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ALBERTA ANNOUNCES PROVINCEWIDE FIRE BAN AND ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO REDUCE FIRE RISK

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Effective immediately, the province is applying a fire ban across Alberta.

All fire permits are suspended and no new fire permits will be issued. All open fires, including campfires and charcoal briquettes, are prohibited.

The use of incendiary targets is

also banned. These targets explode when shot with a firearm and have been known to create fires.

In addition, the province is urging the public to avoid Off Highway Vehicles (OHVs) use as much as possible. If they must be used, remove burnable debris from hot spots. All OHVs in Alberta are required to have a functional muffler and spark arresters.

"Albertans stand with the people

of Fort McMurray who have been evacuated and our first responders as they work to protect Albertans and critical infrastructure. The single best thing we all can do to help protect Alberta from wildfires is to ensure we are not creating additional risk."

Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks

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PROVINCE RESTRICTS OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATIONAL USE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

A temporary province wide restriction on off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreational use on public lands and provincial parks is another tool the province will use to help prevent the spread of wildfires.

This action comes in response to the request of the Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association and follows the government's province wide fire ban and ban on incendiary targets on all provincial Crown lands issued May 5.

"Our fire crews are working around the clock to battle wildfires in Fort McMurray and around the

province. All Albertans can do their part to help ensure firefighters can focus their resources on the areas of greatest need."

Oneil Carlier, Minister Agriculture and Forestry

"We do not take this step lightly; however, we must reduce the potential for more wildfires throughout the province. Quite simply, OHV recreational use under our current conditions has the very real potential to contribute to an already catastrophic wildfire season."

Shannon Phillips, Minister of Environment and Parks

"We support the government's decision to temporarily restrict OHV recreational use. As respon-

sible OHV users in this province we want to do our part to prevent wildfires and to reduce the burden on firefighters and emergency personnel."

Brent Hodgson, President Alberta Off-Highway Vehicle Association

The OHV restriction will be in place until further notice. It applies to recreational use on public lands, including designated OHV trails, only. It will not apply to agriculture, public safety or commercial/industrial users who operate OHVs for farming, enforcement or business purposes.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

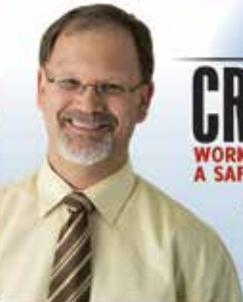
All the passengers are seated on a plane out on the tarmac and the stewardess announces "we're just waiting for the pilots". The passengers look out the window and see two men, dressed as pilots walking towards the plane. Both men are using guide dogs and appear to be blind. There are murmurs among the passengers, and some believe it is a joke. The men board the plane and go into the cockpit. More concerned murmurs and uneasy chuckles from the passengers. The plane taxis normally to the runway and begins its takeoff. As passengers look out the window they realize they are nearing the end of the runway. The entire passenger cabin begins screaming but the plane lifts off just before the end of the runway. The passengers calm down and chuckle to themselves. In the cockpit, the pilot turns to his copilot and says "you know, one day those people are gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die!"

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Alberta Announces Provincewide Fire Ban And Additional Measures To Reduce Fire Risk

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"Our firefighters are currently focused on fighting wildfires across the province, including the estimated 85,000-hectare fire near Fort McMurray. With extreme fire hazard conditions persisting, it is prudent that we take these steps to help reduce the risk of additional fires."

Oneil Carlier, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry

Environment and Parks will be deploying additional Conservation Officers to enforce the fire ban in

parks and protected areas. This will not affect resources that are being used to fight wildfires.

Portable propane fire pits and gas or propane stoves and barbecues designed for cooking or heating are allowed.

The fire ban applies to Alberta's Forest Protection Area and all counties, municipal districts and special areas such as provincial parks and recreation areas. The fire ban does not apply to cities, towns, villages or summer villages or federal lands such as national parks.

The fire ban will remain in place until further notice.

When Albertans are out this weekend, they are urged to take additional steps to reduce their impact on potential wildfires on public land:

- Check Alberta Fire Bans before going out, and follow ALL instructions.
- If camping, do not leave cooking stoves or lanterns unattended.
- Avoid OHV use as much as possible.
- Do not throw out lit cigarettes.

Province Restricts Off-Highway Vehicle Recreational Use

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The OHV restriction does not apply to the use of an OHV by Indigenous peoples when exercising a right recognized and affirmed under Part II of the Constitution Act, 1982

or a right under section 12 of the Natural Resources Transfer Agreement.

Wildfire management staff, along with enforcement personnel, including Conservation Officers and Fish and Wildlife Officers, will enforce

the temporary OHV recreational restriction immediately. OHVs include all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), four-wheel vehicles, motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles and amphibious machines.

JIM EGLINSKI, M.P.
Member of Parliament for Yellowhead

As Albertans and fortunate residents of the Yellowhead riding, I challenge each and every one of you to open your hearts and assist our northerly neighbours of the Fort McMurray region. Many will be struggling after this disastrous fire. I believe we all can help by giving and assisting those in need.

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10 a.m.

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**Submitted by Thorsby/
Breton RCMP**

On April 19th, 2016 the Thorsby/Breton RCMP with assistance of the Drayton Valley RCMP investigated a stabbing complaint in Winfield, Alberta.

