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Thankfulness in the Everyday

by Rebecca Pink



October invites us to think about gratitude and all the things that we are grateful for. It can be meaningful to pause and reflect on the moments that stay with us, and become a part of us. So often, they aren't the big, planned out moments, or the stuff you have accumulated over time. Have you ever noticed that some of the moments you're most grateful for, are often the simplest, most spontaneous, or most genuine ones?

Sometimes, what stays with us is the feeling of an experience more than the experience itself. The laughter, the unexpected conversation, a great meal together, and in my house, the beautiful messiness of everyday life. These are the memories that stay with us, not because they were perfect, but because they were lived. They become the treasures that never gather dust, quietly weaving themselves into our stories.

The challenge is that when we're busy, overwhelmed, or anxious, our attention can so easily move toward what's next. We anticipate, plan, problem-solve, and manage, sometimes leaving less room to notice what is happening right in front of us. We can spend so much time anticipating

the future, or reliving the past, that we can miss what is happening right in front of us. There is nothing unusual about this; our minds are simply trying to keep up with the demands of life.

Being present doesn't always come naturally; it takes intention. Sometimes it is as simple as putting down the phone, taking a deep breath, looking around, and allowing ourselves to actually take in what is happening. This may be part of the experience of thankfulness, too. Not simply identifying what we appreciate but being present enough to experience it.

As thanksgiving approaches, maybe we don't need to search for something extraordinary to be grateful for. Maybe we simply need to slow down enough to notice what is already here.

An ordinary moment can become a lasting memory, one that still makes you smile years later and brings you back to the people and the experiences that matter most. Looking back, those are often the moments I feel most thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Spooky Season!

Halloween Safety

by Alberta Health Services



As a supporter of Calgary's Child Magazine's Partners for Safety initiative, Emergency Health Services (EHS) Alberta would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of important Halloween safety tips as October 31 approaches.

Partners for Safety vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks or at well-lit corners. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street and then cross once to the other side.
- You may choose to avoid houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers or enter any home where you feel unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going and what route you plan to take. Let them know if you will be late returning home.

Parents

- Be certain that an adult accompanies young trick-or-treaters. Older children should stay in groups.
- Predetermine the boundaries for trick-or-treating and

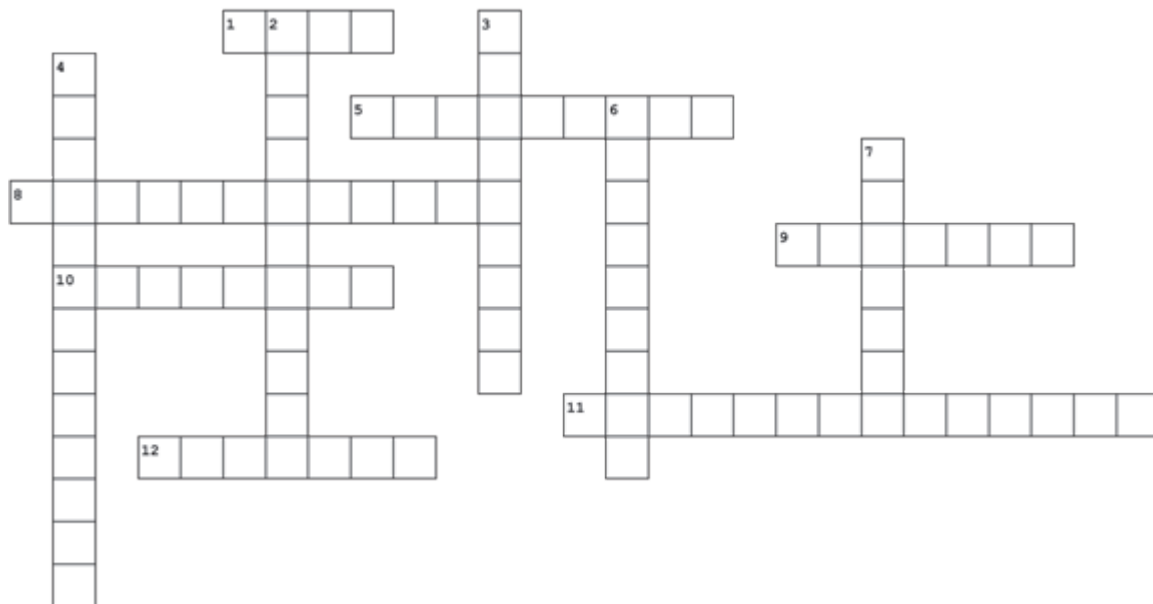
establish a time for children to return home.

- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that have been tampered with or are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose brightly coloured costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes can further increase visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and visibility.
- When purchasing or making costumes, look for materials and accessories labelled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic makeup instead of masks that may impair breathing or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not extend below your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate footwear that takes the weather conditions and walking into consideration.

October Crossword



Across

1. Known as October's birth stone, this iridescent gem is sometimes worn by artists to inspire creativity.
5. These tall, friendly faces are full of straw and often seen in the middle of corn fields.
8. Celebrated this year on October 12, this holiday encourages generosity, connection, and the consumption of a delicious meal.
9. This large orange squash is traditionally carved the night before Halloween
10. Twists and turns; this fall activity is generally held in large fields of a certain tall grain.
11. This Oscar-winning actress was the "final girl" in the classic horror movie series, *Halloween*.
12. Known as the Greek Goddess of harvest, she is the mother to Persephone.

Down

2. Bright red and sour, the seeds of this fruit were consumed by Persephone in Greek mythos.
3. These bright yellow and red flowers are the birth flowers of October, representing joy, warmth, and remembrance.
4. Horace Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto*, published in 1764, is most famously known as the first novel of this literary genre.
6. "In Rainbows" an album released October 10, 2007, was the seventh studio album for this alternative rock band.
7. This monster has a variety of features but is most often depicted with long fangs and red eyes.



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Beyond the Impression: Van Gogh and Post-Impressionism

by Kristina Quapp

Van Gogh is an artist that needs no introduction, but the style of his work is a different story. Vincent's style is commonly mislabelled as impressionist, where the more accurate classification would be post-impressionist. Impressionism is a 19th-century art movement that featured a strong focus on lighting, thick brush strokes, unblended colours, and everyday modern subjects painted outdoors (*en plein air*). As most art movements do, impressionism built upon the foundations of the realist movement which took place about 20 to 30 years prior. Realist painters preferred working *en plein air* as it allowed them to capture natural light and unvarnished everyday life, while pushing back on traditional academy standards that forced what some considered artificial compositions. While both art styles feature an emphasis on lighting and capturing the environment, impressionists did not focus as heavily on the realistic details.



Though Van Gogh's work certainly captures elements of impressionism such as thick brush strokes and vivid colours, his work often pushed the boundaries of impressionism. For example, Claude Monet, the founder of the impressionist movement, features large brush strokes, but the lighting

remains grounded. As can be seen in Monet's 1875 oil painting, *Woman with a Parasol*, the piece is heavily stylized. Brush strokes are visible and the hues are vibrant, but the edge light and shadow in front of the woman tells the viewer that Monet focused on



realism when capturing the atmosphere. In contrast, Vincent's *The Starry Night*—while it maintains *impasto* as Monet did—exhibits

even more vibrant colour contrast and his sentiment at the time, represented in weighty brush strokes. It's often conferred that *The Starry Night* is symbolic of Van Gogh's inner turmoil, given the swirling and turbulent skies, thick *impasto* brush strokes, and the large looming cypress tree outlined in red.

Vincent's *The Garden of Saint Paul's Hospital*, often referred to as *Leaf-Fall*, features inspired aspects from traditional Japanese woodblock prints. Van Gogh implements an elevated perspective and tree trunks that are abruptly cut off by the lower and upper edges of the canvas, eliminating the horizon line. These artistic choices create a compressed sense of space similar to the arrangements found in Japanese print designs.



Like the changing landscape around him, Van Gogh's work had moved beyond simply capturing a fleeting impression of the world. His colours became bolder, his brushwork more expressive, and his paintings increasingly shaped by emotion and personal interpretation. This October, as the leaves begin to fall, perhaps take a moment to look at the world around you—not only as it appears, but through the impression it leaves on you.

Divorce—Business Income is Personal Income

by Christopher Bungay, Divorce Lawyer



In many divorces, one spouse is the owner/operator of a business. In these families, the line between business income and personal income is often blurred. Many business owners (intentionally or not) often use their company credit cards and corporate money to pay for personal family and home expenses. As a result of this, the personal tax returns of a business owner often do not reflect their true personal income.

In the above scenario, the personal tax return of a business owner might show a very low amount of personal income, while their business tax return can show a very high amount of corporate earnings. It is also common to see personal expenses counted as “business expenses” on business tax returns. This is sometimes done intentionally so that CRA will think the business earns less and thus would be taxed less than it otherwise should be.

