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December 14, 2021

MAYERTHORPE RCMP INVESTIGATE FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Mayerthorpe RCMP

On Dec. 4, 2021 at 1:29 a.m., Mayerthorpe RCMP responded to a 911 fatal motor vehicle collision involving a two vehicles on Highway 18 near Highway 757 in Lac Ste. Anne County. **Emergency Medical Services** (EMS) and Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services also responded.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the involved vehicles were travelling on High-

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way 18 when the car which was southbound crossed the center line and collided with a northbound SUV.

The lone driver of the car, a 34-year-old male from Onoway, Alta. ...

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Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP of Yellowhead

On Friday, December 10th Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead stood in the House and

asked the Minister of Seniors:

"Madam Speaker, many seniors in my riding are frustrated. The CERB was supposed to help those who were in financial need. Instead, after collecting the CERB, many seniors received a letter to pay it back and lost their guaranteed income supplement.

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ONOWAY LEGION NEWS

Submitted by Onoway Legion

Ham Dinner

On Friday, December 17, it's the last dinner at the Legion before Christmas, with Ira back in the kitchen. He and his crew

are serving clam chowder, ham, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts with bacon and onion, along with carrots and parsnips. Dessert is mixed fruit and ice cream.

Make sure you reserve your spot by the evening of Wednesday, December 15 by calling or texting Linda at 780-907-6300.

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... was declared deceased at the scene. Two canines were also located deceased in the vehicle and died as a result of the collision. The dogs were transported by Mayerthorpe RCMP to a local veterinarian. The next of kin has been advised as well as notified of the location of the animals.

The 37-year-old male driver of the SUV was transported by EMS to hospital. The 45-yearold female passenger and 14-year-old female passenger were air-lifted by STARS to an Edmonton Area Hospital. All were reported to have serious non-life threatening injuries. The three occupants of the SUV were from Barrhead, Alta.

The RCMP Collision Analyst attended the scene to assist. The Mayerthorpe RCMP continue to investigate.

The name of the deceased will not be released and no further updates are anticipated.

MP Soroka Questions the Minister of Seniors

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Now, through no fault of their own, they are strapped for cash, because the current government poorly explained how the CERB would affect their pensions. When will the government stand up for our seniors instead of the fraudsters of the CERB? Is this because of the member for Calgary

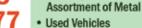
Skyview?"

Reply: Hon. Kamal Khera (Minister of Seniors, Lib.):

"Madam Speaker, since the beginning of the pandemic we have told Canadians, particularly seniors, that we would be there for them as long as they needed, and that is exactly what we are doing. We have always prioritized the most vulnerable seniors by strengthening their GIS. We provided immediate and direct support to seniors this summer.

When it comes to the issue the member raised with respect to the CERB and the GIS, we are aware of it and are working to find the best solution for those affected. As always, we will be there for seniors."





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That evening just before opening presents, the husband came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it only to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

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Remember, only double-vaccinated people will be allowed into the hall, but take-out orders are available by reservation.

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Don't miss the Legion's Christmas craft and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 18. It runs from 10 am to 4 pm, with the kitchen open for coffee and Christmas goodies, as well as the bar. Legion memberships will also be available. Donations of crafts and baking is gratefully accepted. Call Joanne at 780-960-4160 for more information.

New Year's Eve Celebration

If you can't celebrate New Year's Eve the way you usually do, but are looking for something outside your home, come to the Onoway Legion! The bar will be open, and some food available. It costs just \$5 per person. As usual, only vaccinated people will be allowed into the hall. 2022 Legion memberships, costing \$50, are now due. Pay at the bar, e-transfer to onoway.legion.132@gmail.com, or mail a cheque to Box 471, Onoway, TOE 1V0. No password is required to e-transfer; simply put "Membership, with your last name" in notes.

Get Your Legion Membership

MORINVILLE RCMP LOOKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING STOLEN CARGO TRAILER



Submitted by Morinville RCMP

Town Office

The Morinville RCMP is seeking assistance from the public for any information in regards to a stolen trailer. The trailer is a 1999 White Haulmark Edge racing trailer. It was reported stolen on December 6th 2021 and was stolen sometime between December 5th and December 6th 2021. The trailer was in the west bound



ditch between Range Road 260 and Range Road 261 in Sturgeon County, Alberta. If anyone has any information, please contact the Morinville RCMP Detachment.