During the late afternoon, members were made aware that a male had attended the Drayton Valley hospital to be treated for injuries related to the incident.

Further investigation revealed

WINFIELD STABBING

that the stabbing occurred when the male attended a residence in Winfield to recover personal property. A dispute followed between the group and the owner of the residence which became physical. It is alleged that afterwards, two males entered the residence without permission, resulting in one of them being stabbed twice.

The fight stopped but the dispute continued, where a vehicle's windshield was damaged.

The owner of the residence and the male who was stabbed sustained injuries.

Numerous charges were laid on four of the individuals involved. Charges include: Aggravated Assault, Mischief, Break and Enter with Intent, Uttering threats, Assault with weapon and Assault.

All the involved have been arrested and released after a Judicial Interim release hearing on numerous conditions. First ap-

pearance on this matter has been set for April 27, 2016.

Anyone with information in relation to this crime or any other crime is encouraged to contact the Breton RCMP.

If you have any information on this or any other criminal offence call Crimestoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (222-8477). You do not have to reveal your identity and if your information leads to an arrest you may qualify for a reward.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS MAY 9 FOR MAIN STREET ENHANCEMENTS

**Submitted by John R.
Stattton**

Construction to enhance Leduc's downtown core will begin next week and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2016.

"The City is committed to minimal disruption to Main Street business during construction, and we will work to ensure that residents and businesses have up to date information as the project progresses." said Kyle van Steenoven, manager of capital projects and development with

the City of Leduc. "Construction will pause from July 14 to 17 to accommodate the 2016 Alberta Summer Games."

A webpage is available from Leduc.ca/Downtown for project information and updates. The City will also provide downtown businesses with project updates via a dedicated monthly newsletter, and will meet regularly with the Downtown Business Association.

While some parking stalls will be relocated as a result of the project, an additional 10 new parking stalls will be added to

the downtown inventory. A detailed map of existing and proposed parking stalls is available for download from the website.

For the duration of the construction, 47th Street between 50th Avenue and 49th Avenue will be utilized as a lay down for construction materials used by the contractor from May 9 to September 30. Access to the lane and businesses on 47th Street will be maintained during the closure.

Tentative Construction Schedule:

- Phase 1 - Underground Util-

ties and Electrical Pushes/Trenching (May 9 to June 2, 2016)

- Phase 2 - Concrete Work North Side of 50th Avenue (May 19 to July 6, 2016)
- Phase 3 - Concrete Work South Side of 50th Avenue (July 18 to August 27, 2016)
- Phase 4 - Roadwork (September 6 to 9, 2016)
- Phase 5 - Line Painting and Cleanup (TBA 2016)

Please visit Leduc.ca or call 780-980-7177 for more information.

RURAL CRIME WATCH

**Submitted by Ruth HAR-
RISON, Leduc County Rural
Crime Watch**

Residents of Leduc County have shown interest in reviving the Rural Crime Watch Program. On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, the Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association voted unanimously to include Leduc County West (west of Buford Road, Range Road 275) which will replace the disbanded Strawberry Crime Watch of the 1980s. This initiative is supported by Leduc County.

Times have changed – more acreages, younger population growth and society in general have required more community issues relating to quality of

lifestyle. Public meetings will be held throughout the region with guest speakers and topics to meet community needs. Two Leduc Rural Crime Watch meetings will be held in the west to keep their members up to date.

Residents from Villages, Towns and locals are welcome to join as members (Thorsby, Warburg, North Shore of Pigeon Lake).

The Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association is a non-profit organization, working in collaboration with the RCMP and communities. The programs enhance crime prevention efforts in the community.

When you register for your membership:

Have your legal land description or municipal address and \$15.00 (cheque or cash) available. The \$15.00 membership fee includes a lifetime membership, 1 year fanout service, gate and fence signs and a yearly newsletter. Renewal of the fan out service is \$10.00/year or \$25.00/3 years.

WANTED: Volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. Volunteers are also needed to help with the registration of new members, meeting preparation (hall bookings). Please call Ruth Harrison at (780)789-2181.

This upcoming May Long Weekend, we will be in the big tent on Main street in Thorsby. Remember to bring your legal

land description, municipal address, \$15.00 (cash or cheque) to register

"The Community Crime watch is an excellent Crime reduction strategy supported by the RCMP in the Communities. I look forward to this endeavour moving forward and the RCMP working with their community in efforts to reduce Crime." Sgt Corey KYLE Thorsby/Breton RCMP Detachment

LEDUC COUNTY RURAL CRIME WATCH IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION

REAL ESTATE AND MORTGAGE FRAUD

Tips to Protect your Real Estate Investment Dollars

- * Consult public real estate websites to review property listings in the community where the property is located. Compare features, size & locations to establish if the asking price seems reasonable.
- * Get independent representation for your purchase. If the seller objects, consider it a red flag.
- * Check to make sure your representative is a licensed real estate agent. Contact your local Real Estate Board or the Real Estate Council of Alberta. Using a licensed real estate agent does not cost anything from a purchaser's standpoint. Usually all commissions are paid by the seller.
- * Beware of a real estate agent or mortgage broker who has a financial interest in the transaction.
- * Ask your independent representative to provide you with a comparative market analysis of the property.
- * Ask for a copy of the land title or go to a Registry office and ask them to do a historical title search.
- * Insist on a home inspection to guard against buying a home that has been cosmetically renovated.
- * When you make a deposit, ensure your money is protected by being held "in trust".



