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LEDUC RCMP SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE MISSING FEMALE YOUTH

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On May 1, 2021, Leduc RCMP received a report

that 15-year-old Keyana Noble had gone missing at approximately 1:00 a.m. in the area of 43 Avenue and 44 Street in Leduc.



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NOMINATIONS FOR LEDUC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc is seeking nominations for athletes,

teams, leaders or builders who deserve to be honoured for the positive impact they've made on the Leduc region through their contributions

to the local sport community. Nominations for the 2021 induction year are open from now until the end of May.

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MALE EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR FRAUD AND THEFT

Submitted by Devon RCMP

Devon RCMP began an investigation in March 2021 into allegations that an employee was stealing money from the Devon Golf and

County Club in Devon, Alta.

The offence occurred between April 2020 and March 2021 while he was employed as the General Manager of the Devon Golf and County Club.

Scott Borsa (35) of Devon,

Alta. has been charged with fraud over \$5000 and theft under \$5000.

Borsa has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on June 17, 2021.

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MP GERALD SOROKA QUESTIONS THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ARRIVAL OF MORE VACCINES

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, asked the following question today during Question Period.

He asked:

"Madam Speaker, as other countries are coming out of this pandemic, small communities in my riding, such as Breton, are just beginning to receive their first doses because of the Liberals' failure on procurement. Many of these communities have expressed concerns with delay and uncertainty of the timeline getting their first and second doses. In March, witnesses at the health com-

mittee confirmed the off-label interval was a decision exclusively based on procurement schedules.

When will we get enough vaccines so we can stop rationing and use the manufacturers' recommended interval?"

Reply:

Mr. Steven MacKinnon (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Lib.):

"Madam Speaker, I know that the member will join me in hoping that the citizens of his riding in Yellowhead and, indeed, all Canadians have access very soon to the dose and the evidence is their first dose will be coming


very quickly. The 50 million vaccine doses that we are expecting by the end of June are, of course, more than enough to cover the first dose and, indeed, will make a significant dent in the second dose for all Canadians. We know that Canada is third in the G20 in getting that first dose to its citizens.

We all look forward to the end of this pandemic and I know the hon. member joins me in encouraging his citizens to get vaccinated when it is their turn."

The video of the exchange can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/1709115205842639/videos/247866467124656>

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BE READY FOR ANYTHING: MAKE PREPAREDNESS A HABIT

Submitted by City of Leduc

The Leduc Emergency Management Agency (LEMA) encourages residents to take steps to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families from disasters, emergencies and unexpected situations during Emergency Preparedness Week (EP

Week). This year's theme is Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything. Some disruptions may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and impact of any emergency.

During EP Week and throughout the year, residents can make preparedness a habit and become better prepared to face

a range of emergencies through a few simple steps:

- Know the risks – Find out the risks that face you and the community to better prepare for the possibilities
- Make a plan – Know what you and your family will do
- Get an emergency kit – Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency

Cumulatively, these steps

help us to better cope and recover from any disruptions. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on us, it has also highlighted the role everyone has to play in emergency preparedness.

Visit www.leduc.ca/emergency-preparedness to learn more and find resources to start your preparedness journey.

Leduc RCMP Seek Public Assistance To Locate Missing Female Youth

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The Leduc RCMP would like to speak with Keyana

and confirm her well-being. Keyana is described as:

- Approximately 5'1" tall
- Approximately 130 lbs

- Black shoulder length hair
- Green eyes
- Left nostril piercing with purple ring

Keyana Noble was last seen wearing a grey and white hoody and black leggings with hair up in a blue scrunchie.

Leduc RCMP have reason to believe that Keyana may be in the Edmonton area or headed to British Columbia.

If you have been in contact with Keyana Noble, or have information on his whereabouts, please contact the Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267.

Nominations for Leduc Sports Hall of Fame

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Each year since 2015, the Leduc Sports Hall of Fame

panel has sought to pay tribute to those members of the local athletic community who have made considerable contributions to their sport at the local, provincial, national, international and professional levels. The 2020 induction gala had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year's gala is tentatively scheduled to proceed on November 6, 2021, pending any relevant provincial health restrictions.

The Leduc Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee is also currently accepting applications for members of the sport community to join their group.

To learn more about the Leduc Sports Hall of Fame awards, submit a nomination, or apply to the committee, please visit Leduc.ca/LSHF.

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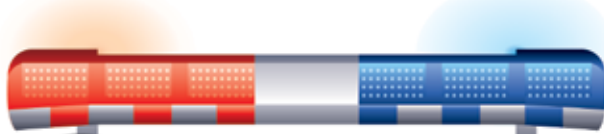
Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program today!

