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Submitted by 2561 Misiwete  
Cadets

Spring Cleaning? What to do with all those extra electronics just cluttered about? Well, we have a fundraiser that will be your solution! You see, it's been a long go through the pandemic for the 2561 Misiwete Cadet Corp. Trying to have online meetings for drill practice and education has not been ideal. No opportunities to support the program or the community. The Cadet's mission statement is "to contribute

to the development and preparation of youth for the transition to adulthood, enabling them to meet the challenges of modern society, through a dynamic community-based program". Well the transition to online Cadets has been challenging. The Staff has longed to work alongside the Cadets again giving them instructions for growth and service. Cadets have been held back in reaching the community and serving until now. Here they have the opportunity to provide...

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# WILDFIRE INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Submitted by Govern-  
ment of Alberta

Two new web applications will make it easier for Albertans to access important wildfire information.

A wildfire dashboard  
and fire permit portal

join the Alberta Wildfire app as key technologies that put critical wildfire management and prevention information directly into the hands of Albertans.

“Albertans want to be in the know during wildfire season and do

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## E-Waste Collection 1 Day Only

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...an E-Waste Collection drive. To help the community dispose of almost anything that plugs in or uses a battery to run. Yes, even if it's broken we will take it. See the <https://www.albertarecycling.ca/electronics> section for complete list. This amazing event will be held on Saturday the 14th of May at the Royal Canadian Legion in Calmar (5815 47th Street) from 9am -4pm! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to help the 2561 Mis-iwete Cadets with their first fundraiser in two years! Volunteering and Fundraising are the way this Cadets program continues to grow and support kids in our community! We look forward to seeing you. Thank you in advance for your support.



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## Wildfire Information At Your Fingertips

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....during wildfire season.” Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

### Wildfire dashboard

The new wildfire dashboard provides up-to-date wildfire information at the click of a button. This interactive tool displays important statistics on the number of active wildfires in the province, sizes, locations, suspected causes and more.

The dashboard builds on the former wildfire status map by displaying the most frequently

accessed information in one convenient location.

### Fire permit portal

Albertans living or recreating in the Forest Protection Area of the province can request a free fire permit using the new, convenient online fire permit portal.

Permits are required for burning activities other than campfires during wildfire season and help focus firefighting resources where they are needed most. Fire permits help ensure that when smoke or fire is reported, wildfire officials can determine whether this is a wildfire or a permitted burn.

Each permit is unique and outlines the restrictions and conditions for your burn, including location, wind speed, time and date of burn and any suppression tools required. Permits may be suspended or cancelled in the event of a fire advisory, restriction or ban.

