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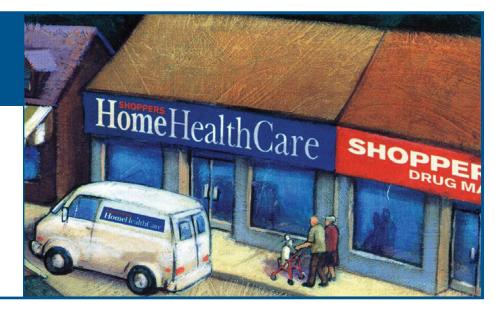
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Notes from the **Executive Director**

Rob Miyashiro Executive Director rmiyashiro@lethseniors.com

LSCO as a Human Services Hub

Once again, LSCO exemplified community spirit by serving over 400 free turkey meals on Christmas Day. We provided table service, home delivery service, transportation to/from LSCO and delivery of meals to the Police Station, Fire/EMS and PSCC. We also had over 90 community-minded volunteers who gave up part of their Christmas to help with our event. This convergence of caring people in our Centre reminded me that LSCO is not just an • LSCO Meals on Wheels: Meal delivery, activity Centre for seniors, but has evolved into a community hub for supports and services. Over the past 6+ years LSCO has provided (and continues to provide and \ or host) the following:

 Support Services: Lawn Care and Snow Removal coordination for Lethbridge seniors, financial assistance (ASB, OAS, CPP,GIS), ASB Special Needs Assistance,

a facilitated support group), assistance and support for the newly widowed (including widowers), housing information, referral to community resources;

- Office of the Public Guardian Community-based Services: assistance with Guardianship applications, review of individuals supported by OPG (mostly provided by Sharon);
- Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network (LEARN) – Case management services for those requiring support and/ or guidance, Elder Abuse awareness resources, LEARN Steering Committee involvement (provided by Jennifer P.);
- Wellness: Massage Therapy, Reflexology, Hearing screening, Nursing foot care, Podiatrist services;
- In home supports assessment, referral to community resources, referral to other LSCO services (offered by Kalila);
- Read-On Program (Lethbridge Public Library) for Bhutanese newcomers (of which 40+ have become LSCO memmembers;

9 different self-help support groups (see The preventative services we provide in complete listing in the Support Services conjunction with our massive volunteer section of this issue), assistance with the involvement, our success at community challenges faced by seniors (including inclusion and our effort to reduce isolation in our seniors' population are all factors in LSCO receiving four more years of funding from the City of Lethbridge Family and Community Support Services. We are thankful to the City's Community and Social Development Committee for recognizing the value of our services and supports to Lethbridge's aging population. And we are doing this, and have done all of this under Marlene's leadership with resources stretched very thin. I am very proud of the work our staff has accomplished in these areas with the funding available to us...often relying on dedication, tenacity and caring to get the job done.

On a different note: During the weekend of December 6-7, a wood model car ('37 Chevy) created by Manny in the woodshop went missing. Manny has displayed many of his intricate, detailed creations for the enjoyment of all our members and guests and the '37 Chevy took dozens of hours to complete. Manny is quite angry and upset over this incident and has verbalized the possibility of removing all of his models bers), around a half-dozen hard-to- from LSCO. If you have any knowledge house individuals have become LSCO of the whereabouts of this model, please have the person return it. \star

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A full listing will be available in the January 2015 edition of the LSCO Times on stands December 18 and online www.lethseniors.com. For more information regarding LSCO programs and services call 403-320-2222.

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From the Volunteer Corner



Volunteer News

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LSCO Volunteers

There are 249 active Volunteers that make our world go round here at the LSCO. At the time of writing, these volunteers have logged 354 hours over and above last year's numbers, bringing our total volunteer hours to.....22,125.11.

Our volunteer database continues to slowly increase as the demands on our services increase. Volunteer hours have increased due in part to the Meals on Wheels program and our catering and kitchen responsibilities.

Accurate Scans

After 3 years of reminding everyone to take the time to ensure the correct number of hours is being logged in....AND under the correct category, I am happy to report things are improving. I very much appreciate the pride most are showing when they spend a few seconds getting it right which by the way, is the reason why I continue to make small adjustments when volunteers have come to me right away & say; "I think I made a mistake could you check"....absolutely I will, it takes me 15 seconds. What doesn't take 15 seconds to correct is someone plugging in wrong hours under the wrong category all year long.

As the Volunteer Coordinator it is my job from time to time to review logged hours for the sake of providing accurate statistics but it is the responsibility of the volunteer to log

correct hours under the correct headings.

We have explained many many times about the importance of having accurate statistics for various Grants and program funding. However, for the few not paying attention....let me just say it another way, it would be a shame to have a program or service you enjoy cancelled due to inaccurate results because wrong headings are being used to log in.

Membership discounts are available to volunteers, to ensure you are awarded accurately, please log in correctly. Renewals and program availability may be delayed due to inaccurate log ins.

what is it?

Snuff Horn, c. 1850-1920

This Horn was created to store snuff (ground tobacco mixed with ash) for the purpose of "sniffing" or inhalation. Snuff was added to the horn by means of its hinged lid and, when needed, was shaken out through the small hole at the end of the horn.

Taking snuff was popular in Scotland in the 1600's, where this horn was produced. Snuff containers more commonly existed as boxes, however, in Scotland, horn and bone were the materials and forms of choice.

The winner of a Family Pass at the Galt Museum & Archives is Dorrie Asplund, congratulations.

> May you have the gladness of *Christmas which is HOPE,* The spirit of Christmas which is PEACE, The heart of Christmas which is LOVE.



Lu Gunther joined the LSCO 5 years ago in August of 2009. Lu has logged just over 70 hours doing dishes this year. Unlike the majority of the food service volunteers, Lu prefers to not have a regular schedule, instead she is "on call." Sometimes I receive notice of a cancellation in the dishwashing area a day or 2 ahead, sometimes it's 30 minutes, Lu is rarely unable to fill in.

Lu:

- what is your favorite word? peace
- what is your least favorite word? hate
- what makes you happy? family & friends
- what makes you unhappy? negativity
- what sound or noise do you love? music
- what sound or noise do you hate? screeching
- what profession did you retire from? Nursing
- what keeps motivating you to volunteer for the LSCO? I love doing it but I enjoy being with Seniors the most
- If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say as you arrive at the Pearly Gates? Come in

Ada V. Hendricks

Ode To The New Year

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!

When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber)

So – away with the last of the sour cream dip, Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished 'Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie - not even a lick.

I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared; The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese And the way I'd never said, 'No thank you, please.'

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt And prepared once again to do battle with dirt - I said to myself, as I only can 'You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!'

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.

Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



LSCO TIMES

n New Year's day we often make resolutions thinking that we can make a new beginning – but wait – how are we going to start over unless we know where we are presently standing? If I set my GPS to direct me to the west side it must first have a starting point. Very seldom does a person just happen to end up on the right road. The process involves redirecting our lives. It is often painfully slow and even confusing. Occasionally it seems impossible. One of the most encouraging things about new years, new weeks, and new days is the word new. The dictionary says that this word means refreshed, different, a place to start over. So refresh yourselves, change directions, and begin anew.

But hold it! This requires taking time to honestly admit your present condition. It sometimes means facing the music, standing alone, taking stock, and coming to terms with things that need attention and maybe, correcting. Before you find your way out you must deter- in people, So let's start here. We care about Make this your year of new beginnings. *



mine where you are. Once you accomplish that you are ready to start over.

Perhaps this isn't the high time of your life. I am getting older but I have dodged and squirmed and squeaked my way through one problem after another. But no more! I am tired and sometimes exhausted is a better word. Sometimes I feel finished, burnt out, replaced, used, forgotten. But hang on – we are part of a family at LSCO. We care and we specialize

you. Don't be afraid to say 'I can't physically or mentally do that anymore.' Let's look and see where you might be able to get involved. It may seem then that your troubles are not as big as you thought. When you help others it gives your problems a new perspective.

If you have a car we have 50 to 80 meals to be delivered and you can be of tremendous service to these people. If you need exercise we have a wide variety of classes. If you are old (like me) you may find that a computer course is what you need. Just think! you might be able to share email with your grandkids. Carpentry, painting, knitting, and making things to be sold at the boutique are all possible activities for you to choose from. These are just a few of the programs that we have available.

We cannot force you to make a new start but we'd like to encourage you to involve yourself in one or more of our programs. Get to know and enjoy people in the group. You will find that your health and wellbeing will improve.



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Basic Calligraphy

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When:	Thursdays, January 22- February 26
Time: COMC	6:30 - 8:30 pm
Fee:	\$36 LSCO M; \$54 NM
Instructor:	Connie Furgason
Register by:	Thursday, January 15
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From the **Kitchen**

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APPY NEW YEAR!!!...from all of us in Lthe LSCO kitchen, and we are sending out a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts, to all who so graciously donated their time, energy, goods, and funds to help us put on another very successful LSCO Christmas dinner. There are an awful lot of people who attend this dinner, who would otherwise be sitting at home alone on Christmas Day, and



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for those people like many others, this event is greatly appreciated.

In 2014 we saw some big changes in the kitchen with the addition of our Meals on Wheels program and quite a long list of catered events. We had the good fortune to add some new faces to our volunteer teams last year, including all of the Meals on Wheels drivers and couriers, and as always are ready to welcome more.

You will notice that our menu has taken on a bit of a different format. This is in part to give some more info/options to our Meals on Wheels clients, and in part to fill some requests of our dining room customers. Included in some of these changes is the demise of the ethnic buffet that was offered every second Thursday. Gone is the salad bar but yes, you can order grill items now on these days!

Wishing you Good Health and Happiness for 2015! *



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Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Salad Turkey Vegetable Grilled Reuben Chicken Caesar	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Beef Stew Mashed Peas Cream of Mushroom Grilled Reuben Chicken Caesar	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Turkey a la King Steamed Red PEI Mix Five Bean Grilled Reuben Chicken Caesar	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Pork Cutlet Saute Gruyere Home Fried Carrots Cream of Carrot Grilled Reuben Chicken Caesar	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Crab Stuffed Pollock Buttered Rice Cauliflower Beef Barley Grilled Reuben Chicken Caesar
Monc	day, January 12	Tueso	day, January 13	Wedne	sday, January 14	Thurs	day, January 15	Frid	ay, January 16
Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Beef Pot Pie Mashed Garden Mixed Split Pea Toasted Denver Fruit & Cottage Cheese	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Pork Cutlet with Apple Sauce Steamed Green Beans French Onion Toasted Denver Fruit & Cottage Cheese	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Salmon with Dill Sauce Creamed Potato Corn Tomato Vegetable Toasted Denver Fruit & Cottage Cheese	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Beef Wellington Mashed Wax Beans Beef Vegetable Toasted Denver Fruit & Cottage Cheese	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Chicken Risotto Rice Peas Chicken Noodle Toasted Denver Fruit & Cottage Cheese
Monc	lay, January 19	Tueso	day, January 20	Wedne	sday, January 21	Thurs	day, January 22	Frid	ay, January 23
Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Pork Stew Mashed PEI Mixed Clam Chowder Seafood Croissant Chef's Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Breaded Sole French Fries Coleslaw French Tomato Seafood Croissant Chef's Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Roast Beef Mashed Carrots Turkey Vegetable Seafood Croissant Chef's Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Chicken Marinara Pasta Shells & Cheese Sauce Cauliflower Cream of Mushroom Seafood Croissant Chef's Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Turkey Cutlet Steamed Creamed Corn Five Bean Seafood Croissant Chef's Salad
Monc	lay, January 26	Tueso	day, January 27	Wedne	sday, January 28	Thurs	day, January 29	Frid	ay, January 30
Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Roasted Chicken Scalloped Green Beans Cream of Carrot Deli Sub Garden Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Beef Stroganoff Buttered Noodles Harvest Beets Beef Barley Deli Sub Garden Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Penne Bolognese Waxed Beans Split Pea Deli Sub Garden Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Pork Pot Pie Mashed Peas French Onion Deli Sub Garden Salad	Entree: Potato: Veg: Soup: Sandwich: Salad:	Silver Hake Buttered Rice Salad Tomato Vegetable Deli Sub Garden Salad

The Committee

In the Beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth. The Earth was without form and void, so God created a small committee. God carefully balanced the committee vis-à-vis race, sex, ethnic origin, and economic status in order to interface pluralism with the holistic concept of self-determinism according to judicatory guidelines. Even God was impressed. So ended the first day.

