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ALBERTA RCMP MAJOR CRIMES INVESTIGATE A SUSPICIOUS DEATH

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

On Jan. 9, 2022, at 5:37 a.m., Leduc RCMP received a call for service related to a suspicious death involving a firearm.

Leduc RCMP attended along with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and located a deceased male in a residence in the town of Calmar. A male was arrested at the residence but no charges have been laid at this time.

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Submitted by Thorsby RCMP

On Jan. 2, 2022, at 02:12 am, Thorsby RCMP received a complaint of an alarm at the Kollbrook Esso in Thorsby. Upon RCMP arrival, officers observed that an unoccupied pick up truck was inside the Esso having be driven through the front doors.

The pickup had been re-

ported as stolen from the Drayton Valley area on Dec. 30, 2021. RCMP believe that the unknown suspect(s) were attempting to steal the ATM inside the business.

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BRETON RCMP RESCUE TWO PASSENGERS FROM VEHICLE STUCK IN WATER

Submitted by Breton RCMP

Breton RCMP were glad to be in right place to rescue

two vehicle occupants from a vehicle near Buck Lake, Alta.

On Nov. 26, 2021, at around 10:20 p.m., Breton

RCMP were dispatched to an unelated complaint near Buck Creek, Alta. Officers from the Breton RCMP ... *Continued on Page* 4









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Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Investigate A Suspicious Death

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Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit has taken over carriage of this investigation. Further investigation indicates Jesse John CAR-DINAL of Edmonton is believed to be associated to the call for service and may have been injured in the incident and require medical attention. The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit is seeking to locate this individual and are seeking the public's assistance. As the extent of his involvement is unknown, the public are cautioned not to approach him and call 911.

This is early in the investigation and further details cannot be shared at this time to protect the integrity of the investigation.

The RCMP have located Jesse John Cardinal. The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes

Thorsby RCMP Investigating Break

And Enter To Kollbrook Esso

would like to thank the public and the media for their assistance. It is asked that Jesse John Cardinal's photo be removed from all web content.

Additional information regarding the deceased is not available at this time pending notification of next of kin.

Alberta RCMP Major Crimes continue to investigate this suspicious death.

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In Oct., 2019, the same Esso was broken in and ATM stolen. As a result of an investigation by Thorsby RCMP, Travis Shane Stout (33) of Edmonton and Collin Ray McDonald (31) of Edmonton were charged and convicted of possession of property obtained by crime. Both men received 6 month jail sentences.





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JOKE of the week Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of

the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it." January 11, 2022

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January 11, 2022 **Breton RCMP Rescue Two Passengers From Vehicle** Stuck In Water

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... were travelling westbound on Highway 616 near Range road 62 whey they were flagged down by a female who was visibly upset near Buck Lake.

One of the officers stopped and spoke with the 47-yearold female from Brazeau County, Alta. who explained that the vehicle she was

driving had gone off the road, down a slope, and into a coulee. The female told officers that two occupants of the vehicle were stuck in the vehicle.

The three Breton RCMP officer immediately attended the scene and located tracks in the snow leading to a car where the front end had broken through the ice of the pond. The officers descended the snowy slope

and extracted the two vehicle occupants-moments before the vehicle became submerged in the water.

A 26-year-old female from Drayton Valley, Alta., and a 4-year-old child, along with the female driver were all placed into the police vehicles to keep warm until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived. All three occupants were assessed by EMS and released

on scene to a family member.

"This rescue highlights the unique demands placed on our officers every day," says Staff Sergeant Dwayne Moore. "I am relieved my officers were in the right place at the right time and were able to assist the vehicle occupants so that everyone got home safely."

MP SOROKA APPOINTED TO THE STANDING **COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND RESEARCH**

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.

MP Soroka stated, "I look forward to serve on this new committee alongside my Conservative colleagues, Corey Tochor, Mike Lake and Tony Baldinelli."







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CANADA SUMMER JOBS 2022 -ALBERTA

Submitted by Canada Summer Jobs

Good morning,

We are hoping you can help us get the word out about the launch of the 2022 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) application period for employers.

Canadian employers and small businesses have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and some are struggling to hire the workers they need. Young people have also been impacted, and continue to face obstacles in finding quality jobs that will help them earn money, grow professionally, and build their careers.

The CSJ Program is a long-standing Government of Canada program that strives to help youth from ages 15–30 obtain their first summer work experience.

This year, the program is aiming to create up to 100,000 full-time summer jobs for young people across the country.

This program is a win-win for local businesses and youth. Public and private sector employers will be reimbursed for up to 50% of Alberta minimum wage, and not-for-profit employers will be fully reimbursed for Alberta minimum wage! At the same time, young people in Alberta will gain experience they need and make money at the same time. Employers interested in applying for funding to hire young Canadians next summer have until January 25, 2022 to submit their applications.