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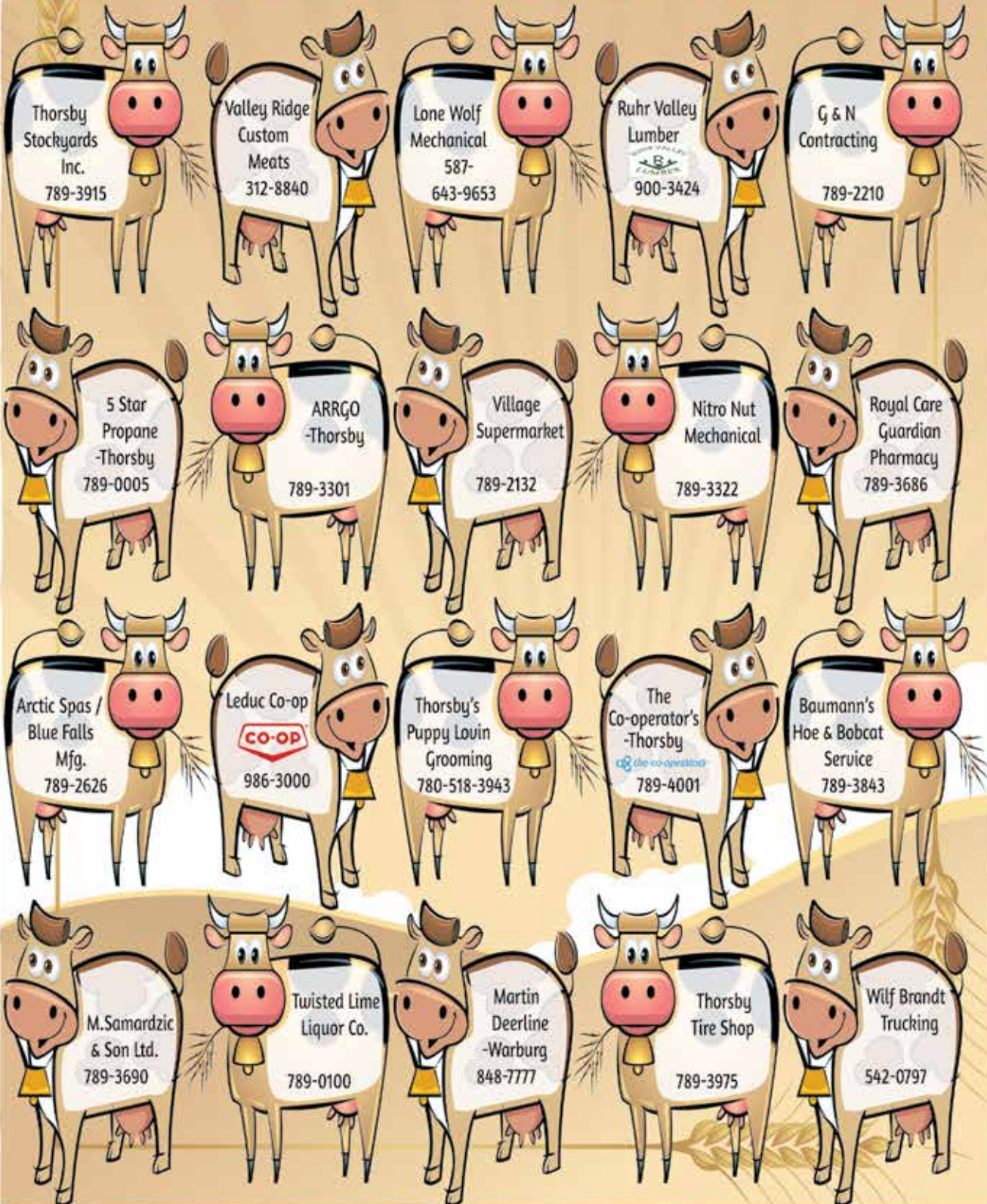
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## MAJOR CHANGE TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS CAN NOW RECEIVE THEIR ENTIRE FARM CASH ADVANCE UPFRONT

Submitted by Government of Canada

April 6, 2022 (Calgary, Alberta) – The Government of Canada announced another temporary change to the Advance Payments Program (APP) that provides additional support for western Canadian agricultural producers experiencing cash flow difficulties in the wake of record-high input prices and last year's drought conditions. Today's announcement unveils that producers are now eligible to receive the entirety of their advance upfront upon the approval of their application. In previous program years, crop and honey producers received 60 per cent of their requested advance upfront and the additional

40 per cent upon the submission of additional reporting that verified seeded acreage or production.

This latest change to the APP program, combined with last week's announcement of increased advance rates, allows producers to access substantial cash flow and use their increased purchasing power to help maximize profitability on commodities experiencing all-time high market prices.

"The change announced today is welcomed by producers struggling with their cash flow this season," says Alberta Wheat Commission chair Greg Sears. "The APP has a deep-rooted history in helping producers stay ahead of the curve, but we have seen that agriculture is susceptible to the flux of

markets and global events. In these unprecedented times, changes to business risk management programs are necessary to help producers and industry weather the challenges."

For producers that have already applied to FarmCash and received partial funds, the remainder of their advances will be issued within twenty-four hours of the APP announcement.

"We are committed to helping producers improve their profitability, and we could not be more supportive of the announcement made by the Government of Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada," said chief operating officer of FarmCash, Syeda Khurram. "FarmCash is proud to pro-

vide producers with a convenient and efficient cash advance option to overcome current and future challenges in the industry."

Under the administration of FarmCash, producers in Western Canada of over 50 agricultural commodities from cattle to canola can apply via an easy online application for a cash advance of up to \$1 million and receive their first \$100,000 interest free and the remainder at TD prime minus 0.75 per cent. The use of the program is not limited to the purchasing of inputs, but can also be used to mitigate risk in the growing season, make timely investments, or even improve farmland value.

## RELIEF FROM HIGH INFLATION FOR CONTINUING CARE RESIDENTS

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government will reduce the impact of high inflation on continuing care residents by paying the first three months of this year's annual increase in accommodation charges for them.