Remember if you see a situation that doesn't feel right, it's suspicious.
Write down the description of any suspicious persons.
Get the model, color and license numbers of strange vehicles.
Call the police immediately. Don't assume someone else has called.
If criminal activity has occurred let your Block Watch Captain and neighbors know but **CALL THE POLICE FIRST**

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THAT YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR:

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Unusual noises, sounds of breaking glass or shattering wood
- Beam from flashlight or light in neighbor's home
- 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
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CRIME PREVENTION

- Keep an eye out for strange vehicles parked in your area at odd hours or for long periods of time
- Make sure all young children know how to handle possible confrontations with strangers.

Use these helpful tips to help keep our community a safe, enjoyable place. Look around your home, school or office and see where you can make a difference.

- Start teaching children at an early age how to avoid drugs and alcohol.
- Get children involved in organized after-school programs.
- Start, join or reactivate a neighborhood watch program.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when walking alone at night.
- Participate in forums which involve local officials, such as city council meetings.
- Reach out to crime victims, their families or others in the community who need support.
- Get to know your neighbors - you may find others with an interest in safety, too.
- Be familiar with members of your local police and fire departments.
- Make sure all street lights in your area are in working order. Alert local officials if they are not.
- Set up buddy systems for teens going out after dark.



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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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HOW HOME DESIGN TRENDS ARE EVOLVING FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

(MS) - COVID-19 has brought changes to everything, and home design is no exception. Experts are expecting to see lasting impacts on everything from the materials we use to the rooms we prioritize. Check out these and other noteworthy trends:

Houses over apartments: Many people who live in condos or apartments do so to be closer to the action - work, entertainment and shops - and never planned on spending much time at home. But the pandemic has changed that, and more people are going to want a home that offers plenty of room and outdoor space in case they need to self-isolate again.

Self-sufficiency: A hard lesson we've learned is that things

and services we thought we could count on aren't necessarily a sure thing, so items that increase self-reliance will become very popular. Expect to see more homes with sources of energy like solar panels, sources of heat like fireplaces and stoves, and even urban and indoor gardens that allow you to grow your own produce.

Outdoor living: Between playgrounds closing and parks becoming overcrowded, many of us are turning to our balconies, patios and backyards for fresh air and nature. This means we're going to be investing more in our outdoor spaces, with functional kitchens, soothing water features, cozy firepits, and high-quality outdoor furniture to create a much-needed escape.

Healthier spaces: Thanks to spending more time indoors and reprioritizing our health, we'll turn to design to help ensure our homes are safe and healthy for our families. We'll see a rise in products like water filtration systems as well as materials that improve indoor air quality. For new homes and additions, alternatives to wood-framing like insulated concrete forms from Nudura, which offer improved ventilation for healthier indoor air quality and an environment that's less susceptible to mold, will be key.

Home office space: Business experts are suggesting many companies will see that working from home is not only possible but offers tangible benefits, like saving money on

office space rent. With working from home on the rise, creating a home office space that inspires productivity will be a major project many of us tackle. Luxury home office furniture that feels chic and blends into your décor as well as ergonomic chairs and desks will see a major boost.

Custom and quality: With the hit to the economy, people are going to be buying less, but what they do buy will be better quality, while at the same time making an effort to support American businesses. When it comes to design, trends will shift to locally made furniture, custom-built homes and pieces and materials that stand the test of time.

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THE BENEFITS OF WORKING WITH AN INTERIOR DESIGNER

Home is where the heart is, and it's also where homeowners express their style. Though interior design may come naturally to some homeowners, many more can benefit from a little help defining their style and translating that style into a beautiful home. In such instances, interior designers can be the most valuable investments homeowners make in their homes.

Homeowners may hear "interior designer" and immediately hear the sound of cash registers ringing in their heads. However, many interior designers offer various services, including hourly consultations, that can make them cost-effective, especially for homeowners who are still trying to define their style and decide just how they want their homes to look. That's just one of

the many benefits of working with interior design professionals.

· Interior designers can save homeowners money. Much like it's best for homeowners with no DIY experience to hire professional contractors when renovating their homes, paying an interior designer when you have little experience with design can help you avoid potentially costly mistakes. Interior designers are skilled at transforming homeowners' visions into finished products, and that's a valuable skill homeowners don't necessarily have. Trial and error when designing a home's interior can be costly, even if you're not knocking down any walls or swinging any hammers. For example, after renovating on their own, homeowners may find they need to replace a new

couch or dining table that they realize contradicts their design scheme. Interior designers can help homeowners avoid such costly mistakes and get it right the first time.

