



Chestermere Teen Recognized for Excellence in Sports and Storytelling

Chestermere Crowns Carter as Mayor for a Day

Young resident brings smart, community-focused ideas to City Hall in youth leadership initiative

By Stephen Jeffrey Photos compliments of City of Chestermere



City Hall had a new face behind the mayor's desk this week as Chestermere welcomed Carter, a local student and the winner of the city's annual Mayor for a Day contest.

Carter's one-day term took place on Tuesday, June 18, and included a packed agenda filled with civic engagement, learning opportunities, and behind-the-scenes access to how Chestermere runs. From a mock press conference to a city-wide driving tour, the young mayor experienced firsthand the responsibilities and complexity of municipal leadership.

The Mayor for a Day program, hosted by the City of Chestermere, gives students in Grades 6 through 9 a chance to step into civic leadership by submitting proposals that address real-life challenges in the community. This year, Carter's winning submission focused on a critical issue: how to plan for smart growth in a rapidly expanding city.

His proposal called for widening key roads, building more schools, expanding commercial zones, and reserving land for a future recreation centre—all while maintaining steady tax levels by leveraging growth-related revenue.

"What stood out most about Carter's vision was its balance," said a City staff member who participated in the roundtable discussion with council. "It wasn't just ambitious—it was practical. He looked at how families, students, and commuters would benefit, and built a plan that was phased, responsible, and community-focused."

Carter began his day with a tour of City Hall, where he met department heads, sat down with Mayor Shannon Dean and members of City Council, and participated in a roundtable discussion. He then visited Community

Operations to learn how infrastructure maintenance is handled, followed by a tour of Chestermere's Fire Hall, where he met with local firefighters and learned about emergency preparedness.

One highlight of the day was a city-wide tour, where Carter saw how municipal planning decisions are connected to everyday life—from traffic flow to neighbourhood development and commercial growth.

He ended his experience with a moment of reflection, sharing advice for future young leaders and emphasizing the importance of listening to the community when making decisions.

"Carter brought forward real solutions for the future of Chestermere," said Mayor Dean. "His proposal reflected the kind of thinking we hope to see in future civic leaders—focused on the people, grounded in reality, and forward-looking."

The Mayor for a Day program aims to encourage civic literacy, community involvement, and leadership skills in young residents. As Chestermere continues to grow and evolve, city officials say youth engagement is more important than ever.

Residents can read more about the program and see photos from Carter's day on the city's official website and social media pages.

As for Carter, his day in office may be over—but his ideas have already left a lasting impression.

"Way to go, Carter," said Mayor Dean. "Chestermere's future is brighter with young minds like yours leading the way."

Chestermere Hosted First Walk and Talk for Men's Mental Health

Men's Shed program highlights community, connection, and contribution

By Stephen Jeffrey

A quiet but powerful conversation took place at John Peake Memorial Park June 13th, as the City of Chestermere hosted its first-ever Walk and Talk for Men's Mental Health Day—an event aimed at raising awareness, building community, and reducing the stigma surrounding men's mental health.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on June 13, the park's gazebo transformed into a hub of support and solidarity. Mental health resource stations, refreshments, and community connections were all part of the afternoon as participants strolled through the park, met new people, and shared stories.

One of the day's key features was an introduction to the Chestermere Men's Shed, a growing program that offers local men—particularly retirees—a chance to connect, collaborate, and contribute.

"We get together, meet 19 or 20 other guys, make some friends, see them every week for a couple of hours," said organizer Jamie Marriott. "If you find people that you like and they've got the same interests, then go and do it."

The Men's Shed movement began in Australia and has since spread internationally, with 35 sheds now operating across Alberta. Chestermere's group launched in May 2024, starting humbly in a member's garage. It has since grown to 20 members who now meet weekly at Lakeshore Manor—formerly the Best Western—every Thursday at 10 a.m.

More than just a gathering space, the Men's Shed encourages hands-on community involvement. Members have organized bike bell giveaways for kids, coffee talks, pub nights, and even formed a garage band, thanks to local organizer Peter Clapton.

"We were giving bicycle bells out to kids for their bikes

because there's so much pedestrian traffic," Clapton explained. "We thought we'd give them bells and helmets."

The group also works closely with counsellor Robert Schindler to identify projects that support the broader Chestermere

community. Recent efforts include painting picnic tables at local parks, with future projects in the works.

"The big focus is the welfare of men," said Marriott. "But the goal is also helping men re-engage, give back, and find purpose in retirement or after big life changes."

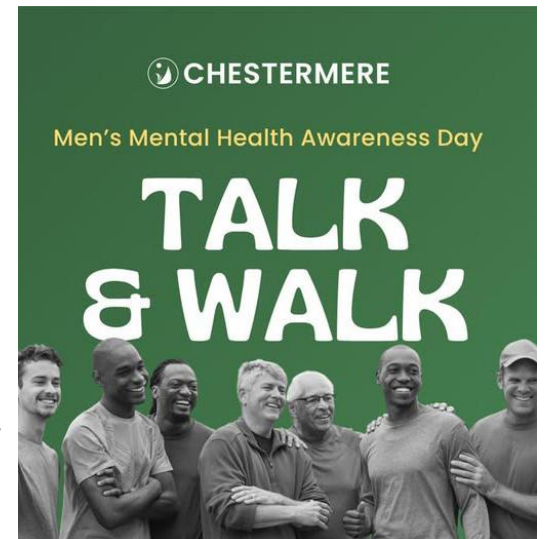
As the Men's Shed grows, organizers are now seeking a dedicated workshop space—somewhere members can build, create, and continue strengthening their ties to each other and to the city.

While the Walk and Talk event lasted only a couple of hours, it sparked important conversations and made it clear that community support for men's mental health is not only needed—but welcome.

Residents interested in joining the Chestermere Men's Shed or supporting their efforts can contact the City of Chestermere's Community Services Department or follow updates on the city's social media.

"Sometimes, all it takes is a walk, a conversation, or a shared project to change someone's life," said Clapton.

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Carney Begins EU Visit with Defence, Trade, and Diplomacy on the Agenda

Canada and European Union to deepen security partnership amid global uncertainty

By Stephen Jeffrey

Prime Minister Mark Carney began his four-day diplomatic trip to Europe this week with a solemn visit to the Schoonselhof Military Cemetery in Antwerp, Belgium, where 348 Canadian soldiers are buried. Accompanied by his wife, Diana Fox Carney, and Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever, Carney laid a wreath alongside Foreign Affairs Minister Anita Anand, Defence Minister David McGuinty, and special envoy Stéphane Dion.

