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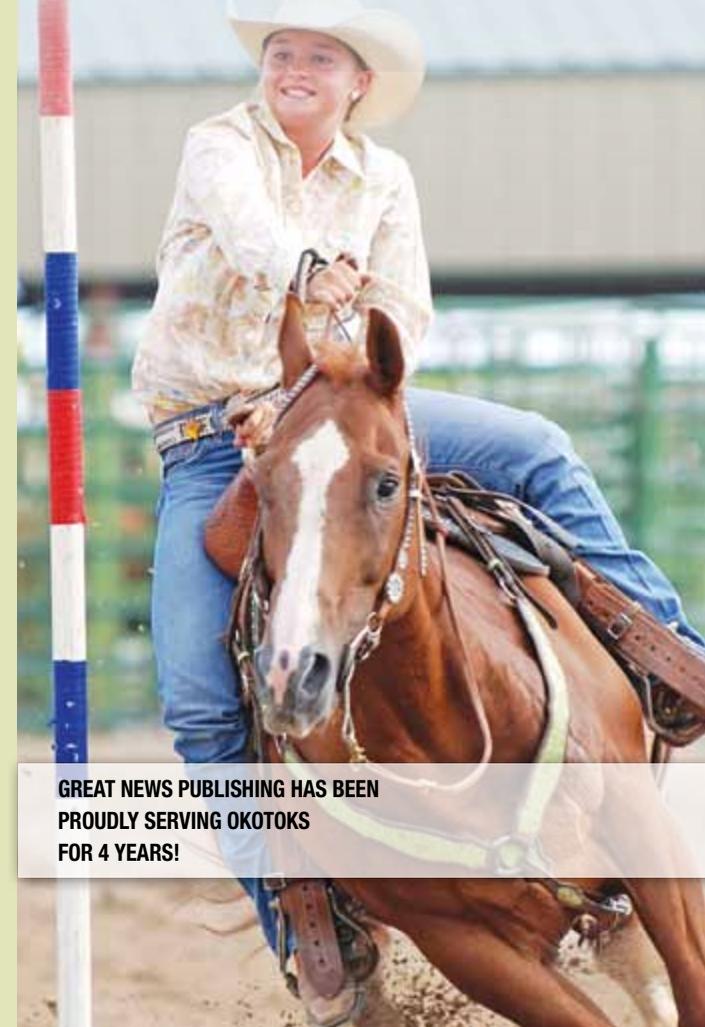
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Embrace Your Community Become a Volunteer!

The Town of Okotoks Volunteer Registry can help connect you to a person or non-profit organization that needs your help. Volunteers complete an application form, are interviewed and then connected with a volunteer opportunity that will fit in with their schedules and utilize their skills. There are many ways to be involved in the community. If you don't see a position under the Volunteer Opportunities section that interest you, call and we will find one to suit you.

Okotoks Volunteer Services can be reached at 403-938-8936 or via email at volunteer@okotoks.ca.

OKOTOKS CLUBS



Okotoks Newcomers Club

Ladies, are you new to Okotoks in the past three years? Looking for new friends? Monthly evening meeting, monthly lunch outing, walking, coffee, Mah-jongg, Bridge and Canasta groups. Call Trudy 587-364-2278.

OkotoksDayhomeProviders.com

OkotoksDayhomeProviders.com offers support to caregivers in the Foothills with the goal of a higher level of quality child care. We organize regular meetings, workshops and children's' events at the library, gymnastics, playgrounds and more. Families seeking care are welcome to contact us also.



It Takes a Village

Do you or someone you know need baby items for an upcoming baby? It Takes a Village offers baby boxes filled with essential baby items to families in the Foothills that are facing hardships. Please visit www.takesavillageokotoks.com for more information.



YOUR COMMUNITY EVENTS

for detailed information visit www.okotoks.ca

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

Art on the Lawn

Thursday, July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Okotoks Art Gallery

Join us every Thursday night this summer (rain or shine) for art and live music on the front lawn of the gallery. Shop the local art market and listen to the sounds of live local musicians! Plus there will be free kids crafts every week.

Okotoks Cemetery Tour

Saturday, July 23, 2016 - 2:00pm

Okotoks Cemetery

Karen Peters of the Okotoks and District Historical Society will share some interesting stories of our early pioneers during a free tour of the Okotoks Cemetery.

The Creamery Community Sunday Markets

Sunday, July 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2016 - 10:30am to 2:00pm

35 Riverside Drive West

This new market is an opportunity to build community and revitalize the downtown area. Proceeds from the market will enable the church to continue it's outreach services in the area such as: The Benevolent fund, Jacket Racket and the Refugee Family Sponsorship.

