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DRAYTON VALLEY WARNS RESIDENTS ABOUT THE GRANDPARENTS SCAM

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

Drayton Valley RCMP warns the public about the

grandparents scam that has been circulating in the area. Grandparent scams are common scams that target seniors and usually involve

a phone call from someone who pretends to be a grandchild.

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LEDUC RCMP ARREST TWO MALES FOR THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

Submitted by Leduc RCMP

On March 27, 2021 at approximately 8:10 a.m., Leduc RCMP responded to a report of two suspects

stealing catalytic converters at a business near 45 Street and 56 Avenue in the Leduc industrial area. Officers received information from a property representative who observed the

theft in progress on a live video feed and they immediately attended the area. As a result, Leduc RCMP arrested two males without incident.

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2020 TAX GUIDE INFORMATION

Submitted by Gerald Soroka, MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of Parliament for Yellowhead, is pleased to provide his constituents with a 'Tax

Guide' to assist them in preparing their 2020 tax return. "During tax time it is imperative that you receive all the benefits you qualify for," concluded MP Soroka. Take a look through the

Tax Guide to find some of the tax savings you may claim at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NOFt4jkl-UNdz6D-r3TiKp_dOPUH-0vXF1/view?usp=sharing

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LEDUC RESIDENTS INVITED TO COMMUNITY-WIDE SUPPORT SESSION

Submitted by City of Leduc

Leduc residents impacted by trauma and loss during the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to join us virtually on April 6, 2021 from 7 - 8:30 p.m., for a live presentation designed to help them learn to cope with these mental impacts. The broadcast will be streamed through the City of Leduc's YouTube channel as subject matter experts and city representatives address the pandemic, trauma, loss and its effects on a community, followed by a question and answer period. Residents with questions can submit them beforehand or during the session by emailing questions@leduc.ca.

"Throughout the pandemic, we have seen an out-

pouring of kindness and compassion for those who have been deeply impacted," says Leduc Mayor Bob Young. "As a community, we have always pulled together to support those going through a difficult time. Caring is in Leduc's DNA, and together we will continue to be there for and help one another."

The session will be moderated by MLA Brad Rutherford (Leduc-Beaumont) and will include presentations by trauma expert Kevin Cameron of the North American Center for Threat Assessment and Trauma Response, registered psychologist Sheila Chauvet, and the City of Leduc's Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) department who will share city resources and programs available

to support residents and families.

"The impacts of the pandemic are enough to drain a person's emotional and mental strength, so it is very important to acknowledge the added stress trauma and loss can have on one's resiliency and ability to cope," says Amanda Ulrickson, manager of FCSS. "The feelings you may be experiencing are normal and we are here to help if you need it."

Learn more about the live virtual session at www.leduc.ca/pandemic-loss

Residents can find additional resources about dealing with trauma on the City of Leduc website at Leduc.ca/dealingwithtrauma or call FCSS at 780-980-7109. For 24/7 support, call/text 2-1-1.

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Drayton Valley Warns Residents About the Grandparents Scam

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If you get a call like this, be prepared: the scammer may already know your grandchild's name and what your grandchild calls you (for example, a nickname like Nona or Grampy).

Acting as your grandchild, the scammer claims to be in trouble and asks for your help. The scammer may try to convince you that your grandchild was in a car accident or has been arrested and needs bail

money. You may be asked to wire money, buy gift cards or bitcoin right away, without telling anyone.

They pull at your heartstrings so they can trick you into sending money before you realize it is a scam. To make the story seem more credible, the caller might also put another person on the phone to act like a police officer or lawyer.

Fortunately there are a few simple steps that you can take to avoid falling victim to this scam:

• Resist the urge to act immediately – no matter how dramatic the story is.

• Ask the caller a few personal questions that a real grandchild could answer but a scammer could not.

• After you hang up, verify the story by calling the parents or other relatives of the "grandchild".

