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LEDUC RCMP WARN AGAINST SCAMS INVOLVING BITCOIN

Submitted by Leduc RCMP
Leduc RCMP are warning local residents to be cautious of scams involving cryptocurrency, also known as bitcoin. Leduc

RCMP have received reports of scams involving bitcoin, where victims have lost large sums of money. Victims have received a call from a person claiming to be an RCMP officer.

They advise the victim that their S.I.N has been compromised and used to fund large scale fraudulent activity, and that they needed to access a Safe Wallet

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LEDUC RCMP SEEK ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MISSING PERSON



Submitted by Leduc RCMP
Leduc RCMP are seeking the public's assistance in locating 28-year-old Holden James. Police wish to locate Holden to verify his

well-being. Holden was last seen in Leduc on Feb.18, 2025.

Holden is described as:
•5'10" tall
•Approximately 190 lbs

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UPCOMING 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

Submitted by MP Gerald Soroka

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
As the next federal elec-

tion approaches, I want to take a moment to share some personal news with you. Following the Conservative nomination process this past summer, I was

not selected to represent the Yellowhead riding once again. As a result, I will not be running in the upcoming federal election for

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Leduc RCMP Warn Against Scams Involving Bitcoin

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at a Bitcoin Machine. Once the payment went through the officer would issue a new S.I.N card at the detachment. Suspects contact the victims by a phone number that appears to be legitimate and provide convincing information to enhance the scam including badge numbers and

file numbers. Victims have reported that the phone number that shows up from the scammer is the Leduc RCMP detachment.

Leduc RCMP advise residents to use caution any time they are asked for money. Tips to protect yourself include:

- The RCMP will never ask for payment by Bitcoin.
- Verify the callers phone

number- scammers will often create numbers that are very similar to legitimate ones, or even appearing to be the same. Legitimate businesses- including the RCMP- do not mind you calling back to verify.

•Never feel pressured to make a quick decision - take time to verify.

Leduc RCMP Seek Assistance In Locating Missing Person

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- Brown Hair
- Brown eyes

There is concern for Holden's well-being. If you have any information as to Holden's whereabouts please

contact the Leduc RCMP.

Upcoming 2025 Federal Election

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Yellowhead. While this means my time as your Member of Parliament will soon come to an end, I remain deeply grateful for the incredible privilege of serving you over the past five-plus years.

Since 2019, my goal has always been to ensure the voices of Yellowhead were heard loud and clear in Ottawa. Whether advocating for our farmers, protecting

the energy sector that powers our economy, pushing for a low-tax, high-growth economy, or standing up for rural communities, I have taken on this role knowing how vital it is to represent the values and concerns of the people who call this incredible region home.

Public service has been a defining part of my life for decades, first as a Councillor, then as Mayor, and most recently as you

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Member of Parliament. Every step of the way, I have been inspired by our resilience, kindness, and determination. Together, we have faced challenges and celebrated successes, and I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished. To each of you who shared your stories, voiced your concerns, or simply offered a kind word along the way – thank you. You have not only guided my work

but have reminded me why this community is so special. Representing you in Parliament and fighting for what matters most to our families, businesses, and future generations has the greatest honour of my life.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my partner, Susan, and my family for their unwavering support and sacrifices. They have stood by me, offered advice, attended events, and have been my greatest supporters. Their encour-

agement has meant the world to me, and I cannot thank them enough.

A special thank you as well to my office teams, both in the Riding and Ottawa, for their incredible dedication. Jeannette and Annette, who have been with me from the very beginning, and Bonnie and Aidan, who have continued to support me in my work – your efforts in assisting constituents, managing schedules, and ensuring effective communication have been invaluable.

I am truly grateful to have worked with such an outstanding team.

Although I will not be your MP after the next election, it has been an incredible experience for me. Representing the riding, has been an extraordinary honour and privilege. Along the way, I have built lasting friendships and formed meaningful relationships that I will always treasure.

With sincere gratitude.

DRAYTON VALLEY RCMP MAKE ARRESTS AFTER SEARCH WARRANT

Submitted by Drayton Valley RCMP

On Feb. 24, 2025, Drayton Valley RCMP responded to a report where there was concern of firearms, drugs and stolen property

within a residence in the area of 44 Street in Drayton Valley.

Drayton Valley RCMP achieved a search warrant for the location, and with the assistance of the Emergency Response Team (ERT), the search warrant was executed

in the morning of Feb. 28, 2025.

