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March 22, 2016

MISCHIEF TO COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICER VEHICLE

Submitted by RCMP Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/ Enoch

Spruce Grove Alberta -On March 11th, 2016 at approximately 11:00 AM a Community Peace Officer was conducting speed enforcement, operating an

Automated Enforcement Vehicle on Highway 16A near Nelson Drive, when a small object was propelled through a window in his vehicle. The object smashed through a window at a high speed and narrowly missed the officer.

Police are currently investigat-

ing this matter and are seeking the public's assistance. If you have any information about this please call the Stony Plain RCMP Detachment at 780-968-7267 or if you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phoning 1-800-222-8477.

DARWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Submitted by Sandra Stepaniuk, Library Manager

Here is what's going on at the library for March 2016.

Preschool Story Time continues Monday mornings, except holidays, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the library until May 30, 2016. We will lead the children through stories, activities, crafts and a snack. This program, designed to promote early literacy, gives preschool children and their parents/guardians an opportunity to explore a love of reading in a non-judgmental and supportive environment. Parent/guardian participation is mandatory. This is a free drop in program so pre-registration is not required.

The Colouring Club for all ages continues as an ongoing, free, drop in program during regular library hours. We supply the materials (or you can bring your own); coloring pages, crayons, and markers and you supply the inspiration. Bring a friend, relative or just yourself, create, re-

lax and see what the craze is all about. We have had a couple of requests to formalize the colouring club so that people can learn new techniques such as shading and adding dimension, etc. to your colouring. If you would like to participate, please contact the library for further information.

Wednesday evenings in March is Family Games Night at the library. We have a selection of games for all ages and encourage you to come and join us for some good old fashioned fun and refreshments. This is a drop in program so registration is not required.

The next Book Club meeting is Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00p.m.; we will be reviewing "An Astronauts Guide to Life on Earth" by Chris Hadfield. Do you love to read? Do you like to discuss what you have read with others? We have a few open spots and are always interested in a new perspective to add to our conversation. If you are interested in participating, you can register and make arrangements for

loan of the current title by calling the library @ 780-892-3746.

The next Family Movie Night, at the Lake Isle Community Hall, will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016. We will be showing the pre-release "PG" rated title "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens". The doors will open at 6:30pm and the movie starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$ 2.00 and a concession will be available. See you there! All of our programs are sponsored by The Darwell Public Library Society, Darwell Library Friend Society, FCSS and the CLSA Library Grant.

The Library is open 11:00 am to 4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Wednesday and Friday, closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. You can also find out what is happening at the library by checking our Website www.darwellpubliclibrary.ab.ca or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DarwellPublicLibrary

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SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP (TPP)

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is an important trade deal for Canada's exporters because it will grant them access to 800 million consumers with a combined GDP of \$29 trillion. That's over 14 times the size of Canada's economy! It is a deal that will benefit farmers, business

owners and manufacturers alike and it is at risk of not being ratified by the current Liberal government.

The House of Commons Standing Committee on International Trade is conducting a pre-study of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement and has put a call out to Canadians for written submissions and requests to appear before the committee.

In addition to hearings that will take place in Ottawa, and following approval by the House of Commons, the Committee expects to hold hearings across Canada over the coming months. Once cross-country hearings are confirmed, information will be provided about dates and locations.

Canadians who wish to provide a written submission must do so before 23:59 EDT on April 30th, 2016. Written submissions are to be no more than 1,500 words. More information on the process for providing a written submission can be found at: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/About/House/WitnessesGuides/guide-brief-e.htm> and written submissions should be emailed to: ciit-ttp-ptp@parl.gc.ca

We need to ensure that those who will benefit from the TPP have their voices heard loud and clear and it is extremely important that your views be heard.

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PAUL FIRST NATIONS CHIEF CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Submitted by RCMP
Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/
Enoch RCMP

On March 4, 2016 at approximately 11:00 AM Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/ Enoch RCMP responded to a complaint of an assault at The Paul Band Administration

Office. As a result of the RCMP investigation, Casey BIRD, Chief of the Paul First Nations is now facing one charge of Assault. He is scheduled to make his first appearance in Stony Plain Provincial Court on Wednesday, April 6, 2016.

The victim in this altercation suffered minor injuries.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALES

Submitted by RCMP Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch

2016-304887

Stony Plain Alberta, - On March 15, 2016 at approximately 12:15 AM, Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Enoch RCMP responded to a complaint of two missing teenage girls. The females, 13 year old Victoria Alook and 15 year old Brooke Badger had left their residence at approximately 9:30 PM on March 14, 2016 and did not return home. It is believed that they may be in the Edmonton area. Anyone with information on their whereabouts is asked to contact police immediately.

Vitoria Alook is described as:

- Aboriginal
- Brown eyes
- Long black hair
- Heavy set Build
- 5'6"
- 180 lbs

She was last seen wearing black leggings, a black hoodie.

