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- 2. This Canadian-born technological invention gave the public a more immersive film experience in theatres.
- 3. James Naismith, a Canadian-born P.E. instructor invented this indoor team sport in 1891.
- 4. Hollywood actress Hedy Lamarr famously created a frequency-hopping technology, which would eventually lead to this modern wireless network technology.
- 5. Canadian artist Joe Shuster co-created this iconic comic book character in 1938.
- 6. In 1940, Norman Breakey of Toronto created this tool which would save time applying paint.





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Hidden Valley Community Association Is in Trouble

Hidden Valley Community Association (HVCA) stands at a critical juncture, facing the looming risk of closure if membership fees and volunteer participation does not increase. With approximately 4,000 households in Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch, the HVCA relies on the support of its residents to sustain essential services and amenities that enhance community life.

Currently, only around 150 households, on average, contribute to the HVCA through the \$30 household membership fee. This low participation rate poses a significant challenge to the association's financial stability and its ability to maintain vital community assets. Even if half of the residents of Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch paid the membership, we would be able to cover our day-to-day costs of running and maintaining the association, and also continue on with our projects that are in the pipeline such as a brand-new hockey rink and upgrades to the hut.

Without sufficient funding, the HVCA faces the sobering prospect of losing essential amenities that contribute to the quality of life in Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch. These include the beloved hockey rink, where residents gather for friendly games and community events. The closure and subsequent removal of the rink by the city would not only deprive residents of a cherished recreational space, but also diminish the sense of community camaraderie that it fosters.

Additionally, services such as the Hidden Hut, a hub for social gatherings and neighbourhood meetings, are at risk. The closure of the Hut could potentially result in the city leasing it out to a business for operations, or it would fall into disrepair. Should the hut be closed the HVCA's maintenance of flowerpots, lawn care services, waste removal, playground upgrades, porta-potties and festive Christmas lights will also be discontinued. Furthermore, the HVCA covers the insurance for our community landmarks like the Hidden Valley Rock on 14th, the Hidden Valley Horses statues, and the Hanson Ranch entry sign. Without adequate funding, maintenance will cease, and should damage occur to one of these iconic community landmarks, they will be earmarked for removal.

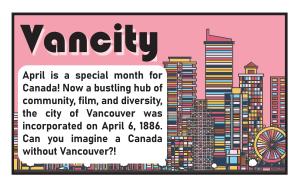
Moreover, the HVCA's support for initiatives like the Sounds and Spirits event and other community initiatives like the Inspire Our Future art project which we covered the community garbage receptacles in beautiful local art, are in danger. Additionally, we don't have the resources outside of the board that can support sports programs in our neighbourhood.

The closure of the HVCA would not only result in the loss of essential services and amenities, but also undermine the sense of community cohesion and pride that residents have worked hard to cultivate.

To prevent this dire outcome, it is crucial for residents of Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch to rally together in support of the HVCA. By increasing membership participation, making donations, and volunteering time and resources, residents can ensure the continued vitality and sustainability of their community association. Together, we can preserve the unique spirit of Hidden Valley and Hanson Ranch for generations to come.

The easiest way to help is to buy a membership to the Hidden Valley Community Association and to keep contributing yearly. We are happy to accept donations, as well as, many hands make light work, if you could donate your time, we need volunteers almost as badly as we need money. Please follow this link and join the HVCA: https://hiddenhut.org/why-join/join/.







by Anne Burke

The new City Nature YYC website will be online with information on the 2024 challenge (www.citynatureyyc. ca). The dates for the event are April 26 to 29. Follow @CityNatureYYC on Instagram. On May 6, local, national, and global results will be announced.

The Nose Hill checklist contains references to reptiles, fungi and lichen, amphibians, insects, shellfish, birds, and mammals. Sightings are in NW Calgary. This website features the chorus frog, the tiger salamander, the terrestrial garter snake, and more. There are 42 birds, among them hawks, blackbirds, sparrows, chickadees, starlings, wrens, geese, eagles, mallards, teals, kestrels, gulls, partridges, grebes, grouse, and vultures. Some other types are the northern flicker, downy woodpecker, and hairy woodpecker. The great horned, long-eared, and short-eared owls all appear in the list.

The May Plant Count is part of the annual May Species Count. The survey runs from May 25 to 31. The focus is on documenting the flowering status of native plant species across Alberta. This project promotes stewardship and appreciation of Alberta's natural areas. As a citizen scientist, you will collect data to be used for conservation. Here are the basics. Enter the location of your plant. Upload a photo. Enter the date of the observation. Add a report about the flowering stage. Choose the appropriate stage from those listed. There are many ID guides and checklists (in print or flipbooks online). Observations can be made manually on a data sheet and then submitted by email or snail mail. You would need to sign up for the mailing list and then receive data sheets and instructions (www.naturealberta.ca/-may-plant-count). are submitting observations online you will join the May Plant Count project for the flowering codes to be displayed in the iNaturalist phone app (www. inaturalist.ca/projects/alberta-may-plant-count).





YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Needs More Homes. Calgary Citywide Rezoning Will Help

With the approval of 'Home is Here: The City of Calgary's Housing Strategy', Council directed The City of Calgary to implement actions that will address the housing crisis. One of the proposed actions is citywide rezoning.

We need more homes in all shapes and sizes and in all communities. This will help support Calgary's growth now and for future generations.

From January 29 to March 16, The City held 13 public information sessions and webinars, as well as attended Community Association Open Houses, where participants could learn more and ask questions about Rezoning for Housing. More than 1,200 people attended the City's 13 in person and online sessions.

Have your voice heard by sharing with City Council what you think though our engage portal, by submitting a written comment before noon on April 15 at Calgary.ca/ PublicHearing or registering to speak at the Public Hearing of Council on April 22.

Visit Calgary.ca/RezoningForHousing to learn more.



Preparing or Updating Your Will



It is important for everyone to have a will-people often have more assets than they think. An important part of estate planning is having a will along with an Enduring Power of Attorney (EPA) and Vilma Mydliar, LLB a Personal Directive (PD).

To prepare a will you need to decide who your executor(s) will be, name a guardian for your children if they are under the age of 18, and who will benefit from your estate. You can prepare a will at any time and existing wills should be updated especially if there are major changes in your life, such as getting married, starting a family, the death of a

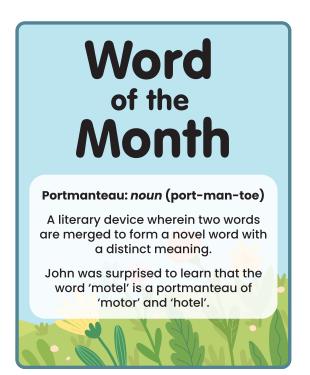
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Girl Guides of Canada - Pathfinders Program Update!

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates about what the 90th Pathfinders have been up to.

Exploring the World Around Us

Our Pathfinders are embarking on a journey of exploration and discovery! Along with outdoor adventures and community service projects, the girls have attended the Calgary Area STEM Day to get hands-on experience, helped the Sparks with crafts and events, and explored Canadian culture.

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

The girls have been working hard to achieve their Canada Cord, which is the highest award they can get in the Pathfinder program. The girls have been planning and leading all the meetings so far this year, which gives them lots of time to figure out how to be good leaders. Two of the girls, who are close to finishing their Canada Cord, will be leading our camp in April to give them practical experience in organizing and running an event. The girls have recently been exploring what feminism means and how it impacts how they understand and interact with the world.

Creativity Unleashed

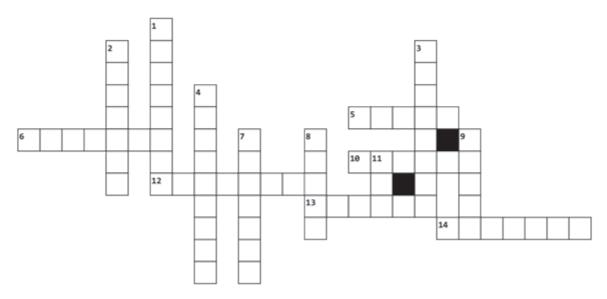
This year has been filled with artist expression as we have discussed and learned about topics related to nature, Girl Guides, and Canada's history. Almost all the girls have earned their studio badge as art is quickly becoming our favourite way to express ourselves.

Friendship and Fun

Last but certainly not least, so far, we have had so much fun and memorable experiences together, whether that is just from being ourselves or making up funny characters in a skit.



April Crossword



Across

- 5. The ______ and the Sweet Pea are April's official birth flowers.
- 6. This famous Leonardo was born on April 15, 1452.
- 10. In April of 1970, ______ 13 launched and famously ran into difficulties 56 hours later.
- 12. Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, recently made into a feature film directed by Martin_____, was originally published on April 18, 2017, and written by David Grann.
- 13. This popular holiday, typically in April, is thought to be named after the goddess "Eastre".
- 14. Noah _____ copyrighted this eponymous, well-known dictionary used by many on April 14, 1828.



