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THERAPY DOG VISITS OJSH

Submitted by Wanda Pederson, Onoway Junior Senior High School

On Friday, March 17, Sage and her handler, Megan Cote, visited OJSH for the day. Sage is a trained therapy/literacy dog that works at Pat Hardy Primary School with her handler, Grade 2 teacher Mrs. Cote. Sage spends half the day in the classroom at Pat Hardy and the other half in the library learning commons.

Ms. Andrea Peer, one of OJSH's English teachers, conducted a novel study with her Grade 8 class called Same Sun

Here by Silas House. In the novel, the families' pet dogs provide comfort and emotional security to the characters. Ms. Peer realized that a visit from a therapy dog would be an excellent and engaging learning experience for her students. She contacted Mrs. Cote at Pat Hardy School and arrangements were made for Sage to visit.

Sage visited with the Grade 8 class for the first block in the classroom and the library learning commons where they listened to a short story about a dog.

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ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS OF CALAHOO, ONOWAY, GUNN, RICH VALLEY, ALBERTA BEACH AND SUMMER VILLAGES NEARBY

Submitted by Alycia Tietbohl

Have YOU noticed the crime out here in this beautiful county of ours? Maybe you have or even been a victim of it and say who is doing anything about it? WHY NOT YOU? You might say you're so busy, kids have this and that, Survivor is on. The truth is that to see any change, it takes you to facilitate it. So make a change and attend the free Lac Ste. Anne NE Rural Crime Watch meeting this

Thursday, March 30, at 7 pm at the Onoway Heritage Centre. Everyone is welcome!

What is the Lac Ste. Anne NE Rural Crime Watch Association? A community crime prevention program that is a registered non-profit society. It's neighbours helping neighbours. We let the criminals know that they are not welcome in our area and you can too. Don't wait, life goes faster than you think. To become a member, it's a one time only fee of \$25. Easy right?

We need to update all of our

members information. We can provide new signs, as I have noticed that many of them need to be replaced. Also, we will have a RCMP officer attending the meeting.

So make the time to do something about the crime out here. Just spare 2 hours of your time to come to a meeting where you can make a difference! The change starts with you and I. See you at the meeting.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO L.S.A.C. MAYOR & COUNCIL RE: FIRE SERVICES DEPT.

Submitted by David Chawner

It is my understanding from conversations that I have had that the County Fire Chief (a full time position) is also the Fire Chief for the Town of Mayerthorpe, which could easily cause a serious conflict of interest should a major fire occur in that area. Would you please confirm

that my understanding is correct, or otherwise, and, if it is correct, what action is being taken to rectify this situation, or what percentage of the County salary is being paid by the Town of Mayerthorpe. While I am aware that the County also has a Deputy Chief, that function is not to 'cover' for the Senior position while that person is away doing his/her 'second' job.

I have also been advised that one of the County's Fire Captains would require a chauffeur in order to attend an emergency scene because they do not have a valid driver's license. Would you please investigate that status and advise what action, if any is required, has, or will be, undertaken to rectify that?

Thank you for your time.

RCMP BEATS

Submitted by Stony Plain/
Spruce Grove RCMP

Occurrences for the week of 13 March to 19 March, 2017.

Total Calls for Service Spruce Grove/Stony Plain/Enoch Detachment: 446

Total Calls for Service for the Victim Service Unit: 25

Individuals Charged: 34
Person Crimes: 40

Property Crimes: 63
Impaired Driving Complaints reported: 9
Impaired Driving Charges Laid: 3

Roadside Suspensions: 1
Motor Vehicle Collisions Attended: 43

Property Crimes:
Spruce Grove
1. March 16 – Area of Oswald Drive – Theft of Vehicle, 2006

GMC white Sierra
Stony Plain
2. March 19 – Area of Legend Trail – Break and Enter to Shed Rural
3. March 13 – Area of Ellis Drive, Acheson – Theft of Vehicle, 2006 white Ford F350

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

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Submitted by Alberta Health Services

The Alliance Activity Centre & Onoway Heritage Centre will be bustling with activity on April 13th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm as the Onoway Health & Wellness Fair showcases its annual event.

The Fair celebrates children

0-12 and their families. By promoting healthy, active lifestyles and positive parenting, attendees will benefit by taking part in many free activities. Showcased this year, are “Bugly Bright” an interactive Bug display, Parent Link will be providing a free activity, and back by popular demand, a Story Time Corner. The first 100 children receive a free

book and the first 75 families, receive a free swag bag. There will also be “Airbrush Tattoos” for everyone.

This year, 25 exhibitors and 10 vendors will be in attendance! Families can learn what resources are available to help support positive parenting, and active living. They can also network with other parents and see what

Onoway and area have to offer.

Plan to attend this FREE event sponsored by Alberta Health Services, Highway 43 Come Play with Me and Pembina Gateway Parent Link Center. Free admission; food Bank Donations greatly appreciated.

For more information contact AHS Community Health Services at 780-967-4440

Therapy Dog Visits OJSH

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Then it was off to Mr. Daly’s Grade 8 English Language Arts class and the Life Skills room. Sage paid a visit to the teachers’ staff room at noon and then travelled to Gateway Academy Onoway (outreach) for a visit before returning to the main OJSH campus for another visit to the Library Learning Commons.

Sage has been a staff member of Pat Hardy Primary School since May 2015. Sage arrived at Pat Hardy after NGPS Superintendent Mr. Kevin Andrea brought up the idea of therapy/literacy dogs at an administrator’s meeting. Sage was 2 years old at the time and already had a wealth of training. Sage was first trained with special puppy trainers, then went into adult training before going to school from 7 am to 5 pm in order to become part of the Dogs with Wings association. Sage is a highly trained and responsive dog whose value is estimated to be around \$30,000. However, Sage was given free to Pat Hardy Primary School and many of that school’s fund raising efforts are donated back to Dogs with Wings in gratitude for Sage.

