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THORSBY/BRETON RCMP RESPOND TO DOUBLE FATALITY

Submitted by Thorsby/Breton RCMP

Brazeau County, Alta. – On Nov. 5 at 4:04 p.m., Thorsby/Breton RCMP attended a serious motor vehicle collision which resulted in the deaths of two males. The collision occurred on Highway 39 at the intersection of Range Road 52.

Information obtained on scene indicates that a pick

up with a flat deck trailer was traveling southbound on Range Road 52 and collided with a semi truck pulling an empty tanker trailer which was traveling westbound on Highway 39.

The 57-year-old driver of the pick up truck, from Wetaskiwin County, and 52-year-old passenger from Leduc were both declared dead at the collision scene. The driver of the semi truck

did not suffer any injuries.

The RCMP collision analyst attended to conduct a scene examination. Traffic was diverted until shortly after midnight when the highways were cleared for travel.

The collision remains under investigation by the RCMP. No further updates for the media are anticipated.

LEDUC RCMP SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN SUSPICIOUS DEATH INVESTIGATION

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Nov. 14, 2020, at approximately 11:45 a.m., Leduc RCMP received a 911 call that a male had been located, believed to be deceased, in a field south of

Leduc near 38 avenue adjacent to Secondary Highway 2A.

Leduc RCMP attended the scene and it was determined that the circumstances of the male's death were suspicious. Alberta RCMP Major Crimes have

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NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINIC NOW OPEN IN THORSBY

Submitted by Leduc
Beaumont Devon Primary
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Announced earlier this year, the underserved towns of Thorsby and Warburg, and their surrounding communities, now have the option to receive ongoing primary health care from dedicated Nurse Practitioner (NP). Michelle Wil-

liams, NP, has been hired by the Leduc Beaumont Devon Primary Care Network (LBD PCN) through a grant provided by the Government of Alberta via the Nurse Practitioner Support Program.

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- The clinic space has been provided by Alberta Health Services and is located in the Thorsby Public Health Centre at 4825 Hankin Street.

- Funding for the NP Clinical Administrator has been provided by the County of Leduc.

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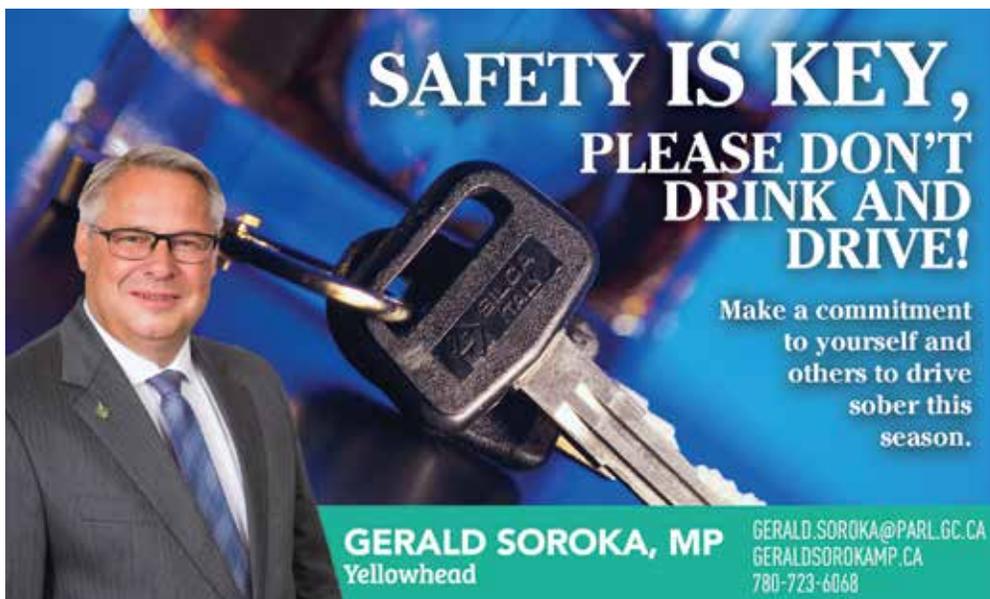


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MP SOROKA QUESTIONS THE MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ON OUR LEGIONS

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead stood in the House today and asked the Minister of Veterans Affairs the following:

“Madam Speaker, many Royal Canadian Legions across my riding have expressed financial concerns since the outbreak of COVID.

The legions continually support veterans in these difficult times. Branch No. 8 in Rocky Mountain House contacted the Minister of Veterans Affairs and was told that an aid package was in the works, but that was over a month ago.

Legions are in need of financial assistance. When will the government help legions and our veterans?”

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Veterans Affairs replied:

“Madam Speaker, the well-being of our veterans and their families are top priority. We fully understand the vital role that legions play in supporting veterans and their families in all communities. That is why I am proud to share with the House that Bill C-4 was passed in the

House a few weeks ago and includes \$20 million to support organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion and other partners.

Our response to the pandemic is ongoing and we will ensure that our partners who support veterans will continue to have what they need to continue to do their great work.”

RCMP Major Crimes Seek Public Assistance In Suspicious Death Investigation Near Leduc

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An autopsy for the victim is scheduled at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton later this week.