The visit kicked off the EU-Canada Summit in Brussels, where Carney promised a “new era of partnership” between Canada and the European Union. A key highlight of the summit is a landmark security and defence agreement, described by European officials as one of the most ambitious ever signed between the EU and a non-member country.

The deal will open the door for Canada to participate in joint weapons procurement through the EU’s ReArm Europe initiative—a 150-billion-euro defence investment fund. A second agreement with the European Commission is required before full Canadian participation, but officials say it will streamline procurement, lower costs, and reduce reliance on U.S. suppliers.

Leaders are also expected to issue a joint statement on Ukraine, Gaza, climate change, and trade. Belgian PM De Wever said the partnership is vital in a “less friendly world,” referencing both Russia’s aggression and U.S. protectionism under President Donald Trump.

Carney confirmed a recent call with Trump, discussing Middle East de-escalation, NATO, and trade. He reiterated that Iran’s nuclear ambitions pose a global threat, but joined De Wever in advocating for democratic regime change—not military escalation.

Carney, EU Council President António Costa, and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen are expected to hold a joint press conference before Carney heads to the NATO Summit in The Hague.

Ten year old Chestermere Recognized for Excellence in Sports and Storytelling

MLA Chantelle de Jonge honours Amarion Henry for achievements in basketball and publishing

By Stephen Jeffrey Photos compliments of Spencer McDonald CPL



Local student Amarion Henry has been officially recognized by Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge for his exceptional achievements both on and off the court. At a recent event, de Jonge highlighted Amarion's dedication to basketball and his success as a first-time published author, calling him a rising role model for youth across the community.

"Amarion is a shining example of what can happen when talent meets determination," said de Jonge. "He's proven that hard work pays off—not only as an athlete, but as a young writer with a voice worth hearing."

A well-known face in Chestermere's youth basketball community, Amarion has impressed coaches and peers alike with his skill, discipline, and leadership on the court. He has played in regional tournaments and school-level competitions and is often seen mentoring younger players during community events and practice sessions.

But Amarion's accomplishments don't end at the three-point line.

This year, he also achieved a milestone few pre-teens can claim—he became a published author. While details about the book are still under wraps, sources close to Amarion confirm that the work is an inspiring, youth-focused piece that blends personal experience with creative storytelling.

The Chestermere Public Library has confirmed it will be carrying copies of Amarion's book as soon as it becomes available. Library staff are enthusiastic about showcasing the work of a local author, particularly one whose story reflects the power of perseverance and creative expression.

"This is exactly the kind of story we love to support," said a library representative. "Amarion's journey will resonate with other young people, and we're proud to be one of the first places where readers can discover his work."

Family, friends, and teachers have all praised Amarion for his character and work ethic. His achievements, they say,

reflect not only natural talent, but a deep commitment to setting—and reaching—big goals.

In an era when youth face increasing social and academic pressures, Amarion's success has become a beacon of hope and inspiration, showing what's possible when young people are empowered to chase their dreams in more than one arena.

His story also aligns with local efforts to support youth development in Chestermere through sports, literacy, and community engagement. Programs offered by schools, the Chestermere Recreation Centre, and the Chestermere Library are part of a broader network of support helping young people like Amarion discover their potential.

MLA de Jonge, who regularly highlights local youth accomplishments in the Legislature and in the community, said she hopes Amarion's story will encourage others to explore their passions—whatever they may be.

"Whether it's writing, sports, music, or leadership, our young people have so much to offer," she said. "We're lucky to have someone like Amarion in Chestermere."

Amarion's book is expected to be available at the Chestermere Library later this summer. Stay tuned to the Library's website and social media channels for its release date.



Chestermere Loves CFTR The Rogue

Local residents tune in for a refreshing blend of community news, music, and voices that truly represent them

by Stephen Jeffrey

In a digital media landscape awash with big-name networks and national syndicates, Chestermere residents have carved out a special place in their hearts for CFTR The Rogue. This local community radio station stands apart for its authentic connection to the people of Chestermere, offering programming that resonates with local values and a spirit of grassroots engagement that digital giants can't replicate.

CFTR The Rogue has long been a trusted voice, known for its finger-on-the-pulse coverage of community events, local news, and issues that matter most to Chestermere. While many digital radio stations cater to broad audiences with generic content, CFTR the Rogue invests in telling the unique stories of its community. This is evident in its diverse range of programs—from interviews with local personalities and in-depth explorations of community traditions to live coverage of events that bring residents together.

One key element that draws listeners is the station's commitment to localism. In an era when media can often feel distant, CFTR The Rogue's programming is both accessible and relatable. Whether it's highlighting a neighbourhood initiative, celebrating local talent, or offering a platform for community leaders to voice their concerns, the station's content feels deeply personal to its audience. This community-centric approach has cemented its role as not just a source of information but also as a rallying point for local identity.

The station's digital presence has also helped to bridge the gap between traditional radio and modern media consumption habits. Through online streaming and social media engagement, CFTR The Rogue reaches listeners on multiple platforms. This multi-channel approach ensures that residents of Chestermere can stay connected no matter where they are—from early morning commutes to weekend gatherings. The station's interactive segments, where listeners call in or share their views on social media, create a dynamic dialogue that larger, impersonal networks often miss.

Local sports, cultural events, and community milestones receive thorough, unhurried coverage on CFTR, a stark contrast to the rushed, sometimes cookie-cutter updates found on broader platforms. For instance, when Chestermere hosts its annual events or community gatherings, CFTR is on the scene, providing on-the-ground reports and interviews that bring the excitement directly into the homes and hearts of its listeners. It's a reminder that while digital technology connects us, nothing beats the



Chestermere's Best Radio

immediacy and intimacy of a truly local broadcast.

The station also plays a vital role in supporting local talent. From emerging musicians who get their first break on live air to voices that champion local causes, CFTR The Rogue offers a stage that is uniquely tuned to the community's sensibilities. This nurturing environment encourages creativity and civic participation, fostering a sense of pride among residents who see their city's character being celebrated daily.

Moreover, according to research by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, community radio stations like CFTR have experienced a resurgence in listenership as audiences seek local, authentic content. This shift reflects a broader trend in media consumption where community connection is just as important as high production values.

Ultimately, CFTR The Rogue isn't just a radio station—it's a vital thread in the fabric of Chestermere's community. Its dedication to local stories and its interactive approach have won the loyalty of residents who crave media that speaks directly to them. For the people of Chestermere, tuning into CFTR The Rogue means staying informed, feeling connected, and celebrating the unique spirit of their hometown.

