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A Minute Lost in Silence

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz, Poet of the Blackmud Creek

A minute lost in silence
 Loud the roar of wartime years
 Sacred poppies of November
 In remembrance of their tears
 In our minute lost in silence
 We must listen close together
 Lest we all forget to hear it
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Joke of the Month

Dogs can't operate MRI machines.
 But catscan.



Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association Meetings

are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Berkshire Citadel-Sandarac Drive NW. Everyone is welcome to attend.



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

For two weeks in fall 2024 about 800 goats grazed a 58-hectare area of the Rubbing Stone Hill Natural Parkland Zone in Nose Hill Park. The number of goats has increased from past years because it allows the same amount to be done in half the time. Like elk and bison, the herd of livestock reduces overgrown vegetation, shrubs, and trees in grasslands. Parking was limited when the Nose Hill 64 Avenue NW parking lot partially closed to accommodate moving the goats in and out of the park. Program Ambassadors were on site at Nose Hill Rubbing Stone Hill north of the parking lot. As a precaution, parts of the park and pathways were temporarily fenced off to public access during this grazing period. Park users were asked to follow all posted signage and closures. They were not to approach the goats and were directed to avoid electric fences used to contain the animals. Cyclists should have slowed down near grazing areas. Visitor dogs had to be kept on leash for their safety because off-leash herding dogs were working in the park.

In 2016 City Council approved an amendment to the Parks and Pathways bylaw to permit targeted grazing and help recover rough fescue habitat. Depending on terrain, there have also been goats in Confluence Park, McHugh Bluff, and Ralph Klein Park, while sheep were used in an area of the Weaselhead. Goats are preferred for woody material and undergrowth, but sheep are considered better for pasture-like areas. Other methods of vegetation control combine mechanical (hand pulling) and chemical spraying. The use of grazing comes with value added for biodiversity which helps native seeds to germinate and grow. The City gains both citizen interest and engagement to promote public education.

Peanut Butter Lovers Month



Did you know November is Peanut Butter Lovers Month? Although, many believe George Washington Carver is the person to thank for this tasty, nutty treat. It was actually Canadian chemist Marcellus Gilmore Edson who patented peanut paste in 1884, by milling roasted peanuts between heated surfaces. Now you know who to thank for your favourite spread!

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Tips and Gifts for a Less Stressful Holiday Season

by Nancy Bergeron, R.Psych | info@nancybergeron.ca



1. Plan Ahead: You know how it goes with procrastination – Christmas Eve spent scrambling through stores and madly wrapping gifts. Plan your shopping list a month ahead and schedule time to shop early. Prepare any meals or holiday treats a few weeks before the holidays.

2. Make Time to Relax: Take time for activities you enjoy and find relaxing. For example, enjoy reading in front of a fire, or go skating with a friend or the family. Don't compromise a relaxing winter evening for another night in the shopping mall. Stay home with the family having a hot chocolate creation day, holiday movies and popcorn night, or family and friend potluck.

3. Put Expectations in Check: If you're hoping for perfection (from yourself or your holiday experience), you might be setting yourself up for disappointment. Be realistic in your holiday preparations and the holiday experience itself.

4. Look For Help: Try not to take it all on yourself. Connect with your spouse, family, and friends and share the responsibilities for holiday shopping, preparing, and cooking. Perhaps a cookie exchange or a potluck style traditional dinner where you are only responsible for the turkey and the guests all bring another part of the feast.

5. Set Limits: Commit yourself to a budget to alleviate post-holiday financial stress. Stick to a certain number of gifts purchased and/or money to be spent. Say “no”

to extra holiday work and be honest with yourself about the amount of energy and time you can devote to holiday events and guests. If your social calendar is over-booked, say “no” to an extra pre-Christmas party.

6. Eat, Drink... But Be Healthy: Holidays are usually full of all your favourite things – including sweets, treats, and cocktails. Practice moderation while enjoying parties and holiday meals. This is the time of year, we need to get sufficient rest, healthy foods, and hydration to ward off colds and flus.

7. Let Things Go: If family and relative interactions this time of year tend to turn into blow-ups and unmet expectations, the holidays are not the time to resolve old issues. We've had eleven months to confront these challenges with others in a more controlled, respectful, and healthy way. Write your grievances down to address in the early new year to allow time to work through or resolve some of these ongoing issues.

