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LEDUC RCMP SEEK PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING FEMALE



Submitted by Leduc RCMP

last seen in Leduc on Jan. 1, 2023.

Leduc RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in locating 32-year-old Laura Lee Rogers who was

The Leduc RCMP's efforts to locate her have been unsuccessful and police are concerned for her

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FIRE RESTRICTION ENACTED FOR CITY OF LEDUC

Submitted by City of Leduc

previously issued open-air fire permits; these are temporarily suspended and any new fire permit requests will not be issued. City of Leduc Fire Services enacted the fire restriction as of May

1, 2023 until further notice.

Notable exceptions to this fire restriction include:

- Fire pits meeting the requirements of the City of Leduc Fire Services

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BRETON RCMP SEEK PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO LOCATE MISSING YOUTH

Submitted by Breton RCMP

for public assistance locating 16-year-old Francis Rowan.

Breton RCMP are asking

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Leduc RCMP Seek Public's Assistance In Locating Missing Female

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wellbeing.
Laura is described as:
•5' 6" tall
•112 lbs

- Black hair
 - Brown eyes
 - Light complexion
 - Tattoos on her left bicep
- Police believe she may

be in Edmonton, Alta. and would like to speak with Laura to confirm her well-being

Fire Restriction Enacted For City Of Leduc

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Bylaw

- Natural gas and propane appliances designed for cooking or heating, such as barbecues, heaters and fire pits

Leduc Fire Services will review the restriction as conditions change.

Residents and visitors are also reminded that fireworks are not permitted within the Leduc city limits; unless operated by a cer-

tified pyrotechnician and with a valid permit. Improper use of fireworks can pose a risk to individuals and the community, especially under warm weather conditions that create an ideal environment for fires to start. More information is available on the city's Fireworks Bylaw.




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Breton RCMP Seek Public Assistance To Locate Missing Youth

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Francis was last seen in the early morning hours of May 1, 2023, in Wetaskiwin County. She may be headed to the Edmonton area. Francis's family are concerned for her well-being.

Francis is described as:

- Medium complexion
- Brown eyes
- Brown hair currently dyed red
- 5'6"
- 110 pounds

- Last seen wearing brown shoes, brown pants, black jacket.



LEDUC CENSUS ENUMERATORS GO DOOR-TO-DOOR

Submitted by City of Leduc

The City of Leduc has hired and trained a group of census enumerators who will be visiting local households that have not entered their census information online as of the end of April.

These door-to-door efforts will continue until the

end of the month, coinciding with online option.

The city partnered with the Leduc Public Library to provide a census computer terminal for citizens who do not have Internet access or if they require a little extra assistance. This terminal is available during the library's regular business

hours until May 31.

"We recognize that not everyone has regular access or is comfortable using the Internet, hence this wonderful opportunity provided by our community partner," says Macarena Hormazabal, deputy city clerk with the City of Leduc. "Those who do have access

and are comfortable with the online system, completing the census online is the fastest and easiest way to participate. It's available 24 hours a day from the comfort of your home."

LEDUC RCMP SEE INCREASE IN THEFT OF LICENCE PLATES

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP have seen a 16% increase in theft of

licence plates. From Oct. 2021 through March 2022,

there were 45 reports of stolen licence plates compared to Oct. 2022 through March 2023 where there were 52 reports of stolen licence plates.

In an effort to prevent any further theft of licence plates, the RCMP are encouraging the public to follow these crime prevention tips:

- Park in a secure well-lit location
- Walk around your vehicle regularly
- Use an anti-theft licence plate screw
- If your licence plate is lost or stolen, report it immediately

