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LEDUC RCMP AND CITY OF LEDUC WELCOME TRICK-OR-TREATERS FOR AN UN-BOO-LIEVABLY FUN EVENT AND SHARE SAFETY TIPS FOR HALLOWE'EN

Submitted by City of Leduc

On October 28, 2024, Leduc RCMP and the City of Leduc invite families with children 8 years of age and under to safely trick-or-treat at the Protective Services Building located at 4119 50 Street in Leduc from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This fang-tastic event will give kids the chance to meet local first responders including RCMP and Enforcement officers, firefighters,

Safety Bear and Sparky, and get some treats for Hallowe'en.

"We encourage kids to come dressed up in their costumes to trick-or-treat and interact with our staff for a hauntingly ghoul-time," says Constable Cheri-Lee Smith.

City of Leduc Fire Services administrative staff will hand out treats to children eight years of age and under on Oct. 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Protective Services Building. Officers

will also patrol the spooky streets on Halloween, and City firefighters will be in the community handing out candy, to help ensure it's a safe and frightfully fun evening for all.

Whether you're a trick-or-treater or staying home, please consider these safety tips.

Tips for trick-or-treaters:

- Wear bright coloured costumes and use reflective tape or glow sticks to be more visible

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TANNI DOBLANKO REAPPOINTED TO SERVE EIGHTH TERM AS MAYOR OF LEDUC COUNTY

Submitted by City of Leduc

At this morning's organizational meeting, Tanni Doblanko was reappointed to serve her eighth term as Mayor.

Nominated by division four Councillor Larry Wanchuk, Doblanko was honoured and spoke to the

work Council has completed together throughout this term.

"Thank you to my fellow Councillors for their continued faith in me as Mayor. This position is one I lead with heart and passion, and a large part of this passion stems from the work we have completed together this term. I look forward to

the year ahead where we will continue to openly debate, have honest discussions and make the best decisions we can for Leduc County."

Mayor Tanni Doblanko has served as Leduc County Councillor representing division five since October 2013;

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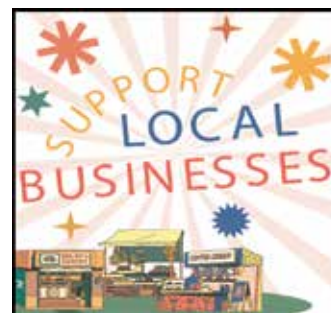
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Leduc RCMP And City Of Leduc Welcome Trick-Or-Treaters For An Un- Boo-Lievably Fun Event And Share Safety Tips For Hallowe'en

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to drivers.

- Use a flashlight and stay in well-lit areas.

- Wear make-up instead of a mask. Masks can impair your vision and hearing. If you wear

a mask, remove while walking from house to house and crossing streets.

- Always walk on sidewalks.

- Stay on one side of the street. Safely cross the street to the houses on the other side. Do not crisscross back-and-forth.

- Stay on the doorstep or sidewalk. Never go inside the home or car of someone you don't know.

- Have your guardian check your treats before eating them.

- Be accompanied by a trusted adult.

- Travel in groups if you are unsupervised.

Tips for homeowners:

- Keep porch lights or external security lights on.


- Keep doors clear and accessible and avoid decorations that are flammable or pose a tripping hazard.

- Don't invite children inside your home.

- Only pass out commercially wrapped candy and snacks.

- Keep pets indoors as they may be easily scared by children in costumes.

We wish all in the community a happy and safe Halloween!




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Tanni Doblanko Reappointed To Serve Eighth Term As Mayor Of Leduc County

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she was appointed to her first term as Mayor in October 2017 and has been re-elected each year since.

A mayor is appointed from amongst Council each year at the organizational meeting to serve a one-year term. The deputy mayor position is determined on

an eight-month rotational basis. The deputy mayor schedule for the remainder of this Council term is as follows:

- July 1, 2024 to Feb.

28, 2025: division six Councillor Glenn Belozar

• March 1, 2025 to October 2025: division seven Councillor Ray Scobie

WETASKIWIN RCMP ARREST AND CHARGE TWO INDIVIDUALS IN STOLEN VEHICLE

Submitted by Wetaskiwin RCMP

On Oct. 10, 2024, at approximately 1 p.m., Wetaskiwin RCMP Crime Reduction Unit were conducting proactive patrols when they observed a vehicle towing a trailer displaying a stolen Alberta license plate.