Sage works and lives with Mrs. Cote- not only is Sage a Pat Hardy Primary School staff member, she is a member of Mrs. Cote’s family. Everyone at OJSH who had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Sage was impressed with her gentleness, friendliness and excellent behavior. OJSH wishes to thank Pat Hardy Primary School and Mrs. Cote for letting us at OJSH get to know Sage. We will welcome them back for a visit anytime!

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Submitted by Lorraine Taylor, Conservation Coordinator | Lac Ste. Anne County

Join family, friends and colleagues for an exceptional evening at the Cherhill Community Centre.

All county residents are invited to attend the annual Spring Banquet on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

This promises to be an evening of exceptional food, awards presentations, and inspiring words. With friends and neighbours gathered, it is an opportunity to learn more about Lac Ste. Anne County's Agricultural Services activities planned for the coming season; to celebrate the achievements of regional agricultural producers; and to hear some stories about the

positive side of agriculture.

With a menu that's second to none prepared by Chef Marcia Gatensby, this banquet promises to be a truly memorable experience.

Guest Speakers Jennifer and Brian Mendieta from City Life Farms have a true passion for agriculture. The story they'll share as keynote speakers for the event is certain to inform, entertain, and inspire.

Celebrate the success of our county residents as we acknowl-

edge our 100 Year Homesteader families, Rural Beautification Contest winners, and the 2017 Alberta Beef Producers Environmental Stewardship Award recipient.

Did you know the 4H program is 100 years old this year? The County is pleased to welcome Lakewell 4H Multi-Club members to host a silent auction throughout the evening.

Diners will also have an opportunity to check out a variety of industry displays, including Barhead area winery Shady Lane Estate and Alberta Agriculture's Animal Health Branch with updates about the wild boar eradication program.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00pm. Tickets are just \$25.00. To book your seat at the table, email carter@LSAC.ca or call 1.866.880.5722. Please RSVP before March 29.

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ST. ALBERT LIFESTYLE EXPO & SALE IS MORE THAN A TRADESHOW!

Submitted by **Caitlin Bolduc, Communications and Policy Coordinator | St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce**

The 2017 St. Albert Lifestyle Expo & Sale marks the return of spring to the botanical city on Friday, March 31st from 2 PM – 9 PM; Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM – 6 PM; and Sunday, April 2nd from 11 AM – 5 PM at

Servus Credit Union Place in St. Albert, Alberta.

Discover an extensive variety of vendors and business services at the 2017 St. Albert Lifestyle Expo & Sale. This family friendly event features a tradeshow with 175 different booths and the Outdoor Lifestyle Experience hall; Taste of St. Albert where you can sample local cuisine; the always popular Petting Zoo; a Stamp Around interactive

contest (for kids and adults); the St. Albert Gazette Baby Crawl; and new this year replacing St. Albert Idol is: St. Albert's Got Talent!

Let's not forget to mention our very special Capes & Crowns guests, SPIDERMAN, IRON MAN, ELSA AND ANNA; appearing on stage Saturday, April 1st at 11 AM.

Tickets are \$3 for single admission, \$5 for a weekend pass,

Children under 12 are FREE (if accompanied by an adult), and seniors are FREE on March 31st and ½ price – April 1st and 2nd.

The St. Albert Lifestyle Expo and Sale is presented by St. Albert Honda and organized by the St. Albert and District Chamber of Commerce. Shop St. Albert First.

RCMP Beats

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4. March 13 – Area of Township 540 and Range Road 30 – Theft of Vehicle, 2006 white GMC Sierra

5. March 14 – Area of Township Road 532 and Range Road 261 – Theft of Vehicle, 2011 black Ford F350

6. March 15 – Area of Township Road 552 and Range Road

35 – Break and Enter to Shop, air compressor and pressure washer stolen

7. March 16 – Area of Highway 37 and Range Road 14 – Theft of ATV, 2008 yellow Can Am Renegade

Stony Plain/Spruce Grove RCMP remind you not to make it easy for thieves. Do not put personal information into the garbage, shred it yourself, or have a shredding company do it.

The Spruce Grove / Stony Plain Drug Section Information Tip Line is 780-968-7212.

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Apartment dwellers commonly lament the lack of storage space in their homes. But unless such men and women are willing to pack up and move to a larger apartment or private home, storage will continue to pose a problem. Fortunately, there are many ways to create storage space without knocking down walls.

· Buy furniture that includes storage space. Perhaps the simplest way to create extra storage space is to purchase furniture that doubles as storage. Storage beds make great places to store bulky bedding, including extra bedsheets, blankets and pillows. Living room furniture can also serve dual roles. Dress up a storage chest and use it as your coffee table, and replace old footrests with storage ottomans.

· Hang pots and pans. Kitchen cabinet space can be especially scarce in apartments, but that does not mean apartment dwellers must

cook with a single pot and pan. Suspend pots and pans from the ceiling, using the cabinet space you have to store food and other items that might look out of place if left sitting out.

· Buy a corner coat rack. Coats take up ample closet space, which apartment dwellers know can be a precious commodity. Rather than reserving half of your closet space for coats, purchase a corner coat rack with multiple hooks at varying heights. This means that all those bulky coats will be stored in one small, vertical space, leaving more room in the closets for the rest of your wardrobe.

· Purchase removable shelving units for closets. Closets may have plenty of shelf space up top, but what about all that floor space that's not being put to use? Small, removable shelving units can be placed inside closets so you can make use of the space beneath all those shirts,

dresses and sweaters hanging on hangers.

· Purchase an e-reader. Avid readers living in storage-starved apartments can create more space simply by going digital with regard to their favorite hobby. Purchase an

e-reader and store all of your books digitally on your new device and its accompanying cloud storage. This saves you from having to find space to store new books, and you can donate all or some of your existing collection to create more space.

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FIND AND MAINTAIN THE RIGHT CARPET FOR YOU

Carpets provide both practical and aesthetic appeal inside a home. In winter, carpets help keep homes warm, and the right color carpet can add to design schemes.