RCMP successfully arrested 2 suspects without incident, whom are currently being brought before a Justice of the Peace.

There are no suspects outstanding, and no known risk to the pub-

lic at this time.

Further details expected, once the hearings and an inventory of property seized is complete.

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THREE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED ROBBERY

Submitted by Wetaskiwin RCMP

Wetaskiwin RCMP have arrested three individuals in connection with an armed robbery that occurred On February 06, 2025.

RCMP were made aware of an Armed Robbery at a residence in Wetaskiwin. The victim said three suspects entered his home, pointed guns at his head and stole a television, bank cards, identification card, money and a cell phone. Three suspects then left on foot.

On February 07, 2025, the investigation lead Wetaskiwin RCMP General Investigations Section to a near by residence. With the assistance of the RCMP Emergency Response Team, a Search Warrant was execut-

ed where two individuals were located and arrested.

Kristen Rain (39) of Maskwacis was arrested and charged with the following:

- Robbery with a firearm
- Pointing a Firearm
- Assault with a weapons x2
- Uttering Threats.

Shane Potts (35) of Maskwacis was arrested and charged with the following:

- Robbery with a firearm
- Pointing a firearm
- Assault with a weapon x2
- Uttering Threats.

On February 12, 2025, further investigation lead to a second Search Warrant being executed. With the assistance of the RCMP Emergency Response Team, the Wetaskiwin RCMP's General Investigations Section and Crime Reduction Unit

located the third suspect that was taken into custody without incident. As a result of the search, RCMP located two imitation firearms that were used in the robbery.

Derek Feller (35) of Wetaskiwin, was arrested and charged with the following:

- Robbery with firearm
- Assault with a weapon x2
- Uttering Threats

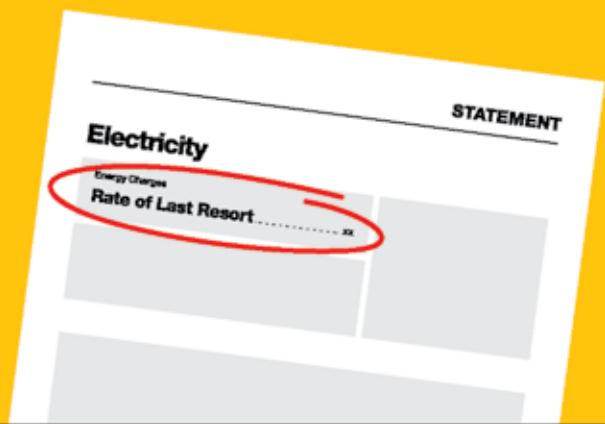
All accused are being held in custody, and scheduled to appear in Wetaskiwin Provincial Court on February 20, 2025.



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°Some of the key entanglement prevention measures to implement when working with or near machinery are:

- Before operating any machine or equipment, ensure that all guards are in place and in good condition.
- Wear tight fitting clothing, such as overalls. Avoid wearing any items that could become entangled, such as long coats or scarves.
- Never step over a PTO shaft or conveyer belt while it is still running.

°Ensure that anyone working with augers, PTOs, and other extremely hazardous machinery receives appropriate safety instruction and adequate supervision.

°Keep young children out of the farm or ranch work site, especially areas where there is moving machinery.



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- Hire right - hire the right person and pay them fairly rather than hire an unqualified person for less money then pay for their liability and errors.
- Get a check-up - make sure every worker is checked up on at least every two hours
- Know the code - the Code of Practices for Farm Safety (PEI) has set the industry standard for agriculture
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- Provide a safe, fenced play area for all children and supervise closely. The working area of the farm is not a playground any more than a construction site or other industrial area would be a play area. Review the safety rules on your farm with your family often. Fence off all manure, retaining ponds and dugouts, and lock buildings containing hazardous goods.

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MASKWACIS RCMP INVESTIGATE A KIDNAPPING WITH A FIREARM

Submitted by Maskwacis RCMP

In the evening of Monday Feb. 24, 2025, Maskwacis RCMP responded to a call to assist Emergency Medical services in Samson Cree Nation with a male sustaining a gunshot wound. Officers arrived on scene and obtained information that the victim had been kidnapped and tied to a chair in the basement of a residence in Samson Cree Nation. The victim was beaten and received a gunshot wound. The Maskwacis RCMP with the assistance of the RCMP police helicopter and police dog services

arrested 3 suspects. 3 search warrants were executed in the area. The suspected firearm used in the offence was recovered.

