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# November 13, 2024

# BRETON THORSBY RCMP RESPOND TO FATAL MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION

Submitted by Breton Thorsby RCMP

On Oct. 30, 2024, at 6:27 p.m. Thorsby/Breton RCMP received a report of a serious motor vehicle collision on Highway 22 near Township Road 454. Upon arrival, fire and EMS were on scene and the driver and lone occupant of a white passenger SUV was deceased. This driver has been identified as a 42-year-old male resident of Edmonton. The male driver of the semi *Continued on Page 2* 

# DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN THE RECOVERY OF FIREARMS AND STOLEN PROPERTY

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On Nov. 2, 2024 at around 5:00 p.m., Drayton Valley

RCMP assisted by officers from Rocky Mountain House Detachment, entered into an investigation of a flight from police after an attempted traffic stop for dangerous driving on Highway 620 in Brazeau County, Alta.

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# LEDUC LOCAL WINS \$250K ON EXTRA WITH LOTTO SPOT APP!

Submitted by Western Canada Lottery Corporation

"I've got a bunch of renovations planned!" Michael Hall was stunned to see he won \$250,000 on the September 18 EXTRA draw!

The Leduc winner purchased his LOTTO 6/49 and EXTRA ticket through the Lotto Spot app, so checking it was as easy as logging in and seeing the win!

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injuries.

truck did not sustain any

Although early in the in-

vestigation, it has been

The vehicle involved, was later discovered to have been stolen and had been reported by witnesses as tailgating and driving at excess of speeds of 150 km/hr. During the course of the investigation, the vehicle was abandoned and the driver was observed attempting to flee from officers into a wooded area. Numerous police resources including the K Division Police Dog determined that the SUV crossed the centre line and struck a semi truck.

Breton Thorsby RCMP Respond To

**Fatal Motor Vehicle Collision** 

RCMP remained on scene for several hours investigating.

The Alberta RCMP send their deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

# Drayton Valley RCMP Traffic Investigation Results In The Recovery Of Firearms And Stolen Property

Services and the K Division Emergency Response Team were deployed to the scene in the interest of ensuring public safety.

As a result of this incident, RCMP arrested the driver, Shayde Beaverbone, a 24-year-old male resident of Hinton, Alta. Shayde has been charged with:

•Dangerous driving;

•Fail to stop for a police officer;

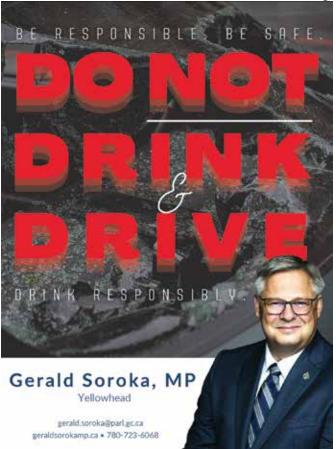
•Possession of proper-

ty obtained by crime over \$5000;

•Possession of a prohibited weapon & several other firearms related offences.

•Resist arrest /obstruct a Peace Officer.

Shayde was taken before a Justice of the Peace and subsequently remanded with his next court appearances set for Nov. 5, 2024 at the Alberta Court of Justice in Drayton Valley.



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**JOKE** of the week

Four high school boys afflicted with spring fever skipped morning classes. After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire. Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test today so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper." Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said: "First Question: Which tire was flat?"

# November 13, 2024 CommunityVOICE Page 3 Leduc Local Wins \$250K On EXTRA With Lotto Spot App!

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He immediately stopped in his tracks.

"I was shocked," he said. "I just didn't believe it!"

Hall has a list of things he's ready to do with his windfall.

"I've got a bunch of renovations planned," he admitted. "And I'm going to take a vacation-probably to the Dominican Republic!"

"It feels amazing, and the winnings are tax free!" he laughed.

Hall purchased his win-

ning LOTTO 6/49 and EX-TRA ticket on the Lotto Spot app and won his prize by correctly matching the EXTRA number drawn for the September 18 draw: 1283667.



# INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AT WILLOW PARK OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

Submitted by City of Leduc

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the City of Leduc opened its newest inclusive playground allowing children of all abilities the opportunity to play with their friends and classmates.

