

ALBERTA ASKS FOR REALISTIC IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Alberta News, July 22, 2025

Minister of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration issued the following statement on Ottawa's decision to invite 10,000 parent and grandparent sponsorship applications.

"Alberta's government is deeply concerned by the federal government's recent decision to invite 10,000 new applications to sponsor parents and grandparents of newcomers at a time when provinces are already struggling to meet the demands placed on health care, education, housing and social services due to Ottawa's reckless immigration policies.

"Under the federal Liberal government, Canada's immigration levels have ballooned – almost two million newcomers entered Canada last year alone – without any regard for the provinces that are tasked with delivering frontline services. This latest move will only serve to further increase the unsustainable pressures on our hospitals, schools and housing markets.

"Alberta has a long history of welcoming newcomers who contribute to our communities and economy. While we respect the importance of family reunification, inviting large numbers of parents and grandparents into the country without proper coordination with provinces places disproportionate strain on already busy health systems. This creates serious concerns for both Albertans and the newcomers themselves, who may not receive timely care if our system is overwhelmed.

"Immigration must be sustainable and aligned with provincial capacity and priorities. The federal government cannot continue to make unilateral decisions that ignore the realities on the ground.

"We are once again calling on Ottawa to respect its partnerships with provinces and territories, reduce total immigration to under 500,000 annually, and to give provinces more say in how immigration targets are set. Our systems need time to catch up before more pressure is added."

SELLING THE FAMILY FARM

Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association, July 18, 2025

More than half of Alberta's farmers are over 55, and many plan to sell within the next few years. Selling a farm means dealing with more money at once than most of us ever handle in our lives. While the majority of buyers you will deal with are honest, there are people looking to take advantage. So, if you're selling or someone you know is planning to list their farm, here are some insights.

- Promises of returns that sound too good to be true
- · Pushing you to decide quickly
- No paperwork or clear explanations about fees
- Can't explain their investment strategy
- Claims of a "special" opportunity just for select people like you

Before committing to anything, consult with someone else in the financial world. Run it by your accountant or lawyer to get their insights. Bring a family member or trusted neighbour to meetings; a second set of ears helps.

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atch.ab.ca/news/
articles/farmsale-scammers
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information.



PLEASE NOTE: NEWSPAPER OFFICE CLOSURE

CE Media / Community 39 will be closed for the week of August 4-8, 2025.

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<u>NO CONNECT 39</u> on August 8

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Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

July 21 Crib scores:

1st Place Tie: Marie Gutenberg and Marion Snider - 936 3rd Place: Brenda Lickoch - 931

High Hand of 20: Cathy Dahl and Brenda Lickoch

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

Next crib event:

Monday, July 28 at 1:00 pm

Thorsby Seniors Center / Admission \$7.00

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Sudoku Answers from July 18 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.



PART-TIME BUS DRIVER

Cloverleaf Manor - Warburg AB

ROLE

Reporting to the Assistant Lodge Manager (Cloverleaf Manor), the Bus Driver is responsible for delivering a high standard for picking up and dropping off passengers at designated locations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Required licence to operate a school bus (Class 4)
- 2. Ability to load and unload cargo of varying weight
- 3. Excellent driving skills with a clean record
- 4. Knowledge of safety regulations
- 5. Ability to use a GPS, navigation skills
- 6. Good problem-solving skills, being able to remain calm in emergency situations.
- 7. Outstanding communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
- Strong customer service skills including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
- 9. Ability to perform work duties with a minimum of supervision.
- 10. Ability to work independently, as well as a
- 11. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
- 12. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors.

All employees will be required to have a preemployment fit to work assessment, a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2025-CL-20 to:

Human Resources

5118 – 50 Avenue, Leduc, Alberta, T9E 6V4 Fax: 780.986.4881 or E-mail: hr@leducregionalhousing.ca

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Night Housekeeper – Part Time