The government will provide \$10.4 million to

continuing care operators, on behalf of residents, to offset one-quarter of this year's increase in accommodation charges for Albertans in long-term care and designated supportive living.

Operators are permitted by legislation to raise accommodation rates each July 1 by the rate of inflation over the previous

year. This year's increase will be 5.5 per cent. The government will pay operators directly for the increase for July 1 to Sept. 30.

"This year's inflation rate is unusually high, and passing it on in full would be an undue strain on continuing care residents and families. Giving them a break is the right

thing to do. At the same time, operators are also being impacted by inflation. We'll look at options to reduce the burden on residents beyond Sept. 30 while we also ensure operators have the revenue they need to maintain services." Jason Copping, Minister of Health



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# ARTICLE FROM MLA SMITH

Submitted by Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley

On April 1, Albertans received a welcome surprise – prices coming down at the pumps!

Gas stations across the province reported prices dropping anywhere from 10 to 13 cents overnight. This was due to our United Conservative government's decision to scrap the 13-cent-per-litre provincial fuel tax for the indefinite future.

Equal to exactly 13.6 cents per litre, our fuel tax cut will apply to all gasoline and diesel purchases, including marked farm fuel. This cut will remain in effect for at least three months. Beyond

that, our government will review the collection of the fuel tax on a quarterly basis and, if required, consider reinstating collection in stages, based on the average price of West Texas Intermediate over several weeks. We will not start to reinstate collection before July 1, however.

Alberta is the only province in the country where this fuel tax relief is being offered, and as a result, we now have the lowest fuel prices in the country. This massive tax cut is worth more than a billion dollars of savings for Albertans on an annualized basis. This means more money in the pockets of everyday people who are facing high energy prices right now due to

world events, short-sighted NDP policies, and the NDP-Trudeau carbon tax.

I'm particularly proud that this tax cut will apply to farm fuel. Our farmers and ranchers have worked so hard to feed the province and world throughout the pandemic. For them, this tax relief is much needed and well deserved.

But something else happened on April 1. Something not so positive. While our government was working to make life more affordable for everyday Alberta families, the NDP-Trudeau Alliance was working to make life more expensive by hiking the Trudeau carbon tax by a whopping 25 per cent.

Earlier in the week, our United Conservative MLAs voted in favour of a motion in the Legislature asking the Trudeau government to stop any further carbon tax hikes on Canadians. The Notley NDP, however, voted against the motion and in support of the carbon tax hike. While it was disappointing to see the Notley NDP side with their friend and ally Justin Trudeau instead of Albertans, it was not surprising at all. The NDP is one party across Canada, and the new Notley-Trudeau Alliance in Ottawa surely extends to Alberta as well.

Fortunately for Alberta families and businesses, our United Conservative government will never stop working to make life more affordable for everyday people, and I'm proud to report that Alberta is well on its way to economic recovery under our recovery plan.

With 130,000 new jobs, \$54 billion in new investment, a balanced budget, the fastest growth, and the lowest taxes in Canada – Alberta is starting to feel like Alberta again. I look forward to Alberta maintaining this momentum, and fully restoring the Alberta Advantage, once and for all.

As always, my heart is with the people of Ukraine, as they fight for their freedom and sovereignty. Slava Ukraini!