Brooke Badger is described as:

- Aboriginal
- Brown eyes
- Long Brown hair
- Average build
- 5'4"
- 130 lbs

She was last seen wearing a black hoodie and black sweat pants (with pixar movie minions on the pants)

If you have any information about this matter, please contact the Stony Plain RCMP at 780-968-7267. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact crime stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com, or by SMS (www.crimestoppers.ab.ca for instructions). You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if you provide information to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property, and/or the seizure of illicit drugs, you may be eligible for a cash reward. Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and the identity of the caller will remain anonymous.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: RE: COAL PLANTS

Submitted by **Graham Caffyn**

Dear Editor,

I am going to put a letter together in reply to the letter submitted by Mary Thiessen,

I think all Canadians with a school grade education are in agreement that we must work towards a good clean environment throughout the world, but when you talk about coal do you know that coal has powered the

world for hundreds of years, it was coal that powered the big ships that were a major part of winning the wars, and powered the trains that hauled the ammunition to the docks, it was coal that put the light in all the homes, hospitals and industrial buildings throughout the world for hundreds of years. This world has been dependent on coal for all man's needs. It was the source of feeding and clothing the majority of the working

class and their families, who was the backbone of the world.

As far as your last paragraph goes, I agree, you don't know, the changes that this government will make is not to help this country or province go forward, but instead they will create more jobless residents. The amount of coal that is here in Alberta could create a continuation of good employment for many years to come, it is known that Japan has been importing coal from Cana-

da for many years and both Japan and China will continue to use coal for their countries energy forever. The smog in China is from the dense amount of traffic on the roads - many cities in the west are the same.

Again, in your last paragraph referring to the experts, the experts you should be looking at for good advice is those who have put years into improving the use of coal for the purpose of coal power throughout the world, and it is now at a stage where it is the best source of fuel that can be used in inland power plants or stations. The technology of your mentioned experts are at least twenty years behind the countries who have led this world for so many years, your so called experts have started driving this province even further back instead of doing anything to get it ahead.

I am so glad that I am no longer in the working days of life, I said it quite a few years ago that "when a vehicle goes to the pumps to gas up the driver should be emptying the waste carbon monoxide into a tank for this purpose", I know this has been worked on in some plants here in Alberta, so get your experts on the next stage.



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EVERGREEN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Submitted by Beth Dunigan

March 14, 2016

Trustees began with a prayer and invocation for the Holy Spirit to guide their conversations, discussions, and deliberations.

The first piece of business was to approve a locally developed course entitled Animal Handling and Behaviour 35 – 5. This is a dual-credit initiative where students gain both high school and first year NAIT credits.

The two public information sessions hosted by the board at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School and Gerard Redmond School in Hinton on March 9 on Inclusive Communities were well

attended and positively received. In response to the Alberta Government directive to revise school division policies and procedures specific to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, the board voted to approve amended Policy 1 – Division Foundational Statements and revisions to Admin Procedure 160 as recommended by senior administration. Opportunities for professional development for staff in these areas was recommended. The Board and senior administration will continue to see the guidance of our Alberta bishops on matters related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Superintendent Dr. Vaselenak re-

ported that collaboration with our neighboring boards on school calendars continues to progress. School administrators will receive approved calendars for Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Devon and Westlock on March 16th for distribution to staff. The Hinton calendar is pending approval.

St. Gregory Catholic School in Hinton has been honoured nationally as the second place recipient and \$3000 grant recipient of the Ken Spencer Award for Innovation in Teaching and Learning for their early childhood Happy Creek Learning Center. Congratulations!

Mr. Ray Côté, principal of Evergreen Catholic Outreach gave the board a recap of the numerous du-

al-credit opportunities available to students in Evergreen and supporting boards. The Division has agreements which benefit students with NorQuest College, Newman Theological College, Lakeland College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Expert Driving School, and most recently with NAIT.

The trustees were very pleased to receive positive feedback for the March 10th Open House at St. Peter the Apostle. The board was also excited to hear about the potential for a mission trip to the NWT which is still in the planning stages for next school year. Next board meeting is on April 11th.

CHURCH PASTOR CHARGED WITH CHILD LURING

Submitted by Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT)

Following an investigation between ALERT and Drayton Valley RCMP, a Church Pastor with the Meewasin Free Methodist Church in Duffield,

Alta. has been charged with child luring.

ALERT's Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) team arrested Glenn Har-

vey Boyde on March 14 and charged the 59-year-old pastor with child luring.

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THE FEDERAL LIBERAL GOVERNMENT'S NATURAL RESOURCES FILE

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

I believe Quebeckers understand that pipelines are the safest option to transport oil, with 99.999% of the oil transported through federally regulated pipelines arriving at destinations safely. A recent poll by the Montreal Economic Institute shows that Quebeckers favour oil from Western Cana-

da over imports from places like Saudi Arabia or Algeria. Why then did the Quebec Government decide to file an injunction against TransCanada and the Energy East Pipeline?

Prime Minister Trudeau has said that he believes his new process instills "public confidence" in pipelines, but in fact, Quebec's injunction proves that it does the opposite. Must I remind the Liberal Federal Government

that it has jurisdiction on inter-provincial pipelines? Has the Prime Minister lost control of this file? As Prime Minister, he has a responsibility to ensure that Canadian energy can move quickly and safely to domestic and international markets.

