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Guides Update for March

Happy spring! It is a season of seeding and that is what we do in every meeting with the guides. We place the seeds of hope in what we share, nature, culture, science, social, and so on. Promoting diversity and inclusion is a focus of our guiding practice. We come with what we have known and continue to grow together for a better world. If you and your girls are interested in joining us, please feel free to reach out to any-calgarywichewakn@ girlguides.ca. In order to provide space for girls, we need guiders. If you know of any ladies who are interested in joining an enriching community, please contact us.

GGC News: Our Brownies branch has been renamed Embers, meant to be more inclusive.







WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RCA

RCA Room/Space Rentals: If you are looking for a place to host a birthday party, family gathering, or corporate event, why not check out the RCA! We have space for daytime bookings. You can now check hall availability and start a booking online. Check our website for more info at www.ranchlandscommunity.com/rentals.

For any questions about rentals not answered on our website, please contact the office at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

Community Coffee: Drop-in program taking place Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the West Hall. Come and meet your neighbours and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly, inclusive environment. Open to all.

Soccer Registration: The RCA, in partnership with Calgary Northside Soccer, is excited to announce that registration for the 2023 Outdoor Grassroots Soccer League is now open. The spring program runs in Ranchlands the week of April 24 to the end of June.

New Horizons Seniors Program: Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the West Hall. For more information, contact the office.

Little Ranchlanders Playgroup: Now happening on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the West Hall. Free for RCA Members! Parent supervised, please bring a nut free snack. Contact the office for more information.

Monthly Board Game Night! Happening on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the West Hall. Open to all ages! Feel free to bring along any games you might want to share or let others try out for the night.

Donations Needed for Ranchlands Food Pantry: We are always in need of donations to help fill hampers for Ranchlanders in need of some help. Food donations can be dropped off in the wooden RFP box in the front lobby, and we also accept cash and gift card donations at the office, Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Large donations are eligible for a tax receipt, so if you want to claim one, please include your name, address, and the purchase receipt when you drop off donations.

If you need food support, please reach out to the office to arrange a pick-up time. The only requirement to access this program is that you live in the Ranchlands community.

YYC Growers and Distributors: Wednesday pre-order pickup from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the main lobby of the RCA building or outdoors, weather permitting.

Living Springs Church: Here at the RCA, Sundays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Contact Glen Switzer for more details at 403-701-7668.

If you don't have an RCA membership, please consider purchasing one and attending the event. Memberships will be available at the door and more info will be posted to our website and Facebook as we get closer.

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Volunteers Needed

Rink Volunteers: We are still in need of a few extra volunteers to join our Rink Rats team! These amazing people are the ones helping with flooding, grooming, and maintaining the ice surfaces. If you are interested in joining our Rink Rats team, please contact the office and we will connect you with our Rink Coordinator.

Committee Volunteers: Are you interested in making a difference in the community, but maybe don't have enough time to devote to joining our board? A committee could be a great fit for you! Committee's work under the umbrella of the RCA to plan large events or complete specific goals. Without committees, things like a Stampede Pancake Breakfast or the Ranchero Park Redevelopment just can't happen, as these require too much time and energy for our board to take on in addition to their regular duties. If you are interested in forming or joining a committee, please email the Hall.



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Help Us Find a Cover Photo!

Are you a budding photographer? Do you curate an exciting Instagram feed? Do you have some beautiful shots in your archives? We'd love to see them!

The Ranchlands Community Association is looking for monthly contributions to grace the cover of the Roundup. **These images need to be 1MB and 300 DPI.** Photos can be taken in or of the community, be based on the seasons or holidays, or just a genuinely great photo!

For more information, or to submit your photographs, please contact the Community Association at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com. Entries must be submitted by the fifth of the previous month to be featured in the newsletter. E.g.: March 5 to be featured in the April newsletter.







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that March 3 is World Wildlife Day?

With spring fast approaching, we will be seeing more of our resident animals in and around the community now. Ranchlands is incredibly lucky to have an amazing array of animals sharing our community, including bobcats, coyotes, skunks, porcupines, rabbits, and a vast array of birds, including a covey hungarian partridge.

It's important to remember that these animals are a natural part of our local ecosystem and should be left alone. Putting out food is never recommended as you may end up feeding or attracting an animal besides the ones you intend and can habitualize these animals to expecting easy handouts. This can be unintentionally harmful to these animals in the long run as they will always choose the easy food and can end up going hungry if the food source stops, as well as causing them to become less leery of humans and potentially approaching people.

