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THE ANT AND THE CHRYSALIS

An Ant nimbly running about in the sunshine in search of food came across a Chrysalis that was very near its time of change. The Chrysalis moved its tail, and thus attracted the attention of the Ant, who then saw for the first time that it was alive. "Poor, pitiable animal!" cried the Ant disdainfully. "What a sad fate is yours! While I can run hither and thither, at my pleasure, and, if I wish, ascend the tallest tree, you lie imprisoned here in your shell, with power only to move a joint or two of your scaly tail." The Chrysalis heard all this, but did not try to make any reply. A few days after, when the Ant passed that way again, nothing but the shell remained. Wondering what had become of its contents, he felt himself suddenly shaded and fanned by the gorgeous wings of a beautiful Butterfly. "Behold in me," said the Butterfly, "your much-pitied friend! Boast now of your powers to run and climb as long as you can get me to listen." So saying, the Butterfly rose in the air, and, borne along and aloft on the summer breeze, was soon lost to the sight of the Ant forever.

"Appearances are deceptive."

Web World One

Lon Hofer

General Tips on Blogging

Just some quick pointers on blogging, some more specific to personal blogs while others to business blogs. Just keep in mind there are always different circumstances which would make these more (or less) relevant for your specific purpose. That's the thing about blogging, rules need not necessarily apply.

- 1. Be yourself** - Web 2.0 is not like the former way of business communication. It is more personal and less corporate. Be open and express your opinions.
- 2. Keep things minimal – 300 words or less if possible** - People are busy. But if they are returning to your blog then they are doing so for a reason, so help them out by giving them a concise article. If not possible, then break the article into a series of posts.
- 3. Use bullets or points – make it easy to scan** - Help the reader get to the key information and attract readers who may quickly scan your article at the beginning to decide if they want to read it or not.
- 4. Use titles that are catchy or accurate** - Titles are the first thing you are relying on to get people to your blog, so be sure it either attracts people sincerely or by using something catchy.
- 5. Insert links / video / images to relevant content that supports your post** - These will really help support your point of view and make things more interesting for your reader.
- 6. Edit your post** - Edit it as you would anything else, as distractions destroy communication.
- 7. Use keywords naturally in titles and headings** - Follow Google's search engine optimization guidelines for your site.
- 8. Set up a rough schedule and stick to it** - People will then expect your content and follow it.
- 9. Read your reports** - Be sure to have your website reporting set up so that you can track users' paths through your site if you are using it for business. Maybe your users are navigating through your site in a way that you never intended. Be sure to make the relevant adjustments.
- 10. Be social!** - Use an aggregator, social media buttons, or any of the social media feed tools to get your blog out there and engage with your surrounding community.



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32nd Annual Canada Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, July 1

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On Sunday, July 1 another DeWinton heritage event, the annual DCA Pancake Breakfast, will mark its 32nd year of bringing together friends and neighbors to celebrate Canada Day.

Come and join 400 of us for a hearty breakfast that will include traditional flapjacks, sausage, ham, juice and coffee. Price is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children with kids under 6 free.

This year as each year will feature live entertainment, children's activities, and fun for all.

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE DCA

DeWinton Community Association (DCA) Volunteer Bank

Throughout the year, DCA undertakes a number of activities to promote interconnectivity within the DeWinton community by hosting social events.

In order to maintain the outstanding building and grounds that we have at the Hall, group maintenance volunteers are needed.

In order to create a base of willing volunteers, DCA has created a **volunteer bank**. Simply, we would ask those of you who might be able to lend a hand once or twice a year for a few hours of volunteer work around the Hall to drop us a note or give us a call!
dwca@platinum.ca / 403.938.2525

Group & Club Activities

In addition to special events sponsored by your Community Association, the Hall hosts regular group and club activities.

Monday: Yoga Night (evening)

Tuesday: Bridge Group (evening)

Q Bee Quilting (evening)

Wednesday:

Q Bee Quilting (daytime)

Interest has been shown to start a Chess Club and a Book Club. If you're interested in participating in a once-a-week Club activity your hall, please contact Greg Davenport at 403.938.2525.

These activities are open for enrolment to all DeWinton CA members

Basement Restoration

After months of efforts, the basement area of the hall has been restored to usable space. The spaces are now ideal for small group meeting, or new club activities.

DCA Member Benefits

Members of the DeWinton CA are eligible for a special discount of 20% off on Hall Rentals. We are now accepting bookings for the November and December time period for seasonal parties. Please contact Greg Davenport, Facility Manager at 403.938.2525.



