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LEDUC RCMP AND PARTNERS, STUFF A CRUISER FOR THE LEDUC & DISTRICT FOOD BANK

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

For the 5th year, Leduc RCMP members in partnership with City of Leduc Enforcement Services, Vintage

Towing and Oil Country Towing are stuffing cruisers and tow trucks in support of the Leduc & District Food Bank.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023,

from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., officers, tow truck operators and volunteers will be collecting donations.

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LEDUC RCMP ASK COMMUNITY TO GIVE THE COPS 'THE BIRD' THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Who wouldn't want to give the cops 'the bird' and not suffer any consequences?

Well, this upcoming holiday season the Leduc RCMP in partner-

ship with Leduc, Nisku & Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber and the Nisku-Leduc Rotary Club want to help you do just that! For clarity, we're not talking about the one finger wave, we mean a turkey. "The one finger wave will get you a tick-

et for Stunting worth \$567 and a court date", says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, Leduc RCMP Public Information Officer. "The latter will warm your heart and help those in our community who are in need.

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2024 CANADA SUMMER JOBS APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYERS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

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

Canada Summer Jobs 2024: Application period for employers was launched today. Employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and pri-

vate sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees in Canada can apply for funding until January 10, 2024, to hire young

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Leduc RCMP And Partners, Stuff A Cruiser For The Leduc & District Food Bank

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The participating locations in Leduc include:

Safeway 6112 50 St
Craig's No Frills 3915 50 St.
Co-op 5421 50 St
Wal-Mart 5302 Discovery Way

"Leduc RCMP is thrilled to come together for a 5th year with our partners and the Food Bank to support our community with the annual Stuff a Cruiser event," says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, Leduc RCMP Public Information Officer. "It is important to give back to the

community we serve and help those in need especially as we head into one of the busiest times of the year for the food bank."

Last year, the community, the detachment and our partners, came together with a generous donation of over 2,600 lbs of food. This year, as the need to support our food bank grows, we are challenging community to beat last years donation amount.

Food Bank most needed items:

- Hamburger helper
- Cake mixes

- Cooking oil
 - Rice/Pasta Side kicks
 - Mayo (small jar)
 - Instant potatoes
 - Chili, stews, chunky soups
 - Small jars of jam
 - Salmon
 - Assorted veggies
 - Canned meats (chicken, ham)
- Leduc RCMP, City of Leduc Enforcement Services, Vintage Towing and Oil Country Towing are excited to see everyone at the event and to make this a #DecemberToRemember.

Leduc RCMP Ask Community To Give The Cops 'The Bird' This Holiday Season

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This is a fantastic tongue-in-cheek initiative that brings a bit of humour to a great cause."

The Leduc RCMP, The Leduc, Nisku & Wetaskiwin Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Nisku-Leduc Rotary Club want to gather frozen turkeys to support the Leduc & District Food Bank's Christmas baskets to make this a #DecemberToRemember.

On Dec. 4, 2023, you can bring your frozen turkey to the Chamber parking lot located at 6420 50 Street in Leduc, where members of the RCMP will be with our partners from the Chamber and the Rotary Club.

If you are unable to attend this location but still want to partici-

pate, you can drop off your turkey during the Leduc RCMP's 5th annual Stuff a Cruiser

Date: Dec. 2, 2023

Time: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Participating locations in Leduc:
Safeway 6112 50 St.

Craig's No Frills 3915 50 St.

Co-op 5421 50 St.

Wal-Mart 5302 Discovery Way

Following these events, your donation will be taken directly to the Food Bank for further distribution.

Wishing everyone in Leduc and surrounding area safe and happy holidays.

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2024 Canada Summer Jobs Application For Employers

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Canadians next summer. Full-time job placements will become available starting in April 2024.

CSJ 2024 will aim to create 70,000 summer jobs for young Canadians, with an emphasis on creating jobs for youth facing barriers to employment.

The priorities for CSJ 2024 are:

- Youth with disabilities or with organizations that provide services to persons with disabilities;
- Youth that are underrepresented in the labour market, including:
 - Black and other racialized youth
 - Indigenous youth
 - 2SLGBTQI+ youth
- Youth in rural areas, remote communities, or official language minority communities;
- Jobs that provide exposure or experience related to the skilled trades, which may include opportunities in the residential construction sector; and
- Sustainable jobs that support the protection of the environment or delivering positive environmental outcomes.