While rugs may have originated in the Far East, North America also has some rich carpet history. According

to The Carpet and Rug Institute, the United States carpet industry began in 1791 when the first woven carpet mill opened in Philadelphia. Others soon followed suit. Tufted carpets and machine-powered manufacturing helped churn out yards upon yards of carpeting, making it a popular, afford-

able and common addition to homes, especially after the post-World War II housing boom.

Carpeting remains a go-to flooring material in modern homes. In fact, many homes offer a blend of both carpeting in some rooms and different flooring choices in others.

Upon choosing carpet, it is important that homeowners follow some guidelines to prolong a carpet's longevity and maintain its style. The following are some common carpeting dos and don'ts.

DO consider the room's purpose and foot traffic before shopping for carpeting. Make a list of the attributes desired (e.g., soundproofing, easy care, high pile) and present these to the salesperson so he or she can help you make the best choice.

DON'T rush into flooring choices. Unlike paint colors, flooring materials are more permanent choices that are only updated every several years or more. Weigh all of your options before diving in.

DO consider conservative colors and styles. Neutral hues and patterns will blend better with furniture options. This means you can change furniture out and still keep the existing carpeting, which complements any new pieces. Also, if there's a chance you might sell your home in the near future, buyers tend to look for a neutral color scheme they can make their own.

DON'T skimp on padding to save a few dollars on the carpet installation. The carpeting needs a solid foundation to last and look its best. Inadequate padding can lead to extra and noticeable wear and tear. Invest in a good foundation for the carpeting, like firm, dense padding in high-traffic areas.

DO become knowledgeable about different carpet styles, such as frieze, Berber, Saxony, textured, and more. This will help ensure you make the most educated decision.

DON'T purchase at the first store you visit. Shop around to investigate different pricing and specials. Also, consider the professionalism and expertise of the staff responsible for carpet installation. High-cost carpet may not look very good if it isn't installed correctly.

DO stain-protect rugs and carpeting, which can help repel stains that would otherwise become permanent and can prolong the longevity of the flooring.

DON'T forget to vacuum carpets frequently to prevent ground-in dirt and debris.

DO pick textured carpets to conceal footprints and vacuum track marks.

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CONSIDER MOISTURE ISSUES WHEN CHOOSING INSULATION

(MS) - By Scott McGillivray

We insulate our homes primarily to keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. As a result, most of us evaluate insulation based on its thermal properties, which is definitely important to consider. However, there is another aspect of wall and ceiling insulation that should be considered before making a final decision, and that's moisture. If you choose the wrong insulation, moisture can seriously damage the long-term performance of the insulation, drastically reducing the benefits it offers to your home.

Although wall and ceiling cavities may be out of sight after a home is built, they are very important spaces in residential construction and remodeling projects. They play a critical role in managing the interior temperature, noise level, air-flow and mold levels. It is important that the insulation in the

walls and ceilings works just as well years after installation as it does the day after the project is completed. This means that the insulation needs to stay consistent over time -- any sagging, compressing or rotting will compromise the safety and comfort of your home.

To combat these potential problems, look for insulation that does not absorb water, but repels it. Stone wool insulation, like that produced by Roxul, is a good choice. Water-resistance is important year-round, but especially in summer, when humidity levels rise, and in spring and fall, when rain and moisture levels can increase dramatically. It's vital that your insulation won't compress or sag within the wall or ceiling cavity, because when insulation materials compress and sag, they leave gaps, compromising the thermal performance of the wall. Cold, heat

and sound can pass through much more easily, creating a living space that's less comfortable and more expensive to heat and cool.

Another important consideration when choosing insulation is mold resistance. Materials that resist mold growth, like stone wool, are essential to the health of your home and family. Because mold feeds on organic matter, selecting an insulation that is composed of nonorganic matter is ideal to prevent rot.

Keeping moisture and mold at bay with a quality insulation will contribute to a safer indoor environment and provide energy savings and comfort benefits that can last for the lifetime of a home.

Scott McGillivray is the award-winning TV host, a full-time real estate investor, contractor, author, and educator. Follow him on Twitter @smcgillivray.



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TOP 5 RENOVATION TIPS TO CREATE MORE SPACE IN YOUR HOME

(MS) - As real estate prices continue to climb, the cost to trade up to a larger home is on the upswing across the country, especially as markets remain hampered by tight inventory levels. As a result, more and more Americans are choosing to renovate their current homes instead of relocating. While

the hunt for more square footage can be challenging, homeowners shouldn't feel like a costly second story or complete addition are the only options.

Here are five great ways to create or optimize space in your existing home.

1. Finish an unfinished basement. A basement renovation can hold limitless

potential and increase the resale value or income potential of your home. Think about the possibilities: a home theater, office, spare bedroom, basement apartment or recreation room. The key to doing it successfully is to focus on what's behind the walls, especially since moisture is a common

issue in basements. Choosing the right insulation is critical. Look for products that are vapor permeable, dimensionally stable and mold and moisture resistant. Many contractors use Roxul Comfortboard IS semi-rigid sheathing board paired with Comfortbatt batt insulation to combat thermal bridging and protect against mold and mildew growth. An added benefit of this type of mineral wool insulation is that it's also fire-resistant to 2,150 F. For interior walls and ceilings, Safe 'n' Sound insulation is ideal because of its ability to absorb noise and indoor traffic sounds, ensuring your newfound space is a peaceful one.

2. Create a more open-concept feel with light and color. If your home wasn't blessed with towering windows, installing French doors and pot lights can encourage light to travel more freely, creating the illusion of space. Likewise, choosing a paint color for walls, trim and moldings that is lighter and cooler in tone (think soft grays or blues) will help to reflect light and give the room a more open feel.

3. Remove non-load-bearing walls. Homeowners have the opportunity to rethink the layout of their home by removing non-load-bearing walls. Removing structurally unnecessary walls can make your whole home feel larger, improve flow, lighting and the function of your home.

