Harrison had two turning points in his career. The first

was the realization that he could do ventriloquism for a living. And the second was his first cruise ship contract. When it finished he was booked back. He recalls that his agent's phone rang: "We like what you do. Can you be on a flight at Miami on Saturday. We've got work for you." "Me: Let me check my calendar. Yes, I can think I can squeeze it in! I still work for that agent all these years while booking cruise ships around the world." Since then he's performed with The Muppets, Boyz to Men and Kelly Clarkson. He's headlined on the world's most luxurious cruise line and resorts.

Michael Harrison is performing at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre on January 24. I asked what the audience could expect. "My show is fun for all ages. It's not a kiddie show. It's not an adult show. It's just a good family show for all ages. There's jokes in it for everybody. I often say my show is like a Disney movie where there's humour and fun for kids, but there's also jokes that go above and beyond the kids for the adults. Very G-rated, though. Everyone can enjoy it, you don't have to worry about going and feeling you're going to be bored. I like to say I will win you over and you'll become a fan of ventriloquism by the end of the show!"

Michael Harrison is performing his one-man, laugh out loud romp VENTASTIC! Reimagining the Art of Ventriloquism at EPAC on January 24, 2025. Tickets at <u>Ticketpro.ca</u> and Value Drug.



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AGAIN?! ALBERTA'S TOP BABY NAMES HOLD THEIR CROWN

Alberta News, January 20, 2025

For the sixth consecutive year, Olivia and Noah clinch the top baby name spots.

With the release of Alberta's 2024 list of baby names, Olivia and Noah take the crown for another year. Olivia has held the top spot for 12 consecutive years. The next longest reigning name was Ethan, at nine consecutive years between 2001 and 2009, followed by Liam, with seven years from 2010 to 2016. 2024 marks Noah's sixth year in a row in the top spot for boys.

Charlotte, Amelia, Sophia, Emma and Ava were among the top five most popular names for baby girls, while Oliver, Liam, Theodore and Henry rounded out the top five choices for baby boys.

"Congratulations to all those who welcomed a child in 2024 and Albertans who took part in the contest to guess the winning names – you continue to make this event my favourite time of year." Dale Nally, Minister for Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

This year's list of baby names showcases Albertans' deep respect for their strong cultural roots. It was clear that some parents were inspired by the natural beauty of our province and the virtues that make Alberta stand out – names like Cedar, Hope, and Prairie. Some parents seemed to take notes from mother nature and found inspiration from animals in names like Bear, Fox, Jaguar and Sora, while others looked to the night sky, choosing names such as Celestial, Cassiopeia, Andromeda and Orion.

Among the new arrivals are names that express joy and aspiration, like Serenity, Hope, Heavenly, Blessing, and Bliss, while others are practically meant to sparkle on the Stampede big screen, like Rowdy, Shooter, and Stryder.

"As we celebrate the new arrivals in 2024, let's also celebrate the families who have chosen to build their futures in Alberta. By prioritizing policies that strengthen families, protect traditional values, and celebrate our shared heritage, we can ensure that Alberta remains the best place to raise a family for generations to come." Dale Nally, Minister for Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Quick facts

 More than 50,000 births were registered in Alberta in 2024.

- Notable changes to the list:
 - Levi made its way back to the top ten list for the first time since 2020, coming in at number nine.
 - Ethan also returned to the top 10 list for boys after a short break in 2022 and 2023.
 - Harper is back on the top ten list for girls after a brief hiatus in 2023.
 - Sophie has cracked the top 10 list for the first time since 2011.
 - Newcomer Ellie shakes up the top 10 list for girls for the first time.
- Historically, girls' names that held the No. 1 spot for the longest consecutive time period include:
 - Olivia: 12 years (2013-2024)
 - Jessica: six years (1990-1995)
 - Emily: five years (1998-2002)
- Historically, boys' names that held the No. 1 spot for the longest consecutive time period include:
 - Ethan: nine years (2001-2009)
 - Liam: seven years (2010-2016)
 - Noah: six years (2019-2024)
 - Matthew: five years (1995-1999)
- Parents have up to one year to register their child's birth. As a result, the list of 2024 baby names and birth statistics may change slightly.





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Alberta News, January 16, 2025

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The Order is the province's highest honour and recognizes citizens who have made a significant and lasting contribution to their communities. Members include Olympians, scientists, volunteers, leaders in business, and artists. 220 Albertans have been invested into the Alberta Order of Excellence since it was established in 1979.

Nominations are accepted year-round, but must be received by Feb. 15 to be considered for investiture this year.

Nominees must be Canadians citizens currently residing in Alberta and, if selected, must be able to attend the investiture ceremony. People cannot nominate themselves, their spouse or a member of their immediate family.

Information about the Order, including nomination guidelines, nomination forms and biographies of previous inductees is available on the Alberta Order of Excellence website www.alberta.ca/the-alberta-order-of-excellence





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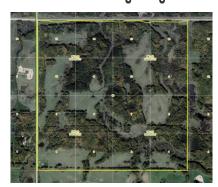
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