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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.
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- Driving in the middle of the road, or with the left tires on the center line.
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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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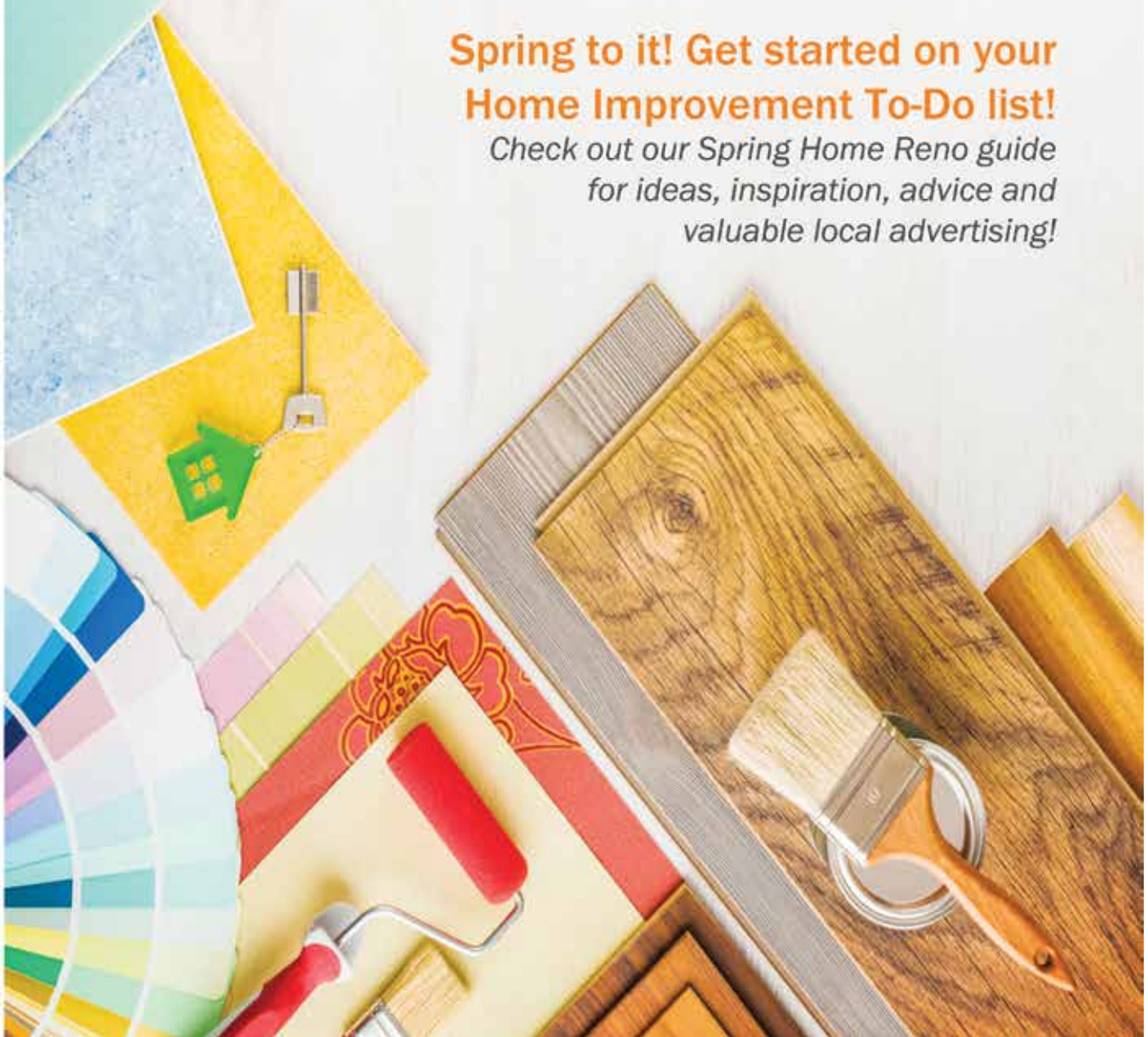
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BOLD COLORS ADD VITALITY TO HOMES

Whether it's Independence Day, St. Patrick's Day or the holiday season, the bold hues that are synonymous with these events add a splash of color to rooms that can use a little design lift.

While some colors may be synonymous with certain times of year, homeowners can employ bold colors in their homes all year long. By embracing bold painting and decorating styles, homeowners can use fresh color palettes to make rooms more inviting and colorful. These popular color combinations can provide inspiration.

Green and pink

Colors on opposite ends of the color wheel will always

complement each other. Green paired with pink (a lighter shade of green's opposite, red) calls to mind the great outdoors. These hues can add a touch of floral spring sunshine even when that season has long since passed. Opt for a deep green and a carnation pink for maximum impact. And don't forget a vase full of fresh blooms as the finishing factor.

Lavender and deep blue Analogous colors are three colors that sit side-by-side on the color wheel and share a common denominator in terms of shade. Lavender, blue and an orchid pink are examples of such hues. This cool, regal combination can add femi-

ninity to a bedroom or even drama to another space in the house. If painting the walls dark blue or lavender seems scary, opt for a neutral shade on walls and then dress up the space with inky and violet accents.

Turquoise and brick red

Enhance the 'wow' factor with these bold colors. Although they are striking, when they work together, they also can impart a soothing feel, particularly since they are often inspired by Asian influences. Feature a light turquoise sofa with red throw pillows. Or dress up meals with a red tablecloth on the dining table and turquoise, white and red, patterned place mats.

Gray and yellow

Yellow is a pick-me-up color any time of the year, but, when combined with a gray, it's toned down to be soothing instead of startling. This color combination is popular in kitchens, nurseries and entryways. Have fun in the kitchen with mottled gray stone countertops, pale yellow walls and canary cafe curtains.

