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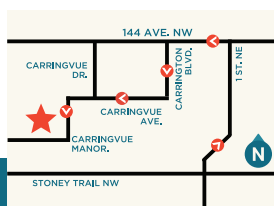
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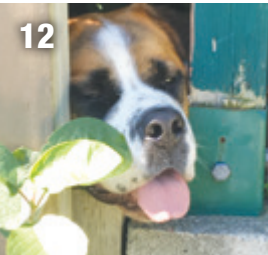
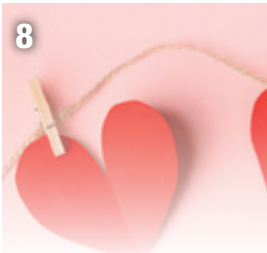
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February 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Vivo for Healthier Generations (11950 Country Village Link NE)

February 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Genesis Centre (7555 Falconridge Blvd NE)

February 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Beddington Theatre Arts Centre (375 Bermuda Dr NW)

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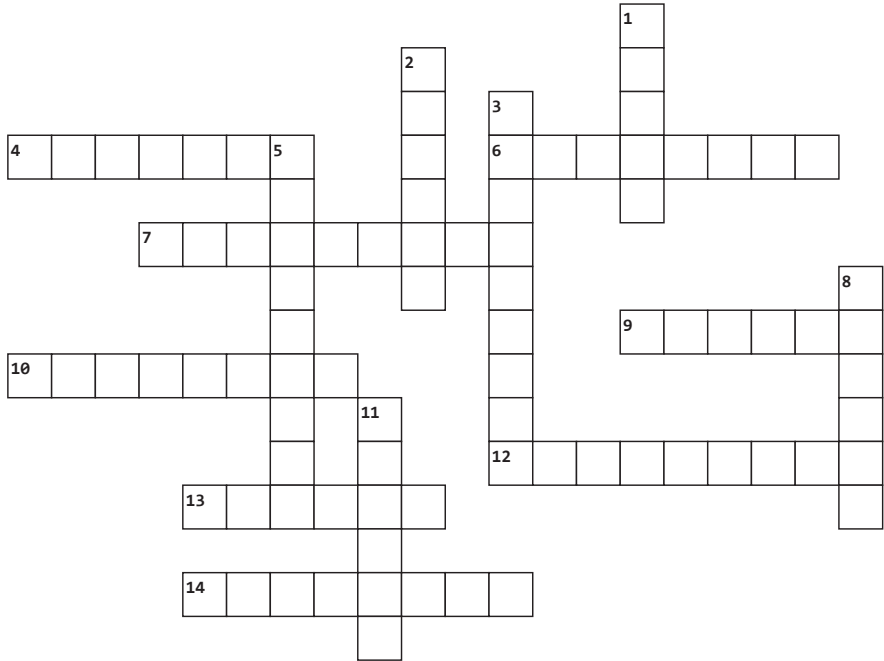
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The University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board has approved these research studies (REB20-0983, REB20-2133, REB21-0535)

February Crossword



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Across

4. This historical fiction novel was released on February 10, 2009, and made into a major motion picture starring Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, and Emma Stone.
6. A ring made with this birthstone had a carved image of Cupid and is said to be worn by St. Valentine.
7. This American painter, well-known for his artwork "American Gothic" was born on February 13, 1891.
9. On February 15, 1965, this country officially received its flag, 100 years after becoming a country.
10. Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won gold in this category in February 2010 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.
12. This well-known annual league championship takes place every year on the second Sunday in February. It will be played on February 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas this year.
13. The official flower that represents birthdays in February.
14. The popular heart-shaped candies with cute messages were originally used as _____.

Down

1. This dwarf planet was discovered on February 18, 1930, and was named by 11-year-old, Venetia Burney.
2. February 10, 2024, marks the beginning of the Year of the _____.
3. This festival, which takes place on the same day as Shrove Tuesday, celebrates the end of the pre-Lenten season with colourful masks and parades.
5. Released in February 1940, this Disney motion picture featuring the beloved character Figaro, was the first animated feature to win a competitive Academy Award.
8. In 1990, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Helen Hunley, introduced this day to celebrate and honour loved ones.
11. Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, better known as The _____, was born on February 16, 1990, in Scarborough.

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Word of the Month

Besotted: adjective (be-sot-ted)

To be blindly or completely infatuated.

After 50 years of marriage, he is still as besotted with his wife as the first day he met her.



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This month, we're sharing tips for keeping on top of Calgary's cold weather, and how to stay safe while enjoying the winter.