8. Don't Forget the Fun! Remember the reason for all your holiday planning... a season for celebration and time spent enjoying your family and friends. Take the time to remember what this holiday season means to you and enjoy it! This is where mindfulness comes in... be present and take in all the wonder of the season with all of your senses.

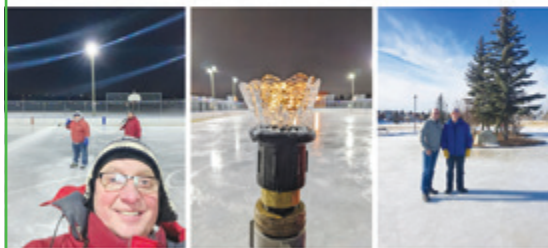
Gift Ideas to Calm the Nervous System:

- Weighted Blankets – Great for easing anxiety, sensory challenges, providing a feeling of safety, and self-soothing.
- Journal Books – With guided prompts or blank – getting your thoughts out of your head and onto paper is a good way to dump over thinking and anxiety.
- Aroma Therapy Diffusers – There are many scents to choose from based on the effect you are looking for such as energize, relax, etc.
- Colouring Books and Pencil Crayons – To reconnect with your inner child, take the focus off your anxiety, or just a quiet activity to destress.
- Puzzles – I'm referring to good, old-fashioned, lay it on the dining room table puzzles. Great to do alone or with others.
- Sound Machines – Whether it's the sound of waves crashing, a thunderstorm, or sound of a rainforest, the soothing noise calms your nervous system.
- Sunshine Lamps – The SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) season is upon us and even if you don't think you suffer from SAD these lights are sure to perk you up.
- Chill-Out and Meditation Playlists – Meditation apps to get your Zen on, and practice mindfulness and being present.
- Massage Gift Certificates – If you don't care for a body massage, you could try reflexology or reiki.
- Warm Socks or Slippers, Wraps and Blankets – Warming up in something cozy brings comfort and allows us to relax our tense muscles.
- Gratitude Jar and Fancy Paper – Throughout the year write something you are grateful for at the end of each day and then on New Year's Day you can read them all and count your blessings!
- Bubble Bath, Bath Bombs, and Candles – Nothing better than a hot scented bath to soak your stresses away.
- Fuzzy Hat, Gloves, and Scarf – To crunch along the crisp snow and get some fresh air and sunshine.
- Herbal Teas – Something aromatic and soothing or spicy and invigorating depending on the mood you want to create.

Wishing all of you a wonderful and stress-free holiday season.

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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Landmark!

1. This gorgeous UNESCO World Heritage Site in India was built to be a mausoleum.
2. The _____ was made across many dynasties and states, taking over 2,500 years to construct.
3. This stunning Italian landmark is also called the Bell Tower and is over 180 feet tall.
4. This iconic structure was built for the 1889 World Fair; it celebrated the 100th anniversary of the French Revolution.
5. This famous ancient city was frozen in time due to almost the exact opposite circumstance.
6. There are no straight lines in this ancient temple structure, located on the Athenian Acropolis.



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Yielding to Emergency Vehicles

by Alberta Health Services



For everyone's safety, it is important motorists understand how to correctly yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles with their lights and sirens activated. You can help EMS, police, and fire get to the scene quickly and safely by following these rules of the road.

When an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated:

- If you're in the middle of an intersection when an emergency vehicle approaches with lights and siren activated, safely clear the intersection.
- On a one- or two-lane road, motorists should move to the right side of the road, slow down, and then stop, remaining parallel with the road. Remember to signal.
- Move right or left to the nearest curb on one-way streets.
- On a road with three or more lanes, motorists should move to the nearest side of the road and stop. If driving in the centre lane, move to the right side of the road and stop. Remember to signal.
- Come to a complete stop and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. Shoulder check for more emergency vehicles before re-entering traffic flow. Remember to signal.
- Emergency vehicles might use any available road space to maneuver. This could include shoulders or turning lanes, etc., to pass other traffic.

When operating a vehicle:

- Motorists must reduce speed to 60 km/h or the posted speed, whichever is lower, when passing emergency vehicles or tow trucks that are stopped with their lights

flashing. This law applies to the lane(s) immediately next to the stopped vehicles. If you're not in the lane next to the stopped vehicles, it is recommended to reduce speed and leave lots of space between yourself and emergency personnel.