ALBERTA RCMP ENFORCE ROADWAY SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Over the course of the holidays, the Alberta RCMP were helping to make the season safe, merry, and bright for all road users. Between Dec. 24, 2021 and Jan. 3, 2022, RCMP carried out enforcement initiatives focussed on promoting traffic safety and issued a total of 1,812 traffic tickets across the province.

Overall, 506 individuals were ticketed for speeding, 55 motorists were caught distracted driving, and 125 impaired drivers were removed from the roads by way of provincial Immediate Roadside Sanctions. Due to a variety of aggravating factors, of the 125 impaired drivers, 15 were also charged with Criminal Code Impaired Driving by Alcohol. Another 1,251 motorists received tickets for traffic safety violations including careless driving, driving with a prohibited or suspended license, moving offences, and more.

In total, Alberta RCMP recorded 1,952 roadway offences compared to last year's 2,578.

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

ALBERTA RCMP LAUNCH MOBILE APP TO HELP KEEP ALBERTANS INFORMED

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Alberta RCMP has officially launched their brandnew mobile app for iOS and Android devices. The app has been developed to simplify online user experience on mobile devices to ensure that Albertans can access information quickly and conveniently. The app is available as a free download through Apple or Google Play. Developing the app allows the Alberta RCMP to provide the public with online access to news, crime reporting, detachment locations, crime mapping and statistics, and a map for initiatives like Project Lock Up. The app also provides access to partner law enforcement services, mental health supports, Crime Stoppers and links to Alberta RCMP social media accounts.

"An app is an easy way for

the public to stay connected and report crime to the police along with gaining quick and easy access to Alberta RCMP news and information," said Supt. Peter Tewfik, Officer in charge of the Alberta RCMP's Community Safety and Wellbeing Branch. "Having an app will provide the public with an option for digital accessibility that is convenient and centralized."

Even though the app provides convenient links to Alberta RCMP social media account, this app will not replace existing website, social media feeds, or other sources for information. The tool also will not replace other methods of crime reporting, engagement, or emergency assistance. Citizens should remember that social media posts or use of other third-party crime apps are not appropriate ways to report a crime.

January 11, 2022 Community**VOICE** Page 7 **CANADA-ALBERTA LIVESTOCK FEED** ASSISTANCE AGRIRECOVERY

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that the Canada-Alberta Livestock Feed Assistance AgriRecovery initiative's second phase opened on January 5, 2022 will provides continued assistance to eligible Alberta producers, who were hit

hard by the 2021 drought. If you applied for phase one, you need to complete the application for phase two under the same business name.

In phase two, producers can apply for additional compensation (a secondary payment) to help cover costs over and above the phase one initial payment. Due to prolonged

dry weather and extreme high temperatures, many producers experienced reduced grazing capacity causing a severe economic hit.

The secondary payment will be calculated using a feed-need calculation, supplemented by proof of eligible expenses, for all livestock with the exception of bees. Eligible beekeepers

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can be compensated for up to 70 per cent of the extraordinary costs associated with feed (pollen patties or syrup) required to prepare eligible hives for winter to a maximum of \$7.50 per hive/colony.

Application deadline is January 31, 2022.

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ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith,

While 2021 has been a chal-

Alberta is leading Canada's economic comeback. We replaced approximately 340,000 jobs that were lost due to the pandemic, and we added approximately 105,000 new jobs that will help Albertans pay their bills and mortgages. At 64 per cent, Alberta now has the highest employment rate in the nation.

2021 saw the return of high oil prices. Our province is now producing more oil than ever before in our history. According to a recent forecast from the Canadian Association of Energy Contractors, Alberta will see over 6,000 new wells drilled in 2022 - a 26 per cent increase from 2021.

In 2021, we continued our focus on diversification, with burgeoning industries like technology having banner years in our province.

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MLA for Drayton Valley

lenging year for many Albertans, there is a lot worth celebrating from this past year.

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Article From MLA Smith

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Alberta is now home to more than 3,000 technology companies, a 233 per cent increase since 2012. 2021 also saw Amazon Web Services recently announce that it's building a data hub in Calgary. This \$4.3 billion investment will create 1,000 new jobs and marks the largest technology sector investment in Alberta history.

Our film and television industry also had a record year in our province, with more than 50 major productions underway, supporting over 9,000 jobs. These projects include HBO's The Last of Us, the largest production in Canadian history. With Alberta being featured in movies like Ghostbusters: Afterlife, it's easy to understand why our province is fast becoming the new "Hollywood North."