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The **Calgary Stampede** celebrates its centennial year this July, and is Calgary's most popular tourist attraction, featuring rodeos, an amusement park, live stage concerts, chuckwagon races, agricultural exhibits, and much more. For 10 days (July 6 - 15), the city is transformed into an old west town celebrating the cowboy culture.

The first chuckwagon race held at the Calgary Stampede was in 1923. The No. 10 Event evening competition was the "Cowboy's Chuck-Wagon Race" with purses and prizes totaling \$275.00.

For the official Canadian Championship title, each outfit, consisting of four horses, wagon, driver and four helpers, were required to: "Cut a figure eight around barrels, out through backstretch into track, run around track back to camp ground, unhook team from wagon, stretch fly. No less than two stakes, and make fire. First smoke decides winner".

The Chuckwagon had a different use before being raced or even seen on the Canadian prairies. In Doug Nelson's book entitled "Hotcakes to High Stakes, The Chuckwagon Story", he writes -- "The prototype for the chuckwagon was a hospital unit used by the Union army surgeons during the later stages of the American Civil War. A light but sturdy canvas covered wagon with an upright chest of medical supplies attached to its back, its hinged end gate protected the chest while traveling and could be lowered for use as a dispensary or operating table when the wagon reached casualties".

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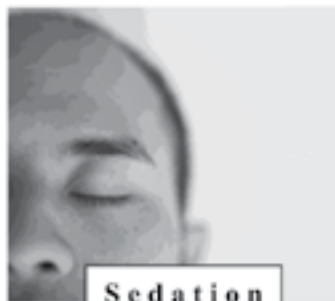
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A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

by B.G. Rose

Watch for the **Canvasback** -- the largest of the North American diving ducks, in marshes, ponds, prairie pot-holes, and wetlands around Calgary. Every work day, I have the pleasure of watching a pair of these ducks outside my office window, which overlooks a marshy pond. Their presence is peaceful, and their courtship intriguing, including some spectacular aerial chases!

The drake Canvasback has a gracefully shaped sloping forehead, long black bill, russet coloured head, black chest, and its sides, back, and belly are white, resembling the weave of a white canvas -- hence its name. Hens also have a black bill, and the head and neck are a mottled light brown, grading into a darker brown chest and fore-back, which provides a natural camouflage while on the nest. The legs and large, webbed feet of both males and females are bluish-grey.

Canvasbacks prefer to nest over water on prairie marshes, surrounded by vegetation such as cattails reeds and bulrushes. They can dive as deep as 30 feet underwater to get roots, buds and tubers of aquatic plants, rooting through wetland bottoms with their bills for pondweeds and wild celery. They also consume insects, small fish and crustaceans. Hens select a nesting site, attaching the nest to surrounding vegetation or place it on a floating mass of vegetation. Nests are bowl-shaped, constructed of interwoven plant material and lined with down. Clutch size is approximately 7 - 12 greenish olive eggs.

Populations are continuing to rebound from the declining levels of the late 1980s and early 1990s, due to drought and drainage of marshes and prairie potholes where ducks breed. The Canvasback, as well as many other species of ducks, are highly migratory, but are effectively conserved by protection of their feeding grounds and the places where they nest.

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- **until June 3 Ring of Fire** at The Military Museums features the stories of three Victoria Cross recipients. 403.974.2850 / www.themilitarymuseums.ca
- **June 3 Roald Dahl's Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs** Symphony Sundays for Kids presented by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra combines puppets, actors and musical storytelling that will have your children laughing and learning. 403.571.0849 / cpo-live.com
- **June 6 – 10 The National** opens the Summer Series of world class show-jumping at Spruce Meadows. www.sprucemeadows.com/tournaments
- **June 7 Beatles Forever Tribute** (Dinner Show) at Deerfoot Inn & Casino. Wristband 5 pm. Dinner 6-7 pm. Show at 8 pm. 403.236.7529 / www.deerfootinn.com
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**JULY 1
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AT A GLANCE...**

JULY 1 - CANADA DAY!

