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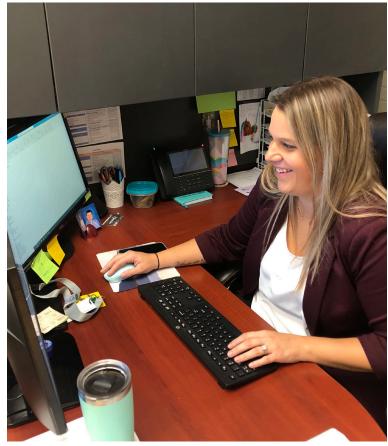
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Having a roof over our heads



Kerby News Andrew McCutcheon

Every week I remind readers in each new story about our final goal: trying to answer the question: "What is Kerby Centre?"

I often say it's more than just four walls and a roof. But when it comes

Calgary winters, having four walls and a roof is pretty darn important.

I've written thousands of words about our heroic staff who work in Food Security, at our Elder Abuse Shelter, Seniors Supports and Active Aging, and the countless other things we do that are too many to list.

But there's also a group of unsung heroes: the folks that keep the lights on, the furnace running, the phone lines up. Our incredible facilities staff make sure that every time you come to the Unison at Kerby Centre, you're going to be in a safe and happy environment.

Most dyed-in-thewool Kerby folks would know our facilities were managed by a wonderful fellow named Chad for over a decade. Chad recently moved on to new exciting opportunities,

sad to see him go, we are so thankful for his hard work. Before we move on to talk about our newest addition to staff and the new incredible manager of facilities, it is with heartfelt gratitude I want to say: thank you Chad, for everything you did.

"They were shoes to fill," says Kayla Grant, current Manager of Facilities and Food Services for Unison at

Kerby Centre.

Kayla started just recently on Aug. 1. Now, with two months under her belt, she says it's been a warm, wonderful welcome.

"Everyone here has been so amazing. It's the people that make it

great."

While Kayla has lived here in Calgary for years and years, she's originally from out west. Born in Cornwall, Ontario, her father was an arborist and her mother worked with individuals with disabilities. It was her mother's work that inspired Kayla to follow in her footsteps, right out of high school.

"She was such an incredible advocate," Kayla says. "Seeing how passionate she was and how meaningful her career was... inspired me."

She went to Algonquin College, working towards being a developmental service worker. She graduated with honours, had an incredible job opportunity in Calgary, and immediately made the move out west in 2009 to work with the Universal Rehabilitation Service Agency or URSA. Kayla started working with

to -30 or even -40 degree and although we were brain injury survivors there, and she says it was a life-changing experience.

"It's one of the best jobs I've ever had," Kayla says. "I was learning the city and getting involved in the community [with the clients]."

But her skills, her aptitude with project management and so much else were needed elsewhere at URSA. After two years of frontline work, she shifted into a managerial role at their offices.

"It's skills in a different setting," she explains. "I helped develop the position and I was passionate for it."

Every organization needs someone to help keep the trains running on time. And it was rewarding in its own way.

In her 14 years at URSA, one of the most rewarding parts of the job was helping manage a retreat centre north of Cochrane: a fully accessible external facility where those with disabilities could come to do things, they might not get the chance to otherwise.

"It's amazing, the differences on their faces, even if they were staying for a night," she recalls. "It was pure happiness, not having to be confined to their homes."

Kayla was good at her job and she enjoyed it: but there are always new challenges ahead. As a self-described lover of chaos, Kayla decided to apply here at Unison a few months after returning from maternity leave.

For a set of twins.

"I love chaos, I love being a fixer," Kayla says. "With facilities, it's about supporting everyone in the agency... I get to help everyone."

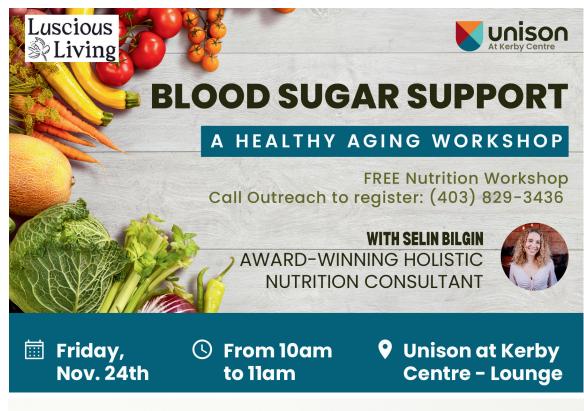
This means Kayla works on everything from getting new chairs and tables for the café to ensuring there's bathroom tissue available. With an older building, keeping things fresh, maintained and — most importantly, comfortable — is a priority.

"We want people to be happy to come to this space and we want to enhance how people do

their jobs," she says.

Kerby Centre might be more than just four walls and a roof, but when people come here, when the magic happens when we're doing all the incredible things Kerby Centre does. Well.

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Rising costs and rents

called me and asked if I 100,000 by 2026. would interview how the ing seniors.

Calgary tells us over 81,000 Calgary Households need affordable housing. The number of households re-

Last week housing crisis was affect- tended a conference at which Laura Tamblyn Sadly, the short answer Watts, CEO of CanAge is it is affecting seniors in a was a keynote speaker. significant way. The city of Laura described that she was frustrated and tired of hearing people say we have a growing senior population. They say this as if quiring affordable housing it were a new thing -some-

have predicted. We have known we would have a large population of older adults at this time, since World War 2.

Anyone working in the trouble. Seniors Serving Sector for the last few decades has known that Housing has been an issue for older adults and that the problem would get worse.

Our Seniors Support program in Calgary provides several services, but one of the services they offer is helping seniors who need housing to find it. Last year our team helped 852 older adults to find housing.

As of last month (October), we had already helped 1,044.

increase in the number of seniors served year to date and we are anticipating it will be a 150 per cent increase by year-end. The Housing Crisis is compounded with the rise in inflation.

Increases in the cost of groceries, gas and utilities mean that seniors living on fixed incomes can't afford everything they need to survive. Twenty percent of seniors who have a mortgage are cutting back on spending on food or medications. Many older adults who come in to see us say that a 5 per

Last week CBC Radio is expected to increase to thing that we could not cent increase in their mortgage equates to a \$300 or \$400 increase in expenses. If you are on a fixed income and you are renting you may be in even more

> It is not uncommon for us to hear members exclaim that their rent just went up \$500 to \$900 a month.

As of this week, the average rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Calgary is \$1700. If you have lived in Canada most of your adult life and you have been employed full-time most of your life this is about the amount, you will be eligible for in your OAS benefits and your CPP combined.

Unfortunately, many Albertans rely mainly on This is a 22 per cent their government pensions and if you rent, you don't have a lot of money left over for food and utilities.

> We hear about housing projects underway, but today as we are helping seniors to get onto waiting lists for affordable housing, we are being told the waiting lists are 6 to 8 months long. Inflation and Housing are becoming drivers in growing Senior Food Insecurity.

> Before 2020 our organization was not active in helping Seniors with food security challenges. Now the number of meals we provide seniors in



Larry Mathieson, CEO and President

Medicine Hat through our Meals on Wheels program grows each month.

In Calgary when we started food security programs in 2020, we started with free bread markets and a dozen or so older adults lining up to get some free bread, now each month we give away more than \$22,000 worth of food across our various food security programs — and this amount of food is growing every quarter.

We couldn't do any of this without our donors, members, and volunteers. So, thank all of you for helping us to support older adults in Alberta.