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Chantelle de Jonge, MLA

Provincial News

shifting away from a one-size-fits-all health care system



Some of the most common concerns Albertans have with our health care system are wait times, staff shortages, and a lack of local decision-making. Albertans are tired of bureaucracy getting in the way of common-sense solutions, and they're right to be.

That's why Alberta's government is making fundamental changes in how health care is delivered across our province. We're shifting away from a one-size-fits-all system run from far-away offices, and we're putting real decision-making power where it belongs, in the hands of the dedicated staff who run our hospitals.

Beginning in fall 2025, with full implementation expected by summer 2026, hospitals in Alberta will operate under hospital-based leadership. This means key decisions like hiring frontline staff, managing supplies, and responding to local challenges, will be made directly by hospital teams working on-site.

Our government is proud to represent nearly every rural community and small town in Alberta. We know what works in Calgary might not work in Peace River or Cardston. Our communities are as unique and diverse as the hardworking Albertans who call them home, empowering them to act quickly and decisively will mean better care and less waiting.

This is about more than just convenience, it's also about improving outcomes. Health care workers and patients have made it clear; the current system is too slow, too complicated, and too top-down. By reducing bureaucracy and empowering local leaders, Alberta's government is delivering real, lasting improvements for Alberta families. We are making health care more efficient by eliminating administrative waste and focusing resources where they matter the most.

Last week, I had the opportunity to host my colleagues



Chelsae Petrovic, MLA for Livingston-Macleod and Parliamentary Secretary for Health Workforce Engagement and Justin Wright, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat and Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health in the Town of Strathmore for a full day of stakeholder engagement.

Our day included a tour of Strathmore Hospital, discussions with staff at AgeCare Sagewood, a Q & A session with seniors at the Happy Gang and a roundtable with our local family physicians. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who took the time to share their experiences and insights. These conversations – bringing together voices from across the full spectrum of health care are invaluable as we work collaboratively to guide future health priorities and build a stronger, more responsive system for years to come.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions at Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca.



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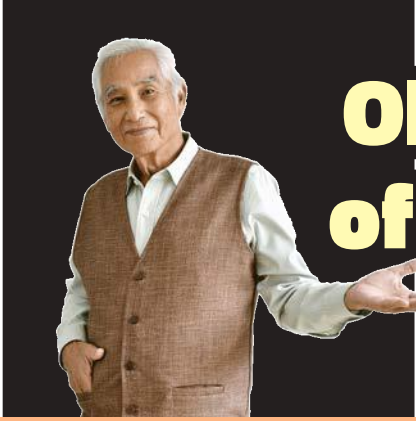


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The adage “April showers bring May flowers” seems to have evolved into “May showers bring June flowers.” As we approach the midpoint of the year, the pleasant weather serves as a reminder of the remarkable community in which we reside. Whether you appreciate the flowerpots maintained by the City, enjoy recreational activities at the beach, find rejuvenation through a walk along the pathways, or partake in a relaxing round of golf, one is constantly reminded of the numerous attractions and activities available in Chestermere.

OACC NEWS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 Seniors' Week is from June 2 – 7th and the Seniors' Week Committee planned a great week of events to celebrate and recognize the contributions of Seniors within our community. Enjoying some live big band entertainment, an historical presentation, or some pancakes and information sessions, there is something for everyone. Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped make this week of events a success.

The 2025 Municipal Census is currently in progress. It commenced on May 12 and will continue until June 30. Completing your census is crucial as it is utilized for provincial population-based funding. Maintaining accurate and current numbers is essential due to our recent rapid growth and to support potential grant funding for recreation, facilities, and major projects. If you have any inquiries regarding the 2025 Municipal Census, please contact City Hall at 403-207-7050 and dial extension 7111 or 7038 to speak with the Census Office.

The City continues to promote their “Report It” campaign. If you have an issue, request or repair from the City of Chestermere, you can use the online reporting form to report it. This can be used for roads, parks, collections or safety concerns. You can find the form at this link on the City website. <https://thecityofchestermere.ca/report-it/>. If you have a bylaw or traffic concerns, you can reach out to the general inquiries and non-emergency line at 403-272.9878.

On June 30, 2025, fluoride will be reintroduced to Calgary water and since they provide our regional drinking water, Chestermere as well. This is the result of a 2021 plebiscite in Calgary. Fluoride does not alter the taste, smell or appearance

of drinking water, and is reported to provide considerable safe, cost-effective benefits for dental health. For more information you can go to www.Calgary.ca/fluoride.

June 26, 2025, will be the 2nd Mayor & Council Charity Golf Tournament at Lakeside Golf Course. Tee-off time is at 1:30pm with the banquet following at 7:00pm. To avoid disappointment, register early at <https://thecityofchestermere.ca/mayor-and-council-charity-golf-tournament/>

I often see people fishing off the bridge or on the shores of the lake and it looks so peaceful. It prompted me to investigate some of the rules and regulations around this great activity. I found this interesting article on the City website at <https://thecityofchestermere.ca/fishing-in-chestermere-know-before-you-go/> which provides some key information about keeping our lake healthy and understanding fishing guidelines.

Are you interested in gaining confidence and skills to better engage in the digital/computer world? Alberta Digital Literacy Program (through the Alberta government) offers a free, self-guided program for individuals looking to build or improve your digital literacy skills. There is a beginner program and an intermediate program. For more information, go to <https://digitalliteracy.alberta.ca/>

Looking to hit the highway on your motorcycle? Don Lemna (yes, he's related lol), hosts rides around Southern Alberta and BC throughout the riding season for 50+ riders from the Chestermere area. This is NOT a club, there are no meetings, dues, fees or costs associated. It's just a group of riders having fun. If you are interested, reach out to Don at jumpmaster@shaw.ca or put your name on the signup sheet at Whitecappers.

There have been lots of questions regarding the next edition of the Seniors' Resource Handbook. We are happy to advise, that the City of Chestermere have committed to creating a new edition of this handbook and to expand it to include community resources for all residents. While still in the planning stages, OACC is excited to work with the City as it moves forward with this initiative.

Many groups and programs have reduced their calendar activities over the summer months, so be sure to check in on the regular scheduling as you are making plans. The OACC traditionally takes July and August off from meetings but watch the Anchor notice board for details.