And God said, "Let the committee draw up a mission statement." And behold, the committee decided to prioritize and strategize. And God called the process empowerment. And God thought it sounded pretty good. And evening and morning were the second day.

And God said, "Let the committee determine goals and objectives and engage in long range planning." Unfortunately, a debate as to the semantic difference between the goals and objectives pre-empted almost all of the third day. Although the question was never satisfactorily resolved, God thought the process was constructive. And evening and morning were the third day.

And God said, "Let there be a retreat in which the committee can envision functional organization and engage in planning by objectives." The committee considered adjustment of priorities and consequent alternatives to program direction. And God saw that this was good. And God thought it was even worth all the doughnuts and coffee He had to supply. And so ended the fourth day.

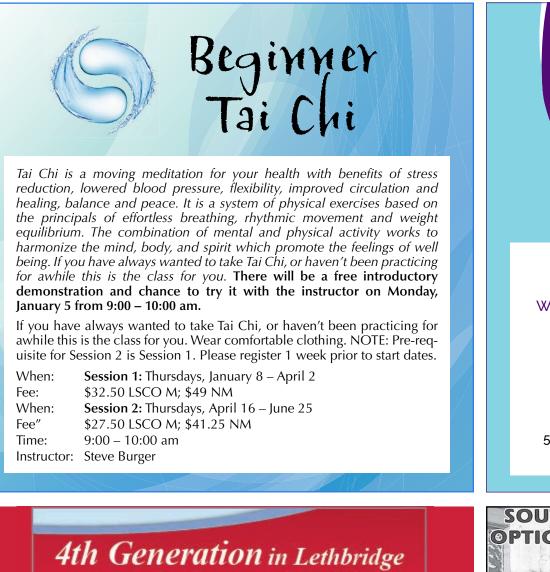
And God said, "Let the program implemented be consistent with long-range planning and strategy." The committee considered guidelines and linkages and structural sensitivities and alternatives and implementational models. And God saw that this was very democratic. And so would have ended the fifth day, except for the unintentional renewal of the debate about the differences between "goals" and "objectives."

On the sixth day, the committee agreed on criteria for judicatory assessment and evaluation. This wasn't the agenda God had planned. He wasn't able to attend the meeting, however, because He had taken the afternoon off to create a day and night, and seas and plants and trees, and seasons and years, and sun and moon, and birds and fish and animals and human beings.

On the seventh day, God rested and the committee submitted its recommendations. It turned out that the recommended form for things was nearly identical to the way God had already created them so the committee passed a resolution commending God for this implementation according to the guidelines. There was, however, some opinion expressed quietly that the man should have been created in the committee's image.

And God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the committee...

(Author Unknown. Submitted by Bob Spinney)





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Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group is now meeting at the LSCO. The purpose of the group is to help families and caregivers maintain and increase feelings of self-worth and control by sharing common experiences. Working together can assist people and alleviate feeling of helplessness. The group meets in Room B the **3rd Tuesday of the month**. Next meeting is January 20th at 7:00 p.m. For more information call Vedna at 403-329-3766.

Lethbridge Stroke Recovery Association (LSRA)

Meet regularly the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Room A. If you are a stroke survivor or the loved one of a survivor you are invited to join the LSRA meeting on **Wednesday, January 14th** where Susan from Ladybug Reflexology will be speaking about the benefit of reflexology for Stroke Survivors. For more information please call Louise at 403-394-6495.

On Our Own: A Group for Widows, Widowers and Divorcees

Meet weekly for a coffee social hour **every Wednesday** in the dining room at 2:00 p.m. New member are welcomed.

Parkinson's Alberta Society Support Group

Meet regularly the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday**, **January 15th** in Room A. For more information about the group, please call Brian at 403-317-7710.

Celiac Support Group

They meet the last Monday of January, May & September at 7:00 p.m. in Room "A". The next meeting is **January 26, 2015**.

Trigeminal Neuralgia Support Group

Trigeminal Neuralgia is a neuropathic disorder characterized by episodes of intense pain in the face, originating from the trigeminal nerve. It has been described as among the most painful conditions known. Individuals with TN and their family member are invited to attend the meetings. The next meeting is **January 10th at 2:00 p.m.** in Room C & D.

Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday Morning Eye Opener Group

This group meets every **Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.** in Room C/D.

Sunset Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets in Room C/D **Thursday evenings** at 7:00 p.m.



How to share information safely while on vacation

Winter getaways are exciting and it's fun to share our photos and activities in real-time. But be aware that the information you share online and on social networks, including when you share it, can sometimes put you at risk.



highest possible level to protect your information and control who can see personal details (rather than "everyone" or "friends of friends").

Cyber criminals prowl the social networks for opportunities, but their definition of "social" is to help themselves to your personal information, among other things. These criminals often pretend to be people they aren't, and you can give them access to your personal information, location, and activities without even knowing it.

As concerning, you can also put yourself and your reputation at risk by sharing comments or pictures that may come back to haunt you one day. Here are some tips to help you share with care:

• Limit the personal information you share online to only what's necessary. Be care-

ful using your full name, contact information, home address, phone numbers, email address, last names of friends or relatives, age, birth date, or other personal information.

- Check the privacy and security settings of your social network and use them to control who sees what. Most have default settings which likely provide more access than you'd like. You can adjust settings to the
- Be cautious about geotagging photos or details in photographs that you post or share. Photographs can reveal a lot of personal information when there are clearly identifiable details such as street signs, license plates on cars, or the name of a school on clothing and geotag settings can reveal location details.
- Finally, don't announce to the world that you are on vacation. You might as well leave the door unlocked and welcome sign out front for thieves. Save those updates and photos to share when you return.

Protect while you connect. More information is available online at GetCyberSafe.ca.

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When:Tuesdays, January 13 - March 31Time:5:15 - 6:15 pmFee:\$60 LSCO M; \$91 NMInstructor:Tine GulbrandsenRegister by:Thursday, January 8

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Strength training offers numerous benefits. During the 4 sessions participants will learn how to increase muscular strength, maintain or improve joint flexibility, enrich mental health and more. Register early as space is limited. Come dressed in workout clothes, running shoes, bring water. This class is perfect for the beginner or individual with limited experience exercising with weights. Class is held in the Fitness Centre. When: Session 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays January 6 - 15 Session 2: Tuesdays & Thursdays January 27- February 5 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Time: Session 3: Tuesdays & Thursdays When: January 6 - 15 Session 4: Tuesdays & Thursdays January 27- February 5 2:30 - 3:30 pm Time: \$20 LSCO M; \$30 NM Fee: (fees per session) Register by: One Week Prior to Start Date



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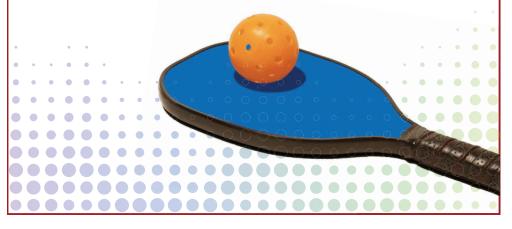
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Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned player you will be sure to pick up some great tips to learn and improve your game! This 2 hour clinic will be lead by certified Instructors from Calgary's Racquet Network. Some equipment supplied, if you have a paddle please bring it. Register early as space is limited.

Pickleball Clinic

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When:Wednesday, January 21Time:1:30 – 3:30 pmFee:\$25Register by:Wednesday, January 14Location:Gym 1



FROM THE GALT Happy January!

Lethbridge motto is Ad Occasionis Januam, which translates as "Gateway to Opportunity". It has been the city's official motto for well over a century, even though it is probably not that well known by many of Lethbridge's residents.

You will find the motto on the city's crest.

Originally known as the Coat of Arms, now known as the Lethbridge City Crest, a contest was held in 1907 to choose a design for the new Coat of Arms, shortly after Lethbridge became a city. The winning design was submitted by Reverend John Stanley Chivers.

those who study it.

The crown above symbolizes allegiance to the Queen and recognition that Lethbridge was a city.

The interior of the shield is divided into three sections and each section, represented by an image, highlights an industry which has contributed greatly to the growth and development of Lethbridge.

A hand holding a miner's pick showcases the coal mining history of our community. From the Sheran mine which started in 1874, to the first Galt mine of 1882, to the closure of Galt Mine No. 8 in the 1950s, the early history of Lethbridge is completely interwoven with the Agriculture and Lethbridge go hand in hand.

Magrath, over 100 coal mines operated in this area; the Lethbridge area was the largest coal producer in western Canada in 1919, contributing greatly to Canada and her allies during the First World War.

The second image is of a locomotive which connects to the railway history of Lethbridge. Lethbridge's train station was technically called the Union Station (not just CPR) because it was used not only by the CPR but also by the Galt railway companies. The first railway in the area was constructed in 1885 as a narrow gauge railway between Dunmore (Medicine Hat) The crest provides a quick history lesson for and Lethbridge. In 1890, a railway was built to Great Falls and many more lines were to follow in this area. Whether it was coal, agricultural products, stocks for the stores or people, the railways were essential for transporting everything early Lethbridge needed.

> The last picture is a sheave of wheat to represent the agricultural and irrigation history of Lethbridge and southwestern Alberta. Lethbridge is the irrigation capital of Canada; the first large scale irrigation project ever created in Canada was built south of Lethbridge starting in the 1890s. Strip farming, the blade, the ability to grow alfalfa - these discoveries and inventions were all made in the Lethbridge area.

Every time I see the word January, it reminds quest to dig coal from underneath the cou- Around the three images are the words City me of Lethbridge's motto. The City of lees and prairies. Between Picture Butte and of Lethbridge and two important dates – 1890 of Lethbridge and two important dates – 1890 and 1906. The first is the date Lethbridge was incorporated as a town and the second was the year it became a city.

> At the bottom is a scene depicting the prairies and mountains. These two images are bound on the sides by stalks of grain and a colliery. One of the early slogans used to promote Lethbridge was "coal city in wheat country." Lethbridge at that time was an interesting hybrid of an industrial community built on the coal mines that also operated as a service community for the agricultural region surrounding it. This historic duality is captured by this image on the crest.