This Liberal Government is badly failing all Canadians and needs to work with Quebec to ensure that projects like Energy East can be developed

in a timely and environmentally sustainable manner.

Remember, all Canadians benefit from the wealth created by our energy resources, which pay for excellent education and healthcare services across Canada.

Church Pastor Charged with Child Luring

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VIDEO: S/Sgt. Paul Czerwonka on child luring charges – https://youtu.be/i37s7_imitM

ICE is an integrated team consisting of Edmonton Police Service and RCMP members, and investigates offences involving child pornography, any computer-related child sexual abuse, child luring over the Internet, voyeurism involving victims under the age of 18, and child sex trade/tourism.

Back in May 2015, the parents of a 15-year-old girl discovered inappropriate texts messages on her phone. The texts were believed to be from an adult male that was known to the family through the church and youth social gatherings that the girl had participated in. The offense was reported to Drayton Valley RCMP and ICE was notified.

ICE reviewed the text messages and was able to identify Boyde as a suspect. He was employed as a pastor when the alleged offenses took place, however was removed from his official position shortly after the complaint came forward.

Boyde was released from custody on a number of conditions. His next court appearance is scheduled for March 30 in Stony Plain.

Anyone with information about this investigation, or any child exploitation offence is encouraged to contact police or cybertip.ca.

ALERT was established and is funded by the Alberta Government and is a compilation of the province's most sophisticated law enforcement resources committed to tackling serious and organized crime. Members of Alberta Sheriffs, Calgary Police Service, Edmonton Police Service, Lethbridge Police Service, Medicine Hat Police Service, and RCMP work in ALERT.

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SENIORS WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT THAT OAS AGE WILL STAY AT 65

Submitted by Herb John, President, National Pensioners Federation

Seniors and retirees represented by the National Pensioners Federation will welcome today's announcement by Prime Minister Trudeau that the eligibility age for Old Age Security will stay at age 65 and not be increased as enacted by the previous government.

Today Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau announced during a town hall with Bloomberg TV in New York that Tuesday's budget will restore the eligibility for Old Age Security to 65 from 67.

The National Pensioners Federation opposed the increase in the eligibility age, due to take effect in 2023, because so many seniors depend on OAS and the Guaranteed Income Supplement and could not have waited the extra two years to receive these benefits.

QUOTE:

"Our members will welcome this reversal of a bad decision. Our members and older Canadians across the country were outraged when this change was first proposed in 2012. Despite promises, nothing was ever put in place to cover those people who could not hang on for two extra years after a lifetime of struggle. This is a good move and we look forward to seeing this in writing in the federal budget."

- Herb John, President National Pensioners Federation

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL C-246

Submitted by Jim Eglinski, MP – Yellowhead

Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith tabled Bill C-246, 'An Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Fisheries Act, the Textile Labelling Act, the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act and the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act (animal protection).'

I believe in the importance of the humane treatment of animals. However, this bill goes far beyond what could be considered a reasonable strengthening of animal protection laws. The implications of this bill are significant to many Canadians, including farmers, ranchers, anglers, and hunters. If passed, this bill could also have significant effects on Canada's economy and impact the way of life of millions of Canadians.

Bill C-246 appears to criminalize the following activities:

- A person waiting too long to put their animal down (in someone else's opinion) [182.2 (1) (a)]

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Submitted by Alberta Health Services

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prevented by following a few simple steps to make your home safer for your children and small visitors.

- Always keep prescription and over-the-counter medications locked up tight, out of sight, and in their original containers.
- Be aware that child-resistant caps on medication bottles can make it more difficult for a child to open a bottle but they ARE NOT childproof.
- When taking medications, do

it away from children. Children often copy the actions of their parents.

- Guests, family or friends may bring their medications into your home. Always ensure purses, backpacks and coats are in a safe place, out of children's reach.
- Put the PADIS emergency number in your cellular phones and/or display the number near your land-line telephone.
- If you have a poisoning emergency call PADIS 1-800-332-

1414.

March 20 -26, 2016 is National Poison Prevention Week. The Poison and Drug Information Service, the Injury Prevention Centre and provincial partners are focusing their efforts on preventing medication poisoning of young children in Alberta and across the country. For more information or to access resources, visit: www.injurypreventioncentre.ca/programs/poison_prevention

Private Members' Bill C-246

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• Any animal being killed by a human for any reason – “brutally or viciously, regardless of whether the animal dies immediately” appears to apply to all methods of killing an animal other than veterinarian chemical cocktails. This has implications for hunting, fishing, trapping and possibly livestock production. [182.2 (1)(b)]

• Accidental poisoning is not explicitly excluded, so failure to attend to a leak or spill of a toxic substance such as antifreeze could be a criminal act [182.2 (1)(d)]

• Training a dog to protect livestock or humans from predators. [182.2 (1)(e)]

• Accidentally killing an animal with a vehicle if the driver was negligent in some way [182.3 (1)(a) and (c)]

This bill is fundamentally flawed and dangerous. I intend to review it carefully and ensure that the implications do not endanger the farmers, hunters and meat producers within the riding.