Down

- 1. After a 1,500-year break, this international multi-sport event was reintroduced in Athens on April 6, 1896.
- 2. Famously nicknamed "The Unsinkable", this ship went down on April 14, 1912, in the North Atlantic Ocean.
- 3. This year, the World Ski and Snowboard Festival will be held the second week of April in ______, BC.
- 4. This cultural hub of Canada was incorporated into the country as a city on April 6, 1886.
- 7. Ford released the first version of this beloved muscle car on April 17, 1964.
- 8. "I Want to Break Free" by ______ was released in April of 1984, with a controversial yet playful music video.
- 9. Vancouver-born _____ Smulders, who famously plays Robin Scherbatsky in *How I Met Your Mother*, celebrates her birthday on April 3.
- 11. On April 11, National _____ Day is celebrated and advocates against animal violence and cruelty.





Prairie Winds 4-H Club Update for April

by Abigial Dowler, Prairie Winds 4-H Club reporter

The month of February was busy but filled with fun!



The biggest highlight of February was our annual communications competition. After months of preparing for this day, all the members did super great, and it was an enormous success. Congratulations to those who

moved on to the next level of competition, Areas. Thank you to COBS Bread Bakery, Safeway, and the real Canadian Superstore for sponsoring our event.

Our club social was at Fitset Ninja Calgary. We learned how to do all different types of parkour from unstable platforms to climbing walls. We had the opportunity to practice our new skills by working through different obstacle courses, it was an awesome time!

Our canine group had the opportunity to visit a community vet hospital. We learned all about the daily things needed to take care of your dogs like brushing their teeth, brushing/grooming, and regular exercise. We also learned about different food and the importance of diet control, so your dog does not become overweight. The vet even brought in one of his own dogs, Fizz, and she just wandered around to get scratches from the participants. I would like to give a huge shoutout to the Crowfoot VCA for organizing this project and volunteering their time.

Lastly, some of our members participated in a Health and Fitness project. This project involved a module on strength and resistance training with a focus on learning correct techniques and how to train safely.



Our communications competition will continue with the District level and all of our planned projects will continue with growing and learning opportunities for all our members.

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City-Wide Rezoning Proposal and Virtual Townhall

To address the on-going housing affordability crisis, cities across Canada are taking steps to make home building easier. The City of Calgary is proposing a city-wide rezoning, which will allow duplexes and rowhouses to be built in more places across the city. Postcards were mailed to affected residents and information sessions were held last month.

This month, I am hosting a Rezoning Virtual Townhall with members of City Administration. You can submit your questions beforehand and get more information on my website at www.jasminemian.com.

A public hearing date has been set for April 22, 2024. You can register at calgary.ca/publichearing.

You can learn more about how this affects you at calgary.ca/rezoningforhousing.

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Last month the provincial budget for 2024 was released, and while the province boasted a modest surplus of just under half a billion dollars, we see many areas in desperate need of funding which they simply will not receive.

Calgary public schools are currently over 90% full on average across the city. Schools like Diefenbaker or SJAM right here in our own riding are full to the brim. This year we are welcoming 28,000 new students to the province and this budget only adds 35,000 new spaces over three years. So, we are only creating spaces at a third the necessary rate. This means we will see schools here in Calgary and across the province that are over capacity in the next three years.

Folks here in Calgary-Beddington deserve the best education for their kids and that means space to grow and teachers to learn from. We can do much better for our education system.

We also saw funding for healthcare kept well below the level needed to keep up with our booming population and know this can be a matter of great anxiety for folks who expect timely healthcare delivery when they need it.

If you have any questions or concerns stemming from last month's budget please reach out, my office wants to hear from you. Let us know what you think.





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To those of you that celebrate, I hope you all had a blessed Easter!

I am happy to announce that your government will be investing in a new K to 4 elementary school in the community of Evanston as per our 2024 budget. If passed, Budget 2024, which focuses strongly on education, would invest \$1.9 billion to support 98 school projects over the next three years. And an additional \$1.5 billion would be invested for educational learning supports for vulnerable students, children with specialized learning needs, and other students requiring additional supports.

Family doctors will soon be receiving additional payments to help manage an increasing number of patients. Alberta's government is pulling out all the stops to stabilize, strengthen, and improve Alberta's primary healthcare system. We are providing \$57 million over three years to provide family doctors and nurse practitioners with support to help manage costs related to their increasing number of patients.

Beginning March 1, childcare providers received about 80 percent of their monthly claim at the beginning of each month, in addition to the fees they collect from parents. This change to monthly claim advances will help achieve the government's commitment to introducing a new payment approach, ensuring childcare providers receive grant payments sooner. The claim advance will apply to childcare facilities, family day home agencies, preschools, and out-of-school care providers.

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