• Never wire money, sent gifts or bitcoin to someone under uncertain conditions. It is nearly impossible to recover or trace money that has been

wired.

• Remember police officers will not request anyone to sent money for anything.

For more information on scams contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at www.antifraudcentre-centre-antifraude.ca or toll free at 1-888-495-8501. If you believe you may be the victim of fraud or have given personal or financial information unwittingly, contact your local police detachment.

Leduc RCMP Arrest Two Males for Theft of Catalytic Converters

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William Dale Waunch (35) of Edmonton was charged with the following:

- Mischief under \$5000.
- Theft under \$5000.

Waunch was remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and is scheduled to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on

April 1, 2021.

Tyrone Jason Hays (32) of Calmar was charged with the following:

- Mischief under \$5000.
- Theft under \$5000.
- Operate motor vehicle while prohibited

Hays was remanded into custody after a judicial hearing and is scheduled to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on

April 1, 2021.

Leduc RCMP would like to thank the member of the public who observed a crime in progress and reported it to police immediately. This person was instrumental in this duo being caught by police.

Catalytic converter thefts have been a serious issue in the Leduc area. If anyone has information regarding these

thefts, they are asked to contact Leduc RCMP at 780-980-7267 or their local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.p3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

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A MESSAGE FROM MLA MARK SMITH

Submitted by MLA Mark Smith | Drayton Valley – Devon Constituency

Alberta's government has introduced two pieces of legislation as part of an ambitious democratic reform package that will strengthen democracy and accountability in Alberta. Bill 52, the Recall Act, would give Albertans the power to initiate a process that could potentially lead to the recall of provincial and municipal elected officials, and Bill 51, the Citizen Initiative Act, would allow Albertans to bring forward important matters to the legislature for consideration. Both pieces of legislation would help strengthen Albertans' roles in our democratic system.

If passed, Bill 52, the Recall Act, would allow Albertans to hold elected officials accountable and replace them if they aren't getting the representation they deserve. It would allow voters to remove elected officials from office, including MLAs, mayors, municipal councillors or school board trustees, providing them with one more tool to hold their elected representatives accountable. This builds on the accountability mechanisms that are currently in place, such as the Municipal Government Act which allows the Municipal Affairs minister to remove elected municipal officials from office under specific circumstances, and the

Education Act which includes accountability measures for school board trustees.

If the Legislative Assembly of Alberta passes the Recall Act, Alberta will be the first province that provides the public with the power to initiate a process that could recall mayors, councillors or school board trustees from office. Under the proposed legislation, recall of elected officials becomes an option 18 months after their election. Any Albertan wishing to recall their elected official would need to contact the chief electoral officer, their municipality's chief administrative officer, or their school board secretary. They would then have 60 days to gather

signatures from 40 per cent of the eligible voters for their provincial riding, municipal ward, or school ward, and if successful, a recall vote would be held.

Bill 51, the Citizen Initiative Act, also gives Albertans a more direct role in their democratic system. This legislation would strengthen our democracy by enabling Albertans to initiate legislative action on issues that affect them. If enough support is received through a public petition, Albertans would be able to submit proposed bills and policies to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta for consideration and submit constitutional referendum questions to the provincial government. These proposed changes would complement the work of our elected officials and be a check and balance if Albertans feel their interests are not being considered.

Under this proposed legislation, if an Albertan wanted to bring an initiative forward, they would first need to apply to the Chief Electoral Officer. They would then have 90 days to gather signatures in support of their initiative. For legislative and policy initiatives, petitioners would need the support of 10 per cent of voters province-wide. For constitutional initiatives, they would require the support of 20 per cent of voters province-wide across two-thirds of Alberta's constituencies.

Democratic reform and recall legislation were election platform commitments. Both of these pieces of legislation represent promises made, and promises kept. The Citizen Initiative Act also builds upon Premier Jason Kenney's commitment to introduce citizen initiative legislation when discussing getting a 'fair deal for Alberta.'