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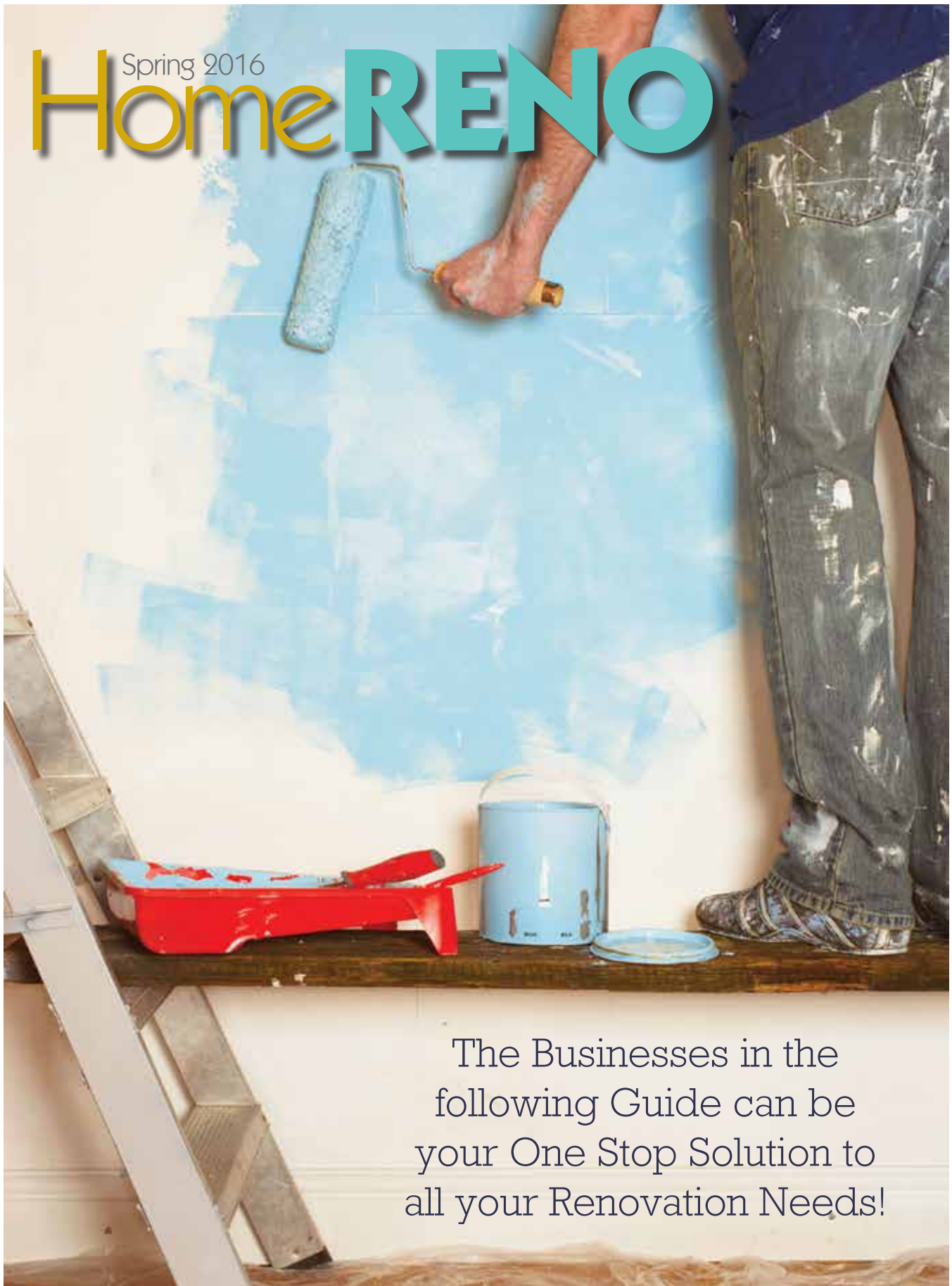
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HOW TO MAKE SPRING PROJECTS MORE ECO-FRIENDLY

The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes. For the latter group, home improvement season provides a great opportunity to make homes more eco-friendly.

When planning home improvement projects, it's best to first choose a project and then look for ways to make the project more environmentally friendly. Such an approach may not only benefit the environment, but it also may benefit homeowners' bottom lines.

Interior decorating

Longer days and warmer temperatures often translate into wanting to freshen up the interior of a home. Heavy draperies and comforters are put away, and lighter fabrics are taken out of storage. Whenever possible, reuse or repurpose items you already have rather than purchasing new items. Longer drapes can be cut and hemmed to be used as window treatments

in other rooms. Making a patchwork blanket out of old T-shirts is a crafty project that makes use of items that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

When laundering linens, skip the energy-using dryer and let items line dry in the sun and fresh air.

If you decide to purchase some new items, look for products made from sustainable or organic fabrics. Hemp and bamboo textiles have grown in popularity. Hemp and bamboo plants grow quickly, and their durability makes these materials smart choices.

When replacing items around the house, donate older items to a charitable organization.

Flowers and plants

Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.

According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wild-

life more effectively than non-native alternatives, so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and herbicides to keep them healthy and viable.

Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space.

