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Grand Slam of Curling coming to Leduc County

Co-op Canadian Open takes place Nov. 5 to 10 at the Silent Ice Center in Nisku

Hurry hard to Nisku! If you're a curling fan, prepare yourself for five days of world-class curling during the Co-op Canadian Open. The Nov. 5 to 10 tournament is the second stop of the 2024-25 Grand Slam of Curling season and will feature 16 men's and women's teams from around the world.

The tournament will be held at the Silent Ice Center in Nisku. The Silent Ice Center – a state-of-the-art hockey arena – opened in September 2023 and has been a welcome addition to the Nisku Business Park, hosting multiple tournaments and bringing visitors to the region.

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“Nisku is growing and changing, and the Silent Ice Center showcases the diversification of development Leduc County is experiencing in the Nisku Business Park,” says Leduc County Mayor Tanni Doblanko. “We are thrilled the Grand Slam of Curling Co-op Canadian Open is taking place in Nisku and offer our biggest congratulations to the Silent Ice Center as the host.”

Full tournament passes are now available at canadianopen.goigniter.com.

Learn more about the Silent Ice Center and upcoming tournament at silenticecenter.com.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder awareness month

September is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) awareness month, which is devoted to raising awareness and prevention of FASD and provide support to those who have been diagnosed with it.

FASD is a term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. The impact of FASD varies between individuals, but it can cause lifelong challenges.

If you or someone you know is impacted by FASD, Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has programs, resources and supports available.

Bridges FASD Mentor Program

The Bridges FASD Mentor Program provides free support to help adults who have been diagnosed with FASD or have strong indicators of FASD.

Bridges FASD mentors help participants gain independence and live up to their full potential by:

- ▶ Meeting with participants at least once a week.
- ▶ Teaching and modelling appropriate routines.
- ▶ Helping participants establish a safe and supportive living environment.
- ▶ Connecting participants to appropriate resources.

For more information on this free program, visit leduc-county.com/fasd or contact Leduc County FCSS at **780-979-2385**.

Visit canfasd.ca to learn more about FASD and FASD Awareness Month.

Message from Council

Celebrating Leduc County at two community-focused events

As a Council, we recognize how important our community is. We also recognize that it's our job to help build our community. We want to provide meaningful opportunities for Leduc County residents to come together and celebrate our home!

For the second year in a row, we hosted two events that celebrated Leduc County and the residents who help make our municipality thrive. Leduc County Days took place on June 13 at Glen Park Hall and Aug. 20 at the New Sarepta Agriplex.

Families were invited to enjoy live music from local artists, a free barbecue with both bison and beef burgers sourced from local producers, axe throwing, face painting, a petting zoo, a local vendor market and numerous other family friendly activities. Several Leduc County departments were also in attendance to answer questions and share information about various programs and services.

Both events were hugely successful, with combined attendance rates jumping from 175 in 2023 to 668 in 2024. Thank you so much to everyone who attended — we are grateful for the opportunities to host these events for all of our residents and help bring the community together.

If you missed this year's events, we're sorry we missed you! Leduc County Days will take place again in summer 2025. You can learn about all upcoming events and programs — including fall 2024 events — at leduc-county.com/recreation.



Plowing through harvest – safely

Harvest season is upon us and is a busy time of year with increased activity on the fields, extra noise and more dust in the air. As a commuter on the roads within Leduc County, you know farmers are well into harvest. This is a busy time of year, and large farming equipment is often found travelling on road throughout the County.

Please read the following tips to help keep you safe through harvest.

Driver safety tips

- ▶ Large equipment is slow to move and difficult to maneuver; therefore, use caution when passing large farming equipment.
- ▶ Remember agricultural equipment can swing wide and is difficult to maneuver, so give ample space and be considerate when you see farmers turning or changing lanes.
- ▶ Given the large blind spots, they may not see you, so share the road and keep your distance.

Farmer safety tips

- ▶ Pay close attention to motorists and other vehicles.
- ▶ Use a slow-moving vehicle sign on your equipment to notify drivers.

- ▶ Ensure lights are working and use beacon lights when possible.
- ▶ Use escort vehicles both in front of and behind your equipment when traveling on busy roads or long distances.
- ▶ Make sure to look out for overhead power lines that could collide with equipment.

Please be patient and give our farmers the space they need to help them have a safe and productive harvest.