When it was first accepted, the crest was bright and colourful. The locomotive was blue, the mining area, red and agricultural division, brown. Today the crest has been redeveloped with new colours which are white, black and gold. Essentially, though, it remains the same 108 years later.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, Reverend Chivers was awarded \$25.00 in 1907 for winning the contest to design the Lethbridge Coat of Arms. \star

Belinda Crowson is a local historian and Museum Educator at the Galt Museum & Archives.





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LSCO 2015 Winter Programs

Register Now for Winter 2015 Programs & Classes

- Please check the bulletin board and upcoming issues of the LSCO Times as class information may change.
- PLEASE register early to avoid cancellations and to secure your spot!
- Credits or refunds will NOT be given once the class has begun.
- If a credit or refund is requested prior to class start date, a \$5 administration fee will be charged as well as any class costs that may have been incurred.
- If LSCO cancels a class; full credit or refund will be given. Credits must be used within this calendar year.
- Please ask for information regarding additional policies on cancellations, refunds, make up classes, credits, etc.
- How do I register? In person, call 403-320-2222.
- How do I pay? By debit, cash, cheque, Visa or MasterCard.
- How do I find additional classes? Read the monthly LSCO Times, check the bulletin boards, visit www.lethseniors.com.
- Register early. Space is limited.

MEMBERSHIPS BENEFITS of being a Member at LSCO

- Reduced rate on programs, classes and to use Fitness Centre.
- Entitled to purchase Yearly Parking Pass.
- Reduced rate on trips.
- Reduced rate in Dining Room.
- Go Friendly Transportation Services.
- Voting Privileges at the AGM.
- Free or reduced rate for services from the Foot Doctor, Hearing Specialists, Massage Therapist among others.

FEES

New Member Fee

- New Member Fee (55 yrs and over): \$53 January 1, 2015 December 31, 2015
- Individuals new to LSCO may join at any time.

Adult Annual Pass Fee

• Individuals 35-54 years of age who would like to participate in programs at LSCO may do so by purchasing an Annual Pass for \$90. Individuals are then eligible to pay member fees for programs as well as receive additional benefits. Please inquire.

Existing Member Fee

- Membership Fee: \$50 January 1, 2015 December 31, 2015
- LSCO Club Fees vary and are in effect January 1 December 31 of each year.
- To participate in any programs and classes fees must be paid in advance.

Non Member Participation

Individuals 18 years of age and over are welcome to participate in some classes offered at LSCO. Participants will be required to pay the non member fee.

Parking Pass (LSCO Members Only)

- Return your 2014 pass pay \$10 for 2015. Don't return it pay \$13.
- Members pay \$10 per year. Proof of vehicle registration required.

FITNESS CENTRE

Individuals holding a membership to the Fitness Centre have unlimited access during hours of operation. The Centre is open Monday – Thursday; 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, Fridays; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm; Saturdays; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Note: June, July, August the Centre closes weekdays at 4:30 pm and is not open on Saturdays. Your membership entitles you to a free orientation. Shower facilities are also available however, LSCO does not have lockers. Please do not leave valuables unattended.

Fees

LSCO Member Fee:

Non Member Fee:

\$18/month; \$99/6 months; \$180/12 months
(valid from month of purchase)
\$270/year; \$27/month

PROGRAMS for LSCO Members & Non Members

At times programs may be cancelled due to meetings, rentals, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc. Please watch for notices.

Creative Arts

BEGINNER ACRYLICS

Learn all the basics in starting to paint Acrylics. Compressive lessons will be made easy and Donna will teach you how to see what you are painting. Color theory, good construction and composition of a painting will be covered. Some brush and painting techniques will also be included. Eg: What do I use a fan brush for? How do I make shading work in a painting? Ask for a supply list.

When: Wednesdays

DRAWING Value & Perspective

This is a great class for people that want an in-depth understanding of these two basic elements: Value & Perspective. Do you want to make your drawings more realistic and visually correct? If so this is the class for you! Come and study the art of drawing, what you see and know. Everyone welcome. A supply list will be given upon registration.

When: Saturdays January 17 – March 14 (no class Feb. 14)

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BASIC CALLIGRAPHY

Calligraphy is traditionally known as "The Art of Beautiful Writing" but it encompasses so much more. Any lettering is calligraphy and with use of specific types of tools the range is almost endless. This class will introduce students to using a broad edged pen to create beautiful, handwritten letters which can be used for a variety of projects... greeting cards, invitations, journaling and more. We will do a variety of exercises and projects which will familiarize students with using the edged pen and ink. Lettering becomes art with this class! Supplies will be available first class

when:	weanesdays
	January 14 – March 4
Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$40 LSCO M: \$60 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Friday, January 9

PEN & INK & WATERCOLORS

Mixing these 2 mediums together is always a winner. Different techniques in each media will be covered and how to incorporate them together to make a smashing image. The basic visual elements covered in this class will help you interrupt the image you want to portray. Ask for a supply list.

When:	Thursdays
	January 15 – March 12
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Friday, January 9

TIME.	9.50 - 11.50 am
Fee:	\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Monday, January 12

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WATERCOLORS & BEYOND

"Watercolors are fabulous but can be made MORE fabulous with the addition of other mediums and tools. We will explore traditional illustration as well as venturing into the abstract. Some watercolor experience is helpful but NOT required....just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things!" Small supply fee \$3 for sharing of mediums.

When:	Tuesdays
	January 20 – February 17
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$25 LSCO M; \$37.50 NM
Instructor:	Connie Furgason
Register by:	Thursday, January 15

for approx. \$20. Students please bring pencil, eraser, and ruler first class.

When:	Thursdays
	January 22- February 26
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Fee:	\$36 LSCO M; \$54 NM
Instructor:	Connie Furgason
Register by:	Thursday, January 15

THE ABC'S OF WATERCOLOR

This is a beginner class for people that would love to learn how to paint in watercolor. Several different watercolor techniques and styles will be covered in this 8 week class. This course will also include basic elements of art making such as composition, colour theory, perspective & proportion, identifying shapes, creating textures & patterns and most important how to see. A little bit of drawing will be required so bring your sketch book and pencils. This class will fill up fast so register early.

When:	Thursdays, March 5 – April 23
Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$35 LSCO M; \$52.50 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Thursday, February 26

CREATIVE COLLAGE

Collage: this French term means to put together. We will use paper, paint and scissors to create compositions and cards or anything you can think of.

When:	Tuesdays, March 3 – 31
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$25 LSCO M; \$37.50 NM
Instructor:	Amy Dodic
Register by:	Tuesday, February 24

BEGINNERS OIL PAINTING

Learn the basics in oil painting. Oil painting can be a little frustrating for a beginner because of its drying time and the way the color can change to mud in an instant. Donna will teach you how to avoid some of the most common mistakes in painting with oil painting like proper blending and mixing techniques, shading to create depth and realism, and how to create interesting and unique compositions. Others lessons will include how to paint in oils without using turpentine, varsol or other smelly mediums, understanding your materials, different oil painting techniques and how to mix colors. Oil painting is still a viable medium to work in and with the advancement of science and technology; new avenues have opened in working with this medium. Join us to find out.

When:	Wednesday, March 11 – April 29
Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Thursday, March 5

PAINTING FLOWERS

Here's an opportunity to work with fresh flowers and your favorite painting medium. This 5 week class will concentrate on the wonderful structures and colors of flowers. Basic flower arrangements and compositions will be covered as well as color mixing to achieve those brilliant and vibrant colors that flowers give us. Techniques and approaches will be covered including layering to maximize color intensity, painting the outside shapes first and analyzing flower shapes. All levels of students are invited to join.

When:	Wednesday, May 27 – June 24
Time:	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$25 LSCO M; \$37.50 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Thursday, May 22

DRAWING & PAINTING

Exercise & Activity

For personal safety, individuals must complete a Waiver, Par Q, & PARmed-X Forms (if required). At times programs may be cancelled due to meetings, rentals, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc. Please watch for notices.

ACTIVE AGING STRENGTH & LOW IMPACT CLASSES

These low impact classes will assist you to maintain, build and improve your balance, strength, cardiovascular fitness and overall health. A variety of exercise equipment will be used. All fitness levels welcome. Monday classes focus on strength training, Wednesday on aerobic fitness. Wear comfortable exercise clothes, indoor sneakers, water bottle, yoga or Ins exercise mat and be ready to have fun!

When:	Session 1: Mondays & Wednesdays January 5 – February 25 (no class Feb. 16) Session 2: Mondays & Wednesdays March 2 – April 22 (no class April 6)
Time: Register by: Fee:	8:00 – 8:55 am One week prior to start \$67 LSCO M/session; \$101 NM/session
Instructor: Location:	Once/week \$34 M; \$51 NM Deb Palmer Gym 2

BASKETBALL

Pickup games of basketball are played twice a week. Shower facilities are available. Please do not leave valuables unattended. There will not be basketball when gym floor is being resurfaced and September 17. Please watch for other dates.

Tuesdays & Thursdays
January 6 – December 31
12:00 – 1:00 pm
\$15/month or \$120/year
LSCO M; \$30/month or \$240 NM

BEGINNER FIT BALL

This class is for individuals new to exercising with a stability ball (large oversized rubber ball). Beginner exercises will be introduced to assist you to improve core strength, posture, balance and flexibility. Wear comfortable exercise clothing and non slip indoor running shoes. Bring a water bottle and exercise mat if you have one.

When:	Tuesdays
	January 27 – February 24
Time:	3:30 – 4:30 pm
Fee:	\$15 LSCO M; \$22.50 NM
Register by:	Thursday, January 22

LINE DANCING

Individuals with line dance experience will be kicking up their heels learning some new dances, reviewing the old, having a few laughs and as a bonus will be getting exercise. Register early!

Mondays

When:	January 5 – March 30 (no class Feb. 16)
Time:	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$45 NM;
	Drop In Not Permitted.
Register by:	Wednesday, December 31
Instructor:	Diane Holstine
Thursdays	
When:	January 8 – March 26
Time:	10:30 – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$45 NM;
	Drop In Not Permitted.
Register by:	Monday, January 5
Instructor:	Diane Holstine

LINE DANCING for Beginners

Here is your chance! This class is for men and women who have always wanted to line dance. Easy to learn steps will be taught while having a ton of fun. Wear comfortable non-marking shoes.

When:	Thursdays
	January 8 – March 26
Time:	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$45 NM;
	Drop In Not Permitted
Register by:	Monday, January 5
Instructor:	Diane Holstine
Location:	Gym 2

LINE DANCING Tuesday Evening

Join us for an hour of FUN while learning to line dance during this 5 week program. A variety of dances will be taught and it does not matter if you are a beginner or have some experience. Everyone is welcome 18 years of age and over. Wear clean, non marking soled shoes.