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Page 4 Community VOICE December 14, 2021 ALBERTA RCMP REMOVE 91 IMPAIRED DRIVERS FROM THE ROADS ON NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT DAY





Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, Alberta RCMP removed 91 impaired drivers from our provincial roadways during



National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day. In participation of the Canada-wide initiative, and in an effort to promote safe, sober driving, members patrolled the highways targeting motorists under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Of the 91 impaired motorists, 47 drivers received Immediate Roadside Sanction (IRS) FAILs and 26 received IRS WARNs. As well, 14 drivers holding GDL licences were issued suspensions and vehicle seizures due to having blood alcohol concentrations greater than zero.

National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day notable events:

St. Paul – St. Paul traffic services held an enforcement and education check stop in collaboration with detachment members, St. Paul Community Peace Officers, and MADD Canada volunteers. Of the 169 vehicles checked, one mandatory alcohol screening resulted in an impaired driver being removed from the road. Candy canes, gift certificates, educational information, and RCMP thankyou cards were distributed to sober drivers.

Cochrane – Cochrane traffic services, joined by officers from both the Cochrane and Stoney Nakoda detachments as well as the Alberta Sheriffs, held two check stops – one in Ghost lake and another in Rocky View County. Approximately 300 vehicles were checked. Nine provincial sanctions were issued including six IRS FAILS and three IRS WARNS.

Whitecourt – Whitecourt traffic services along with the Alberta Sheriffs conducted a check stop involving approximately 300 vehicles. Though it did not result in any provincial sanction, a firearms charge was laid.

The holidays are a time spent creating memories and #UnwrappingMoments with loved ones. This December, through traffic education and enforcement initiatives, the Alberta RCMP is working to ensure you and yours arrive home safely.



Season's Greetings We extend our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday

season, and for peace, health and prosperity in 2022.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Closed Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31. Regular office hours resume Monday, January 3, 2022.



ALBERTA RCMP WANTS ROAD USERS TO ARRIVE HOME SAFELY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

The holidays are a time spent creating memories and #UnwrappingMoments with loved ones. This December, through traffic education and enforcement initiatives, the Alberta RCMP is working to ensure you and yours arrive home safely. The Alberta RCMP is promoting sober driving through National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day on Saturday, Dec. 4. As part of the annual, Canada-wide initiative, Alberta RCMP will be patrolling our provincial highways and conducting check stops, removing



Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP of Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, has been assigned to the Standing Committee on Science and Research (SRSR). The mandate of this new committee is to study all matters relating to science and research, including any reports of the Chief Science Advisor.



impaired drivers from the roadways.

The Alberta RCMP asks motorists to remember the following:

•Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol impairs your judgment and reaction time.

·Impaired driving is crimi-

nal and dangerous.

•Mandatory Alcohol Screening is used by Alberta RCMP to deter and detect impaired drivers. If you are pulled over or at a check stop, you can expect to provide a breath sample.

•Individuals with a Graduated Driver's Licence must abide by the zero tolerance law (Government of Alberta, 2021).

•Impaired driving is always preventable and can always be avoided. Call a taxi or rideshare service, use a designated driver, or stay the night.





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MAKING CHILD CARE MORE **AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES**

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Following the signing of the historic child-care agreement with the federal government, Alberta is lowering child-care fees for working families.

Alberta's government is reducing fees for parents with kids aged zero to kindergarten in licensed daycares, preschools and family day homes.

Parents will see fees reduced by half, on average, by early 2022, with families most in need receiving additional subsidy. By 2026, families will be paying an average of \$10 per day per child.

Beginning in January 2022, the government will reduce fees for more families by offering:

Subsidies for families earning under \$180,000. Parents can apply online starting in the new year.

New operating grants for facility-based child-care programs starting in mid-January 2022. This will help providers lower fees for parents without shouldering extra costs.

"These investments will make a big difference for families, but we know that this targeted approach will also actually make sure dollars go to parents and kids who need it and really have an impact on economic recovery."

Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Children's Services

"I'm a mom of a three year old with another one on the way. I was so excited when



I heard about this plan because it means that I can use the money that I would have spent on child care in different ways, such as saving for my children's future."

Myllissa Scutchings, Alberta parent

"My triplets are three and a half, and I work full-time. More affordable, high-quality child care will be hugely beneficial for my family now and into the future. I'm also grateful that this plan includes private and non-profit programs, because it means my kids can stay in the program that they love while my family still receives this new support."