- ▶ *To enhance community safety, Agricultural Area signs are being revamped throughout the region. Keep watch for them as they indicate areas with increased agricultural activity.*



Protecting memories through park amenities

Do you have an event, occasion or individual you'd like to honor and turn into something permanent in your community? The **Memorial Dedication Program** provides an opportunity to help remember those special occasions or people and improve Leduc County parks by planting trees or installing park amenities such as benches or tables.

Through this program, maintaining the quality of local infrastructure, providing a lasting connection between a family and their history in the area, and sharing the investment for these improvements is a great way to connect our community and keep the County's rich past alive.

By working together, we can create the perfect tribute for you while

enhancing our public spaces for everyone.

Reach out to our Parks and Recreation department at **780-955-6410** or **parksandrec@leduc-county.com** to start your memorial dedication.

◆ BREAKING NEWS ◆

COUNTY CHRONICLE goes **monthly** starting February 2025!

Big improvements are in the works for your County Chronicle newsletter.

You will see the Chronicle **monthly**, packaged in a new format sharing key information on topics you told us are important to you; per the 2023 Citizen Satisfaction Survey results.



With these improvements, Leduc County is also providing you with options on how you'd like to receive the Chronicle. For recipients who want to continue receiving a printed copy of the Chronicle only, **no action is required** as they'll continue to receive their Chronicle by mail. Otherwise, we're asking all other recipients if they'd like to receive the Chronicle via:

- ▶ **Email** — electronic copy only
- ▶ **Email and print**— print and electronic copies

If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please fill out our online form accessible via the link or QR code below.

Online form link

- ▶ www.surveymonkey.com/r/CountyChronicle
- ▶ Scan the **QR code** to jump to our online form!



For more information:

Email communications@leduc-county.com

FCSS fall programs

Leduc County Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) aims to support and enhance the well-being of individuals and families in our community through various programs and services.

Visit leduc-county.com/community-family to learn about the department including the services offered. Make sure to click on the events calendar to register for upcoming fall programs!

Please note our FCSS team is working hard to finalize the dates and details of some of the below events. Visit leduc-county.com/community-family to stay up to date. Registration is required so don't delay.

Scheduled programs

September

Home alone – parent and child

Does your child have some experience, or are they ready, to start staying home alone for short periods of time? Join this workshop to enhance your child's skills and confidence and gain knowledge on what they need to be ready.

- ▶ Thursday, Sept. 26
- ▶ 6 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ 4908 48 street, Thorsby

October

Staying safe and savvy as we age

Join this free event to gain knowledge and tools to outsmart scammers, protect your assets and safeguard your peace of mind. Lunch is included!

- ▶ Friday, Oct. 18
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Coast Nisku Inn

Life after the kids become adults

Join in to navigate the evolving dynamics as your children transition into adulthood and gain strategies to successfully adjust to changes in your relationships.

- ▶ Tuesday, Oct. 22
- ▶ 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ▶ Online via Zoom

November

75 ways to save on household expenses

Looking for ways to cut household expenses? Register for this informative session on saving on utilities, transportation, groceries and more!

- ▶ Wednesday, Nov. 6
- ▶ 1 to 2 p.m.
- ▶ Online via Zoom

Programs to be scheduled

October

- ▶ Holiday baking on a budget

November

- ▶ D-stress workshop
- ▶ Planning ahead... and what to do if you don't – for seniors

December

- ▶ Blue Holiday event – a time of reflection and remembrance for those grieving during the holidays.

FRN fall programs

Leduc County's Family Resource Network (FRN) provides various programs, support and services with a focus on our community's families. From early learning and development to in-home support, they are working throughout the region offering high-quality services and support.

One of the ways they do this is by offering various family-focused programs throughout the year, in addition to their weekly drop-in centres in Thorsby and in Devon.

October

Family paint night

Are you looking for a fun way to spend time with family? Get creative with us at our family paint night events taking place at both FRN facilities.

Session one:

- ▶ Monday, Oct. 7
- ▶ 5 to 7 p.m.
- ▶ 5 Jasper Court, Devon (FRN drop-in centre)

Session two:

- ▶ Tuesday, Oct. 15
- ▶ 5 to 7 p.m.
- ▶ 4908 48 Street, Thorsby (FRN drop-in centre)

November

Crafts and cupcakes for National Child Day

Did you know Nov. 20 is National Child Day? Join us at each of our FRN facilities to learn more, have a cupcake and make some crafts!

Session one:

- ▶ Monday, Nov. 18
- ▶ 2 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ 5 Jasper Court, Devon (FRN drop-in centre)

Session two:

- ▶ Tuesday, Nov. 19
- ▶ 2 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ 4908 48 Street, Thorsby (FRN drop-in centre)

Surviving your teen

Join us for an informative discussion on how parents and caregivers can support teens as they navigate the path towards independence.