The playground, located at Willow Park, features a wheelchair accessible glider swing, a ground level wheelchair accessible spinner; first in the region, and four slides that include spiral, straight, open top, and tunnel.

"This playground is not just a space for fun," said Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "It is so much more than that. It is a symbol of Leduc's commitment to inclusion and accessibility. This new playground is a space where children – regardless of ability – can play, explore, and grow together."

In total, the playground cost \$700,000. Of that, \$125,000 was paid for in grant funding from the Government of Alberta (\$125,000) and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program (\$25,000).

The grant funding, secured for the project by the Kinsmen Club of Leduc, allowed for the addition of three components to be installed: accessible seating, a coreboard communication panel for non-verbal users, and a wheelchair accessible swing. Additional playground features:

•STEM/STEAM free-standing play miracle machine; first in the region •Sensory play equipment including smooth, textured, visual, auditory and uneven play components •A rope climber •Playhouse for imaginative play

•Symbol-based communication board

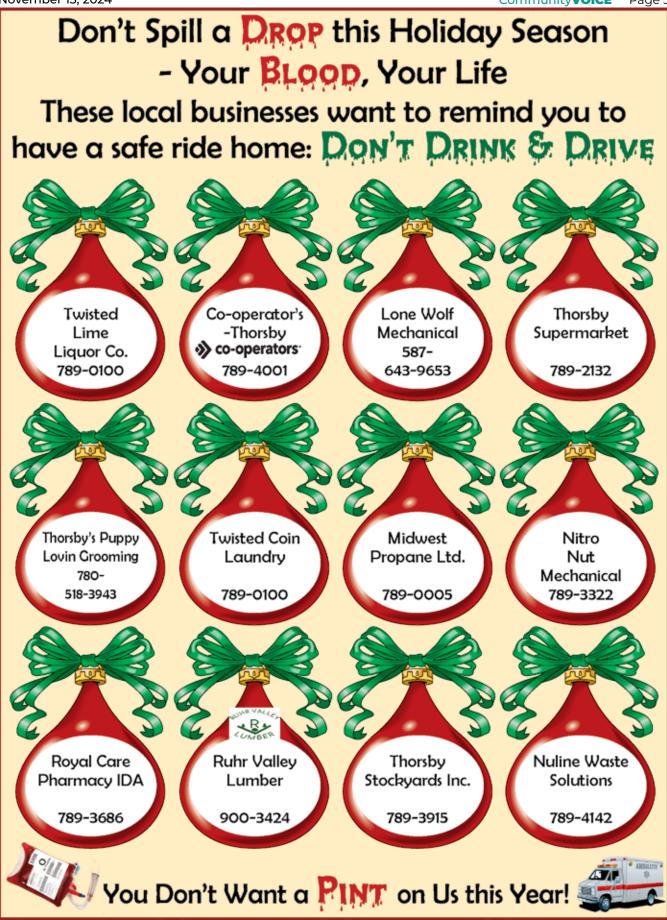
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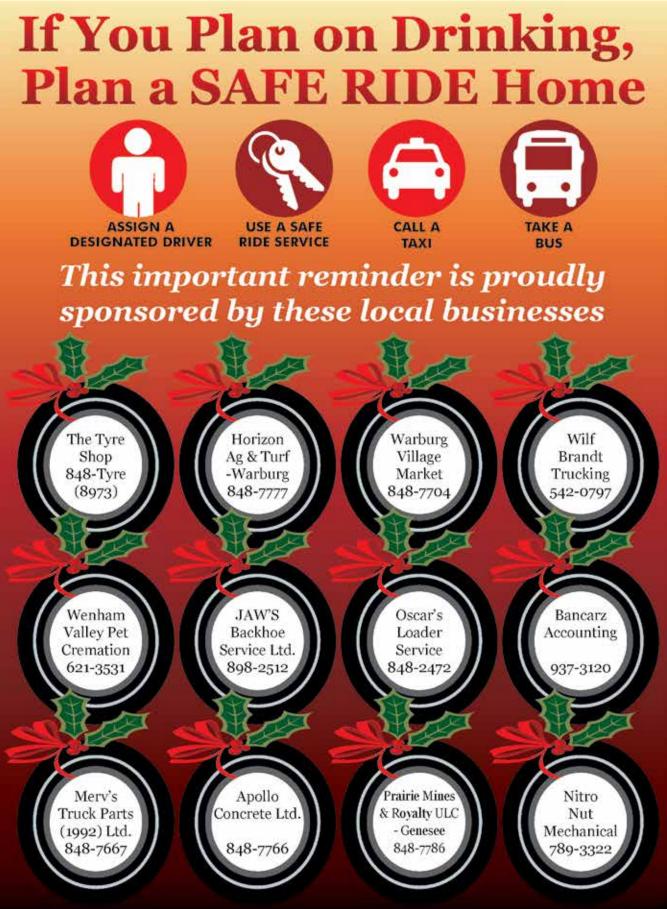
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# November 13, 2024 Community**VOICE** Page 7 **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION** MONTH: MINISTERS TURTON AND FIR