4. Convert your garage into usable living or work space. For many homeowners, the garage becomes an overflow room for storage -- and is often a walk-in headache. Convert your garage (or a portion of it) into another living space, guest bedroom or home office. Install carpet and quality thermal insulation such as Roxul Comfortbatt to block outdoor noise and keep in warmth.

5. Choose furniture and accessories carefully. Adopt a minimalist's eye. Begin looking around your home for furniture or accessories that overwhelm the space. Interior designers recommend choosing low-profile or small-scale furniture for rooms with less square footage. Dual-purpose items, such as ottomans with storage chests inside, are a budget-friendly way to save on space while staying organized.

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Many people decide to upgrade from their apartments or condominiums out of a need for more space. But even after moving into a new home, homeowners may soon begin to outgrow the room they have.

Rather than looking for a new home, some homeowners consider expansion. Expanding a living space can be expensive, and a more affordable option may be converting existing basement or garage space into something more livable. Garages already are built on a foundation, have four walls and a roof overhead, so a garage-conversion project is merely a matter of turning this utilitarian area into a living space.

Before beginning the renovation, homeowners should consider the benefits versus the cost of converting the garage. For those who are planning to grow old in a house, a garage conversion can be a worthy investment. But those who intend to sell their homes rather than retire in them may learn that a converted garage can affect home value and make it less desirable at resale. Compare your home to others in the area and see what your neighbors have done. If converted garages are the norm where you live, your own renovation may fit in with others.

Always apply for the proper permits and learn the zoning laws to see if a garage conversion is acceptable in your town or city. It's best to go by the book so that work can be done in a proper manner and be inspected for safety.

Many homeowners hope their garage-conversion projects will make their garages seem like a seamless part of the rest of the house. To do so, you will need to remove evidence the space was once a garage. Slab floor will need to be raised and insulated. Walls also will need to be insulated and finished to improve comfort and soundproofing. Many garages do not have windows, so for the garage to function as a renovated space, windows may need to be added.

One of the biggest transformations will come by way of modifying the garage door entry. Some homeowners prefer to leave the existing door

so that the home still has the appearance of a garage from the curb, while others remove the garage door and rebuild the exterior wall so that it has a window or another architectural element. An architect can help suggest design elements that will camouflage the original garage look

and make the space seem like it was always part of the main living area of the home.

Landscaping work also can minimize the appearance of an old garage. Rather than having the driveway end at the wall of a home, shrubbery, pavers and other tech-

niques can blend the garage renovation into the rest of the yard design.

Transforming a garage into a living space can add several hundred square feet to a home. Hire a reputable contractor and follow the municipal guidelines for modifying the space to ensure the job is done right.

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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 database 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 external 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 fur-

niture from the front porch or area surrounding the doorway, 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 de-personalize 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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THE PROBLEM WITH HARD WATER

Hard water can cause scaling, deposits inside of pipes, reduced cleaning ability, and several other problems.

Home ownership opens people's eyes to many new experiences, even requiring homeowners to familiarize themselves with certain things they never encountered as renters. Homeowners become novice plumbers, electricians, horticulturists, and even chemists as they wade through the projects and repairs involved with owning a home.

Outside of high school chemistry class, you may never have given thought to water composition and how it changes. However, once you become a homeowner, you may have to pay special attention to the type of water bubbling out of your faucets. Hard water is a common concern, and it can affect appliances and other parts of the home.

What is hard water?

Hard water affects about 85 per-

cent of the United States, according to the Water Quality Association. Although not harmful to human health, hard water can impact one's daily life in other ways.

Hard water is formed when water moves through soil and rock. It dissolves very small amounts of minerals and holds them in a solution. Calcium and magnesium are the most common minerals to turn water "hard." The more magnesium and calcium water dissolves, the harder it becomes.

From nuisance to damaging

Hard water can not only be a minor headache, but also something more serious. Hard water can interfere with various cleaning tasks and also personal grooming. Clothes washed in hard water may not be fully clean and may appear dingy. Hard water can cause a film on surfaces, such as bath tiles and tubs. Some people find that their hair and skin can appear dull and sticky due to hard water.

Hard water can have other effects, too. Over time, the water can deposit minerals on the inside of pipes, reducing water flow. If these deposits grow thick, you may have a plumbing issue on your hands. Furthermore, mineral deposits can harm appliances, such as water heaters, washing machines and dishwashers. Eventually, hard water may render these appliances ineffective, and they will need to be replaced.

Treatment options

Considering hard water is such a common concern, a number of treatment options exist. The main types of water-softening systems use either a packaged water softener or a mechanical water-softening unit.

Packaged water softeners are chemicals that bond with the calcium and magnesium ions in the water so that they cannot interfere with cleaning efficiency. These chemicals fall into two categories: precipitating and nonprecipitating.

Precipitating softeners are borax and washing soda and can affect pH levels of water and make water cloudy. Nonprecipitating softeners use phosphates. Alkalinity won't be increased, and usually there is no cloudiness or buildup. These products are typically added to laundry loads and the like and are not recommended for drinking water.

Mechanical water-softening systems are hooked up directly to the plumbing of the house. They are ion-exchange systems that will add salt to the water. Although it can be safe to drink, softened water may not be recommended for those who are on low-sodium diets.

Hard water is a problem many homeowners have to face. It can affect a home's appliances' performance and cleaning abilities. Water hardness can be managed, and it is best to consult with an expert water-softening system manufacturer about your options.

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FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A HOME OFFICE

As technology has made working remotely easier, more and more professionals are working from home. Working from home can help working parents save money on childcare costs and help all workers avoid rush hour traffic jams and the costs of commuting to and from the office.

The right working environment is essential for men and women who work from home. An environment that's conducive to work can help people increase their productivity and make their employers more likely to allow more employees to work from home. Professionals who are new to working from home may find it takes some time before they can create the perfect working environment, but the following are a few factors to consider when planning a home office.