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- * Someone offers you a fee to use your name and credit information to obtain a mortgage
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- * You are asked to leave signature lines or other important areas on a loan application blank
- * The loan amount on the mortgage is significantly higher than the value of the property
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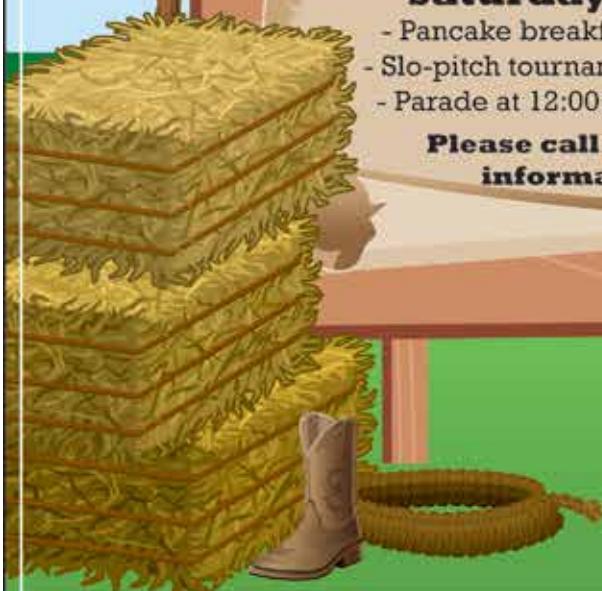
Saturday:

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Rural Crime Watch Members are concerned citizens who are watchful for unusual activity in their community. They record information on suspicious people and vehicles and pass it along to local police. Join together with your neighbours to install a crime watch program in your area. Do not approach suspicious individuals on your own.

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EDMONTON RCMP LAY FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IN LEDUC DEATH

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Update #2

Leduc, Alta. – The Edmonton RCMP Major Crimes Unit has charged 32-year-old Gordon Robinson of Leduc with first degree murder in the death of 34-year-old Ryan Ross of Leduc.

On April 25, 2016 the Leduc RCMP responded to a report of an unresponsive male in a residence in Leduc County. Emergency Medical Services personnel were dispatched as well, however, Ryan Ross was pronounced dead at the scene.

An investigation was launched by the Edmonton RCMP Major Crimes Unit, who utilized specialized sections including Leduc General Investigation Section (GIS) and Forensic Identification Services (FIS).

Robinson was arrested, without incident, in Edmonton, with the assistance of Edmonton Police Service Tactical Unit, on April 27, 2016. On April 28, 2016 he was charged with First Degree Murder and remains

in custody. His first court appearance is scheduled for May 5, 2016 in Leduc Provincial Court. No other suspects are being sought in this investigation.

To preserve the integrity of this investigation, no additional details will be available as the matter is now before the court. The RCMP would like to thank the members of the public who came forward and assisted the RCMP by providing information.

Background:

Update #1: Edmonton RCMP confirm homicide investigation in Leduc

Edmonton RCMP Major Crimes Unit have confirmed that they are investigating a homicide. Investigators, with the assistance of Leduc RCMP General Investigation Section and Edmonton Forensic Identification Section remain on scene at a rural property in Leduc.

On April 25, 2016 acquaintances of a 34-year-old Leduc male found him unresponsive in a residence near Highway 625. They called 911

for assistance. The Leduc RCMP attended the residence and located a male who was declared deceased on scene. The Edmonton RCMP Major Crimes Unit was deployed and investigation has been ongoing.

Neighbourhood inquiries are being conducted and police continue to investigate.

The name of the deceased male is not being released at this time.

Original Release: Leduc RCMP

on scene at sudden death

Leduc RCMP responded to a report of a sudden death on April 25, 2016 at approximately 10:19 p.m. A deceased adult male was discovered in a home at a rural property in Leduc County and the RCMP are currently on scene investigating.

As this investigation is still in preliminary stages, there is no other information available at this time. An update will be provided when able.



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WILDFIRES IN FORT MCMURRAY

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

OTTAWA: Wednesday evening, May 3, before speaking on Bill C-14, ‘Medical Assistance in Dying,’ Jim Eglinski, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead stated the following in the

House:

“Mr. Speaker, just before I begin my speech, I would like to say to the people of Fort McMurray tonight that my heart and thoughts go to them. They are fleeing their community tonight. Eighty thousand people have to evacuate. They are

fighting for their lives tonight. We are thinking of them.”

Our office has heard that the fire has torn through a number of residential areas. Due to the location of the fire Highway 63 has been closed. Residents of Fort McMurray have been advised to head north to take ref-

uge at the work camps belonging to the various oil sands developers.

“I call on the Federal Government to provide any resources they can to help fight the fire and assist with relief efforts,” concluded MP Eglinski.

LEDUC COUNTY DEPLOYING EQUIPMENT TO FORT MCMURRAY

Submitted by Megan Candie

Leduc County Fire Services is deploying its Firefighter Rehabilitation Unit to assist firefighters battling the wildfire in the Regional Municipality of Wood

Buffalo.