Employers interested in applying for CSJ 2024 funding are encouraged to submit their applications electronically on the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS) portal. Creating a GCOS account is a one-time process that allows organizations to apply for various Employment and Social Development Canada funding opportunities in a secure web environment.

For more information, please go to the following links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/gcos.html> and <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

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REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 2023 FALL SESSION: A JOURNEY OF GRATITUDE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Submitted by your MLA Andrew Boitchenko, MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon

On Monday, October 30th, the 2023 Fall session opened with Her Honor, The Honorable Salma Lakhani, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, giving the traditional Speech from the Throne. It was both my honor and privilege to enter the Chamber as the representative for the unique and diverse constituency of Drayton Valley-Devon. It is a unique honor to note that I stood before the Chamber as the first Canadian MLA born in Ukraine. This milestone fills me with a profound sense of pride and responsibility.

During the Speech from the Throne, The Honorable Lieutenant Governor depicted the course that the UCP Government will take throughout the next six weeks while the house is sitting. There will be new legislation introduced regarding Taxes, Affordability, Indigenous Financial Backing, and Job Creation.

The Government will focus on standing up for Alberta and protecting us from an over-reaching Federal Government. The UCP has already passed Motion 8, which is a motion to remove the Consumer Carbon Tax and stop the Federal Government from forcing their involvement in our provincial legislation. Although there

were opposition members who voted against the motion and therefore in support of the Federal Tax, the motion passed and will move on to the next stage of legislation. This motion states that the Alberta Government will take all necessary steps required to end the Federal Consumer Carbon Tax.

There have been numerous bills introduced in the first week of the session. I wanted to provide a brief description of the steps being taken by the UCP to make life better for Albertans. Bill 1, the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Amendment Act, which would, if passed, protect Albertans and Alberta businesses against future income tax rate increases. This bill keeps with our government's promise that we will protect Alberta's tax advantage. Bill 2, The Alberta Pension Protection Act would, if passed, guarantee the government won't launch an Alberta Pension Plan unless Albertans vote in favor of it in a referendum. Bill 3, the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Amendment Act. Through Bill 3, Alberta's government is planning to strengthen its case against those who have contributed to the creation of the opioid addiction crisis. The proposed legislation contains technical amendments for the Opioid Damages and Health Care

Costs Recovery Amendment Act, 2019. Bill 4, the Tax Statutes Amendment Act, is intended to ensure Alberta's tax laws remain clear and consistent. This bill proposes legislative amendments that would help formalize a key part of Alberta's commitment to affordability, provide clarity around the collection and remittance of Alberta's tourism levy, and update several technical and administrative aspects of Alberta's tax system. Under Bill 5, the proposed Public Sector Employer Amendment Act, the new model would streamline and harmonize the government's direction for non-union compensation across Alberta's public sector, ensuring unionized and out-of-scope employees receive comparable pay for comparable work. Finally, Alberta's government has introduced Bill 6, the Public Health Amendment Act, to ensure that decisions made during declared states of public health emergencies are made by the people Albertans voted for. If passed, Bill 6 would create clear lines of authority related to public health decisions and affirm that the people elected by Albertans should make the final decisions based on scientific and medical public health factors during public health situations.

What an honor, privilege, and learning experience this

last week has been. It has provided me with a renewed energy to continue to learn about, advocate for, and stand up for my Drayton Valley-Devon constituents both in the House and in the riding.

This coming week, we must acknowledge and honor our Veterans. On November 8th, I encourage my constituents to take a moment and remember our Indigenous Veterans and the sacrifices they made for our extraordinary country on National Indigenous Veterans' Day. My family, my staff, and I will be attending numerous Remembrance Day Ceremonies within the riding on November 11th to commemorate all the sacrifices made by our Veterans and their families.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you, my constituents, for the trust you've placed in me. Serving you in this capacity has been an immense privilege and responsibility, and I consider it an honor to represent your voices and concerns. As I continue to work on your behalf, please know that I do so with a sense of duty and humility, always mindful of the faith you've shown in me. May our shared journey be one of progress, unity, and prosperity. Together, we can accomplish great things. I am humbled by your trust, and I am blessed to have you as my constituents.

LEDUC RCMP INVESTIGATE THEFT OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES FROM BENCHES

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP are investigating the recent mischief and theft of seven bronze plaques that have been removed from memorial benches around Telford Lake in Leduc, the most recent believed to have been

stolen between Nov. 10 and Nov. 14, 2023.

The plaques are part of a commemorative bench program offered by the City of Leduc for residents who want to pay tribute to a loved one in one of the City's natural spaces.