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When:	Tuesdays
	January 13 – February 10
Time:	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Fee:	\$27 LSCO M; \$40.50
Register by:	Friday, January 9
Instructor:	Brittany Dyke

NIA Gentle

Gentle Nia is all things deliciously Nia - joy, pleasure, ease, grace, flexibility, agility, mobility but with less choreography and more focus on sensing joy and play. The Nia Technique has been around for 30 years and its blend of dance arts, healing arts and martial arts creates whole body healing and mobility. Here is what a few of Lise's dancers have to say about Gentle Nia. Nia makes me feel more in tune with my body both internally and externally and fills me with a peaceful joy ~ Faye 67. I love exercising to music. The faster pieces give you energy and the slow ones fill you with calm and peace ~ Joyce 81yrs young. When I do Nia I feel at peace, relaxed vet very strong ~ Evelyn 73. When: Session 1: Thursdays, January 15 - March 26 Session 2: Thursdays, April 2 – June 11 Time: 3:30 – 4:30 pm Fee: \$66 LSCO M/session; \$99 NM/session Where: All Purpose Room Register by: Thursday, January 8

LANDSCAPES

In this short 6 week class learn quick techniques to drawing and painting landscapes. We will cover various ideas and approaches to seeing and understanding landscapes. You may use any medium you like but we will always start off with a drawing and then continue to a finished painting. It is preferred that the student already knows how to use their preferred medium since we will be concentrating the subject and its mat. components. But beginners are still welcomed When: and will be encouraged to work along. On location work maybe included if weather cooperates.

When:	Saturdays
	April 11 – May 23
	(no class May 16)
Time:	9:30 am – 11:30 am
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$45 NM
Instructor:	Donna Gallant
Register by:	Thursday, April 2

FIT BALL & More

Time:

Fee:

Participants in this class will work hard to improve core muscles, posture, coordination, cardiovascular fitness and flexibility. Exercising with the fit ball will assist you to improve your balance and strength too! A variety of exercise equipment will be used. Wear comfortable clothing, foot wear; bring water and an exercise

Session 1:

Tuesdays & Thursdays January 13 – March 5 Session 2: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** March 10 – April 30 9:00 – 9:45 am \$40 LSCO M/session; \$60 NM/session Register by: One week prior to start

NIA Classic

Classic Nia is a blend of Dance, martial and healing arts to create a soulful, healing, nourishing and enlivening practice of living in the body. The dynamic blend of movement forms, done to soul stirring music, will invite more ease, flow, expansion, well being and joy. Nia

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increases flexibility, agility, mobility, strength and | When: stability and can be done at the level that feels right for you. No pushing or forcing. Nia honors the bodies' way. You can do it at high octane to get your fitness on OR you can take it to level 1 and enjoy self healing ~ or anywhere in between. Time: Join Lise Schulze, certified 1st Black Belt, on a When: magical ride to unite body, mind, and spirit. Allow yourself to remember the Joy of being Alive and feeling free in your body.

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When:	Session 1:
	Thursdays
	January 15 – March 26
	Session 2:
	Thursdays, April 2 – June 11
Time:	5:15 – 6:15 pm
Fee:	\$66 LSCO M/session;
	\$99 NM/session
Where:	All Purpose Room
Register by:	Thursday, January 8

PICKLEBALL CLINIC

Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned player you will be sure to pick up some great tips to learn and improve your game! This 2 hour clinic will be lead by certified Instructors from Calgary's Racquet Network. Some equipment supplied, if you have a paddle please bring it. Register early as space is limited.

When:	Wednesday, January 21
Time:	1:30 – 3:30 pm
Fee:	\$25
Register by:	Wednesday, January 14
Location:	Gym 1

PICKLEBALL FOR BEGINNERS

You may have watched, read or heard a lot about this fastest growing sport in North America. Played in the gym this energetic game is similar to badminton and tennis. Pickleball is easy to learn, a lot of fun and great for all ages. Here is your chance to give it a try. There will not be formal lessons at this time. Some equipment will be supplied. Bring a water bottle; wear comfortable exercise clothes and clean, indoor running shoes.

When:	Wednesdays,
	January 7 – February 25
	(not Jan. 21)
Time:	1:00 – 3:30 pm
Fee:	\$10 LSCO M; \$16 NM
Register by:	Monday, January 5

PICKLEBALL

Played in gym this energetic game is similar to badminton and tennis. It is easy to learn and a lot of fun. Women and men of all ages and skill levels welcome. No formal lessons are taught. Nets and balls supplied. Bring your own racquet. Time Wear comfortable clothes and clean indoor non Fee marking shoes.

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ary 5 Fridavs 1:00 - 3:30 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:30 – 4:00 pm (not Feb. 5 & 16, March 27 & 31, April 24) Summer & Fall 2015 dates TBA \$15 LSCO M/month or \$125/yr; Fee: \$30 NM; Daily Drop in \$2.50 Register by: Ongoing Gym 1 Location:

Session 1: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** January 6 - 15 Session 2: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** January 27- February 5 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Session 3: **Tuesdays & Thursdays** January 6 - 15 Session 4: Tuesdays & Thursdays January 27- February 5 2:30 – 3:30 pm \$20 LSCO M; \$30 NM (fees per session) One Week Prior to Start Date Register by:

FRIDAY MORNING STRETCH

Time:

Fee:

This program is great for people who are looking for a gentle stretch class with a yoga flare. Wear comfortable cloths and bring a yoga/exercise mat.

When:	Fridays, January 16 – March 27
Time:	8:30 – 9:30 am
Fee:	\$49 LSCO M; \$73.50 NM
Register by:	Monday, January 12
Location:	APR
Instructor:	Lauren Hart

LSCO MORNING TAI CHI PROGRAM

Tai Chi is a moving meditation for your health with benefits of stress reduction, lowered blood pressure, flexibility, improved circulation and healing, balance and peace. It is a system of physical exercises based on the principals of effortless breathing, rhythmic movement and weight equilibrium. The combination of mental and physical activity works to harmonize the mind, body, and spirit which promote the feelings of well being. If you have always wanted to take Tai Chi, or haven't been practicing for awhile this is the class for you. There will be a free introductory demonstration and chance to try it with the Instructor on Monday, January 5 from 9-10 am.

Please Note: No new students will be accepted for sessions starting in April.

TAI CHI BEGINNER PRACTICE

This practice session is for individuals registered in the Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced classes.

When:	Session 1: Mondays, January 5 – March 30 (demo Jan. 5, no practice Feb. 16) Session 2: Mondays: April 13 – June 22
	(no practice May 18)
Time:	9:00 – 10:00 am
Fee:	\$10 LSCO M/session;
	\$15 NM/session
Register by:	Monday, January 5

When:	Session 1:
	Tuesdays, January 6 – March 31
Fee:	\$32.50 LSCO M; \$49 NM
When:	Session 2:
	Tuesdays, April 14 – June 23
Fee:	\$27.50 LSCO M; \$41.25 NM
Time:	9:00 – 10:00 am
Instructor:	Steve Burger

TAI CHI ADVANCED CLASS

If you have completed Steve's Intermediate class and are ready to move on register for this class. Advanced students should also register. Please register 1 week prior to start dates.

When:	Session 1:
	Wednesdays, January 7 – April 1
Fee:	\$32.50 LSCO M; \$49 NM
When:	Session 2:
	Wednesdays, April 15 – June 24
Fee:	\$27.50 LSCO M; \$41.25 NM
Instructor:	Steve Burger

TAI CHI PRACTICE

This practice session is for intermediate and advanced students. Please register 1 week prior to start dates.

When:	Session 1:
	Fridays, January 9 – March 27
	Session 2:
	Fridays, April 17 – June 26
Time:	9:00 – 10:00 am
Fee:	\$10 LSCO M; \$15 NM
Instructor:	Steve Burger

EVENING TAI CHI TAI CHI YANG STYLE 24 Form

Yang 24 form is one of the most widely practiced styles of Tai Chi in the world. Movements are comfortable, spread out, natural, graceful, continuous and gentle. This form can be adjusted for those with limited mobility. Some theory and Chi Gong (energy work) will be included.

When:	Mondays & Wednesdays
	January 12 – March 25
Time:	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Fee:	\$53 LSCO M; \$79 NM
Instructor:	Dave Scotland
Register by:	Wednesday, January 7
Location:	Stage Area (Mon); Gym 2 (Wed)

CHAIR YOGA

This is a unique style of yoga that adapts poses by using a chair; replacing the yoga mat. The participant is able to warm up the body safely and perform yoga poses with more support and stability. Chair yoga is suitable for all ages, fitness levels and physical conditions. Classes are taught by Corrine Myers.

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When:		Session 1:
		Wednesdays
		January 7 – March 25
		Session 2:
		Wednesdays, April 1 – May 27
Time:		9:30 – 10:20 am

STRENGTH TRAINING for YOU!

Fee" Strength training offers numerous benefits. Time: During the 4 sessions participants will learn how to increase muscular strength, maintain or improve joint flexibility, enrich mental health and more. Register early as space is limited. Come dressed in workout clothes, running shoes, bring water. This class is perfect for the beginner or individual with limited experience exercising with weights. Class is held in the Fitness Centre

TAI CHI BEGINNER CLASS

When:

Fee:

When:

If you have always wanted to take Tai Chi, or Fee: haven't been practicing for awhile this is the class for you. Wear comfortable clothing. NOTE: Pre-requisite for Session 2 is Session 1. Please Register by: register 1 week prior to start dates.

Session 1: Thursdays, January 8 – April 2 \$32.50 LSCO M; \$49 NM Session 2: Thursdays, April 16 – June 25 \$27.50 LSCO M; \$41.25 NM 9:00 – 10:00 am Instructor: Steve Burger

TAI CHI INTERMEDIATE CLASS

Students who have taken the beginner class and are ready to learn additional steps are encouraged to register for this intermediate class. NOTE: Pre-requisite for Session 2 is Session 1. Please register 1 week prior to start dates.

9:30 – 10:20 am Session 1: \$30 LSCO M; \$45 NM Session 2: \$22.50 LSCO M; \$33.75 NM One week prior to start date

GENTLE YOGA

Middle-aged adults and senior citizens can use yoga techniques to slow the aging process. With a few modifications to yoga poses and a respect for the physical limitations of the body, individuals can easily participate in a healthy and active yoga session. In fact, the benefits of yoga extend far beyond the practice's physical effects. Chairs and other props may be used. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.

When:

Session 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays January 6 – February 12

	Session 2:
	February 17 – March 26
	Session 3:
	March 31 – May 7
Time:	9:30 – 10:30 am
Fees/session:	\$54 LSCO M (twice/week);
	\$81 NM
	\$27 LSCO M (once/week);
	\$40.50 NM
Instructor:	Corrine Myers
Register by:	One week prior to start date

YOGA NIDRA MEDITATION

Yoga Nidra meditation is a deeply profound experience of physical, mental and emotional relaxation. It is simple, easy and convenient. Regular practice of meditation can help to restore When: and maintain your vital life energy, prevent disease and even improve your mood. Whether you are Time: an experienced meditator or a novice, Yoga Nidra Fee: meditation is very easy and you can enjoy the benefits after one session. You will by lying down; When: wear comfortable clothes, bring a yoga mat & Time: blanket. Relax and follow the guided meditation. Fee: Program held in APR after Gentle Yoga.

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When:	Tuesdays
	January 13 – February 10
Time:	10:45 – 11:30 am
Fee:	\$15 LSCO M; \$22.50 NM
Instructor:	Corrine Myers

YOGA Mondays

Yoga helps to improve physical & mental well being, using a combination of poses, breathing & visualization exercises. Participants will work towards increasing strength & flexibility. All levels of experience welcome. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.