NEWS & VIEWS ON HEALTH

Are you concerned about activities of daily living (ADLs)? They are basic self-care tasks that you do every day like eating, dressing, bathing, and moving around. As we age, sometimes these tasks become more difficult. If you are finding this, it is important to discuss your concerns with your health care provider as they can suggest ideas that may help. Discussing ADLs should be part of your regular health checkup. Talking with your health care provider is a way to make sure you are safe and getting the resources you need. You can also call Health Link at 8-1-1 to speak to an information and referral specialist. They are available 24/7 and can help navigating the health system.

A reminder about the Chestermere Conversation Café. This group supports caregivers and family members of those working with Dementia or memory loss. Regardless of where you or your family member is in the dementia journey, it is a casual conversation setting offering peer support. Family members and dementia patients are welcome to join in.

Meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Lakeshore Manor (200 Marina Drive, Chestermere). Remember you can check out the link for more information: <https://dementianetworkcalgary.ca/event/new-chestermere-conversation-cafe-in-person/>

JOIN THE OLDER ADULTS' COALITION OF CHESTERMERE
OACC – Upcoming Meeting Dates – June 18, 2025, at 1:30PM

– 3:30PM Lakeshore Manor (200 Marina Drive, Chestermere). While walk-ins are welcome to our meetings, RSVPs are appreciated. Please email Betty at betty.dagg@shaw.ca. We kindly ask that you park at the rear of the building in visitor parking.

The OACC also welcomes community businesses, organizations, and service providers to join our meetings as a guest speaker. If you are interested, please reach out to Ellen or Dawn.

RESOURCES

The Chestermere Older Adults' Resource Handbooks (2023) are now out of stock. There may be copies still at the Chestermere Library, Whitecappers Association, Lakeshore Manor, and Synergy as well as medical offices and pharmacies throughout the city. Digital copy are available at the City of Chestermere website: <https://thecityofchestermere.ca/residentialservices/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2023/03/chestermere-older-adults-resource-handbook-2023.pdf>

Chestermere Community Services – CSS offers programs and services to enhance the well-being of individuals and families in Chestermere. They provide free and confidential services related to social support, information, and referrals to local resources provided by not-for-profit organization. They can be reached by email: cssinfo@chestermere.ca, or you can call 403-207-7050 or text 403-826-2611.



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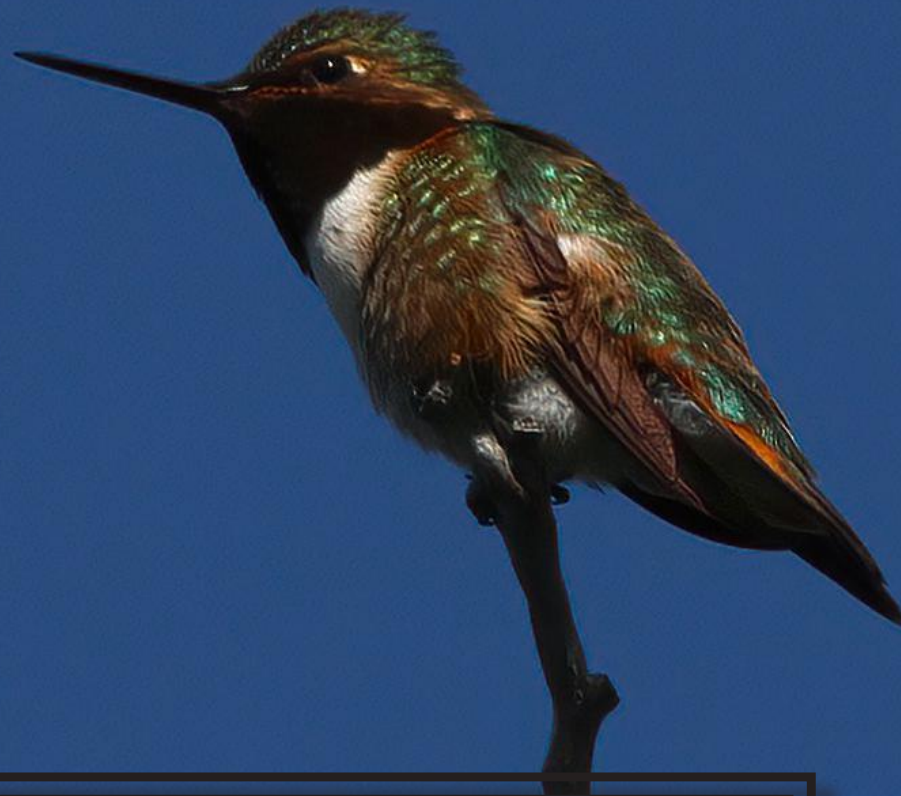
On a recent birding adventure to Griffith Woods Park, Elaine and I were pleasantly surprised. While taking photos of a Northern Rough-winged Swallow, there was a much smaller bird perched on a second dead branch on this shared aspen tree. A closer study revealed a bird we don't often see or pursue with "twitcher" fervour.

As our shutters added megapixel pictures to our memory cards, it became apparent that this hummingbird was unique. Generally three hummingbird species visit our province: the Ruby-throated, the Calliope and the Rufous. Three additional species, the Black-chinned, the Anna's and the Costa's make very rare appearances, likely catching a wrong flight into Alberta. The Ruby-throated is most commonly seen by birders and non-birders alike. One place Elaine and I have watched for them is the Ellis Nature Centre in Lacombe County. There is a well designed wildflower area to attract hummingbirds located beside the interpretative centre.

Although each of the three main visiting species are distinctive in appearance, when two of these species interbreed, some dominant features of each create a unique hummingbird, a hybrid. After downloading our photos and examining the hummingbird closely, we suspected we were in the presence of a hybrid. Sending a photograph to a local birding expert, our hunch was confirmed. The hybrid had characteristics of both the Rufous and Ruby-throated species.

Wondering how often this occurred, we learned that hummingbird hybridization occurs more in western Canada and the United States, as multiple species share the same ranges and habitats. It has been estimated that 0.1% of wild hummingbirds are first filial generation or "F1" hybrids. Birders and scientists alike must rely on vocalizations or calls, careful observation and in some cases, use genetic testing to identify the parent species. Factors such as a

***Birding with
Elaine & Don***



change in habitat or migration patterns may help explain why generally this territorial species may interbreed. Thinking that hybridization might be rare, further exploration in the literature brought for us, a surprising discovery. Up to 10% of the world's 10,000 bird species can be identified as having been involved in interbreeding. In our own birding records we've identified eight unique species pairings resulting in hybridization, with the majority involving ducks.