"The theft of these memo-

rial plaques is disheartening and undoubtedly upsetting to community members", says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith, Leduc RCMP Public Information Officer. "Telford Lake multi-way is a well travelled area and we're asking anyone who may have seen something

suspicious to contact us."

All the families impacted by these thefts have been contacted by the City of Leduc and new plaques have been ordered.

MANDATORY HOLOCAUST EDUCATION FOR ALBERTA STUDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As Alberta's government continues its work to develop a new social studies curriculum, Holocaust education will be a mandatory component.

During the Second World War, Adolf Hitler and his Nazi government and military systematically targeted, arrested, abused and eliminated people they described as subhuman. At the top of their list were Jewish people. Between Jan. 30, 1933, and May 8, 1945, the Nazis killed about six million Jews in Europe. Every January, the world recognizes International Holocaust Remembrance Day,

and the Jewish community additionally recognizes Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah, each spring, reiterating the phrase "Never Again."

Alberta's government is ensuring students learn about the Holocaust and its important historical and contemporary significance throughout their education. Alberta Education will work with partners in the education and Jewish communities to explore where and when this content should be covered.

"The Holocaust is currently a mandatory topic in the senior high social studies curriculum and teachers would fully expect it to be incorporated

in any forthcoming revision – we welcome consultations on how best to do this. The Holocaust is an event of singular importance in modern history that, sadly, embodies lessons that continue to resonate today. Coming to an understanding of the origins and horror of the Holocaust helps Alberta students to better understand the need to respect, affirm and defend the lives, dignity and rights of all persons and so prepares them to become active citizens participating in Canada's democratic society."

Jason Schilling, president, Alberta Teachers' Association

Alberta Education is in

the process of engaging with education partners, curriculum specialists and teachers on the development of new K-12 social studies curriculum. As part of this process, Alberta Education will engage with the Calgary Jewish Federation, Jewish Federation of Edmonton and other Jewish organizations. Feedback from these engagement activities will be used to solidify when and where students learn about the Holocaust in draft social studies curriculum before it is released for further engagement.



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ARTICLE BY MLA BOITCHENKO

Submitted by MLA Andrew Boitchenko

Last week, Alberta celebrated a court's confirmation that the federal Liberals' climate policies are unreasonable and unconstitutional. Over a year ago, Alberta contested the federal government's decision to label plastic as a 'toxic substance,' arguing it's an unconstitutional intrusion into provincial jurisdiction. In a recent ruling, Justice Angela Furlanetto deemed it "unreasonable and unconstitutional" to classify all plastic products as toxic, emphasizing that the federal government acted beyond its authority. The court clarified the principles of cooperative federalism, stressing the provinces are not subordinate to the federal government.

Premier Danielle Smith

and Minister Rebecca Schulz pointed out that Ottawa's policies jeopardize thousands of jobs and billions of investments. Alberta's petrochemical sector, with over \$18 billion in projects, faces unnecessary risks due to federal overreach. This marks the second instance in two months that the Liberals' climate policies were rejected by the highest courts.

The United Conservative government continues to oppose damaging federal policies, contrasting with the Notley NDP, whose attempt to rebrand after the recent court decision reflects their denial of responsibility for economic and environmental policies. Despite their efforts, the NDP's history and policies remain clear to Albertans, reinforcing why they can't be trusted to lead the province.

Premier Smith and the United Conservative team are attentive to Albertans' needs, working to maintain the province's leadership in economic prosperity, freedom, and opportunity. Alberta is back, and efforts will persist to uphold this status.

Last week was also Constituency week and it was busy! I attended many stakeholder meetings and community events. On November 15th, I attended the Metis Flag Raising Ceremony in Drayton Valley hosted by the Metis Local #888. It was an honor to be invited to attend such an important event. On November 16th, I also was honored to attend the Louis Riel Commemorative Day at the Legislature. There was an amazing turnout for the Louis Riel Commemorative ceremony and listening to the speech-

es was such a unique experience.

It was a privilege to be invited to Senator Elect, Pam Davidson's event with the Ambassadors for Moldova and Croatia, the High Commissioner from Zimbabwe and federal Conservative MPs. I also attended events at the Enoch Nation Reserve, NAIT for The Next in Trades event, and even got an informative and comprehensive tour of the Genesee Power Plant.

With three weeks left in session, I am looking forward to being in my constituency more. Please know that you can contact my office if there are events in your area that you would like for me to attend.