If you know an older adult who is experiencing challenges because of the housing crisis, please have them call (403) 705-3246 to book an appointment our seniors support team will help them navigate this difficult time.

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Tips to becoming a better investor

James MacTavish Alberta Securities Commission

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Reflections

Barbara Ellis Kerby News Columnist

I went for a long walk in Edworthy Park and enjoyed one of the last days of fall. As I walked a gentle breeze hurried a perfectly shaped golden leaf past me.

That one was followed by another one, then one more, making me think that I was somehow in a mini race with the leaves. I wondered what lay ahead; what will the next season bring. Would we have a mild winter, or will it be one filled with icy cold winds and lots of snow?

During the many years I have lived in Calgary, I have seen both. On those especially cold winters I remember shivering as I waited for the bus. There was no bus shelter at my stop, so I would stand with my back against the wind hoping the bus would not be late. It did not matter how many layers I would have on, that wind penetrated my clothing and bought a chill to my bones.

One May it was not the icy cold but the wet heavy snow that became my problem. I swept most of the snow off my steps and shoveled a narrow path to the sidewalk before walking to my bus stop.

Even this was a challenge as the snow was already a foot deep and wading through it was hard work. I stopped part way to look around me. It was a perfect winter scene. The snow was still falling and the huge flakes floated unhurriedly to the ground and at times, reversed their course as if they did not want their journey to end. Behind me, my footsteps faded into the dark and it reminded me that I had a bus to catch.

After ten minutes or so, I was joined by a fellow passenger who told me that the buses were delayed, if they were coming at all. She said the roads were almost impassable as very few of them had been cleared. We decided to walk down to the closest intersection where three bus routes interconnected and get on which ever bus came first. We had

a long wait but eventually one did come and this one transported us to Chinook Station. This was the best alternative because we could now catch a train into downtown.

Well, I need not have worried about being late because as it turned out, I was the first one in the office. Over the next couple of hours, I was joined by a few other enterprising employees and we began to compare stories about how we managed to get to work. My boss never did make it in. He called around noon and told us that the roads where he lived, in the

city, were covered in temperature was a pleassheets of ice and even walking was dangerous.

The news that night was full of broken trees I arrived home to find and smashed up cars, pedestrians slipping and sliding and sometimes falling down.

the surrounding towns me and came out to greet didn't fare any better as they too were blanketed by the heavy snow. In one area, some of the power poles had fallen bors had a snow-removdown. The heavy snow pulled one down which then pulled down the next, then the next etc. until they all fell like a the sidewalks and while stack of dominos.

office, most of the roads The merriment ended had been cleared and the with hot chocolates and I no longer worry about buses were more or less cookies and the building the weather. If it gets bad, on schedule, at least in of a big snow man on her I will just stay home. my part of the city. The front lawn. I stood there

ant 20 plus and the melt had already begun.

I was surprised when much more fun. my house were clear of snow and already dried by the sun. My neighbor Outside of Calgary had been watching for

several of our neighal party. Once the snow stopped falling, they all come out and helped shovel the snow from they were at it, they also By the time I left the had a big snowball fight.

north west part of the sun was shining and the frowning and wished I had not made the effort to go to work, staying home would have been

> I walked into my that the sidewalks around house and then to my back door to let my cat out. Needless to say, that once she saw and felt the snow, she immediately changed her mind. I, on the other hand, stood She was all smiles there in disbelief. My and told me that she and fence had fallen down in two places. Yes, it was old, but I had hoped for a few more years of service before having to replace it. That snow fall ended up to be an expensive one for me as I now had to have a new fence built.

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Throwing axes with Active Aging

Andrew McCutcheon Kerby News

For the past few years, we've been doing more adventurous activities for Active Aging week.

The week, which kicks off on the first week in October, celebrates the benefits of participation and recreation at any age and skill level.

Our senior community at the Unison Kerby Centre breaks stereotypes about what they're capable of. I've seen it first hand: in our clients, our visitors and

our volunteers.

And nowhere is it outdo ourselves? more visible than our

Two years ago, it let 'em rip. was downhill sledding their 90s holding onto the brake with steady hands as they careened at high speeds.

to the air as they became weightless for the

This year, how Your natural instinct is before it starts to sink

annual special event hand folks some axes, for Active Aging week. show them a target and more like chopping ground.

I swear next year, at Winsport. Folks in we'd do diving with shoulders primarily, landlocked.

down a winding track I'm making it sound, of ly as your hand swings the wooden targets. course. Axe Throwing down. Last year, it was in- Calgary had our squad door skydiving at iFly: of seniors well-trained axe sails through the a giant wind-tunnel and in the safety practices older adults clad in red before they handed off flight jumpsuits, taking the axes for folks to give it a shot.

It was more complifirst time in their lives. cated than it seemed. wrong quite a few times

flicking your wrist and falls, and slightly ric-I mean. We could using the momentum ochets from the target, of your elbow. But it's clattering safely to the wood, appropriately. ing" the axe, you just... It wasn't as casual as let it go, timed proper-

> air, sinking into the target opposite.

Do it wrong, and. Well.

You end up doing it

could we possibly to throw it like a ball, in. The axe bounces,

It's loud; louder You have to use your than you might expect. The din of chatter and sharks if Alberta wasn't and instead of "throw-nervous energy is low against the loud thuds of axes smashing into Sometimes a piece of Do it right, and the the target itself would get knocked loose and send a massive sliver flying. Nothing dangerous but gave us a start.

> In fact, the whole process — despite the implication of, you know, throwing axes —seemed safer than most other sports. I mean, we had a golf tournament just a couple of weeks previous, and this seemed just as safe. The chances of something going wrong are about equal to being accidentally hit with a rogue driver shot.

I asked one of the staff members, though, if anything memorable had ever gone awry.

"Well, we had one person lick an axe.'

Sorry. What?

"They licked the axe. You know, with their tongue."

... Why?

"They wanted to see how sharp it was."

And they. Licked it? "Yeah. So now we have to include 'don't lick the axes' when we're doing our safety talk."

None of our crew licked the axes. Some of them got pretty good with their throws by the end of the session.

It was a great way to show that our Kerby Community is not only smart and more capable than the world might imagine, but they are wildly adventurous.

Who knows? Maybe next year we'll do swimming with sharks.

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Women elders share advice for healthy aging

Gillian Rutherford University of Alberta

Healthy aging is all about balance for older Nehiyawak/Plains Cree women in Maskwacîs, Alberta, according to recently published community-based participatory research based on sharing circles.

"It is important to have balance and equilibrium in our life," said one sharing circle participant. "The body cries out if you don't have balance and you start to experience sickness and you will not be fully able to provide support to your family members. Be mindful and present to see when the balance in your life is off.

"It's important to address all aspects of wellness daily in order to age healthy and well: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically."

Thirty-six seniors — mostly women and a few men — participated in the sharing circles, led by a research team from Maskwacîs Health Services, the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary, under the guidance of a Women Elders Advisory Committee in 2017. The project was funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

"Women elders are the fire keepers of the home. They help the generations before and after them, like a touchstone for the family, helping to keep them together and sharing traditions," says Luwana Listener, the community research co-ordinator for the project, who also lives in Maskwacîs.

"The Elders are such a valuable resource and blessing to the community because every single one of them has their own expertise and gifts to share with the community."

The sharing circles were held in three locations within the four nations that make up Maskwacîs Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation and Samson Cree First Nation — as well as in the nearby community of Pigeon Lake.