Space

One of the disadvantages to work-

ing from home is that remote workers don't have access to the same level of equipment as in the main office, such as color copiers or scanners. If you want to include even scaled-down versions of such equipment in your office, you will need ample space. In addition, less spacious home offices can feel too tight and enclosed, making workers uncomfortable and less enthusiastic about working every day. Pick a spot in your home that affords room for your equipment and the ability to move around so you don't feel cramped throughout the workday.

Lighting

Lighting is another factor remote workers must consider when they're planning their home offices. Natural light can provide an energetic boost and improve your mood, so choose a room in your home that gets lots of

sunlight during the day. Many professionals who work remotely do so from the basements of their homes, which can make it difficult to rely on natural light. If the basement is the only location in your home that can fit a home office, look for lighting sources that replicate daylight so you are not working in dark quarters. Speak with your physician about how to arrange lighting to reduce eyestrain caused by staring at a computer.

Connectivity

Connectivity also must be considered when planning a home office. While wireless Internet has made Internet dead zones less problematic, certain areas or rooms in your home may still be touch-and-go with regard to Internet connectivity. Such areas should be avoided when choosing a room for your home office, as it can be difficult to remain productive

if your connection to your office's external server is routinely compromised. Find an area where the wireless connection is always strong.

Distractions

While your home might be empty for much of the day, you don't want to be distracted when the kids come home from school or when your spouse or roommate arrives home from work. Avoid putting your home office too close to popular hangout areas in your home, such as the kitchen and the living room. Instead, choose a room where you have lots of privacy so you can focus on your work and won't be routinely interrupted.

Working from home can pay numerous dividends, but professionals who telework must put careful thought into the rooms or areas of their homes where they plan to work.

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ARE FORMAL SPACES DISAPPEARING?

Formal dining and living spaces could once be found in every home. But such rooms are becoming more and more rare, thanks in large part to the rising popularity of multipurpose open spaces.

As early as 1992, architects and builders were predicting the demise of formal living spaces in homes. At that year's International Geographical Congress, architectural geographer Artimus Keiffer estimated the living room and dining room would disappear from the American residence in the next century, to be replaced by the family-entertainment room and the computer room. According to North Carolina-based builders Stanton Homes, many home buyers have inquired about converting their formal dining rooms into office spaces or rooms to be used for purposes other than dining.

The National Association of Home Builders also released a special report listing home features expected to be-

come the norm within the next several years. More than half of the NAHB study participants expected the living room to merge with other spaces in the home, while 30 percent expected it to vanish to save on square footage.

So what is taking the place of living rooms and dining rooms? Great rooms and open-concept kitchens have steadily caught the eyes of designers and homeowners alike. Such rooms enable a free flow between lounging and entertaining spaces and the heart of the home - the kitchen. On-the-go families may not be sitting down to the same formal dinners they once were, or they don't need the pomp and circumstance of formal meals. Large eat-in-kitchens function well for family meals and even for entertaining friends in a relaxing way.

Thanks to the advent of wireless technology and mobile devices, home residents no longer need to be relegated to one room in the house for their media watching or computer use.

This may have helped to accelerate the disappearance of living rooms. In addition, the concept of devoting one space as a media-free zone (traditional formal living or sitting rooms tend to be tech-free) may seem antiquated to this plugged-in generation. Rooms that are comfortable and serve various pur-

poses better suit today's homeowners. The rules that once governed the traditional home floor plan are more fluid than ever. Homeowners' preferences are having a greater impact over which rooms are now being included in new homes and which ones are soon to be history.

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GREETINGS FROM THE ONOWAY LEGION

Submitted by Lorinda McCool

Last weekend was an extremely successful weekend with St. Patrick's Day supper and party on Friday, a fun dart tournament on Saturday and a fun pool tournament on Sunday. Thank you to all of the exhausted volunteers for their hard work and time. Bob C., Jay K., Allen P., Sherry B. and Lisa J. worked hard in the kitchen preparing the delicious Corned Beef & Cabbage meal while Harvey P., Ken J. and Shauna J. performed the cleanup duties and dishwashing. Larry Villneff won the free meal voucher, Dale

Krasnow the meat draw and Cory Gyman the 50/50 draw. Carol V. and Lisa J. from the Social Committee along with Larry V. and Doug J. pitched in to help with the cleanup and table removal so the fun could begin soon after the supper. Thanks to Allen Parr and Stacey Allen of The Bulletin for the great job of designing the colorful front page advertisement for the party.

Submitted by Carol Villneff: "The Onoway Legion's St. Patrick's Day party held on March 17th was a great success. The party began immediately following the very well attended Legion Friday night dinner, at approximately 7:30 pm. The evening's

festivities included a visit from a well-known leprechaun (charming Ronnie Hipfner). Our leprechaun mingled with the crowd, sharing Lucky Charms and assisting with the newly introduced Irish Sweepstake Races that were run throughout the evening. There was a very active group of people placing bets on their favourite horses throughout the night. During the evening, the draw for the Irish Basket was won by Mr. Henry Miller. Thank you to everyone that participated in making this evening a huge success."

Six teams competed in the fun dart tournament on March 18th with Bruce's team from St. Albert plac-

ing first followed closely by Scott's team in second place and Bob's team taking third. The new "Tutus" provided by Kathy and Tracy from the Stony Plain Legion proved very popular with the dart players when they scored 22 points. Jay K. along with Sandy K. and Sherry B. sold breakfast sandwiches, Reuben sandwiches, Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Fries and Poutine to the hungry and happy competitors while Kelsey W. and Terri S. made sure everyone was served their favorite beverage.

Submitted by Larry Villneff: "On Sunday March 19th, the Onoway Legion played host to 16 players for a day of singles 8-Ball pool. After eleven (11) rounds comprising 88 individual games the top three players were: 1. Kim Koroll, 2. Jim Hryniuk, 3. Karl Wichowski. Our kitchen and bar staff supported a very enjoyable and successful day with excellent service and wonderful food of which the crowning glory was a "super stuffed beef burger" accompanied by all the fixings and side dishes. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Saturday April 15th for our next fun 8-Ball Tournament."