Cloverleaf Manor - Warburg AB

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is seeking an enthusiastic and motivated individual for a Part-time Night Housekeeper position (45 hours/bi-weekly). Reporting to the Assistant Lodge Manager, the Night Housekeeper will perform night supervision, housekeeping assignments and security checks to ensure the well-being of the residents and support the Night Kitchen Aide position with minimum supervision. As a member of the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation team, the Night Housekeeper ensures that a high standard of services is provided to the residents.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Housekeeping experience in institution/hospitality industries.
- Formal education in housekeeping would be beneficial.
- 3. W.H.M.I.S. Training.
- 4. Strong English communication skills, both written and verbal is required.
- Strong customer service skill including the ability to interact with everyone in a respectful manner.
- Ability to perform work duties with a minimum of supervision.
- 7. Ability to work independently, as well as a team.
- 8. Ability to work a flexible schedule (evenings and weekends).
- 9. Standard First Aid Certificate.
- Satisfactory Criminal Records Check including Vulnerable Sector Check.
- 11. Experience working with and meeting the needs of seniors

All employees will be required to have a preemployment fit to work assessment, a clear criminal record with vulnerable sector check.

Please send your resume quoting job posting number 2025-CL-19 to:

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(Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

<u>July & August Summer Programs</u> - Contact your local FCSS, Library or Recreation Complex for more information.

<u>July 26 & 27</u> - Pigeon Lake Medieval Madness 2025 at Lakedell Agricultural Centre. Saturday 9 - 5 & Sunday 10 -5. Artisan Market, Forging in Fire, Jousting Tournament, costume contests & more. alwaysamadaya@gmail.com for info.

<u>July 27 - Pancake Breakfast at Sandholm Hall</u> (corner 616X and Hwy 778) from 8am to 11am. EVERYONE WELCOME! For information call 780-389-2381

<u>July 27</u> - Church in the Park at Warburg Community Park Gazebo at 1pm. Music, Hotdogs, freezies & fellowship. Bring Lawnchairs. Everyone Welcome.

<u>July 31</u> - Golden Spur Gymkhana Club Finals. Gates open at 3:30. Event starts at 5:30. Check out their FB page @Golden Spur Gymkhana Club for more info.

<u>July 31</u> - Early Bird Deadline to register for West 39 Bucks Hockey 2025-2026 Season (Warburg, Thorsby, Calmar). Registration link: <u>www.go.teamsnap.com/forms/484421</u>

<u>August 2</u> - Mulhurst Daze. Parade 10am, Car Show, Beer Gardens, Concession, Bouncy Castles at the Community League 11am-5pm, Farmer's Market 11am-3pm

<u>August 2</u> - Loonie Toonie Movie Night at the Thorsby Lions Campground. Outdoor movie starts approx 9:45pm. Bring your lawnchair or blanket. \$2

<u>August 3</u> - Mulhurst Daze Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Mulhurst Legion. 8 - 11 am at the Mulhurst Community Hall.

August 8 to 11 - Winfield Ugetuk Days hosted by the Winfield Ag Society. Bull Bash, Pancake Breakfast, Parade, Family zone, market, supper and more. www.winfieldagsociety.com

<u>August 9</u> - Winfield Legion will be selling Hamburgers and refreshments for lunch starting at 11am. Cash Raffle Draw for \$2500 will be drawn at 1pm. Come watch the parade with us

<u>August 9</u> - Community Garage & Bake Sale at the Warburg Alliance Church (4628 - 55 Avenue) from 9-5. Call Dave at 780-298-2744 to reserve a table.

<u>August 15 to 17</u> - Calmar Days. Movie night, pancake breakfast, parade, petting zoo, fitset ninja, caricatures, food trucks, fireworks and more.

<u>August 17</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>August 21</u> - Fireside Finds Market at the Thorsby Lions Campground from 4-7pm

<u>August 23</u> - Buckin' at the Brook - Bull Riding, live music, food trucks and more at Sunnybrook. Gates open at 4pm. Tickets available www.showpass.com/buckin-at-the-brook-2/

<u>August 23</u> - Annual Car/Truck Show in Thorsby presented by Wilde Mechanical (4813 - 50 Avenue). Mega Trucks, Car Crushing, Tug-a-war and more. 10am - 5pm.

<u>August 24</u> - Pancake Breakfast at Sandholm Hall (corner 616X and Hwy 778) from 8am to 11am. EVERYONE WELCOME! For information call 780-389-2381

<u>August 28</u> - Pop Up Market - Warburg Community Park from 4-8pm. Vendors contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828.