- Do not break the rules of the road in order to give right of way to an emergency vehicle. This could include proceeding through a red light or making an illegal turn. Actions such as these jeopardize all motorists in the area.
- Drivers must place their full attention on the roadway and toward the safe operation of their vehicle at all times. The fine for distracted driving in Alberta is \$300 and three demerit points.
- Do not drive within 150 meters of an emergency vehicle with its siren and/or flashing lights on. For reference, 150 m is nearly 1.5 times the length of a football field.

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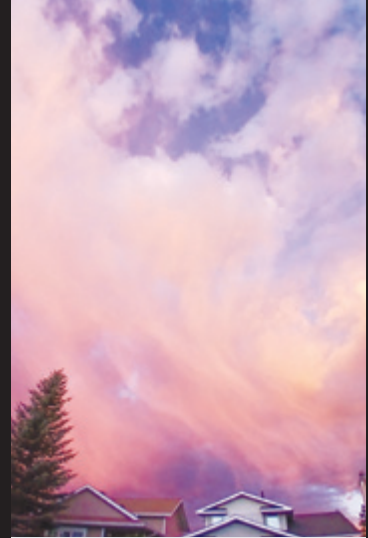
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Flatbread Pizzas

by Jennifer Puri

Flatbreads are used to create wraps and quesadillas, but the most popular use of flatbreads is pizza.

Rich in fibre, flatbreads are typically unleavened bread and do not contain yeast. Flatbreads originated in ancient Egypt but today are produced and enjoyed around the world. Some of the most popular flatbreads are focaccia, naan, tortillas, pita, oatcake, green onion cake, torta, and injera.

Flatbreads have a lower caloric and carbohydrate content due to their thinner crusts and are ideal as appetizers or light entrees as shown in the Flatbread Pizza recipes below.



Peach and Prosciutto Flatbread

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 7 to 8 minutes

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 flatbread
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 ½ cups sliced peaches
- 6 to 8 slices prosciutto
- 3 tsps. balsamic vinegar
- ¾ cup shredded Gouda cheese
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)

Directions:

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on flatbread, then top with sliced peaches, prosciutto, balsamic vinegar, gouda cheese, basil leaves, and chilli flakes. Bake on middle rack of pre-heated oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) for 7 to 8 minutes. Serve immediately.



Roasted Red Pepper and Olive Flatbread

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 10 to 12 minutes

Servings: 2

Ingredients:

- 1 flatbread
- 1 ½ cups of roasted red peppers sliced
- ½ cup seedless black olives halved
- ½ cup cherry tomatoes halved
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- ¾ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tsp chopped fresh oregano leaves

Directions:

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on flatbread, then top with sliced roasted red peppers, cherry tomatoes, olives, feta cheese, oregano, and basil leaves. Bake on middle rack of pre-heated oven (400 degrees Fahrenheit) for 10 to 12 minutes. Serve immediately.

Bon Appétit!



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Rink Rebuild Update

The rink is looking more like a hockey rink every day!

- The boards are up.
- Fencing is being installed and will be completed soon.
- The deck will be completed with rubber matting and benches this month.
- Completion of the rink is on track to be ready for flooding mid-November.

We need Rink Rats! Please consider joining our volunteer flood team this winter, this brand-new rink isn't going to flood itself! For more information or to sign up please email us at info@sandstonemacewan.com.

Stay up to date on the progress of the rink rebuild with our online blog at sandstonemacewan.com or follow us on social media @sandstonemacewan.



RIVER HORSE

Did you know that hippopotamuses can't swim! Despite spending most of their time in the water (almost 16 hours per day) they are unable to float on the water because of their dense bones. Instead, they gallop, quite gracefully, on the riverbed.



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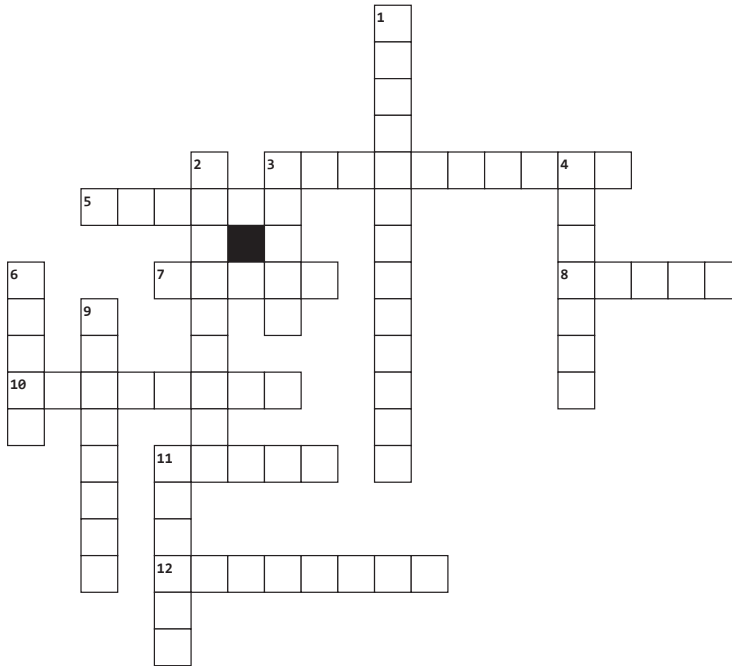
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November Crossword