Clarence Northwest (36), a resident of Samson Cree Nation, has been charged with the following offences:

- Kidnapping with a firearm;
- Discharge firearm with intent;
- Aggravated assault;
- Adult intimidation;
- Pursuit involved Flight from Peace Officer & 13 Additional charges.

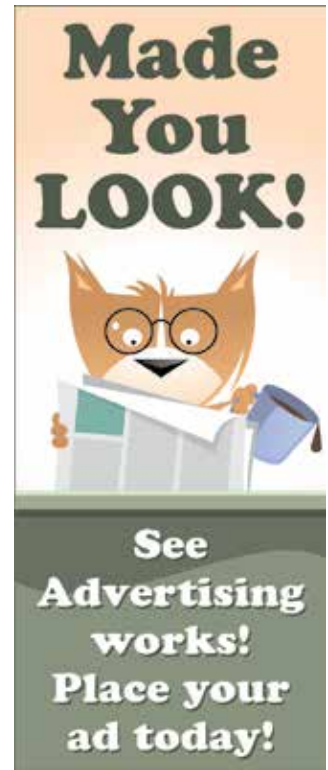
Silas Soosay (25) and Chevez Louis (18), both residents of Samson Cree Nation, have been

charged with the following offences:

- Kidnapping with a firearm;
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm & 4 additional charges.

Northwest, Soosay and Louis were taken before a Justice of the Peace and were remanded into custody. They are scheduled to appear at the Alberta Court of Justice on Feb. 27 and Mar. 4 2025, in Wetaskiwin Alberta.

Police are actively investigating the firearm that was seized.



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Be SAFE – Plan Ahead Assess Risk

Risk concerns the expected value of results of a situation or event. The value of those results may be positive or negative. In the farming industry, the measure of risk can be rated as high, medium or low. Once the risk has been assessed, through your regular safety checks, employers can determine whether to take immediate action of a hazard or identify those that can be monitored and fixed at a later time. Regular assessment can help with budgeting time and resources for immediate or future repairs.

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ALBERTA'S NEW HERITAGE FUND

Submitted by Government of Alberta

Alberta's government is taking action to grow the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to at least \$250 billion by 2050.

In 1976, former premier Peter Lougheed had the foresight to create what is today commonly called the Alberta Heritage Fund. The initial purpose of this fund was to invest a portion of Alberta's non-renewable resource royalties each year so the investment interest earned in the fund would reduce the province's reliance on resource

revenues.

For decades, contributions to the Heritage Fund were limited and investment earnings were spent instead of being reinvested. Now, Alberta is adopting a bold, new plan to grow the Heritage Fund and achieve long-term growth and financial stability for the province. When the fund reaches its goal of \$250 billion, the province can use a portion of the annual interest accrued to offset any decreases in resource royalties, invest in key provincial infrastructure and grow and protect the Alberta tax advantage.

The roadmap details how the "Alberta Model" will use three components to grow the fund to \$250 billion and eventually fund public services and vital infrastructure:

- Strategic investments: There is a strong focus on opportunities that maximize growth while supporting areas that matter to Albertans, such as technology, energy and infrastructure.
- Global partnerships: The model benefits from working closely with like-minded organizations and investors around the world, to access

premier opportunities and bring new ideas and expertise back to the province.

• Strong governance: The model is structured to ensure transparent and responsible investment management, so that every decision is made with the long-term interests of Albertans in mind.

"Albertans deserve a Heritage Fund they can rely on – one that is focused on creating long-term growth and financial stability. We owe it to future generations of Albertans. The new Heritage Fund will lessen our dependence on natural resource revenues, diversify our economy, and create both wealth and prosperity for generations to come."

Danielle Smith, Premier

This plan builds on the vision of former premier Peter Lougheed and builds on the recent investments into the fund. As of September 2024, the Heritage Fund is worth \$24.3 billion. With a \$2-billion commitment from Budget 2024, the fund is projected to increase to more than \$26 billion by the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year. If all of the Heritage Fund's investment income had been reinvested since inception instead of being transferred to the general revenue fund, the Heritage Fund would be upwards of \$250 billion today, generating about \$20 billion annually.