"Everybody had a chance to talk and they were really wide-rangdiscussions," notes Sue Ross, former Cavarzan Chair Women's Health Research and professor emeritus in obstetrics and gynecology.

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Photo reflections for November





Photos and story by Deborah Maier Calgary Horticultural Society

The gardening season has wrapped up for the year. Now it is time to take a look back. While the Calgary Horticultural Society recommends gardeners be note-taking journalists, for many this just doesn't happen.

However, with the ease of phone camera use, many gardeners snap pictures of their gardens throughout the season. At the first sign of spring colour, "click", a cheery bloom is captured. The flowering plum is catching the May morning light, "click". A July hailstorm incoming ..."click, click, click!"

Going back through the photos captured each month unveils a beautiful garden. I'm often surprized to see what bloomed when. Memory is a fluid thing, but the photos capture the time and place clearly. Often when we reflect, we focus on the challenges. Looking at the photos, it is refreshing and uplifting to see the successes.

One of my favourite Society community projects is our calendar. Starting in June, we ask members to submit photos from their gardens, to include some comments about their garden, and add a gardening tip or two. This year's calendar theme

was garden favourites.

Gardeners could send in photos of their favourite view, flower, garden art--any favourite garden feature. It's inspiring to see what is special in their gardens. The comments we receive range from humourous to sentimental. One year we asked, "What will your garden always have?" A response..."Weeds!" Reading that comment was a laugh-out-loud moment.

Yes, my garden will always have weeds, too. The more sentimental ones usually mention the importance of a plant and its tie to a person who is no longer with them ... these are poignant and touching stories to read. Then there are also good gardening advice contributions, such as, "use mulch to suppress weeds and retain soil moisture."

And, "collecting rainwater in rain barrels meant I didn't need to use my garden hose all summer—every gardener should have at least one." We include as many of these stories and tips in the calendar as possible. These stories make flipping to a new month exciting. The draw is not just which picture has been selected to represent the month but which stories.

The hardest part of creating the calendar is selecting the photos for the main picture. There usually is space to add

several interesting notes. We also include some of the Society's annual events such as Plant Shares and general garden annotations.

The historical first and last frost dates, for example. The calendar becomes a visual journal of what happens and what should be done in a Calgary garden each month.

If you take photos of your garden, you can make one too! Several templates for creating your own calendar can be found online. Even some of our local printers have them available on their websites. Selecting a theme for the calendar month will help narrow the photo options. I like to choose photos representing remembrance for November. December often features red flowers or evergreens.

January is often a white theme—winter snow, white flowers ... some to represent the season and the new year. February, features something from the heart, March is the start of spring so spring flowers or greens, or clovers for St. Patrick's Day.

Then it is the blooming season, choosing a garden favourite for each month will capture a moment to represent each of the remaining months. Ideally, you would use a template that let's you personalize the notes on the date pages. Adding family and friends' birthdays and anwhen niversaries, you want to start seeds, order bulbs ... anything noteworthy to you, will make the calendar special.

This is great November project for a gardener. It gives you a purpose as you look back at the gardening year. Each picture you choose tells as story about the gardening season past. Adding your own comments makes it special. Gift giving season is around the corner. Print a few to share your love of gardening and the beauty of your garden with family and friends.

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Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen President and CEO of BBB Serving Southern Alberta and East Kootenay

Once again, I have been caught by surprise with the holiday shopping season sneaking up on me.

More and more of us shop for gifts for loved ones online. This is convenient, a time saver and often there are some real deals.

Yet this also comes with a caveat that caution must be used whenever shopping online. These are simply good practices that we should also be using. Please see the tips below from BBB.org and happy shopping!

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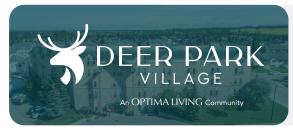


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By Bev Betkowski University of Alberta

"Bad" cholesterol isn't the only culprit linked with a higher risk of cardiovascular disease, according to a trio of recent

worldwide.

Remnant cholester-

University of Alberta ol (RC) was confirmed lesterol which is our studies — including as a strong risk factor current goal of prevenlandmark global re- for coronary heart dis- tion and therapy," says search — showing that ease, heart attacks and Paolo Raggi, senior & a different kind of cho-stroke, the largest of author of the study and Sciences and one of lesterol is also a strong the studies showed. professor of cardiolo- the senior authors on risk factor for people RC is produced from gy in the Faculty of the work. the metabolism of tri- Medicine & Dentistry. glycerides that come

> terol particles. Using million participants spanning Africa, Asia,

"This tells us that by high RC is of great- er risk of developing Health. er concern than the heart disease, accord-

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cardiovascular illness. population.

traditional LDL cho- ing to one of the stud-

ies, involving 14,000 middle-aged and older Albertans.

Additionally, the levels of RC were high regardless of whether people were already on medication for, or had normal or low levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), commonly known as "bad" cholesterol, the research showed.

"We've provided new evidence that RC may be key in understanding the complete picture of cardiovascular risk and why people continue to have poor heart health despite achieving appropriate levels of LDL," says Spencer Proctor, a professor in the Division of Human Nutrition within the Faculty of Agricultural, Life Environmental

"For the first time, The researchers we are showing that one of those risk factors could be RC."

Because medical coronary heart disease, screening for RC is genomic a 1.6 times higher risk less common than for data from a combined of heart attack and a LDL-C in Canada, it sample of almost one 1.2 times higher risk means the additional risk to people already Two studies draw- susceptible to future North America and ing on Alberta data are heart attacks could be Europe — the findings also the first to confirm missed, says Proctor, are the first to show, the relationship — and who co-led the reon such a large scale, highlight the risk — of search team on the a causal link between heart disease and high pair of Alberta studhigh RC and risk of RC for the Canadian ies, in collaboration with Dean Eurich, a High RC levels professor in the U of the health risk posed were linked with great- A's School of Public

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Having fun @home with Sarah Allen

Andrew McCutcheon Kerby News

It's getting colder out there.

Regardless of how much we rally against the cooling days and lengthening nights, we all know it's coming. And for folks who love doing things — getting out and seeing friends, engaging in recreation and staying active the colder weather just makes it harder and harder.

Add in the fact that our older adult community already faces issues when it comes to mobility and transportation, and the prospect of a long, dark winter seems scary.

Not to worry. We have Sarah Allen and Rec@home.

"We developed the Rec@ home program so that people living in the community, —50+, potentially with mobility concerns — can enjoy leisure and recreation from the comforts of home via Zoom," said Allen in an interview with us.

"It focuses on improving physical, emotional, mental and social well-being through recreational activities and eliminating physical barriers."

What does that mean? It means Allen hosts a variety of fun programming online for folks just like yourself, all to make having fun and getting to know other people as easy as possible.

There's physical recreation, quiz shows, cognitive games, and even something called a home scavenger hunt — you'll have to check out our YouTube channel for the full interview to see what that entails!

But the whole point is to give people excitement and social connection by removing barriers.

"Anything I can do in person, I can do online," said Allen, who has a background in therapeutic recreation. "We want to eliminate the physical barriers."

And as for the technological barriers? Allen said you'd be surprised how easy folks find it to get on and enjoy themselves.

"A lot of people think of when they go into a zoom program, it's like a webinar; they sit and they watch and they're bored," she said. "It's interactive as possible, I wanted to get people up and out of their chairs!"

And folks absolutely adore it. Allen said that folks who try it once, always come back, and some even have made friendships outside of the program: having social calls or coffee.