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Minister of Children and Services Family Searle Turton and Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women Tanya Fir recognize Family Violence Prevention Month:

"No Albertan should ever have to experience family violence or endure the trauma and devastating, long-lasting scars it leaves behind. This November, we're raising awareness about family violence and where to turn for support so that we can end cycles of abuse and prevent future harm.

"By investing in prevention strategies, keeping our promise to provide both women's shelters and sexual assault centres an additional \$10 million, and supporting the confidential 24/7 Family Violence Info Line at 310-1818, we're ensuring there is always a safe place to turn for help, no matter who or where you are in the province.

"Thank you to all of our incredible family violence prevention partners and every Albertan who has courageously stood up to make communities across the province safer from violence. For anyone who has experienced family violence, know that you're not alone and there are always supports and resources available when you need them."

Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services

"Any form of violence, whether it be family vio-

lence or gender-based violence, must be stopped. That is why our government is creating a made-in-Alberta 10-year action plan to end gender-based violence within the province.

"This action plan will help foster a culture of consent, engage men and boys, support survivors, address root causes of gender-based violence and support critical services within Alberta. Through Budget 2024, we are investing over \$19 million that will support the creation and implementation of this action plan. Additionally, we are investing over \$100 million annually in critical programs and services that support survivors and help prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

"It will take a collective effort to put an end to gender-based violence, and our government is proud to work alongside survivors, non-profits and community leaders to secure a safer and brighter future for all Albertans."

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



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# AutoTUNE-UP

# TWO HEADLIGHTS ARE BETTER THAN ONE: HOW CHANGING HEADLIGHTS IN PAIRS MAKES NIGHTTIME DRIVING SAFER

When it comes to vehicle maintenance, professional automotive technicians and organizations that promote safe driving have always advocated replacing certain safety components in their vehicles, such as tires, brakes, shocks and wiper blades, in pairs.

Replacing parts in pairs ensures that the vehicle is properly balanced and function-

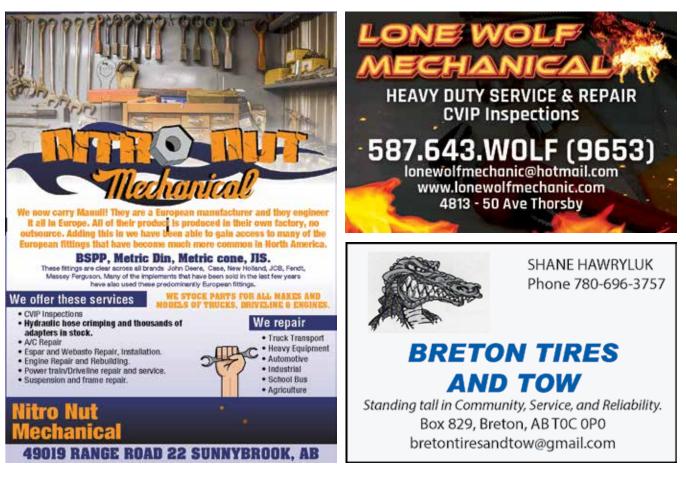
ing safely. But it's not just tires, brakes and shocks that should be replaced in pairs. Vehicle lighting plays an integral role in keeping drivers and their passengers safe, and motorists should exercise the same level of caution regarding their vehicles' headlights, taillights, and turn signals that they do with other parts of their cars and trucks.