It's particularly important to leave baby animals alone. Rabbits will leave young bunnies alone for long periods of time so a young rabbit who is alone is not necessarily abandoned. Should you find a wild animal injured or in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-214-1312 for advice or information from a trained professional. Approaching an animal on your own could end up with you being injured by a scared animal or potentially cause more harm to the animal if it panics and tries to escape.

While predatory animals such as bobcats and coyotes might seem frightening, they are an important part of the ecosystem and help to keep the population of rabbits, squirrels, and other small animals from exceeding what their food source can adequately support. It's incredibly important to ensure you aren't leaving things like dog food outside where coyotes can access it, as well as making sure you pick up dog waste to prevent it from spreading diseases.

With animals such as skunks and porcupines, it's important to know they are not aggressive but will react if provoked. Dogs unfortunately end up on the receiving end of this due to their curiosity, so ensure you keep them away from wild animals. Should your dog end up being injured by porcupine quills, do not pull them out yourself as they are brittle and the tips can break off and stay embedded in the skin, leading to infection. Take them to a veterinarian so they can be properly removed.

Ranchlands is very lucky to have such amazing green spaces in our neighborhood, but that does mean we have to share the space with all its residents, including the wild ones.

Anita Raffaele

President

GAMES & PUZZLES

St. Patrick's Day Trivia

by Shelly Smith

Test your knowledge of St. Patrick's Day. Have fun!



- 1. What country is St. Patrick the patron saint of?
- a. Canada
- b. Ireland
- c. Scotland
- 2. According to Irish lore, what did St. Patrick drive out of Ireland?



- a. Snakes
- b Rats
- c. Witches
- 3. What colour is worn on St. Patrick's Day?
- a. Blue
- b. Red
- c. Green
- 4. What date in March is St. Patrick's Day?
- a. March 1
- b. March 16
- c. March 17
- 5. How many pints of Guinness are consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day every year?
- a. 13,000,000
- b. 1,300,000
- c. 1,000,000
- 6. What is St. Patrick's nickname?
- a. St. Paddy
- b. St. Pattv
- c. St. Irish
- 7. When and where was the first St. Patrick's Day parade held in Canada?
- a. Quebec City in 1765
- b. Ottawa in 1870
- c. Halifax in 1790

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Nice Warm Socks

by Joni Righthand

To get in touch with Joni, please email punctassoc@hotmail.com









St. Rita School Update

February was a busy month for the St. Rita School community. The beautiful weather allowed for more opportunity to get outside for nature-based learning and activities, which continues to be a school focus this year. We started the month with a visit from Skate Shack, which allowed all our classes to skate daily on the outdoor community rink! As a Catholic Community of Caring, our focus in February was on love and kindness, with particular emphasis on how we show those characteristics to others. February, also brought about a student Faith Day, Shrove Tuesday pancakes, and an Ash Wednesday liturgy. Now that we have begun our Lenten journey, our focus has shifted to reflecting on the sacrifices that Jesus has made for us. As we head into March. we will continue to prepare for Easter through acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are looking forward to all March has to bring, including the beginning of spring!



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Working Together to Make Calgary Transit Safer

Improving safety on our transit network has been a top priority for my office over the past several months. While safety measures have been implemented by Calgary Transit, we are aware that many issues still persist. I will be participating in a ride-along with Transit peace officers to gain firsthand perspective on how we can address these issues. My office and I will also be touring the Operations Centre to fully understand the current scope of surveillance levels and response times.

My office and I have held several meetings with the leaders in Calgary Transit, Calgary Police, City Administration, and community partnerships to express concerns we've heard from residents regarding transit safety and cleanliness on the network.

Since our meetings, we have been notified that further safety measures will be added:

- Increased transit patrols;
- · Enhanced surveillance:
- Establish downtown location for two teams along the LRT lines; and
- Hiring of 808 Calgary Transit employees, including additional sergeant positions, corporate security, and transit peace officers (to partner with the DOAP team) to support the unhoused population.

All levels of government must work together to help make transit safer for everyone. The ATU union, representing 35,000 transit workers in Canada, are calling for a national task force involving all levels of government to come up with constructive methods on how we can mitigate the risks. We must provide the best possible protections and look at all fundamentals needed to increase safety for riders and staff while ensuring the appropriate resources are deployed to those most vulnerable.

Transit Watch Text Line

If you see something, say something. The Transit Watch text messaging tool is available 24/7, and passengers can discreetly text 74100 to communicate with Calgary Transit staff and dispatch officers in real-time.

Other ways to report a concern:

- To the bus or CTrain operator, uniformed peace officer, or law enforcement authorities;
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At \$1,278, Alberta workers are making more per week than workers in any other province (a 12 percent increase from 2019), and we expect average weekly earnings to continue to grow.