Now is the time to take decisive action. By saving and reinvesting today, Alberta will reduce its reliance on unpredictable non-renewable resource revenue. A renewed Heritage Fund that earns money year over year will secure a resilient and prosperous Alberta for generations to come.

"Our plan to grow the Heritage Fund is about securing Alberta's financial independence and providing stability for our children and grandchildren and build a lasting legacy for all Albertans."

Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance

Strong governance is needed to provide direction, deliver high returns for Albertans, and ensure future growth amid changing economic conditions.

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Alberta's New Heritage Fund

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To help achieve this and carry out the overall Heritage Fund plan, Alberta's government has created the Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation to govern and grow all Heritage Fund assets. The new corporation will strengthen partnerships with global sovereign wealth

funds, thereby unlocking access to new opportunities. The new corporation will be assisted in its work by a world-class board of directors that will strengthen the governance of Heritage Fund assets and support investment decisions independent from government.

The Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation will be

chaired by Joe Lougheed.

"The Heritage Fund assets belong to Albertans – and future Albertans. The HFOC will have a world-class, independent board of directors providing oversight and guidance in an accountable and transparent fashion. Working closely with the Alberta Investment Management Corporation, the ob-

jective will be to deliver long-term growth of the assets of the Heritage Fund for future generations. It is an honour to serve in this governance role."

Joe Lougheed, Chair, Heritage Fund Opportunities Corporation

ALBERTA RCMP REMINDS MOTORISTS OF THE DANGERS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

Submitted by Alberta RCMP

Your Alberta RCMP reminds motorists of the importance of distraction-free driving. Operating a vehicle on Alberta's roads and highways requires a motorist's complete attention in order to be aware of other road users and reduce the risk of collision. During winter months, when road conditions can be challenging, this is especially important.

In 2024, the Alberta RCMP charged a total of 3,942 motorists with distracted driving. Remembering the

following points can ensure your commute is free of distractions:

•If it impairs your driving – it's a distraction. Distracted driving is not limited to texting or talking on a handheld device while operating a vehicle – it also includes personal grooming, reading, writing, adjusting GPS or audio devices, attending to passengers or pets, and any other activity that might impair your ability to operate a vehicle safely.

•Plan ahead. Before putting your vehicle in drive, prepare by pre-setting your hands-free device, GPS, ra-

dio or music.

•Pull over and put it in park. If you need to text, make a call, or engage in any distracting activity, pull over where it is safe and park your vehicle. Simply stopping at a red light is not safe and is still considered distracted driving.

•Distracted driving isn't worth it. The penalty for distracted driving in Alberta is a \$300 fine and three demerit points. The bigger price you pay is risking your own safety and the safety of others.

"It may seem harmless to check a text or switch a

song while driving, but that second where your attention is diverted could have devastating consequences," says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "Distractions behind the wheel are never worth putting yourself, or other motorists, at risk."

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SUDOKU of the week

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

ANSWER:
Last Weeks

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

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7			2	9	8			
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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FARMERS MARKETS

DRAYTON VALLEY: Farmers' Market, Wednesdays starting May -October4 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at 5015 Industrial Rd. dvagsocietyinfo@gmail.com for information. We have facebook, instagram and a website.

EVANSBURG FARMERS MARKET: Every Saturday 10am - 2pm located right beside Evansburg Tipple Museum 780-505-0905

May-Sept

Leduc Public Market: Every Thursday 10-2 @ City Center Mall. 5201 50 st. Leduc

Devon Handmade Arts & Crafts Sale, 2nd Sunday each month, Community Centre 12-4pm. New Vendors Welcome. More info: 780-652-3304

Mulhurst Bay Farmer's Market. Saturday 11-3 @ Community Hall.

BINGO

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

JAMBOREE

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

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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. 3rd Wed of Each Month, Sept - June. For reservations call Audrey 780-963-1782.

CALMAR SENIORS: Meetings - every 2nd Wed of every month. 1:00PM. (587) 988-3636.

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: 1st Fri, 7PM, Buck Creek. (780) 514-3781

"KIDS OWN WORSHIP" an hour after-school, 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Songs, Crafts, Snacks and FUN! No charge. Call All Saints' Anglican Church.

(780)542-5048

MUSICAL JAM SESSIONS: 4th 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 4th 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: 3rd

Wed, 7PM, Community Centre. Call (780) 388-3318 for more info.