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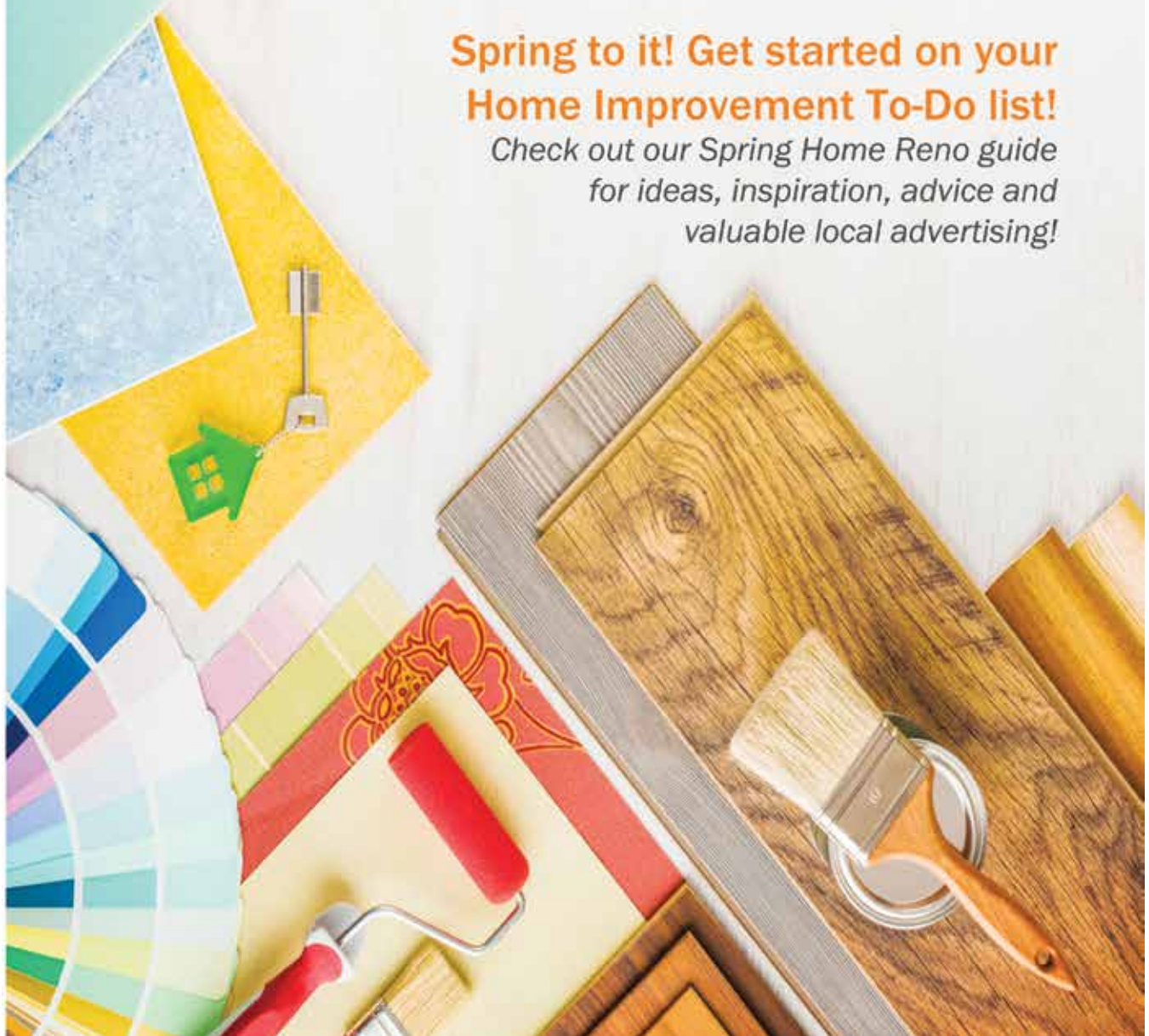


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## ADD CURB APPEAL TO YOUR PROPERTY

Many people are familiar with the idea that a strong first impression can go a long way. While that idea is most often referenced in regard to personal interactions, it's also applicable to real estate.

When selling a home, homeowners who emphasize curb appeal may find it far easier to sell their homes. Curb appeal refers to the impression a home's exterior makes on people seeing the home for the first time. In 2014, the online real estate data-

base Zillow® surveyed real estate agents and found that curb appeal was one of the five most important factors when selling a home.

Projects that improve curb appeal can be vast undertakings or simpler projects, and the following are a handful of projects to improve a home's curb appeal that run the gamut from simple to complex.

- Clean up the yard. Cleaning up the yard is among the simpler yet most effective projects to

improve a home's curb appeal. When selling their homes, homeowners should clear the yard of any clutter, including kids' toys, grass clippings or items that might be scattered throughout the yard. A cluttered yard suggests homeowners do not care much about their home's appearance, and that may lead buyers to think that indifference extended to maintaining the home's interior as well. Many buyers will ignore properties without any exter-

nal aesthetic appeal, but cleaning up the yard does not require much effort or expense on the part of sellers.

- Make the main entryway more inviting. Creating a more inviting entryway won't be as simple as cleaning up the yard, but it can help create a strong first impression without breaking the bank. To begin, remove plants and furniture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, ....

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...as such items can create a cluttered feel. If the front door is old, replace it. Custom doors may be expensive, but they might add the wow factor buyers are looking for. If a new door is beyond your means or just unnecessary, repaint the door, ideally in a color that complements the color of your home and the surrounding landscape.