Scientists indicate that there are potential advantages for hybridized birds. New gene and allele combinations can be beneficial for adaptation to new or changing environments. The transfer of advantageous genes can help a bird population's odds to survive such change. New species may also be an outcome of hybridization. The increased genetic diversity may also improve the immune system of the bird species. Negative outcomes are possible as well, including

the loss of unique genetic characteristics in a rare species, a loss of fitness for an environment, sterility and the hybrid bird(s) may compete with the parents for resources including habitat.

The complexity of nature can produce feathered surprises for any bird watcher. Hybrids add the unexpected during those walks in parks. Griffith Woods Park truly put a hum in our song and added visual memories to share with you, our readers.

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Entertainment ~ Local Theatre



With Spencer McDonald

Rosebud production of *Dream*

The Rosebud Theatre has a brand-new show, Dream by Terry Bachynski. Written during the pandemic, this is the first time this play has been seen on a stage, and boy is it something to go see.

Portraying the life of Eddie (played by Mark Kazakov), a down on their luck and troubled teen who was orphaned at a young age being sent to live with Gram (played by Annette Loiselle), an empty nester and widow in a small town in Ontario after getting in trouble with the law again.

This story is based on the life of the father of the screenplay writer Terry Bachynski and does not hold back on the genuine honesty of these characters. The play is not afraid to show the hardships Eddie faces, and the way a small community treats outsiders. The writer additionally has their own character the songwriter (played by Aaron Krogman), who steps in the story to provide anecdotes, and further context to the life and struggles of Eddie.

Eddie finds himself struggling to fit into this new small town life after living his life chasing after a buck in a big city by scamming his way through life.

In the small town, he meets Joannie (played by Karyssa Komar), his eventual wife after she gets mad at him for throwing his schoolbooks in the river. The story goes through his redemption and the changes he goes through discovering himself and what he wanted in his life.

Overall, the relationships felt alive, and whole. These characters are well thought out, and with the dedication of the actors, these characters truly stand out in memorable ways. You could feel their flaws, their hopes and dreams, and their love and care for each other.

The play has both a fantastic humour and tragedy with it, and vibrantly portrays the way life can take you in unexpected decorations.

The music is catchy, and I find myself humming the co-op song, a fun tune all about how if you can't find it at co-op, then you don't need it. The rest of the songs are also extremely well composed, and the way they carry thematically throughout the play really brings the show together. Personal favourites include Diggin' a Hole, Old Belle River Road,

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The Co-op Song, and Just Tell Rita.

The stage decor is simple and effective, alongside a full portrait of the real life Eddie and Joannie near the piano, a beautiful piece showing that this was their lives together.

If this play doesn't find its way to more stages, I will be wholly disappointed. Go see it while you have the chance, as it only runs until August 30th.

Whitecappers Activity Schedule June 2025 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 SENIORS WEEK June 2 - 7	02 OFFICE OPEN 1:00 pm – 3:00pm Walk Fit 11:00 am Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm	03 Line Dancing with Tarnia 10:00 am Seniors' Week Tea and Historical Presentation Tea 1 – 4 pm Presentation 2 pm	04 OFFICE OPEN 11:00 am -1:00 pm Walk Fit 11:00 am Chair Yoga with Vicky 11:30 am Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm Cards/Crib 1 - 4:00 pm	05 OFFICE OPEN 11:00 am -1:00 pm Quilting 9:30am Chestermere Artisans 1:00 pm Bridge 1:00 pm	06 Exercise Class with Julie 10:30 am Chair Yoga 11:45 am Senior' Week Pub Night 6:00 – 10:00 pm	07  Coffee at Whitecappers 10:00–11:15 am Cards/Crib 1:00 – 4:00 pm
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MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

Walk Fit 11:00 am
Chair Yoga 11:30 am
Carpet Bowling 12:45 pm
Cards/Crib 1:00 pm

Drop-in. No charge for members. \$3/non-members.
Mondays and Wednesdays with instructor Vicky. Drop-in. No charge for members. \$3/non-members.
Everyone welcome. Come and meet the players already enjoying the games. Room for many more!
Wednesdays only. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy your favorite card game or crib.

TUESDAYS

Line Dancing 10:30 am

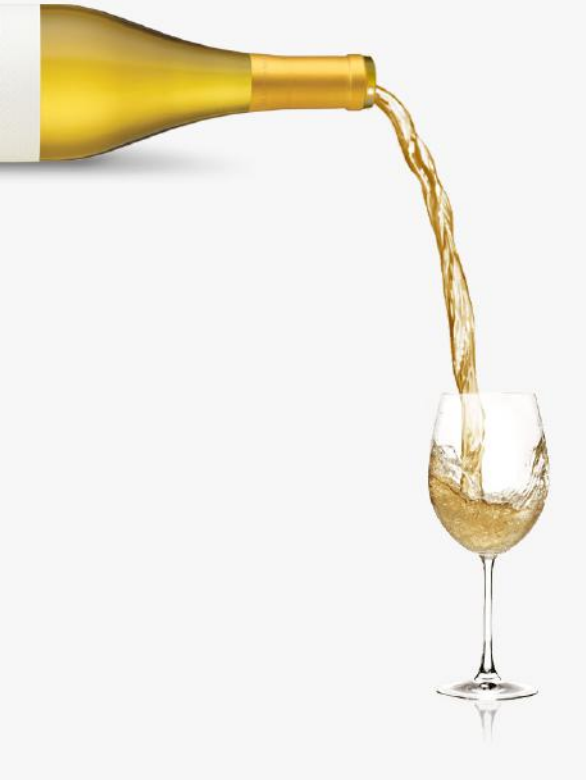
Drop-in. No charge for members. \$3/non-members. Classes with instructor Tarnia.

THURSDAYS

Quilters 9:30 am
Artisans of Chestermere 1:00 pm
Bridge 1:00 pm

Come in and see what they do, or just chat and have coffee with them. All levels of skill welcome.
Try out our painting group. All levels of skill welcome.
Join us for a good game of bridge. New players are always welcomed!

EDDAYS



Lakeside

Libations



Nick Jeffrey

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National Martini Day has just recently passed us by, taking place on June 19 every year. As is proper, I gathered my usual posse, and we got all gussied up in our fanciest duds to hit the cocktail bar circuit for a night of Martini drinking, spending \$21 per cocktail at one fancy lounge after the other.

When I was but a young and naïve boozer, I was shocked to learn that the Martini was not a British invention, as the college bars I frequented in my early drinking years served only cheap draught beer fit for students, so my only knowledge of Martinis came from a suave 007 secret agent who was famous for preferring his Martinis shaken, not stirred.

