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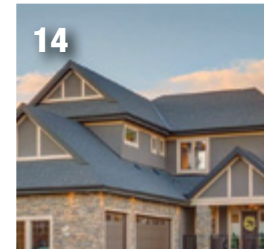
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The Third Thursday Book Club runs from September to June. We meet every third Thursday of the month at 11:00 at the DeWinton Community Hall for a lively discussion on the book of the month. Coffee and tea are served. New members or drop-ins are always welcome to attend.

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De Winton mybabysitterlist

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- Tilting the head or unusual posture.
- Losing place while reading.
- Using a finger to maintain place while reading.
- Omitting or confusing small words when reading.

Children should have their first exam between six and nine months of age, and again between two and five years of age and once a year after starting school.

Doctors of optometry are primary health providers that help diagnose, prevent and treat diseases and disorders affecting the visual system. Certain health conditions are often first detected through an eye exam.

Dr. Steve Alfaiate, OD

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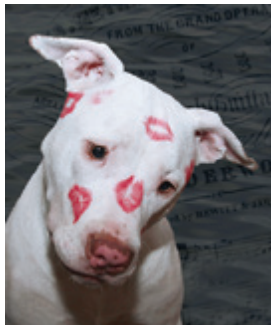
Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s. Today, over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S. per year.



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2017 Calendar of Events

- March 4**
Ladies Night Out
- March 10**
DCA Volunteer Appreciation Night
- March 31**
Foothills Country Hospice Art Gala
- May 6**
De Winton United Church Mother's Day High Tea
- June 3**
Western Dance
- July 1**
Canada Day Pancake Breakfast
- October 13-15**
10 x 10 Art Show featuring Local Artisans
- November 18**
De Winton Christmas Craft Fair



Valentine's Trivia
Based on retail statistics, about 3 per cent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.



De Winton Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months De Winton MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$799,000.00	\$770,000.00
November 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
October 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
September 2016	\$387,000.00	\$373,000.00
August 2016	\$719,900.00	\$660,000.00
July 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 2016	\$699,900.00	\$675,000.00
May 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
April 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
March 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 2016	\$1,049,000.00	\$995,000.00
January 2016	\$679,900.00	\$636,000.00

Last 12 Months De Winton MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2016	0	1
November 2016	5	0
October 2016	0	0
September 2016	3	1
August 2016	1	1
July 2016	2	0
June 2016	2	1
May 2016	2	0
April 2016	3	0
March 2016	2	0
February 2016	2	1
January 2016	1	1

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit dewinton.great-news.ca



Plantar Fasciitis Causes and Treatment Options

By Dr. Alma Nenshi, Family Chiropractor

Chronic foot pain is no fun, and can spoil your enjoyment of life. One of the most common causes of pain in the feet, affecting nearly two million people yearly, is plantar fasciitis, an inflammation of the plantar fascia ligament that connects the heel bone (calcaneus) and the toes. This ligament is composed of fibrous bands of tissue, and runs along the entire bottom of the foot supporting 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments and 19 tendons and muscles during standing and movement. Plantar fascia may become inflamed when tiny tears occur in these delicate tissues.

The most common symptom of planar fasciitis is a burning or aching pain on the bottom of the foot in the mornings, often near the heel. The pain tends to decrease with activity, but may recur after periods of walking or standing. Half of people diagnosed with plantar fasciitis say that their pain is constant; 90% say that it hurts when they press on the area around the heel.

There are many potential causes of plantar fasciitis. Overuse during exercise or physical activity is one of the most common, and athletes who run, jump, or perform other repetitive movements that put pressure on the feet are prone to this condition. It may also be caused or aggravated by arthritis and diabetes, especially in the elderly. Wearing the wrong shoes or shoes with little or no arch support or cushioning can put strain on the tendons and, over time, cause plantar fasciitis symptoms. Improper footwear is even more likely to be a cause if you have flat feet, high arches, overpronation, or underpronation. Being overweight can also place additional strain on your feet that can lead to foot, ankle, knee, hip and back pain symptoms.

Whatever the cause, plantar fasciitis can take all the fun out of walking or even moving around easily. More important, it is a condition that should be diagnosed and treated early, before it becomes more serious. Traditional medical treatments tend to focus on reducing the pain (via anti-inflammatory medications such as Ibuprofen or more serious pain relievers) and alleviating pressure on the heel. Unfortunately, this regimen does not address the potential causes of the disorder. For many, chiropractic adjustments of the feet and related joints (in addition to traditional approaches such as icing and avoiding for a time the movements that seem to exacerbate the pain) may help to restore a proper range of motion, and thus remove the cause of the problem.

