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BRETON RCMP ON SCENE OF SERIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Breton RCMP

On August 16, 2024, at approximately 7:17 a.m., Breton RCMP received a report of a serious collision involving a Ford Escape and a Kenworth Construct Dual Tanker south of the intersection of Highway 22 and Township Road 452, south of Alder Flats, Alta.

Breton RCMP attended and

Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services were already on scene. The 47-year-old female driver of the Ford Escape was pronounced deceased at the scene. The 15-year-old passenger of the Ford Escape was taken to a local medical facility to be further assessed for injuries. The 82-year-old male driver of the Kenworth truck had minor injuries. Although the collision is still under investigation, Breton RCMP's preliminary investigation indicates the Ford Escape was heading southbound on Highway 22 when it crossed the centreline and collided with the Kenworth tanker that was headed northbound.

Alberta RCMP wish to extend our condolences the friends and family of the deceased.

LEDUC RCMP DRUG UNIT SEIZE DRUGS FOLLOWING SEARCH WARRANT

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP Drug Unit, assisted by the Leduc RCMP Crime Reduction Unit and the Edmonton Drug and Gang Enforcement Unit (EDGE), conducted an investigation into drug trafficking activities in the area of Leduc between April and August of 2024.

As a result of the investigation, evidence was obtained that lead to the seizure and execution of a search warrant on a vehicle on August 2, 2024.

A search of the vehicle, resulted in the seizure

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CAPITAL GAINS FALL LEGISLATION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

At the end of the last Parliamentary session, Chrystia Freeland, Finance Minister, scrambled to bring in her latest tax hike to pay for her uncontrolled inflationary spending. The Liberals claim this Capital Gains Tax only targets the ultra-rich. It does not. It is a tax on food, homebuilding, retirement, doctors, pharmacists, truckers, and small business owners.

The Liberal-NDP coalition is deciding to hike taxes on

homebuilders while we are facing a housing shortage and are raising taxes on doctors during a doctor shortage. They are raising taxes on farmers while food and production is already expensive and small businesses will pay more

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of 246 grams of suspected methamphetamine and a quantity of Canadian currency.

Dallas Dawn Mayer (39), a resident of Leduc, was charged with the following offences:

• Possession for the purpose of trafficking

in taxes which harms their

Canadians will be worse off

because of Justin Trudeau's

new tax. This job-killing tax

will negatively impact every

industry and all citizens by

removing more money out of

the pockets of individuals and

company, employees, and con-

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sumers.

• Possession of ^{po}

property obtained by crime

Following a judicial hearing, Mayer was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc on August 22, 2024.

"We are pleased to have removed these dangerous drugs from the streets of Leduc which had the potential to cause significant harm," says Cpl. Kyle Smeltzer, Acting Sergeant in charge of the Leduc RCMP Drug Unit. "As part of our detachments crime reduction strategy we will continue to pro-actively target drug traffickers in order to reduce the harm caused to a community by this illicit actively."

Capital Gains Fall Legislation

nadians they serve.

The Liberals forced a last-minute motion in Parliament to try and implement this new tax, but they will be forced to table legislation to enact the tax in the fall. There is still time to stop this tax.

Common Sense Conservatives will continue to fight against these harmful tax hikes from this Liberal-NDP government. We will bring back powerful paycheques for individuals and businesses. We will not punish Canadians for their hard work but rather reward them for their success.

Do you agree with this job-killing tax? If not, email the Finance Minister at chrystia.freeland@parl.gc.ca and tell her you can't afford this tax.



couldn't help noticing a middle-aged, balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes.

By now Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so I asked the man why he was sending all those cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?" "But why?" asked Mike.

"I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.





August 21, 2024 CommunityVOICE Page 3 LEDUC RCMP SEE DECREASE IN CRIME SEVERITY INDEX

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Following Statistics Canada's release of the 2023 'Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, the City of Leduc saw a decrease to 84.6 of their Crime Severity Index (CSI) when compared to the revised 2022 CSI of 85.

In 2017 Leduc's CSI was the highest at 111.8 and since then it has continued to drop to our lowest of 84.6 since 2015.

"I am proud of our efforts and pleased with the decrease in serious crime over the past 7 years," says Inspector Jeff McBeth Officer in Charge, Leduc RCMP detachment. "This decrease is a testament to our targeted approach to crime reduction along with joint force operations. Your Leduc RCMP officers will continue to serve the public with commitment and professionalism. We value our partnerships in our communities, and together, we will continue to reduce crime and ensure community safety and well-being."