Unlike so many of the ancient tipples of the world that hail from Western Europe, the Martini is an entirely New World creation, although there is some disagreement among the booze historians as to whether the Martini was invented in New York City or in San Francisco.

Dreamy Martini

While there may have been earlier oral records now lost in the boozy mists of time, the earliest written record of the Martini comes from a bartender's cocktail guide published in 1887, suggesting the recipe evolved from a cocktail called the Martinez that was served at the Occidental Hotel Bar in San Francisco.

The recipe underwent a few minor modifications before becoming what we would recognize today as the classic Martini recipe of two parts London Dry Gin, one part Dry Vermouth, shaken or stirred over ice, then strained into a cocktail glass, and optionally garnished with an olive or lemon twist.

I went through a Dirty Martini kick in the early days of the new millennium, which adds a dash of olive brine and a green olive on a toothpick as garnish. It all began innocently, but after slowly cranking up the amount of olive brine to the mix over the course of several months, there was one unfortunate night that I can only assume was



caused by a reaction to eating too many garnish olives, and not by the Gin and Vermouth the olives were soaked in.

Learning my lesson, I returned to the classic Martini recipe, alternating back and forth between the Dry and Wet varieties by adjusting the amount of Vermouth in the mix. After much experimentation, I am firmly wedded to the 2:1 ratio of Gin to Vermouth, although I must confess I have left the boring old European liquor brands behind, and replaced them with crafty local spirits instead.

The Eau Claire Distillery in Diamond Valley is the granddaddy of craft gin here in Alberta, throwing open their doors in 2013, after refurbishing and revitalizing the historic 1929 building that once housed the town's original movie theatre. In the past dozen years, many more gin distillers have set up shop in Alberta, but I am partial to the Eau Claire Parlour Gin, made in the style of a London Dry Gin, with a Canadian twist of local pure spring water and barley grown out behind the distillery.

Vermouth is much less popular here in North America than

it is in Europe, so local crafty examples are hard to come by, but I have replaced that boring old green bottle of Italian Martini Rossi Vermouth with the Tawse Dry Vermouth from the Tawse Winery, a four-time winner of Canadian winery of the year, located about halfway between Hamilton and Niagara Falls.

While Gin is a distilled spirit that will last pretty much forever, Vermouth is classified as a fortified wine, usually weighing in around 18% ABV. A Vermouth producer will start by fermenting a wine, then adding a neutral grape brandy, sweetening with sugar, and adding aromatic herbs, roots, or botanicals. Be sure to refrigerate Vermouth after it has been opened, as it will oxidize and spoil within a month or so at room temperature, but can be stretched to three months if kept chilled.

Whether you prefer your martinis at home in your comfy pants, or 007 style in a flashy tuxedo while playing baccarat, try one with locally produced Canadian spirits!



Save the Date!

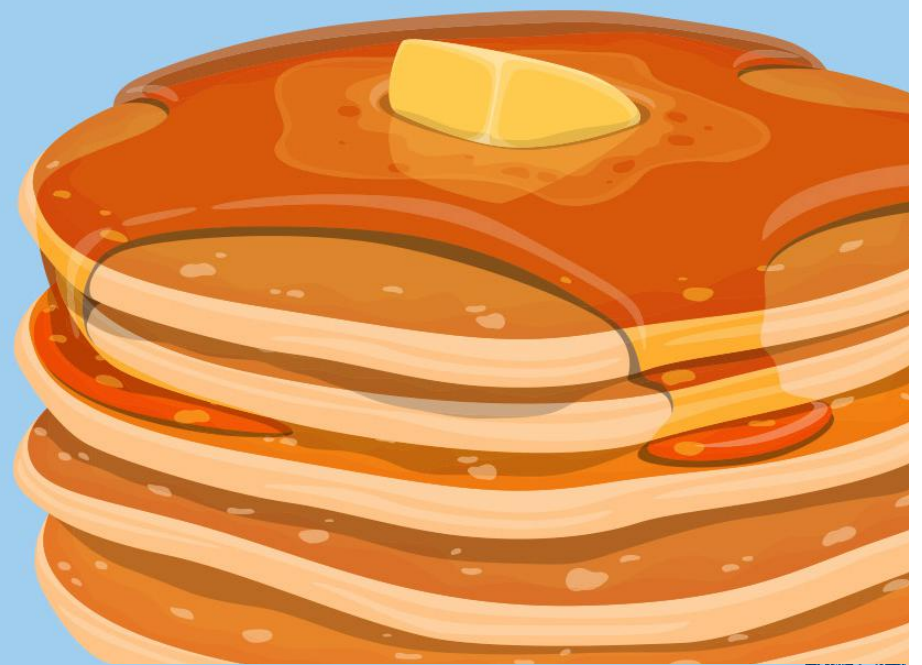
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Summer Programs

Our Summer Program Guide is releasing soon. We have a variety of workshops, and programs available for FREE! Registration opens on June 17th at 10AM on our website.

Artist on Display

Stop by the Library to view the art of Brando Boyko.

Brando Boyko is a local Chestermere artist and the owner and tattooist at Saint and Stellar Tattoo and Design. Visual and illustrative arts have always had a huge impact on Brando, from the early years as a boy growing up in Nanton, Alberta, through to his artist career. Art runs in Brando's blood and appreciation of skills it takes to create. Brando truly hopes to inspire and encourage young minds to never give up on their art and their dreams. You can find a selection of Brando's art and merchandise for sale on his website: www.saintandstell.com

Summer Reading Kickoff

TDSRC is back at the Library. Join us for our summer kickoff on June 13th from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, for a variety of activities, crafts, and games! Preregistration for our Summer Reading Club is only on June 13th during our Summer Reading Kickoff. We will have limited spaces open before registration fully opens on June 17th. The Summer Reading Program has 7 weeks of different themed activities for ages 3-12.

We will also have a variety of performances during this event! Registration is required for the performances.

Starting at 3:15PM, we will have Mr. Rayz Music for Kidz, where he will share stories, songs, with his friends the cuddlebuddies.

At 4:30PM, join us for Sheila Edgar, the Comedy Cowgirl for a show with ventriloquism, storytelling, magic, and rope spinning.

After-school @ CPL

Join us Monday through Thursday and Saturdays for after-school activities for kids. Registration is required for each program.

Mondays at 4:15PM – Kids Creative Club. Ages 6-12.

Tuesdays at 4:15PM – Reading Buddies. Ages 6-12.