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Mulhurst Daze August 2

Kiddies' Bike Participants

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Parade - 10 AM

Parade participants are to meet by the Legion area for staging at 9 AM



Car Show **Beer Gardens** Concession

11 - 5

Farmer's Market 11-3 **Bouncy Castle 11 - 4**







Warburg, Alberta 200/270 Phone: (780) \$18-284... FAX: (780) 848-2296 of Tex Westlangers

PUBLIC HEARING

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Further information is assorbed and he Village Office

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PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS

(Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart) Must preregister. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828

Crib at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:00pm

Mom Group (Warburg) on Monday mornings from 9:30am -11am in the Village of Warburg office basement.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Mondays at 9am, Thorsby Seniors Centre. Jane 780-789-3789 or Cheryl 780-848-7673

TUESDAYS

Family Bingo - Tuesday nights at the Mulhurst Legion Hall. Games start at 6:30 pm

Music Jam Session on 4th Tuesday of the month at the Calmar Seniors Centre 1-4pm. 4916 - 50 Ave

Drop-In Pickleball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9am - Noon in the Fieldhouse (\$3)

Pickup Basketball (16+) on Tuesday at 7pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. (\$5)

Quilting at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays from 9:30am-2pm. \$2. Contact Nancy 780-848-7756

Seniors Bowling - Tuesdays at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex at Noon - 4pm (\$5)

Seniors Coffee & Craft every third Tuesday at the Thorsby Seniors Centre from 1-3pm. Open to all seniors.

WEDNESDAYS

Busy Brushes on Wednesdays from 10 - 2pm at the Warburg Cultural Center. \$5/class. Call Linda 587-590-0378.

Bus Trips from the Warburg Cloverleaf Manor - 2nd Wednesday of the mth - Walmart. Last Wednesday of the mth -Doctors/Appointments.(\$8). Call 780-848-7717 for more info.

Cards at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday (\$2)

English Language Conversation Circle every Wednesday at 6pm at the Thorsby Municipal Library.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Thorsby Seniors Centre starting at 11:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the mth except December.

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop is Open Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm at the Warburg Community United Church.

THURSDAYS

Bingo at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday at 7pm.

Floor Curling at the Warburg Pioneer Centre at 1pm on Thursdays (\$2).

Drop-In Pickleball at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9am - Noon in the Fieldhouse. (\$3)

Sew Heavenly Quilters meet at 10am on Thursdays at the Warburg Cultural Centre. (\$10).

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

FRIDAYS

Community Socials are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion #246 at 7pm.

Fun with Friends Story time at the Thorsby Municipal Library

every Friday from 10:30am - 11:30am. Age 0-5 with caregiver

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SATURDAYS

Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065.

Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the first & third Saturday of every month. Or arrange a tour through Susie 780-848-2507 or Joan 780-621-7174

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SUNDAYS

Gospel Music Jam at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2 - 4pm. Call 780-789-4171. Will resume the first Sunday of October.

*PLEASE NOTE: All events are subject to change particularly over the summer months. Please email us at media@community39.com or call 780-434-7446 to add an event or if we have incorrect information.

COMMUNITYINFORMATION

Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN) Building **Drop-In Hours:** Located in the modular beside the Arctic Spas Recreation Complex. Open Tuesdays from 2pm - 8pm and Thursdays from 9am - 4pm.

Drive happiness is a non-profit organization that provides assisted transportation services to older adults through the help of volunteer drivers. We have riders in Calmar, Devon, Leduc. Leduc County, Thorsby & Warburg and need drivers.

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Kaley Stewart Ben Kipper

1994-2025

1994-2025

Ben & Kaley were devoted parents to their two children, whose lives they filled with unconditional love, laughter and endless adventures. Their bond was one of deep commitment, shared dreams and endless love for their family, friends and community.

Kaley had a deep love and unwavering compassion for animals. As dedicated supporters of pet rescue organizations, they often opened their hearts and homes to animals in need.

Ben was known for having a passion that roared through engines and echoed on open roads. They brought laughter, warmth and strength to all that knew them.

They are survived by their two children along with Ben's Parents: Daniel & Grace Kipper, Brother Matt Kipper and Sister Jackie Paas (Greg). Kaley's Parents Ryan Stewart (Anna) & Audrey McDonald (Allan), Siblings: Cody Stewart (Erin), Sarah Ryland (Tony), Candyce Baines (Blaine), Cameron McCorkindale along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles and friends.