- ▶ Wednesday, Nov. 20
- ▶ 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ 4908 48 Street, Thorsby (FRN drop-in centre)
- ▶ Registration required; space is limited

Visit leduc-county.com/frn to learn more about community resources, drop-in centres and upcoming programs.

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Provincial Family
Resource Networks

Smoke alarms: make them work for you

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 6 to 12

This October, Leduc County Fire Services is teaming up with the **National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)** to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week (FPW) campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!™" The campaign works to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

According to NFPA, smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 per cent). Meanwhile, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"Smoke alarms serve as the first line of defense in a home fire, but they need to be working in order to protect people," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps better educate the public about simple but critical steps they can take to make sure their homes have smoke alarms in all the needed locations and that they're working properly."

Leduc County Fire Services encourages all residents to actively support the 2024 FPW theme. "Working smoke alarms can make a life-saving difference in a home fire, giving people the time to get out safely," says Tylor Bennett, Acting Fire Chief with Leduc County. "This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is a great way to remind everyone about these messages and to act on them."

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and smoke alarms, visit **fpw.org**.

Smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines

- ▶ Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- ▶ Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- ▶ Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- ▶ Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



Recognizing Leduc County firefighters

In an emergency needing fire or rescue services, chances are you will be helped by Leduc County firefighters.

This Fire Prevention Week, we'd like to recognize our dedicated paid on-call and full-time firefighters for the work they do to protect our communities. They sacrifice time away from family and loved ones in service to the community, and respond to emergency calls 24 hours per day, year-round.

Thank you to all Leduc County firefighters – past and present – for your service.

Recognizing Leduc County firefighters



Calmar Fire District

Front row (L to R): Cory Heggart, Capt Ryan VanLooy, PC Shelley Millar, DFC Roger Anger, DFC Ivana Irwin

Middle row (L to R): Lt. Stephen Thomas, DFC Bennett, Ethan Caddel, Landon Carlson, Rebecca Molyneaux, Lt. Ian Norman, Lt. Tammy O'Hara, Calvin Rutter, Marjan Smits, Matthew Fortunat, Jessica Buchinski

Back row (L to R): Dane Hopp, Lt. Matt Nickless, Patrick Bock, David Littlewood, Justin Kay, Ian Escalante

Missing: Capt Paul Vanderleest, Mike Swartz, Jared Unrau, DFC Ivana Irwin, FC Keven Lefebvre



New Sarepta Fire District

Front row (L to R): DFC Tylor Bennett, DFC Roger Anger, FC Keven Lefebvre, PC Stephen Baker

Back row (L to R): Jesse Gruger, Lt. Tavis Borynec, Aiden Boland, FM Cory Heggart, Jeff Zezula, Capt. Clayton Fichtner, Brad Frick, Ian Milner, Lt. Brand Kellert, Jaden Fox, Dwayne Krause, Jack Rouncville, Andrea Schultz, Lexi Giebelhaus, Clara Ingbrigtson

Missing: Capt Jason Ertman, Jaden Fox



Nisku Fire District

Station 1: Nisku North

Front row (L to R): Roger Medal, Patrick Kwasnecha, DFC Anger, Capt Devin Fleming, PC Stephen Baker, Alex Moran, Paul McPhail, Curtis Butler, DFC Tylor Bennett, Richard Kaminski, Capt. Daniel Soucie

Back row (L to R): Capt. Rob Csolle, Caleb Warner, Craig Douglas, Austin Simper, Krista Lagasse, Romeo Dugas, Dallas Davies, Belicia Macias, Adam Beetam, Queenie Rondilla, Chase Gallagher

Missing: Lt. Cory Scherger, Lt. Nathan Brooks, Lt. Alissa Hazelaar, Kyle Hynes, Mike Overly, Scott Schetzle, Trevor Undershultz, Scott Wiebe, Jennifer Pfeil, DFC Ivana Irwin, FC Keven Lefebvre



Station 9: Nisku South - Platoon A

(L to R): Tyler Beck, Capt Duane South, Platoon Chief
David Pusch, Todd Giles, Brandon Richards-Fedor



Station 9: Nisku South - Platoon B

(L to R): Alex Eelhart, Capt. Steven Penner, Platoon Chief
Stephen Baker, Curtis Johnson, Victoria Houghton



Station 9: Nisku South - Platoon C

(L to R): Adam Knee, Cpt Landon Brown, Platoon Chief
Shelley Millar, Brett Thornton, Brendan Brown