When:	Session 1: Mondays, January 5 – March 30
	(no class Feb. 16)
Time:	10:00 – 11:15 am
Fee:	\$54 LSCO Members only
Instructor:	Michael Pollard & Karen Toohey
Register by:	Wednesday, December 31
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When:	Session 2:
When:	Session 2: Mondays, April 13 – May 25
When: Time:	
	Mondays, April 13 – May 25
Time:	Mondays, April 13 – May 25 10:00 – 11:15 am

YOGA Tuesday Evening

Join certified Ashtanga Vinyasa Instructor: Lauren Hart for creative flow classes. Move, breathe, make space, all you need is your yoga mat and your open mind. All classes are accessible to beginners. Wear comfortable exercise clothing, bring a water bottle.

When:	Tuesdays, January 13 – March 31
	(no class Feb. 17)
Time:	5:00 – 6:00 pm

YOGA Noon Hour

Whether you are new to yoga or have been practicing for awhile you will benefit greatly by attending this class. The breath becomes an important component of Vinyasa yoga because the teacher will instruct you to move from one pose to the next on an inhale or an exhale. Vinyasa is literally translated as a connection between movement and breath; total body mind connection. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket, water bottle and any other props you may like to use. Melanie Hillaby will be instructing and the classes will be held in the All Purpose Room. Register one week prior to start.

Mondays

January 12 – March 30 12:05 – 12:55 pm \$49.50 LSCO M; \$74.25 NM

Fridays

January 16 – March 27 12:05 – 12:55 pm \$49.50 LSCO M; \$74.25 NM

INDOOR WALKING

Just because its winter doesn't mean you have to stop going for your walks. If you feel like jogging a little you can do that too! This is a non structured program Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 – 8:45 am beginning January 6. It is FREE with a LSCO Membership. Please register at the Administration Desk.

ZUMBA Evening

Have fun moving your body to fast, upbeat music. You will quickly find that your stress level is reduced and your energy is increased. With Zumba dancing the fun comes first, the physical benefits follow. Come on - give it a try! Beginners welcome. Class is held in the All Purpose Room.

When: Tuesda Janua	ry 13 – March 31
Time:5:15 –Fee:\$60 LSInstructor:Tine G	6:15 pm SCO M; \$91 NM Gulbrandsen day, January 8

Computer

INTRODUCTION to the iPAD

Basic instruction will be given to participants who wish to become more familiar with their iPads. The Instructor: will present general information the first hour, followed by answering participant questions. Some of the topics to be covered will be how to Skype with your family, set up and manage your email, surf the web, play games among others. Please bring your charged iPad to each class. Class will be held in Room A.

When:	Tuesday & Thursday
	January 13 – 29
Time:	9:00 – 11:00 am
Fee:	\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Register by:	Thursday, January 8

TYPING & KEYBOARDING SKILLS

Learn to use your Keyboard effectively and efficiently by familiarizing yourself with all its various functions. Students will be given lots of practice using correct fingering when typing. Simple typing tasks will provide practice for correct fingering.

When:	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	January 13 – 20
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$20 LSCO M; \$30 NM
Register by:	Thursday, January 8

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

If you are one of the many that would like to learn more about using computers, please leave your name at the Administration Desk.

SMARTPHONES & YOU!

Do you have an iPhone, Android, Microsoft or Blackberry and just need a little more assistance on the basic functions? If so register for this 2 day class and bring your phones charged up!

When:	Saturday, January 17 & 24
Time:	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Fee:	\$15 LSCO M; \$22.50 NM
Register by:	Monday, January 12

WINDOWS 8 BASICS (using Windows 8)

This course will be using the Windows 8 version which is currently installed on all new computers. This is an introduction course for absolute beginners to the field of Windows 8. Course content will focus on the following topics, frequently asked questions, windows features, upgrading to Windows 8, getting started with the desktop, managing your files and folders, using the mail app, internet explorer and opening your files with different apps.

Tuesday & Thursday
February 10 – 26
9:00 – 11:00 am
\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM
Thursday, January 8

USING Kijiji

Have you ever wondered how to bring up the kijiji site for browsing on your computer, laptop or iPad and what kijiji is all about? Here's your chance to learn more in two session class.

When:	Tuesday &Thursday
	February 17 & 19
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$15 LSCO M; \$20 NM
Register by:	Thursday, February 12

\$50 LSCO M; \$75 NM Fee: Instructor: Lauren Hart Wednesday, January 7 Register by: Location: TBA

YOGA Wednesdays

This class is for all levels of yogis. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a mat, blanket, water bottle. Classes held in APR.

When:	Session 1: Wednesdays, January 7 – March 25 (Feb. 18 & 25) Session 2:
	Wednesdays, April 1 – May 27
Time:	10:00 – 11:15 am
Fee:	\$54 (session 1)
	LSCO Members only;
	\$40.50 (session 2)
Instructor: Register by:	Leigh Monette & Barb Huston One week prior to start of class
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When	Mondays
Time:	January 12 – February 2 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Fee:	\$20 LSCO M
Register by:	Thursday, January 8

COMPUTER & WINDOWS BASICS – using Windows 7

This is an introductory course for absolute beginners to the field of Computer Technology. Course content will focus on gaining familiarity with the hardware (CPU, Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Hard Drive, CD Drives and DVD Drives) of a Personal Computer and its Operating Systems and Applications. Ample time will be provided in class for practice using the mouse for a variety of functions. Students will also When: practise keyboarding skills that will enable them Time: to type and modify script for corrections and Fee: appearance.

General Interest

FAMILY & FRIENDS CPR - Heart & Stroke Foundation

Heart attack, drowning or other problems may cause someone's heart to stop pumping blood. This is called cardiac arrest. If you give a person CPR right away, he is more likely to survive. Most cardiac arrests happen at home with family members. You can help a loved one survive by doing CPR. Register for this course and you will learn Adult CPR, how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator), assist a choking victim and more.

When:	ТВА
Time:	9:00 – 11:30 am
Fee:	\$25
Register by:	TBA

LSCO Member Programs

As a member of the Lethbridge Senior Citizen Organization a number of programs are offered at a nominal fee. Many individuals and programs choose not to continue through the summer months. Note: At times programs may be cancelled due to meetings, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc.

Creative Arts

CERAMICS & CHINA PAINTING

If you are new to painting ceramics china painting or are a veteran you will enjoy the information Gladys will share with you to either learn or improve your brush stroke techniques. Beginners are very welcome. Supplies for your first project will be provided.

When:	Mondays, beginning January 5
Time:	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
	(9:00 – 12:00 instructor available)
Fee:	\$22/year & LSCO membership
Firing Fee:	Nominal fee charged
	on each piece
Instructor:	Gladys Larson
Registration:	Ongoing
Location:	Craft Room

CRAFTING WORKSHOP

Time has been set-aside for individuals to work on their own art pieces. There is no formal instruction given however, ideas are definitely shared.

When:	Thursdays, beginning January 8
Time:	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$22/year & LSCO membership
Registration:	Ongoing
Location:	Craft Room

KNIT, CROCHET, NEEDLEWORK

If you enjoy needlework register for this program. It's a great time to work on projects of your choice, share ideas and enjoy a coffee. Beginners are welcome.

When:	Thursdays, beginning January 8
Time:	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee:	\$6/year & LSCO membership
Instructor:	Gladys Larson
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	Dining Room

LAPIDARY (Stonecrafters)

Are you interested in making jewelry or other pieces of art that uses rocks and fine gems? If the answer is FLOOR CURLING yes, sign up today. Newcomers are welcome; times for instruction will be arranged. Supply costs extra.

When:	Mondays, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	beginning January 5
	Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$35/yr & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	Lapidary Room (2nd Floor)

PAPER TOLE WORKSHOP

If you are familiar with the art of paper tole and would like to work on your projects while socializing, consider signing up for this weekly workshop. Ideas are shared however, no formal instruction is given. If you are interested in learning this art please feel free to stop by.

When:	Thursdays, beginning January 8
Time:	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Fee:	\$14/year & LSCO membership
Instructor:	Present Carvers
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	Room G

WOOD WORKING

Women and men interested in the wood working program must be familiar with all types of tools a F carpenter would use as there is no formal instruction. Some materials are available for use.

When:	Monday – Friday, beginning January 5
Time:	8:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$44/year & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	Carpentry Shop

Physical Activities

BADMINTON

Everyone of all skill levels are welcome to play badminton weekdays however; many of the participants have been playing for awhile and at times, games become more competitive.

When:	Mon/Wed/Fri, beginning January 5
Time:	11:10 am – 12:30 pm
When:	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	beginning January 6
Time:	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$66/year & LSCO membership
Location:	Gym 1

CARPET BOWLING

This bowling game is played It is easy to learn and lots of fun. Equipment is supplied.

When:	Mon/Wed/Fri, beginning January 5
Time:	1:15 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$20/year & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	All Purpose Room

If you are looking for something fun to do in the afternoons twice a week floor curling may be just the thing. The game of floor curling was originally designed for those who were no longer able to ice curl due to back and knee problems however, everyone is welcome. There is no sweeping and it is warm! If you would like to play please leave your name at the Administration Desk. If there is enough interest it will take place as follows.

Tues. beginning January 6 When: 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm Time: Fee: \$20/yr & LSCO membership Instructor: Floor Curling Members Ongoing Register by: Location: Gym 2

TABLE TENNIS

A great active game for eye hand coordination and individuals of all skill levels. Let us know if you need instruction and arrangements will be made. Bring your own racquet. Begins January 6.

When	Mon/Wed/Fri.
	3:00 – 4:30 pm
	beginning January 5
Fee:	\$44/year & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	All Purpose Room

TAI CHI

Individuals with a great deal of Tai Chi experience may be interested in joining this Tai Chi session. Practice with swords and fans will be included. If you are unsure whether this is a good fit for you leave your contact information and you will be contacted.

When Mon/Wed/Fri. beginning January 5 8:30 - 9:30 am Time: Fee: \$17/year & LSCO membership Register by: Ongoing Location: Gym 1

General Interest

ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

If you are a fairly experienced photographer, enjoy going on outings to take photos leave their name and phone number. You will be contacted.

Tuesdays
beginning January 6
9:30 – 12:00 pm
\$22/year & LSCO membership
Ongoing
Photography Room

AMATEUR HAM RADIO

This group meets daily to socialize, provide emergency communication services and provide other assistance as required. Newcomers welcome.

When	Monday – Friday
	beginning January 5
Time:	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$28/year & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing
Location:	Radio Room

BILLIARDS

Members are welcome to play pool daily. The tables are located on the second floor and are accessible by the elevator or stairs. If you are new to the game it is important for you to let us know so that arrangements can be made for you to receive some instructions.

When Monday – Friday beginning January 5 8:15 am - 4:00 pm Time: Fee: \$53/year & LSCO membership Ongoing Register by: Location: **Billiards Room**

When:	Fridays, beginning January 9
Time:	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$22/year & LSCO membership
Registration:	Ongoing
Location:	Craft Room

QUILTING

Experienced quilters are welcome to bring their projects, socialize and share ideas. Must bring own supplies. Please sign up at the Administration Desk.