Proper disposal

Spring cleaning is another tradition for many families come the end of winter and dawn of spring. Many people use spring as a time to go through closets and garages to remove items they no longer use or need. In an effort to clean up fast, some

people may dispose of chemical products, paints, treated lumber, and many other items in ways that can be damaging to the environment. Always learn local municipal guidelines for proper disposal of potentially harmful products. Area recycling centers may have drop-off areas for stains and paints, used motor oil and other potentially harmful products.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold. This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills.

Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from cleaning products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible products whenever possible.

Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.

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HOW TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL BASEMENT REMODEL

(MS) - By: Scott McGillivray

Americans continue to fuel remodeling spending across the country, driven by upward growth in real estate prices and the rising cost to trade up to a larger home. Basement renovations are expected to be a hot trend in 2016, as buyers look to maximize available living space rather than move, and as young buyers look to offset the cost of homeownership with potential income suites.

While finishing a basement can be a great alternative to moving -- especially if you love your neighborhood - there are some challenges homeowners must be aware of when tackling below-grade living spaces. Choosing the right products is vital to the comfort, safety and function of your new living area. Look for products that help to maximize energy efficiency and protect against moisture, fire and

noise.

Here are the top points to consider to ensure a successful basement renovation.

Waterproof it. Check the interior foundation and floors to make sure there are no existing moisture issues, water damage or mold problems. Address any primary moisture issues before finishing the space. Examine grading to ensure water runs away from your foundation.

Insulation is key. Insulation plays a critical role in making your basement feel comfortable, while keeping it safe and dry. For the best results, install a rigid board insulation, like Roxul ComfortBoard IS, against the concrete foundation before you stud the wall. The board is mechanically fastened or adhered to the concrete foundation wall, which prevents thermal bridging through the studs, providing

better thermal performance. Finish with a moisture-resistant and dimensionally stable insulation between the studs, like R14 Comfortbatt, to protect against common basement issues such as mold, mildew and rot.

Choose a functional design. Draw out plans, carefully taking into consideration any low ceilings or small windows. Try to incorporate structural features, such as attractive wood beams, into your design. Keep the space as open as possible. Select lighting that provides a bright, airy feel.

Don't forget to soundproof it. Soundproofing is the ultimate solution to maximize your basement's quiet and privacy. Whether your new-found space will function as a home theatre, music room, home office or playroom, it will benefit from quality acoustic insulation, like Roxul Safe

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Consider fire safety. Since many basements are now being renovated as income suites, fire protection is also a vital consideration. Whenever possible, select building materials with a high fire-resistance rating and look for products that will not off-gas or contribute to toxic smoke in the event of a fire. Include additional exits in your renovation plan and educate yourself on your local fire code.

Before you start your renovation, be sure to check with your municipality to secure the right permits and to ensure that you're complying with local bylaws and building codes. Finishing a basement can be a smart renovation, if done properly, adding to a home's value, increasing its function and providing greater enjoyment or income potential.

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SPRING CLEANING PROJECTS YOU DON'T WANT TO FORGET

Spring cleaning is an annual tradition in many households. After a winter spent cooped up indoors, spring cleaning can rejuvenate a household and provide a great chance to rid a home of a season's worth of clutter.

Donating old clothes and cleaning out the garage are popular spring cleaning projects, but there are a host of additional tasks homeowners can tackle to freshen up their homes this spring.

Floors

Simply vacuuming or sweeping the floors might not be enough to banish some of winter's most uninvited guests. Dust has a way of settling into a home over the course of a typical winter, and it's easy for a home's inhabitants to track dirt and debris inside as well. After vacuum-

ing or sweeping floors, go over them with a mop. Doing so can remove any lingering dust, dirt, debris, and allergens the vacuum or broom failed to pick up. Apply wood cleaner and polish to wood floors to make them look even cleaner.

Baseboards

Though baseboards might not seem all that dirty, upon closer inspection homeowners might notice substantial accumulations of dirt and dust. Such dirt and dust many not be removed so easily, so homeowners might need to use hot water and a sponge to remove any debris that is clinging.

Curtains

Curtains also may have absorbed substantial amounts of dust, dirt and debris over the winter. This might be more visible near the end of winter

when more sunlight begins to shine through. Clean the curtains in adherence to the manufacturer instructions before you open windows for the season so any wind that blows in does not spread debris onto nearby furniture. Once the curtains have been washed, opening windows may help them dry more quickly.

Bathrooms

Bathrooms also tend to bear the brunt of winter weather, as mold and grime can accumulate throughout a season in which it's too cold to open bathroom windows to let fresh air in after bathing. Inspect ceilings, tubs, shower stalls, and floors for any signs of mold growth or grime. Mold growth in a home can lead to respiratory problems and exacerbate existing conditions such as asthma, so it's best to inspect bathrooms for

any signs of mold growth throughout winter. If you have let that slip, prioritize such inspections come spring cleaning time.

Furniture

It's easy to overlook furniture when tackling spring cleaning, but dust and dirt can quickly accumulate on couches and chairs over the course of winter. When possible, vacuum furniture to remove any debris that might have accumulated while windows and doors were kept shut, and shampoo any cushions or seat covers that don't pass the smell test.