Station 9: Nisku South - Platoon D

(L to R): Tyler Eeftens, Capt. Colton Anger, Platoon Chief Randy Parnell, Riley Pascal, David Molyneaux



Thorsby Fire District

Front row (L to R): Serena Lamb-Nelson, DFC Ivana Irwin, Jordan Jenkins, Heather Kent, Lt. Brian Buchanan, DFC Tylor Bennett, Lewis Warnock

Back row (L to R): FM Cory Heggart, DFC Roger Anger, Lt. Joey Wolf, Britt Scholten, Capt. Sean Cooke, Dallas Wolf, PC Pusch

Missing: Neil Filipic, Kyle Taylor, FC Keven Lefebvre



Warburg Fire District

Front row (L to R): Capt. Neil Filipic, DFC Tylor Bennett, PC David Pusch, DFC Roger Anger, Capt. Jacob Wipf

Back row (L to R): Quan Tran, Eric Lumley, Kevin Wipf, Laine Cygan, Brad Prenioslo, Ryan Wipf, Samuel Wipf, Cody Davis, Ryley Borris, Katlynn Prenioslo, Levi Wipf

Missing: Capt John Wipf, Capt. Kaj Jacobson, Capt Dale Miller, Capt. Frank Wipf, Kayla Davis, FC Keven Lefebvre, DFC Ivana Irwin

Construction season nearing completion

This past spring and summer, several road construction projects took place throughout Leduc County. Work on most of the projects is complete and others are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

Ongoing work may require detours or cause traffic delays; we thank you for your patience and cooperation as these road projects are completed. Here are details on some of the 2024 projects:

Township Road 510 realignment (finalizing project that started in 2023)

Budget: \$3,616,500

Original timeline: May 15 to July 15

Updated timeline: completed on Sept. 15

- ▶ In 2023, Township Road 510 was realigned from Range Road 244 north to Range Road 243 north — approximately 1.7 kilometres. The realignment is being done to prepare for a future four-lane roadway.
- ▶ The project scope also identified the construction of a multi-use path, bridge culvert, drainage improvements and landscaping.
- ▶ The bridge culvert was installed in 2023; however, the multi-use path, landscaping and drainage improvements will be completed in 2024.

Range Road 223 from Highway 21 to the New Sarepta hamlet boundary (1.2 km)

Budget: \$658,050

Timeline: Aug. 1 to 22; completed on Aug. 23

- ▶ The road surface was milled (two inches of the top layer of asphalt was removed

to smooth and level the surface), crack and spot repairs were completed and new asphalt was installed.

Steinke Estates internal subdivision road (1.52 km)

Budget: \$1,052,970

Timeline: June 10 to July 26; completed on Aug. 2

- ▶ The purpose of this project was to convert the existing cold-mix road into an asphalt surface. Construction work included subgrade widening (expanding the base layer to accommodate a wider surface) and cement stabilizing (incorporating cement powder into the subgrade to increase its strength) followed by a layer of gravel for the base of the road. Afterwards, the road was finished with a new asphalt surface.

8A Street, Nisku from 7 Street to 8 Street (0.89 km)

Budget: \$711,950

Original timeline: July 29 to Aug. 13

Updated timeline: project rescheduled to begin on Sept. 9

- ▶ The purpose of this project is to upgrade the current asphalt surface. Work will include

milling (removing some of the top layer of asphalt to smooth and level the surface) and repairing the existing surface and replacing it with a new layer of asphalt.

41 Avenue and Nisku Spine Road: construction of a second left turn lane (northbound)

Budget: \$318,000

Original timeline: June 3 to 25

Updated timeline: completed on July 24

- ▶ A second left-turn lane for northbound traffic was constructed at the intersection of 41 Avenue and Nisku Spine Road.

Nisku Spine Road from Allard Avenue to 65 Avenue (1.3 km)

Budget: \$2,000,000 (50 per cent cost share with the City of Leduc; City of Leduc is managing the project)

Timeline: May 15 to Sept. 30 (weather dependent)

- ▶ The purpose of this project is to construct two lanes of Nisku Spine Road from Allard Avenue, Leduc, to Township Road 500 (65 Avenue, Leduc).

For more information on road projects in Leduc County, visit leduc-county.com/road-projects.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey — your feedback in action

In the June 2024 issue of the County Chronicle, we shared that we would be sharing quarterly updates related to increasing *citizen satisfaction.

In August, each department reported back on activities undertaken from April to June 2024, including on those activities that are tied to increasing citizen satisfaction. Operational plans can be viewed at leduc-county.com/quarterly-reports.