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THWART-OFF CYBER CRIME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The holiday season is just around the corner, which means more and more people will be shopping for presents. Online shopping has become an increasingly popular and convenient way to find deals and cross things off our lists. With both Black Friday and Cyber Monday taking place this month, many Albertans will be handing out their credit card details in exchange for deals this month.

In the Alberta RCMP's jurisdiction in 2022 there were a total of:

- 34 reports of unauthorized use of credit card data (4 in November and 2 in December);

- 726 reports of Theft, Forgery, Misuse of Credit Card (53 in November and 47 in December);

- 1,796 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) greater than \$5,000 (183 in November and 150 in December); and

- 5,653 reports of Fraud (money/property/security) less than or equal to \$5,000 (445 in November and 401 in December).

The Alberta RCMP reminds all online shoppers to protect their personal and financial information making online purchases.

Here are some tips to protect yourself while shopping online:

- Don't reuse passwords; change them often, and be sure to use a combination of letters, numbers,

and special characters to create a strong one!

- Many websites, especially social media platforms, offer the option of multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication makes it more difficult for criminals to access your accounts by needing more than one piece of identifying information.

- Review privacy settings regularly in order to control who can see what personal information is posted to your profile.

- Don't purchase anything using public Wi-Fi; shop using your own data connection or a trusted network.

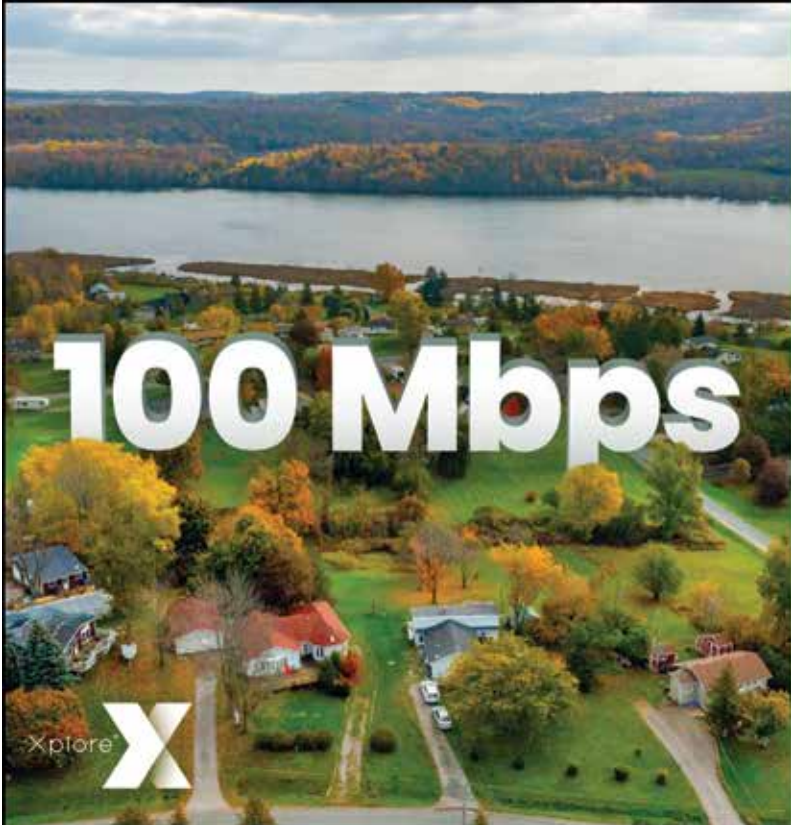
- Buy from reputable sources and don't let unbeatable prices cloud your judgement. Research

retailers before purchasing.

- Install updates on your devices as soon as you're prompted. Updates fix security issues.

- Phishing is a commonly used tactic for cyber crime. Phishing messages ask you to validate information by clicking links and may threaten you with legal action. Verify legitimacy by calling the company directly.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE CANADA SERVICES CORPS PROGRAM OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CANADA

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) recently launched a call for proposals for the Canada

Service Corps (CSC).

ESDC's CSC program promotes civic engagement among young people ages 12 to 30 by providing them with meaningful volunteer service opportunities through service placements where youth can participate in a flexible or full-time ca-

capacity, and micro-grants that allow youth to lead their own service projects.

There are three available funding streams:

- Service Placements – National
- Service Placements – Regional
- Micro-grants

More information can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2023/10/canada-service-corps--2023-call-for-proposals.html>

ST. ALBERT RCMP INVESTIGATE ARMED ROBBERY TO CASINO

Submitted by St. Albert RCMP

On Nov. 12, 2023 at 3:52 p.m. St. Albert RCMP received a report of an armed robbery to the Century Casino in St. Albert. A lone male entered the casino, produced a firearm and de-

manded money.