At the request of provincial authorities, the unit – accompanied by four volunteer on-call firefighters – will be deployed at 6 p.m. Wednesday May 4, 2016 and is expected to arrive in Fort McMurray at 4 a.m.

The Firefighter Rehabilitation Unit is an air-conditioned unit that supports firefighters by providing shelter, washroom facilities, water and essential nutrients.

Leduc County will not be deploying firefighters or suppres-

sion resources at this time, due to the current dry conditions in Leduc County and the requirement to maintain an adequate volume of suppression equipment in the region.

SERVUS CREDIT UNION DONATES \$100,000 TO FORT MCMURRAY RELIEF, PLEDGES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Submitted by Servus Credit Union

On behalf of its members Servus Credit Union today donated \$100,000 to the Red Cross Alberta Fires Emergency Appeal. Servus has also started reaching out to its members and employees who have been affected by the fire to provide support direct-

ly to them.

“Albertans come together in times like these, we stick by our neighbours, we stand shoulder to shoulder in support of those who need it,” said Servus President and Chief Executive Officer Garth Warner. “I speak for all our members and employees when I say to everyone impacted by this devastating fire: We’re

with you. We’ll be here for you.

Servus will be providing loan payment deferrals, extensions of overdrafts, and other forms of support to members, and is currently exploring additional ways to help members, employees, and everyone impacted by the fire. Servus will continue posting updates on their Facebook and Twitter pages as more de-

tails are available.

“Our profound thanks to the amazing people who are bravely and diligently doing everything they can to fight this fire,” continued Warner, “and to those helping and taking care of Albertans evacuated because of the fire. You’re a great example of why we’re so very proud to be Albertan.”

GASTROINTESTINAL ILLNESS AMONG FORT MCMURRAY EVACUEES

Submitted by Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is responding to an increase in patients who are experiencing symptoms consistent with viral gastroenteritis at the evacuation/reception centre at Northlands.

This is not unexpected, given the large numbers of people who are using and living at that site, after being displaced from their homes by the wildfire burning near Fort McMurray.

AHS, in partnership with the City of Edmonton, has enacted

a plan to manage the increased numbers of ill people, and to help prevent further spread of the illness.

Environmental Public Health staff, as well as Infection Prevention and Control staff, are onsite at Northlands. Medical staff, including EMS crews and Nurse Practitioners, are also at the centre to help care for those with gastrointestinal symptoms.

Symptomatic individuals are being offered housing in a separate area of Expo Hall, which will help limit spread to evacuees who are well.

Washroom and shower facilities are being cleaned, and AHS has increased access to hand sanitizer at the site.

The evacuation/reception centre at Northlands remains safe for anyone still at the site, and for new arrivals to Edmonton.

To reduce the risk of spread, we urge people to:

- o Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water before and after using the washroom; before and after eating or preparing food; after changing diapers.
- o If people are planning on visiting family or loved ones at the

Northlands site and are feeling ill, we ask them to please not visit until they are well.

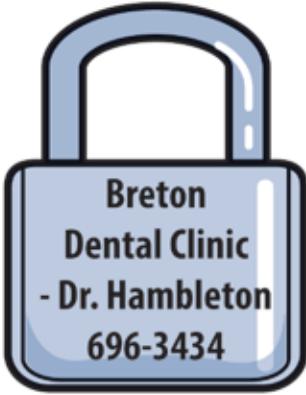
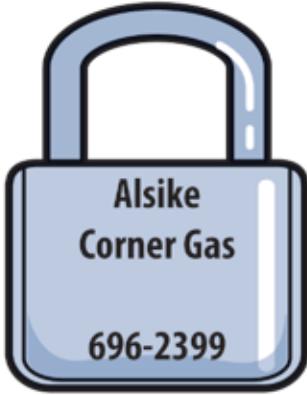
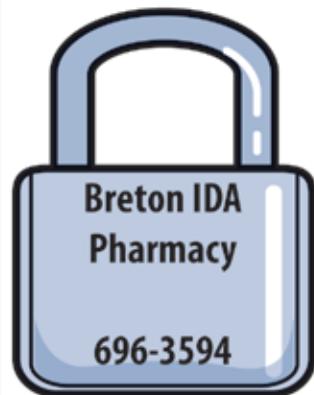
Individuals experiencing symptoms can also call Health Link at 811 to speak to a registered nurse.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than 4 million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

HOME SECURITY



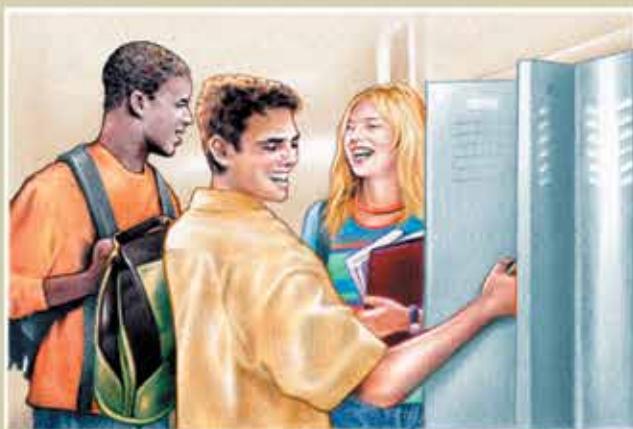
- * Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is empty.
- * Lock and check doors and windows.
- * Have your newspapers and mail stopped while you are away.
- * Make your home look lived in - put lights, radios and TVs on variable timers and have a neighbour remove junk mail.
- * Don't leave notes outside.
- * Lock up tools, BBQs and ladders and put them out of sight.
- * Make sure your hedges are trimmed so as not to provide cover for burglars.
- * Make sure the exterior of your home is well lit.
- * Let a trustworthy neighbour know when you are gone for holidays and leave an emergency contact number.