More information on both of these pieces of legislation can be found at alberta.ca. Additionally, your United Conservative Caucus is interested in your thoughts on recall legislation. Visit unitedconservativecaucus.ca/recall to have your say.

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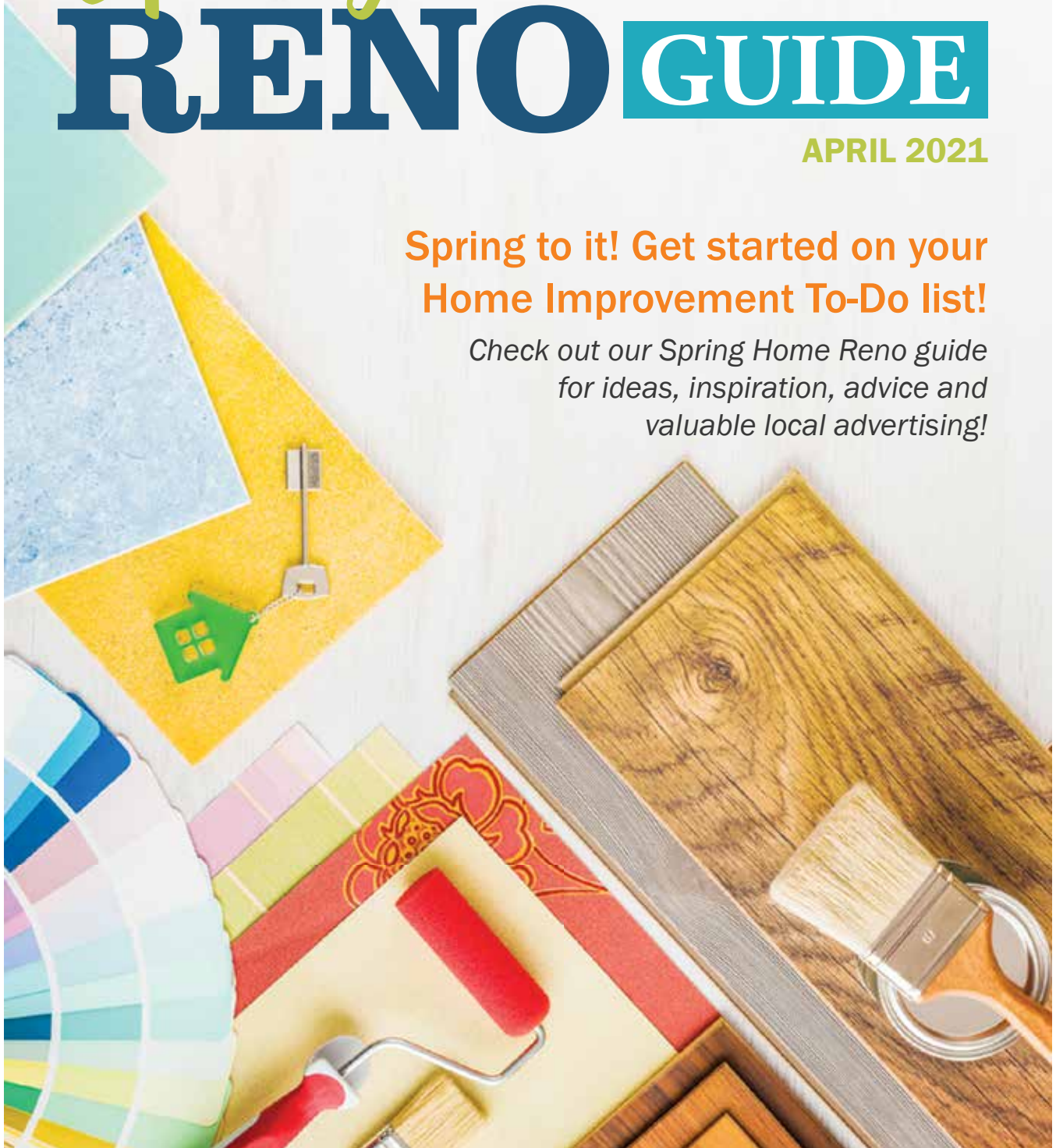
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After purchasing a new home, buyers often want to put their own fingerprint on the property. Homeowners anticipate the day when their homes are transformed into spaces that reflect their style and not the preferences of previous owners.