Wednesday at 4:15PM – STEAM. Ages 6-12.

Thursdays at 4:15PM – Mindful Makers for In-Betweeners with Stepping Stones to Mental Health. Ages 10-14.

Storytime

Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15AM for songs, rhymes and stories. No registration required.

We also have a Baby Storytime on Friday at 10:15AM for parents and babies between the ages of 0-23 months.

YouTube Storytimes

Find us on YouTube by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@TheChestermerePublicLibrary> for a variety of storytimes available anytime!

Graphic Novel and Manga Clubs

This month, our Graphic Novel and Manga club are looking at Detective Comics. Try something new and let us know what you chose. Join our Discord on our website to discuss this month's theme.

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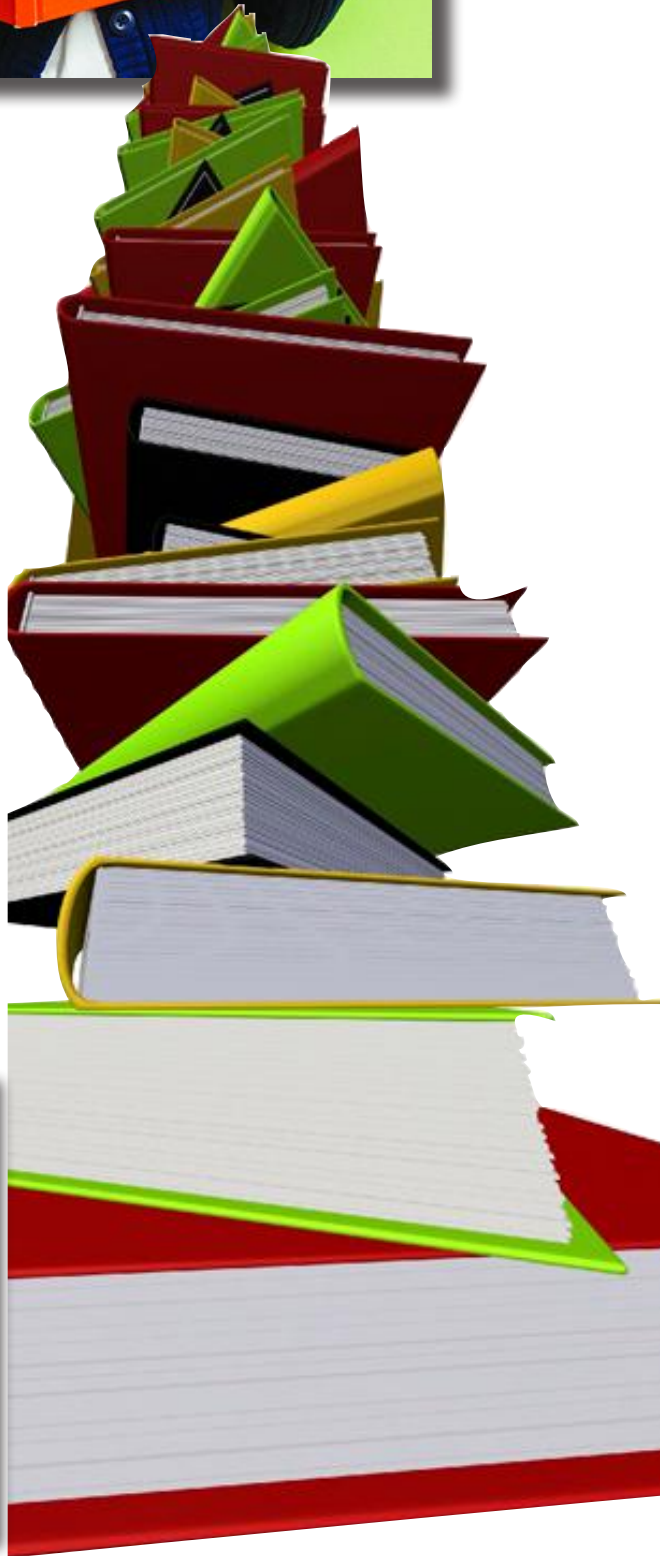
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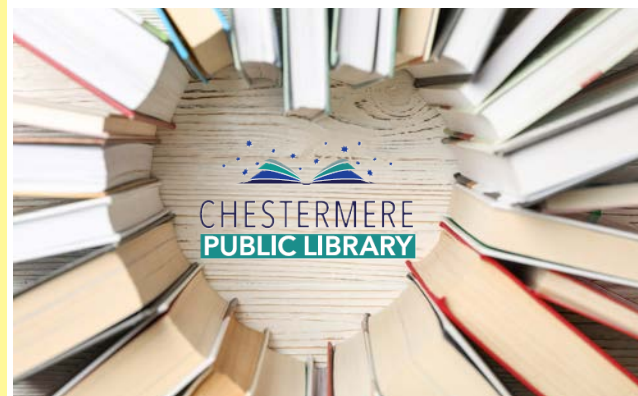


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Friday and Saturday – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday – 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



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Lakeside Quilters' Guild

Lakeside Quilters Guild. Meeting twice a month at the Chestermere Recreation Center, meeting room #1. Meetings and Sew Days are monthly, every second Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quilting experience not necessary, new members are welcome. For more information contact Teena at

403-285-8309.

The Chestermere Fine Art Guild

The Chestermere Fine Art Guild meets every Thursday at 1pm, in meeting room 1; and have classes on the first and third Monday at 6:30 pm. Come and explore your artistic potential. We welcome new members beginner to advanced.

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June 18th

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Catholics in Chestermere: Weekend masses are now open for public celebration without seating restrictions at St. Gabriel's Catholic School (197 Invermere Dr.). There is no longer advanced registration required to attend mass (Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am, and 10:30 am), but please stay home if you feel sick that day. For more information please call 403-455-0196.

