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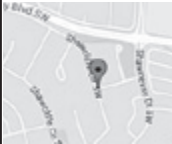
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The oldest living thing in existence is not a giant redwood, but a bristlecone pine in the White Mountains of California, dated to be aged 4,600 years old.

Cottage Hand-off

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

The hand-off. It's the simplest play in a football coach's playbook. But as any sports fan knows, even the simplest play can go wrong for any number of reasons. The same could be true of your family cottage hand-off.

To help you avoid potential obstacles like excessive taxation and maybe even some surprising opposition, here's how to perform a cottage hand-off that ensures it will stay in your family's hands for a long time.

Call the right play

A successful hand-off starts with everyone on your "team" being on side. Talk to all of your family to see if there are those who do not want ownership responsibilities, you can help avoid future family squabbles by solving them now.

Elude potential blockers

Plan now to manage future tax liabilities. When you die, you're deemed to have disposed of your capital assets at fair market value – meaning that your heirs could face significant tax on the appreciation of the cottage.

A less-taxing hand-off

Transfer the property to your kids while you are alive, either as an outright gift or by selling it to them at fair market value. Payments can be made receivable over a five year period and claim the capital gains reserve, so that only 20% of the capital gain is taxable in any one year. Also, consider using the principal residence.

Alternatively, transfer the property to a trust to trigger an immediate capital gain. Future capital gains on the property will then accrue and not be payable until the property is sold.

Insure your hand-off

Cover cottage capital gains – and other estate debts – with permanent life insurance. A tax-free death benefits can provide an essential source of cash so your family won't be forced to sell assets, such as your cottage.



NEWS & NOTES FROM THE DCA

Bridge

Tuesday evenings at 7:30p.m. They always welcome new members of all levels of bridge playing ability. I believe you will enjoy the company and laughter that goes with it. Contact Trudy Vangilst at 403-938-3436.

Fitness with Maya

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm
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De Winton Pre School

The DeWinton Community Preschool is currently taking registrations for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year! Please note that our A.M. programs are now full however we do still have openings in our 3 year and 4 year mixed program being offered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons! Our school offers access to our community gymnasium as well as outdoor play at our playground and a large field for nature and exploration hikes when the weather permits! We also have our students participate in free play, letter recognition, crafting, weather recognition, singing and writing, as well

as a focus on a variety of themes throughout the year. To register or if you have any questions, please contact the preschool by email at dewintoncommunitypreschool@gmail.com or visit our website at www.dewintoncommunitypreschool.com.

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Back to School

Tips from a Psychologist & Former Teacher

The warm, golden summer days are dwindling and the new school year imminently approaches. Many parents may worry about their children starting a new school, riding the bus for the first time, or meeting the increased academic demands of a higher grade. The transition from relaxed summer days back to the expectations and work students associate with school can be an abrupt and harsh reality. There are things parents can do to make it easier.

Create a Morning Routine the First Day

If your morning school routine ran smoothly last year, congratulations! If you found last year the mornings were less than perfect, rest assured, you're DEFINITELY not alone. The good news is, a few changes can result in major payoffs. Kick it up a notch this year by injecting some new strategies. For example, try a loud alarm clock to jumpstart the day, or a gradual wake up light alarm clock that simulates the natural sunrise for a more gentle waking; laminate morning checklists (e.g., brush teeth, wash face, get dressed, pack backpack) so they can check tasks off as they complete them; use a visual timer (shows how much time is left in red chunks that get smaller as time passes) for the last half-hour count-down to out the door time.

Start a Healthy Sleep Routine

Start progressively, until you get to a wakeup time that's reasonable for school days. Make a firm No Screens Policy 1.5-2 hours before bed; ample research demon-

strates this promotes a better sleep. Consider blackout blinds to darken the room, this helps signal the brain to produce melatonin and transition from wakefulness to restfulness. As adults, we know how our brains can shut down and how irritable we can become when we don't get a good sleep. Our kids feel the same way, only they don't have the developed coping mechanisms and maturity we do.