When:	Tuesdays, beginning January 6
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing

WOOD CARVING

Wood carving is a form of working with wood by means of a cutting tool. It can be both relaxing and fun however, starting out can be intimidating but When: really shouldn't be. Newcomers will be loaned tools Time: to get started. Fee:

KEEP FIT

Fee:

Staying active is important at any age. Start your day by participating in this gentle keep fit program. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to exercise at your own level. LSCO volunteers lead this 50 minute class. Wear comfortable clothes and clean, non marking indoor footwear. Bring a water bottle.

When: Mon, Wed, Fri, beginning January 5 Time: 10:00 – 10:50 am \$22/year & LSCO membership Register by: Ongoing Location: Gym 1

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE

Both men and women are welcome to participate in this low impact style of dance. Wear comfortable clothes and non-marking soled shoes. Please register at the Administration Desk.

> Fridays, beginning January 9 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Weekly donation & LSCO membership

COMMON GROUND

This group meets weekly to enjoy entertainment, speakers, and socializing.

When	Thursdays
	beginning January 9
Time:	10:00 – 11:00 am
Fee:	\$17/year & LSCO membership
Register by:	Ongoing

COMPUTER CLUB

Individuals interested in computer classes. workshops, social get-togethers, volunteering and more are encouraged to leave their name, phone number and email at the Administration Desk. Information regarding fees will be available in February.

CRIB

Please register at the Administration Desk.

WhenThursdays, beginning January 8Time:1:00 – 3:00 pmFee:\$11/year & LSCO membershipRegister by:Ongoing

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

If you love to take photos and have a desire to improve your picture taking skills register at the Administration Desk. You do not have to be an expert as the group members vary in expertise. Information regarding fees will be available in February.

Fridays
beginning January 9
10:00 am
Ongoing
Computer Lab

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Interested individuals should put their name on an interest list. In the past games have been played Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

GENEALOGY

Weekly, members spend time researching their family history. LSCO provides a couple desk top computers for use however; t is recommended that you bring along your lap top if you have one.

When	Wednesdays	
	beginning January 7	
Time:	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	

Fee:\$20/year & LSCO membershipRegister by:OngoingLocation:Board Room

GOLDEN MILE SINGERS

If singing and entertaining are passions of yours, we welcome you. Throughout the year performances are given at a variety of locations.

WhenTuesdays, beginning January 6Time:10:00 – 11:30 amFee:LSCO membershipRegister by:OngoingLocation:Room C/D

KARAOKE

The karaoke singers meet weekly at LSCO and twice a year produce wonderful concerts for the community to enjoy.

WhenTuesdays, beginning January 6Time:1:00 – 3:00 pmFee:\$17/year & LSCO membershipRegister by:OngoingLocation:Room A/B

SCRABBLE

Please register at the Administration Desk.		
Wed/Thurs. beginning January 7		
9:30 – 11:00 am		
\$11/year & LSCO Membership		
Ongoing		
Card Area		

Community Programs

BINGO

Everyone is welcome to come play bingo regardless of whether a member of LSCO or not.

When:	Wednesdays, beginning January 8
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$5/booklet; \$1/bonanza
Register by:	Drop In
Location:	Gym 2

JAM SESSION

Bring your instruments and jam with others who enjoy the beautiful sound of music. You may want to have a few dances too.

When	Thursdays, January 8
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Fee:	Donation
Register by:	Drop In
Location:	Gym 2
	(at times held in the Dining Room)

SWING DANCE

Location:

The Lethbridge Swing Dance Club practices weekly
at LSCO. Come and join in on the fun; learn a new
dance or two.When:Mondays, beginning January 12Time:7:30 – 9:30 pmFee:\$2/night

All Purpose Room

At times programs may be cancelled due to meetings, rentals, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc. Please watch for notices.

LSCO Activity Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Fitness Centre 8:0	00 am - 6:00 pm 🔹 Saturday	v 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	
Active Aging 8:00 am	Indoor Walking 8:00 am	Active Aging 8:00 am	Indoor Walking 8:00 am	
Social Cards 8:30 am Tai Chi Club 8:30 am Woodworking 8:30 am Billiards 8:30 am	Social Cards 8:30 am Woodworking 8:30 am Billiards 8:30 am	Social Cards 8:30 am Tai Chi Club 8:30 am Woodworking 8:30 am Billiards 8:30 am	Social Cards 8:30 am Woodworking 8:30 am Billiards 8:30 am	Stretch 8:30 am Social Cards 8:30 am Tai Chi Club 8:30 am Woodworking 8:30 am Billiards 8:30 am
Amateur Ham Radio 9:00 am Ceramics & China Painting 9:00 am	Amateur Ham Radio 9:00 am Fitball 9:00 am Program Committee Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20, 9:00 am	Amateur Ham Radio 9:00 am	Amateur Ham Radio 9:00 am Fitball 9:00 am	Amateur Ham Radio 9:00 am Paper Tole 9:00 am
	Advanced Photography 9:30 am Gentle Yoga 9:30 am	Chair Yoga 9:30 am Scrabble 9:30 am	Scrabble 9:30 am Gentle Yoga 9:30 am	
Keep Fit 10:00 am Lapidary 10:00 am Yoga 10:00 am	Golden Mile Singers 10:00 am	Keep Fit 10:00 am Yoga 10:00 am Genealogy 10:00 am	Common Ground 10:00 am	Keep Fit 10:00 am Digital Photography 10:00 am
	Badminton 10:30 am		Badminton 10:30 am	Scottish Country Dance 10:30 am
Badminton 11:10 am		Badminton 11:10 am		Badminton 11:10 am
Yoga 12:00 pm	Basketball 12:00 pm		Basketball 12:00 pm	Yoga 12:00 pm
			Wood Carving 12:30 pm	
Pickleball 1:00 pm Carpet Bowling 1:15 pm Computer Club Meeting Monday, Jan.12, 1:00 pm	Quilting 1:00 pm Floor Curling 1:00 pm Karaoke 1:00 pm	Beginner Pickleball 1:00 pm Bingo 1:00 pm Lapidary 1:00 pm Carpet Bowling 1:15 pm	Needlework 1:00 pm Crib 1:00 pm	Carpet Bowling 1:15 pm
	Pickleball 1:30 pm		Pickleball 1:30 pm	Pickleball 1:30 pm
Table Tennis 3:00 pm		Table Tennis 3:00 pm		Table Tennis 3:00 pm
			Gentle Nia 3:30 pm	
Tai Chi 5:00 pm	Yoga 5:00 pm	Tai Chi 5:00 pm		
	Zumba 5:15 pm		Classic Nia 5:15 pm	
			Jam Session 6:00 pm	
	Line Dancing 6:30 pm			

A Cautionary Tale

ver the past few months I've had a number of strikingly similar cases. They have all been complex, particularly devastating, and have involved misuse / abuse by a Power of Attorney agent. Without giving too many specific details, here is a general description of the situation:

An older person has assigned a relative (or friend) to act as power of attorney agent. Over time, the agent helps themselves to the older person's money and/or property. Eventually the older person's bills stop being paid, their bank account is depleted and the older person and they can no longer afford basic necessities.

This is usually when LEARN gets involved. I meet with the person and help them rebuild. Sometimes it means changing banking information, making a new power of attorney, applying for financial support, or meeting tant of change; relationships with their friends with family. This process takes time, often or family may end or be damaged, they may months, because change takes time, and a vul- have no other option for a power of attorney

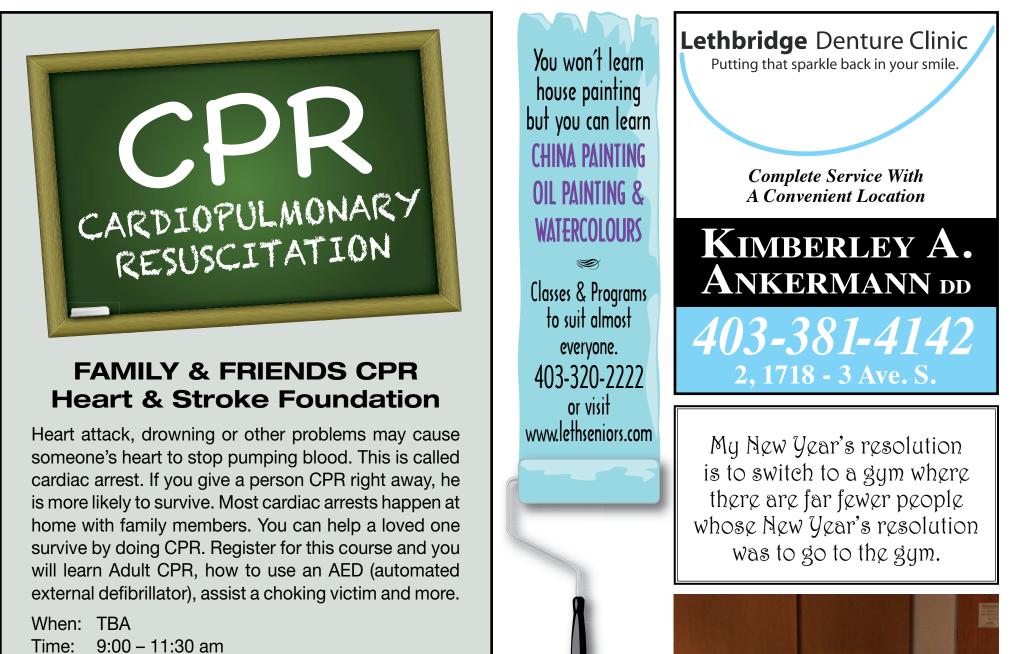


nerable older person needs to time to make such important decisions. The process is much more difficult if the older person is ill or no longer has decision making capacity. Other service providers are utilized as needed to ensure the older person is supported. It is very normal for a victim of abuse to be hesi-

agent, maybe they're embarrassed to ask for help. My role is not just to help with practical things, but also to ensure victims are supported emotionally for as long as needed.

Unfortunately, this situation cannot always be avoided; however, the impact can be diminished. If some simple precautions are put in place, a Power of Attorney document can be protective and less likely to be manipulated. It's generally considered a good practice to appoint two trusted people to act as agents. Also important is to have a conflict resolution clause within the document, as well as mandatory reporting of an agent's actions. Use a lawyer that represents your interests, not those of your chosen agent, when creating the document.

As always, if you, or someone you know is experiencing abuse, please give me a call. When it comes to Elder Abuse, silence is not an option. \star



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Christmas at the Ranch

Things hadn't gone too well in the good neighbor department since the spring calves were born. For some reason a good percentage of the neighbor's Black Angus purebreds had white faces and they resembled Wilber's Hereford bull. The neighbor had decided not to sue as several other ranchers had Hereford bulls that roamed the hills and Wilber's bull produced fine beef animals.

Wilber sold his bull and purchased a young two year old that loved the home place and stayed there. But Wilber felt bad because he liked his neighbor and they were good people. It was getting close to Christmas so maybe he would patch up some tender feelings. Christmas – he would think of something! The neighbors' had a house full of kids and cash was a little short, He would give the neighbors something.

It was then that Wilber's brain kicked in-a way to make it right with the neighbor and put some of his skills in welding and building to use. There was two feet of snow in the fields but Wilber found and old sleigh called a cutter – a buggy on sleigh runners. It needed fixing and he would fix it. It was built for one horse and Wilber had a saddle horse.