When deciding how to renovate interior spaces, homeowners will make some relatively temporary changes, but they also may consider some permanent adjustments. Built-ins fall into the category of permanent adjustments, and while realty professionals note that built-ins tend to provide a good return on investment, homeowners can learn more about built-ins before deciding if they want to install them in their homes.

What are built-ins?

Realtor.com defines built-

ins as any feature that is built into the interior of a home. The term "built-ins" may immediately conjure up images of bookshelves, but built-ins also include benches and entertainment centers.

Why install built-ins?

Built-ins can be both utilitarian and aesthetically appealing. Built-ins are functional because they provide storage space that homeowners may otherwise find hard to create. Built-ins are embedded in walls that may otherwise be useful only to hang artwork. This can provide much-needed storage space in homes with limited square footage. Professionally installed built-ins also can transform rooms, making them appear more organized. Customized built-ins also can give

homes their own unique character, though it's important to note that prospective buyers may or may not appreciate that uniqueness.

Are there disadvantages to built-ins?

The permanence of built-ins may not appeal to some buyers. If buyers don't like built-ins at all or are not fond of the look of customized built-ins, that may be enough to convince them to walk away from a property. However, Realtor.com notes that functional built-ins, like built-in bench seats with storage capacity, appeal to modern buyers and their preference for as much storage space as possible.

Permanent built-ins also can be costly. The home remodeling resource Fixr.com notes

that built-in entertainment center installations can cost between \$8,000 and \$9,500. Built-in seating and bookshelves are not as costly, but such projects still cost more than simply buying premade furniture.

Some buyers also may see built-ins as limiting what they can do with a space. That can be a major disadvantage as more professionals work from home and seek multi-functional spaces in their homes.

Built-ins can dramatically change the look of a room and provide some much-needed storage space. But it's imperative that homeowners give ample thought to built-ins before deciding to install them in their homes.



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RENOVATION TRENDS THAT FIGURE TO BE POPULAR IN THE YEAR AHEAD

Home renovation trends are ever-changing. Renovations that might have been de rigueur 20 years ago may seem dated now. Recognizing the potentially popular trends of tomorrow is a great way for homeowners to give their homes a fresh new look and put themselves in position to capitalize on popular trends when they put their homes on the market. That's especially so after 2020, a year when millions of people spent more time at home than ever before. All that time working from home and relaxing at home gave millions of homeowners ideas about what they like about their homes and what they hope to change. The following are some renovation trends that various experts suspect could emerge in 2021.

Eco-friendly living: Climate

change, and how to combat it, was a hot button issue during the 2020 presidential election in the United States. So it should come as no surprise that urdesignmag.com, a web magazine that showcases creative trends in design, architecture, art, technology, and fashion, predicts that eco-friendly living solutions figure to be hot commodities in 2021. Eco-friendly appliances, furniture and designs can help to conserve energy and reduce waste, which environmentalists and government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency note are two critical components in the fight against climate change.

Large windows: Large windows can provide stunning views of the outdoors and allow ample natural light into a home. It may not be a coincidence if

large windows prove to be a hot trend in 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic that dominated much of 2020 forced many people to spend considerably more time at home. Darker homes without much natural light can adversely affect mood, especially when people are spending more time at home. HGTV predicts that homeowners will seek ways to bring more natural light into their homes in 2021, and large windows naturally brighten homes while making rooms appear bigger, helping people feel less cramped. That's an especially beneficial characteristic when spending more time indoors at home.

