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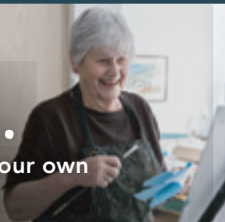
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Sturgeon
Moon



The gorgeous full moon that occurs in August is called the Sturgeon Moon. If you didn't already know, a sturgeon is a prehistoric-looking fish that has been traced back to around 136 million years ago! The name of this full moon comes from these fish that used to be abundant in the Great Lakes.

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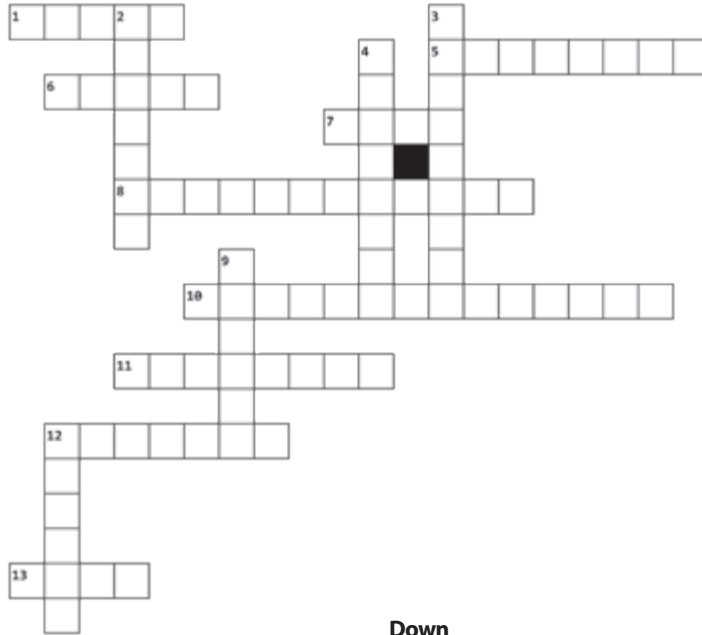
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August Crossword



Across

1. This classic Disney film about a young deer premiered in August 1942.
5. Canadian astronaut, Chris _____, was born in Sarnia, Ontario on August 29, 1959.
6. Canadian American actor Patrick J. Adams was born on August 27, 1981, in Toronto and is best known for his role as Mike Ross in this legal drama series.
7. *The Wizard of Oz* premiered on August 15, 1939, and was based upon the book written by Lyman Frank _____.
8. English navigator John Rut sent the first known letter from North America in August 1527 while anchored at St. John's, _____.
10. In August 1837, pharmacists John Lea and William Perrins started production of this condiment containing soy sauce and vinegar.
11. People born in August are lucky to have three birthstones to choose from: peridot, spinel, and _____.
12. The _____ Chapel in Vatican City was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV on August 9, 1483.
13. International _____ Handers Day is observed annually on August 13.

Down

2. In August 2008, the _____ Summer Olympics became one of the most watched television events in history with approximately 4.7 billion viewers.
3. On August 4, 1693, it is believed that Dom Pérignon invented this sparkling wine.
4. Delia Owen's murder mystery novel, *Where the _____ Sing*, was published in August 2018.
9. Usain Bolt won the 200m at this Olympic Games on August 9, 2012, becoming the first man to win both the 100m and 200m at two consecutive Olympics.
12. Inventor Isaac _____ was granted a patent for his eponymous sewing machine on August 12, 1851, revolutionizing garment production.



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Celebrating Calgary 150 - Calgary at War

by Anthony Imbrogno (*The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC*)

To all those who have served to protect our freedom, we are forever grateful.

During the South African War (1899-1902), Lord Strathcona formed a mounted regiment of cowboys and former NWMP officers. King Edward VII awarded the title of Royal to the NWMP. The RCMP went on to police the Klondike Gold Rush.

At Central Memorial Park National Historic Site, the "Horseman of the Plains" statue commemorates the war. Its creation paved the way for the other memorials.

World War I (1914-1918) saw thousands of Canadians volunteer. A military camp dubbed Sarcée City trained 45,000 soldiers. Before departing, they created rock art on Signal Hill.

One Calgarian enlistee was William Ware, who served in France as part of an all-black unit. Princess Patricia's Light Infantry served at the Somme and Vimy Ridge. Today, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial is a symbol of national unity.