2021 saw historic industry investments in renewables. Air Products is investing \$1.3 billion to build a net-zero hydrogen energy complex near Edmonton and Dow Chemical is investing up to \$10 billion to build the world's first net-zero

carbon emissions ethylene and derivatives complex near Fort Saskatchewan, marking the biggest capital investment in the province in 15 years. This is just a couple of the exciting investments happening in Alberta that will create thousands of new jobs for our workers.

We know the pandemic has been hard on many Albertans, so we made historic investments to support those struggling with addiction. In 2021, we doubled down on addiction treatment announcing that the government will fund more



than 8,000 addiction treatment spaces annually, doubling the original commitment made in 2019 and firmly establishing Alberta as a national leader in treating addiction.

In 2021, we fought for and delivered a made-in-Alberta childcare plan that protects Alberta's mixed-market system. This new plan will make childcare more affordable for families with kids aged zero to kindergarten by reducing fees by an average of half in early 2022 and by 2026, all Alberta families will pay an average of \$10 per-day for childcare. And unlike the NDP's proposed plan, we delivered a plan that includes private operators who make-up most of our system.

In 2021, we were proud to deliver on a promise to give Albertans a say on Canada's broken equalization system and watched as over 60 per cent of voters voted in favour of reform. We will continue to update you as we proceed to our next steps of fighting for a fair deal for Alberta within our confederation. 2021 also saw what economist Trevor Tombe called "the largest improvement in provincial finances ever recorded." The deficit for 2021-22 is now forecast at \$5.8 billion. This is \$12.4 billion lower than the budget estimate and \$1.9 billion lower than the first quarter fiscal update. Total revenue in 2021-22, meanwhile, is forecast at \$57.9 billion, \$14.2 billion higher than the budget estimate and \$2.9 billion higher than the first quarter fiscal update. In 2022, we will remain focused on prudent fiscal management to ensure our province's books are healthy.

Alberta's Recovery Plan is working, and Albertans are going back to work. In 2022, our United Conservative government will remain relentless in delivering jobs and investment for Alberta families and businesses. Truly, our best days are still to come.

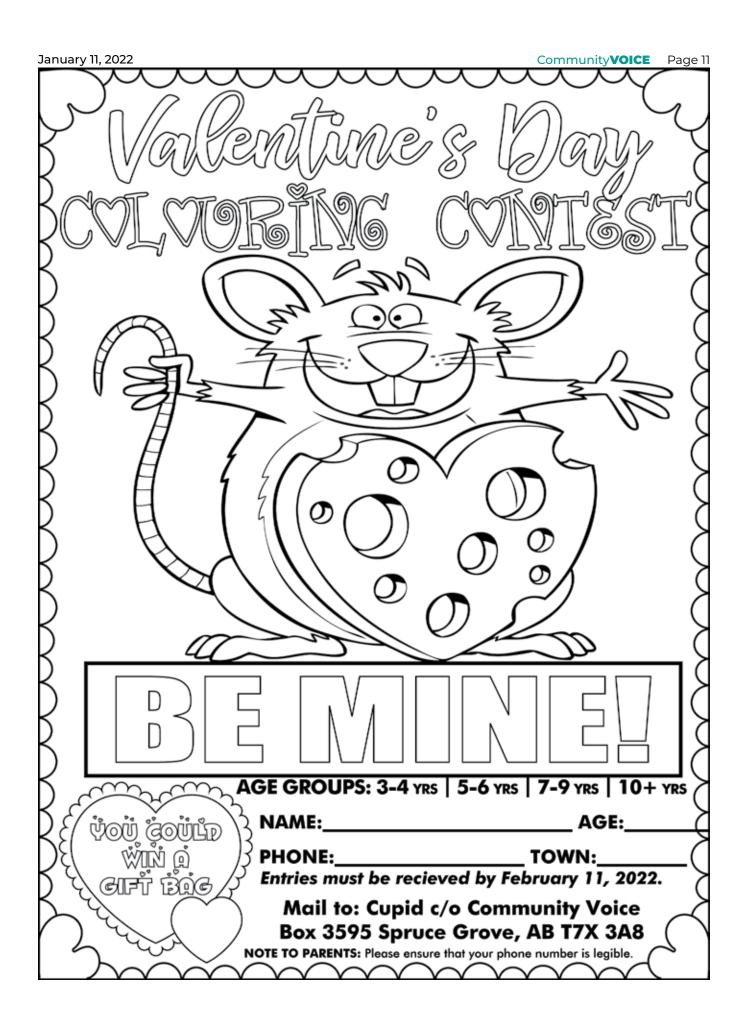
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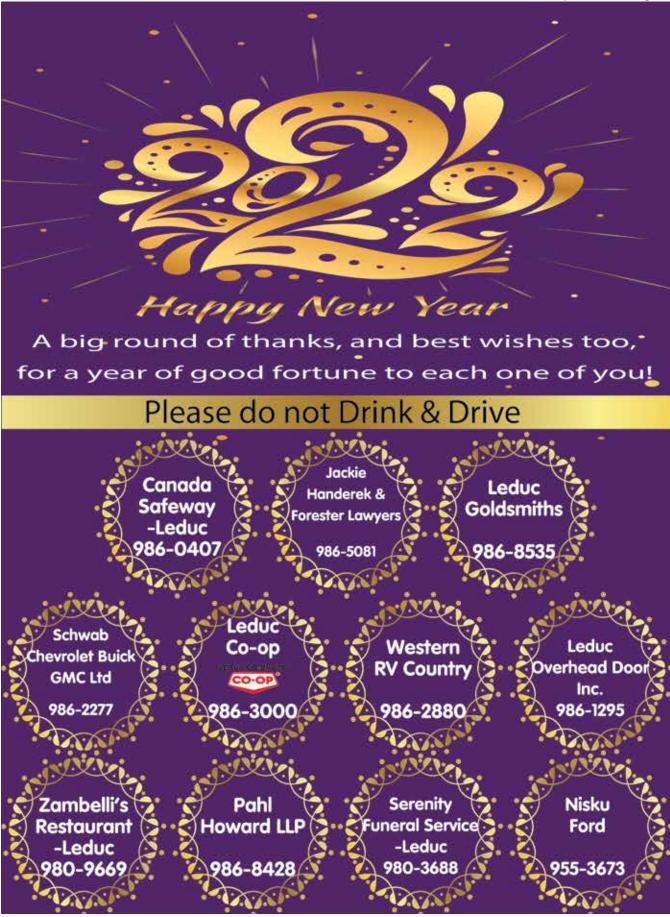




