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LIBERAL GOVERNMENT FORCED TO Wenham Valley WITHDRAW HUNTING RIFLE BAN

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that Conservatives have forced the

NDP-Liberal government to enact a temporary pause on their hunting rifle ban under Bill C-21 (Firearms).

The Liberal Government introduced amendments to Bill C-21 in December 2022,

specifically G-4 and G-46, that would have banned millions of hunting rifles with a new prohibition of any 'rifle or shotgun, that is capable of

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SOUTHFORK SKATING RINK **CLOSED AFTER FIRE IN LEDUC**

Submitted by The City of Leduc

City of Leduc Fire Services responded to a fire at the Southfork skating rink shortly after 5:40 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, that caused significant damage to the outdoor ice amenity. The skating rink, which opened in late 2022, is now closed and is not expected to reopen this season.

No injuries were sustained during the incident. An investigation to determine the cause of the fire is underway.

"We were disappointed to hear this news

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CHAC ICE FISHING CONTEST

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Our Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus is hosting our Annual Fishing Contest! This year, instead of a summer contest, we will be doing an ice fishing contest.

Starting February 1st, 2023, until March 15th, 2023, at 11:59 pm.

Email my Edson constituency office Gerald.soroka. cl@parl.gc.ca to get a fishing lure.

Take a picture of your fish with the lure still attached showing my name, and e-mail the photo to:

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discharging centre-fire ammunition in a semi-automatic manner and that is designed to accept a detachable cartridge magazine with a capacity greater than five cartridges.'

I want to thank my con-

stituents for voicing their disagreement with C-21. We heard you loud and clear. Together we have forced this Liberal Government to temporarily withdraw these amendments.

Conservatives will continue to stand up for the rights and interests of law-abiding firearms owners, hunters, and sports shooters across Canada. We will continue to support common-sense firearm policies that keep guns out of the hands of dangerous criminals.

Southfork Skating Rink Closed After Fire In Leduc

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over the weekend but are grateful that no one was injured," says City of Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "Community safety is one of our top priorities and we are fortunate to have a skilled Fire Services department that quickly responds in emergencies like this one." Barricades and signage have been set up to secure the site. Fencing will be installed later this week. Residents are asked to stay away from the rink and to visit Mark Hayduk Park or Caledonia Park School, two nearby outdoor ice surfaces, if they wish to skate this season. The rink was constructed in partnership with Tamani Communities, the neighbourhood developer, and cost roughly \$800,000 to build. Of that, the City's contribution was roughly \$200,000. The cost and potential timeline to repair the outdoor facility has not yet been determined.



JOKE of the week

What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's day?

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CHAC Ice Fishing Contest

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with your name, Province, age (for age category only), and a short story about catching your fish so we can share with others!

At the end of the contest, there will be a panel of fishing experts from across Canada who will judge the pictures, and select our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, as well as the top youth. Prizes will be handed out to the winners, which include a Shimano ice fishing rod and reel, as well as other outdoor items.

Fishing is a wonderful way to learn more about nature and a great time to spend with family and friends. The Conservative Hunting and Angling Caucus is committed to promote the outdoors way of life in every way possible. We are looking forward to your participation!

Good luck! Have fun and be safe.



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Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

As we move into 2023, Alberta's economy continues to show strength and resilience.

Our province created 42,000 full-time jobs in December, and 88,800 new jobs in 2022 (almost 25 per cent of all new jobs created in the country). Further, the jobs outlook is strong for 2023, with forecasters

predicting more economic growth and diversification on the horizon.

International credit rating agencies are taking note of Alberta's excellent fiscal management. This past week, Moody's Investors Services upgraded Alberta's credit rating to AA2. This decision speaks volumes about our United Conservative government's management and decision-making as we focus on healthcare, education, the economy, and more.

Investors are also looking at Alberta, once again, as a top destination for their capital. 2021 and 2022 saw major investments from companies like Telus, Mphasis, Amazon, Walmart, Air Products, Dow, PIP International, de Havilland, Phyto Organix Foods, and more. Investment isn't slowing down in 2023, however, with Imperial Oil re-

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cently announcing that it is building a \$720 million renewable diesel facility – the largest facility of its kind in Canada – in Alberta's Industrial Heartland. This project will create more than 600 high-paying jobs for Albertans during the construction phase, and more once it is finished.

Opportunities are abounding for workers in manufacturing, technology, food processing, and other burgeoning industries. Even film is booming in Alberta, with several major projects on-the-go, including HBO's the Last of Us, one of the largest film or television projects in Canadian history. Episode one of the Last of Us has drawn over 18 million viewers already and the show, which cost more than \$10 million per episode to film, has officially been renewed for a second season. The show filmed in locations across Alberta including Canmore, High River, Fort Macleod, Edmonton, Calgary, and Waterton Lakes National Park - and has been a boon for many local economies.

Our United Conservative government's economic record stands in stark contrast to the NDP's. We're creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs whereas they lost nearly 200,000 jobs over their time in government. We're cutting taxes and balancing the budget whereas they increased taxes on all Albertans and ran massive deficits. And we're attracting investment and overseeing credit rating increases whereas they pushed people and businesses away and oversaw consecutive credit ratings downgrades.