Meanwhile, Southern Alberta Light Horse fought in history's first tank attack while others were in the last cavalry charge in Canadian history.

During the war, Mewata Armouries was built with medieval castle features. Suspicions about immigrants from enemy countries led authorities to establish internment camps at Cave and Basin, Banff.

A sanatorium was built in Bowness in 1918 to treat returning soldiers. Baker Park is named for its head doctor.

Memorial Drive was created in 1922 as a "Road of Remembrance" to honour fallen soldiers.

The world was again at war in September 1939, with 1.1 million Canadians serving.

Princess Patricia's Light Infantry landed in Sicily and was the first Allied force to enter Amsterdam, while Calgary Highlanders liberated Dieppe.

Alberta was home to pilot training under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. President Roosevelt called Canada the "aerodrome of democracy". Vulcan, AB supported a training station but is famous for its connection to beloved Star Trek character, Mr. Spock.

A drill hall was constructed at McCall Field, while Renfrew's Rutledge Hanger became a training base.

In 1998, Currie Barracks closed and became a new residential neighbourhood, including Garrison Woods.

At Burnsland Cemetery, a Field of Honour holds the graves of soldiers.

May they rest in peace.

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"Lord Strathcona's Horse en route to Boer War in South Africa," [ca. 1900], (CU1195484) by Unknown. Courtesy of Glenbow Library and Archives Collection, Libraries and Cultural Resources Digital Collections, University of Calgary. Aboard S. S. 'Monterey'. <https://digitalcollections.ucalgary.ca/asset-management/2R3BF1SM0NSC>.



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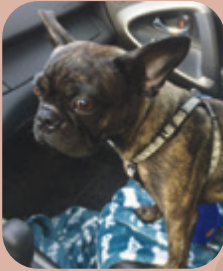
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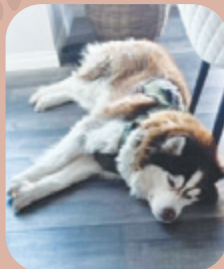
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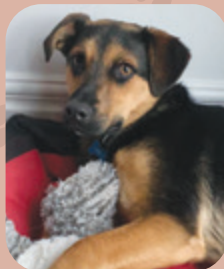
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SAFE AND SOUND

Accidental Poisoning

by Alberta Health Services



Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of precautions to prevent accidental childhood poisonings around the

home. Ingesting prescription or over the counter (OTC) medications is a significant cause of accidental childhood poisonings. Other causes of poisoning include ingesting or coming into contact with household items such as dishwasher tablets, mouthwash, or chemicals such as paints, solvents and cleaning products.

Medication Storage

- Place all medications in locked containers and store in an area inaccessible to children
- For easy identification, store all medications in their original packaging; do not mix multiple medications in a single bottle
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications are stored

Safety Tips

- Child-resistant medication bottles are not child proof. They can still be opened by a child
- Take extra precaution with medicines designed to appeal to children such as chewable vitamins or flavored cough and cold syrups
- Promptly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use

Prevention

- Store household products, cleaning supplies, and cosmetics in locked cabinets or drawers
- Install child latches on cabinets children might also access by climbing on counters or chairs
- Label all plants in and around your home and garden
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness if ingested

Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.

In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1. Provide the name of the product ingested and, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.

Organ and Tissue Donation

by Alberta Health Services



One organ donor can save up to eight lives and one tissue donor can dramatically improve up to 75 lives.

How to Act on Your Good Intentions

A deceased person can donate organs such as lungs, heart, kidneys, and liver – and/or tissues such as eyes, skin, bone, and tendons. If you're interested in leaving these gifts, please register your decision online at [GiveLifeAlberta.ca](https://www.givelifealberta.ca) or in person at a motor vehicle registry office. Donor cards don't exist anymore; if you have signed the back of your Alberta Health card in the past, you are asked to join Alberta's registry in one of the ways above.

Albertans are also encouraged to share their wishes with their loved ones. Generally, if someone is eligible to donate at the time of their death, the Give Life Alberta donation team will check the registry and inform their family about their donation decision. It will then be up to their family to decide if they'd like to proceed with donation or not. Many

previous donor families have found that decision was easier if they knew what their loved one wanted.

Sharing Your Donation Decision

Donation discussions don't need to be grim. The national award-winning Give Life Alberta public awareness campaign All the Ways portrays creative ways one could tell their family they'd like to be a donor, for example in the form of a cake, a card, or even a t-shirt. Families could also spark the conversation by watching public awareness videos and real-life donor and transplant recipient stories on [GiveLifeAlberta.ca](https://www.givelifealberta.ca).