Alberta RCMP's Emergency Response Team (ERT) attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but it fled south on Highway 2. In an attempt to evade arrest, a male crawled out of the sunroof at highway speeds and began throwing items at police,

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Wetaskiwin RCMP Arrest And Charge Two Individuals In Stolen Vehicle

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the individual then unhooked the trailer and fled at a high rate of speed. Officers maintained a visual on the vehicle, from a safe distance, to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Police were able to successfully deploy a tire deflation device on the vehicle. The vehicle entered a rural property where it was abandoned and another vehicle was stolen. The suspects continued to speed through rural roads in the Lacombe and Red Deer County areas. A second tire deflation device was successfully deployed, which disabled the vehicle, leading to the arrest of two individuals.

Jeff Medd, a 40-year-old resident of Leduc County, Alta., has been charged with the following offences:

- Fleeing from police x 2
- Possession of stolen property
- Theft of motor vehicle x2
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle
- Unsafe storage of a firearm
- Multiple additional weapons offences
- Assault of police officer
- Mischief x2

Corey Peers, a 35-year-old resident of Wainwright, Alta., has been charged with the following offences:

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- Possession of stolen property
- Theft of motor vehicle x2
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle
- Unsafe storage of a firearm
- Multiple additional weapons offences
- Assault of police officer
- Mischief x2

Both appeared at the Alberta Court of Justice

in Wetaskiwin on Oct. 15, 2024 and were remanded into custody.

Wetaskiwin RCMP would like to thank Alberta RCMP ERT, RCMP Air Services, Police Dog Services, the Provincial Community Response Team, Ponoka RCMP, Rimbey RCMP, Blackfalds RCMP, Red Deer RCMP, Alberta Sheriffs FASST and officers from Edmonton Police Services for assisting during

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JOINT STATEMENT FROM ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS (AFN) NATIONAL CHIEF CINDY WOODHOUSE AND ALBERTA PREMIER DANIELLE SMITH ON FIRST NATIONS POLICING

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Today, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Cindy Woodhouse and Alberta Premier Danielle Smith are united in our commitment to establish First Nations policing as an essential service in First Nations communities.

We call on the federal government to move forward on their commitment to implement amendments to the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program that would commit sustainable and predictable funding for First Nations-led law enforcement.

First Nations and the Government of Alberta have long advocated for police services that reflect community values,

cultures, and needs. To achieve this, it is essential that First Nations have clear jurisdiction and authority over their own policing frameworks, underpinned by equitable funding from both federal and provincial governments. Such funding must be sustainable and sufficient, ensuring that First Nations-led police services have the resources they need to deliver a high standard of community policing.

This year, Alberta has allocated over \$22.5 million to support policing in First Nation communities, including \$12.2 million for three self-administered First Nation police services. Additionally, the Indigenous and Municipal Police Transition Study Grant has been provided to several

Indigenous communities to explore policing options that best meet their unique needs, including the establishment of their self-administered police services. Alberta is currently working with Siksika First Nation and Enoch First Nation to develop their own First Nations police services.

Alberta's government continues to empower local communities to explore or deliver Indigenous-led policing. This year, Alberta has provided over \$22.5 million in funding to support policing for First Nation communities, including \$12.2 million for three First Nation self-administered police services. The Indigenous and Municipal Police Transition Study Grant has also been provided to a number of In-

Indigenous communities to explore policing options that will best meet their unique needs, including establishing their own self-administered police services. Alberta is currently working with Siksika First Nation and Enoch First Nation to create their own Indigenous police services.

The recent deaths of First Nations individuals during interactions with police highlight the urgent need to address capacity gaps in policing and justice systems. Reforms must address specific needs in governance, recruitment, and culturally-informed training. The necessity for these changes has been emphasized in the Auditor General of Canada's reports, the National

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Fall road trips rarely take drivers too far away from home, but traveling can still be costly. Fortunately, there are many ways to make road trips more affordable without sacrificing fun.