But the most exciting moment

ing the program was when she had an in-person picnic, just so the whole group could manage to meet up face-to-face — even if it was just once a year.

"It was the first time in my career I got to just stand-back and watch and everybody, these people who had never met before in person, they were so happy to

since Allen has started facilitat- meet and sing and hug," Allen said. "They were so tight and, you know when you get those hugs where you just feel loved? That's what it was."

> For more information on the program, check out www.thebsf. ca/recathome, or our YouTube channel to see the full interview at https://www.youtube.com/@ unison50plus





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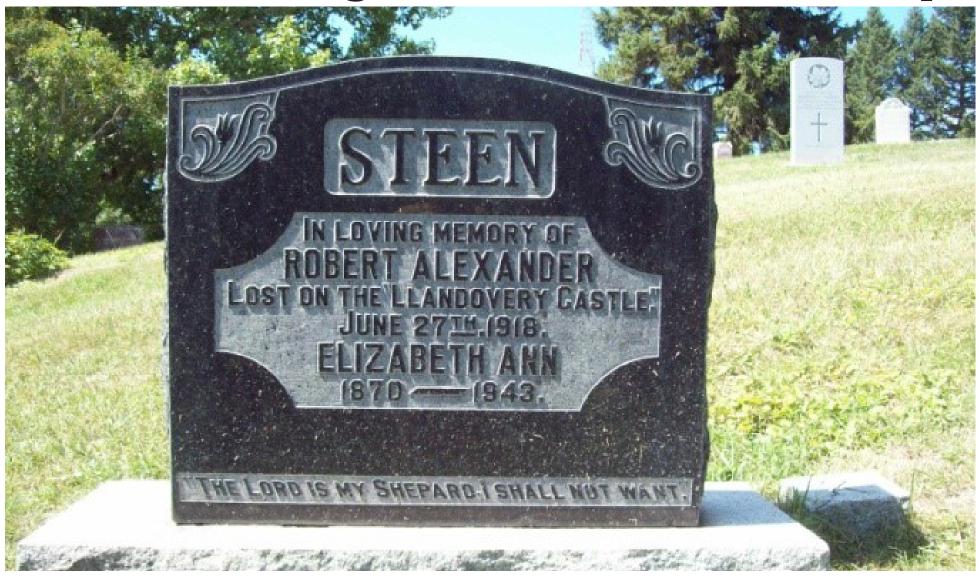
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The sinking of the Llandovery



Amanda Borys Historical Columnist

Samuel Vernon Adshead was born in Madoc, Hastings, Ontario but moved, with his family as a child, to Calgary. His father, Herbert Bealey Adshead, served for two single year terms as a city alderman, His mother was Helen, known as Nellie, Adshead. Adshead also had an older brother, Harry Percy.

Harry enlisted to serve with Canadian Expeditionary Force (C.E.F.) on December 24, 1914 and served with 10th Battalion.

He was killed in battle on March 9, 1915 at 24 years old during the launch of the first major Allied offensive at Neuve-Chapelle.

While this was a British campaign, the C.E.F. held the next sector and supported the attack with small arms and artillery fire. As a result, the Canadian trench-

es were subject to Ship death.

on October 23, 1915, tuberculosis 22 birthday and less was 26 years old. than 6 months after his brother's death. (formerly He went overseas and Mail Ship [RMS]) England with a com- ammunition, Battalion. During his was one of a pair of Army Medical Corps a legitimate target. time there, he would ships build for the (CAMC) personnel, and Elizabeth.

es in his left hip and July 26, 1916 and as-submarine hospitalization.

Upon his reassigned to the 1st staff of 102. Signals Base, East covered that he had HMHS as medically unfit.

to Canada on the His at night. Majesty's Hospital

worked Adshead was hos- June 1918 crossing HMHS

The 1912. Originally sail- sisters. Samuel was served ing routes between dis- had over 600 beds Llandovery

June 1918 it was dis- hospital ships, the two. Llandovery

These precautions

on soldiers, HMHS Llandovery marry Royal Mail Line in including 14 nursing Captain

in France where he London and Africa, against international ond officers, Ludwig caught mumps in the Llandovery Castle law and the standing Dithmar and John March of 1917. This was commissioned orders of the Imperial Boldt sent the crew developed into mass- as a hospital ship on German Navy, the below shoulder that required signed to the C.E.F. in launched a torpedo chine gunned the life March of 1918. She attack on the HMHS boats before fleecharge, Samuel was and carried a medical The two torpedoes even went so far as struck her midship, to swear the crew to As per the rules breaking the HMHS Sandling, England. In of war in regard to Llandovery Castle in U-boat's log to make

The back half, not in the area. developed tuberculo- Castle was painted which contained the sis (called phthisis at white with large red engine room, con- later, the time) and he was crosses on her smoke tinued at full speed, destroyer, discharged to Canada stacks. She travelled forcing the front half Lysander, rescued the outside of convoys of the ship under 24 survivors and the Samuel returned and remained fully lit water before sinking story came out. itself.

There was little

(HMHS) were supposed to time to react before German artillery fire, Llandovery Castle, keep her safe on her the ship was gone and which caused Harry's arriving in Halifax journeys across the few lifeboats were on June 17, 1918. Atlantic. After her launched. After the Llandovery as a plasterer before pitalized in Calgary with a shipload of Castle had disapenlisted in the C.E.F. until his death from wounded Canadian peared beneath the includ- waves, the U-boat the day before his August 22, 1919, He ing Private Samuel surfaced and attempt-Adshead, the HMHS ed to make the survi-Castle vors say that the ship Royal was sent back to had been carrying serve with the 89th Llandovery Castle pliment of Canadian would have made her

When that failed, Helmut Brummer-Patzig On June 27, 1918, and his first and sec-U-86 three men then ma-Castle. ing the scene. They secrecy and alter the it look like they were

> Thiry-six hours British the **HMS**

ple on board, only Llandovery Castle twenty-four sur- caused outrage at the CAMC. Among the worst atrocithe dead were the ties of the Great fourteen nursing War.

(Pearl) Fraser

Dussault Minnie Aenath the

Follette

Margaret Jane Canadian Fortescue

Jessie McDiarmid

Marv McKenzie

Campbell

Sampson

Sare

Anna Stamers

Also during the sink- and Llandovery Castle prison. the ship.

dead

memorated Panel 2 of the Hitler. his behind Elizabeth (Betty).

Elizabeth would lives. remember her husband on her headstone when she remember. died 24 years later.

The sinking

Of the 258 peo- of the HMHS vived, six of which the time and is still were members of considered one of

sisters. They were: It is said that M a t r o n during the last 100 Margaret Marjory days of the war, when the Allied C a r o l a began to take back Josephine Douglas the ground lost A 1 e x i n a to the Germans, "Remember Llandovery Castle" was battle cry. An image of M i n n i e the event was used Katherine Gallaher to sell Victory Mabel Bonds.