Celebration of Life will be held on July 27 at the Calmar Royal Canadian Legion at 1:00 pm.

Please stay and join us for lunch as we continue to share memories after the service.

There will also be a Celebration of Life in Chilliwack, B.C. for Ben and Kaley later in August.

Condolences: www.serenity.ca

Serenity Funeral Service, Leduc (780) 980-3688



Everett Joseph Hoffarth 1936 - 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Everett Joseph Hoffarth, age 89 on July 12, 2025 at Youville in St. Albert, Alberta.

Left to cherish his memory is the love of his life of 59 years, Theresa; daughters, Gloria (Darren) and Dorothy (Omer); sons, Leo (Deana) and Larry (Mickey); as well as his grandchildren: Emmet, Ryan, Justin, Nolan, and Monique. He also leaves behind siblings: Pat, Doreen (Bill), Ken (Darlene), Mel (Margaret), and Bernard (Lynn), as well as numerous extended family and friends.

Everett was predeceased by his brother, Alf Hoffarth; his parents, Leo and Gertrude (Gertie) Hoffarth; and brother-in-law: Ted Harbidge.

Everett was born March 30,1936 on a farmstead near Simme, Saskatchewan with his six siblings and it was there that his love of farming would be imprinted on him for life. However, he made welding his career and it soon became his passion. From his humble beginnings welding provided a good living for his family and allowed him to express his creativity through design and the creation of tools and equipment. He was a devout Catholic who became a member of the Knights of Columbus at the young age of 18. Spending time with family and friends brought him great joy and they were always a priority in his life. He enjoyed volunteering on committees and giving back to the community.

A Prayer Service was held on Monday July 21,2025 & a Funeral Mass was held July 22, 2025 in St. Michael Catholic Church, Leduc, AB

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Everett's memory to:

Newman Theological College (<u>www.newman.edu</u>)

Saint Vincent de Paul, www.ssvpedmonton.ca (<u>www.ssvpedmonton.ca</u>)

Catholic Social Services "Sign of Hope" (<u>www.canadahelps.org</u>)

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for their continued support.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hainstock & Son Funeral Chapel.

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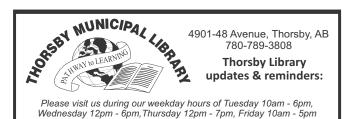
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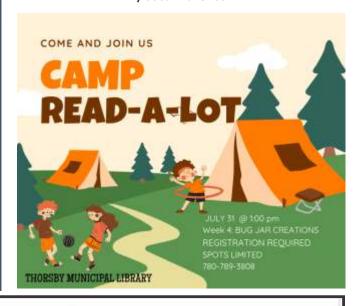
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ALBERTA'S HERITAGE FUND REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

Alberta News, July 18, 2025

Alberta's savings trust fund jumps by \$2.8 billion, hitting a record high of \$30 billion.

Alberta is growing the Heritage Fund for what matters most – saving for the future to ensure a strong health care system, quality education and the lowest tax environment in Canada. By investing in the Heritage Fund, by 2050 Alberta will be on the path to energize its economy, create new opportunities and fund projects that make life better for all Albertans.

This \$2.8-billion contribution marks a new record for the fund and keeps the province on track to reach its goal of \$250 billion by 2050. The goal is to grow the fund to the point where, after 2050, Alberta would be able to withdraw some of the income the fund earns each year while still allowing it to grow over time. Those withdrawals could help cover fluctuations in resource revenue, invest in important infrastructure and keep taxes low.

"Alberta is turning resource strength into lasting financial security. By growing the Heritage Fund, we're strengthening core services like health care and education, while preserving the low-tax Alberta advantage. This \$2.8-billion boost to the Heritage Fund is a bold step that sets the province on the path to success and puts Albertans first." Danielle Smith, Premier

"This investment is a key step in securing a prosperous future with stable revenues and competitive taxes for Albertans today and tomorrow." Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Alberta's government recently launched their plan, Renewing the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: A Roadmap to Securing Alberta's Future. This plan outlines how Alberta will grow the Heritage Fund to \$250 billion by 2050 through strategic investments, global partnerships and strong governance, securing long-term economic growth and stability. These strategic investments will eventually fund the public services and infrastructure vital to supporting the growing province.