Spring cleaning encompasses a host of tasks, and homeowners who want a truly clean house should not overlook smaller tasks that can produce big results.

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TOP 5 HOME PROJECTS TO HELP YOU SAVE MONEY

(MS) - It's remodeling season, and with so many projects on the to-do list, which should you tackle first? While some projects provide great long-term return on investment, a

few simple ones can provide instant savings. Here are the top home spring projects to help you save money:

Caulk around windows and doors

- Stop air leaks around your home by sealing existing gaps and cracks. Use caulking or weather stripping around doors and windows. Installing a door sweep is also a good idea.

Insulate your home - Use insulation with a high R-value, such as Roxul Comfortbatt, which can be used to top up insulation in your attic. Aim for an R-value of 50 or a depth of 16 inches. For whole home efficiency, ensure other areas of your home, such as crawl spaces, basement headers, walls and ceilings, are well insulated. It will keep your house cool in the warm weather and take the stress off your air conditioning unit.

Clean your AC unit - Come spring, it's not uncommon to find an air conditioner's condenser and compressor blocked up with dirt and debris. This

can result in greater stress on the unit, causing it to work harder. Giving it a thorough cleaning is easy and can help maximize your AC unit's service life while minimizing your energy bill.

Plant trees - Direct sunlight can heat up surfaces and building materials, as well as the interior temperature of your home. Consider planting trees in strategic locations to provide shade and reduce cooling costs.

Install a rain barrel - Water is an important, but costly resource. Installing a rain barrel is an easy and affordable measure to reduce your water consumption, while keeping your lawn and garden looking great.

These simple home maintenance tasks can be well worth the effort, potentially providing hundreds of dollars in annual savings.

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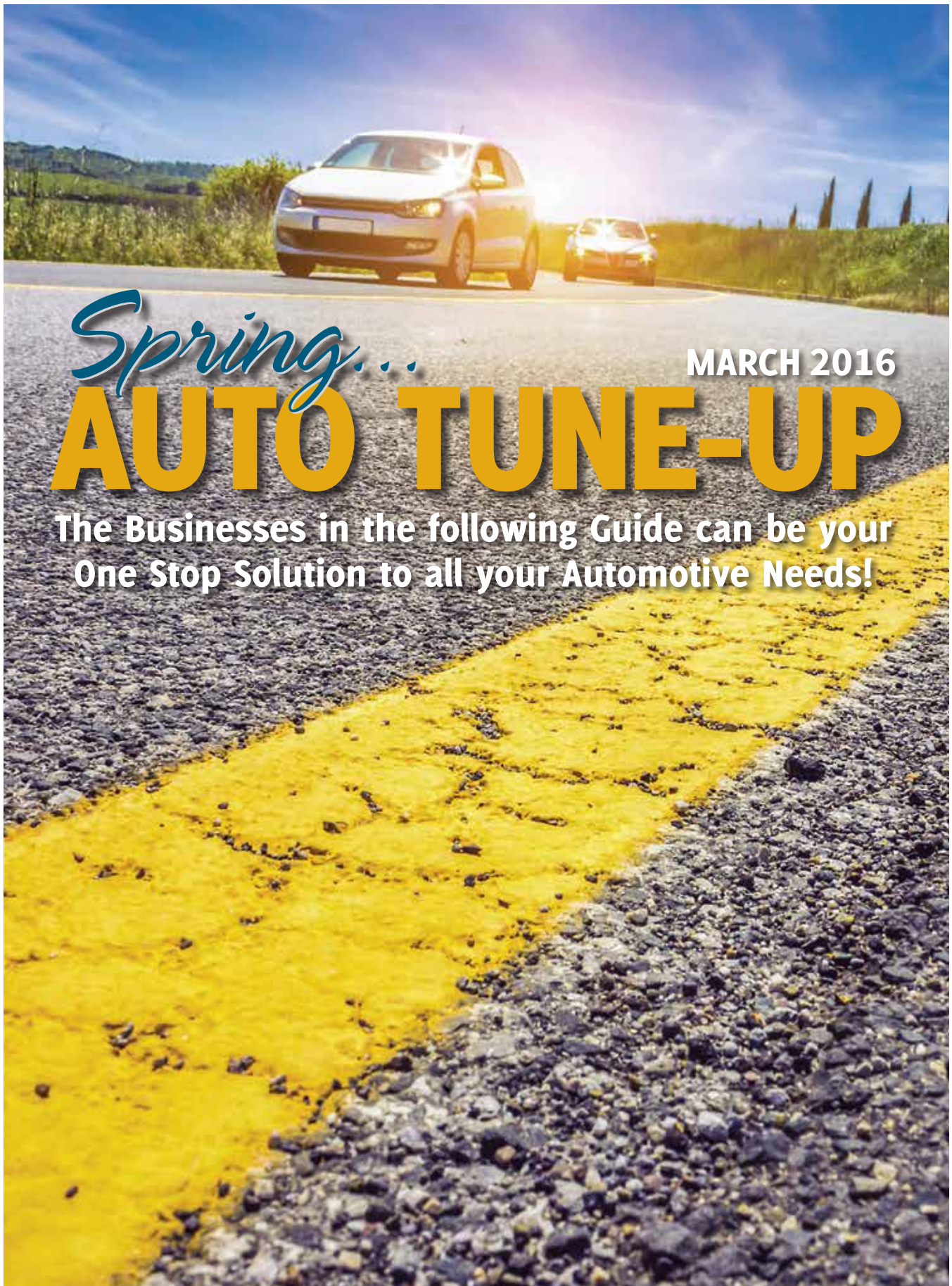
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One such signal is the "check engine" light. Many drivers have little idea what to do when this indicator lights up, and this light can cause some anxiety. According to Consumer Reports, a check engine light turning on does not usually require immediate action. However, it does mean that you should make an appointment to have the vehicle inspected for potential problems.