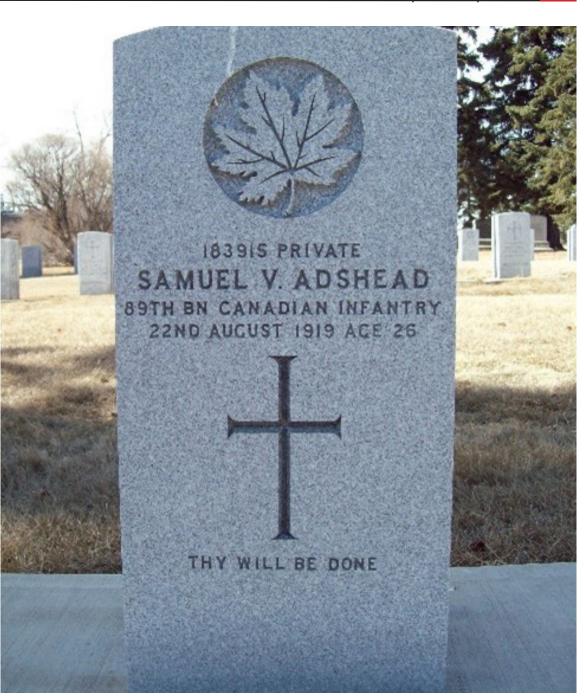
After the armi-Agnes stice was signed, Canada insist-Christina ed Great Britain prosecute the three Rena McLean senior officers Mary Belle of U-86 for war crimes. This was Gladys Irene done through the courts. German Irene Oberleutnants Ludwig Dithmar Jean Templeman and John Boldt were found guilty killed on June 21, 1921 sentenced ing of the HMHS to four years in

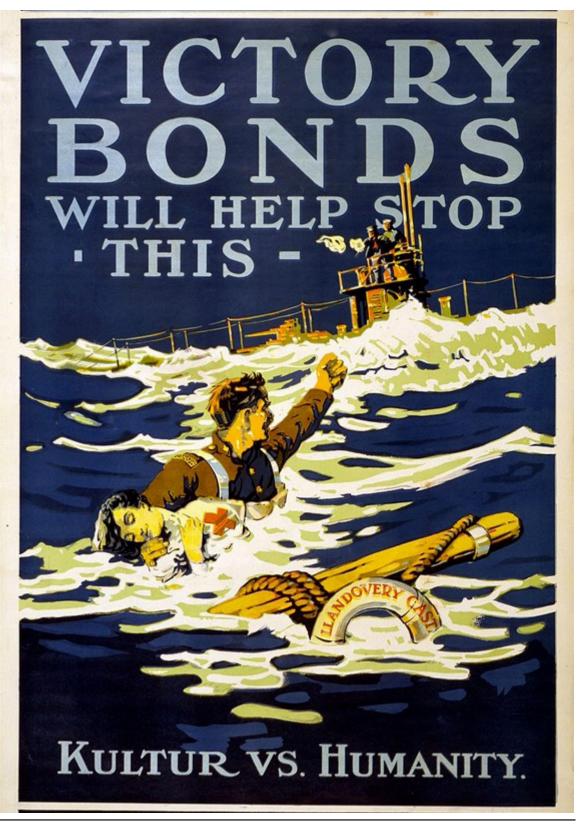
was Private Robert The guilty ver-Alexander Steen. dicts were later Born in Chatham, overturned, as it ON, Robert en- was determined listed on May 1, that they were just 1915 and served following orders. overseas in clear- Kapitanleutnant ing stations before Helmut Brummerbeing assigned to Patzig managed to flee to Danzig, a He was declared free city after the missing, presumed Great War, and was and his never prosecuted.

body was never All three were recovered. later exonerated Robert is com- by the Nazi govon ernment of Adolf

Halifax Memorial. In Canada, the Robert, who was story of the HMHS 47 at the time of Llandovery Castle death, left sadly faded from wife, collective memory Ann, and today few of and two daughters, us have heard of Leta and Elizabeth her or the terrible loss of Canadian

> We will





Women elders share advice for healthy aging

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The Maskwacîs

reluctant to participate Listener says. in the sharing circles

first itant to talk at first sense of balance of well project but when we offered body, mind, emotion, was about the wom- the sharing circles, it and spirit. en's experience of changed that perspecmenopause but the re- tive, knowing that re- ness is belief in one's search team soon re- search doesn't have connection to lan- laughing, crying and these strategies. alized the women had to be harmful. It can guage, land, beings being happy much more valuable be strength-based. It of creation, and anknowledge to share can be meaningful cestry, supported by tising Nehiyawak tra- sometimes not being about how to age well. and beneficial for the a caring family and ditional ways At first some were entire community," environment."

ical research within Elder Jim Dumont: the participants iden- the works. Indigenous commu- "Wellness from an tified four key strate-"It was a privilege nities, Listener says, Indigenous perspec- gies they used to age pressed fears about to be there just to lis- while others felt aging tive is a whole and well: ten to other people's was a taboo subject. healthy person ex- **Physical** — keep- and hearing, or de-experiences." "People were hes- pressed through a ing active to remain veloping dementia as

Central to well- your mind

Emotional

Spiritual — prac- woman

Participants losing their mobility they aged, but they Mental—learning also described how new skills to nourish they turned negative experiences into pos-— itive ones by using

For example, one reported able to move when These results were she wakes up in the Using the four as- shared through com- morning. She gives Each event began pects of the Medicine munity meetings, and thanks to the Creator because of the histo- with a quote from Wheel as a framework a booklet with histor- for giving her her ry of unethical med- Ojibway-Anishinaabe to guide the sessions, ic photographs is in body, and then all of a sudden her pain is gone and she's able around, move Listener remembers.

> All of the women feel a responsibility to pass along their knowledge and advice to younger family members as part of healthy aging.

> "Even if they don't live with their grandchildren, they provide a huge amount of support and they get a lot of personal satisfaction from being able to help," notes Ross, who is a member of the Women and Children's Health Research Institute (WCHRI).

> Listener, a WCHRI affiliate member, says she is grateful the women have also chosen to share their wisdom with the greater community through this research project.

"They've given me this path to follow so that I will be able to be a successful elder in my community when I reach that age," she says. "I now have all of these wonderful strategies that all these people shared. It's just a blessing to

The Cavarzan Chair in Women's Health Research was supported the Alberta Women's Health Foundation through WCHRI.

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Studies confirm an overlooked risk for cardiovascular disease

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diagnostic assessment for RC."

Proctor, Tomorrow LDL-C. Alberta's Project, a long-term province in 2000, in- diovascular disease, vestigating why some Proctor notes. people develop cancer and chronic diseases having like heart disease and equivalent to having diabetes.

seven per cent.

showed that for every abetes, so using RC increase of one unit of measurements may be RC in the blood, there even more important was a 150 per cent for monitoring heart higher risk of hav- health." ing an event such as a heart attack, versus a studies confirm RC 73 per cent higher risk as a factor that can't for LDL-C.