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Of course how quickly these therapies may provide relief depends on each individual case, but relief can be found. Mention this article to receive a free computer GaitScan assessment and consultation to help you diagnose the root cause of your plantar fasciitis symptoms (\$50 savings!)



Ask Charles

I saw a house for sale, and I want to check it out – will I have to sign a contract to get a real estate professional to show me the house?

The short answer is no. If you see a house for sale and you simply want a real estate professional to show you that house, you're not required to sign a contract.

Simply viewing a home with a real estate professional doesn't trigger a regulatory requirement to sign a contract with that real estate professional. However, if you start sharing confidential information such as your motivation for buying or your financial qualification, the real estate professional has a responsibility to clarify your working relationship, at which point they are going to provide you with some documents to review.

In the process of clarifying your working relationship, the first document a real estate professional should present to you is the Consumer Relationships Guide. The Consumer Relationships Guide is a mandatory document for real estate professionals when they begin working with a buyer or seller of residential real estate. It explains the different types of working relationships between real estate professionals and consumers.

The Consumer Relationships Guide is not a contract. It does not commit you to a specific ongoing working

relationship with your real estate professional, but it is an essential information piece for consumers to understand what working with a licensed real estate professional entails. Among other things, it discusses responsibilities and obligations.

The Consumer Relationships Guide contains an acknowledgement that consumers have to sign indicating they've read the Guide, understand it, and have been provided with an opportunity to ask the real estate professional questions about it. Consumers need to review and sign the Guide before entering into any contract with a real estate professional.

Some real estate professionals may actually present the Consumer Relationships Guide and request that you sign the acknowledgement even before showing you a single property, but that specific practice is not a requirement.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

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As many as 9 in 10 Canadians have at least one risk factor for heart disease and stroke. While some risks are outside of our control, up to 80% of premature heart disease and stroke is preventable through lifestyle choices that can reduce key risk factors.

You can take control and decrease your own risks by making small, healthy changes in your daily routine. Making changes is always challenging. Your health-care team can help you figure out what risk factors you should focus on first and set goals that you can reach.

Maintain a healthy weight

If you are struggling with your weight, you're not alone. Over 60% of Canadian adults are overweight or obese. By achieving and maintaining a healthy weight and waist, you can significantly reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke, and help control other conditions such as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and diabetes.

Maintain a healthy diet

The foods you eat affect your health. Start by making sure you eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables every day to get you on track to a healthier diet.

Stay active

People who are NOT active have double the risk of heart disease and stroke as well as increased risk of diabetes, cancer, and dementia. Being active helps your heart, brain, muscles, bones, and mood.

Working towards 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every week is one of the most important things you can do for your health. And if you already have heart disease, regular activity is one of the best ways to make a good recovery.

Choose to not smoke

Smoking contributes to the buildup of plaque in your arteries, increases the risk of blood clots, reduces the oxygen in your blood, increases your blood pressure, and makes your heart work harder. You might be afraid that quitting will be too hard, but there is lots of help available when you are ready.

Reduce Stress

Stress is a part of life for just about everyone. Sometimes it's not easy to recognize stress because we are caught up in the flow of life. Although stress happens first in the mind, it has strong effects on the body, such as higher cholesterol or blood pressure levels.

Control alcohol consumption

How much and how often a person drinks alcohol are key factors that increase or decrease health impacts. Canada's Low-Risk Alcohol Drinking Guidelines provide guidance on risky drinking patterns, including avoidance of alcohol in pregnancy. Low risk does not equal no risk. Whenever unsure, always consult your health-care provider.

Find more information, resources, and health tools at heartandstroke.ca

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The Common Redpoll A Winter Migrant to Alberta

Article by J.G. Turner

Photo by J. Burns

The Common Redpoll is an energetic, little songbird with a flaming red cap, black throat, whitish rump and streaked back. This songbird a highly sociable, noisy, chattering bird that travels in large flocks of several hundred birds. It is one of the finch family's most northern breeders and is found circumpolar.