Check engine lights are part

of a car's onboard diagnostics. The light turning on may indicate something minor, such as a loose fuel cap, or something more serious like a misfiring engine. When the light turns on, drivers wondering why may want to see if the answer is related to one of the following issues.

1. Loose gas cap: Fuel vapors can leak out and air can get in when the fuel cap isn't secured correctly. This can compromise the fuel system and make the check engine light come on. Take off the cap and then reseal it to see if that alleviates the problem. Cracked caps will need to be replaced.

2. Dirty oxygen sensor: A faulty or clogged sensor may

not provide the right information about unburned oxygen from the vehicle's exhaust. This sensor monitors how much fuel is burned. Compromised data can cause a decrease in fuel efficiency. Some do-it-yourselfers can replace an oxygen sensor on their own, but those who can't should have the issue addressed immediately by a professional.

3. Too much speed or load: Towing a trailer or another heavy item may put strain on the vehicle and cause the light to come on because of loss of power. Lightening the load and reducing speed can help fix the problem. Always consult with the owner's manual to determine the towing capacity of

your vehicle.

4. Short or faulty code: Computers aren't always fool-proof, and sometimes an electrical short or another similar problem can cause a light to come on. Bring the vehicle to an automotive supply store. Such stores typically have diagnostics tools that can be hooked into the car's computer and provide a more detailed understanding of what is triggering the check engine indicator.

In many cases, a steady check engine light is not a serious concern. However, when such a light comes on, drivers should try to find out why as soon as possible.

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STAY SAFE WHEN DRIVING IN WET WEATHER

Drivers must modify their driving habits when weather compromises their visibility and makes road conditions unsafe. Rain can fall any time of year, but tends to be most problematic in spring.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, wet roadways, and rain in particular, are the main cause of weather-related vehicle crashes. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that, between 2004 and 2013, rain caused 573,784 crashes.

To drive safely in the rain and avoid accidents, drivers should

follow certain precautions.

- Maintain windshield wipers. Inspect and, if necessary change windshield wipers regularly to ensure they are working optimally. Always test wipers before driving in rainy weather.

- Turn on lights with wipers. Reduced visibility is a major contributor to wet-weather accidents. Drivers' views may be hampered by falling precipitation and glare from wet roadways. Cloudy conditions and fog also compromise visibility. When using windshield wipers, turn on your headlights as well. This makes your vehicle more

visible to other motorists and improves your own ability to see the road and pedestrians.

- Recognize changing road conditions. Roadways accumulate oil and engine fluids that can float in rainwater, creating slippery road surfaces. This is usually a problem during the first few hours of a rainstorm or in areas that receive little precipitation and then are subjected to downpours. These fluids make rain-soaked roads even more slippery. Slow down, leave more room between vehicles and try driving in the tracks left by vehicles ahead.
- Reduce speed. The automotive group AAA says hydroplaning, when the tires rise up on a film of water, can occur with as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road. The group goes on to say that tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speeds to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. New tires can still lose some contact with the roadway, even at a speed as low as 35 mph.

Therefore, reducing speed and avoiding hard braking and turning sharply can help keep the rubber of the tire meeting the road.

- Rely on the defogger. Use the car's windshield defroster/defogger to improve visibility. Turn it on early and keep it on until the rain has stopped and visibility has improved.

- Recover from a skid. Skids can be frightening, but when skidding, resist any temptation to slam on the breaks. Instead, continue to look and drive in the direction you want to go and slowly ease up on the accelerator.

- Skip the cruise control. It's important to maintain control over the vehicle in rainy conditions, so avoid using cruise control.

- Maintain tires. Proper inflation and tire tread levels can improve traction. AAA recommends checking tread depth by inserting a quarter upside down into the tire groove. If you can see above Washington's head, start shopping for new tires. Check tire pressure on all tires at least once a month. Get an accurate reading when tires are cold and adjust air pressure accordingly.

- Avoid other distractions. Distracted driving can be hazardous during good road conditions and even more dangerous when visibility and other factors are compromised. Switch phones and other devices off so you can fully focus on the road and other drivers.

Rainy weather can contribute to poor driving conditions. Drivers should make changes to speed and other factors to make wet weather driving as safe as possible.