Aicha Camara, Alberta parent

Both the operating grants and subsidy will go to the provider who will then reduce fees for parents. The subsidy is layered in addition to the operating grant to make sure parents who need it most see greater benefits.

Operational grants:

Licensed facility-based daycare Licensed preschools

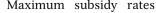
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Maximum subsidy rates

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For example, a family earning \$75,000 per year with one toddler attending a daycare program would be eligible for full subsidy.

If the current fees are \$1,000 per month, the daycare program will receive \$510 per month in an operating grant and the family would be eligible for \$266 per month. The remaining parent portion will be \$224 per month or approximately \$10 per day.

A family earning \$130,000 per year with an infant attending a daycare program would be eligible for partial subsidy. If the current fees are \$1,200 per month, the program will receive \$635 per month in an operating grant and the family would be eligible for \$226 per month in subsidy. The remaining parent portion is \$339 per month or \$15.60 per day.

These numbers are for licensed spaces in child-care facilities and preschools. Government is working with family day homes and family day home agencies to finalize the grants and subsidy levels for day home providers and parents in the coming weeks, but they are expected to roll out in mid-January as well.

Starting in spring 2022, the

Alberta government will be making licensed child care more accessible by increasing the number of spaces to meet the anticipated demand. This includes adding spaces in locations with limited or no access to child care and making sure spaces are also available for underserved and vulnerable populations.

MP SOROKA COMMENTS ON THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

The 32-minute Speech from the Throne was more or less a repeat of the Liberals' major platform promises focusing on the economic recovery from COVID-19, reconciliation, and climate change, reiterating the Liberals' electoral promises. The political priorities announced by the Liberal government do nothing for Canadians worried about the costof-living crisis pricing families out of homes and driving the cost of everyday essentials up, businesses crippled from supply chain constraints, and workers whose wages are stagnating.

Why didn't the Liberal government present an economic plan for families, seniors and small businesses that have been left behind? Justin Trudeau's approach means more of the same: more deficits leading to higher taxes, at a time when Canadians are barely making ends meet. Employment and investment to kick start our recovery and strengthen it should have been highlighted in the Speech from the Throne.

What about rural crime? Justin Trudeau's speech did not address or present a plan to deal with rural crime which has increased in violence and severity over the last several years. This is impacting families and communities across Alberta. Canada's Conservatives are the only party com- crime. mitted to taking action on rural



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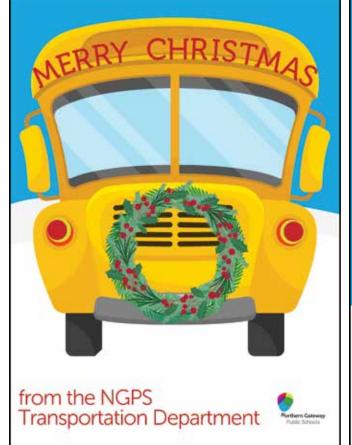
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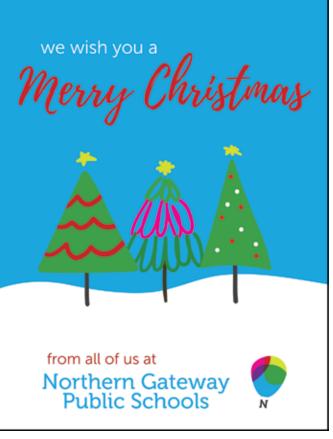
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December 14, 2021 WHAT MATTERS TO YOU – THE RETURN OF **COMMON SENSE**

Submitted by MLA Shane Getson

I read a short story that made me smile, yet at the same time made me sad. The satire was written as a eulogy for the death of common sense. I've heard it said before "it may be sense, but it's not so common." You see, common sense comes from a few different sources, but can be distilled down to both experience and education. Now, applied properly, education will reduce the time needed to gain experience, but the two are never mutually exclusive. These two ingredients need to be bound together, along with a strong dose of humility - this is the binding agent, and it sometimes comes with age. Some folks can be humble at a younger age as they look to others who may know more because of the first two elements I mentioned. However, it's easy to have a false sense of knowledge, which then produces arrogance, and ultimately stifles growth, causing a whole host of problems.