· Address pavement problems. Paving problems are not necessarily

an expensive fix, but the cost of repairing driveways and walkways can add up if it's been awhile since these areas were refurbished. Still, one of the first things buyers will notice when getting out of their cars is the ground they're walking on, so patch and repair or even replace driveways and walkways that have fallen into disrepair.

· Add or upgrade outdoor living spaces. Outdoor living spaces also can set a property apart from others

on the market. A recent study from the National Association of Realtors found that buyers would not hesitate to pay asking price for homes with outdoor living spaces. When adding or upgrading outdoor living spaces, try to depersonalize the spaces as much as possible, as buyers want to picture themselves, and not the sellers, enjoying these areas. Include some comfortable furniture, adequate lighting and a dining area in your outdoor

living space as well.

Curb appeal can add a lot to a home, while lack of such appeal can make a home difficult to sell. Homeowners who want to sell their properties for asking price or more should address curb appeal before putting their homes on the market.



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## CREATE KID-FRIENDLY SPACES AT HOME

Maintaining a home that is welcoming and kid-friendly can be challenging. Kids are full of energy and oftentimes put fun ahead of tidiness. But no matter how energetic their youngsters are, parents can still employ several strategies to ensure their homes are both sophisticated and child-friendly.

- Consider an open floor plan. Rooms that flow into one another make it easier to keep tabs on children. Such rooms also allow residents and guests to mingle in separate rooms but not be too far away from one another.

- Choose washable fabrics. Upholstery will need to stand

up to the abuse kids can dish out. Sofas and chairs with slipcovers can be advantageous because many slipcovers can be easily removed and laundered. Patterned fabrics will hide some stains, while treated fabrics may resist liquid spills for easier cleanup.

- Create a catch-all spot. Special bins or other organizational tools in the entryway can help to cull clutter when children come in the house from school or play. Be sure the keep cubbies, containers and coat hooks at a child-friendly height.

- Look for high-traffic rugs. Rugs designed for high-traffic

areas will be more forgiving when children march across them several times per day. There are no rules that say you can't bring an outdoor rug inside, and these rugs tend to be easier to clean.

- Ensure there is plenty of seating. Sectionals give children ample room to spread out. And ample seating ensures there is enough room for kids to invite their friends over to hang out.

- Think outside pink and blue. For children's rooms, make sure they're colorful, but consider other hues to give the rooms some personality. Focus on a hobby or

activity and borrow the color scheme from the accessories used for decorating.

- Hang whimsical artwork. Employ framing and lighting to make kids' artwork look like professional pieces. Routinely change the pictures when a new look is desired.

- Designate a place for play. Devote an entire room or a nook in a house for imaginative play. Store toys here so these items will not create clutter in individual bedrooms.

Creating child-friendly spaces while ensuring a home maintains a sophisticated feel is easier than parents might think.

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**NO SIDE EFFECTS:** Does not damage the liver, kidney or GI Tract like OTC medication.

**DIETARY SUPPLEMENT:** Can be administered daily as part of your pet's diet.



### ORAL SPRAYS & DROPS

**KEY BENEFITS**

**MANAGES PAIN:** Helps to treat inflammation, arthritis and joint pain.

**TREATS DIGESTIONAL ISSUES:** Helps with loss of appetite, nausea, IBS and gastrointestinal swelling.

**GENERAL HEALTH:** Helps to manage mood, anxiety and general joint pain. For healthy, happy pets.

**CONVENIENT:** Can be sprayed into pet's mouth or on food.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you are a LICENSED, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, you are welcome to submit your announcement FREE of charge, space permitting. You are required to submit your non-profit number. Call (780) 962-9228. Please note that all submitted event listings must be limited to 200 characters or less (including spaces). DEADLINE: 12 noon Friday prior to publication (Thursdays on long weekends).

**NOTE: Please inquire first as COVID-19 restrictions may still apply.**

## FARMERS MARKETS

**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Evergreen Farmers' Market, Wednesdays at the Mackenzie Center of the Omniplex from 10:30AM-1:30PM. [www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca](http://www.dvevergreenfarmersmarket.ca)  
**Leduc Public Market:** Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 St. Leduc Betty 780-916-1845

## BINGO

**CALMAR:** Every Wednesday night, 7:00PM at the Calmar Legion.

## JAMBOREE

**DRAYTON VALLEY:** Last Sunday of month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-4378

**Edmonton Northwest Senior's Center:** 12963 - 120st NW, Every Wed From 1-3:30pm Aug & Sept Admin: \$5 non members \$2 members Yearly membership \$30

## TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

**DEVON:** Wed. at 9:30AM at Riverside Baptist Church, 2 Saskatchewan Dr., Devon. Contact Brenda at 987-9113 for info.

**EDMONTON:** Thurs 8:30-10AM at Annex of Grace United Church (6215-104 Ave). \$7/month

**LEDUC:** Tuesday Nights at Peace Lutheran Church, 4606 - 48 St. Leduc. Weigh-ins: 5:45-6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-7:30PM. Call Marie at 780-986-6477.