· Interior designers can help you coordinate your style. Each and every component of a home's interior says something about its owner. Whether it's their choice of lighting fixtures, furniture or even appliances, homeowners make a statement any time they choose a design component for their homes. Interior designers can help homeowners coordinate their styles so each room seamlessly transitions to the next one. An ultra-modern living room may stick out like a sore thumb in a home that's predominantly rustic, and interior designers can help homeowners avoid such

mistakes.

· Interior designers recognize what's trending. Interior designers tend to be up-to-date on the latest trends. That can be incredibly valuable, especially for homeowners who are anticipating putting their homes on the market in the near future. In such instances, designers can help homeowners invest in updates or renovations that will appeal to today's buyers, increasing the likelihood that their homes will sell more quickly, and potentially for more money.

· Interior designers are well-connected. Interior designers often collaborate with contractors. Those professional relationships can help homeowners avoid the headaches of finding the right professionals to work with when renovating their homes.

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- Take it seriously. It's easy to say, "Kids will be kids" and assume it will pass. But if your child is coming home upset and is suddenly anxious about school because of the way a kid (or kids) are treating him, you should pay attention.
- Drop your kid off at school or stand on the sidelines during recess. Bullying tends to occur when adult supervision is lacking, so before school or on the playground at recess.
- Talk to other parents. Young kids are talkers. If you're friendly with a parent in your kid's class, ask them if their child has mentioned anything about kids being picked on at school.
- Tell the teacher. It's really important to let your child's teacher know what your kid is telling you -- especially if someone is getting hit.
- Empower your children. Let your kids know that it's not their fault that they are being bullied. Teach your kids to focus on their own behavior.



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- Illegal or sudden turning.
- Turning within an unusually wide radius.
- Nearly striking other cars or objects.
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- 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.
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Letter to the EDITOR

RESPONSE TO MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by Peter Willott

The April 20 publication presented a message from MLA Mark Smith regarding the New Curriculum. I seek to respond.

When the New Curriculum

was shared, an introductory paragraph stated: "Unlike the previously proposed curriculum, which was constructed to teach students concepts, the government is now adopting a philosophy that there is a common cache of knowledge

every child should know, and which should be taught in chronological order." It seems to copy heavily from curricula in the United States, which is rather silly, since Canada has a better record in Education.

It is true that facts are

important. However, simple facts are not much unless you are playing Trivial Pursuit. Facts are easy to find when and if needed. Their understanding is not. Without concepts, facts are merely disjoint pieces of data, without use until placed within the context of a concept. Simple facts do not lead to true education. Ask your trained pet or your iPad.

An example from Mathematics might show the reason for conceptual context. In language, even a four year old understands that "Joe went to the store" and "I went to the store" means that both of them went to the store. That four year old knows the concept behind the Distributive Property of mathematics. That concept can help carry the four year old through the factoring of quadratic equations and university calculus. The 'basic facts' are rather trivial. The multiplication tables are basic, admittedly; good teachers do not just drill them, though. Good teachers introduce them via patterns, or through gimmicks such as 'rectangular numbers' that use the Commutative Property to simplify the memorization as well as lead into studies of area, etc. When similar relationships will be encountered, the student can learn them easily.

In English, many people seem to have difficulty with confusion of "they're" and "their" and even "there." Also between "it's" and "its." Memory drills have not given them a conceptual understanding that the apostrophe is used primarily to indicate a missing letter over its use in a possessive.

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IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED TO ADDRESS COVID IN SCHOOLS

Submitted by The Alberta Teachers' Association

ATA President Jason Schilling is expressing significant irritation that the outcome of yesterday's emergency management cabinet committee hasn't resulted in more measures to protect Alberta's students and school staff.

"With only about 45 days remaining in the school year, government must take significant steps immediately to protect the viability of in-person learning. Alberta has now surpassed more than 20,000 active cases of COVID-19, with the majority of these cases being variants of concern. By the end of the week, we will have more people in ICU—a lagging indicator—than we did at the peak in December.

"The virus has adapted, and yet the government's plan to protect students and staff largely has not."

—ATA President Jason Schilling

Significant concerns remain that threaten the on-

going operation of schools across Alberta.

- The biggest factor impacting COVID in schools is COVID in the community. Government must take stronger action to prevent the spread across society.

- Despite the suggestion from the minister that only a small proportion of students and staff are affected by COVID, everyone is feeling the impacts of COVID-related quarantining, disruption and limitations.