Prepare Everything in Advance

Request children get into the habit of choosing clothing the night before school, this eliminates additional decisions in the morning when bodies and minds are tired and more prone to meltdowns. Get them involved and eventually to assume the responsibility of packing their own lunch the night before school (yes, it's possible).

When to Consult a Psychologist

It's normal for some children to experience anxiety. Fortunately, this usually lessens within the first 3-4 weeks. However, if anxiety persists and other concerning behaviours emerge such as, sleep disturbance, school refusal, acting out or physical complaints (e.g., stomach aches and/or headaches), consult the teacher or counsellor. If issues don't resolve, it may be beneficial to seek services from a licensed psychologist who has experience with children and school assessments; we can help you understand your child's challenges and strengths and recommend interventions to support personal and academic success.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

August 26 to September 5 - Calgary Pride Parade and Festival: Celebrate Calgary's LGBTQ community and attend events during the Calgary Pride Festival. After watching the parade, head to Shaw Millennium Park for the free Pride In the Park festival. www.calgarypride.ca

September 1 - Easter Seals Drop Zone: On the first day of September, 120 brave Calgarians are facing their fear of heights. They'll rappel down the 30-storey Sun Life tower in support of the Easter Seals. www.thedropzone.ca

September 3 to 4 - X-Fest Calgary: This year, X-Fest has an impressive lineup of contemporary musicians. Headliners at the festival include Twenty One Pilots, The Lumineers, Halsey, Vance Joy and Arkells. www.xfestcalgary.com

September 9 - Calgary Night Market: Running roughly every second weekend, this night market is a chance to sample local food, shop at vendors' booths and listen to buskers and other live performers. www.facebook.com/events/1104858596212708

September 10 to 11 - One Love Music Festival: The One Love Music Festival is Western Canada's Largest Hip Hip Music Festival! Featuring Big Sean, Lil' Wayne, Tyler, The Creator and more. www.onelovefestival.ca

September 13 to October 1 - Waiting For the Parade: Waiting For the Parade is a Canadian production that centres around five Calgarian women living during the Second World War. www.atplive.com

September 14 to 18 - Beakerhead: Science and engineering meet art and design when Beakerhead takes over the city for its fourth year. There are going to be more than 60 events that combine science, engineering and art. www.beakerhead.com

September 20 - The YWCA Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: Each September, more than 200 men strap on high-heeled shoes to help raise awareness of family violence. Money raised supports the work that the YWCA of Calgary does to help break the cycle of domestic violence and keep women and children safe. www.ywcaofcalgary.com

September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF): The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award ceremonies and special presentations. www.calgaryfilm.com

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EMS: Accidental Poisoning

Alberta Health Services, EMS, would like to remind parents of precautions they can take to prevent accidental poisoning emergencies in their home. The ingestion of prescription or over-the-counter medications is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in children. Just small amounts of adult medications can be seriously harmful or even fatal to your child if swallowed. Other causes of poisoning are household cleaning products, dishwasher tablets, or personal care items, such as mouthwash or nail polish.

Medication storage

- Store all medications in a locked container and place in an area inaccessible to children.
- Keep medications in their original child-resistant packaging.
- Do not mix multiple medications inside one bottle.
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications are stored.

Safety tips

- Ensure visitors to your home keep their personal belongings out of children's reach as they may contain unsafe items.
- Take extra precautions with medicines that appeal to children such as chewable vitamins, or flavored cough and cold syrups.
- Properly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use.

Prevention

- Store household products, car supplies, and cosmetics in cupboards or drawers that can be locked.
- Apply child safety latches to drawers and cabinets if they are within a child's reach.
- Know and label all plants in and around your home and garden.
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness when ingested.
- Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.
- In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Provide the name of the product ingested or, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.

Everything Is Energy... and what does that mean for me?