Dad's Central - Fun Night Out with Kids

Thursday, July 28, 2016 - 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 - 5:30pm

Pason Centennial Arena

Wild Rose Community Connections is having fun connecting Dad's to their kids with their new "Dad's Central" club. "Dad's Central" is a group for dads and their kids to get together for food, activity and great quality time!

Historic Walking Tour

Saturday, July 30, 2016 - 2:00pm

Okotoks Museum & Archives

Join Karen Peters of the Okotoks and District Historical Society for a free guided tour of historic Elma Street and the Macleod Trail.

Full Moon Ghost Tour

Thursday, August 18, 2016 - 10:00pm

Okotoks Museum & Archives

Discover the dark history of Okotoks with only the full moon to guide us.

A Cultural Ghostly Night Out

Friday, August 19, 2016 - 7:30pm

Okotoks Museum & Bistro 1882

The evening begins with a delicious three-course meal at Okotoks' charming European restaurant Bistro 1882. Following dinner please make your way to the Okotoks Museum for a special hair-raising edition of the Okotoks ghost walk!

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Pole Walking Group

Interested in joining a pole walking group facilitated by the Okotoks Public Library?

No cost. Limited space. Poles can be borrowed from the library* or you can bring your own.

Group meets each Monday & Wednesday mornings: 9 AM in front of the library.

Email Beth weldinspec@telus.net for more information.

*Library doesn't open until 9:30 AM Monday to Thursday mornings. If you need to borrow a set of poles for the walking group, you will do so prior to the start of the walk.

Adult Summer Reading Challenge 2016

June 17 – August 19

The Staff at the Okotoks Public Library have chosen 12 titles to compete in our fourth annual ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

We invite you to read our recommendations and give us your ratings. The book with the highest average rating will win.

Each book you read entitles you to an entry into our prize draws. The more you read the more chances you have to win!

Teen Summer Reading Contest

July 11 – August 26

Read some up and coming books as well as some classics and enter your name into a draw for a weekly prize. Vote for your favourite book out of the 12 chosen titles from August 20 – 26 and enter into the grand prize draw. The book with the most votes will be declared the Teen Summer Reading favourite for 2016.

Espresso Yourself

Join Amy & company, your gracious hosts, at our new coffee group. It is open to all adults in Okotoks & area who would like to discuss news & views, hear from exciting guest speakers in your community, and meet others. Join in all of this while enjoying a coffee or tea and refreshments every Tuesday from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM in Meeting Room #2 at the library. Call (403) 995-2712 and speak to Amy to reserve your spot.

TD Summer Reading Club - Family Storytime (with caregivers)

Tuesday & Thursdays; 10:30 – 11:30 AM Local parks (weather permitting/contact library for details)

This summer, kids are encouraged to escape their everyday, step outside their ordinary and seek the unknown and untamed through reading. Whether it's outdoors, outrageous or out of bounds, the unexplored is calling, and with TD Summer Reading Club books, activities, and an unleashed imagination, kids can let go and find their wild this summer.

Please dress for the weather.

- July 19 & 21 Safari/Animals - Riverside Park (32 Street & North Railway)
- July 26 & 28 Circus – Drake Park (Drake Landing Drive)
- August 2 & 4 Wacky Weather – Lions Park (Also called Sheep River Park – access off Woodhaven Drive – across from RCMP station)
- August 9 & 11 Art – Minue Park (Westland Street & Westmount Way)
- August 16 & 18 Outer Space – Cimarron Park (Cimarron Drive)

TD Summer Reading Club - Ages 6 - 12*

Wednesdays & Fridays: July 6 – August 19 10 AM – 12 PM

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Please dress for the weather and send along a water bottle for your child.

*Drop-In Sessions – Limited Space. Classes begin promptly and are considered full once all allotted spots have been taken. Arrive early to avoid disappointment. Participation in all TD Summer Reading Club classes is limited to those who have a current library account within the Marigold Library System.

Okotoks Chess Club

Wednesdays; 6:30 – 8 PM

No cost. Drop-in.

Meets every Wednesday night. All are welcome. This is an unsupervised event. For more information, contact Richard Bradley at Richard.Bradley@shaw.ca.

Summer Monday Movie Madness

All Ages*

Monday, July 25 & August 8 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM Watch some wild old favourites and new movie releases. Bring your own peanut-free snacks and drinks.

The Good Dinosaur (PG) will be playing on July 25th at 2:00pm.

Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) will be playing on August 8th at 2:00pm.