BULLYING

Tips for Dealing With Bullying

- 1)** Take complaints of bullying seriously. Do not dismiss your child or expect your child to work through the situation alone.
- 2)** Praise your child for reporting bullying situations to you and assure your child you will take action.
- 3)** Talk to your child's teacher, counselor, or other caregiver about reports of bullying.
- 4)** Work together to address the bullying situation. Don't confront the parents of the bully directly.
- 5)** Ask your child specific questions about how your child is treated by peers, who he or she eats lunch with, and how other children are treated.
- 6)** Teach your child to be assertive. Your child should be able to express feelings and needs clearly, without shouting or other aggressive behavior.



- 7)** Provide opportunities for your child to make friends. Identify some of your child's interests and encourage your child to pursue them through sports, clubs, or other group activities.
- 8)** Teach your child to identify bullying behaviors. These include hitting, damaging possessions, threatening, name calling, & excluding someone

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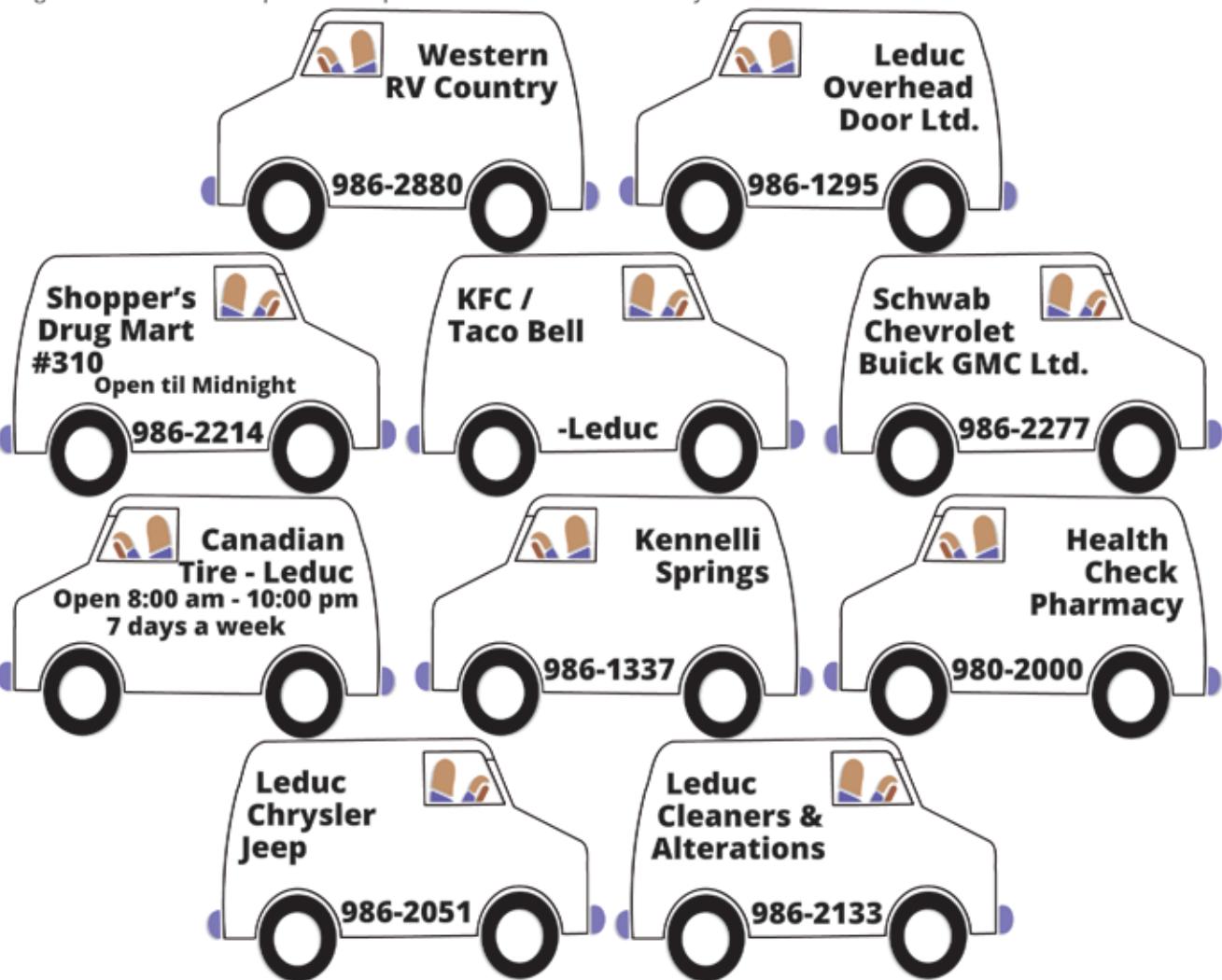
Tips about Strangers

A stranger is anyone you don't know. There is no way to tell by the way a person looks if they are dangerous or not. A dangerous person does not always look mean or scary, so judging by the way people look is a mistake. It's not so easy to tell who is okay and who is not. Just because someone looks nasty doesn't mean that they would hurt you and just because someone looks nice, doesn't mean that they are a nice person.