Color can affect mood and transform spaces with just a small investment of time and money. Homeowners can experiment with color palettes so rooms remain vibrant all year long.

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5 WAYS TO MAKE HOMES SAFER

Injuries that occur around the home contribute to millions of medical visits and tens of thousands of fatalities each year. Falls account for the largest percentage of home accidents, with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reporting that around 30,000 fall-related fatalities occur each year in the United States. Many home accidents are entirely preventable when proper caution is exercised.

As homeowners prepare for home-improvement projects, improving safety inside and outside the home should be a priority.

1. Improve lighting

One of the easiest ways to reduce the risk of falls is to improve lighting around the home. The National Institutes

of Health state that adequate lighting is important at entrances to the home, stairways, hallways, and other frequently traversed areas. Make sure lighting fixtures are using the highest wattage light bulb allowed. Artificial lighting sources become even more vital in fall and autumn, when natural light is less abundant in a home. In addition, install lighting outdoors by the front door, over the garage and where garbage pails are stored to facilitate safe passage.

2. Eliminate slick surfaces

Improving traction around the house also can minimize falls. Throw rugs and runners can be made more secure with nonslip rubber backings. Bath rugs can reduce slipping on wet surfaces in the bath-

room. Also, nonslip mats can be used inside of showers and bathtubs.

Use shoe trays to reduce puddling from melting snow or rain runoff in entryways. Mop up spills quickly, and consider the use of matte- or textured-finished flooring to improve stability underfoot.

Promptly remove snow and ice from driveways and walkways. For those who live in cold climates, heated concrete can help melt precipitation before it accumulates.

3. Make needed repairs

Repair loose floorboards and pull carpet taut if it has started to stretch out. Address cracks outdoors and ensure that patio stones, bricks and pavers are secure and level to reduce tripping hazards. Fix areas of

the landscape where water may pool and freeze, creating potential hazards.

4. Declutter all spaces

Remove unnecessary items and furniture from rooms to free up more space to get around. Be sure there are no obstructions in walkways, entryways and near doors. Keep staircases clear at all times.

5. Invest in assistive devices

Handrails, grab bars, nonslip stair treads, and many other devices can make homes safer for people of all ages and abilities. Outfit cabinets and closets with organizers that put frequently used items within easy reach. A sturdy step stool can reduce the risk of injury while reaching for items stored on high shelves.

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EMPLOY SIMPLE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY

Did you know that, according to the National Fire Protection Association, most people have a false sense of security regarding house fires, believing that they would have approximately six minutes to evacuate their home in the event of a fire?

In reality, smoke and fire spread rapidly and can overcome occupants in less than three minutes.

When a fire occurs, there's no question that time is critical. The good news is there are several important steps you can take to maximize your escape time. With the following mea-

asures in place, you'll create critical protection for what matters most; your home and family.

1. Install smoke alarms. You should have one in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

2. Inspect and clean smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries in spring and fall. To clean the alarm, open the cover and gently vacuum the interior.

3. Prepare and practice

a fire escape plan. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room - especially sleeping areas. Discuss the escape routes with every member of your household, and agree on a meeting place outside your home in case of emergency. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

4. Select building materials that provide passive fire protection. Passive fire protection is part of the core of the building and helps control fire by limiting its spread. One very effective form of passive fire protection is the installation of

insulation. When adding or upgrading insulation, look for products made from naturally fire-resistant, inorganic materials. A favorite among builders, contractors and homeowners is a stone wool insulation called Roxul Safe 'n' Sound, which offers fire resistance up to 2,150°F. Its melting point is higher than the temperature of a typical house fire, which means it will stay in place longer to provide passive fire protection when every second counts, allowing more time for safe evacuation and for first responders to arrive.

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Install timers on a few inside and outside lights.

Hold mail and newspaper delivery or donate it to a school or hospital.

Have a trusted friend or neighbor look after your home.



Around the house:

Do not leave tools or ladders outside your home.

Make sure external doors and frames are sturdy. Steel or 1 3/8"-thick wood is preferable.

Installing a security system can add extra protection against crime, fire or accidents.



In the neighborhood:

Join a neighborhood watch committee, and ask local law enforcement for assistance.

Get to know your neighbors. It will instill a sense of community and help everyone feel safer.

Report any suspicious neighborhood activity to the police.

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Lawn & Garden

DESIGN A GARDEN FOR ALL SENSES

Gardens add visual appeal to a yard, but gardens also can appeal to individuals' senses of smell, taste, touch, and sound. Gardeners who want to create gardens that appeal to various senses can do so in the following ways.