Minimalism: The anticipated popularity of minimalism in 2021 may also be connected to the pandemic. As professionals were forced to work from home and

many families spent more time together inside their homes than ever before, they may have recognized a need to cut back on clutter, including extra furniture. A minimalist approach is both simple and clean, which can make homes feel less claustrophobic.

Multi-functional spaces: Homeowners asked a lot of their homes in 2020, as rooms were transformed into multi-functional spaces seemingly overnight. HGTV notes that spending more time at home showed homeowners that it may not make sense to dedicate entire rooms of a home to a single purpose. Renovations that can help homeowners transform rooms into multi-functional spaces figure to be hot commodities in the years ahead.



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SAFETY FIRST WITH DIY ELECTRICAL WORK

Home improvement projects can help homeowners transform their homes. Such projects are costly, but many homeowners save money by doing some, if not all, of the work themselves.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety, recommends that homeowners leave electrical work to the professionals. Licensed electricians are well-trained, whereas homeowners may not be skilled enough to avoid accidents or injuries, which can prove fatal when working with electricity.

Homeowners who take the do-it-yourself route with electrical work should consider these safety tips, courtesy of the ESFI, before beginning a home electrical project.

Learn your home electrical system. Home electrical systems may include power lines,

electric meters, service panels, subpanels, wiring, and more. These systems are complex, and homeowners who intend to do some DIY electrical work should familiarize themselves with their home electrical systems prior to beginning any work. The ESFI notes that knowledge of their home electrical systems can help homeowners more safely navigate them and make maintenance easier.

Honestly assess your skills. An honest assessment of skills is absolutely necessary prior to working on an electrical system. According to the National Safety Council, injuries relating to electrical incidents typically fall into one of four categories: electrical shock, electrocution, falls, and burns. Each of these injuries is significant. For example, electric shock, which occurs when electrical current passes over or through a person's body,

involves burns, abnormal heart rhythm and unconsciousness. Given the potential for serious injury, the ESFI urges homeowners to make an honest assessment of their skills before they begin working on their home's electrical systems. Little or no experience working with electrical systems should be considered a significant hurdle to any DIY project.

Turn the power off. It's essential that the power to the circuit that will be worked on be turned off prior to starting any work. This can be accomplished by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel. Similarly, when working on appliances or lamps, make sure the products are unplugged prior to working on them.

Do not touch plumbing or gas pipes when doing electrical work. The experts at the Indiana Electric Cooperative note that

the risk for electrocution is significant when water comes in contact with electricity. It's imperative that homeowners do not touch plumbing and gas pipes when performing a DIY electrical project. Professionals know how to work around such pipes while minimizing their risk for electric shock or worse, and homeowners must familiarize themselves with the techniques professionals rely on to stay safe if they intend to begin DIY electrical projects.

Homeowners are best served by leaving electrical work to the professionals. However, those who insist on doing such work themselves should do their homework and get to know their systems and safety protocols prior to beginning a project.