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2015 marked a year of progress in lake management and many steps were taken to ensure that the County's lakes remain healthy for generations to come. Although some challenges remain, for many lakes in our County the future is brightening. With increased communications between municipal and provincial governments, residents, de-

velopers and stewardship societies; the time when lakes are an afterthought to human activity is becoming a time of the past.

A Year of Accomplishment Even before the Mayor's proclamation in June, Parkland County's move toward boosting lake health was in full effect. The story begins with the launch of the Green Acreages program in April. This program was developed to help acreage owners minimize their environmental

impact by providing financial incentives for stewardship projects on private property. It is meant to complement the Alternative Land Use Services Program (ALUS) which has been available for farmers and ranchers since 2012. Through Green Acreages, lakeside residents are able to obtain funding to create vegetation buffers and wetland areas (among other projects) that will contribute to enhanced water quality.

With support from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Parkland County was able to partner with the Alberta Lake Management Society (ALMS) to host their 22nd annual conference in September. With the intent of showcasing innovation, collaboration, and adaptation in lake management; Parkland County was the perfect fit. The innovative ways our communities are collaborating was highlighted by a presentation from the Lakes of Parkland County group; an informal gathering of representatives from individual lake stewardship societies within the County. Although it was established prior to 2015, this group's objective is clear: to improve the state of Parkland County lakes by creating a cohesive stewardship community. During the conference lake stewards were also given the opportunity to learn about better lake management and participate in the development of a provincial lake management policy recommendation paper.

A Bright Future Although the Year of Our Lakes officially ended on December 31st 2015, Parkland County will ensure that this momentum in lake stewardship is continued. Due to the inter-jurisdictional nature of waterbodies in Alberta, the County will continue working closely with the Province to enhance lake health. This includes completing more Lake Management Land Use Plans for Parkland County lakes. Continued collaboration with the Province also means working on the restoration of a publicly-owned shoreline area along Wabamun Lake. This two-year project will kick off in the spring of 2016 when the County will be looking for public input on location and design, so stayed tuned!

All-in-all it looks to be another exciting year for Parkland County's Environment and Community Sustainability Services. To make sure you don't miss out on events or information check our website regularly www.parklandcounty.com/environment and follow Parkland County on Facebook.

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Moving Forward with Learning Initiatives

Representatives from the Learning Services department provided updates to the Board on a few different learning initiatives in place to ensure continuous improvement along the division's goal for 'success for all, all kids are our kids'.

Nancy Freedman, Supervisor of Learning Services-Inclusive Learning, presented a report on the current inclusive learning supports and services that have been implemented for the current school year including the adoption of a Collaborative Response Model System, a learning support teacher in every school, and the creation of a specialized School-Linked Team. The division's School-Linked Team (speech language pathologist, occupational therapist, emotional/behavioural lead teacher, technology lead teacher and early learning lead teacher) visit schools on a regular basis to provide specialized supports and

resources to address individual students' identified needs.

Kurt Scobie, Supervisor of Learning Service-Technology, and Kelly Smith, Technology Lead Teacher, spoke about how the innovative and effective use of digital learning and technology in the classroom is benefiting GYPSD students. Technology tools are continuously being used to enhance instructional and assessment practices, as well as implemented to create and share knowledge to meet all aspects of learning outcomes.

OTHER News in Brief

• Trustees approved the 2017-2020 Three Year Capital Plan and the 2017-2026 Ten Year Facility Plan. The Three Year Capital Plan includes the modernization proposals for seven schools: Grand Trunk High School; École Pine Grove Middle School; Niton Central School; Wildwood School; Crescent Valley School; Evansview School and Sheldon Coates School.

• Alvin Findlay from the Métis Nation of Alberta and Robin Camp-

bell spoke to the Board about an after-school program at place in all four schools in Grande Cache since 2010. Although this program is coordinated by the Métis Nation, all youth in the community are welcome to attend the activities and events which includes homework assistance. The Province has cancelled the program's funding as of August 31st and a request has been made to the Board to consider funding this valuable youth program for the 2016-17 school year.

• Recent amendments to AP 547 - Use of Division Facilities, Equipment and Vehicles, were brought forward to the Board for their information.

• Trustees approved a new policy for the division, Policy 24 - Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression after amendments based on community feedback were made to the original draft. Trustees deliberated for some time over the amendments which included the deletion of the glossary of terms and access to washrooms

before approving the policy. The approved policy will now be forwarded to the Province to meet its deadline of March 31st.

• As the new school facility project on the current A.H. Dakin School site moves forward, the Board approved the future closure of Evergreen School upon completion and occupancy of the replacement facility which will then house both Dakin and Evergreen school populations, subject to Ministerial approval. The expanded project was amended to include both schools based on community consultation and feedback.

• The Board offered their congratulations when it was announced that Sharon Armstrong, a retired GYPSD teacher from Hinton, will be receiving an Honorary Membership from the Alberta Teachers Association (ATA). Honorary membership is the ATA's highest award and reserved for members of the Association or other persons who have given meritorious service to the teaching profession or to the advancement of education.

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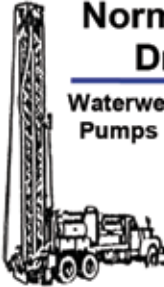
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