There is only one person that is with you all the time and can be responsible for keeping you safe at all times. THAT PERSON IS YOU! Safety rules need to apply ALL THE TIME, not just when someone who looks bad or scary is around. One of the most common ways that kids get hurt by strangers is when being friendly and helpful to adults who pretend to need help. When you are without your parents or other adult you know, it is your job to protect yourself. It is not your job to offer help to any adults, even if they ask! A grown-up who needs help should get help from another adult, not a child. So remember, looking out for yourself is your biggest job when you are not with your parents or another adult, so you have permission to ignore or refuse adult requests for help.

Stranger Tips:

- Walk and play with others and use the buddy system. If you walk somewhere, walk with other children.
- Adults do not usually ask children for directions or help, they should be asking other adults. If someone in a car should stop to ask for directions, you should not go near the car.
- Stay an arms reach or more away from strangers. Stand up, back up and run to someone who can help you if you feel afraid.
- If someone is following you on foot or in a car, go to a place where there are other people--to a neighbor's home or into a store, a police station or even a library for instance--and ask for help.
- No one should ask you to look for lost items such as a "lost puppy" or tell you that either of your parents is in trouble and that he or she will take you to mom or dad. If someone tells you this, run the other way immediately and find help with an adult you know or run into a safe place you know.
- Never go near a car with someone in it or get into a car without your parents' permission. You should learn whose cars you are allowed to ride in.



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**IT'S YOUR DUTY TO
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TIPS TO SPOT AN IMPAIRED DRIVER

Drivers who are impaired by fatigue, drugs, alcohol or other distractions such as cell phones, are a danger not only to themselves, but also to the innocent drivers around them. If you witness any of the behaviors below, call 911 and tell the operator that you are calling to report an impaired driver. Be prepared to describe the make, model, color and license plate number of the vehicle, and provide its exact location.

Signs of impaired driving include:

- Failure to turn on headlights at night.
- Illegal or sudden turning.
- Turning within an unusually wide radius.
- Nearly striking other cars or objects.
- Sudden or erratic braking.
- Drifting, swerving or weaving.
- Driving with the face close to the windshield.
- Drinking alcohol in the vehicle.
- Driving much slower than the posted speed limit.
- Rapidly accelerating.
- Tailgating.
- Driving in the middle of the road, or with the left tires on the center line.
- Responding slowly to traffic signals

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SEEING GREEN: HOW TO HELP YOUR LAWN BOUNCE BACK FROM WINTER

Lawns are exposed to the elements throughout the year, and each season brings its own unique set of challenges. Summer heat waves can make it hard for lawns to maintain their lush green appeal, while the falling leaves of autumn can threaten root systems if not handled properly. Winter frost and snow also can pose a threat to lawns, leaving homeowners with some work to do when spring arrives.

Spring is a season of revival, and that spirit of rejuvenation extends to lawns. When the last vestiges of winter begin to disappear, homeowners can dust off their gardening gloves and start taking steps to revitalize their lawns for the months ahead.

• Look for signs of damage. Winter can be hard on lawns, so it's important for homeowners to look for signs of damage before they begin planning any springtime land-

scaping projects. Salt damage can occur in areas that received heavy snowfall over the winter. Many communities use rock salt to de-ice snow- and ice-covered roads, and that rock salt is largely made up of sodium chloride, which can draw moisture from grass and cause it to brown. Salt trucks used during winter storms often spit salt out onto lawns, so don't be surprised if you notice brown spots on your grass, especially in those areas closest to the road. Winter lawn damage may also be caused by voles, burrowing mouse-like rodents that make paths beneath the snow to hide from predators and feed on grass blades and roots. Lawns with distinctly matted areas may also have been damaged by snow mold that can weaken turf.

• Consult a professional landscaper. Homeowners with considerable experience tending to damaged

lawns can no doubt identify and address problems on their own. That's because many problems are a result of the weather, which tends to be similar and produce similar problems from one year to the next. But inexperienced homeowners should consult professional landscapers before attempting to address problems on their own. Winter lawn damage may be caused by a variety of factors that can produce similar symptoms, and professional landscapers can identify the culprits behind such damage and provide the most effective solutions to restore the lawn.

• Remove debris. A light raking can help remove any debris that accumulated over the winter. Such debris, which may include fallen branches and fallen leaves left behind from the final days of fall, can prevent lawns from getting the sun and water they need to thrive. Remove this debris,

but make sure the grass is not frozen when you do, as walking on frozen grass can cause further damage.

• Let the grass grow. Mowing the lawn is a chore that's reserved for spring, summer and maybe early fall, but it's important that homeowners don't jump the gun and mow too early after winter. A patient approach allows the grass to reestablish itself, so let it grow a little higher than you normally would before the first cut. When the grass is roughly 4.5 inches high, you can cut it down to three inches and then maintain your normal mowing routine throughout the rest of spring and summer.

Revitalizing lawns in springtime is a priority for many homeowners, who should always consult landscaping professionals if they feel uncertain about addressing any damage they discover during their post-winter lawn inspections.