By Marta Rabiej

Many of us have heard it said, and even repeated the phrase, "Everything is Energy." But what does that **truly** mean about us, our world, our beliefs, environment, and how **everything** comes to be? It means that every single thing in this universe is made up of energy — call it atoms, protons, molecules, etc, all the way down to the particle physics. The scientific world has validated what many in the spiritual world have known throughout time: "We are all connected." In this connectedness, we also exist or have the perception of individuation.

Each and every thing in existence has its very own unique vibratory signature.

Scientifically speaking, we can actually measure the waves of energy that form with anger, depression, happiness, joy, as well as the vibratory signature of every single thing in the known universe.

We can't see television waves, but we know they are there — whether we are conscious of them or not. We can turn on a television set and tune in to any one of these particular frequencies and see that a whole world exists within the bandwidth of just one station. Radio is the same way... and people throughout the world use cell phones and electricity every single day!

Well, nature has its own version of television — it's called **frequency**. **Everything** is Energy — therefore, **everything** has an energetic frequency!

The rate of speed at which our energy vibrates is called frequency. We can't see our energy in motion, because it vibrates extremely fast. Besides our physical energy we also have emotional, mental, and spiritual ones that affect our physical body. Our emotions and thoughts also carry frequency and most diseases are a result of the imbalances within these energy fields. Majority of the blockages form

during traumatic events in our lives that cause very strong feelings (low frequency emotions) such as fear, anger, emotional pain, self-doubt, judgement, sadness, resentment, shame, guilt, or grief. Those lower frequency emotions eventually become physical toxins at the cellular level, which produce disease.

We are a field of energy existing in a larger field, within a larger field, within a larger field, etc. Simply put, we can look at it using the example of living in a town, within a larger county, within a larger state, within a larger country, within a larger continent, within a larger world, etc. Within that world, through stress, tension, dis-ease, poverty, relationships, jobs, and a myriad of other scenarios — our fields, energy, and physical body itself can become muddled as our energy fields become distorted, imbalanced, disrupted, or damaged by belief systems, templates, thoughts, etc. As we take on this energy, we begin to create drag, imbalance, and resistance in our own energy that literally holds us in a pattern of lack and limitation throughout some or all areas of life!

The reverse is also true. Science has found that frequency is determined by the rate of vibration your atomic molecules are experiencing at any given time, and scientists have also found that the higher your vibration, the more positive emotions you experience. This creates a self-fulfilling cycle. You will attract and create whatever the dominant vibration of your field is. And just like a soup stock, what we put into our immediate environment — what we surround ourselves with — effects how we vibrate, how we feel, and what we are able to create and sustain! Attaining and **maintaining** high frequencies of love, health, radiance, abundance, joy, etc. — are critical for experiencing a life of **ease** and **joy**! This is "The Big Secret." It is also a universal law. Mastering your own frequency will turn you into a manifesting genius and you will truly astonish yourself and those around

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you with what you can achieve within a short span of time! But how do you become this manifesting genius? Where do you even start? How do you know what's holding you back? **How**, how, how, how? There are tons of questions you would want to ask at this moment, but let's start from determining what are the available energy healing methods that can aid you in this process.

Energy healing is nothing new. Throughout history, different cultures have benefitted by working with different forms of energy. Chinese have practiced Qi Gong and Tai Chi to get their energy moving for health and relaxation. In India, people have meditated and sought after Kundalini energy, to awaken it for self-awareness, a deeper understanding of consciousness, the universe, joy, knowledge, and love. In Japan, Reiki has healed countless people simply by working with their personal energy fields. Similar philosophy is used by a group of holistic professionals like Chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncture/acupressure practitioners, reflexology practitioners, craniosacral therapy, hypnotherapy, or energy medicine practitioners, yoga practitioners and more. All of those practices can provide you with some of the answers you could benefit from. You can learn where your energy blockages are and take steps to remove them to balance your emotions, take control of your life, and live the life you were meant to have: full of joy, health, abundance, love, security, spiritual awareness.