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

BRETON & DISTRICT AG SOCIETY Regular Meeting 2nd Thurs. at 7:30PM at Hall.

CITIZENS ON PATROL: 2nd 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

DEVON: Paint night, 4th Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm. Info at artsdevon.org or phone 780-652-3304.

DRAYTON VALLEY BRANCH OF ALBERTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: meets 7PM at Drayton Valley Municipal Library every 3rd 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 1st Tuesday of the month, Sept-June from 6-8PM at Norquest College, dates TBA. Info, Terra Leslie at 1-403-346-0290.





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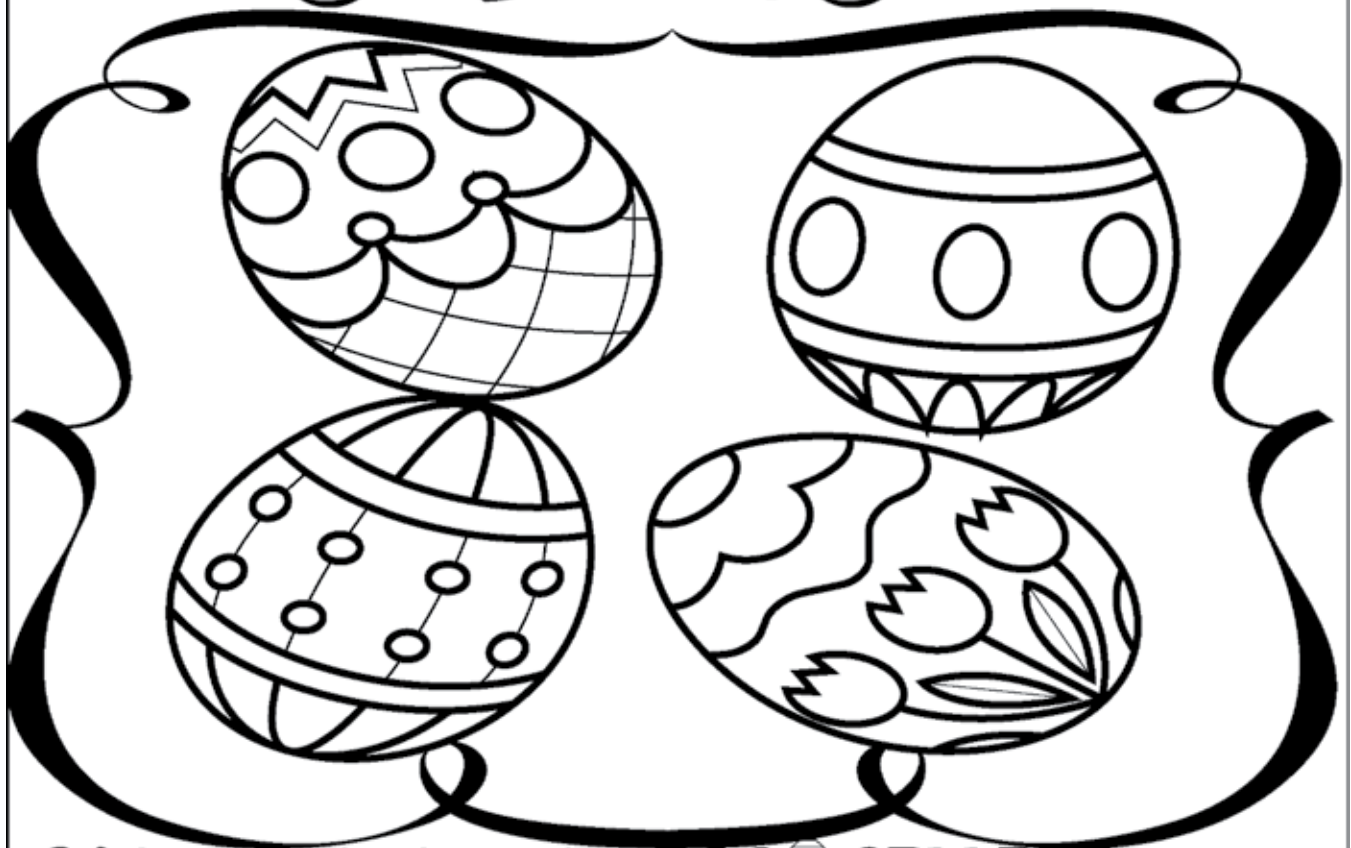
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