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TOUGH ECONOMY DRIVES PROPOSED LOWER TAX IMPACT FOR 2016

Submitted by Mariann McLaughlin

Leduc City Council is looking at a further reduction in the 2016 tax impact to 1.75 per cent from original projections, first reported last November at 3.62 per cent and 2.26 per cent in December. This new proposed 1.75 per cent would see a .51 per cent reduction in the city's base operations.

"It's our responsibility to conduct regular reviews of our economic environment, projected assessments, and internal operations to ensure we're doing all that we can to help minimize the burden during these tough economic times," says Jennifer Cannon, director of Finance with the City of Leduc. "We've been working very hard over the past few months to seek greater efficiencies to find the cost savings and bring us to where we are today with a reduced tax impact of 1.75 per cent."

Timeline

- November 2015 – 2016 budget deliberations saw a projected tax revenue increase of 3.62 per

cent

- 2 per cent for the final year of a four-year investment to address growth needs for emergency/protective services
- 1.62 per cent for base operational requirements
- December 2015 – city council adopted the 2016 operating and capital budgets outlining a 2.26 per cent tax revenue increase
- 2 per cent for emergency/protective services
- .26 per cent to cover the elimi-

nation of the province's Alberta Social Housing Corporation grant

- April 2016 – city council passes first reading of the 2016 Property Tax Bylaw with a 1.75 per cent tax revenue increase

- .51 per cent reduction in base operations to allow for the dedicated 2 per cent for emergency/protective services

"Cost savings were reached due to a few factors, such as investigating operational efficiencies, reprioritization of capital

projects, and a slight increase in our non-residential property assessment for 2015. We projected 7 per cent, however it came in at 8.64 per cent," says Cannon.

Leduc City Council gave first reading to the property tax rate bylaw during their regular council meeting, April 11. The bylaw will be back before city council at the April 25 meeting for second and third reading.

For more information, call 780-980-7177.

SINGLE VEHICLE ROLL OVER

Submitted by Thorsby/Breton Detachment

RCMP File 2016-419241

On April 10th, 2016 at 6:20 am Thorsby RCMP received a report of a single vehicle roll over on Hwy 39 and Hwy 770. Fire, EMS and police attended and found the driver trapped inside the vehicle. The driver was air lifted by Stars into Edmonton with serious injuries and is in critical condition. Alcohol and speed are both believed to be factors. The investigation is ongoing.



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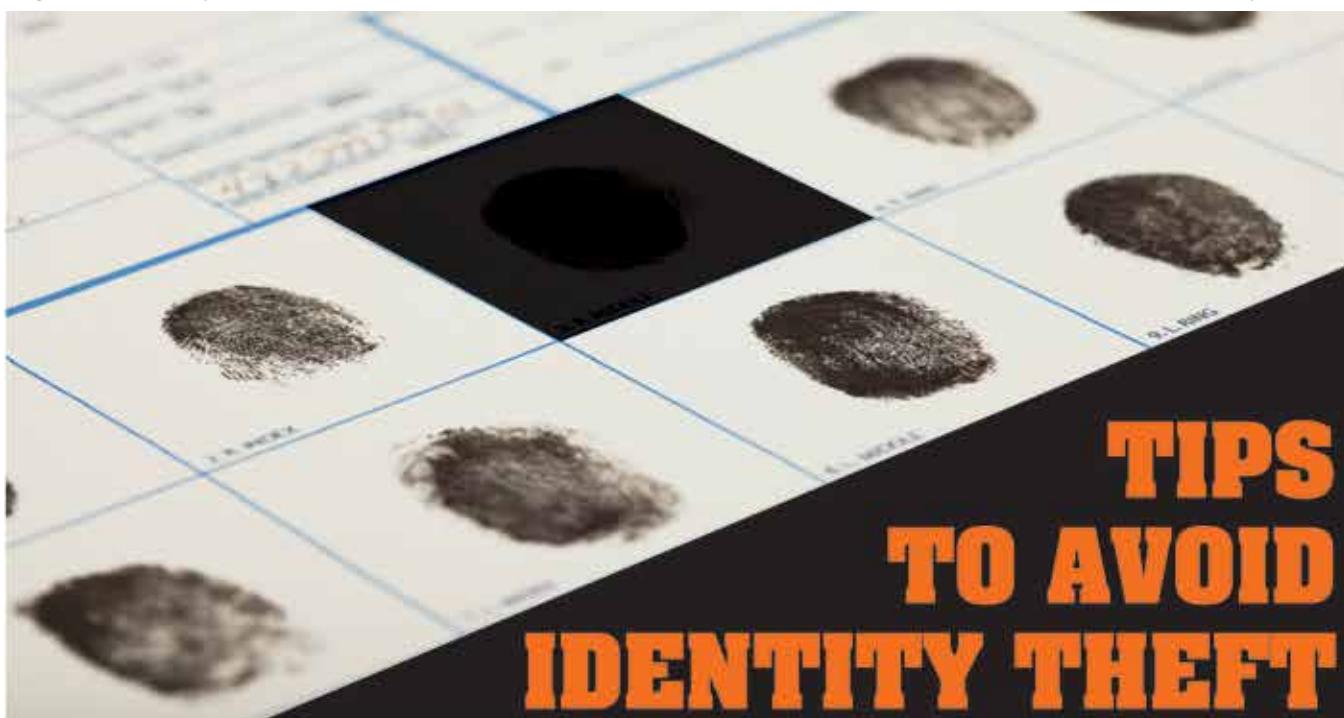
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2) Pay attention to your billing cycles. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time.