It was the day before Christmas Eve. Wilber's wife had bought candies and a little something for each kid and made some popcorn balls. Now his saddle horse was a good cow pony but showed some reluctance to be put in harness in front of a giant sleigh. Wilber was patient and calmed the horse down. Everything

is still under control. I guess maybe it was the bridle and the bit that angered the pony but still under control.

It was a cold night and the pony resented leaving the barn and would have preferred to stay inside. The pony was getting more jumpy but Wilber still got everything hitched up. They started across the field, then across the county road. Wilber had borrowed a Santa suit, the mood was perfect, a sleigh full of goodies and old St. Nick at the reins. Then it happened- tragedy struck!

Wilber had attached a leather strap with a set of bells on it to the harness. The bells were jingling and then something, perhaps a tumbleweed, blew across the road. Maybe it was the bells, maybe it was the tumbleweed – no one knew for sure. But it freaked out the pony who took the bit firmly between his teeth, kicked the sleigh a couple of times and took off at a full gallop. The cutter touched the ground several times in more than a mile run. It finally came to rest on its side when the horse stopped when crossing the road in front of the neighbor's house.

Excitement! A runaway, a sleigh on its' side, a crazed cow pony and a shook up St. Nicholas. Presents and candies all over the place!

The neighbor and his nine kids came out and rescued Wilber, his horse and his dignity.

All is calm. All is bright. Merry Christmas from Wilber.

Story by Stan Coxson

Did you know?

that anyone 18 and over can participate in most classes at LSCO?

Computer Club Corner by Sjoerd Schaafsma



Computer Abuse

The computer lab in the LSCO is on the second floor right beside the Elder Abuse office. It is on a well travelled path to several other clubs and facilities, so it's not uncommon for people to drop by with computer questions. A few months ago a lady dropped in with a simple computer question which several of us answered in the same way, all having experienced the same problem. A month later the same lady dropped in again to check on how various parts were connected to the computer tower.

Now we get to the heart of the matter... abuse.

This lady had gone to buy a new mouse for her computer, and came back with a whole new computer.

Why, because a salesperson told her the kind of mouse she needed was no longer available. She subsequently found out someone in her family had what she needed as well as members of the computer club. Returning the computer was apparently no longer an option. Without having seen her computer myself, I'm pretty sure the salesperson could have sold her a USB mouse which would have worked.

Computers are often compared to cars, easy to operate but most people don't know what goes on under the hood or inside the computer case. Just as the unknowledgeable can be cheated by unscrupulous mechanics, so can you be taken advantage of by computer dealers or sales people out for an easy buck. There is more profit in selling a new car or computer than in selling you a twenty dollar part.



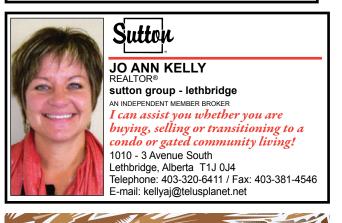


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A few tips . . .

On an iPad: you can usually get back to the top of a long document by tapping the date on the top of your screen.

Windows 7 & 8 have Sticky Notes. Win 7; Tap the Start button, in the search box, type Sticky Notes, and then tap Sticky Notes in the results box. Win 8in the start screen type Sticky Notes.You'll get a movable note on your desktop until you remove it.

For a complete listing of courses and club offers check out our website or the Computer Club Bulletin Board in the downstairs foyer.

The Computer Corner is now available on the Computer club website.http://members.shaw.ca/ lscocc

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When: Wednesday, January 28 Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Fee: \$110 LSCO M; \$115 NM Register by: Wednesday, January 21



Drop-Ins Welcome

Tuesday Evening Creative Flow Yoga

Join certified Ashtanga Vinyasa instructor Lauren Hart for creative flow classes. Move, breathe, make space, all you need is your yoga mat and your open mind. All classes are accessible to beginners, and one hour long. Wear comfortable exercise clothing, bring a water bottle.

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Time:	5:00 - 6:0
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Tuesdays, January 13 - March 31 (no class Feb. 17) 5:00 - 6:00 pm \$50 LSCO M; \$75 NM Lauren Hart Wednesday, January 7 TBA



LSCO would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Bake Sale and to those who came and purchased the wonderful, delicious items.
Your support is greatly appreciated! \$902 was raised. Happy New Year and all the best in 2015.

Practicing Happiness

How mindfulness can help free us from stress, anxiousness and depression.

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Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization 500 - 11th Street South

Difficulties in Life Coffee & Conversation **Support Therapy Group**

This is an on-going drop-in group. Participants are welcome to drop-in whenever they are available.

Participants share concerns/ worries when they are comfortable to talk in the group. Support and encouragement is offered to all participants.

Every Wednesday Afternoon ~ 1:15 p.m.

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There is no charge to participate in the group. Everyone is welcome and membership at LSCO is not required.

Coffee is supplied by LSCO but donations are accepted.



Senior Citizens



Alberta Health Services



It has been less than a year since Meals on Wheels has been part of the LSCO and, again, I am sad to say that we already have to say good bye to two great volunteers. Marion (on right) has been a Meals on Wheels volunteer since 2007 and Marie (on left), who has volunteered with us since 1999, finished their last routes on Friday, November 28th. You can still see Marie, volunteering in LSCO boutique but I will miss having these wonderful ladies volunteering with LSCO Meals on Wheels. Thank you both so much for all your years of service.

How to raise money for your favourite charity

Hope and optimism are mixed into the emotions that welcome the New Year, often giving us inspiration to do more for charities and for people in need. If you would like to hold a charity fundraiser yourself but don't know where to begin, here's a quick and easy tip-list to make such a worthy act of generosity successful:

- Keep it fun and simple: You need to make sure that both you and your participants enjoy the event, so keep it simple and make sure that you add an element of fun, whether it's special decoration, a tote bag for each participant or guest, or a special theme.
- Share the load get team support: Turn to friends to help share ideas and workload. Brainsterming at the baginning
- Timing is everything: Check your community calendar to make sure there are no important community events and fundraisers on the day that you are planning your event. You might want to check with other community or regional non-profit organizations. Try to pick the date that will bring in optimal attendance.
- Watch the dollars: Keep your costs down by getting items donated. Many grocery stores or restaurants will donate food or other items. Very often events do not raise money as a result of overspending.
- Take stock: If your fundraiser is a large one, make sure you assign a reliable volunteer to collect all the money and send

How seniors can protect themselves against fraud

By adopting basic, but effective habits, seniors can keep the fraudsters at bay.

Why are they such a target?

Many have generous natures, are at home more often, some may be isolated, and there are those that may be less technology-savvy than they'd like to be.

For protection, here's a little guidance:

Follow the news to become more aware of schemes and scams. Never give money at the door, and post a 'no solicitation' sign near your entrance. Get call display and don't answer unfamiliar numbers. Friends and family will leave a message. If you do speak with someone on the phone, don't be afraid to ask numerous questions or, if

load. Brainstorming at the beginning may give you some new ideas and help give a unique twist to your event. Make sure that you break down the work among your team and delegate so that you are not overstretched. Again, sometimes the simplest ideas are the ones that work the best. Your goal is to work towards your ambitious fundraising goal and aim to beat it.

• Plan for the 'what ifs?': If you are planning to hold an event outdoors, or if you are relying on a local celebrity as a guest of honour, make sure you think of a few possible alternatives if it starts raining or if your celebrity doesn't show up. This is the key to successful event planning. it back to your charity within 30 days of the event taking place.

- A warm 'thank you' goes a long way: Always remember to thank your guests or anyone who has donated.
- Tell your charity about the event: Once you choose how you'd like to raise money, make sure to tell the charity about it.
- Check out your favourite charity's website for ideas: Many websites offer advice on how to raise money. For example, the human rights charity Amnesty International, lists events and ideas at amnesty. ca/special-events..

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suspicious, just hang up.

"Better to be safe than sorry," explains Cairine Wilson, a vice-president with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, who oversees the organization's financial literacy efforts. "Seniors must keep their guard up."

Whether on a phone or computer, seniors should never share personal details, like SINs, credit card or bank details, passwords, PINs and so on. And don't be afraid to ask for help, adds Wilson.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has a special support program for seniors. Call 1-888-495-8501 or visit www.antifraudcentre.ca for details.

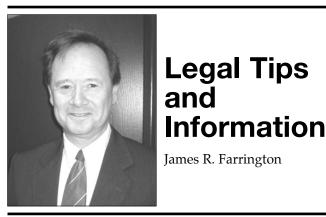
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Looking Back

∧ 7 ith the end of another year it provides an opportunity to reflect back on the past year and think about situations where we are reminded as to why we have laws. Earlier in the year, we wrote about the traditional concept of the rule of law upon which our country and other democracies are founded. Without the rule of law, and the ability to settle disputes in a civil manner without armed or physical conflict, society would be a treacherous place. Take a minute to reflect upon what it would be like to live in the ISIS controlled areas of

the Middle East if you were someone that did not have the same points of view and beliefs as those who have appointed themselves to be in charge. There are no written laws, no trials, and no opportunities to be heard with respect to any charges made against you. As we reflect, I am certainly grateful that I live in a place where we have all of those things. I am also grateful to live in a place where, for the most part, citizens respect the decisions of the legal system, and they do not riot and loot when decisions are made which they do not like. Let us consider some of the important legal issues that have been dealt with in structured and respected ways over the past year.

You will remember that we had a dispute earlier in the year about whether the Honourable Mr. Justice Nadon was eligible to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Prime Minister made the appointment. A private citizen objected and the matter was ultimately decided by the Supreme Court of Canada. The matter even became the subject of a few words between the office of the Prime Minister and the office of the Chief Justice of Canada, but ultimately our system provided for a final decision which found that Mr. Justice Nadon of our political institutions is constitution-



was not eligible for appointment. The decision was respected by all involved, and our constitutional parameters prevailed.

Readers will also remember the assisted suicide case for the terminally ill that was recently in the news that was argued at the Supreme Court of Canada. The decision has not been released as this is being written, but within our constitution the Supreme Court of Canada will decide whether there is a right to assisted death or not. It will do so based upon the laws as they currently exist including our constitutional laws. The decision will not be made on a "majority rules" concept, or on the decision of those in charge alone. While intuitively some would object to a decision that is not based upon a "majority rules" concept, the fact is that certain rights have been enshrined as part of our constitutional framework and we have agreed as a country that some rights are so fundamental that they need protection, even from a majority.

We will also remember the case before Supreme Court of Canada in which procedures were debated regarding proposed modification or abolition of our senate. Again, the structure

ally entrenched into Canadian law, and the Supreme Court of Canada had to determine whether or not certain changes that were contemplated went beyond our Constitution. In other words, we cannot just throw our senate out without following established procedureseven if some would like to.

Finally, watch for an upcoming case in 2015. Trinity Western University, which is a respected and established Christian university in British Columbia wants to start a law school. The university makes all students sign a personal morals covenant. Some argue that the morals covenant infringes upon equality rights for gay persons. The issue of whether the university can have its proposed law school approved is being hotly debated at many levels including law societies across Canada and the Courts. The facts bring into question, among other things, an examination of what happens when two recognized and well established rights such as freedom of religion and equality rights conflict. Stay tuned for the answer in 2015.