Confused? It is a little confusing, so let's cut to the quick. You and I do not know everything. The more experience and knowledge we gain only reinforces that Humble individuals fact. with the highest quotient of experience and education are those that I've heard say more than once "the more I learn, the more I know I don't know anything." Isn't that life's truth.

I try to enter most conversations and rooms with all of this in mind. Meeting folks in person only reinforces that I have much to learn. I have also learned that through recognizing this, I can be more comfortable asking questions when I don't quite 'get it'. I often find that there are many others in the room that feel the same, but sometimes are too embarrassed to ask. I find also that the ones

that make their explanations complex, and can't simplify, are often not the experts in their field. If you can't quickly explain it to a 12-year-old, you are not as solid as you may think. Lateral thinking and cold eyes review should always be embraced.

I like to believe most of us can agree on these simple truths. So I must have hit a sore spot when I questioned the way Alberta's healthcare system is being ran by management at AHS. Further to that, I have been hard at it when questioning the rational of their mandatory vaccination policy when it comes to frontline healthcare workers, contractors, and specifically those who doctors and nurses who are, who for several reasons medically or otherwise, seeking exemptions, only to be denied.

I keep trying to look at things from alternate angles, but when I ask those 'silly bugger' questions, am met with great hostility, no explanations, and full-frontal attacks with a dose of "how dare you." I also see abysmal understanding from those who obviously are fumbling the football while getting allstar paychecks. It's the only team, and only game in town - what is a paying customer to do? Perhaps get another team, at another field, and go to that game instead. One of the primary roles of an elected official is to ask questions, engage, come up with new ideas, and to explore options for improvements.

To those in the "how dare you" crowd, brace yourself for more pesky questions, and a big flashlight shining into your favorite dark corners.

I'd like to thank all the frontline healthcare professionals who have been reaching out to tell me their ideas on how the system can be fixed. My heart goes out to those who are being villainized and facing hostility, both in the public and at your work placed over these mandates. I've been speaking to these items in the Legislature, as have many of my fellow MLA's. I will continue to work towards bringing attention to these issues, and as agreed, I have officially tabled your testimonies into the House. They are now part of public record and are part of Alberta's permanent history. This will get the conversation started and open to more people so that you are not trampled under the march of the self-righteous (or more frankly, a fear and panic stampede).

I've been challenged several times on how I feel about the Restriction Exception Program. I'm not a fan at all. It appears that it was a means to an end - to increase vaccinations. A stop gap measure to mitigate the severe impacts of contracting covid for the most fragile people in Alberta's population. However, if this is an extended program, the social impacts are far more concerning to me. This policy needs to be put back in the bottle sooner than later. I also feel it was really unfair for businesses to have to implement it on their own, that there has been a fair number of conflicts over it as a result, and that it is disproportionally accepted in urban settings. Nothing so permanent as "temporary." Albertans cannot allow themselves to accept that this is the 'new normal.' All you have to do is to look to the south at the superpower we call our neighbor. Only six states in that country of nearly 330 million people have a program like Alberta's in place. The rest have either put in place state legislation to block such measures or have not considered putting one in place at all. Down there, life goes on, with lower vaccination rates than our own I might add.

I have been pushing hard to

reconcile the masking policy for rural kids on school busses. The real kicker on this one is that most of these kids are not required to wear a mask when they are in their classrooms. Having been a rural school bus kid myself, I know full well that there is no relevant difference between a bunch of kids on a bus, or a bunch of kids in the classroom - they are both cohorts.

I will continue to push for the resurrection of common sense, and especially for terminating the mask mandates for kids. I will continue pushing to have serology results recognized as part of the vaccination strategy and measurements going forward. I will continue to push back when it comes to policies of "arm's length" government organizations that have negative impacts on the overall capacity of Alberta's healthcare system, and against the negative workplace environment it's creating. I'll continue to look at new ways of improving Alberta's healthcare systems, based on the advice given by those that know that system the best, while allowing new ideas to flow in. I'll take the hits for asking the questions of those who don't want to give simple answers and go on the offensive. I've seen this game before. I'll continue to support the choices that folks make when it comes to their health, and more importantly, decisions when it comes to their kids. I'll do all I can to help ensure that when it comes to covid vaccinations for kids, it is not on school grounds; that parents are the only ones that make that choice, and that they are present with their children if they choose to have them take the vaccine.

Please take care of yourself, and each other. Christmas time is coming up, and I truly hope that it is a good break for everyone. All the best!

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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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