The CSI measures crime reported to police and believed to be founded, reflecting the relative seriousness and severity of offences over time. The CSI is not the sole measure of crime trends in our community. Alongside Statistics Canada data, our Criminal Intelligence and Data Analysts respond to trends promptly, allowing the Leduc RCMP to implement tactics to reduce crime and focus resources on community safety and well-being.

The top four CSI drivers for Leduc, and their respective percentage are:

1. Break and enters (17.7%);

2. Fraud (11.8%);

3. Mischief to property (10.6%);

4. Theft under \$5,000 (8.5%);

Over the past 12 months and beyond, the Leduc RCMP has developed and implemented several programs and proactive initiatives to address the CSI drivers in our community and ultimately drive crime down. These initiatives include:

• Targeted enforcement through data driven intelligence;

• Crime Prevention Initiatives including instal-

lation of locking licence plate screws;

• Collaboration with Community Groups and businesses.

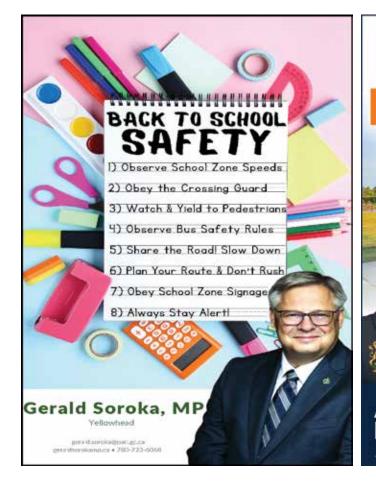
• Daily tracking of police-reported crime to deploy resources effective-ly;

• Structuring Teams to focus on top CSI drivers;

• Using geographic analysis to focus on high-impact areas;

• Increasing police visibility in streets, parks, and problem areas;

• Growing relationships with key partners and the business community.