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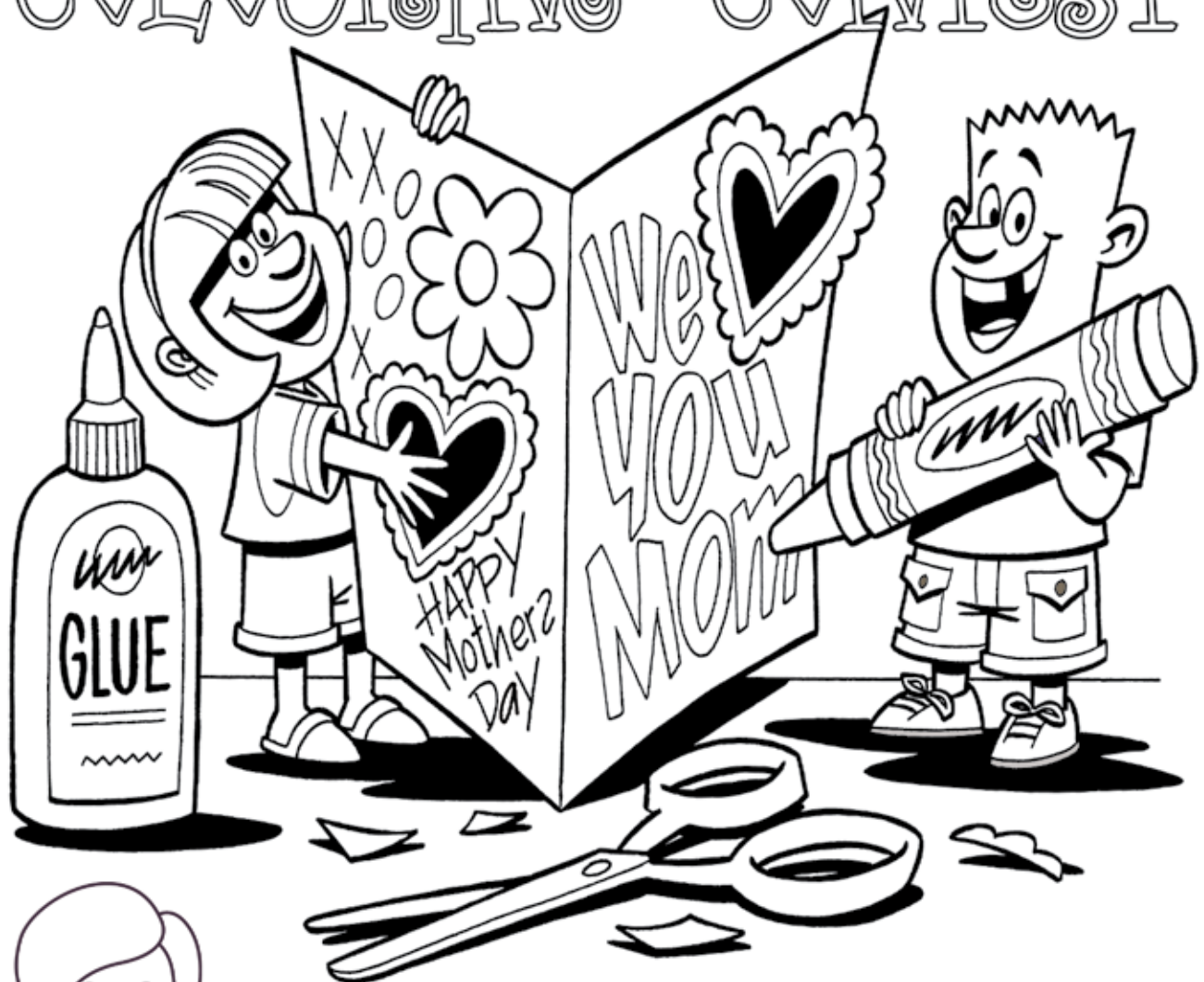
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