The suspect left the casino and entered a Dark coloured Jeep Cherokee.

Police area not disclosing the amount of money taken.

While RCMP investigate, we are asking for public assistance in identifying the suspect.

The suspect is described as:

- Light complexion
- In his 40's
- Approx. 5 foot 5 inches tall
- Wearing a black mask, black ball cap, black gloves, dark jacket, black hoodie, blue jeans.

If you have any information about this crime or those responsible, please call the St. Albert RCMP at 780-458-7700.

LEDUC RCMP AND ALBERTA RCMP MAJOR CRIMES UNIT LAY CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF CHILD

Submitted by Leduc RCMP & Alberta RCMP

On June 14, 2022, Leduc RCMP were dispatched to assist EMS with the death of a child at a rural residence near Leduc. As the

initial cause of the death was unknown, the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit and Leduc General Investigative Section was called in to assist.

The victim has been identified as 5-year-old male

Patience Noskiye. At the time of his death, Patience was living in foster care at the home.

As a result of a lengthy investigation, on Oct. 14, 2023, RCMP arrested and charged Leduc County res-

ident, Darren Gardner (47), with Manslaughter.

Gardner has been released from custody with his next court date set for Nov. 16, 2023, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc.

LEDUC RCMP RECOVER STOLEN MOBILE DEVICES, CHARGES LAID

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP have charged one person and recovered two stolen mobile devices.

On Oct. 25, 2023, Leduc RCMP received a report of a suspect who entered a business in the area of 50 Street and 59 Avenue in Leduc, stole a cell phone from a display and fled the area on foot.

On Oct. 27, 2023, Leduc RCMP received a report of a theft of a cell phone from a display that occurred on Oct. 26, 2023 where the suspect entered a business in the area of Discovery Way in Leduc, stole a cell phone from the display and fled the area on foot.

On Oct. 27, 2023, Leduc RCMP received a report of

a theft at a store in the area of Outlet Collection Way in Leduc County. Officers attended and arrested the suspect.

A search incidental to arrest, resulted in the recovery of the two stolen cell phones.

Barry John Dekker (36), a resident of Edmonton, has been charged with theft under \$5,000. and possession

of stolen property under \$5,000.

Following a judicial hearing, Dekker was remanded in custody. His next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 23, 2023 in the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc.

FARMFAIR INTERNATIONAL IS BACK WITH ALBERTA'S LARGEST BEEF CATTLE SHOW

Submitted by Farmfair International

Farmfair International runs Nov. 8 to Nov. 11 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre

Exhibitors from across Western Canada are set to gather in Edmonton Nov. 8-11, to showcase their top livestock genetics to purebred producers, local ranchers and international buyers at Farmfair International.

One of Canada's top agricultural shows, Farmfair International also brings the farm to the city, with a rabbit show, honey competition, a Farmfair Field Trip and more for the whole family to enjoy.

After the cattle shows and other events are done, Tom Cochrane, Trooper, Sass Jordan and the Cam Student Band are topping off Farmfair, Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Flair Airlines Hangar at Edmonton EXPO Centre.

Volunteers help make Farmfair International an Alberta agricultural showcase

Farmfair International has grown to be a must-see agricultural show thanks to the help of volunteers from across Alberta.

Les Dunford, of Westlock, Alta., has been photographing and reporting on the Farm Family Awards at Farmfair International for over 30 years. It is an event he looks forward to every year, as he enjoys learning about the histories of the pioneering families who helped make Alberta the agriculturally rich province it is today. Although it is becoming more difficult to find multigenerational farms now, there remains families in virtually every county who work together to produce cattle, grow grain and raise families.

Les feels it is important for hard working farm families to be recognized as they make a big contribution not only in the food they produce, but in the way they support their local communities. As Les likes to say, "without farms, you are not going to eat very well."

Farmfair has evolved over the years, but the BMO Farm Family Awards has fundamentally not changed in its purpose and importance. It still honours those that work the land and put food on our tables.

Farmfair's expanded focus on educating school children about

where their food comes from and encouraging urban families to get up close with farm animals, is more important than ever, as many of us lose connection with farming. You do not need to own a farm to experience one – just come to Farmfair!