As we cut the ribbon on a brand-new year, we hope it brings joy and prosperity to you and everyone you know Thank you for supporting our success in 2021. We value your business and your trust in us beyond measure.



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Submitted by City of Leduc

Mayor's #Influencers Award now incorporated into awards program

Leadership, kindness and achievement encompass a few of the traits the City of Leduc would like to celebrate this year through its Citizens of Distinction Awards, Leduc's largest award recognition program designed to honour citizens, community groups and businesses for their extraordinary efforts.

"Leduc has exception-

al leaders, volunteers and citizens who demonstrate amazing community spirit, athletic/artistic prowess and mentorship, and progressive ideas and actions that support environmental stewardship; all of which we want to celebrate through the 2021 Citizens of Distinction Awards," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young.

Changes to this year's program include:

The Youth Award of Merit will honour youth aged 16 and under.

The Mayor's #In-

fluencers Award will be incorporated into the Citizens of Distinction program and will honour individuals ages 17 to 21 in the community. Nominations for this award will open in late-January. Its nomination deadline will also be later than the rest of the Citizens of Distinction program; details will be shared when they are available.

Citizens of Distinction nominations will be accepted online and in-person at the Leduc Civic Centre until Feb. 4, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the

following categories:

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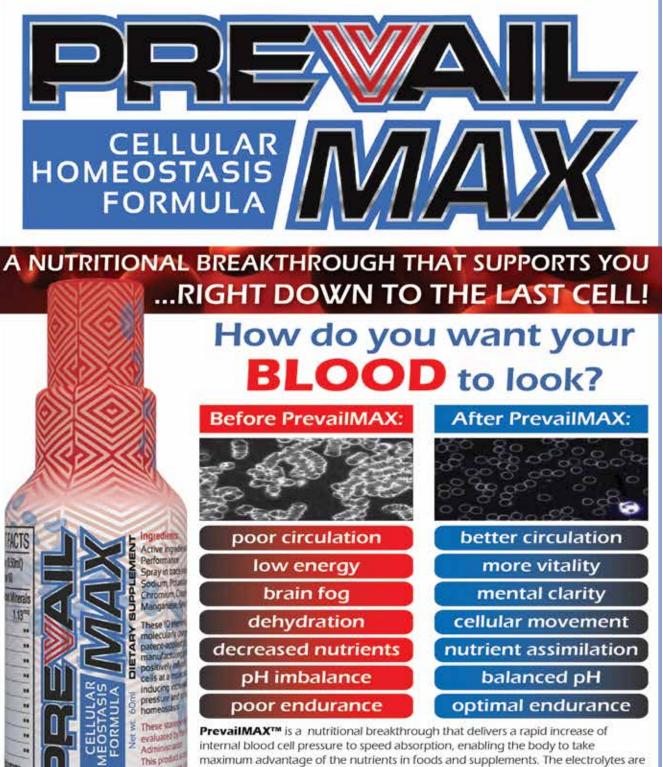
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