The mixing of personal/business income and expenses can cause significant problems in divorce cases. The amount a spouse must pay for child support and spousal support is often based on his or her reported personal income. A spouse who owns a business sometimes uses a false lower income amount on a personal tax return to argue they should pay a lower amount of support. Unfortunately, in many cases, the actual personal earnings power of the spouse is hidden within the business income.

Judges and divorce lawyers are keenly aware of

situations where business owners try to muddle their personal and business income. Fortunately, the law can protect vulnerable spouses and children in these cases. If a judge believes that a spouse is hiding income within a company, the business income can be used as the correct amount for determining support payments. Similarly, the law gives judges power to examine business expenses to ensure these are not actually personal expenses. In an Alberta divorce case, if a spouse is self-employed, he or she must demonstrate their business expenses are reasonable and that they are truly business expenses. If a self-employed spouse cannot show their business expenses are reasonable, a judge can add these expenses back into the spouse's income amount. In these situations, the higher income level, after adding back in the unreasonable expenses, is used to determine that spouse's support obligations.

It is also important to remember that many business-owning spouses are not intentionally hiding their income. The mixing of personal and business income can result from someone not understanding tax laws. Sometimes, a business owner is just too busy and is not paying enough attention to their personal/business spending patterns. However, whether intentional or not, divorce law is clear: business income and business expenses can both be used to determine the true personal earning power of a spouse.

Halloween Decorations and Wildlife

by the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society

As Halloween approaches, many neighbourhoods across Calgary come alive with pumpkins, fake spider webs, glowing lights, and spooky lawn decorations. While these displays help celebrate the season, some common decorations can unintentionally pose serious risks to local wildlife.

Autumn is an active time for many species. Deer, coyotes, squirrels, rabbits, songbirds, and owls are still foraging, while some birds are completing their fall migration before winter arrives. As wildlife continues to move through urban parks, backyards, and neighbourhoods, decorations can become unexpected hazards.

One of the most concerning decorations is synthetic spider webbing. The stretchy fibres can easily entangle birds, small mammals, and even beneficial insects. Birds may become caught while flying through shrubs or trees decorated with webbing, while squirrels and other mammals can become tangled as they move along fences or branches. Entanglement can cause severe injuries, restrict movement, and make animals more vulnerable to dehydration, starvation, or predators.

Loose cords, fishing line, string, ribbon, and lightweight decorative netting can create similar problems. Birds may accidentally use these materials while gathering nesting material or become wrapped in them during flight. Even decorations intended to sway in the wind can become tangled around wings, legs, or necks if they are not securely fastened.

Lighting is another consideration. Many people enjoy illuminating their homes with decorative lights throughout October. While temporary lighting is unlikely to have the same impact as large commercial lighting, excessive outdoor lighting can still disrupt wildlife. Artificial light at night has been shown to alter the behaviour of birds, mammals, and insects by interfering with natural navigation, feeding, and activity patterns. During late September and early October, some migratory birds are still travelling through southern Alberta, and reducing unnecessary overnight lighting can help lessen disorientation.

Pumpkins and natural decorations also deserve some thought. While a pumpkin may seem harmless, the smell can attract wildlife looking for an easy meal. Carved pumpkins that contain candles, mold, paint, glitter, or preservatives can make wildlife seriously ill if consumed. If you have pumpkins, bring them inside at night to ensure animals like bears, deer, or coyotes do not consume them. Feeding wildlife, even accidentally, can encourage animals to return to residential areas, increase conflicts with people, and expose them to foods that are not part of their natural diet.

Fortunately, a few simple choices can make Halloween safer for wildlife without taking away from the fun:

- Secure decorations tightly so they cannot blow away or become tangled in vegetation.
- Avoid using artificial spider webbing or decorative netting outdoors.
- Keep electrical cords and extension cables neatly bundled and out of areas where wildlife regularly travels.
- Turn off decorative lights before going to bed.
- If using pumpkins outdoors, keep them inside after going to bed, and remove candles promptly and dispose of pumpkins appropriately once they begin to spoil.
- Dispose of decorations promptly after Halloween to prevent wildlife from encountering them later in the season.

Halloween is a time for creativity and community, and with a little planning, it can also be a season that respects the wildlife sharing neighbourhoods with people. By choosing decorations thoughtfully and cleaning them up promptly, we can help ensure that southern Alberta's wild neighbours stay safe while everyone enjoys the festivities.

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