Thanks to Bob C. and Jay K. for the great homemade food and Louise B. for the bar service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 28 - Tuesday Night Drop-in Darts - Registration 6:45 to 7:15 pm. Play @ 7:30 pm

March 29 - Wednesday Night Drop-in Pool - Registration 6:45 to 7:15 pm. Play @ 7:30 pm

March 31 - Friday Night Supper - Roast Turkey

April 1 - Onoway Fish and Game Catered Supper and A.G.M.

April 3 - General Meeting - 7:00 sharp

April 4 - Tuesday Night Drop-in Darts

April 5 - Wednesday Night Drop-in Pool

The Legion phone number is 780-967-5361. Please contact Ted Latimer @ 780-967-4980 for hall rentals, Bob Clark @ 780-967-3640 to reserve your plate for the Friday Night Supper, for meal inquiries/suggestions or to volunteer in the kitchen, Cheryl Sadler @ 780-967-4146 for membership, Neil Gorman @ 780-960-4160 for sports and Lorinda McCool @ 780-967-3640 to place information in the Legion newsletter. See you at the Onoway Legion and have a great week!

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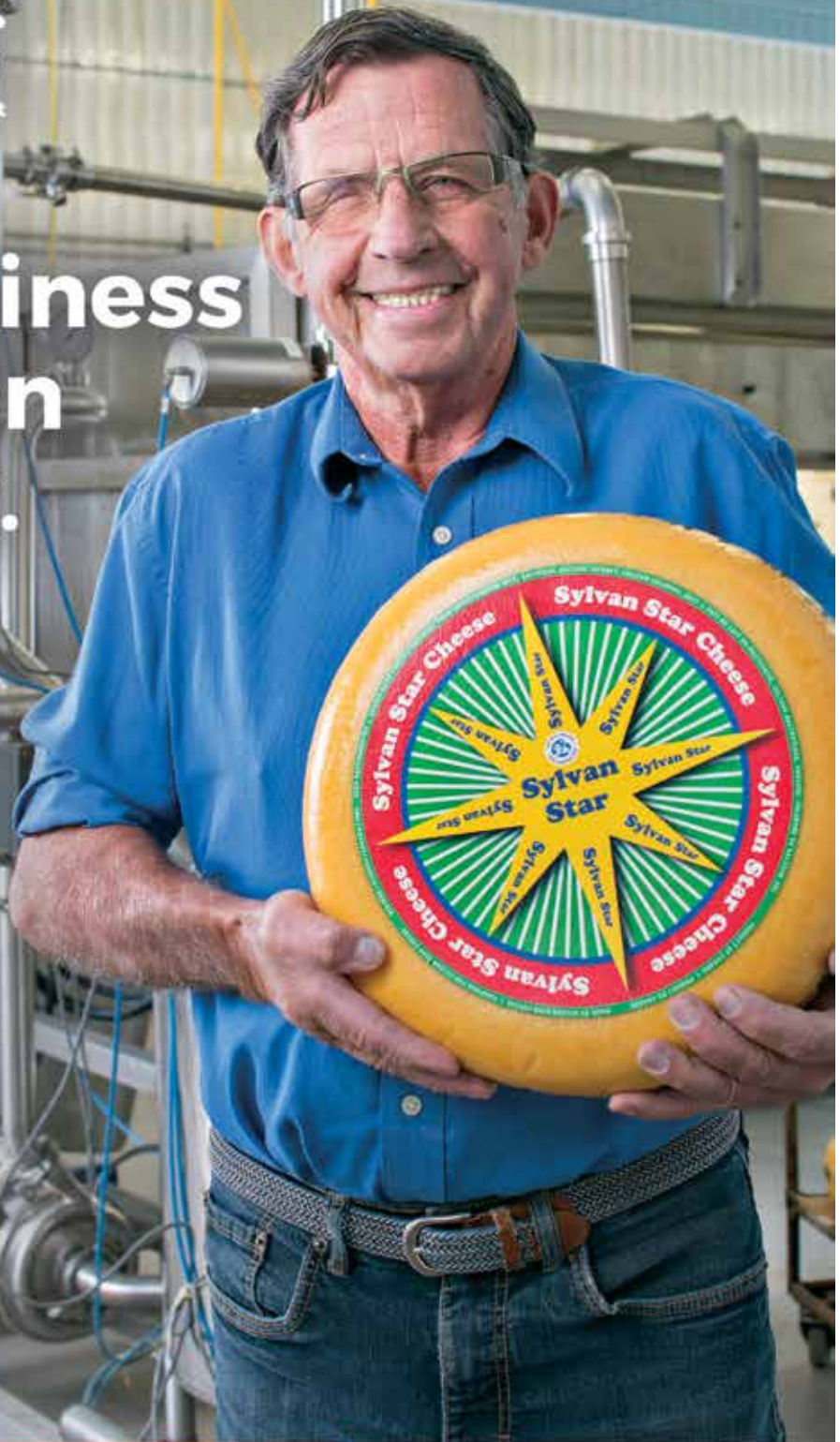
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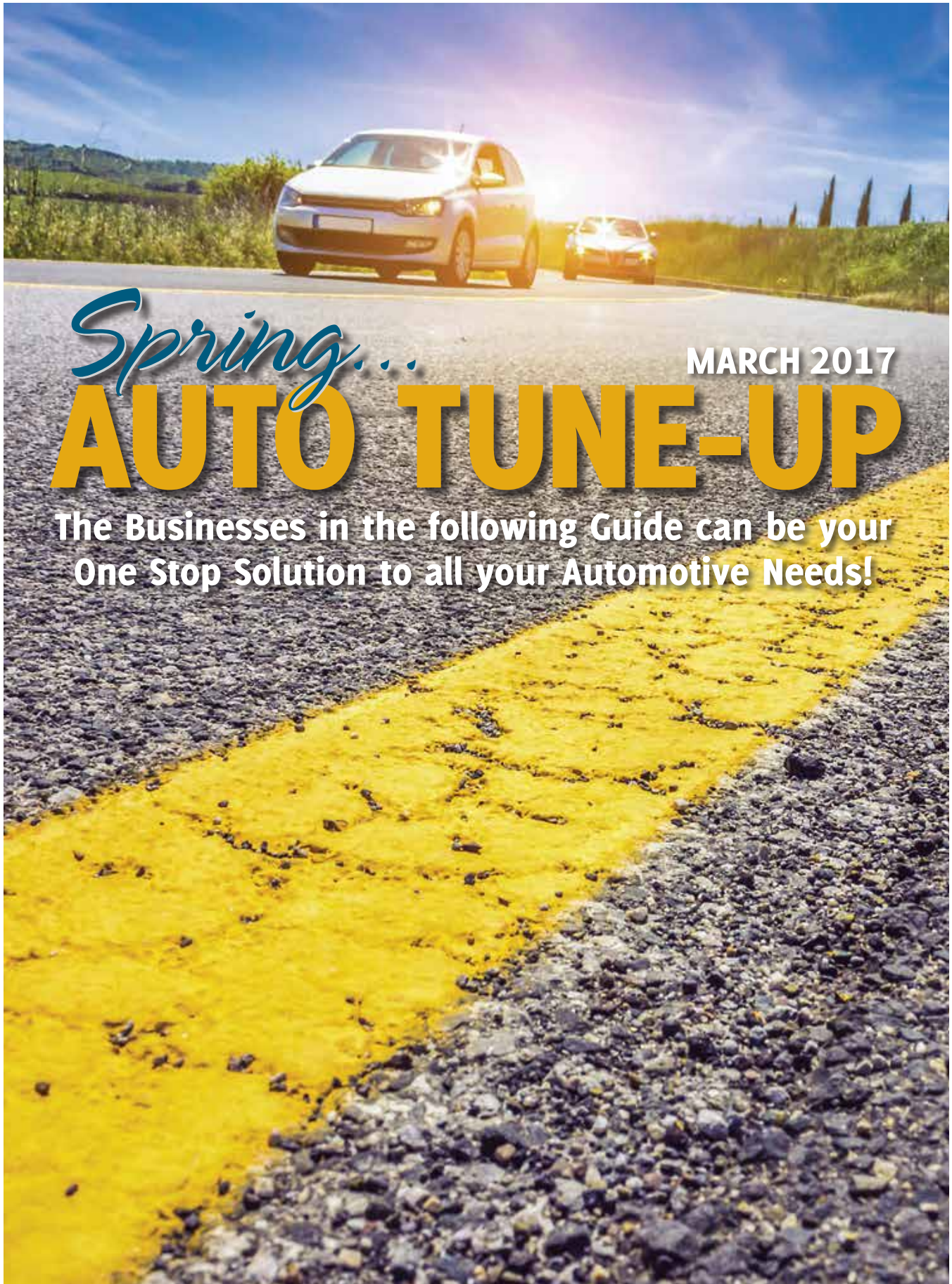
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HOW TO HANDLE CAR TROUBLE WHILE DRIVING