Fun Facts:

- You can find the Common Redpoll from April through September in the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories, and even across into Newfoundland and Labrador. The Common Redpoll migrates south into the lower Canadian provinces in late autumn.
- In Alberta, we are likely to see the Common Redpoll in the winter when they might forage as large groups in weedy fields or small tree lots.
- Sightings can be scarce when there are winter food shortages in their normal wintering range. This forces them to go even farther south, a behaviour called an "irruption." Common Redpolls tend to exhibit this irruptive behaviour every second year to match the production cycle of catkins on birch and alder trees.
- The Common Redpoll's normal breeding range is on the Arctic tundra or in boreal forests. The female nests low down in dwarf willows, spruce, birch, alders, and small shrubs, where the male brings her food.
- This songbird likes the small high-energy seeds of birch and alder trees and can eat 42% of their body mass every day!
- When in a large group, the Common Redpoll often moves frantically on the ground in their search for seeds to eat.
- When it is extremely cold or food is scarce, the Common Redpoll can store some seeds temporarily in a stretchy part of their oesophagus (diverticula). They will knock seeds down, fly down to scoop them up,

then find a sheltered and safe spot to shell and eat the seeds at their leisure.

- If you want to attract them to your yard you can plant birch trees, but we city folks are most likely to see them at a backyard feeder in the winter where they favour nyger seed offerings.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.



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food of love,
play on.

- William Shakespeare



Succulents & Cacti

Barbara Shorrock

If you are growing plants indoors, there is a good chance you already have a succulent or two. Perhaps you have cactus or aloe. The word “succulent” comes from the Latin word “sucus”, meaning juice or sap. This category of plants has leaves or stems (and sometimes roots) that are thick and fleshy to enable the plant to store water to survive dry conditions. It is a huge family of plants that originate from many parts of the world ranging from desert to forest. All cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti. Many of them flower, such as *Schlumbergera*/Christmas Cactus, which only flowers at Christmas if forced in a greenhouse environment. In our homes, it blooms according to hours of sunlight, typically October-November and again less vigorously in early spring. After it is finished, it should be given a rest and pruned or re-potted. I have several that are decades old who are pruned annually. They are given a light fertilizing and maybe top dressing when new growth appears, because they live in the same pot year after year.

Another popular indoor succulent is *Sedum Morganianum*, also known as Burro Tail or Donkey Tail. It has long rope-like stems heavily laden with plump juicy leaves that can grow up to 6 ft. long. A mature plant will be very heavy, and needs to be hung from a good hook that will support the weight. If you cannot turn it regularly, it will grow on the sunny side and need to be secured to its shelf (I find wire coat hangers useful). These plants do not tolerate transplanting, as the leaves fall off with the slightest touch, so choose your pot wisely when the plant is small. There are many different varieties with leaves from tiny to huge, and if you have outdoor sunny space that is sheltered from the wind and hail, they will enjoy living outside in the summertime. Remember, though, that they are tropical and cannot tolerate cold temperatures, so must move inside in the fall.

We all have some sort of Hen and Chicks in our gardens: small ground-hugging fleshy succulents in rosette form of the *Crassulaceae* family. You will often find them labelled as genus *Echeveria* and *Sempervivum*, among others. The “hen” is the main parent plant, and the “chicks” are the offsets or baby plants, which are attached by a not very sturdy stem. A good strong rain will knock the baby off, allowing it to roll down the slope and come to rest where it will put down roots and start a new colony. These are probably the most shared plants in the gardening community, as some varieties are hardy to our climate and propagate easily. There are many others that come from warmer and drier climates, such as Central and South America and Africa, that make interesting house plants because of their beautiful shapes. Plant them alone, or together in a shallow pot in a sunny window, and they will reward you with years of slow growth and the occasional bloom on a long willow stalk. The most important thing to remember about growing succulents is that their original home is typically arid. The quickest way to kill your new succulent or cactus is to water it weekly on the same schedule as your other house plants. Root rot is deadly. During the winter season when daylight hours are short, these plants need watering only monthly, or at the most every two weeks. Soak the pot and then leave it until it is totally dry; never let it sit in a saucer of water. And do not fertilize until the days are longer and you see new growth. When re-potting (some of these babies come from the nursery in very tiny pots) use either a commercial cactus medium, or regular potting medium mixed with perlite (1:2). Perlite is good for drainage; Vermiculite is like a sponge and holds water. Horticultural sand will also work. Enjoy your succulents; how many things do we have in our lives that thrive on neglect?

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