Many purebred cattle producers from all over Alberta have shown their prized animals at Farmfair over the years. Colleen Prefontaine's father raised purebred Hereford cattle, which Colleen remembers bringing to Farmfair International to groom and show, which was always an exciting time for her and her family. It was a winning go in the calf scramble though, where she was feisty enough to grab hold of a Limousin calf, that turned her attention to the newer breed. Colleen grew up, married Bernie Prefontaine and they raise cattle – Limousin cattle – which their children showed at Farmfair, starting when their youngest daughter was just seven years old. Colleen was Barn Boss of the Limousins for years, and later became the smiling, ever-so-helpful face in the show office. Now in Legal, Alta., and originally from

Busby, she has been a volunteer at Farmfair International for over 25 years. She is proud to be one of five generations that showed cattle at this long-standing event.

Colleen would love to see more people from the city come to Farmfair to "meet" the farm animals and see how well treated these animals are. She laughed and said that those show cattle are pretty darn spoiled, and it's great to see a new generation of young people involved in raising beef cattle.

Cattle producers like Colleen and her family are proud to bring their livestock to the city, and would love to share their knowledge and passion for agriculture with others. She says it is a great place to meet down-to-earth people and connect with old friends. Come to Farmfair to experience a little bit of the friendly farm environment for yourself!

For information about all the shows and events at Farmfair International, visit farmfairinternational.com.

GAETZ LANDING II PROJECT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Submitted by Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

Leduc Regional Housing Foundation (LRHF) announced today that they have broken ground on their Gaetz Landing II project, an addition to the existing Gaetz Landing. The Gaetz Landing II project will see an additional 24 one-bedroom units along with an elevator added to the existing building. A minimum of 25 per cent of those units will be dedicated to women fleeing violence and 25 per cent of the units will be fully accessible.

The Gaetz Landing II project was made possible through the collaboration and commitment of funding from Leduc Regional Housing Foundation and all three levels of government - municipal, provincial and federal.

In December of 2022, Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

committed to contribute \$1.4 million \$650,000 in cash plus land.

In January of this year, the seven (7) municipalities within the Leduc Region – Leduc County, City of Leduc, City of Beaumont, Town of Devon, Town of Calmar, Town of Thorsby, and Village of Warburg – came together to contribute \$500,000 towards the project.

In April of this year, the Government of Alberta announced that Leduc Regional Housing Foundation were the recipients of \$2 million in joint funding through the Canada-Alberta Bilateral Agreement under the National Housing Strategy.

The much anticipated expansion project came to realization with today's announcement from the Government of Canada that Leduc Regional Housing Foundation will receive \$4.7 mil-

lion towards the project as part of the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI).

"Leduc Regional Housing Foundation is very proud of the services that we offer throughout the seven municipalities of the Leduc Region. We are excited to announce the addition of 24 more units to our housing portfolio with the Gaetz Landing II project. This vision came to reality with the support and commitment of the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation Board and all three levels of government: municipal, provincial and federal." - Margot Hagarty, Executive Director.

The breakdown of funding for this project is as follows: • \$4.7 million under the Projects Stream of the third round of the Rapid Housing Initiative • \$2 million of joint funding through the Canada-Alberta Bilateral Agree-

ment under the National Housing Strategy (NHS) • \$500,000 from the Municipalities of the Leduc Region • \$650,000 in cash plus land = \$1.4 million from Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

"As Chair of the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation, I am very pleased to have been one of the successful applications for affordable housing funding in our province. We are grateful to receive the support from all three orders of government. We look forward to these partnerships continuing to grow the much needed housing stock to meet the increasing demand for affordable, accessible and appropriate housing in the Leduc region." - Kathy Barnhart, Board Chair

Gaetz Landing II is expected to open in the Spring of 2024.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH: IT'S TIME TO ADDRESS CANADA'S COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Canadians are feeling the pinch. Every day, it gets tougher to afford the basics. And what's the government doing? Not enough. Since 2021, we've seen a sharp 14.5% drop in new homes being built (according to Statistics Canada). And thanks to soaring prices, nearly 80% of us are cutting back on holiday spending this year (says polling group IPSOS). But while we tighten our belts, the NDP-Liberal government is busy wasting billions of taxpayer dollars. To name just a few examples, among many, in-

clude the Green Slush Fund scandal, the tens of millions of dollars wasted on shady ArriveCan contracts, and the \$228,839 taxpayer price tag for the Prime Minister's vacation in Montana.