Why replace aging headlight bulbs?

Most drivers are not aware that headlight bulbs can wear out and degrade over time. As a result, headlights are often overlooked when drivers conduct routine vehicle maintenance. As they age, headlight bulbs put out less light, which can dramatically compromise visibility at night, when drivers' visual acuity is already naturally reduced by as much as 70 percent.

According to Lumileds, a leading lighting solutions company for the automotive industry, headlight bulbs begin to project significantly less light within two to three years of their initial installation, producing dimmer light outputs that can compromise the

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Two Headlights Are Better Than One: How Changing Headlights In Pairs Makes Nighttime Driving Safer

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safety of drivers and their passengers.

Why replace bulbs two at a time?

Thouah replacing both headlight bulbs when only one is dimming may seem unwarranted, maintaining a consistent light output from both headlights makes the road safer for drivers, their passengers and oncoming motorists. When only one bulb is replaced, the result-

ing light output can be both unbalanced unpredictable. and providing inadequate lighting that can compromise driver visibility. In addition, when one bulb burns out or starts dimming, the other bulb will likely follow, forcing drivers to deal with the expense and inconvenience of getting it replaced all over again.

How else can drivers improve visibility?

In addition to prop-

erly maintaining their headlights, drivers can take the following proactive measures to make nighttime driving safer.

• Replace worn out wiper blades each season or in threemonth intervals to ensure adequate visibility during rain or snow.

• Clean interior glass and mirrors to remove any film-like buildup that reduces vision and creates hazy reflections from the sun. This is especially important for smokers who smoke while driving.

• Don't hang accessories on rearview mirrors. This includes fuzzy dice, photos and other items that can be distracting and block your vision.





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Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government has filed an application at the federal court challenging the constitutionality and legality of Canada's heating oil carbon tax exemption.

Alberta's government is standing up against the federal government's carbon tax exemption for heating oil to protect Albertans from the double standard Ottawa has created with the carbon tax, which means Albertans continue to pay carbon taxes to stay warm in winter.

Last fall, after years of insisting that the carbon tax is applied equally across Canada, the federal government exempted the carbon tax for heating oils, which are used predominantly in Atlantic Canada and Quebec. Over the last year, the federal government has refused multiple requests to grant a similar carve-out on other heating methods from Alberta and others across the country who are also facing rising costs of living.

Alberta's government will now take this fight to the courts. Alberta filed an application seeking judicial review of the exemption with the Federal Court on Oct. 29, asking the court to declare that the exemption is both unconstitutional and unlawful. The application argues that Ottawa's carbon tax exemption for heating oil is unconstitutional and inconsistent with the Government of Canada's stated purpose for enacting the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.

"Last year, Ottawa decided Canadians in the East deserved a three-year break from paying the carbon tax on their home heating costs. While we're happy for these Canadians, Alberta, Saskatchewan and other provinces who heat their homes with natural gas have been deliberately excluded from these savings. Albertans simply cannot stand by for another winter while the federal government picks and chooses who their carbon tax applies to. Since they won't play fair, we're going to take the federal government back to court.'

Danielle Smith, Premier

While the Supreme Court of Canada previously found the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act was constitutional, it found that Canada's jurisdiction to regulate greenhouse gas emissions was limited to the ability to create minimum national standards for carbon pricing for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Alberta strongly opposes the federal carbon tax exemption on heating oil, as the federal government is no longer creating minimum national standards that apply evenly across the country, and is instead creating a regime that favours one region and fuel type over others.

"This exemption is not only unfair to the vast majority of Canadians, but it is also unlawful as the federal government does not have the authority to make special exemptions for certain parts of the country under the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. The federal government isn't even following its own laws now. Someone needs to hold them accountable, and Alberta is stepping up to do just that."