Central to the plan is the leadership of the Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation. The updated corporation will modernize the fund's management and help Alberta access global investment opportunities to create meaningful wealth and future prosperity. Led by board chair Joe Lougheed, the corporation will strengthen the governance of Heritage Fund assets and support investment decisions independent from government.

This historic boost to Alberta's Heritage Fund isn't just about the numbers – it's about building a future where

families thrive, communities grow and Alberta stays strong no matter what comes next.

Quick facts:

- Alberta's government invested \$2.8 billion from the 2024-25 surplus cash in the Heritage Fund, growing the fund to \$30 billion from \$27.2 billion in 2024-25.
 - This is up from \$22.9 billion in 2023-24, the previous fiscal year.
- Alberta's goal is to grow the fund to \$250 billion by 2050.
 - Once \$250 billion is reached, interest from the fund will help stabilize resource revenue, invest in infrastructure and keep taxes low.
- Since 2019-20, the Heritage Fund has grown more than 84 per cent:
 - from \$16.3 billion to \$30 billion.
- Since 2022-23, the Heritage Fund has grown more than 41.5 per cent:
 - from \$21.2 billion to \$30 billion.
- The board of the Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation brings together the skills and expertise of Alberta and international leaders in investment management to set Alberta up for long-term success. The current members are:
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Submitted by Gail O'Neil

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For more information or a job bid package sent to you, call 780-848-2391 or email warburglibrary@yrl.ab.ca and staff will email a package to you.

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PUBLIC SPENDING AND PROGRAM RESULTS

Alberta News, July 17, 2025

Alberta Auditor General Calls For Improved Reporting On Public Spending And Program Results

Auditor General Doug Wylie released four reports to the Members of the Legislative Assembly today, reporting on how well government programs are achieving their intended outcomes.

"Albertans deserve to know whether the programs and services funded by their tax dollars are delivering results and at what cost," said Auditor General Doug Wylie. "Our work highlights the need for stronger accountability and clearer performance reporting. Without it, Albertans won't know how or if results are being achieved."

The reports include:

- Child Care Subsidy and Grants Program—Education and Childcare (new performance audit)
- Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant Program—Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration (assessment of implementation)
- Systems to Deliver Child and Family Services to Indigenous Children in Alberta—Children and Family Services (assessment of implementation)
- Public Agency Board Member Recruitment and Selection—Public Service Commission (assessment of implementation)

Child Care Subsidy and Grants Program Performance Audit

Auditor General Doug Wylie has released a performance audit of Alberta's Child Care Subsidy and Grants Program, reporting on how over \$1.1 billion in public funding was managed in 2023–2024 to support families and early childhood educators. The program is aimed at making child care more affordable for Alberta families while also supporting the recruitment, retention, and professional development of qualified early childhood educators.

When we started our audit, the program was managed by the Department of Child and Family Services; then it was moved to the Department of Jobs, Economy and Trade in 2024; and now it is managed by the Department of Education and Childcare.

We found that processes existed to verify operator claims, monitor the use of funds, and report on the performance of the child care program; however, not all processes were effective, and improvements are needed to ensure funding achieves intended outcomes.

The department:

- did not consistently ensure claims from operators were supported and only included eligible child care and educator hours
- did not consistently ensure operators passed on funding from the subsidies and grants to reduce parent fees and pay educators

"There is a risk of overpayment by the department and a risk that parents are overpaying for child care and educators are being under compensated," said Auditor General Doug Wylie. "Albertans should have confidence that these funds are achieving the program's purpose—to reduce child care costs for families and support educators."

The Auditor General made two recommendations to the Department of Education and Childcare to improve processes to verify the accuracy of child care operator claims and verify child care operators use program funding as required.

Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant Program Assessment of Implementation

In June 2020, the Alberta government announced the Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant (SMERG) program. SMERG provided financial assistance to Alberta organizations (businesses, cooperatives, and non-profit entities) that faced restrictions or closures from public health orders and lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Auditor General examined the design, delivery, monitoring and reporting on the SMERG program in 2022 and recommended that the Department of Jobs, Economy, Trade and Immigration verify the eligibility of approved recipients.