Full Citizen Satisfaction Survey results can be viewed at leduc-county.com/citizen-survey.

Highlights from the second quarter (April to June) include the following:

Actions	Target dates	Status as of June 30	Deliverables
Assessment and Land Management Services will consider ratepayer feedback regarding the online request for information (RFI) format and adjust the form process to implement suggested changes to maximize ratepayer response. Perform in-person inspections as required to confirm property details.	Q3 2024	Complete	An online RFI form that ratepayers find easy to understand and a process that is reasonable. A blend of in-person inspections and online RFIs will produce quality property data that in turn produces fair and equitable assessments. ► Adjustments were made to reflect resident feedback for the 2024 year. A reminder letter was also added to the process.
Engineering will identify and monitor key intersections and corridors that have an unusually high number of traffic incidents.	Q1 2024	Ongoing	A list of intersections and corridors that are of concern and a monitoring plan. ► An updated traffic collision map has been developed by GIS (geographic information system). The map, along with areas where poor driver behaviour has been identified, will be cross referenced and evaluated with the Transportation Master Plan. <i>Continued on page 14</i>

Enforcement Services will address nuisance and unsightly properties in partnership with Agricultural Services and Planning and Development departments.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	<p>Respond to property complaints within three business days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ From April to June, a total of 55 complaints were investigated. ▶ 36 nuisance property investigations remained open at the end of Q2.
Enforcement Services will create a dog control bylaw that addresses concerns raised by residents.	Q1 2024	Complete	▶ A dog control bylaw was approved by Council on Jan. 9, 2024.
	Q2 2024	Complete	▶ Share information about the bylaw in the County Chronicle newsletter and on the Leduc County website.
	Q3 2024	Complete	<p>Conduct enforcement of the bylaw, as needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The first charge laid under the new bylaw was on April 5 for a dog at large for \$250. ▶ Nine charges totaling \$1,800 in fines were laid relating to a dog attack.
Educate road users through traffic enforcement interactions and high-visibility traffic operations in key areas.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	▶ Averaged 50 traffic operations per month in April, May and June.
Assist departments in protecting the County's road infrastructure through the enforcement of road bans.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	▶ Averaged 150 patrols per month in April, May and June.
Support initiatives that focus on commercial vehicle safety, cargo securement and dangerous goods.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	▶ Conducted 35 cargo securement operations in April, May and June.
Conduct proactive patrols on roads that are identified as hot spots with frequent complaints and/or incidents.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	▶ Averaged 415 patrols per month in April, May and June.
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) will provide programs and workshops across the region with a focus on healthy relationships for adults, youth and families.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	▶ To date, four workshops and six engagement activities have occurred.

A manual and resource kit will be developed and available for seniors and their families to help successfully navigate through the aging process and access available resources for support.	Q2 2024	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An engagement strategy has been implemented with Leduc County seniors to gather input to support the development of a manual. ▶ A presentation will be made to Council on Nov. 12.
Parks and Recreation will support and assist with the planning and fundraising for a community park in the East Vistas.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ A fundraising committee has been established and events are being planned. ▶ To date, the committee has raised more than \$25,000. ▶ A grant of \$125,000 was received from the provincial government.
Upgrade the New Sarepta reservoir to provide appropriate capacity for current land use and to accommodate future development.	Q4 2024	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Project construction is underway.

2023 Citizen Satisfaction Survey results high-level breakdown

- ▶ 512 survey responses
 - ▶ 90 per cent of respondents own property and live in the County
 - ▶ 48 per cent think the County is planning for the future
 - ▶ 69 per cent think the County has a healthy local economy
- Services **most** satisfied with are:
- ▶ transfer stations
 - ▶ fire and rescue services
 - ▶ recreation facilities
- Services **least** satisfied with are:
- ▶ enforcement against unsightly premises
 - ▶ road repairs/construction/maintenance
- ▶ dust control
- Most important issues for respondents are:
- ▶ infrastructure/road maintenance
 - ▶ crime reduction/public safety
 - ▶ agricultural land use policy/land preservation
 - ▶ lower taxes/more value for taxes/fiscal management



Rural Roads Initiative wrapping up for the season

Every summer, multiple sections of gravel roads throughout Leduc County undergo various improvements as part of the County's Rural Roads Initiative (RRI). The Rural Roads Initiative began in 2018 and runs annually each summer. A total of \$1.125 million was budgeted for this program in the 2024 budget.