Mickey Amery, Minister of Justice and Attorney General

The federal carbon tax adds to the rising cost of living for all Canadians. By 2030, it will cost Canadians \$25 billion every year, in addition to lowering the gross domestic product (GDP) by \$9 billion. In addition, the Bank of Canada has estimated that the federal carbon tax increases inflation by 0.15 per cent year over year.

# COUNCIL BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS APPROVED FOR NEXT YEAR

Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc City Council approved their 2024/25 council board and commission appointments on Monday, Oct. 28, during a City Council meeting.

To provide consistency in governance, Council appointments for 2024-2025 will remain the same as they were for 2023-2024.

Also, during Monday's council meeting, the upcoming Deputy Mayor appointments and Council's 2024/25 meeting schedule were approved.

These appointments are approved every fall by City Council for the upcoming year.

Residents are encouraged to review and understand who sits on which board, committee, and commission. Residents are also welcome to view Leduc City Council's upcoming meeting schedule and attend in-person or live stream. List of appointments by repre-

sentative:

Mayor Bob Young:

•Airport Tax Sharing Agreement Negotiating Committee •Capital Region Southwest Water

Negotiating Committee (Alternate) •City of Edmonton, Leduc Coun-

ty, City of Leduc and Edmonton Regional Airports Authority Inter-Jurisdictional Cooperation Accord Oversight Committee

•City of Leduc/Leduc County Inter-Municipal Development Plan Committee (IDP) •Committee-of-the-Whole

•Emergency Advisory Committee

 Edmonton Global •Edmonton Metropolitan Region

Board •Edmonton Regional Airports

Authority – Appointers Committee •Leduc Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

Naming Committee

- •Strategic Planning Committee •Student Activities & Tours
- •Traffic Advisory Committee

Councillor Beverly Beckett:

·Capital Region Southwest Water

Services Commission ·Citizen Recognition Committee

(Sub-Committee of PRC) •City of Leduc/Leduc County In-

ter-Municipal Development Plan Committee (IDP)

·Committee-of-the-Whole

•Leduc Arts Foundry •Leduc Community Drug Action Committee (Sub-Committee of FCSS)

·Leduc Golf and Country Club Board of Directors

•Strategic Planning Committee

Student Activities & Tours

Councillor Glen Finstad: Airport Tax Sharing Agreement

Negotiating Committee •City of Leduc/Leduc County In-

ter-Municipal Development Plan Committee (IDP)

•Committee-of-the-Whole

·Council Remuneration Committee

 Edmonton Global (Alternate) •Edmonton International Airport Noise Committee

•Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (Alternate) •Edmonton Regional Waste Ad-

visory Committee

•Leduc Boys & Girls Club

•Leduc Community Drug Action Committee (Sub-Committee of FCSS) (Alternate)

•Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

·Leduc Downtown Business Association (Alternate)

 Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission

•Strategic Planning Committee

Councillor Bill Hamilton: •Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission

•Committee-of-the-Whole

•Family & Community Support Services Advisory Board (FCSS) (Alternate)

•Leduc & District Regional Waste Management Commission (Alternate)

·Léduc Regional Chamber of Commerce

·Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

•Strategic Planning Committee Councillor Lars Hansen:

·Capital Region Southwest Water Services Commission

·City of Leduc Library Board

•Committee-of-the-Whole

Grant Application Committee (Sub-Committee of PRC)

 Leduc Environmental Advisory Board

·Leduc Regional Chamber of Commerce (Alternate)

•Parks, Recreation & Culture Board

•Strategic Planning Committee •Youth Council Committee

Councillor Ryan Pollard: •Airport Tax Sharing Agreement

Negotiating Committee

•Čommittee-of-the-Whole •Edmonton Regional Waste Ad-visory Committee (Alternate)

•Family & Community Support

Services Advisory Board (FCS •Grant Application Committee

(Sub-Committee of PRC) ·Leduc Downtown Business As-

sociation

·Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (alternate)

•Parks, Recreation & Culture Board (PRC) •Strategic Planning Committee

Councillor Laura Tillack:

·Committee-of-the-Whole

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BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. at 7:30pm at Hall.

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



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