- **Canada One Tournament** at Spruce Meadows is a world-class show jumping competition, and considered among one of the finest outdoor tournaments in North America. Free admission and parking. www.sprucemeadows.com
- **Fort Calgary** offers a full day of free fun, from 9 am - 4 pm, including free pancake breakfast, live entertainment, petting zoo, pony rides, games, crafts, and much more. Be there at noon for the official Canada Day ceremony. www.fortcalgary.com
- **Heritage Park** celebrates the old-fashioned way with birthday cake, potato sack races, games, crafts, an old-fashioned circus, musicians and more. A Citizenship Ceremony will be held at noon to welcome 100 new Canadian citizens. www.heritagepark.ca
- **Calgary Stampeders play Montreal Alouettes** - 5 pm at McMahon Stadium. www.stampeders.com
- **Millarville Races Canada Day** racing begins at 10 am. The Race Day's attractions include modern-day cowboys, farmers and local acreage owners competing in the Millarville Derby - a 7 furlong race for riders and their stock horses under a western saddle. www.millarvillercetrack.com
- **July 19 Stamps vs Roughriders** at 7 pm at McMahon Stadium. www.stampeders.com
- **July 21 Strawberry Festival** at Kayben Farms in Okotoks - a sweet way to spend the day! www.kayben.com
- **July 21 Nazareth** (Canadian Farewell Tour) at Deerfoot Inn & Casino. Wristband at 6:30 / Show at 9:00 pm. www.deerfootinn.com
- **July 22 18th Annual Kensington Sun & Salsa Festival** runs from 11 am until 5 pm. Enjoy the sunshine with family and friends and experience a delicious variety of salsas. Bands, vendors, dancers and more. www.visitkensington.com/sun-and-salsa
- **July 26 - 29 Calgary Folk Music Festival** takes place at Prince's Island Park. Enjoy mainstage performances as well as workshops/sessions. www.calgaryfolkfest.com

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Summer Getaway

by Caitlin Poole

Summer is the time to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty that Canada has to offer. You don't even have to go that far; Calgarians are lucky to be in close proximity to great National Parks such as Banff, Waterton and Jasper. People travel from all across the globe to see the sights we have in our own backyard! A trip down to Waterton would be an excellent summer activity. Since it is only about three hours from Calgary it could easily be a day or weekend trip. I would recommend taking the weekend as there are a few great sights along the way, such as the Buffalo Jump outside of Fort Macleod, and the railway bridge over the Old Man River in Lethbridge (check out the view from Indian Battle Park).

Waterton is a great place to visit for people of all fitness levels. There are some difficult hikes such as the "bear's hump" at the entrance to the park and there is the option of taking the longer trail up the mountain once inside the park. The park's highest peak (Mt. Blakiston) is 2940 m (9645 ft) above sea level or approximately 1,490 m (4900 ft high). There are also some shorter and easier trails that offer gorgeous views of the lake.

The town also has a lot to offer in the summer months. This is when the businesses and camp grounds open up. Take a leisurely stroll through the town and down the path along the water's edge. The lake is surrounded by the mountains and makes for a very picturesque place to take some photos or have a picnic. Also, be sure to check out the view of the lake from the Prince of Wales Hotel, it is located higher up so you can view the lake going off into the distance.

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- 4 Mythical Greek horse
- 6 Breathing hole
- 8 Chinese eating utensils
- 9 PEI provincial flower
- 10 An office clip and musical instrument
- 13 Earl Grey tea ingredient
- 14 High yield garden vegetable
- 15 Short, moral story
- 16 Form of mental picture

ACROSS

- 1 Another term for chore
- 3 City in France and Ontario
- 5 French casserole
- 7 Baked pasta dish
- 11 The alphabet
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WRITE ON PREPPING YOUR BBQ FOR SUMMER

Lon Hofer

A favorite thing to do at any time of year, especially summer, is eat. Nothing is better in the summer than a plate of barbecued hamburgers, steaks, or chicken skewers, complimented with a good salad and baked potato. However the accurate cooking and taste of these foods can be affected by a built up grill, dirty coals / rocks, or clogged burners.

Cleaning your barbecue is easy, but it can also be made easier by following a couple of preventative actions during the summer:

- Seasoning your grill – Remove your grill, wash it with

soapy water, rinse it, dry it (not drip dry), and apply vegetable or olive oil. Put it back in the barbecue, turn on high for 10 minutes and back to medium heat for 20-30 minutes. Your grill will last longer and your food will stick less. You can apply oil prior to cooking each time, with the barbecue off (especially if using aerosol spray).

- Cleaning your grill AFTER you cook – The best time for you to use your wire brush is after you have cooked, while the grill is still hot, so your food debris removes effortlessly and without taking any of the grill with it.
- Cleaning the inside of barbecue:
- Clean the grill as per above, and remove any ashes from the rocks and keep them in a coffee tin. Use them in your garden if you need to keep slugs away. You can wipe the barbecue's cover but don't use chemicals, and it's not going to affect the barbecue's performance so do this as you wish.
- Cleaning the outside of barbecue:
- Simply use hot, mildly soapy water, with a rag, and be sure to rinse it well and dry it. Place in the sun to complete the drying. If your burner is operating unevenly, search online for 'how to unclog a grill burner'.