*Youth under 7 years old need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Wild Family Fun Nights

Carnival Night: Tuesday, July 26 – 6:30-8:00 PM

Crazy Art: Tuesday, August 9 – 6:30-8:00 PM

Bring the whole family down to the library to share in the fun of the TD Summer Reading Camp. We'll read together, play together & have refreshments.

Limited space. Preregistration required by calling 403-938-2220.

Floating Food and Puffy Faces - Is Living in Space Just Like Life on Earth?

- a RISE Live Videoconference

Suitable for ages 8-13

No cost. Drop-in.

How do the astronauts go to the bathroom in space? See the astronaut's home including where they sleep, how they eat and experience how astronauts

adapt to their new home with interactive demonstrations. You will discover the everyday challenges of how astronauts in orbit live from a mock-up of space station living quarters! It doesn't get any closer to home than this.

Event Date: Thursday, July 28 - 10:00am - 11:00am

Mind, Body, Spirit - Drumming

Ages 8+

FREE of charge, drums provided, no experience necessary. Please call for more information and to register 403-995-2712.

Join AHS and your circles of rhythm trained facilitator for a monthly community drumming circle at the Okotoks Public Library. See you in the circle!

Event Date: Wednesday, August 10 - 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Grossology

– a RISE Live Videoconference Presented by the St. Louis Zoo Recommended for ages 10+

No cost. Drop-in.

Poop, vomit, and slime make this class a guaranteed gross time! We'll investigate why animals do 'gross' stuff, how it helps them to survive, and meet some disgusting animals – and you might be surprised by who you'll meet!

Event Date: Thursday, August 11 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm



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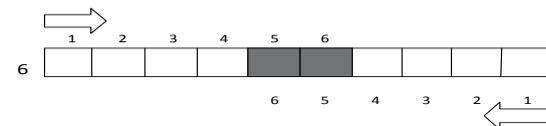
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The latest Japanese logic puzzle is here! A picture will evolve as you complete the puzzle. Start with the largest numbers or combination of, color in squares and proceed to work back and forth between columns and rows.

The 3 basic rules are:

- Numbers represent how many squares you color in to form a group or block.
- Leave at least one square between these blocks.
- The sequential order of the numbers is the order of the blocks, ie, top number for a column is the top block, and left-most number for a row is the left-most block.

The "logic count method" shown below will be very useful:



The clue at the left of row is 6, so count 6 squares from the left to right and then count 6 squares from right to left. Confidently shade in the overlapping squares. This is spatial reasoning. Even one shaded square can lead to others. This same method can be applied even when there is more than one number, remembering to allow one empty square in-between groups or block. Use a 2nd color for elimination of background squares, this is critical for solving. Remember – no guessing, try using your best number logic.

INFANT RIDE

~Solution on page 16~

your COMMUNITY business of the month

Collision Solutions

Town of Okotoks

With over three decades of experience, Joel Cannon, owner of Collision Solutions, and his team offer high quality auto body repair services in Okotoks and surrounding communities.

Opened in January 2015, the main goal at Collision Solutions is to provide customers with a positive experience during the repair process to go along with our professional auto body repair and paint. At Collision Solutions, you are not just a customer, you become a member of the family. We fix every vehicle as if it was our own. This is what separates us from the rest!

Joel Cannon has a vision, and that is to provide a service that will exceed all your expectations. We offer convenient appointments, replacement cars and insurance company negotiations. We will provide you with a detailed explanation of all repairs. Your car will be returned clean and with a lifetime warranty on the repairs for as long as you own your vehicle.

Collision Solutions realizes that the collision and auto body industry is very competitive, and that you as the customer have many choices to where they bring their vehicle for repairs. That is why Collision Solutions truly believes and values the opinions of their customers. Positive reviews and referrals are the highest form of compliment. Collision Solutions ensures that every customer that leaves the shop is happy and that their vehicle is perfect! And we have the Facebook and Google reviews to back that up!

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Joel's family has been serving the Okotoks and surrounding areas for over three generations which includes opening the first ever body shop in Okotoks back in the '60s. Now with Collision Solutions he continues that trend and has no plans on

stopping. Joel believes that customer service is a huge part to the success of Collision Solutions. Constant communication through the newest in technology, called AutoWatch, allowing you to track the status of your vehicle all the way through the repair process just by logging in through our website www.collisionsolutions.ca. This is just one example of how Collision Solutions is changing the face of the auto body industry in Okotoks.

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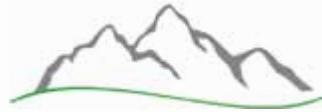
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- Matt will work as YOUR intermediary between YOU and the lender (bank) to negotiate mortgage loans.
- Matt will continue to support YOU beyond the home buying purchase.