The roads in the program are identified as those most in need of improvement, and work is completed by both contractors and Leduc County employees. The projects completed through the RRI improve road conditions and lengthen the lifecycle of the road.



Before: Shoulder pull and soft spot repair at Township Road 500 between Range Road 245 and Range Road 250



After: Shoulder pull and soft spot repair at Township Road 500 between Range Road 245 and Range Road 250

Work completed in this year's RRI included:

- ▶ 8.4 kilometres of shoulder pulls, which included narrowing the driving surface, cleaning up ditches and stabilizing roads.
- ▶ 850 metres of bank stabilization, which included cleaning up and re-establishing ditches and stabilizing road shoulders.
- ▶ 850 metres of spot repair, which included excavating soft spot/organic materials, adding concrete and re-gravelling.
- ▶ 1.1 kilometres of drainage work, which included cleaning up and re-establishing ditches for better drainage.

- ▶ 4.8 kilometres of road rehabilitation, which included shaping and stabilizing the road.

Areas worked on in this year's program include:

- ▶ Range Road 234, north of Township Road 502
 - ▶ 1.8 km shoulder pull, 1.4 km re-shape
- ▶ Township Road 500 between Range Road 250 and Range Road 245
 - ▶ 1.6 km shoulder pull, 400 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Township Road 503 east of Joseph Lake Road to Wildland Meadows
 - ▶ 2.45 km of shoulder pull

- ▶ Range Road 262 between Township Road 494 and Township Road 492
 - ▶ 300 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 254 south of Township Road 482
 - ▶ 197 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 255 south of Township Road 492
 - ▶ 98 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 235 South of Highway 625
 - ▶ 85 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 260 north of Township Road 492
 - ▶ 160 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 234 north of Township Road 500
 - ▶ 280 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 253 north of Township Road 492
 - ▶ 180 m soft spot repair

- ▶ Range Road 230 north of Highway 623
 - ▶ 161m soft spot repair
- ▶ Township Road 492 east of Range Road 245
 - ▶ 692 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Township Road 494 west of Range Road 11
 - ▶ 225 m of road rehabilitation (soft spots on shoulder)
- ▶ Township Road 500 east of Range Road 225
 - ▶ 75 m soft spot repair
- ▶ Range Road 243 north of Township Road 500
 - ▶ 81 m soft spot repair

For more information, contact Road Operations at **780-979-6185**.

Winter driving is right around the corner

Below-freezing temperatures coupled with snow and ice can create dangerous driving conditions; and with winter driving ahead, here's some tips to help keep you and your passengers safe.

Winterize your vehicle

Ensure your vehicle is ready for freezing temperatures and slippery conditions.

- ▶ Examine your spare tire, battery, belts, hoses, anti-freeze, tires, heater, defroster and windshield wipers.
- ▶ Switch to winter tires. They are specially designed for lower temperatures and provide better traction than all-season tires.
- ▶ Clear snow and ice off windows, side mirrors, headlights, taillights and licence plate before driving.

- ▶ Try to keep your fuel tank more than half full. This adds weight, reduces moisture problems in your fuel system and can be an asset if you become stranded.
- ▶ Carry an emergency road kit with items such as booster cables, flashlight, first aid kit, shovel, hand and foot warmers and a blanket.



A (n)ice thing about Warburg arena

The arena in Warburg has been a central hub in the community for various activities throughout the years, however, needed some important upgrades. The Village of Warburg saw this need, took action and in partnership with Leduc County has been redeveloping the arena through the past few years.

In 2019, phase one kicked off and included new dressing rooms. For phase two in 2022, the Village secured \$1 million in provincial grant funding, provided \$500,000 and received \$1.33 million from Leduc County, which is consistent with the County's recreation cost-sharing agreement that supports residents in accessing various activities and programs.

If passing through Warburg this year, you may have noticed the construction of these upgrades, which included a new ice plant and Zamboni room in addition to the dressing rooms, all of which have greatly improved the facility overall.

Aimed to reduce future operating, capital, and maintenance costs, the new ice plant will support ice operations of both the arena and the curling rink.

These updates are a true testament to how collaboration and working together can make a difference in our community. Congratulations on the improved facility and a job well done by everyone involved.



Warburg arena ice plant

Ditch maintenance reminders

Did you know ditch maintenance is Leduc County's responsibility? The typical County right-of-way is 66 feet, and we do our best to manage all ditches so water flows appropriately and culverts remain clear.

This coming fall and winter, keep the following reminders in mind when working near ditches.