Happy grilling.



BE A TREE CHILDREN AND STRANGE DOGS

As a veterinarian and dog trainer, I have an extensive background in animal behavior, and I have taught my children to behave appropriately around dogs... I thought. Recently I scrambled to intervene as one of my sons walked up to an unknown dog, asked for and received permission to greet the dog from its owner, where upon, he grabbed the dog and hugged it around the neck. This dog was giving out all kinds of signals that this made him uncomfortable, and fortunately he chose not to bite.

I previously recounted the story about a very big sweet dog strolling into the Tsuu T'ina bottle depot carrying a plastic jug hoping someone would throw it for him. The woman two stations over from me started screaming hysterically, swinging her arms, jumping up and down, and kicking out at the dog. This silly dog dropped his jug at her feet, sat down with his head cocked to one side, and looked over this mad woman, until we shoed him out of the depot. Now I have my own personal phobias so I try to be sympathetic of others, but her shrill over-the-top screaming hurt my ears and made me want to bite her. If this dog had a fearful or aggressive bone in his body this woman was doing everything to potentially set him off. By teaching children how to behave when they encounter a stray dog, hopefully they

will never have a reason to be as fearful of dogs as this woman was.

If your child feels threatened by a stray dog they must not run. Dogs have a strong chase reflex whether they are friendly or not. A friendly dog may chase a running child and inadvertently knock them down, but a dog with its predatory instincts on alert may be incited to bite. **BE A TREE!** Your child should stand motionless wrapping their arms close to themselves. Do not make eye contact. Look away or even close your eyes. A dog may come and sniff them but would likely find this person uninteresting and wander away. Then the child should quietly walk to a responsible adult.

If the child is on the ground they need to **BE A LOG!** They can be a rolled up stone for that matter, but the same rules apply, arms wrapped around the body and motionless. No eye contact.

A child's high-pitched screams are often irritating or exciting to dogs. It goes against a child's need to cry for help, but trees and logs are silent.

Do not assume you or your child can read a dog's intentions. Dogs about to bite may have their heads up, and wag their tails. Tail wagging has little to do with judging aggression. The dog my son was hugging radiated discomfort by panting, straining to get away, and pinning his ears back. Liam was oblivious to the dog's body language in his excitement to greet the dog. Forgetting the rules is part of why they're children and most children love animals. Review the rules frequently and remind children their dog is not the same as every other dog.

If your child does wish to pet a leashed dog, first teach them to ask permission of the owner, and then wait for permission to be granted. Finally, let the owner get control of the pet in a sit-stay or on a short leash prior to putting out your hand palm upward and below the dog's face. Scratch the dog's neck, do not place your face in the dog's face, or ask the owner how their pet likes to be touched.

Teaching your children about dogs may save your child from a nasty bite or worse. Any animal bite should be reported to the authorities. By being smart with dogs and children we also create an atmosphere where our beloved dogs are welcome and accepted in the community.

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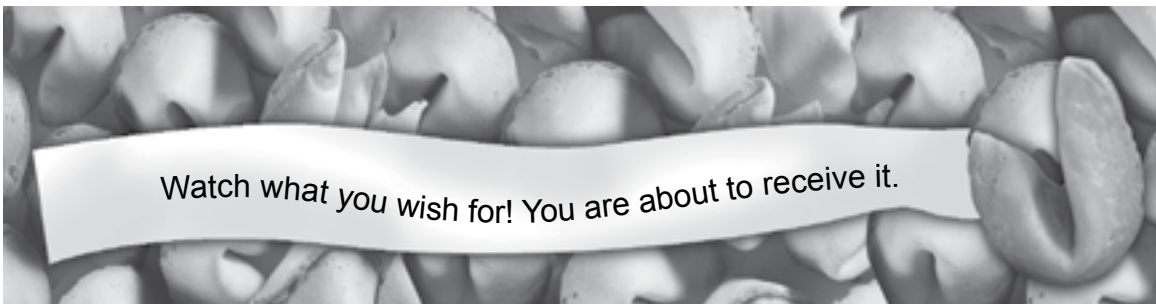
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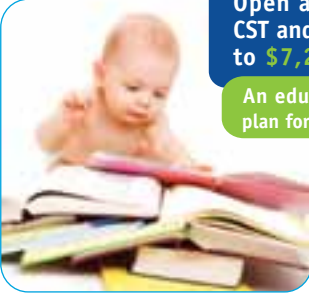
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