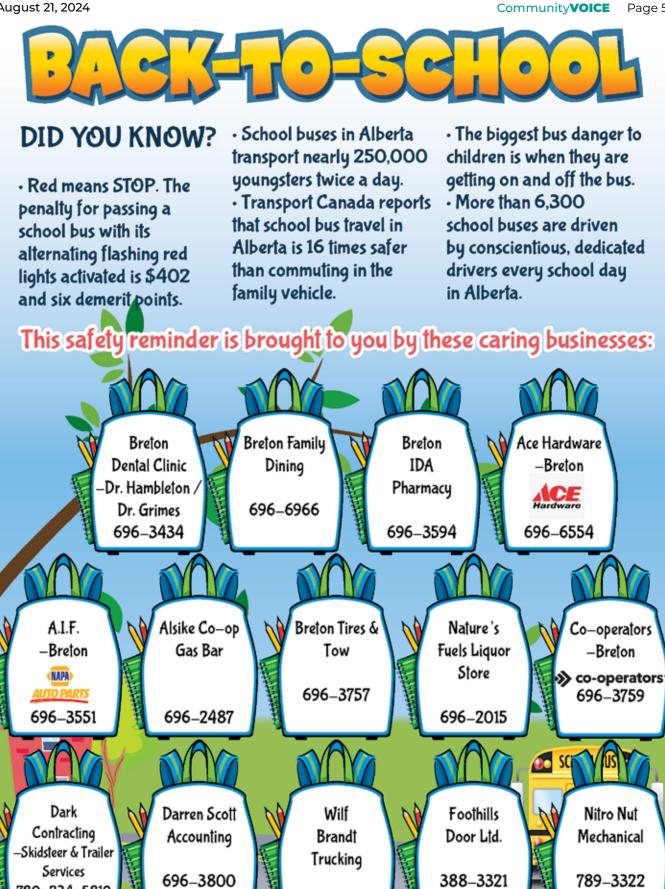


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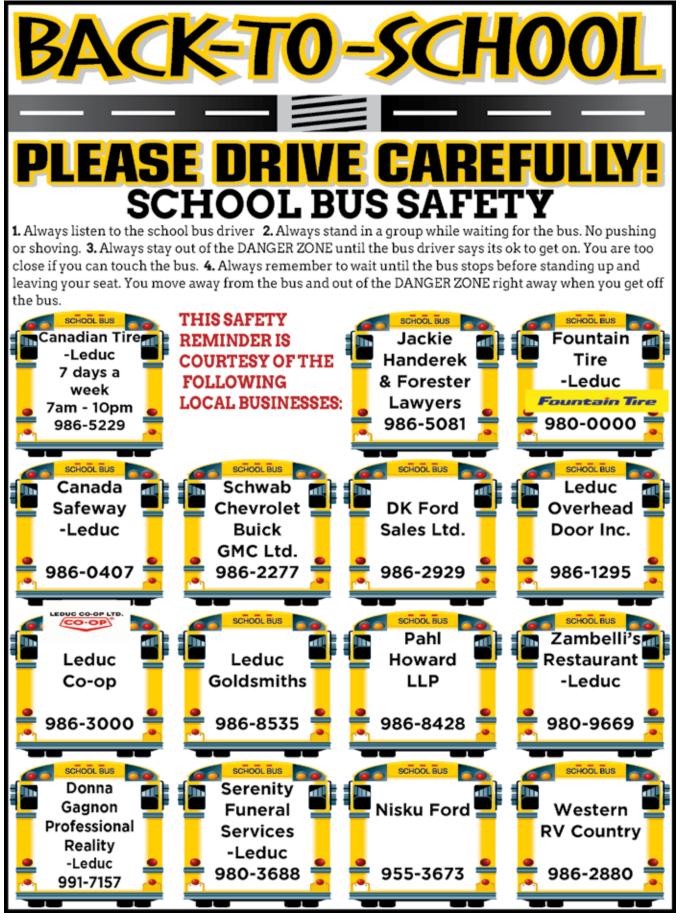
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PREPARING YOUR FIREPLACE OR STOVE FOR THE SEASON

Fireplaces and wood-burning stoves not only can be beautiful focal points within a home, but they also provide an additional source of heat and can be used to keep rooms or entire homes comfortable without the need for additional and potentially costly heating sources.

Just like more modern home heating systems, stoves and fireplaces need to be maintained, and that maintenance includes readying them before winter when they

are used more heavily. Ensuring a fireplace or stove is in good working order helps to guarantee efficiency of use and safety during the winter months.

Open-flame heating sources carry with them certain risks. The National Fire Protection Association states that, between 2009-2013, American fire departments responded to 56,000 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. The NFPA notes that the leading factor contributing to home-heating fires is a failure to keep things clean, principally from solid-fueled heating equipment. The following are a handful of ways to stay safe as you get ready for another cozy season around the fire.

• Start with the chimney. Begin by having your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected. Creosote can build up inside of the chimney. Creosote is highly flammable and becomes more difficult and expensive to clean the longer it builds up inside your flue lining. In addition, animals may have created nest inside of the chimney since the last time the fireplace was used. A professional chimney sweep should be hired in this situation. He or she will be able to effectively clean the chimney in a manner that is the least messy and disruptive to residents.

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Preparing Your Fireplace Or Stove For The Season

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Install or check . smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Operational alarms are essential to preventing injury or death resulting from smoke or carbon monoxide inhalation. Such detectors are insafeguards expensive that should be installed on every floor of the house. Batteries should be replaced every six months, and the alarms themselves should be changed every five to 10 years.

Inspect the from outchimnev doors as well. Inspect the mortar around any bricks in the chimnev and surrounding areas for cracks. If left unaddressed, these can cause dangerous fires. If there are serious cracks, a professional may need to make repairs or the chimney may need to be replaced. You also can have the chimney capped with a screen to keep animals and debris from entering.

Inspect

damper. A damper is a valve or plate that stops or regulates the flow of air inside a chimney. It should be checked prior to the first use of a stove or fireplace so homeowners can be certain it opens and closes smoothly.

Clear out flammable items. Move flammable items away from the front of a fireplace or stove. Be sure curtains or other home furnishings are far enough away that they will not catch fire from any errant sparks or flames.

• Order wood now. Be sure there is plenty of wood for the season. Ask a wood supplier to estimate just how much will be needed, and double-check that the wood will arrive in time for the start of the season.

By preparing for fireplace and wood stove use now, homeowners can ensure their winters are comfortable and safe.



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Page 12 CommunityVOICE August 21, 2024 HONOURING HEROES WHO STAND AGAINST VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Inspiration Awards, recognizing Albertans outstanding leadership in making communities safer from violence.

Everyone in Alberta deserves to live free of violence and abuse. In every community, there are unsung heroes who work tirelessly to prevent and put an end to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence by raising awareness, promoting healthy relationships, and empowering others to stop the cycle of abuse. Through the 2024 Inspiration Awards, Alberta's government wants to celebrate these dedicated individuals, businesses, and organizations whose compassion leads the way to safer and more welcoming homes, schools, and communities.

"Alberta is full of leaders who know they have the power to make a difference and put it to good use, and that remains the case in confronting domestic and sexual violence. These awards will celebrate their outstanding contributions in making our province a better and safer place and inspire others to do the same for years to come."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

This year's awards are expanding with a new category celebrating Indigenous-led efforts to address or prevent violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people, and promote the healing and well-being of Indigenous families. Other categories recognize exceptional youth leadership, long-term commitment to family and sexual violence prevention, vision, and impact, as well as collaborative partnerships, research, and innovation.