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- He is a facilitator on your behalf who will also provide current mortgage education along the way.



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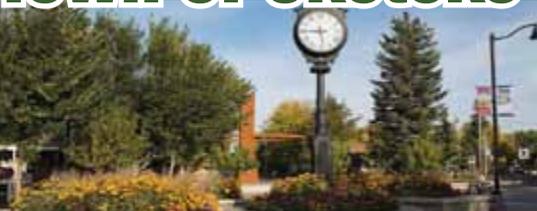
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Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Okotoks MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$474,900.00	\$452,000.00
May 2016	\$489,900.00	\$474,750.00
April 2016	\$474,777.00	\$463,000.00
March 2016	\$429,400.00	\$421,250.00
February 2016	\$482,400.00	\$475,000.00
January 2016	\$432,450.00	\$418,750.00
December 2015	\$449,950.00	\$439,750.00
November 2015	\$469,900.00	\$460,000.00
October 2015	\$464,450.00	\$451,250.00
September 2015	\$502,450.00	\$487,000.00
August 2015	\$449,900.00	\$447,500.00
July 2015	\$449,900.00	\$443,500.00

Last 12 Months Okotoks MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2016	44	37
May 2016	55	42
April 2016	46	35
March 2016	46	24
February 2016	47	22
January 2016	48	16
December 2015	23	18
November 2015	23	23
October 2015	37	28
September 2015	33	24
August 2015	34	22
May 2015	49	31

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Carter	12	403-620-8624	Yes
Travis	13	403-464-9036	Yes
Dasha	13	587-364-1021	Yes
Amara	13	403-498-6696	Yes
Mackenzie	13	403-988-0955	Yes
Aaron	14	403-400-1733	No
Taylor	14	403-992-9189	Yes
Nikki	14	403-995-9890	Yes
Tristin	14	403-926-9165	Yes
Shelby	14	403-995-3734	Yes
Piers	14	403-938-4312	Yes
Sarah	15	403-982-0260	Yes
Madison	15	403-668-4561	Yes
Dylan	15	403-995-2540	Yes
Athena	15	403-487-1191	Yes
Olivia	15	403-336-3490	Yes
Paityn	15	403-995-9489	Yes
Darby	15	403-939-1013	Yes
Cassidy	15	403-305-0629	Yes
Holly	15	403-938-8130	Yes
Scott	15	587-577-8777	Yes
Shahara	16	403-922-5416	Yes
Sam	17	403-938-4312	Yes
Julia	17	403-464-4074	Yes
Belle	20	403-862-5300	Yes
Taylor	22	587-580-5665	Yes
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IN & AROUND CALGARY

EMS: Heat Related Illness

With the return of summer weather, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children and the elderly may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, basic prevention measures should be taken by all to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather.

Heat exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale or dusky gray.

Heat stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal.
- It occurs when the body can't cool itself naturally (e.g. perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels.
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

First aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment.
- Remove excess or tight fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment.
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as: water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol consumption will promote dehydration.
- Always wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck.
- Apply waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 50+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 10am-4pm, even on cloudy days.

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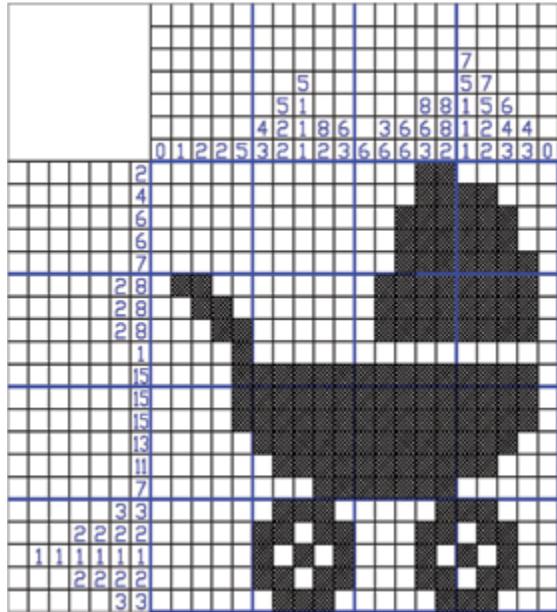


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Gardening by the phases of the moon

July 4 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.

July 12 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as possible.

July 19 Full Moon (waning)

As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

July 26 Last Quarter (waning)

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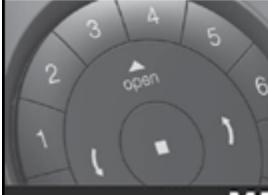
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