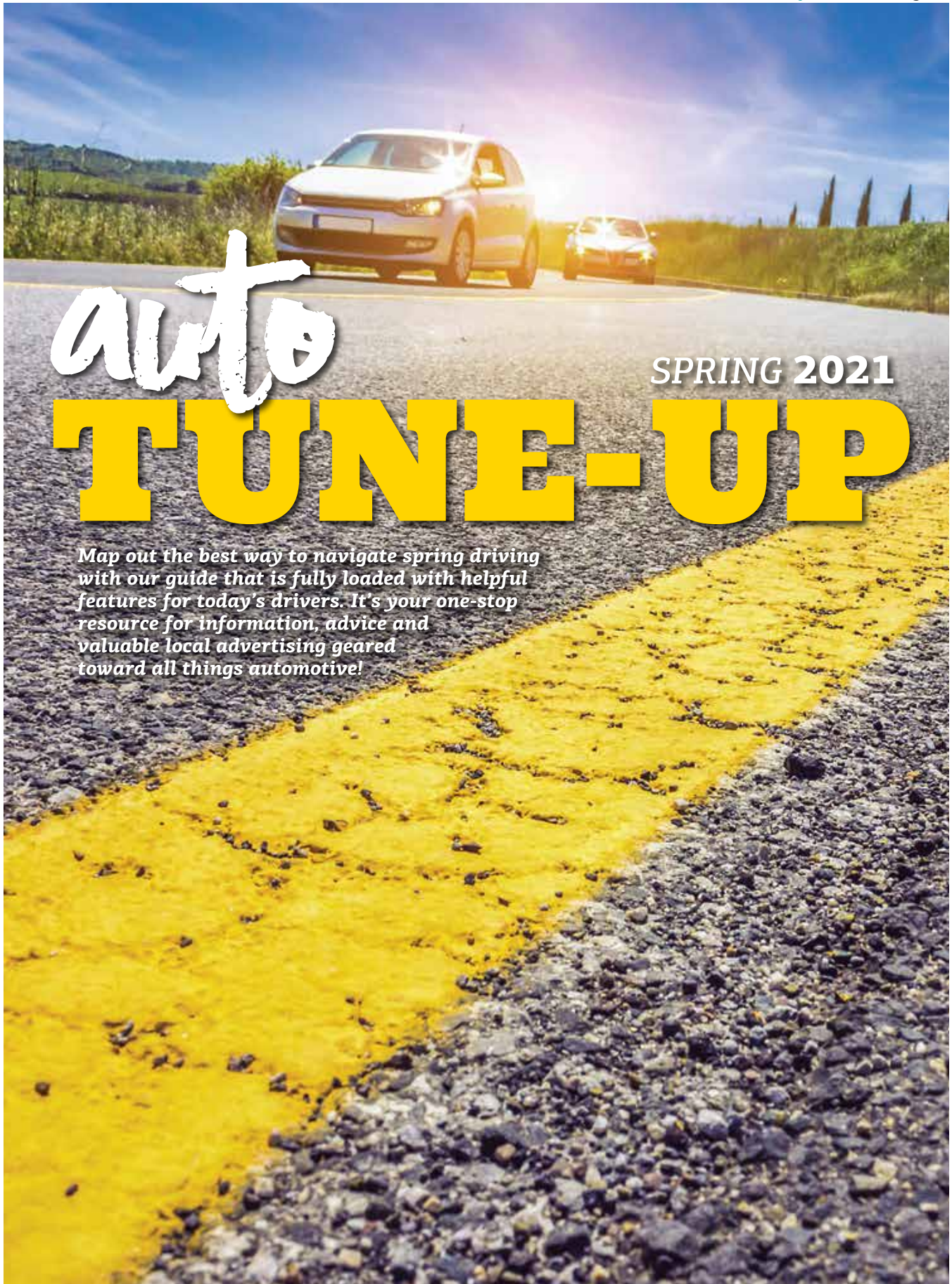
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WHAT NOISY BRAKES MAY BE TELLING YOU