"Alberta's government is deeply committed to ending gender-based violence, with many efforts in place to make meaningful, impactful change across the province. We are actively walking the path of true reconciliation with our ongoing work with missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2S+ people, and I am honoured to see the expansion of the Inspiration Awards to promote the well-being and safety of Indigenous Peoples."

Rick Wilson, Minister of Indigenous Relations

"Ending gender-based violence in Alberta will need to be a team effort between governments, communities and individual Albertans. These awards will highlight and celebrate the Albertans that are working to create a safer and more welcoming province for everyone, and I want to thank them for their dedication to ending gender-based violence."

Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women

Nominations can be made online and the deadline to apply is Aug. 28. Award recipients will be announced during a ceremony in November as part of Family Violence Prevention Month.

The Inspiration Awards are part of the province's ongoing efforts to prevent domestic, sexual and gender-based violence and abuse, and ensure survivors have access to the supports they need. In 2024-25, Alberta's government is providing \$9.4 million for family violence prevention programs, nearly \$56 million for women's shelters and nearly \$17 million for sexual assault centres. A total of \$54 million is also being invested to support a 10-year, made-in-Alberta strategy to end gender-based violence.



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August 21, 2024 LEDUC RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL COLLISION

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On August 9, 2024, at approximately 5:29 p.m., Leduc RCMP with the assistance of the RCMP Collision Reconstructionist responded to a fatal collision on QE II Highway between Highway 616 and Township Road 482 in Leduc County.

Although Leduc RCMP 's investigation into the collision is ongoing, preliminary findings suggest that a north bound car was struck from behind by a north bound SUV causing two other vehicles to be struck.

The driver of the north bound car, a 38-year-old female resident of Ardrossan, Alta. was pronounced deceased on scene. The 13-year-old female passenger was transported via

STARS air ambulance to hospital with unknown injuries and has since been released.

The driver of the north bound SUV, a 28-year-old female resident of Red Deer, Alta. and the 3-year-old female passenger were both transported to hospital by ground ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries. The three occupants

of the other involved SUV, all residents of Calgary did not report injuries and the driver and lone occupant of the other involved car, a resident of Calgary, was assessed at scene.

RCMP express our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP RESPOND TO THEFT **OF VEHICLE AND DANGEROUS DRIVING**

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On August 3, 2024 at 6:36 p.m. Drayton Valley RCMP began receiving reports of a dangerous driver in a yellow Mustang in Drayton Valley. Around the same time RCMP received a report of a theft of Yellow Mustang in Breton, Alta. . RCMP quickly located the vehicle however it failed to

stop for officers and continued to drive in a dangerous manner. RCMP disengaged however were again able to locate the vehicle and arrest the driver.

The driver, who has been

identified as a 15 -year-old resident of Breton, remains in custody with several charges pending.

LEDUC RCMP INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF **MISCHIEF TO VEHICLES**

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc RCMP are investigating mischief to several vehicles between the evening of August 5 and the morning of August 6, 2024 in Meadowview, Deer Valley and Bridgeport areas in Leduc.

These acts of mischief have caused physical and financial damages to personal property and Leduc RCMP are seeking assistance from the public to identify those responsible.

Police are requesting that anyone who was a victim of this event to report to Leduc RCMP, as wells as

all residence in the affected neighbourhoods to review their video surveillance footage from the evening of August. 5 to the morning of August 6.

ALBERTA RCMP AUTO THEFT UNIT RECOVERS **A NEW SERIES OF RE-VINNED VEHICLES**

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

In early February 2024, the Alberta RCMP Auto Theft Unit began an investigation into multiple vehicles that were suspected to be re-vinned and registered in Leduc and Calgary areas. As a result of the investigation, officers recovered a RAM 2500, RAM 1500 and a Chevrolet Cruze, all of which had been re-vinned. The value of the vehicles recovered totals approximately \$175,000. Additionally, RCMP seized a loaded 9mm handgun which had the serial number removed. Arshdeep Mallhi (26), a

resident of Calgary, has been charged with: Uttering a Forged

Document (x4);

Trafficking in Obtained Property by

Crime over \$5.000:

Unsafe Storage of a Firearm:

Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm;

Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle:

Unauthorized Possession of a Restricted Firearm;

Possession of a Firearm with a Tampered Serial Number.

Mallhi was taken before a Justice of the Peace and released from custody with his next court date set for Aug. 15, 2024, at the Alberta Court of Justice in Leduc.

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