Constant Need for Organs and Tissues

While Alberta marked another record year in 2024 – with 317 deceased organ and tissue donors — there are more than 500 people waiting for life-saving transplants in our province. Last year, 33 people on the wait list died.

For contact information and to learn more about organ and tissue donation, visit [GiveLifeAlberta.ca](https://www.givelifealberta.ca).

Applications For Election Workers Open in August

by The City of Calgary

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming an election worker?

Elections Calgary is looking to recruit roughly 5,000 Calgarians to work the General Election in October 2025, and the application portal opens in August.

Election workers help with voting and vote counting, including voting station set up and take down, helping voters with the voting process, and counting ballots. There are many opportunities available and it's a great way to show your civic and community pride.

You can be an election worker if you are eligible to work in Canada and are over the age of 16. Apply today and participate in one of Calgary's biggest community engagement events!

Information about Calgary's upcoming General Election, including applying to be an election worker, can be found at electionscalgary.ca.





HAMMERSPACE

Have you ever wondered how Tom can just pull a bat out of thin air to try to get Jerry with? Or where exactly Bugs Bunny keeps all his goodies that seem to just "appear." Funny enough, there is a name for this magical place where things pop out from. This imaginary extradimensional storage area is called hammerspace.



Richmond I Knob Hill Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Richmond I Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2025	\$879,450	\$868,500
May 2025	\$825,000	\$812,500
April 2025	\$749,900	\$740,000
March 2025	\$972,250	\$950,800
February 2025	\$789,999	\$788,888
January 2025	\$828,500	\$773,500
December 2024	\$899,900	\$890,000
November 2024	\$849,900	\$835,000
October 2024	\$690,000	\$680,000
September 2024	\$859,000	\$859,000
August 2024	\$429,900	\$457,600
July 2024	\$879,450	\$872,000

Last 12 Months Richmond I Knob Hill MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2025	32	12
May 2025	24	15
April 2025	15	11
March 2025	20	8
February 2025	11	9
January 2025	9	5
December 2024	5	9
November 2024	14	13
October 2024	10	7
September 2024	14	11
August 2024	13	7
July 2024	14	4

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit rkh.mycalgary.com

Finding the Right Counselling Support in Your Calgary Community

by Rod Mitchell, MC, MSc, R. Psych.

Calgary winters can feel endless. Job markets shift. Relationships face stress. Life throws curveballs that leave even the strongest people feeling overwhelmed.

Seeking counselling support shows wisdom, not weakness. You're taking action to improve your mental health and well-being. Calgary offers many excellent counselling options, but each quadrant has different resources and accessibility factors.

The key is knowing where to look and what questions to ask. Finding the right therapeutic fit takes some research, but the effort pays off when you connect with someone who truly understands your needs and can help you move forward.

Know Your Neighbourhood Network

Start your search close to home. These community resources often know local mental health practitioners.

Immediate Resources:

- Family Doctor or Walk-In Clinic - Best starting point for professional referrals
- Community Associations - Many maintain lists of local therapists and host wellness workshops
- Calgary Public Library Branches - Staff provide mental health resource guides and information about local support groups

If You Have Children:

- School Counsellors - Excellent source for family-friendly therapist recommendations
- Recreation Centres - Staff know about local support groups and wellness programs

Cultural and Faith Communities:

- Religious Centres and Cultural Organizations - Often provide counselling or referrals to culturally sensitive practitioners. These resources understand your Calgary neighbourhood's unique needs and can point you toward practitioners who work well with people from your area.

Vetting Your Counselling Options

Ask these essential questions when contacting potential therapists.



Qualifications and Experience:

- What are their credentials? (Registered psychologist, clinical social worker, counselling therapist)
- Do they have experience with your specific concerns?
- What therapy approaches do they use?

Practical Considerations:

- How flexible is their scheduling?
- What are their fees and payment options?
- Do they offer sliding scale pricing?
- Can they provide virtual sessions during Calgary's harsh winters?
- What's their cancellation policy?

Treatment Approach:

- How do they typically work with clients facing your situation?
- What does a typical session look like?
- Do they involve family members or partners when appropriate?
- How do they handle confidentiality?