The only noises many drivers ever want to hear coming from their vehicles are the sounds of their favorite songs blasting from their car stereos. But cars sometimes make noises that aren't nearly as inviting as music.

Noises that seem to pop up when applying the brakes can be especially scary for motorists. No one wants to drive a vehicle with faltering or suspect brakes, so learning to distinguish between the two most common brake noises can be a wise move for drivers.

Grinding brakes
The automotive retailer Pep Boys® notes that grinding noises indicate a serious problem with the braking

system. According to CarsDirect.com, there are two major causes behind the grinding noise made by brakes. If the grinding sound is audible when pressing on the brake pedal, this likely because the rotor disc is coming into contact with part of the caliper. This typically occurs because the brake pads or rotors are extremely worn down, causing the steel backing of the worn out pad to grind against the rotor. In such instances, Pep Boys® recommends replacing the brake pads immediately.

If the grinding noise is audible while the vehicle is in motion, debris might be stuck inside the brakes. Drivers might be able to dislodge this debris by repeat-

edly moving their cars forward and backward in a safe place, such as a driveway. If that does not work, have the brakes serviced by a qualified mechanic.

Squealing
Many drivers are familiar with the high-pitched squealing sound that comes from their vehicles or those of fellow motorists. That squeal, while certainly not music to the ears, might be a good thing. That's because Pep Boys® notes that some brake pads are equipped with small steel clips that serve as wear indicators. When brake pads have worn down, these devices produce a squealing sound to let drivers know it's time to get new brake pads.

But squealing can be indicative of other things as well. Squealing noises are sometimes heard immediately after brake pads or rotors have been replaced. In such instances, the noise typically subsides within a day or two once the pads have been broken in.

Glazed pads also can create a squealing sound. When calipers stick, the brakes stay partially applied, producing excessive friction or heat. The heat causes the brake pads to glaze.

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PHASE 2B VACCINE APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGH AHS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

As part of Phase 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout, anyone born in 1963 or earlier with eligible health conditions can now book appointments with Alberta Health Services (AHS) online or by calling 811.

Anyone with eligible health conditions born in 1963 or earlier can also continue booking at participating pharmacies in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. In the coming weeks, as more vaccine supply is available, pharmacies across Alberta will begin to offer bookings.

As Phase 2B rolls out, additional birth years for Albertans with underlying health conditions will be added in the coming days, based on vaccine supply.

By April 23, all Albertans born in 2005 or earlier with eligible high-risk underlying health conditions will be able to book an appointment through pharmacies and AHS.

Eligible health conditions

Phase 2B of Alberta's vaccine rollout focuses on those who have at least one of the following underlying health conditions:

- A missing spleen or a spleen that is no longer working
- Cancer
- Chronic heart disease and vascular disease
- Chronic kidney diseases requiring regular medical monitoring or treatment
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- Chronic neurological disease
- Chronic respiratory (lung) diseases
- Diabetes requiring insulin or other anti-diabetic medication to control
- A weakened immune response due to disease or treatment
- Anyone who is currently pregnant
- Severe mental illness or substance use disorder requiring a hospital stay during

the past year

- Severe obesity
- Severe or profound learning disabilities or severe developmental delay
- Solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients

Additional information on eligible health conditions, including examples, is available at Alberta.ca/vaccine.

Individuals are not required

to provide proof of health condition, such as a doctor's note. However, you may want to talk to your doctor or pharmacist to help you understand if your condition is on this list.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care

system.

Quick facts

- Anyone eligible in Phase 1 and 2A of Alberta's vaccine rollout who hasn't yet received the vaccine can continue to book their appointment through a participating pharmacy or AHS.

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Submitted by Leduc RCMP

Leduc, Alta. - On March 28, 2021, at approximately 9:05 p.m., Leduc RCMP received a report of a possible impaired driver on Hwy 2A in the area of Kavanagh, Alta.

Leduc RCMP made patrols and located the vehicle which was determined to be stolen out of Edmonton. A traffic stop was initiated on

Township Road 483, however the vehicle fled from police.

A pursuit was initiated and two tire deflation devices were deployed successfully. The pursuit ended a short time later for public safety. The vehicle was located stopped on the shoulder of Highway 2 where police arrested the male driver without further incident.

As a result of this investigation, Leduc RCMP seized a loaded 9mm hand gun, 3

rifles determined to be stolen out of Camrose, Alta. and approximately 11 grams of methamphetamine

Elijah Strawberry (24) of Edmonton, Alberta was charged with 26 offences including:

- Operate motor vehicle while prohibited
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000
- Dangerous operation of a motor vehicle
- Flight from peace officer

• Operate motor vehicle while impaired

• Failing to comply with probation condition

• Unauthorized possession of a firearm X 4

• Unauthorized possession in a motor vehicle X 4

• Possession of break-in instruments

Strawberry has been remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear in Leduc Provincial Court on April 8, 2021.

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