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APPLICATIONS FOR THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PROGRAM

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that

the Youth Employment and Skills Program (YESP) is now open and accepting applications to help support approximately 1200 jobs for youth in the sector.

The YESP Program offers support for 50% of wages to a maximum of \$14,000 to agriculture employers hiring Canadian youth.

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ALBERTA TOURISM INDUSTRY RECEIVING NEW FEDERAL INVESTMENTS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Can-

ada is investing \$17,828,956 in 50 projects to grow Alberta's tourism economy and attract more visitors to the province, bringing economic benefits for busi-

nesses and communities. Investments are being made through the Tourism Relief Fund (TRF), administered by PrairiesCan

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RCMP'S WESTERN ALBERTA DISTRICT CRIME REDUCTION UNIT ARREST OFFENDER

Submitted by RCMP's Western Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit

On Feb. 25, 2023, RCMP's Western Alberta District Crime

Reduction Unit attempted to locate and arrest 44-year-old Warren David Parenteau who was wanted on warrant after fleeing a traffic stop on Feb. 9, 2023. At approx. 11 a.m.,

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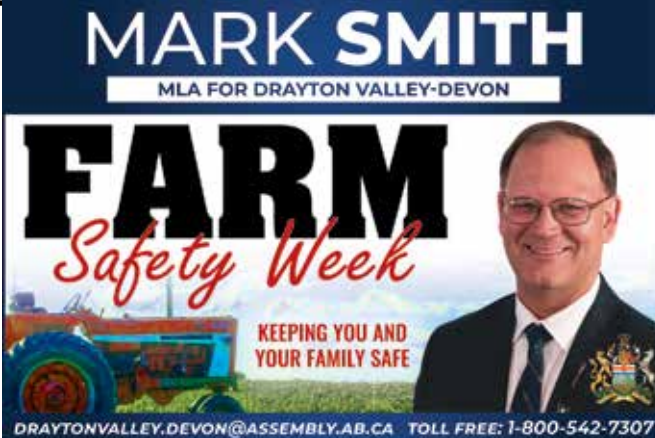
Employers that hire youth facing employment barriers will be eligible for 80% of the cost of salaries and benefits and may be eligible

for an additional \$5,000 to address specific obstacles to employment.

Employers can apply between February 27, 2023, and March 27, 2023, for their

project to be considered. Additional information can be found by contacting aafc.yesp-pecj.aac@canada.ca, or calling: 1-866-452-5558.

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in the Prairie Provinces. The TRF is a \$500 million program to support the tourism sector.

The following tourism businesses and organizations will benefit from the Tourism Relief Fund:

- Grizzly Regional Economic Alliance Society (\$140,000)

Develop a tourism

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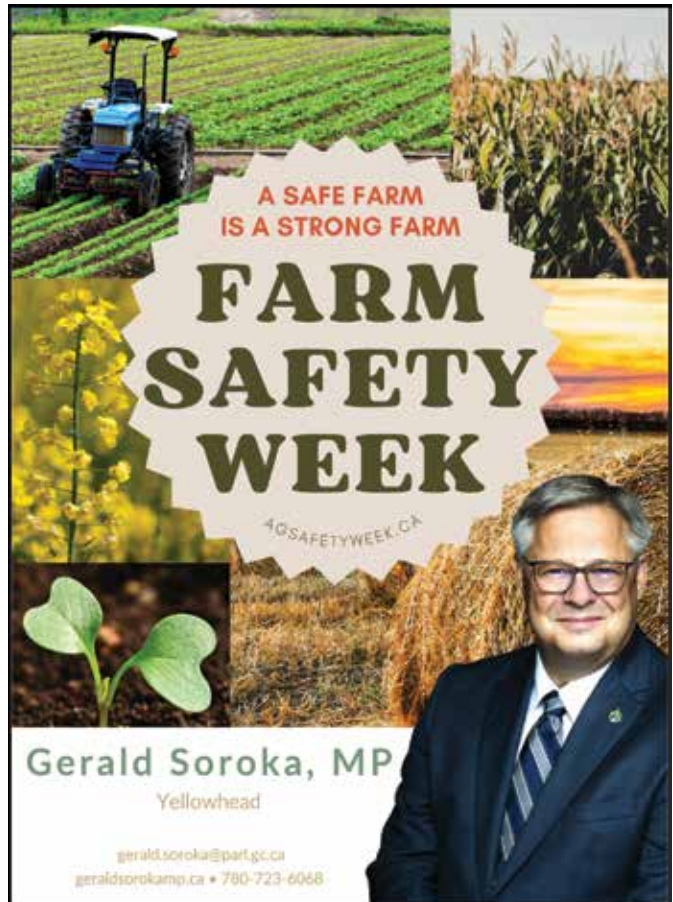
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destination plan, deliver training to tourism operators, and update web content to increase awareness of and visitation to north-central Alberta.