• Explore alternatives to more traditional lodg-

ing. If your road trip includes an overnight stay, consider alternatives to traditional lodging. Hotels might stretch your budget, but depending on where you plan to go, you might have some less traditional alternatives. Airbnb.com allows homeowners and even some apartment dwellers to rent their homes and apartments to travelers, and these listings may pale in comparison to rates offered by nearby hotels. If weather permits, look for local

campsites and spend your nights sleeping outdoors under the autumn stars. If you prefer hotels, look for deals on sites like Priceline.com or Hotwire.com, which may offer heavy discounts on rooms.

• Take steps to conserve fuel. Lodging might prove your biggest expense on a fall road trip, but fuel likely won't be too far behind. Drivers can cut fuel costs in several ways. Before beginning your trip, take your car in for a tuneup so

any issues that might affect fuel efficiency are addressed before you hit the open road. Poorly inflated tires force the engine to work harder and burn more fuel, so make sure tire pressure matches the levels recommended in your owner's manual before embarking on your trip and even along the way if you feel your car is not running as smoothly as it could be. Another way to conserve fuel is to remove excess items

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from the trunk. If you don't plan to hit the links on your trip, leave your golf clubs at home.

- Plot your route. Spontaneity may make fall road trips more fun, but drivers looking to save money should plot their routes in advance so they can avoid potentially costly problems like detours or road work that can waste fuel and lead to hours sitting in traffic. Use a GPS device during your trip so you can be alerted to any

unexpected developments that might cost you time and money. Plotting your route in advance also allows you to find affordable dining and lodging options and choose roads that don't require drivers to pay tolls.

- Invite some friends and family along. Inviting friends and family on a weekend getaway can make the trip more fun and more affordable. If you have room in the car, inviting friends along allows you to split fuel

costs, and you may even save on lodging if you find a hotel that won't charge for extra guests in the room. Friends and family also can help split the cost of supplies.

- Bring your own food. Food is another big expense road trippers must account for. But you can save money on food by bringing your own meals along on the trip. Prepare some sandwiches the morning that you leave and keep them fresh in a cooler so you don't have to pay for

lunch. In addition, pack some snacks so you and your passengers can quickly and affordably quell any hunger pangs that arise while you're on the road. If you plan to stay in a place with its own kitchen, cook your own dinners so you don't have to spend money dining out.

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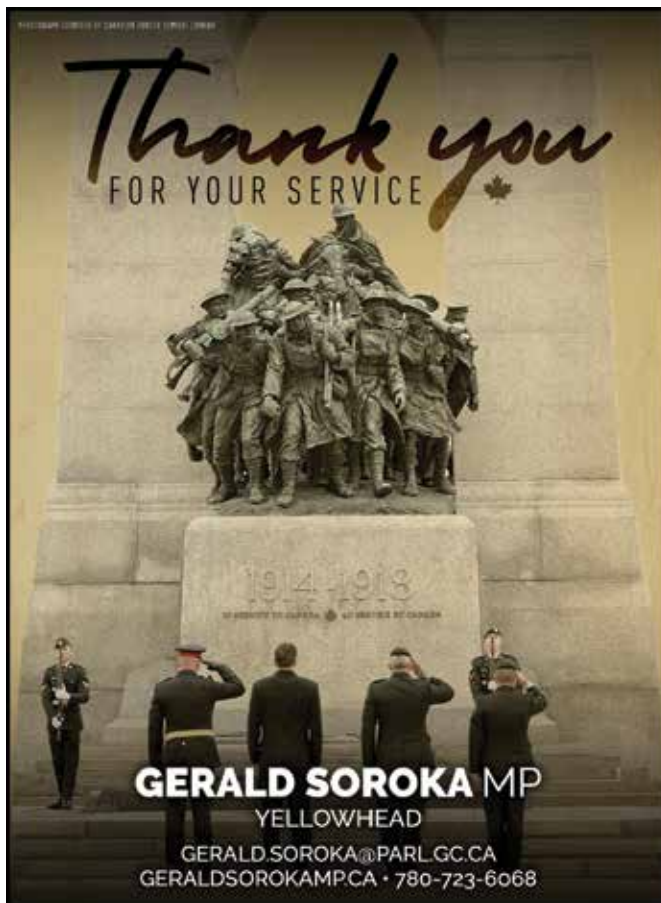
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