"LDL-C, case, isn't useful to risk of cardiovascular predict future risk be- disease, says Proctor. cause people are possibly on medication," highlight the need to says Proctor.

ploring the same ques- measurements. tes had similar results. of predicting wheth-

found that compared a heart attack. If we "If LDL cholesterol to those without the can detect that early, es would also "give risk of heart disease." is the only type mea- disease, people with doctors can provide doctors and specialfound to be quite low cent higher levels of lifestyle — perhaps because RC, almost five per changes." it is being controlled cent greater incidence may seem like the risk ease and 50 per cent current Canadian and risk of having a heart and of a cardiovascular more probability of worldwide guidelines attack," Proctor adds. Health event is lower. But having other risk fac- for medical profesthat is an incomplete tors like obesity. They sionals to include RC also help determine Diabetes which should include more likely to be on that should be routinecholesterol-lowering ly measured, Raggi used for LDL-C can Student Eurich medication, and con- notes. and their teams drew sequently had 23 per on data from the cent lower levels of munity

The findings are remnant

"We know that diabetes existing heart disease, In analyzing the in- and the risk remains formation, they found elevated even after that people with heart reducing LDL-C with disease had 15 per cent medication. We don't higher levels of RC in have a good way their blood, but not other than monitoring LDL-C levels, which that bad cholesterol were much lower, at — of understanding how much risk there The results also is for people with di-

Collectively, the be overlooked when in this assessing patients at

"The findings consistently include A related study ex- RC alongside LDL-C tions about the bene- taking the RC meafits of RC assessment surement, it can infor people with diabe- crease the accuracy

researchers er someone will have the population." and

needs to recognize he notes. cholesterol

medication to lower Stollery

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everyone — with or Guideline chang- without diabetes — at

The scientists and sured and the level is diabetes had 22 per the right medication, ists more information their Alberta research diet about patients taking were supported by the Children's The findings should their LDL cholesterol, Hospital Foundation by medication — that of cardiovascular dis- prompt a revision of who might still be at through the Women Children's Research The research could Institute, the Alberta Institute, picture, were also 30 per cent as a lipid parameter whether and how ex- an Alberta Diabetes Graduate Fellowship, Alberta Services Outcomes *Improvement* Fund "We need to con- and the Heart and began crucial given that di- as a significant player tinue exploring what Stroke Foundation of



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Expanding home support for Alberta Seniors

To help maintain seniors' well-being, independence and safety in their homes and communities, 15 community organizations have received funding to help them expand their services. Six initial grants were awarded in July 2022 for projects that are now operating and nine additional grants were awarded in June of this year.

"Seniors across our province deserve to live vibrant lives as they age. This funding is critical to ensure that seniors have the supports they need to live independently in their homes and communities," said Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

These non-medical services range from social and emotional supports to help with everyday tasks such as housekeeping, yard snow removal,

from and meal delivery."

"Together address the increasing Leadership Council complexity of needs as Albertans age."

their The Government of Alberta." Alberta's commendable commitment to ment and new investsupporting both the ment into home support well-being of seniors services for seniors will and the community-based senior-serv- to our vision of makorganizations reflects this shared best places in the world understanding."

"Healthy the shared vision between seniors, community-based senior-serv-United Way of Calgary, ue our work to make projects. Alberta one of the best places in the world to grow older," said Karen

Government of Alberta transportation to and McDonald, provincial appointments, director, Healthy Aging Alberta, executive diwith rector of Sage Seniors home care and other Association and chair community services, of the Healthy Aging this expansion will help Alberta Community

"United Way partner proud to "Communities rely with the Government on older adults, and of Alberta and seolder adults rely on nior-serving organizacommunities. tions on Healthy Aging

"This announceget us one step closer ing Alberta one of the to grow older," said Aging Karen Young, president Alberta acknowledges & CEO, United Way of Calgary and Area.

Veiner Centre is ing organizations, the one of the approved projects, to receive and the Government \$200,000 for a variety of Alberta: to contin- of programming and

Volunteer of the Month



Carrie has been a volunteer at the Veiner Centre for eight years, working at our reception desk and newly driving for Veiner Vintage Transport.

She wanted to become a volunteer to help others in the community and meet new people. At the end of the day, she goes

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home with a smile on her face hoping she made a difference in someone's day.

If Carrie had the chance to travel it would be to Ireland The Scottish and Highlands to witness the beauty in person and visiting all the castles.

A true dream trip! If she won a million dollars, her plan would be to upgrade her home and figure out a way to assist as many people as she could.

Carrie enjoys listening to 70's and 80's music, a little classical for relaxation and some Mexican and Indian music to laugh and dance too.

During down time Auatar is the show she enjoys watching. Along with volunteering, Carrie's hobbies are painting, photography and traveling to new areas close by. A little exploring is a great way to spend the weekends.

We want to thank Carrie for all her years of volunteering and being part of Unison at Veiner Centre. If you don't see her at the reception desk, you may just see her at Strathcona Centre, participating in one of our many fitness classes. This lady loves to keep busy!

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Medicine Hat Veiner Activities What's Happening in November

Hours of Operation: Monday & Friday 9am - 4pm | Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 9pm

Mondays

Quilting

Craft Room | 9am

Board Games

South MP | 9:30am

Canasta

South MP | 12:30pm

Tech Support

Boardroom | 1pm

Euchre

North MP | 1pm

Shuffleboard

Games Room | 1pm

Tuesdays

Strathcona Arts Studio

Craft Room | 9am

North MP | 9am

Duplicate Bridge

North MP | 12:45pm

Silver Song Group

Craft Room | 1pm

Crib

South MP | 1pm & 6:30pm

Bridge

North MP | 6pm

Board Games

Dining Room | 6:30pm

Darts

Games Room | 6:30pm

Wednesdays

Mahjong South MP | 9am

Bocce Ball

North MP | 9:30am

Canasta Lessons Dining Room | 9:30am

Veiner Centre Choir

Craft Room | 10am

Bridge Lessons

South MP | 12:30pm

Scrabble

North MP | 1pm

Pinochle

North MP | 1pm

Thursdays

Strathcona Arts Studio

Craft Room | 9am

Jam Session

South MP | 9:30am

Canasta

South MP | 12:30pm

Euchre

North MP | 1pm

Shuffleboard

Games Room | 1pm

Boardroom | 2pm

Duplicate Bridge North MP | 6pm

Norwegian Whist South MP | 6:30pm

Games Room | 6:30pm

Poker

Boardroom | 6:30pm

Fridays

Quilting

Craft Room | 9am

Mahjong

South MP | 9am

North MP | 9:15am

Kaiser Club Dining Room | 1pm

Duplicate Bridge

North MP | 12:45pm

Mexican Train

Dominoes

South MP | 1pm

Stitch & Laugh

Boardroom | 1pm

Presentations & Events

Visit the Courses & Events section of our website for more info!

November 3 - 5

Scrapbooking Fanatics

Starting at 4:30pm on the 3rd | Registration Required

November 7

Book Review Crew

1pm - 2pm | Dining Room

November 7

Ask a Financial Advisor-Craig Elder, RBC Dominion

Securities

10am - 11am | Registration Required | South MP

November 7

Card Makers

1pm - 4pm | Registration Required | bring your own supplies

November 9

Counselling Services with Ben Feere 9am-12pm | Registration Required

November 14

Alzheimer Society Care Partner Support Group 1:30pm - 3pm | Boardroom | Register with Kristel (403) 528-2700

November 15

Parkinson Association Support Group

12:00pm - 2:00pm | Boardroom | Register with Brienne at 403-317-7710

November 21

First Link Connections

1pm - 3pm | Boardroom | Register by calling 403-528-2700

November 24

Book Club

9am - 10am | Boardroom

Wellness Wednesdays

November 1 | CMHA - Is your mind full or is it mindful? | Boardroom | 9:30am - 10:30am | Registration Required

November 1 | Movie Matinee with popcorn "Passchendaele" | South MP 2pm - 4pm

November 8 | BrokerLink: Personal Insurance 101 | Boardroom | 2pm - 4pm | Registration Required

November 15 | Pet Therapy with Kenzy Games Room | Craft Room | 10:30am

November 15 | Optima Rocks! With Jodi Craft Room | 2:15pm | Registration Required

November 22 | Life Long Learning Presents: "Stress" | Boardroom | 10am - 12pm | Registration Required