Across

3. Frederick Banting, co-discoverer of insulin and recipient of the Nobel Prize in _____/Medicine, was born on November 14, 1891, in Alliston, Ontario.
5. In November 1999, beloved musician, _____ Dion, was inducted into the Canadian Broadcast Hall of Fame.
7. In November 2020, Baby _____ by Pinkfong became the most watched YouTube video of all time with over 7 billion views.
8. November has two birthstones, _____ and Citrine, best known for their warm yellow hue.
10. World _____ Day, celebrated on November 13, reminds everyone to show compassion and be helpful in their communities.
11. Canadian rock musician, _____ Adams, was born on November 5, 1959, in Kingston, Ontario and has sold more than 100 million records worldwide.
12. Known as Remembrance Day in Canada, the U.S. celebrates _____ Day on November 11 annually.

Down

1. November's birth flower, also called "mum", comes in a variety of colours and generally symbolizes longevity and happiness.
2. On November 22, 1995, *Toy Story* was released introducing the world to Woody and Buzz _____.
3. *Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing*, written by Canadian actor Matthew _____, was released on November 1, 2022.
4. "The Great One", Wayne _____, scored his 600th career goal in the National Hockey League (NHL) on November 23, 1988.
6. This mixed-breed dog was the first live animal sent to space in Sputnik 2 on November 3, 1957.
9. The _____ Broadcasting Corporation was founded and established as a Crown Corporation on November 2, 1936.
11. November's full moon is named after Canada's national animal, the _____.

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Word of the Month

Accismus:
noun (uhk-siz-muhs)

When someone pretends to be indifferent about or feigns refusal of something they desire.

"Oh no, you shouldn't have," Sara said with a hint of accismus as her friend purchased her long-awaited coffee for her.



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Here are some updates related to new City initiatives and programs.

Aurora Area Structure Plan – Engagement Session

The Aurora Area Structure Plan (ASP) includes all of the lands South of 96 Ave NE, North of Beddington Trail, East of Harvest Hills Blvd, and West of the rail line. The City is in the process of creating a new ASP for these lands.

The engagement process began with public feedback in May, and the last in-person open house is happening November 6.

You can view the background on the Aurora lands and submit written feedback at engage.calgary.ca/aurora-asp.

Calls for Chinook Blast 2025: Creators, Artists, and Artisans

Chinook Blast is right around the corner. Calgary’s winter festival is gearing up and looking for partners. If you’re an artisan and would like to bring your product to market, booth applications are open!

If you’re a visual artist, there are funding opportunities between \$5,000 and \$40,000. There’s also a contest for installations designed to endure winter weather, with prizes up to \$45,000.

For more information and to submit your proposal, visit chinookblast.ca.

Nose Creek Park Strategy: Notice of Motion

This month I will be bringing a Notice of Motion to direct Administration to develop a Nose Creek Park Strategy to guide the creation of a regional park.

If you’re not familiar with the area, Nose Creek is a watershed that runs from the northern Rocky View boundary and flows south through Airdrie and Calgary before joining the Bow River. The beautiful grassland is enjoyed by many Ward 3 residents, despite it not currently being a designated park space.

Local residents formed the Nose Creek Preservation Society to advocate for the preservation of the green space. This motion will help advance this work.

For questions, concerns, or to view my voting record, visit www.jasminemian.ca.

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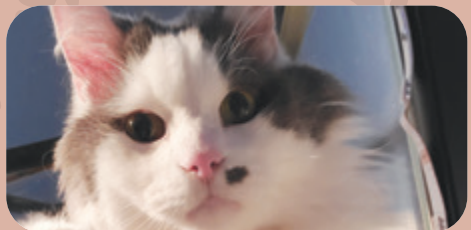
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