"The department has implemented our recommendation to verify the eligibility of approved recipients," said Auditor General Doug Wylie. "Through this verification process, it was identified that ineligible payments were made and more were projected to have been made based on the department's estimates."

Based on its post-payment verification of selected recipients, the department determined that some organizations could not support their eligibility for the payments they received. It estimated that between \$52.5 million and \$105 million in ineligible program payments may have been made. The Auditor General estimated the total could be as high as \$158 million.

"Program effectiveness should not only be measured by getting money out the door quickly, but also by whether the program achieves its intended results," said Wylie.

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Alberta News, July 17, 2025

Systems to Deliver Child and Family Services to Indigenous Children in Alberta Assessment of Implementation

In 2016, the Auditor General examined whether the Department of Children and Family Services had adequate systems to deliver child and family services to Indigenous children in Alberta as they make up approximately 70 per cent of children receiving intervention services from the department. The findings resulted in three recommendations.

Two of these three recommendations have been implemented. Specifically, the department has implemented processes to ensure a child-centered approach and to strengthen intercultural understanding.

One recommendation has been repeated: Enhance early support services—Improve reporting on effectiveness of early support services.

While the department has made progress in designing culturally informed services and frameworks, it has not yet implemented consistent, outcome-based performance reporting to demonstrate whether these services are achieving intended results.

"Early support services and prevention programs are critical in reducing the need for child intervention services and for enhancing child, youth, and family resiliency," said Auditor General Doug Wylie. "Without clear performance reporting, it is difficult to assess whether these services are making a measurable difference."

Public Agency Board Member Recruitment and Selection Assessment of Implementation

In 2019, the Auditor General looked at whether the Government of Alberta's recruitment, screening, selection, and appointment processes, as described in the Guidebook for Appointments to Alberta's Public Agencies, have been implemented and are operating effectively. The findings resulted in four recommendations. In 2023, we reported on three recommendations. We found two recommendations had been implemented and a change in circumstance in another.

The Public Agency Secretariat completed a major system upgrade of its Public Agency Database that includes enhancements to data and reporting functionality.

"We now report that the remaining recommendation has

been implemented on board member recruitment and selection. By improving information systems to monitor process outcomes, the secretariat can now more effectively identify current and upcoming vacancies and prioritize appointments based on risk," said Auditor General Doug Wylie.

This improvement is important because public agencies play a vital role in delivering services and administering public funds across Alberta. Monitoring vacancies and timely recruitment ensures experienced and skilled individuals govern Alberta's public agencies, boards, and commissions supporting the efficient and effective delivery of public programs and services.

All reports are available at www.oag.ab.ca.

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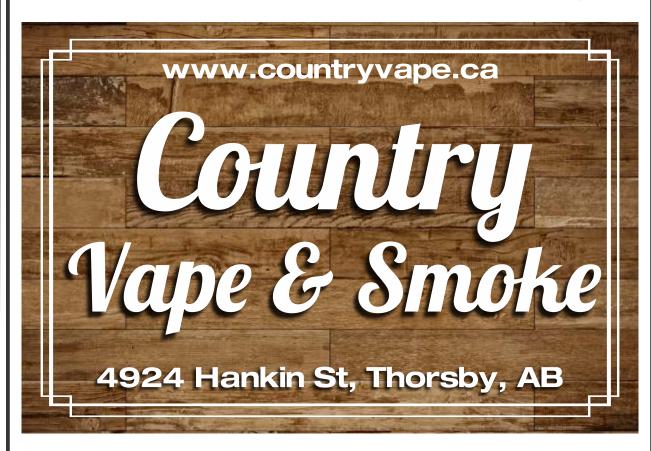
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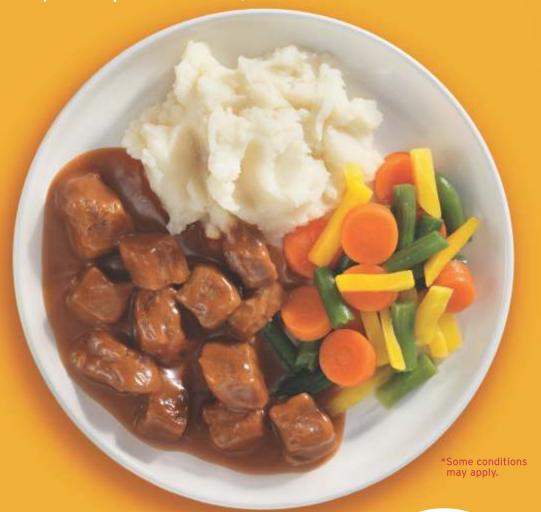
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Alberta Health Services News, July 16, 2025