Leduc RCMP are asking the public’s assistance for any information in relation to this incident, any suspicious activity in this area and/or if anyone has dash cam footage in the area of Highway 2A near 38 avenue (also described as area near the Leduc exit from QEII Highway onto Highway 2A) between Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at 11 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at 11:45 a.m., are asked to please contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7279 or your local police.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.”

COVID-19 INFORMATION

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WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR DEMOCRACY?

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Why after surviving a confidence vote that never should have been a confidence vote, the Liberals are back at it, threatening an election if the opposition dared to ask tough questions about COVID-19? When the motion's sponsor, Conservative MP and health critic Michelle Rempel Garner, stripped out parts the Liberals disagreed with, the Liberals acted as if they had new information and needed more time to study what they had already studied. The Liberals excuse was that it would take too long; that bureaucrats have better things to do than hand over their emails describing how and why they made decisions and complained that documents have to be translated into both official languages. It seems questions about rapid testing, vaccine purchases, personal protective equipment and the Public Health Agency of Canada are simply too much for the government to handle.

In an attempt to break the logjam, we Conservatives proposed a special committee of 15 MPs – seven for the government and eight for the opposition – to examine the government's handling of the pandemic. The Liberal response was to threaten an election. We Conservatives, along with the Bloc Quebecois and the NDP, are simply asking the government to present details of their plans for the pandemic going forward and what went on in the past. Seems reasonable unless the Liberals have something to hide.

The motion is calling for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health to study the government's response to a global pandemic is straight forward. This is what committees are meant to do, this is what MPs are sent to Ottawa to do which is to examine the government's actions, recommend improvements, point out flaws to get the best outcomes for Canadians.

What do the Liberals want?

Apparently, they want the opposition to vote with them. Simply put the Liberals want the opposition to accept without any reservation that the Trudeau government knows best.

Our Conservative motion calls for "a review of Canada's emergency stockpile of PPE between 2015 and present" as well as "all memoranda, emails, documents, notes or other records" related to the Global

Public Health Intelligence Network (GPHIN), which was the early warning system that ran from around 1998 until 2018 when the Trudeau Liberals diminished its capacity. When COVID-19 first appeared in Wuhan, China, Canada's public health officials were relying on information from the Chinese government, which turned out to be false and self-serving, rather than having solid information from our own experts.

The issues mentioned in the motion is exactly what MPs are there to do -- their jobs.

The Liberals have delayed the Finance Committee, the Ethics Committee and now the Health Committee, places where opposition MPs can ask questions, go over details and make amendments to ensure the best outcome for all Canadians. Canada is a democracy, why can't opposition parties ask questions? That's our job.

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Winter can be an unforgiving season. Freezing temperatures coupled with snow and ice can take its toll on people who live in climates where cold weather is a fact of winter life.

While winter can test people's patience, it also can be harsh on cars and trucks. Understanding what components of a vehicle can be compromised by dropping temperatures and snowy roads can help drivers take action to safeguard their automotive investments.

While the Canadian Automobile Association notes that winter can wreak havoc on just about every part of a vehicle, there are some parts that seem to bear the brunt of Old Man Winter's abuse. Properly servicing and caring for a car or truck can help.

Drivers should take their

vehicles for a tuneup and inspection before wintry weather arrives. A mechanic will examine the car battery and check antifreeze levels and make sure that the thermostat, defroster, brakes, and even wiper blades are working effectively. Have the tires inspected for adequate tread, which can make navigating roads safer. If the treads are worn, replace the tires.

In addition to visiting their mechanics, drivers can perform some inspections and fixes themselves.

Check that all of the vehicle's lights are operational so your car can be easily seen during inclement weather. Exchange your existing windshield washer fluid with one that will not freeze in cold conditions. Check the nozzles on the windshield-washer system routinely and clear out

any blockages of ice or debris. While addressing windshield washer fluid, also replace worn out windshield wiper blades with ones that can withstand snow and icy weather.

A new coating of wax can serve as a shield against road salt, snow, sleet, and rain. Try a polymer wax to protect the paint. Whenever possible, rinse off salt and grime so it does not dry on the car and gradually wear away at the paint. Some drivers mistakenly believe that salt stops being a problem once it dries simply because moisture is the active ingredient for a corrosive reaction. But humidity in the air is enough to keep the salt eating away at the car's paint, and that can contribute to rust. Be sure to rinse off the undercarriage of the vehicle as well.

Have your tires'

alignment checked toward the end of winter or early spring. A season of traveling over pothole-ridden roads or hitting curbs buried under snow drifts can affect the alignment. Get everything back on track. Similarly, inspect tires routinely, as weather changes can affect tire pressure and strength.

Use a soft snow brush or a foam brush to clear snow off of the car. Avoid hard plastic scrapers you might use on your windshield, as they can scratch painted surfaces.

Try to park the vehicle in a garage or under a car port, each of which can protect cars and trucks from the often harsh elements of winter.

Vehicles can be affected by the cold weather. Keep them running efficiently to prevent damage this winter.