(Mayerthorpe)

• Hinton & District Chamber of Commerce (\$65,000)

Create a tourism destination plan that provides a strategic vision for sustainable growth in tourism in the Hinton area. (Hinton)

• Pine Bungalows (\$1,000,000)

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(\$200,000) Establish a new stand-alone Jasper Tourism Visitor Information and Experience Centre in downtown Jasper. (Jasper)

RCMP's Western Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit Arrest Offender

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officers located Parenteau driving a Jeep Grand Cherokee pulling an enclosed trailer. Officers waited until they observed Parenteau was out of the vehicle before approaching. Once officers approached, Parenteau jumped back into the Jeep and proceeded to ram two police vehicles in an attempt to flee. Parenteau then became stuck and was subsequently arrested.

Checks on the vehicle and trailer revealed that both were stolen as were both licence plates. A search of the vehicle revealed:

- Brass knuckles
- A hunting knife
- Air soft pistol
- Ammunition
- Break-in tool

Parenteau has been charged with:

- Possession of stolen property over \$5000 (x2)

• Possession of stolen property under \$5000 (x2)

• Fraudulent concealment (x2)

• Possession of prohibited weapon

• Possession of weapon for dangerous purposes (x3)

• Breach of weapons prohibition (x4)

• Possession of ammunition contrary to prohibition (x2)

• Possession of break-in tools

• Flight from Police

• Dangerous operation of a

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• Resist/Obstruct arrest

• Mischief under \$5000 (x2)

• Alter vehicle identification number

• Failure to comply with probation

Parenteau has been taken before a justice of the peace and remanded in custody with his next court date set for March 1, 2023, at Stony Plain Provincial Court.

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LEDUC RCMP HOSTING 2023 TOWN HALL

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP Detachment Officer in Charge, Inspector Jeff McBeth is hosting a Community Town Hall in Leduc.

Date: March 15, 2023

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Leduc Public Library - Alexandra program room, 2 Alexandra Park,

Leduc

Attending RCMP town halls are a great way to learn more about policing in your community and to discuss working together to reduce crime and improve public safety.

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- Failure to block-up equipment safely can result in a fatal crushing injury. A jack may slip, a hose or overhead support may break, or the equipment may roll. Always take the precaution of placing support blocks under the equipment prior to working with raised machinery for any reason.

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HOW DRIVERS CAN ENHANCE NIGHTTIME VISIBILITY

Many drivers are considerably less comfortable driving at night than during the day. Even though roads tend to be less congested when the sun goes down, reduced visibility at night can compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers.

Statistics indicate that drivers' fears of driving at night are not unwarranted.

According to the National Safety Council®, traffic death rates are three times greater at

night than during the day, and the anxiety many drivers feel when behind the wheel at night no doubt contributes to nighttime driving fatalities. But drivers who take steps to enhance their nighttime visibility may feel more comfortable driving at night, making the roads safer for themselves, their passengers and their fellow motorists.