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) advisory issued for Pigeon Lake

 CENTRAL ZONE – Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) has been identified in the waters of Pigeon Lake, located between Leduc County and the County of Wetaskiwin.

Visitors to this lake are advised to take the following precautions:

- Avoid all contact with cyanobacterial blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- Do not swim or wade or allow your pets to swim or wade in any areas where cyanobacteria is visible.
- **Do not** feed whole fish or fish trimmings from this lake to your pets.
- Consider limiting human consumption of whole fish and fish trimmings from this lake, as it is known that fish may store toxins in their liver. (People can safely consume fish fillets from this lake).

As always, visitors and residents are reminded to never drink or cook with untreated water directly from any recreational body of water, including Pigeon Lake, at any time. Boiling of this water will not remove the toxins produced by cyanobacteria. An alternate source of drinking water should also be provided for pets and livestock while this advisory is active.

Cyanobacteria is naturally occurring and often becomes visible when weather conditions are calm. Appearing like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface of water, cyanobacteria can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown and/or pinkish-red, and often smell musty or grassy.

People who come in contact with visible cyanobacteria or who ingest water containing cyanobacteria may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms. Exposure to the bacteria may be fatal to pets.

Weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another. As such, this advisory will remain in effect for Pigeon Lake until further notice.

Please note waters of Pigeon Lake in which the cyanobacterial bloom is NOT visible can still be used for recreational purposes, even while this Health Advisory is in place.

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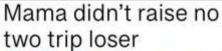
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DEVON - \$399,000 - 1457sq/ft ho large 38'x40' detached garage on a mature double lot.

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THORSBY - \$99,900 \$89,000 -2.32 Acres sou REDUCED drilled well and storage shed. Great building site

LAKE PROPERTY

<u>ITASKA BEACH</u> - \$995,000 Lake Front, Resort style property is situated on an Oversized Lot (28.939M X 63.356M). Main house, Guest House, Double Detached Garage, and a Pickle ball Court!

<u>JOHNSONIA</u> - \$975,000 LAKEFRONT! This 1677 sq/ft home has a Double Attached Garage, Basement, and a Covered Composite Deck Overlooking the Lake!

<u>WIZARD LAKE</u> - \$749,900 LAKE FRONT at Wizard Lake! Take pavement right to the driveway of this beautifully manicured lot that holds a 2,487.35sq/ft home with an oversized 40'x30' fully finished attached garage, and more!

GRANDVIEW - \$1,149,000 - 4587sq/ft home with an attached garage situated on 1.11 Acres at Pigeon lake.

BUCK LAKE - \$389,000 - 1423sq/ft home with an attached garage on 0.47 of an acre.

COMMERCIAL

<u>MULHURST</u> - \$179,900 - 39.5' x 100' vacant lot located water front on Pigeon Lake at Mulhurst Bay. Zoned Urban Commercial. Adjoining lot for sale as well.

TELFORDVILLE - \$1,250,000 \$999,000 (2047 Twp Rd 495 Rd 495 A) This 35.12 acres hosts a 1506 sq/ft house with a 20x28 attached garage with a creek behind it and sheltered from the industrial yard.50x29 heated and insulated quonset with power cement floor. A 40x80 Fully finished Shop metal cladded inside and out with 2 overhead reputation and 16x14), heated, insulated, power, mezzanine, 3pc bathroom, with offices and lunch room in the front. A 50x80 drive through shop (18x14 doors) with power,

heat, fully insulated with an mezzanine, spray booth, and office with two more overhead doors off the side. A 12x16 power shed/office with 200 amp 3 phase power and a 40x14 open faced metal storage shed.

THORSBY - \$299,900 - Mini storage business and office building. Storage units are all rented. Land and buildings



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