Keep On Top of Calgary's Road and Pathways

Keep our community safe this winter! Winter is in full force, which means a potential for snowfall in the city. Remember to shovel your walkways and use sand or ice when needed. If you notice uncleared roads or sidewalks, report them to the City's 3-1-1 phone line or app. The Snow and Ice Road Conditions map shows the process of snow clearing operations, locations of snowplows, priority routes, and visuals of road conditions from traffic camera images. This map is located at maps.calgary.ca/RoadConditions/.

Stay Safe, Stay Off Storm Ponds

With more people heading outside for winter activities, we want to remind kids and their families to be safe while enjoying outdoor skating.

While your community storm pond may look inviting, recreational activities are not allowed on them. These ponds are part of your community's stormwater infrastructure and are there to reduce community flooding and clean stormwater before it returns to our rivers. Ice on these ponds is less predictable than ice on regular ponds and can be unstable even when it looks solid.

Here's why:

- Water levels in storm ponds can change rapidly as water moves between inlet and outlet pipes creating unpredictable ice conditions.
- Although the ice may appear thick in some areas, other areas may have little to no ice and often snow can cover visible hazards.

Instead, find a safe City or community outdoor skating rink near you at calgary.ca/rinks.

As always, feel free to reach out to us at any time at ward2@calgary.ca, or visit our Ward 2 blog at calgary.ca/ward2. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Greetings from the Calgary-Foothills Constituency Office,

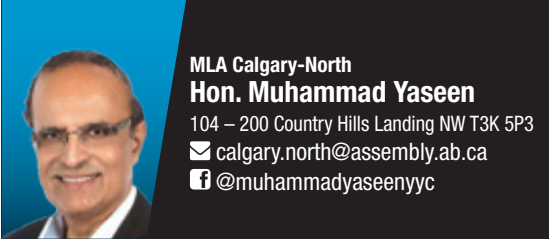
It was great to meet many of you and enjoy a beautiful winter afternoon with friends and family at the Evanston Skate Shack Event. Spending time together on days like this is how we build community and get to know our neighbours. We look forward to many more community events in the future.

We had a great turnout at our Your Pension is Yours, Pension Town Hall hosted together with Julia Hayter, MLA for Calgary Edgemont on January 23 at the Dalhousie Community Hall. The Canada Pension Plan is recognized globally as one of the best managed pension funds. The governance model of the CPP means the investment decisions are independent of government. We know that larger funds provide greater stability to all the beneficiaries of the fund. Leaving the CPP puts this at risk.

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A reminder that you can keep up with my work by following me on social media: @CourtEllingson. Don't hesitate to contact Calgary.foothills@assembly.ab.ca to volunteer or learn how your MLA can support you!





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Recognizing primary health care as foundational, Alberta's government commits new, incremental funding of \$200 million over two years to enhance access to family physicians, aiming for widespread availability. A ten-year, \$24 billion health care agreement with the federal government in 2023 outlines the initial three years of funding. While beneficial, this funding falls short of requirements, prompting ongoing advocacy for increased federal health transfers aligning with the provinces and territories initial requests.

Alberta's government is taking decisive steps in addressing hate by expanding the Alberta Security Infrastructure Program (ASIP) grant to support Islamic and Jewish faith-based schools for up to 12 months with temporary access to funding for security enhancements. This expansion includes an increase of up to \$20,000 in grant funding to support targeted schools that identify short-term need for physical security on campus. Alberta Sheriffs will collaborate with law enforcement to bolster security presence at religious and cultural institutions where and when needed.

Thank you to my constituents for their support as I carry out my duties as your MLA.

Wishing you all a happy Family Day.



Canadians are struggling with the high cost of food, energy and especially housing. 49% of Canadians spend at least half of their income on housing. Rents and mortgage payments are quickly rising and housing construction is slowing despite overwhelming demand. Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre tabled the Building Homes, Not Bureaucracy Act, to address the housing shortage that is driving up prices and rents which incentivizes municipalities to remove red tape that prevents new construction by connecting federal infrastructure funding to increasing the housing supply.

High food prices drove a record number of Canadians to food banks last year. Canada's Food Price Report released last year predicted that the amount of money spent by the average family on food will increase by \$700 this year. The House of Commons passed a Conservative Private Members' Bill (C-234), to take the Carbon Tax off farmers in order to bring down the cost of food, but the Senate failed to pass the bill.

The federal government acknowledged that the Carbon Tax makes home heating less affordable when it granted an exemption for home heating oil used mostly by Atlantic Canadians. My colleagues and I demanded that the Government provide Carbon Tax relief to families struggling with heating bills, farmers who grow our food, and for First Nations who are now suing the government for encroaching on their Constitutional rights. After refusing to grant this tax relief, Conservatives voted non-confidence by voting against the government's spending (135 votes) for 30 hours straight shortly before the Christmas break.

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