None of these issues that we discussed resulted in anything but respect for the decision-making process and vigorous and thorough argument before the Courts as to what the result should be. We are fortunate to live in a place where that is possible. A famous United States Supreme Court Justice (Robert Jackson) once said words to the effect that -we are not final because we are right- we are right because we are final. Those words are so true. We have entrusted certain bodies as the final arbiters of issues. It is the best that we can do.

With another year passing, let us be thankful for the society in which we live. Seasons greetings to all. \star

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Happy New Year

Alzheimer's Awareness Month

January is Alzheimer's Awareness month and once again the LSCO is partnering with the Alzheimer's Society. Dr. Roland Ikuta will be here speaking on Alzheimer's disease and related dementia on January 20th at 9:30 am in Room A.

Practicing Happiness

How mindfulness can help free us from stress, anxiousness and depression. This group looks into finding purpose and direction in life but also inner peace of mind through life's ups and downs. The group will run for six weeks from January 14th – February 25th, 10:00 - 11:30 am in Room C & D. Group facilitators from AHS: Cara Charles/Tammy Winder. For more information or to register for the group call 403-320-2222 or stop by the LSCO Admin. desk.

WELLNESS

Hearing Screening

Not hearing as well as you use to? Candice Elliott-Boldt from Lethbridge Hearing Centre will be here the 2nd Thursday of every month from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Book your free initial test at the administration desk or by phoning 403-320-2222. The next hearing screening will be on Friday, January 9th.

Reflexology Appointments

here on **Friday January 8th**. Individuals inter- recommendations about shoes; referrals to



LSCO Support Services

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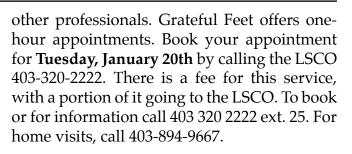
ested can book their 1 hour appointments at the administration desk with the first appointment starting at 9:00 am. The cost for a 1 hour session No appointment is necessary first come first is \$50 with a portion of that going to the LSCO. served basis.

Massage Therapy Appointments!

Andrea Clarke is a registered massage therapist with 11 years experience. And rea will be here on, **Friday January 9th & 23rd** from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Clinic Room. (Please note the change in date and time) You can book your 30 minute (\$40), 45 minute (\$50) or 1 hour (\$60) massage appointment at the Administration Desk. A portion of the monies paid will go to the LSCO.

Grateful Feet: Nursing Foot Care

The care provider for this service is Tina Huckabay, RN. Care includes: assessment of the lower legs and feet, including a diabetic foot screen; cutting and filing toenails; filing corns and calluses, corn removal if possible; Brenda from New "U" Reflexology will be simple massage; teaching about foot care;



Blood Glucose Screening

A Blood Glucose Screening will be held here at LSCO in the Foyer on Wednesday, January 28th from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. Curious about what your blood sugar level should be? Have questions about your blood sugar?

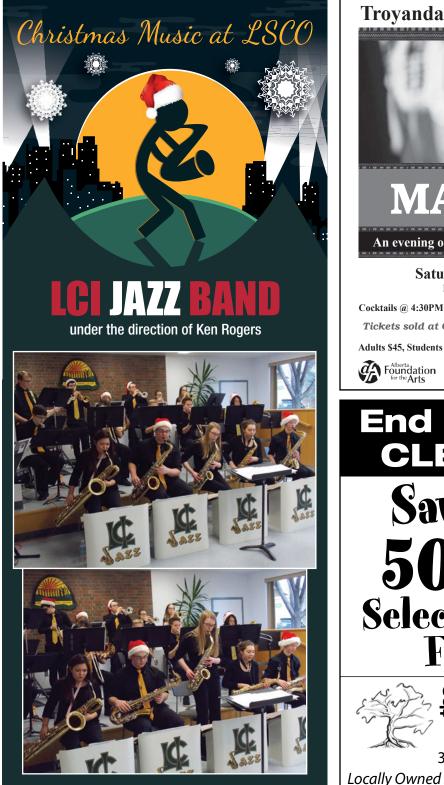
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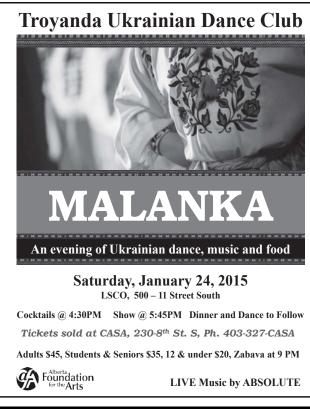
The Lethbridge College Massage Therapy students will be here at the LSCO on Monday, January 12th from 9:30 until 11:30 am in the Dining Room – Stage Area. The students will provide free neck and shoulder massages on a first come first served basis.

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Do you have a will? Have drawn up your **Power of Attorney?**

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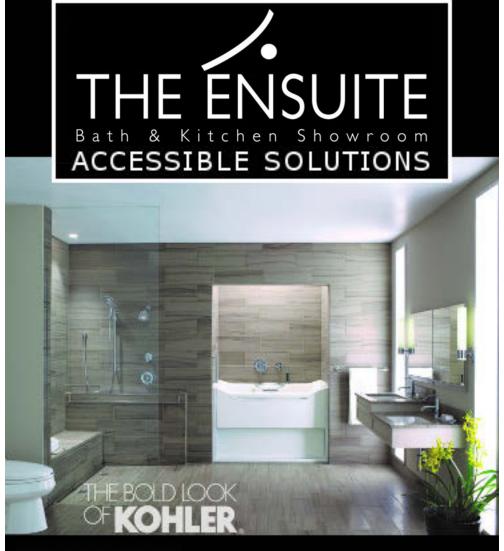
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Canadian seniors love the security of direct deposit

to adopt the advantages and convenience of at the bank, direct deposit saves him from deposited automatically," says Lorraine. federal electronic payments. More seniors than ever, about 90 per cent, are enrolling in direct deposit for their Old Age Security, Canada Pension Plan and veterans' benefits, as well as income tax refunds and GST/ HST tax credits, to name a few.

Then it comes to making the most of deposited safely and securely every month. "When we travel or if we're sick, we don't **V** their time, older Canadians are quick Although Mr. Bridges enjoys socializing have to worry because the money is being "We don't have to walk to the community mailbox, get the cheque and then have to drive to the bank to deposit the cheque. We don't have to worry because the payments are deposited on a specific date."

With direct deposit, Canadians can have their federal payments deposited directly into their bank accounts. This is not only saving them a trip to the bank, but it also contributes to important savings to Canadian taxpayers – more than \$17 million a year in printing, postage and delivery costs.

Second World War veteran Len Bridges, 94, recently mailed off his direct deposit enrolment form to ensure that his veterans' and other federal benefit payments would be having to venture out on blustery winter days that tax him physically.

"I always like to know where my money is and to confirm the payments have been made," says Mr. Bridges, who emigrated from England to Canada in 1949 with \$15 in his pocket, a "war groom" who married a Canadian he met during the war. He retired from the lumber industry 30 years ago and has been receiving federal payments ever since. "If I get sick or my daughter is unable to take me to the bank, I know that my money will be deposited into my account for me on time."

Retirees Lorraine and Roch Beauchamp signed up for direct deposit as soon as they retired nine years ago.

The federal government is switching to direct deposit, and already more than 80 per cent of Canada's 275 million annual federal payments are made by direct deposit. If you know someone who could benefit from direct deposit, encourage them to call Service Canada at 1 800 O-Canada or the Canada Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281. They can also visit www.directdeposit.gc.ca to obtain additional information, including other ways to enrol in direct deposit.

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Reality and Aging

Tegative attitudes often arise in the face of fear. When we fear change we may resort to doing anything to sabotage that change. The longer we have been in a routine often the more difficult it is to change which is why transitions for seniors can be really hard. We truly are creatures of habit believing that change will be more difficult than keeping things as they are. When a change is in order then not changing can actually make life more difficult.

When seniors age at home yet can no longer do many of the tasks they need to do to maintain their home or take care of themselves they need to consider moving out of their residence to where support is available. I remember my Dad saying that he would never leave his home until someone had to carry him out. That's exactly what happened, he was carried out by 4 EMT's on a stretcher. At that point he had waited too long to make the transition from his home into care and had seriously compromised his own health and well-being. As a family we supported his desire to remain at home for too long so we were also accountable for his reality. We allowed habits to control our decisions instead of really seeing the As I write this article I am sitting at Round reality that he had not been safe in his own



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home for some time and he had grown far less capable than we could see even though we were at his home often supporting him.

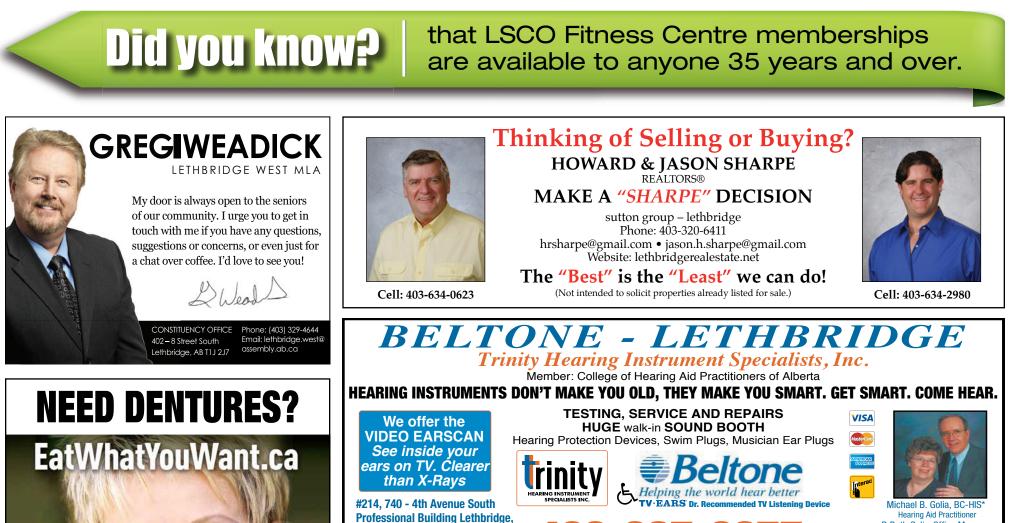
When families need to assess seniors at home outside support to assist with that assessment can be extremely helpful for we often lose sight of REALITY when it comes to dealing with those we love. It is even more evident when seniors need to transition from the home where they have brought up their children and resided for a long time. "Homesteads" are hard to say goodbye too.

Street Café having a coffee and watching an

elderly woman get out of her car. She is alone and supporting herself up with 2 canes as she slowly tries to get out of the car and move to the sidewalk that is covered in snow this cold winter day. I ask myself why she isn't using a walker because she is extremely unstable using the canes. I ask myself if she can hardly walk if she should actually be driving alone and I wonder if she has family for support and if she does so where are they? Her reality on this cold winter morning is sad for she is visibly unsafe and has no support. I am guessing that she is headed toward Lethbridge Centre so early in the morning because she has an appointment.

There are many unanswered questions when it comes time for seniors to make changes. The most important question to ask yourself if you are a senior or a family supporting a loved one is "What is the current reality"? \star

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