Let's talk about housing. Not enough homes mean higher prices. It's simple math. The NDP-Liberal government has only piled on the inflationary spending, raising interest rates, and making mortgages unaffordable. Families are struggling to find affordable places to live, and many young Canadians have accepted that they will never own a home. This isn't just disappointing; it's a failure

of leadership under this Prime Minister.

As for inflation, everything costs more – groceries, fuel, home heating, you name it. The NDP-Liberal government's runaway spending is like adding fuel to a fire. It's burning up our paycheques, and what are they offering in return? More scandals and wasted money on projects that don't help us but sure seem to help their friends.

It's clear: the NDP-Liberal coalition isn't working for Canadians. They're too caught up in their own mess to see the real issues – they are completely out of touch. We have families that can't

afford their groceries, seniors who are pinching pennies, and young people who can't even imagine buying a home.

In short, Canadians deserve better. We deserve a common sense government that understands our struggles and acts on them, not one that's constantly grappling with controversy and careless spending. It's time for a change. It's time for a government that listens, understands, and acts. What is needed is a Conservative government that puts Canadians first.

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Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP are advising the public that there has been a number of "Emergency Scams" reported to the detachment this month. These scams are referred to as Emergency Scams, or sometimes "Grandparent" scams.

These scams often involve a phone call being placed to the victim claiming a loved one is injured or in trouble

with the courts or law enforcement and a payment is needed to help them. The suspects will often pretend to be a police officer, judge, or family member. Suspects will usually ask for cash; however, they may also ask for payment in gift cards, bitcoin, or e-transfers. The scammers may send an associate acting as a courier to pick up the money in person or ask the

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Leduc RCMP Warn Public Of 'Emergency Scam'

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money be mailed.

Leduc RCMP remind the public of the following tips to recognize scams and avoid becoming a victim:

- Scammers use high-pressure tactics like creating a sense of urgency or secrecy to cloud your judgement. Don't be afraid to say no.

- If a person claims to be a police officer or

judge or lawyer, call that police service or court house directly to confirm the situation – police and courts will never demand cash be picked up in person or mailed.

- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a family member or grandchild in need of money confirm who they are. Seek assistance from someone you trust.

- Don't keep the situation a secret. Scammers will pressure you to lie to your bank, the police or family about what is happening. Talk to family, friends, or loved ones and reach out for help.

- Never give out personal information. Beware of calls where you are asked to provide your name, address, birthdate, Social Insurance Number, credit

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SUDOKU of the week

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

ANSWER:

6	3	2	8	5	7	1	9	4
7	5	9	4	1	2	3	8	6
1	4	8	6	9	3	5	2	7
5	7	1	3	8	6	9	4	2
9	8	4	5	2	1	7	6	3
2	6	3	7	4	9	8	5	1
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 25 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May 3rd-October 4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd.

Special Christmas Market Friday December 8 from 4:00pm-9:00pm at the Mackenzie Centre 4737 45 Ave. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET: Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

May-Sept Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale, 2nd Sunday each month, Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market. Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

BINGO

CALMAR: Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

JAMBOREE

DRAYTON VALLEY: Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center: 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

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DEVON: Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

EDMONTON: Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

LEDUC: Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-

6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

THORSBY: meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

SOCIAL EVENTS

50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS BUS: to West Edmonton Mall - 1st Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3rd Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

DEVON RECREATION: Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

INDOOR PLAYGROUND: Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.

JAM DANCE & CARDS: 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

"KIDS OWN WORSHIP" an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780) 542-5048

MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4th Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

MUSIC JAMBOREE: Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

MUSICAL PROGRAM: every 4th Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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MEETINGS

AHS: Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an **AA MEETING** or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

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ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY: 3rd Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

DEVON TOASTMASTERS, Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

LEDUC MS SOCIETY

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP meets every 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

Winfield Legion Branch 236: Meetings every 2nd Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

YOUR COMMUNITY

Dental Health: Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

Derrick Toastmasters: Serving Drayton Valley and area since 1990 Build Communication, Leadership & Public Speaking Skills Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm, Zoom Contact derricktm6538, secretary@gmail.com for information.

Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA, 1st Pipestone Sparks/ Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

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Meals on Wheels: Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636

Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic, every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic, by appointment only, 2nd Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.