This kind of tremendous job growth doesn't happen by accident. Our government has spurred this growth by implementing policies that support Alberta jobcreators and entrepreneurs, in doing what they do best – creating jobs and growing the economy.

By cutting taxes, balancing the budget, reducing red tape, making life more affordable, and supporting pro-growth policies, we have renewed the Alberta Advantage and re-established Alberta as a top destination for businesses and families to invest.

According to numbers recently released by Statistics Canada, interprovincial migration to Alberta has surged, with our province's population increasing by 135,190 since the fourth quarter of 2021. This influx of people is needed to meet growing labour demands in a diverse field of industries. Companies like Garmin Canada, Sidetrade, De Havilland, HBO, Amazon Web Services, Walmart, and Air Products are investing in Alberta.

There are other reasons people are coming to Alberta besides our high-paying jobs. We have low taxes, no sales tax, and the cleanest land, air, and water in the world. We also have a booming venture capital sector, a burgeoning film and television industry, world-class universities, affordable housing compared to other provinces, and accessible, affordable, and high-quality childcare.

Alberta is back and people are going back to work in a wide variety of fields, industries, and sectors. Now, we want to build on our success to ensure Alberta is strong and resilient for generations to come.

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We're starting to see some signs of spring with longer and warmer days, which means our 186th Ranchlands Scout troop is gearing up for the return of outdoor adventures, including some longer hikes and overnight camps.

We want to start by thanking the staff at the Crowfoot Co-op for hosting us on Sunday, February 5, where we completed our Scout Popcorn fundraiser, completely selling out of our stock! It was a busy afternoon for our Cubs and Beavers who worked the table and showed off their excellent sales skills.

We want to highlight for our Ranchlands residents that our next fundraising Bottle Drive will be Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 am to noon, rain-snow-or-shine. Keep your eye out for signs around the neighbourhood as a reminder. If you would like to leave your bottles out for us on your front step, please attach a sign or sticky note that says "For Scouts" so that we know we are free to take them. We are also launching a raffle to win two WestJet tickets!

Our Beavers and Cubs enjoyed some great adventures through the winter. There were night winter hikes in Bowness, and skating and swimming. There were also lots of crafts and building emergency and first aid skills. We celebrated World Scout Day (February 22) with a family event at the Community Centre. As we move towards the spring and summer, we'll be looking to build outdoor adventure skills. The fundraising you support helps our youth participate in some of their favourite adventures: indoor climbing, and our spring kayaking and canoeing day.

We are looking ahead to planning for next year and have some longtime volunteers who are moving on. We are looking for some new Scouters and Group Committee members to keep the program running. We'd also like to bring back our Scouts Section, to give our Cubs an opportunity to move up and continue with the program. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out at 186thRanchlandsScouts@gmail.com.

Yours in Scouting,

Tara Barnett

186th Ranchlands Scouts

Chocolate Chip Muffins

Shared by Anita Raffaele

If you have an original recipe you would like to share with your neighbours through a future newsletter, please email it to the hall at ranchlandscommunity@outlook.com.

Ingredients:

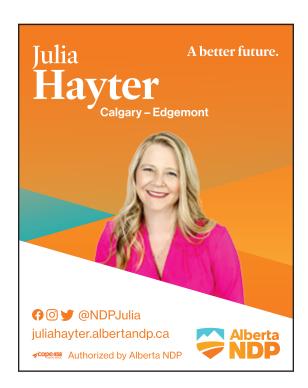
- 2 1/2 cups of flour
- 1 tbsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup butter or hard margarine (melted and cooled)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk (can substitute in any milk)
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees and prepare cupcake pan by lining with paper liners or greasing the tin.
- In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and chocolate chips.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together melted butter, sugar, eggs, milk, and vanilla.
- Slowly add mixture into dry ingredients, gently folding until just combined.
- Divide mixture into muffin tins, filling each one with enough batter to barely fill it.
- Bake at 425 for 5 minutes, then reduce temperature to 375 and bake an additional 12 to 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Avoid overbaking as this will make them dry.
- Let cool for 5 to 10 minutes and enjoy warm.

Recipe will make 12 to 18 muffins, depending on size of cupcake pan.







YYC GROWERS and the RCA

Same day, new time! Wednesday Afternoons, YYCG will host a pre-order pickup from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Subscription pick-ups happen at the same time. If the weather is nice, you may find them outside the building, but otherwise, they will be just inside the main doors in the lobby of the RCA.





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