Sudden car trouble is something no driver wants to experience, but many a driver has been driving down the highway only to feel his or her vehicle start to sputter. Such sputtering might indicate a car is running low on fuel, or it could be a sign of something more serious that requires motorists to think as quickly and safely as possible.

When car trouble strikes while a vehicle is on the road, the first thing many drivers do is check their fuel gauges. A car that runs out of gas is certainly inconvenient, but if you can pull over to the shoulder or make it to the nearest filling station, then this unfortunate situation can be remedied rather easily. But when a car's tank is full and it is still showing signs of trouble, drivers

must take steps to protect themselves, their passengers and their vehicles. The following are a few simple tips motorists should keep in mind so they can safely handle any car trouble that may arise while they are out on the road.

- Keep a first-aid kit, spare tire and tire jack in the car at all times. Flat tires are no fun, but they are even more of a nuisance when drivers are not prepared to address them. Always keep a jack and spare tire in your car, even if the spare is a donut you can temporarily use to replace a flat tire until you make it to a filling station or automotive supply store. As an added safety measure, keep a fully stocked first aid kit in your vehicle in case you cut yourself while changing

the tire or need to address another medical situation. Visit www.redcross.org for a list of items to include in your automotive emergency kit. Keep a blanket in the trunk as well so your passengers can stay warm should you experience car trouble on a cold day or night.

- Make note of your surroundings. Some car troubles can only be fixed by the professionals, so pay careful attention to your surroundings in case an issue arises and forces you to pull over and call for help. Always pay attention to mile markers and any landmarks that might help you describe where you are. Car troubles can strike at any time and anywhere, so be sure to pay special attention to your surroundings when driving in

unfamiliar areas.

- Pull over. Don't panic if an issue arises suddenly. Remain calm and pull over onto the shoulder. The right shoulder is the area for pulling over on most roads, but you may also use the left shoulder on multi-lane highways with medians. Try to get as far away from traffic as possible without driving off of level ground, and always use your signals when pulling onto the shoulder. If the vehicle can't make it to the median, put your emergency flashers on and get out of the car, moving away from both the vehicle and traffic. Immediately call for emergency roadside assistance, alerting the authorities if need be.

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drivers' best interests to repair damaged windshields promptly.

Drivers may be able to repair small dings themselves with a do-it-yourself windshield kit available at automotive retailers. If a crack is less than six to 12 inches long, it can probably be repaired as well. However, more significant damage will require that the entire windshield be replaced.

How To Handle Car Trouble While Driving

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• Use flares or triangles to alert other drivers. So long as you are not risking your well-being, you can place flares and/or warning triangles behind your vehicle so oncoming traffic knows to drive

around it. The popular not-for-profit motor club AAA recommends placing the first flare or triangle 10 feet directly behind the side of the vehicle that is closest to the road. The second should be placed between 30 and 60 feet (increase the distances as the posted

speed limit increases) behind the middle of the bumper, while the third flare or triangle should be placed between 120 and 360 feet behind the vehicle's right side.