· Turn your headlights on earlier. Daytime running lights can make it easier for drivers to be

seen during the day, but they are not designed for nighttime driving. If you find yourself struggling to see as evening transitions into nighttime, turn your headlights on earlier or use your car's automatic switch setting if it has one.

· Prioritize headlight maintenance. Headlight maintenance is often overlooked, but properly maintained headlights can go a long way toward improving driver visibility at night. Check your headlight

bulbs. If they are more than three years old or dimming, it would be a good idea to replace them to ensure the best performance. Headlamp clouding is also an issue. Plastic headlamp lenses, which are common on most vehicles, grow hazy and yellowed over time from the effects of sunlight, ozone, road pollution, and wash chemicals. While many motorists accept this as inevitable wear and tear, clouding

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How Drivers Can Enhance Nighttime Visibility

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Take steps to fight fatigue. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver fatigue contributes to 100,000 reported traffic accidents each year. Drowsiness is a concern for any motorist driving at night

for long periods of time, as heavy eyes can make drivers less alert and less likely to see fellow motorists, pedestrians or animals. When driving at night for long periods of time, take periodic breaks so you can get out of the car and revive yourself with a quick walk and some fresh air. In addition, avoid smoking while driving, as the NSC notes that the nicotine and carbon monoxide from tobacco smoke can further compromise nighttime vision.

Upgrade your headlights. According to a recent study from the automotive club AAA, the halogen headlights found in more than 80 percent of vehicles on the road today fail to safely illuminate unlit roadways, even when vehicles are moving at speeds as low as 40 miles per hour. The solution for this problem is simple: Put more light

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Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

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- Hire right – hire the right person and pay them fairly rather than hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- Get a check-up – make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code – the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
- Train for safety

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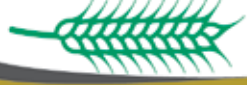
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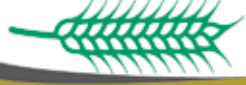


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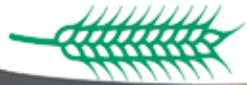
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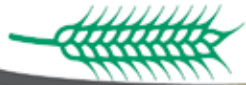
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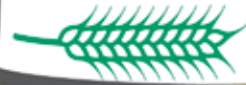
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BUDGET 2023

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

This week, Alberta's government presented Budget 2023: Securing Alberta's Future.

With a forecast surplus of \$2.4 billion, and an economy poised to lead the country in economic growth, Budget 2023 is an opportunity for the government to invest in Alberta's future.

Budget 2023 secures Alberta's future by growing the economy, creating good paying jobs, strengthening health care and education, and keeping Alberta communities safe – all while remaining committed to responsible fiscal management.

With its strong focus on investment attraction, job creation, economic growth, Budget 2023 sets the stage for Alberta to remain Canada's economic engine for decades. A \$176 million grant to the already-successful Alberta at Work initiative will help Albertans build their skills and find good jobs. It will also assist employers in their search for workers in existing and emerging sectors. Further investments in aviation and aerospace, agri-food manufacturing and \$24.5 million for the Alberta Technology and Innovation Strategy will enhance emerging and innovative technologies help attract even more venture capital investments to Alberta.

Alberta's government is also setting new records for spending in health care. This province has the best front-line health-care workers in the world and Budget 2023 provides the right supports to en-

sure Albertans get the care they need when and where they need it. An additional \$965 million in operating expense this year will help the Ministry of Health continue building a stronger health-care system, and ensure the government can do what's needed to improve wait times for ambulance services, emergency rooms, and surgeries. The budget also includes \$158 million this year to attract, recruit and train more doctors and nurses, with a focus on family physicians for rural areas.

To secure the future for children, Alberta's 2023 budget will make historic investments in education. An increase of nearly \$2 billion overall will help young people succeed and thrive in smaller classes. This increase will support the hiring of up to 3,000 education staff, including teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers and school support staff to give students the focused time and attention they need to succeed in their studies. The budget will also increase staffing supports in complex classrooms by up to 10 per cent, which will have a positive effect on the personal and social development of students.