- ▶ Keep ditches clear of gravel. Gravel is expensive to replace and can also create drainage issues in culverts.
- ▶ Do not push snow from your driveway into ditches. Snow can cause drainage issues such as blocked culverts and runoff over roads and onto farmer's fields.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. For more information, contact Road Operations at **780-979-6185**.



Lost, found and unclaimed dogs

We're committed to keeping our residents and animals safe and ensuring peaceful enjoyment for everyone in our community.

What to do if you have **FOUND** a dog:

- ▶ **Contact Leduc County Enforcement Services at 780-955-5005.**
- ▶ Be safe if approaching the dog.
- ▶ If safe, check for a collar with contact information.
- ▶ Talk with people in the area.
- ▶ Create and share a found pet posting on a Facebook groups like Lost/Found Pets in Leduc and Surrounding Areas or Lost Pets Leduc Area.

What to do if you have a **LOST** a dog:

- ▶ Look around your property/subdivision.
- ▶ Ask neighbours if they have seen your dog, if not, provide details on what it looks like and leave a contact number.
- ▶ Call **780-955-5005** to see if your dog has been dropped off or found by Bylaw Enforcement.
- ▶ Check on and post details about your dog and contact information on Facebook groups like Lost/Found Pets in Leduc and Surrounding Areas or Lost Pets Leduc Area.
- ▶ Continue to follow these steps, as new information may come up.

Found dogs

Visit leduc-county.com/found-dogs to view dogs found in Leduc County. Dogs are posted to this page Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dogs are held between three and 10 days, and if unclaimed and healthy in that time, dogs are rehomed through non-profit organizations.

Call **780-955-5005** to inquire about lost, found and unclaimed dogs. You may be asked to provide information to help verify that you are the owner.

Sunflower contest winner: Diana Doornbosch and family

▶ *I had fun nurturing our sunflowers again this year. Our largest face came in at 23 cm in diameter.*

Congratulations, Diana and family. That's a big sunflower!



Recreation fall programs



Community-focused programs and services contribute to making Leduc County a great place to live. Our recreation team hosts a variety of fun-filled activities throughout the year and has a number of programs planned for the fall season.

Visit leduc-county.com/recreation to learn more about what's planned for our community this fall.

September

Culture Days festival

Join us for a day of cultural celebration in partnership with Rolly View Community Hall. Come and support the amazing live performances, indoor market, petting zoo, food trucks, family fun zone and much more!

- ▶ Saturday, Sept. 21
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ Rolly View Community Hall

PD day hangouts

Are you looking for a fun, free way to entertain your kids on teacher's professional development (PD) days? Explore games, sports and activities with the whole family at the New Sarepta Agriplex! There

are three days to choose from or you're welcome to come to all of them.

All sessions run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

- ▶ Friday, Oct. 11
- ▶ Friday, Nov. 1
- ▶ Monday, Dec. 2

October

Harvest festival

Come together for an afternoon of fall-themed games, activities and great prizes! Bring friends and family to play some outdoor games and compete in a potato sack race.

- ▶ Saturday, Oct. 19
- ▶ 2 to 5 p.m.
- ▶ Strawberry Community Hall

Open gym night

Have a blast with us as we zip around on scooters, play laser tag, have nerf wars and create art! Coffee and tea will be provided, so come on down for a few games and a friendly visit.

- ▶ Tuesdays, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26
- ▶ 6 to 8 p.m.
- ▶ New Sarepta Agriplex

Family fun sport zone

Drop in to our free family fun sport zone and explore all things sports! This is a great way to improve health and fitness while taking part in sport activities.

- ▶ Saturday, Nov. 9
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ▶ New Sarepta Agriplex

November

Fall break hangout

Hang out with our recreation team and explore games, sports and other activities during fall break! Come for the morning, the afternoon or for both.

Please note sessions are closed for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m.

- ▶ Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Thursday, Nov. 14
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ New Sarepta Agriplex

Winter festival

Santa's visiting early this year and coming to Rolly View Community Hall! Join us for our annual breakfast with Santa, outdoor games and our popular kids-only Santa shop – a store where kids can buy gifts ranging from \$1 to \$5 for loved ones.

There's limited capacity and the event is split into two sessions.

Session one

Breakfast* and pictures with Santa, holiday crafts, sleigh rides and more.

**Breakfast passes are \$6 per person (children two and under are free).*

- ▶ Saturday, Nov. 23
- ▶ 9 to 11 a.m.
- ▶ Rolly View Community Hall

Session two

Pictures with Santa, sleigh rides, a story telling on snowshoes, bonfire and more.