You don't need to understand every therapeutic technique, but you should feel comfortable with their general approach. Most therapists will answer these questions during a brief initial consultation.

Next Steps

Taking that first step toward counselling shows strength. Whether you're dealing with anxiety, relationship challenges, or life transitions, support exists in your Calgary community.

Your mental health matters, and the right support is available when you're ready to seek it.

Living with Chronic Pain or Illness: What We Wish Friends and Family Knew

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

Living with chronic pain or illness is an ongoing challenge that impacts every aspect of a person's life—physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. It's not just about the pain or symptoms themselves, but about learning to function, cope, and find meaning in a life that no longer looks or feels the way it once did. For those who care about someone facing this reality, your support matters deeply—but it may not always be clear how to help. Here's what we need you to know.

Chronic Means Ongoing, Not Just Inconvenient

When someone lives with chronic pain or illness, they're not just having a bad day or a tough week. This is a long-term reality, and while there may be good days and better moments, the underlying struggle is constant. Pain and fatigue can be invisible, which makes it easy to overlook or misunderstand. Please don't assume that just because we look okay, we feel okay. We often mask what we're going through to avoid burdening others or to maintain some sense of normalcy.

We're Grieving Too

Chronic illness often brings a quiet, ongoing grief—the loss of the life we once had or imagined. We may grieve the ability to work, travel, exercise, or socialize like we used to. Sometimes we feel isolated, left out, or forgotten when our limitations make it hard to keep up. When you acknowledge this grief with compassion instead of trying to “cheer us up” or push us to be more positive, it helps us feel seen and validated.

We're Doing Our Best—Even When It Looks Different

We often have to weigh every activity, conversation, or commitment against how much energy we have. What might seem like a simple errand or casual hangout could mean days of recovery afterward. Cancelling plans, needing accommodations, or asking for help isn't laziness or lack of motivation—it's self-preservation. Trust that we want to show up for life and for you; sometimes, our bodies just won't let us.



What Helps the Most Is Empathy, Not Solutions

Unless you're asked, please don't offer cures, diets, or miracle treatments. We've likely tried many things or are already overwhelmed with information. What we need most is your presence—your willingness to sit with us in the hard stuff without judgment or pressure to “fix” it. Simple statements like “I'm here,” “That sounds really hard,” or “You're not alone” go a long way.

Support Looks Like Consistency and Flexibility

Reach out, even if we sometimes don't respond right away. Be okay with changing plans. Offer help but ask first. Say, “Can I drop off dinner?” or “Would a short visit work today?” rather than, “Let me know if you need anything.” The more you learn to meet us where we are instead of where you wish we could be, the more supported we feel.

Chronic pain or illness doesn't define us, but it does shape us. With patience, empathy, and a willingness to understand, you can become a vital part of our resilience. We may not always say it, but your care matters more than you know.

Letting Go of Space: A Guide to Downsizing

by Christopher Matlashewski, Calgary Realtor and Downsizing Specialist



Have you been thinking about downsizing lately? Maybe the kids have moved out and now you're walking past empty rooms every day. Maybe the yard work and upkeep just feel like too much. Or maybe you're ready to tap into the equity in your home and put it to better use—whether that's boosting retirement savings, traveling, or just simplifying life. Whatever your reason, if the home you're living in no longer fits the life you're living, you're not alone.

The idea of downsizing can be both exciting and overwhelming. Because let's face it, you're not just moving. You're sorting through years—sometimes decades—of memories. Deciding what to take and what to part with can feel like a full-time job. And even once you've chosen a new home, trying to figure out where everything goes can be just as stressful. Here's the good news: when you move into a more accommodating space, you're not taking everything—you're taking the best. The best pieces. The best memories. The things that truly matter. And today, I want to share a few simple, calming strategies to help take the anxiety out of downsizing and help you move forward with confidence.

1. Start by Defining What's Most Important

Begin by deciding on your non-negotiables. That might be a favourite reading chair, a family heirloom table, or your go-to sofa. Know what's essential before you even start packing or shopping for your next place.

2. Take Only Furniture That Truly Fits

Remember, you're not just eliminating space, you're

creating flow. In a smaller home, space needs to work for you. That means no oversized furniture. Make sure pieces allow for conversation without needing to raise your voice. Keep furniture heights consistent, as this helps the room feel cohesive and balanced.