Alberta's government believes safety and security is something all Albertans should experience – in their homes, at school, and in their communities. Budget 2023 keeps communities safe by increasing collaboration between first responders and community partners, and increasing access for vulnerable populations to recovery-ori-

ented mental health and addiction supports. \$12.5 million – a joint investment between Mental Health and Addiction and Public Safety – will support the expansion of therapeutic living units within provincial correctional facilities to help inmates access recovery-oriented treatment.

First Nations policing will also get a boost of \$65 million over the next three years to address the unique needs of their communities and members. This will secure new policing positions and the creation of an additional First Nations police service in Alberta.

Alberta is also committing \$20 million over three years to combat human trafficking and ensure necessary resources are provided to survivors and victims.

While Alberta's economy has recovered strongly, many Albertans are still struggling to heat their homes and feed their families. That's why through Budget 2023, Alberta's will continue to benefit from programs such as the fuel tax relief, electricity rebates, natural gas rebates and monthly \$100 affordability payments for seniors, families and Albertans on certain benefit programs. This means more money in the pockets of Albertans and a helping hand to those in need. Additional relief measures through the budget will lower interest rates for post-secondary students, saving them about \$18 million each year.

Through Budget 2023, adoptive families will have

access to more subsidies and tax breaks to make adoption more feasible. Workers in the social services sector will see their wages increased, and Albertans will now receive a larger tax credit when they donate to their favourite charities.

The ability to make significant investments into Alberta's future didn't come about by accident. Alberta's responsible fiscal management over the last three years made this possible – that's why the government is renewing that commitment. Budget 2023 includes a new fiscal framework that requires all future Alberta governments to balance their annual budgets and use any surpluses to first pay down debt and save for the future. Operating expenses will be tied to population growth and inflation, which will help control spending and prevent high resources revenue from being used to increase spending in an unsustainable way.

As part of this commitment, the Alberta's government is paying down more debt this year and saving for the future. This will save Albertans an estimated \$260 million in this fiscal year and \$551 million in 2023-24.

By transforming health-care to meet people's needs, keeping Alberta communities safe, and growing the economy with more jobs, quality education, and continued diversification, Budget 2023 is securing Alberta's future.

Farm Safety & Health Week



Teach small children the rudiments of safety, such as which areas are off-limits. As they grow older, explain why certain things are dangerous. When they start helping with the work, make sure they are properly trained, keeping their limited strength and experience in mind. The safe way to do things is not always obvious to a child, so always explain and enforce the safety aspects of the job.

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LEDUC RECEIVES MINISTER'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL INNOVATION FOR SOLAR CARPORT AND EV CHARGING STATION

Submitted by City of Leduc

On Monday, February 27, Leduc received the Minister's Award for Environmental Innovation for the solar carport and electric vehicle (EV) charging station installed at 4821 50th Avenue in late 2022.

The City of Leduc has made significant contributions to projects to lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the carbon

footprint of Leduc. In addition to the solar carport and EV charging station, the City purchased an electric Zamboni for the Leduc Recreation Centre, a City electric vehicle, and two John Deere electric gators. In addition to the vehicles, Leduc also installed solar panels on the roofs of the Leduc Recreation Centre and the Leduc Operations Building. Leduc's Eco Station is also equipped with 44-panel rooftop solar

panels, furnished with eco-friendly furniture, and was built with eco-friendly construction materials.

"We are honoured to receive the Minister's Award for Environmental Innovation," said Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "The City of Leduc is at the forefront of becoming a green city, and we're actively searching for affordable ways to improve the health of our community."

Since October 19, the

solar carport and EV charging station has been used 962 times (approximately eight cars/day), with most of the uses providing significant battery charges.

The City plans to unveil its newest charging station (two level-two, and two level-three) at the Leduc Recreation Centre in Spring 2023.

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