Active Aging Spotlight

Senior Safety Series - Aging Matters: Help Us Stop Elder Abuse: Learn how the little things YOU do can make a BIG

> difference November 16

9:45am - 12pm | North MP | Registration Required

Please call 403-529-8307 to register at the **Veiner Centre**

Medicine Hat Strathcona Activities

What's Happening in November

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Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
High Beginner Line	Fun & Fitness 9am	Absolute Beginner Line	Fun & Fitness 9am	Pickleball Lessons
Dancing 9am	& 10am	Dancing 8:30 am	& 10am	8:30am
Table Tennis 10am	Solid Gold Fitness 11:45am	Beginner Line Dancing	Beginner Pickleball	Table Tennis 10am
Chair Yoga & More	Beginner Pickleball	9am	11am	Hatha Yoga 12pm
12pm	12:35pm	Table Tennis 10am	Silver Steppers 1pm	
Pickleball 1pm	Floor Curling 2pm	Qigong & Chair Yoga		Pickleball 1:05pm
	•	12pm	Floor Curling 2pm	Pickleball - 6pm
Yang Short Form	Yang Short Form 7pm	120111	Yin Yoga - 6pm	Tiokioban opini
7pm	Chen Style Short Form	Pickleball 1pm		
Yang Long Form	7:30pm	Beginner Tai Chi 3pm	Pickleball - 7pm	
8pm	Fan Form 8:15pm			

Fitness Class Spotlight

All fitness classes require registration

High Beginner/Improver Line Dancing Sept. 18-Dec. 11 | Mondays | 9am-9:45am | FREE

Chair Yoga & More

November 13 - December 18 | Mondays | 12pm - 12:45pm Members: \$32 | Non-Member: \$40

Fun & Fitness

November 7 - December 21 | Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 9:55am & 10am - 10:55am Members: \$70 | Non-Member: \$100

Solid Gold Fitness

November 14 - December 19 | Tuesdays 11:45am - 12:30pm Members: \$36 | Non-Member: \$50

Absolute Beginner Line Dancing

September 20 - December 13 | Wednesdays | 8:30am - 9am | FREE

Beginner Line Dancing

September 20 - December 13 | Wednesdays 9am - 9:45am | FREE

Qigong & Chair Yoga

November 15 - December 20 | Wednesdays | 12pm - 1pm Members: \$36 | Non-Member: \$50

Tai Chi Fitness

September 27 – November 1 | Wednesdays | 3pm - 3:45pm | FREE

Silver Steppers

November 16 - December 14 | Thursdays | 1pm - 2pm Members: \$36 | Non-Member: \$50

Hatha Yoga

November 17 - December 15 | Fridays | 12pm - 1pm Members: \$36 | Non-Member: \$50

Tai Chi Fitness Classes

Yang Short Form

Sept 18 - Dec 5 | Mondays & Tuesdays | 7pm - 8pm & 7pm - 7:30pm

Yang Long Form

Sept 18 - Dec 4 | Mondays | 8pm - 9pm

Chen Style Short Form

Sept 19 - Dec 5 | Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 8:15pm

Fan Form

Sept 19 - Dec 5 | Tuesdays | 8:15pm - 9pm

Weapons Form

Sept 20 - Dec 6 | Wednesdays | 7pm - 9pm Must have completed Yang or Chen form before registering for this class. No exceptions

Muscle Strength & Core Balance - Online Free

Strong core balance is necessary for good posture, balance, mobility and safety around the house. Join Dan every Friday from 11:30am - 12:30pm for a fun workout in your own home!

To register, please contact Heather Dankert, Online Programs Lead at 403-462-5080 or _ heatherd@unisonalberta.com.

Pickleball Lessons

Feel free to drop in on Friday morning's between 8:30am - 9:55am to learn all about Pickleball. Joan will help you learn the fundamentals and techniques with emphasis on how much fun this sport is!

Drop in only (*If front door is locked, knock on the last window on the side of the building by the handicap parking stalls for someone to let you in).

To Register for Events, Classes & Programs, please call (403)529-8307 or visit us at Veiner Center

Active Aging Department

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Calgary In-Person Activities

Welcome to the Calgary Active Aging Department spotlight section. For a full listing of all our activities visit our Active Aging website — kerbycentre23.wildapricot.org or click the link in the menu on UnisonAlberta.com

In-Person Kerby Centre Weekly Drop-In

MONDAY

- Knitting for a Cause 10am (2nd & 4th of the month) Rm 301
- Badminton & Ping Pong 10am Gym
- Mahjong 10:30am Rm 312
- Live Well Be Well Conversations 11am Rm 317
- Pickle Ball 2:30pm Gym

TUESDAY

- FREE Food Market 11 am to noon in the Kerby Gym
- Memory Writing 1:30pm (3rd Tues of each month) Cafe
- Pickleball 2:30pm Gym

WEDNESDAY

- General Craft Group 9am Rm 311
- Men's Shed 11am Rm 317
- Weekly Dance 1pm Cafe
- Cribbage 1pm rm 312

THURSDAY

- Artist Group 10am Art Studio
- Kerby Centre Tours 10:30am meet in the Café
- Pickle Ball 2:30pm Gym

FRIDAY

- Spanish Conversation 10am Rm311
- FREE Food Market 11 am to noon in the Kerby Gym
- *Tech Help 11am (must register)
- Badminton & Ping Pong 1:30pm Gym
- English as a Second Language -1:30pm Rm 311

We have a new location for classes. **WILD ROSE CHURCH**

1317 1 St NW, Calgary, AB T2M 2S5

To Register for Events, Classes and Programs please visit our Active Aging section on our website, call us at (403)705-3233 or visit us at Kerby Centre on the 3rd floor.



Laughter Yoga

Fridays | Feb 9, 16, 23 & March 8 | @Kerby 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Member: *\$5 | Non-Member: *\$15 (*per class, sign up until the last class) Laughter yoga helps to reduce physical and mental stress, supports a sense of connection with others, and it's good for the heart. Contact Lola at Lolaf@ unisonalberta.com or call 403-234-6566



Caregivers Peer Support Group - NEW

Last Wednesday of every Month Oct 25th & Nov 29th @Kerby | 1 pm - 2 pm

Providing a supportive group where you can connect with other caregivers. In our program, you can have open conversations about the ups and downs of caregiving while learning about topics relevant to caregivers

*Registration Required



Creating Boundaries Workshop

Monday, Nov 27 & Dec 4 | @Kerby 1 pm - 3 pm

This is brought to you by Unison Wellness Connection Centre, and Unison Elder Abuse Shelter.

Please Contact Lola at Lolaf@ unisonalberta.com or call 403-234-6566



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Rosebud Theatre Wednesday, November 15th | 9:15 am - 5:30 pm

Member/Super Member: \$145 |

Non-Member: \$175

The remarkable true story of the Christmas truce of 1914

Cut-off Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 *Includes admission, buffet lunch, coffee & tea, play and bus transportation

*Registration Required



Active Aging Department

Calgary In-Person Activities

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Classes and Activities Spotlight

Wise Owl Boutique

1/2 Price Sale

November 13 - 24

Discounts are available on red tag items.