Sight

Aesthetic appeal is one of the most sought-after benefits of gardening. However, many homeowners put in so much effort planting for one particular season that they may not give thought to ensuring the garden looks vibrant no matter the time of year.

Gardeners can research planting zones to find plants that will blossom at different times of the year so they can enjoy impressive, aesthetically appealing gardens year-round. Spring bulbs can bloom early

on, while annual and perennial summer favorites will thrive under the summer sun. Beautyberry and caryopteris will fill out in the autumn, while holly or mahonia can look lovely in the winter.

Smell

Gardeners can dot their landscapes with aromatic trees, shrubs and flowers that will make stepping out into the garden that much more special. Some of the more fragrant plants include gardenia, dianthus, calendula, lavender, and jasmine. Shrubs such as fragrant pineapple broom, Anne Russell viburnum and Christmas box can add fragrance as well.

Sound

The lively sounds of the garden are created by the wildlife that come to pollinate and en-

joy the environment gardeners have created. By choosing indigenous plants, gardeners can be sure that insects and small critters will seek refuge within the foliage.

Songbirds also will add character to a yard. The Audubon Society suggests including a water source and a songbird border of shrubs along your property's edge. Provide food sources and make sure they are located a fair distance from the main action of the yard so as not to scare off birds. Wait for musical chickadees, goldfinches, orioles, and cardinals to arrive and enjoy the accommodations.

Taste

Gardeners can expand their gardens to include fruit-bearing trees and rows of vegetables. Produce can be harvest-

ed from early spring through late fall depending on the crops planted.

Touch

Apart from including trees and shrubs of various textures in the garden, look for other ways to stimulate a tactile response. Water features add relaxing sound and beauty. Stones, moss, mulch, and other accents have varied textures that can stimulate the sense of touch in various ways. Don't forget to include a sitting area so that you can immerse yourself fully in the garden.

Go beyond visual appeal when designing a garden. When gardeners tap into all five senses, they can enjoy their landscapes even more than they already do.

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WRITS ISSUED FOR THE 2023 PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's Chief Electoral Officer, Glen Resler, confirms that Writs were issued today to administer elections across Alberta. The 31st Provincial General Election will be held on May 29, 2023.

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Voter Eligibility

Canadian citizens who reside in Alberta and are at least 18 years of age or older on Election Day are eligible to vote in the Provincial General Election.

Voter Registration

Electors may register to vote online at www.voterlink.ab.ca

until May 17, 2023, by contacting Elections Alberta or their local returning office before 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

Electors can also register to vote at any advance voting location in Alberta or at their assigned voting place on Election Day.

Electors who are already registered to vote at their current address do not need to register again.

Key Timelines

Electors have 28 days to vote by Special Ballot beginning today. Special Ballots may be completed in the returning office, picked up by a designate of the elector, or mailed to the elector anywhere in the world. Applications can be submitted online on the Elections Alberta website.

Candidate nominations are now open and end on May 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Advance voting begins on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, and ends on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Election Day is Monday, May 29, 2023. All voting places will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Unofficial results will be available after voting closes on Election Day.

Official results will be announced on June 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Returning Offices

Returning offices in all electoral divisions open today across Alberta. Returning offices are open on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Voting Days from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Returning Office addresses and contact information can be found at: <https://elections.ab.ca/current-election-information/returning-offices/>

New for 2023, Satellite Offices are also being opened in six geographically large electoral divisions to provide more service options for electors. These include:

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- 55 – Central Peace-Notley
- 59 – Drumheller-Stettler
- 60 – Fort McMurray-Lac La Biche
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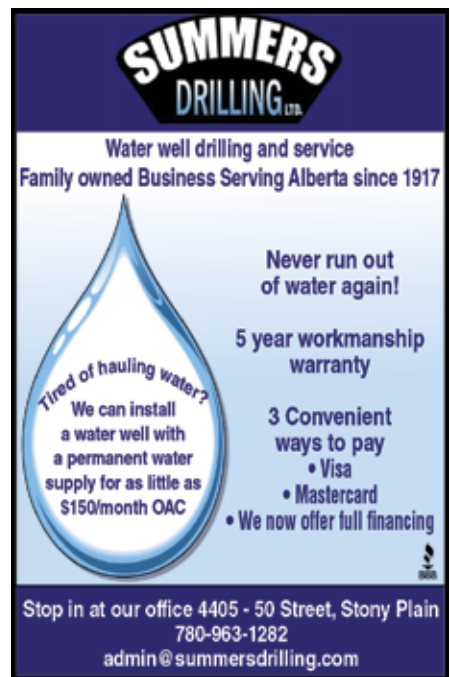


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