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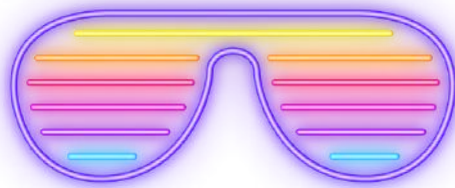
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, the universe is giving you a chance to get in some rest and relaxation before you have to tackle your very long list of tasks. Soak it all up while the break lasts.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you value comfort and security, which is probably why you will want to revisit some of your investments over the next few days to figure out if you are maximizing your money.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

You excel at seeing both sides of a situation, Gemini. Follow your intuition as you try to navigate a tricky situation at work that requires you to make a firm decision.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

This is a great week to work behind the scenes, Cancer. Consider stepping back from any projects you had planned and let someone else take the lead for a little bit.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Don't try to cram too many experiences into this particular week, Leo. You may be disappointed by the results if you take on too much. It's best to spread everything out.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, aim for balance right now. Everything may seem like it is up in the air, so if you focus on two or three important things in your life you can tackle them successfully.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

It isn't the job of someone else to make you happy, Libra. You have to figure out how to do that on your own. A bit of conflict over miscommunication may arise this week.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Exercise caution if you are thinking of changing things up, Scorpio. People are used to routine and too much change at once can lead to a lot of floundering and lack of effort.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Touch base with your dearest friends, Sagittarius, especially if they haven't heard from you in a long while. This might be the week to make some plans and reconnect.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, spring cleaning has long passed, but you might want to revisit some organizing and decluttering projects at home. Get rid of as much as you can.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, slowing down and taking stock of your situation is a good idea this week. Not everything needs to be done in a day, so pace yourself and make a good plan of action.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Try turning off all the excess noise in your life right now, Pisces. Focus on your own thoughts and feelings this week, rather than what others want from you.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 15

Ice Cube, Rapper (56)

JUNE 16

Justin Jefferson, Athlete (26)

JUNE 17

Kendrick Lamar, Rapper (38)

JUNE 18

Blake Shelton, Singer (49)

JUNE 19

Zoe Saldaña, Actress (47)

JUNE 20

Nicole Kidman, Actress (58)

JUNE 21

Lana Del Rey, Singer (40)

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to fireworks.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = E)

A. 24 5 22 24 1 23

Clue: Catch fire

B. 20 6 12 13 9

Clue: Bright burst

C. 25 3 3 10

Clue: Loud noise

D. 7 3 6 3 8 20 19 6

Clue: Bright and lively

Answers: A. ignite B. flash C. boom D. colorful

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fireworks.

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Answer: Aerial

GUESS WHO?

I am a musician born in England on June 18, 1942. I met one of my future bandmates on the school bus and then joined another friend's band. I would go on to be part of one of the most successful musical groups of all time, until its dissolution in 1970. Afterwards I had a successful solo career.

Answer: Paul McCartney

SPARKLING WORD SEARCH

V B O Y Y S L A I R E A P E F K B Y R R
P U L A U F T E V R B C V U T U T U I S
Y R R C B Y G N G D H C N T T D G D Y T
B R O C A D E K E A F I R E W O R K S C
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N M U O S D U W G G M R A D H R D D O I
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C R N M A N Y D F P R S S P A T L W T A
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E O N N G L I T T E R O F I B O N V V F
K M M R N T V E R C B D O B O O D U Y F

WORDS

- AERIAL
- ASSORTMENT
- BARRAGE
- BRICK
- BROCADE
- BURST
- CAKE
- CANDLE
- COMET
- CONE
- CRACKLE
- DUD
- EFFECTS
- FINALE
- FIRECRACKERS
- FIREWORKS
- FOUNTAIN
- FUSE
- GLITTER
- MORTAR
- NOVELTY
- PYROTECHNIC
- SHELL
- SPARKLERS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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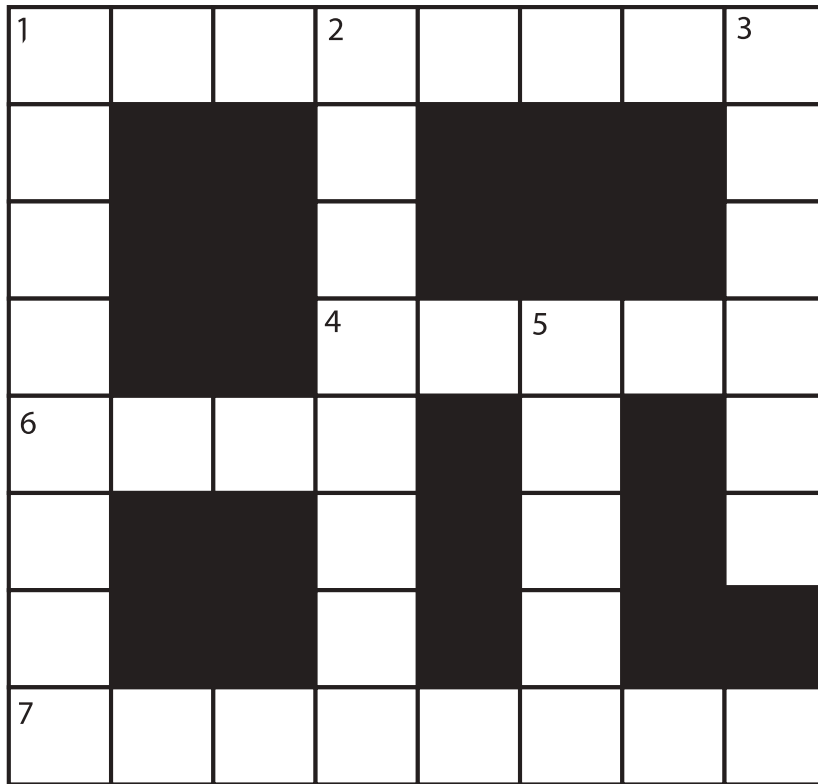
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Crossword Puzzle



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MONTH



HISTORY

1996

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Animal FACT:

These powerful predators typically are not found in captivity because of their demanding needs.

Answer: Great white shark

ACROSS

- When animals are being fed
- Engine
- Body of water
- Young animal

DOWN

- A place for a particular purpose
- Straight line through the center of a circle
- Insufficient, not many
- _____ frutti

Answers:
 Across
 1. Feedings 4. Motor 6. Lake 7. Yearlings
 Down
 1. Facility 2. Diameter 3. Scarce 5. Tutti

NEW WORD

ZOO

an establishment that maintains a collection of wild animals

How they say that in...

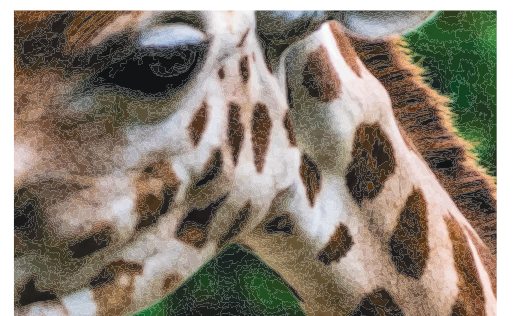
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- Spanish:** Hábitat
- Italian:** Habitat
- French:** Habitat
- German:** Lebensraum

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