Indigenous Building Capacity
Workshop: Truth & Reconciliation
Workshop

Monday, November 13th | Kerby Centre 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Members: \$70 | Non-Members: \$100

The Medicine Wheel will be presented first as a segue into the Building Capacity portion of the presentation. The Building Capacity: Truth and Reconciliation Presentation is based on the Medicine Wheel Teachings

*Registration Required



Teacup Gardening

Friday, November 10th | Kerby Centre 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$25 Learn how to create a succulent teacup garden during this hands-on workshop. Participants

*Registration Required





Table Centerpiece

Tuesday, December 5th | Kerby Centre 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Members: \$25 | Non-Members: \$25

Learn how to use cut-greens, ribbon and other simple decorations to give your table some pizzaz.

*Registration Required



Free Food Markets Non-Kerby Locations

Parkdale Nifty Fifty Association (NW)
November 14 | 11AM - 12PM

CARYA Village Commons (SE)
November 8l 1PM - 3PM

Bow Cliff Seniors 50 + (SW) November 16 | 11AM - 12PM

Northminster United Church at the Highland Park Community Association (3716 – 2nd St. NW) November 22 | 1:30PM - 3PM

Self-Protection

Tuesday, November 21st | Kerby Centre 10:00am - 12:00pm

Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$60

Regardless of your size or strength, there are several simple self-defense techniques you can learn to protect yourself.

*Registration Required



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Water Marbling Art (EBRU) Workshop

Thursday, Nov 23 | @Kerby | 10 am - 12 pm Members: \$30 | Non-Members: \$60 Discover the world of water-marbling art in our upcoming workshop! Immerse yourself in the process of creating stunning designs on water's surface, resulting in unique and captivating artworks.

*Registration Required



HOPPING SPOTLIGHT

Active Aging Department Unison Online Activities

Members Free Online Classes

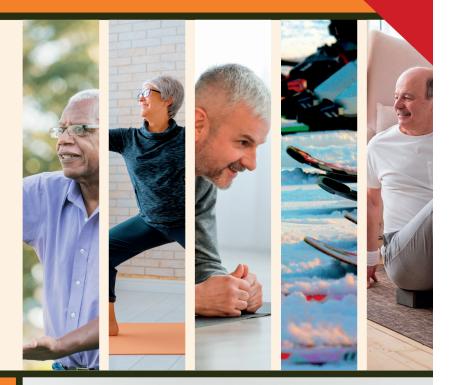
We are excited to offer free online classes with your Unison Membership!

Not a member? Let's change that!

Contact our membership desk to get your \$25 annual membership.

Fitness with Dan - Mondays @ 9:30 am Seated Gentle Yoga - Mondays @ 2 pm Tai Chi – Tuesdays @ 1:45 pm Yoga for You – Thursdays @ 9 pm Muscle Strength & Core Balance – Fridays @ 11:30 am

Register each semester to ensure you receive the login information for your favourite classes!



FREE Online Presentations

*Registration is required for all presentations

Calgary Police Services: Be in the Know! Monday Nov 6 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am Join us in welcoming the Calgary Police

Service in a quarterly update on safety and avoiding fraud and online scams.



The final presentation in our Immunization **Education Series**

Let's Stay Healthy This Winter: **Immunisations and Your Pharmacist**

With Jason Remillard Pharmacist and consultant (Calgary) at Pharmasave on Northmount

Friday, Nov 24 | 10:30 am - 11:30 am



Eye Health Presentation Series Part 2 & Part 3



Through the Looking Glass: Understanding Cataracts and Clearing the Fog

With Dr Diana Monea, OD, FAA Optometrist Shawnee Eye Health Centre Tuesday, Nov 14 | 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm



With Dr Diana Monea, OD, FAA Optometrist Shawnee Eye Health Centre Tuesday, Dec 12 | 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm





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Members Free Online Workshops

Financial Workshop Series in Partnership with Momentum

Register for the individual classes that interest you by going to

www.kerbycentre23.wildapricot.org and looking under "ONLINE" and "WORKSHOPS" in the main drop-down menu.

Instructor: Robert Bryenton - Empowerment Facilitator

*All workshops are 10 am - 12 pm | Limit of 15 people per class

Class details can be found on the class page online.

- Assets: Build your Future
- Thursday, Nov 9
- Credit: Take Charge of It! Thursday, Nov 16
- Consumerism: Decide for Yourself Thursday, Nov 23

To Register for Events, Classes and Presentations, please visit Kerby's Active Aging website, contact our Online Programs department at heatherd@UnisonAlberta.com or visit us at Kerby Centre on the third floor — room 306.

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Seniors Scene: events about town!

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If you are cur- PM, Drop-in rently enrolled in art classes and Saturdays this semi annual volunteer opportunity please con- PM - 7:30 PM tact us:

pdnf.org

Bowness Seniors' Centre 6422 35 Avenue NW, Calgary | Phone

D a i l y Activities:

403-286-4488

Billiards November 8 Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 12 noon

Book Club 2nd Thursday of each Society for an NW, Calgary, AB Calgary month at 1:00 PM in-person

Bridge Thursdays 12:30

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P:(403)-283- Wednesdays dar on www.cal- sire and the end-0620 or info@ 10:00 AM - 11:30 hort.org. AM

> Sing-A-Long Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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Seeking cribbage players

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need, we want to help fulfill it. Wherever there's a problem, we want to help Unison

scam. We can get folks those with anxiety, fear or stress. These aren't just as necessary. fle decks of cards and to problems that can be solved.

But there is no rule to to be understood. Wherever there's a say we can't make things better.

This Wellness Connection Centre exists But there are some at the Kerby. We might problems we just can't not be able to sew sutures in the wounds of Those with trauma, the heart and mind, but a support group for those we can offer something

> A place for people to gather, to understand and

We have plenty of programs, different is why the from Laughter Yoga to Meditation Monday, to Music Wellness.

about the grief group.

Grieving Together is who have lost loved ones. I had a chance encounter with someone who was just leaving the group - and since I can't help but talk to everyone I conversation.

the overwhelming nature it's the sense of loss.

things: you can grieve a lost opportunity, a missed chance or connection.

But it's the loss of loved ones that causes us

No one can truly understand it until it happens, and it's beyond months, seeming to disappear in the background like radio static, before it

hits you like car crash.

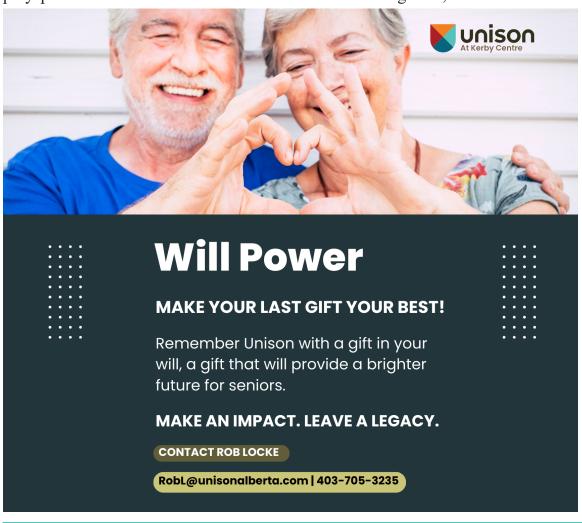
All it took was smelling their perfume or cologne.

What could we possibly do in the face of such But I want to talk overwhelming darkness?

> We cling together. We share in our grief and we connect. This is what happens at the Wellness Connection Centre. This is why it's important.

"I don't know what I would have done withmeet — we struck up a out the Wellness Centre and its group bereave-And I was struck at ment program. It was my lifeline last year. And of grief. Grief comes in the programs continue many forms: at its core, to be a life changer for me. We are raising each You can grieve many other up out of our mental anguish and black darkness of grief and hopelessness." - C

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