3. Curate Your Artwork Thoughtfully

Choose one focal piece per room. Something meaningful and calming. And don't hang it too high—art should sit roughly at eye level when standing, not floating toward the ceiling. As with everything else, only the best comes with you.

4. Be Selective with Accessories

Accessories are where the memories live. But this is also the perfect time to let go of things that are broken, no longer relevant, or that you've outgrown. It's not that you're erasing the past but curating what moves forward with you.

5. Use Lighting to Reflect Your New Lifestyle

Lighting can completely change how your home feels. Think beyond just overhead bulbs. Use directional lighting, recessed lights, and well-placed lamps or mirrors to create warmth, highlight favourite spots, and help a smaller space feel bigger.

I get it, downsizing is more than just moving. It's emotional. It's a big change. But with a little sorting, a bit of planning, and the right support, it doesn't have to be stressful. And here's what I've seen again and again: the moment you step into your new right-sized home, you breathe easier. You feel lighter. You've brought the best with you. And you've made space for what's next.

GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess the Musical!

1. The 1962 version of this modern-day Romeo and Juliet story received 10 Oscars.
2. This musical of a masked, disfigured virtuoso holds the record for the most performances on Broadway.
3. Jennifer Hudson won an Oscar for her role as Effie White in this movie also featuring Beyoncé.
4. Pop sensation Dame Oliva Newton-John starred in this 1950s-inspired musical comedy.
5. Canadian actor Ryan Gosling stars in this romantic musical.
6. This heartwarming movie is based on the real-life story of the Von Trapp family.



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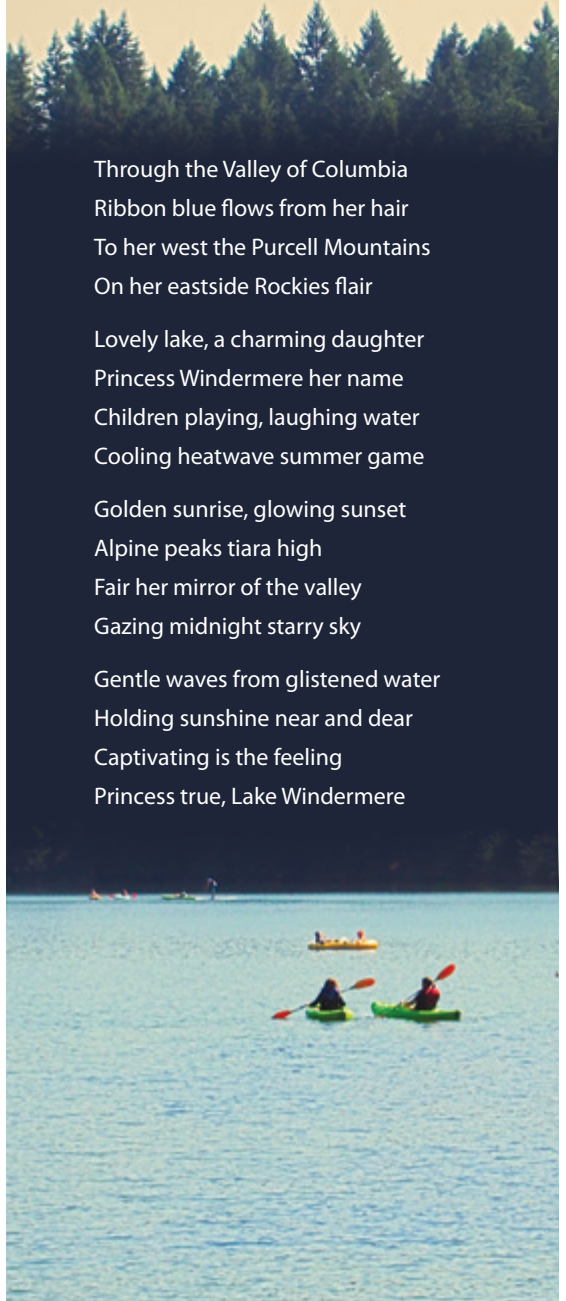
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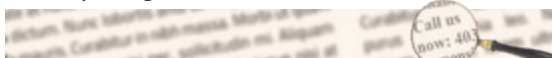
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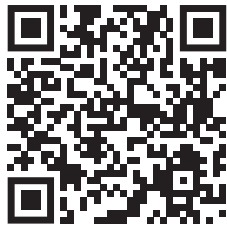
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