**THORSBY:** meeting every Monday morning 9:00AM at Thorsby Fire Hall. Call 780-621-3461.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**50+ YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON** for Parkland County Seniors. 12PM at Stony Plain United Church Basement, \$7 per plate. 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

**CALMAR SENIORS BUS:** to West Edmonton Mall - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. 9:30AM; Seniors' Birthday Party - every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. 1:30PM; Meetings - every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of every month. 1:30PM. (780) 985-3117.

**DEVON MUSIC JAM & DANCE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month @ 6PM, June - Sept. @ Chalet Lions Campground. Oct. - May (excl. Dec.) @Pioneers 73 Club (29 St. Lawrence Ave.). Guests \$7, Musicians \$2. More info call 780-987-2093.

**DEVON RECREATION:** Volleyball, Mondays 8-10PM, \$2, John Maland High School. Badminton, Fridays 7-9PM, Robina Baker School, \$2. Hockey (Arena), Tues & Thurs, noon (children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult).

**INDOOR PLAYGROUND:** Mondays, 10AM-12PM, Alder Flats Community Centre. Info (780) 388-3333 No fee. Please bring a snack for your child.

**JAM DANCE & CARDS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781  
**"KIDS OWN WORSHIP"** an hour after school, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church. (780) 542-5048

**MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, 1:00PM at Calmar Seniors Centre. Bring your own instruments and have fun.

**MUSIC JAMBOREE:** Last Sunday of each month. Upstairs @ the "55 Rec. Center" Doors open at 12PM, Starts at 1PM. 780-542-3768

**MUSICAL PROGRAM:** every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at the Cloverleaf Manor, 2:30PM. Everyone welcome.

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## MEETINGS

**AHS:** Addiction Services provides assessment and counseling for alcohol, other drugs, tobacco and gambling in Breton on court day Wednesdays. To make an appointment, please call 780-542-3140.

Do you have a problem with alcohol & are you looking for an AA MEETING or someone to talk to? Call Toll Free 1-877-404-8100.

**Drinking a Problem?** There is a Solution, call AA 780-491-1043

**ALDER FLATS AG SOCIETY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

**BRETON COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7PM at the Council Chambers, Carolyn Strand Civic Centre. 780-696-3636.

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

**CITIZENS ON PATROL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of each mo, 7:30PM in Entwistle Seniors Bldg

**DEVON TOASTMASTERS,** Thurs. 7PM at St. Georges Anglican Church (2 St. Clair, Devon). Learn and practice the skills required to effectively speak in public - we help

conquer your fear.

More info: Marc 780-729-4932  
**DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:** meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month. For more information call (780) 542-2787

**LEDUC MS SOCIETY COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP** Are you diagnosed with MS and have questions? This group is for you! Meetings TBD. Contact the Edmonton Chapter, 780-471-3034

**MS SOCIETY DRAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP** meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.

**Winfield Legion Branch 236:** Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. Contact Secretary Treasurer Shelly Oulton 696-3600 or Alfred Farmer 696-2006

## YOUR COMMUNITY

**Dental Health:** Visit the dental hygienist with your toddler. Children 15-24 mos of age are encouraged to have this Free Toddler Mouth Check. For info, contact the Thorsby Health Centre at 789-4800.

**Come join GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA,** 1<sup>st</sup> Pipestone Sparks/Brownies/Guides Rainbow Unit. For more info call Jenny 387-3544 (anytime) or Teresa 901-3817 (evenings)

**Meals on Wheels:** Call Deanne Young, Director FCSS 696-3636  
**Thorsby Well Child & Immunization Clinic,** every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of the month. Contact Thorsby Public Health Center for appointment. 789-4800.

**Warburg Well Baby & Immunization Clinic,** by appointment only, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, Cloverleaf Manor. Thorsby Health Unit 789-4800.



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