I'm not saying that one session will perform miraculous results (which actually could happen), but it will be a small step towards them. I'm not saying that you have to drop everything and make drastic changes that will create chaos in your already difficult life. All I'm saying is that taking **one** small step will propel you towards huge benefits. All I'm saying is that **one** small step towards the intentional improvement can take you on a journey you never dreamt about, revealing the deeply hidden strengths, dreams and desires that can feel like you are becoming a new amazing person you did not even know you were.

Now that you know more about this Energy and how it can help you heal **your** life, think what your next step is going to be, or why you're not willing to take it. Unfortunately, there are no miracles without your own involvement. We all have a choice to either take action (however small) or give up and join the rest of those who are best at complaining, giving away your right to be the greatest version of **you**. Choose where you want to be and listen to your heart — it is the best indicator of what is the right thing to do for you.

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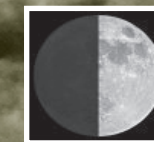
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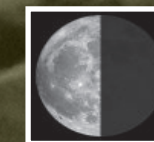
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The Over-achieving Swainson's Hawk

Article by Cheryl Bowman and Andrea S. H. Hunt. Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

Swainson's Hawks are commonly seen raptors that live in southern Alberta from May – October. They are a medium sized hawk (50 centimetres long) that can be identified by a distinctive dark reddish bib on their chest, pointed wing-tips (in flight) and dark bars on the underside of their tails. Swainson's Hawks live in prairie and grasslands, including crop and grazing lands.

Fun Facts:

- Swainson's Hawks have one of the longest migratory routes of any North American raptor.
- These hawks can travel over 20,000 km annually between their breeding grounds in Alberta and their wintering grounds in South America (Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina).
- The diet of a Swainson's Hawk changes depending on the time of year.
- When nesting in the summer months, they eat rodents but Swainson's Hawks switch to grasshoppers in September and October (about 100 per day!) in order to transition

to their largely insectivore diet in South America.

- Look out for these hawks in farmer's fields in the autumn, chasing grasshoppers on foot!
- Swainson's Hawks are also known as locust or grasshopper hawks.
- Swainson's Hawks are protected under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.
- A group of migrating or soaring hawks is called a kettle. A kettle can contain tens of thousands of individuals.
- A young hawk is called an eyas.

Did you know?

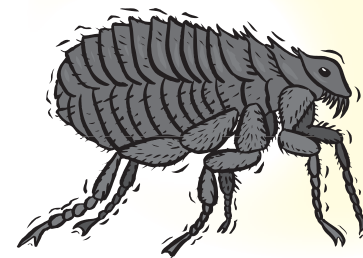
- Fledgling Swainson's Hawks are quite heavy and often crash on their first flight out of the nest, which can break their wings.

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Insects and Technology

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Children and Dog Safety

How to say Hi to a Dog

It's summer, yeah! And kids and dogs are enjoying more outdoor time. As a veterinarian and dog trainer, I taught my children to behave appropriately around dogs... I thought. But even my son after asking and receiving permission to greet a dog from its owner, he has inappropriately and impulsively, grabbed the dog and hugged it around the neck with his face by the dog's teeth. We can't over teach our children to protect themselves and the dogs they encounter by behaving in a manner so no one ends up bitten or in serious trouble.

I will never forget the worst case of dangerous behavior I have ever seen by a person phobic about dogs. A very big sweet dog strolled into a 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 wonderful dog dropped his jug at her feet, sat down with his head cocked to one side, and looked over this mad woman, until we shooed him out of the depot. I tried to be sympathetic, but this woman's shrill 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, I hope 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 are predators and therefore 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 a strong prey drive 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, **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, logs, and rocks are silent.