Another thing we are doing to defend to

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Alberta's economy is opposing Justin Trudeau's "just transition" plan, which would disrupt millions of jobs across Canada. Instead, we are encouraging the liberal government to work with us on developing federal legislation that will signal to all Canadians and investors from around the world that our governments have worked cooperatively on designing incentives and initiatives to create jobs, reduce emissions, and accelerate investment opportunities.

You can see Alberta's economic recovery taking

shape across our province, with people going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and sectors. In every corner of the province and in all sectors of the economy, optimism is growing for the future – and our United Conservative government is working tirelessly to make sure Albertans are going back to work and participating in this renewed Alberta Advantage.

We aren't just cleaning up the NDP's mess. We are building a province that is stronger and more resilient than ever.

LEDUC RCMP WARN THE PUBLIC OF THE RISK OF LEAVING KEYS IN THEIR VEHICLE

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP are warning the public of the risk associated to having their motor vehicles stolen when leaving keys in the vehicle and the vehicle running.

Between Dec. 1, 2022 and Jan. 30, 2023, 1 in 3 motor vehicles stolen in the Leduc detachment area had keys in the ignition or were left unlocked. Vehicle owners are 82% less likely to be a victim of this crime, if they do not leave their vehicle running.

In an effort to prevent any further theft of vehicles, the RCMP are reminding the public of the following vehicle safety tips:

· Park in a secure well-lit

location

• Never leave an idling vehicle unoccupied, even when it is locked

• Use a remote starter and keep your vehicle locked

 \cdot Use a steering wheel lock to deter thieves

 \cdot Never leave children in an unattended running vehicle

· Never leave spare keys or

garage door openers in or around your vehicle

• Always lock the door leading from the garage to your vehicle

· If your keys are lost or stolen, change your locks immediately



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HOW TO FIND YOUR WEI DING FLORIST

Weddings join the lives of two loving individuals so they can share their future with one another. Various elements help make weddings both momentous and magical.

Some weddings adhere to themes that are designed to make an impression and showcase couples' personalities. Floral arrangements are key components of wedding themes, as they help to establish ambiance at both the ceremony and reception.

Flowers can easily help couples achieve a desired vibe, whether that's rustic, romantic, modern, or even whimsical. Skilled florists may use a variety of flowers and foliage, as well as dramatic displays to help create the couple's wedding day vision. According to an internal study from the wedding advice and planning resource The Knot, which surveyed more

than 27,000 couples who got married in 2019, the average cost of wedding flowers was \$2,000 in 2019. However, the cost of floral arrangements can vary depending on the scope of the arrangements and choice of flowers, including whether they're in season or not.

It is essential for couples to spend time vetting potential florists to find one who will produce their desired vision at a price that fits their budget. These guidelines can make the process go more smoothly.

Establish your theme early on. Floral arrangements will complement and enhance other elements of the wedding, including color scheme and the wedding theme. If your wedding theme ties into a specific season, you will work with the florist to find blooms and other pieces that coordinate. For example, winter weddings with white, ice blue and silver color

schemes may coordinate with white ranunculus flowers, dahlias, dusty miller foliage, and viburnum berries.

Bring swatches and photographs to consultations. It is easier to explain color palettes to a florist with examples in hand. Show the florist the types of arrangements you prefer and have actual fabric swatches from bridesmaid gowns or groomsmen vests so that colors can be complemented.

Create a list of desired items. Florists may sell items a la carte or have packages of common floral pieces for wedding celebrations. Types of floral arrangements include bridal bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets, maid of honor bouquet, corsages for mothers/ grandmothers, boutonnieres for groomsmen and fathers/grandfathers, flower girl headpiece, petals to sprinkle, table centerpieces,

altar arrangements, pew or chair decorations, and cake decorations.

• Go easy on aroma. Tread lightly when selecting blooms that have strong aromas. They may be beautiful, but many people are sensitive to smells. Allergies also may be exacerbated by flowers with strong aromas. Discuss options with the florist before proceeding.

Explain your budget. Research the average cost of floral arrangements and let the florist know what you can afford. This can help the florist narrow down options or make substitutions that fit your theme and your budget.

Couples can take certain steps as they choose floral arrangements for their weddings. Cost should not be the only factor in the decision, even though it is an important one.

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• Help the person being bullied understand that they don't deserve to be bullied. You could do this by phoning them, sending them a private message, email or text, or by speaking with them at school.

• Don't encourage bullying behaviour by participating in a bullying conversation thread or, "liking" or forwarding a hurtful comment.



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FACTS

- 1. Education is the key to making bullying a behaviour of the past.
- 2. Youth-led bullying prevention programs are associated with an increase in student and staff intervention to stop bullying.
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- Review and update existing policies and procedures to include cyberbullying both on and off school property.
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- Implement an effective bullying prevention program.
- Evaluate the bullying prevention program to ensure it is effective.



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February 7, 2023 HOUSE OF COMMONS ADOPTS CANADA DISABILITY BENEFIT LEGISLATION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, wishes to advise that Bill C-22, the legislation for

a new Canada Disability Benefit, was unanimously adopted in the House of Commons. Bill C-22 will now move to the Senate for consideration.

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