3) Guard your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collections boxes or at your local post office. Promptly remove mail from your mailbox after delivery. Ensure mail is forwarded or re-routed if you move or change your mailing address.

4) Utilize passwords on your credit card, bank and phone accounts. Avoid using easily available information like your mother's maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your SIN or your phone number.

5) Minimize the identification information and number of cards you carry.

6) Do not give out personal information on the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you have initiated the contract or know whom you're dealing with.

7) Keep items with personal information in a safe place. An identity thief will pick through your garbage or recycling bins. Be sure to tear or shred receipts, copies of credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements and credit offers you get in the mail.

8) Give your SIN only when absolutely necessary; ask for other types of identifiers when possible.

9) Don't carry your SIN card; leave it in a secure place.

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WATCH OUT FOR CRIME

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

- Make your neighborhood and workplace safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots, and lobbying local government for better lighting in public places.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times, especially when walking or driving alone, in deserted areas, and late at night.
- Help out a friend or coworker who has been a victim of crime. Visit them often, listen to them and sympathize, and don't blame. Also find the number for victim services or a crisis hot line.
- When walking, pay attention to your surroundings and display a confident air; avoid displaying a lost look or large amounts of cash.
- Work for better drug treatment services, crime and drug abuse prevention education, and job and recreational opportunities for young people in your community.
- Have your car keys ready before you arrive at your vehicle. Check in front and back of your vehicle before entering.
- Join a watch group for your neighborhood, apartment complex, school or office. Use it to look out for each other and help the police.
- Keep doors and ground-level windows locked at all times, even when you are home. Consider installing grates on basement windows.

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- Persons going door to door

- Someone looking into windows of parked cars
- Persons waiting in front of a home or loitering around the neighborhood
- A stranger in the back yard
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or a business after it has closed
- Property being carried by persons on foot
- Property being loaded into a vehicle or being removed from a vehicle
- An opened or forced door or window
- Strange vehicles parked at your neighbor's house
- Slow moving vehicles cruising the block
- Someone being forced into a vehicle
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child
- Abandoned cars

NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS

Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program today!

Remember if you see a situation that doesn't feel right, it's suspicious.

Write down the description of any suspicious persons.

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9229. Please note that all submitted announcements will be edited to fit the 2 line limit. Deadline 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

MAY 14 - STAND UP FOR ALBERTA: BILL 10: at Alberta Legislature, 2:00pm. Sign Petitions Here! Have your voice heard!

MAY 14 - MEXICAN FIESTA at Woodbend Hall Sat. Mexican Food, Dancers, Mariachi, Pinata. Margaritas 6pm Dinner 6:30pm. Tickets \$20. 12 yrs & under \$10. Call 780-470-0574

MAY 23 - CANADIAN FIDDLE CHAMPION SCOTT WOODS & HIS BAND at Stony Plain Community Centre, 7pm. Adult \$25/Child \$10. 780-962-2089 or 780-968-2030.

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Every Wed, 10:30-1:30pm at the Omniplex

BINGO

MULHURST: Every Tuesday night, 7pm at the Mulhurst Legion

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00pm at the Calmar Legion.

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON for Parkland County Seniors. 12 Noon at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

55+ CLUB DRAYTON VALLEY: located in recreation center *upstairs. Music Jams: Doors open at 1:00pm. Last Sunday of each month. Come on in and listen, 780-542-3768.

CALMAR SENIORS BUS: to West Edmonton Mall - 1st Wed. 9:30am; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3rd Wed. 1:30pm; Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30pm. (780) 985-3117.

DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE: 4th Wednesdays of the Month. 7:00pm at the Devon Pioneer 73 Club (29 Saint Lawrence Ave.) Musicians Free, Guests \$5 includes light lunch.

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10 p, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9 pm, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

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MEETINGS

AHS: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol,

MAY 26 - "GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS BBQ" from 5-7pm at Violet Grove Hall - Bring a Chair. Hosted by Drayton Valley Rural Crime Watch.

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ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7pm, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30pm at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of ea mo, 7:30pm in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7pm at The Wishing Well every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

DRAYTON VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, encouraging, educating & empowering women to improve conditions in our community, province, country & worldwide. Meetings held the last 2nd Tuesday of the month at the DV Legion Hall, 7pm. Call (780) 542-5943 for more info. New members welcome!

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MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8pm at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Thorsby, meeting every Monday morning 9:00am at Thorsby Fire Hall. Ph: 789-2219 for info.

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Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, 1st Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/ Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

Meals on Wheels: Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

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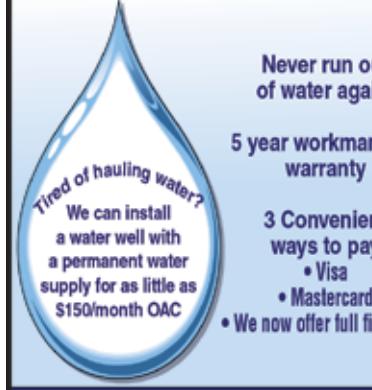
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