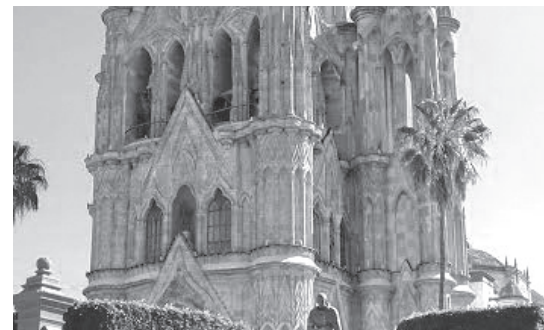
Never corner a dog, or any animal, to pet it. A trapped frightened animal is an animal that has had the choice removed to withdraw or run away, so its only remaining choice is to bite.

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 nothing 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 being a child and most children love animals. Review the rules frequently and remind children their own dog is not the same as every other dog.

If your child does wish to pet a leashed dog, they must first 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 hug the dog. Better yet ask the owner how their pet likes to be touched.

Teaching your children about dogs will stand them in good stead for life. Any animal bite must 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.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



Mexico is a popular travel destination for Canadians; it is a wonderful country. Having visited coastal resorts many times, I chose a different city this past January – San Miguel de Allende in the state of Guanajuato. San Miguel (SMA) is high up in the Sierra Madre Occidental Mountains, at an elevation of 6400 ft (Calgary is 3500 ft) situated at almost the geographical centre of the country, northwest of Mexico City. It was cool at night and warm, dry and sunny during the day. Because it is in mountainous terrain, there is no airport, and you have to either land in Mexico City or Leon. I chose Leon, and the shuttle had me at my little house in about 90 minutes. San Miguel is one of several colonial cities settled by the Spanish in the 16th century. Their quest for precious metals was successful when they discovered vast quantities of silver, and they proceeded to build cities with impressive architecture that has been preserved and continues to enchant visitors and expats hundreds of years later. Recognized as a Unesco National Heritage Site, the city centre has been maintained and looks much the same as it did in the 1500's and 1600's with massive stone mansions and narrow cobblestone streets. It is very walkable but some streets are so steep that a taxi is necessary.

The Parroquia, a unique church that was originally built in the colonial style, then remade in the 19th century by a local builder who copied the façade from a picture of a European Gothic church has become SMA's emblem. It faces El Jardín (The Garden), a square which is the gathering place for visitors and locals alike. This part of town is full of shops, restaurants, banks, language schools and markets. The biblioteca (library) has a large collection of Spanish and English books, theatres, meeting rooms and a café. I attended Spanish classes there and met many new friends. The city has a population of about 140,000 of which 10,000 are American and 1,000 are Canadian. Some have chosen to live there full time,

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Barbara Shorrock

some come down for the winter every year, and many were like me, visiting for only a month or two. If you are interested in history, arts or culture, San Miguel offers unlimited quantities. It is full of artists, both native and foreign, some of the best showing their work at La Fabrica, a huge building that was formerly a muslin factory in days gone by. The local markets bring in artisans from the surrounding countryside and there is no shortage of beautiful fabrics, jewellery and objects of art to choose from. The restaurants are among the best Mexico has to offer. On weekends, it felt not unlike Banff, as families from Mexico City flocked into town for a short getaway. Weddings in the famous church are popular with young lovers. Every Sunday there is a guided "House and Garden" tour to 2 or 3 homes, some massive and grand, others smaller and quaint. Once a week an English language newspaper hits the street with everything that is happening for the next week listed – an essential resource if you don't read Spanish. Festivals with parade and fireworks are frequent as celebrations are an integral part of the Mexican culture. The most impressive one in January was the birthday celebration of Ignacio Allende, the leader of the rebellion against Spain that resulted in Mexico's independence.

The city has many language schools, a university, and several colleges. El Charco, the large botanical garden featuring native cactus, succulents, and birds is just a short bus ride away. An enormous plant sale takes place in a downtown park in January, with every perennial and annual you can imagine for sale. So many were recognizable as they also are sold in our local nurseries in the spring; it was difficult to look and not buy.

If you are looking for a different sort of Mexican holiday, I highly recommend San Miguel de Allende.

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