• Stay with the vehicle. Once you have called for help and set up flares or triangles, stay with

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• Sudden car troubles can be scary, but drivers who approach such issues calmly and quickly can reduce their risk for accident or injury.

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DARWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY APRIL NEWS

Submitted by Sandra Stepaniuk, Library Manager | Darwell Public Library

The next Book Club meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00p.m. to discuss "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy. Do you love to read? Do you like to discuss what you have read with others? We 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.

Family Movie Night, at the Lake Isle Community Hall, will be held Friday, April 7, 2017. We will be showing the "G" rated title "Sing". The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the movie starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$ 2.00 and a concession is available. See you there! This program is sponsored by the Darwell Public library and the Darwell Library Friends.

Registration is open for Standard First Aid/Level C being held at the Darwell County Services Building on April 8 & 9, 2017 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The

cost is \$ 135.00 per person with a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 18. We ask participants to wear comfortable clothing (no skirts or dresses), as you will be spending time on your knees practicing skills. Light refreshments will be supplied but you must bring your own lunch. Pre-registration is required prior to March 31, 2017. For further information and to pre-register please contact the library.

Do you have a current First Aid Certification? We can run a 1 day refresher course in May 2017 for a cost of \$ 30.00, you must provide your current valid certificate to do the refresher. Please contact the library to pre-register and we will book a date in early May.

We are having an Easter Party for children ages 0 to 6 on Monday, April 10, 2017 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Drop in and munch on some Easter snacks, enjoy some fun Easter activities, and create some beautiful Easter crafts. This program is a partnership with Lac Ste Anne Parent Link/Early Childhood Development Initiative.

Do you need some tech help with your device? You can now send your questions to darwell-techhelp@gmail.com and if we are unable to help you online you can set up an appointment at a mutually agreed time to meet at the library during regular library hours.

The colouring club continues daily, during regular library hours, for patrons of all ages. This program is self-directed, we supply the materials you supply the inspiration and fun. We encourage you to ask about our programming and provide ideas for what you would like to see in the library. We look forward to hearing from you.

Beginner Tai Chi at the Darwell Centennial Hall continues Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 to 11 am and will continue until May 31, 2017. The class is now full, no drop ins. If you were unable to attend this session please let us know, we have a sign-up sheet at the library and if there is enough interest we would consider holding another class in the future.

The Darwell Public Library Society will be holding their next regular meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 starting at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. The Library is open 11:00 am to 4:00 pm 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 or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Darwell-PublicLibrary

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ONOWAY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL GUILD ANNOUNCES RICK HANSEN FOUNDATION ACCESS4ALL BARRIER BUSTER PROJECT, HERITAGE CENTRE OPEN DOORS, TO CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE CANADA

Submitted by Yvonne Slemko, Onoway and District Historical Guild

Onoway and District Historical Guild announced today a \$30,000.00 funding grant through the Rick Hansen Foundation's Access4All Program, a Canada 150 Signature Initiative aimed at breaking

down barriers for people living with disabilities. With the participation of the Government of Canada, this grant will support the community of Onoway "Barrier Buster" Project, Heritage Centre Open Doors.

Our Heritage Centre Open Doors project was created with the support of community users with a goal of increasing the accessibility to the

Onoway Heritage Centre and Onoway Museum.

The Barrier Buster project will begin April 1, 2017, and is intended to install automatic door openers and replace multi-level existing cement pads at the main Heritage Centre entrance. Expected completion of this project is July 31, 2017. This project will give all Onoway and

area residents easier physical access to our facility, especially those with mobility issues.

"With support from the Government of Canada and the Rick Hansen Foundation, the Onoway and District Historical Guild wants to help ensure that every individual has the opportunity to realize their full potential, and it begins with creating inclusive and accessible communities all across our nation," said Hazel Bourke, President. "We are proud to be part of the Canada 150 Access4All program, and Heritage Centre Open Doors Project will play an important role in building a world without barriers. We would like to thank our community for their ongoing support in realizing this vision."

For more information, please contact Debra Redlick, Facility Manager, at admin@onowaymuseum.ca.

On this upcoming milestone of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Rick Hansen Foundation, with support from the Government of Canada, invited schools and community groups to learn more about accessibility, identify barriers, and apply for grants of up to \$30,000 to undertake and celebrate accessibility infrastructure improvements in public places and spaces.

For more information on Rick Hansen's Access4All program, please visit: www.rickhansen.com/access4all

Canada's 150th is an opportunity to celebrate the values of our great country with pride: values such as inclusion, diversity, compassion and access for everyone. As we celebrate these values, it's also important that we create lasting impact. Together, we can create an accessible Canada and leave a lasting legacy for our country's 150th.

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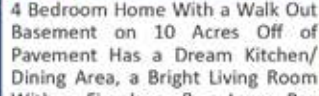
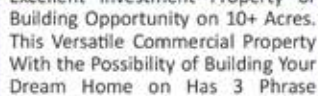
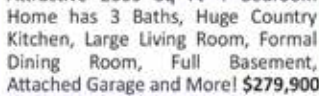
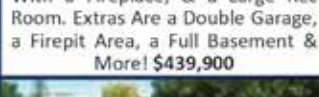



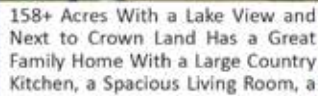
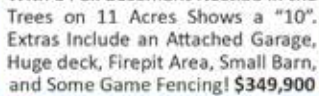

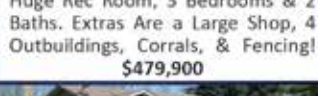

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	3	5			2	9	8	4
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	6	9					1	2
		3		6	4	7	5	9
		6						
					8			
	2			4		3	9	1

ANSWER:

7	4	2	8	9	3	1	6	5
9	8	1	4	5	6	2	3	7
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2	5	7	1	8	9	6	4	3
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