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Oil Changes

Motor oil lubricates the engine and keeps it in good working order. Old oil becomes more viscous and can lose its efficacy. While changing motor oil is important, motorists should follow the owner's manual or the factory maintenance schedule regarding how often it needs to be changed, as all vehicles are not alike. The old myth

that cars and trucks need oil changes at set intervals has changed as digital check capabilities have evolved.

Car computers can now keep track of more than just mileage. Computers now track starts and stops and trip durations to determine when cars need oil changes.

Coolant Levels

Coolant helps prevent vehicles from overheating and also prevents the water that it mixes with in the radiator from freezing or boiling. Coolant is nearly as important as motor oil in vehicle maintenance. Coolant is typically comprised of a 50/50 mix of distilled water and antifreeze. These two substances work together to maintain a proper ratio of heat energy and prevent eventual breakdown and

destruction of the engine.

Coolant is usually changed once per year or at 30,000 miles. This keeps the coolant working properly and will help prevent corrosion and deposits from forming inside the cooling system. Coolant levels might be checked during a full-service oil change appointment.

Check Battery Contacts

Many modern car batteries do not require a lot of maintenance. However, one problem that may occur is a buildup of minerals or corrosion from leaking battery fluid on the contacts. In such instances, use a battery cleaning brush to clean the contacts and then replace the cables.

Tire Maintenance

Properly inflated, balanced and rotated tires make for a

smooth, safe ride. Check that tires are wearing evenly and that the vehicle is not pulling to one side. A lack of tread on tires requires they be replaced. Because tires can be expensive, many drivers put off routine tire maintenance. But this can be a costly mistake. Tires that are worn or not properly inflated can cause skidding, problems braking and accidents. Blowouts also may occur, putting drivers, their passengers and fellow motorists in danger. It's best to be proactive with regard to tire maintenance.

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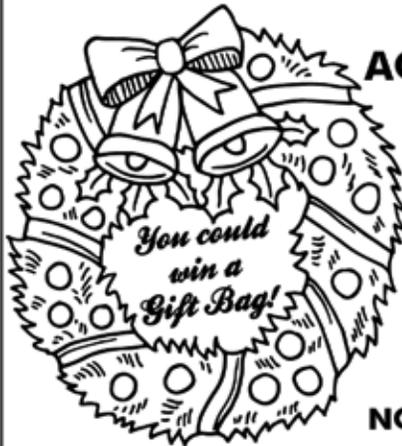
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Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

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Energy is the largest sub sector of our country's economy, accounting for \$221 billion, or 10.6% of nominal GDP in 2018. Our local industries are crucial to Canada, which makes the continuous political backhanding from Ottawa all the more frustrating.

These last few years have been difficult and our local economy has been hard hit for a variety of reasons, however time and time again we have seen a complete lack of re-

sponse from our leaders in the federal government. Far from sympathy, we've in fact been handed down countless legislation that not only imposes, but inhibits Canada's resource industry. Bill C-69, a total ban on tanker ship access along B.C.'s coast, directly prevents Alberta from ever successfully exporting oil west through the Pacific Ocean. Our oil and gas works have seen layoffs by the thousands but when an Ontario manufacturer went under,

federal bailouts were immediately onhand. While Alberta businesses create thousands of jobs and contribute billions to Ontario's GDP and markets, continued gestures like this from our Liberal counterparts have ensured that our local businesses will see fewer investment opportunities and less work for local citizens.

The good news is, despite these impediments, Albertans, and our oil and gas sector continue to make huge strides in technology and scientific advancement. Since 2000, Oil Sands emissions have decreased by 28%. We are also at the absolute forefront of methane emissions reduction. An Alberta startup recently started earning international attention by helping limit methane production through a small air compressor that runs off a hybrid natural gas/solar generator. Methane, a gas 25 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, is part of the natural gas extraction process and accounted for 13% of Canada's total GHG emissions with 43% of that coming from oil and gas sectors. There is no question that Canadian resource extraction maintains the most ethically produced and environmentally sourced practices in the world. Recently approved projects like LNG are already having a positive impact on local economies and oil sands producers have spent \$13 billion in collaboration with Indigenous-owned businesses since 2012, including a record \$2.1 billion in 2018. These types of large scale investments distribute money across various industries and communities and are helping families across Alberta get back on their feet.

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NOVA GAS TRANSMISSION LTD. EXPANSION PROJECT GETS APPROVAL

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead is pleased to inform constituents that the Government of Canada has approved the NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. (NGTL) 2021 System Expansion Project.

The \$2.3 billion NGTL project is of significant importance to Alberta, to Yellowhead riding and for economies across the country. It will add 344 kilometres of new pipeline to the existing NOVA Gas Transmission system from west of Red Deer to near Grande Prairie, Alberta. The project

will also create up to 2,920 direct jobs during construction and provide natural gas producers and shippers with greater access to domestic and US markets.

“This \$2.3-billion project will contribute approximately \$1.2 billion to Alberta’s GDP giving natural gas producers better access to

markets for their products” stated MP Soroka.

“This project was approved just two weeks after I rose in the House of Commons to question the government on the delays in approving the NGTL Pipeline,” concluded MP Soroka.

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