- ▶ Saturday, Nov. 23
- ▶ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ▶ Rolly View Community Hall

December

Winter Lights contest

'Tis the season for beautiful light displays, and we want to see them! Last year's Winter Lights program was so enjoyable we thought we'd do it again.

- ▶ Nov. 2024 to Jan. 10, 2025
- ▶ Applications and map for display locations can found at leduc-county.com starting November.

Light the night: winter luminary

Save the date, drop in and celebrate the Christmas season with community while enjoying maple candy, ice carving and tobogganing. Also, decorate a luminary and gingerbread house!

- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 14
- ▶ 2 to 6 p.m.
- ▶ Rundle's Mission

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



On Sept. 30, let's recognize, honour and educate ourselves about Canada's Indigenous people in efforts to understand the historical treatment within the residential school system and the children who survived or never returned home from them.

Join Leduc County Family Resource Network (FRN), Creating Hope Society and other agencies on September 30 at Boyle Street Plaza (9538 103A Avenue, Edmonton). This year's theme is "calling

back our spirits" and includes a viewing of WAAPAKE documentary at 1 p.m. and a round dance from 5 to 10 p.m.

Orange Shirt Day

Since 2013, Orange Shirt Day — an Indigenous-led initiative — aims to raise awareness of residential school survivors, their families, communities and the inter-generational impacts they had.

Visit www.orangeshirtday.org to read more about Orange Shirt Day and the Orange Shirt Society.

Resources

- ▶ Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: trc.ca
- ▶ Indian Residential School Survivors Society: irsss.ca
- ▶ Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

2025 Community Association Grants open for applications

Leduc County is committed to providing funding support to not-for-profit organizations to enrich and enhance our communities through low-cost events, programs and services, access to physical activity and increased inclusion to participants who may face recreation constraints.

Eligible programs may include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Performing arts (drama, music, dance, theatre)
- ▶ Multicultural and heritage arts (cultural celebrations, festivals, fairs)
- ▶ Educational arts (camps, youth programs)
- ▶ Community and special events
- ▶ Social and physical recreation programs (active hobbies, exercise)
- ▶ Sport groups (training, subsidized participation)
- ▶ Operating assistance

These grants are designed to support programs, projects and special events that connect our community.

Read the details, eligibility and criteria at leduc-county.com/grants and apply by Sept. 30.

Online financial services

We want accessing the County's municipal services as easy and convenient as possible. Our Finance department provides a growing number of services and application forms online, including:

- ▶ Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) applications, changes and cancellations
- ▶ Tax certificate requests
- ▶ Utility and bulk water account invoicing

You can also pay your property taxes online through your bank. To learn more, visit leduc-county.com/taxes or leduc-county.com/utility-billing.

Automatic withdrawals for utility customers

County customers making utility payments can now register for direct withdrawals. To sign up, complete the utilities direct withdrawal form found on our website and attach a void cheque or pre-authorized debit form for each utility account you wish to enrol in the program.

If you sign up for this new service, the amount on your utility invoice will be directly withdrawn from your bank account on the due date of the invoice. Applications to enrol or cancel utility direct withdrawals must be received by the 20th of the month. Late submissions will be processed the following month. Any past-due utility amounts must be paid in full before you can apply for the direct withdrawal program.

To learn more or if you have questions, contact Finance at finance-utilities@leduc-county.com or **780-955-3555**.

Sign up for Your Say Leduc County and have YOUR say!

Leduc County knows that an engaged public and effective public participation improves the quality of the decisions we make, which is why we want you to register with our public participation website — yoursayleduccounty.com!

Your Say Leduc County provides a space for County citizens to give their input on projects and share ideas for the future. The

website features integrated tools strategically selected for each project. These tools include surveys, forums, polls, idea walls, mapping tools, question-and-answer modules and more.

Once we have received your input and the public participation period has closed, we share the feedback we received through a *what we heard report*. Once the project is

Fall office closures

Leduc County offices will be closed on the following dates:

- ▶ **Monday, Oct. 14** for Thanksgiving Monday
- ▶ **Monday, Nov. 11** for Remembrance Day

Leduc County transfer stations are unaffected by the above-listed closures.

Christmas closure dates will be shared closer to December at leduc-county.com.

Land Use Bylaw update

We post project information and important updates to YourSayLeducCounty.com/shaping-your-county

Watch for upcoming public engagement opportunities for the next phase of this bylaw update.



complete, a link to the final report is also shared.

Register with Your Say Leduc County to stay involved in your community and provide input on key projects and decisions. Learn more and register at yoursayleduccounty.com.

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