- School-based administrators and office staff continue to be inundated by functions of communications and tracing regarding positive cases; timely contact tracing is essential, and more support for administrators is desperately needed.

- An adequate supply of substitute teachers is not available, and substitute teachers who are required to quarantine or isolate as a result of potential exposure or infection from the school environment are left without income or health

benefits.

- Contrary to national recommendations, Alberta teachers and school staff continue to be left off the priority list for Phase 2 vaccinations.

Schilling says that many of these concerns were identified and flagged by the Association regularly over the past year, but have gone unaddressed.

Schilling is calling for the government to implement a clear and transparent system of triage for schools in which schools in some areas are closed for a period of time, others are bolstered with enhanced safety measures and supports, and the rest continue to operate as they have been.

Schilling is very concerned that the Black Gold School Division and perhaps others have been denied requests to move older grades to online learning. The city and county of Leduc both have more than 600 cases per 100,000 people.

"The current situation is an unprecedented crisis that if left unaddressed will inevi-

tably result in the shutdown of all schools."

—ATA President Jason Schilling

According to the results from a random selection of over 1700 teachers and school leaders surveyed this past weekend, teachers feel overwhelmingly exhausted, stressed and unhappy. Schilling is worried the education system right now is on the verge of collapse—either as a result of COVID or as a result of the overburdening of school staff.

Yesterday, Schilling called on the education minister to convene an urgent meeting of education stakeholders in order to discuss the needs of schools amid the third wave of the pandemic in Alberta.

The Alberta Teachers' Association, as the professional organization of teachers, promotes and advances public education, safeguards standards of professional practice and serves as the advocate for its 46,000 members.

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Possessives are often mistaken for plurals, and vice versa. That is where placing "facts" over "concepts" fails us all.

In Social Studies the New Curriculum is often not pertinent to student ages or backgrounds. To a Grade Two student, what is the meaning or the need of

knowing Genghis Khan being born where and when it happened, or which king did what to whom? Those facts may never again arise in his/her lifetime. The youngster is still not sure who is the mayor, or know about the three levels of his own governmental structure. Surely the Grade Twoer should learn about those before hearing about Caligula or Timon.

In Science, the emphasis, in Grade Two, at least, is supposedly placed on Inquiry and Testing to discover things such as buoyancy. This sounds rather like the true discovery in Mathematics, which the New Curriculum does not want. Teachers start from, and build on, students' knowledge and concepts. However, despite the fact that children have seen coffee cups

and drains, neither solubility nor viscosity is discussed.

It is time for a rewrite. This time, perhaps teachers could really be involved and UCP ideology ignored. Oh, yes, perhaps we might also learn some ideas from the extensive reviews done by the previous administrators of the province.



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Submitted by City of Leduc

The possibilities are endless with Leduc's latest online service; a tool designed for all facets of the community to access free, high quality imaging from stills to videos. The City of Leduc Photo and Video Gallery is a living, online resource

designed to support various levels of business, contractors, community groups and citizens.

"If you like what you see, download it for free," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "This is just one step forward in how we're walking the talk to better support this community, from local businesses and business development to community

groups and citizens. This free service offers potential efficiencies and cost savings for businesses and Leduc's not-for-profit sector to help meet their marketing needs."

The online gallery currently features a variety of images of Leduc's:

- Attractions
- Industrial areas
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- Parks and outdoor spaces
- City facilities
- Drone video footage

The gallery is also searchable using key words and will be updated regularly:

- Link: <https://photo.leduc.ca/>

For more information, please click [HERE](#) or call 780-980-7177.

BILL 71 PASSED: STATEMENT FROM MINISTER COPPING

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Labour and Immigration Jason Copping issued the following statement on the passing of Bill 71: Employment Standards (COVID Vaccination Leave) Amendment Act, 2021:

"As our province's vaccine program continues to vacci-

nate more and more Albertans, we continue to take action to protect lives and livelihoods.

"Alberta's government has passed legislation that amends the Employment Standards Code to ensure working Albertans can access paid, job-protected leave to get each COVID-19 vaccine.

"By passing this legislation, we are reducing barriers for

Alberta workers to get vaccinated. This means no Albertan will have to choose between getting vaccinated and putting food on the table.

"Effective today, every working Albertan can access up to three hours of paid, job-protected leave for each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. All employees are eligible regardless of job status or length of em-

ployment.

"We urge all employees and employers to work together when scheduling COVID-19 vaccination leaves.

"This is the right thing to do and we will continue to take bold actions to protect Albertans lives and livelihoods while ensuring our economic recovery."

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