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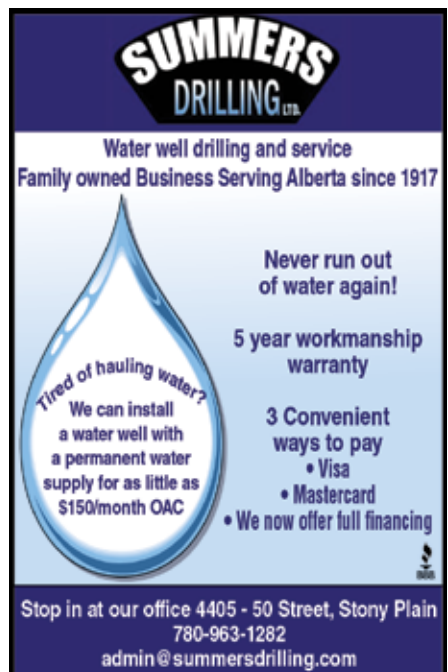
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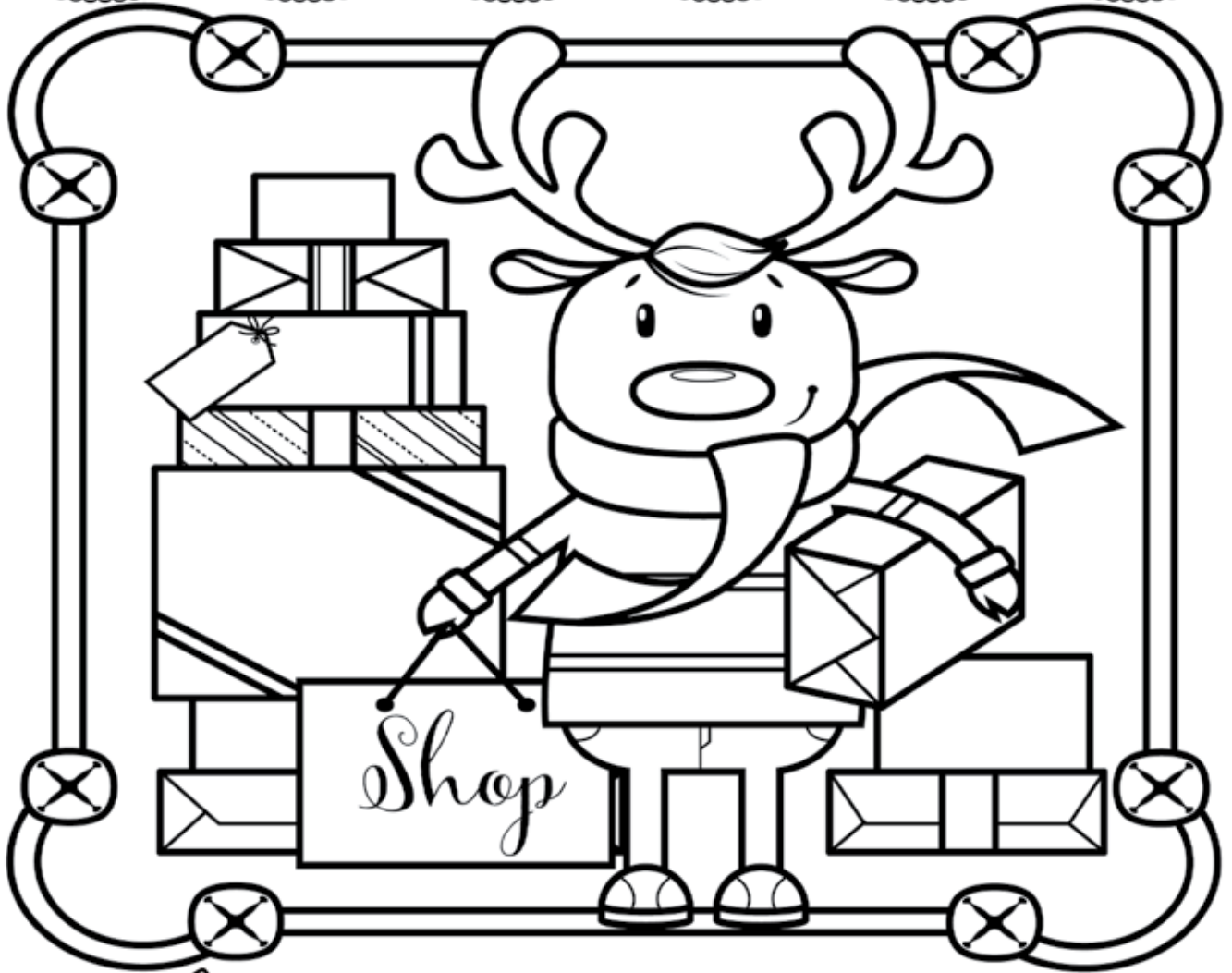
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