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We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours,





f it seems to you that LSCO is busier these days, Lyour perception is correct. Due to the great programs implemented by LSCO Program Development Coordinator, Shawn Hamilton, LSCO is offering classes and activities of relevance to our adult community, not just our members. She has attended senior appropriate fitness training, teaches classes and recruits instructors to lead a number of classes in our Centre. It is important to not a negative one!  $\star$ 

keep the program department current and safe for our participants. Helping Shawn on this exciting journey is Jamie Hillier, Fitness Instructor/Trainer. Jamie teaches classes in our gyms and Fitness Centre and can be booked for Personal Training.

The programs (including computer and art classes) have proven so successful that we are, literally, running out of room to house everything. In order to accommodate all of what we do, we have enclosed the stage area in the dining room and added hard surface vinyl flooring in Rooms A/B and C/D. This has created three new, much needed, program spaces. We have also created two pickle ball courts in Gym 2 to give the rapidly expanding pickleball group more playing time.

The Program Department has many more great ideas that we would love to implement...we will just have to figure out how and where to do it. Don't get me wrong, this is a positive problem



**BUSINESS MEETING** 1:15 P.M. ~ 1:45 P.M.

**TOWNHALL MEETING** 1:45 ~ 2:00 P.M.

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When: Wednesdays, January 9 – March 27 Time: 9:35 – 10:25 am Drop In Fee: \$3.00 LSCO M; \$5.00 NM



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LSCO will be CLOSED Monday, February 18th for Family Day





#### WE WILL BE BOOKING APPOINTMENTS **STARTING FEBRUARY 20TH.**

### Appointments will not begin until March 12th.

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	Couple	up to \$45,000	5
	One adult with one child	up to \$40,000	
	Each additional dependent	up to \$2,500	
	Interest income less than	\$1,000	

## **LSCO Hours of Operation**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Holidays vary – watch our calendar.



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Publishing Schedule

Issue	Deadline
March 2019	February 15
April 2019	March 15

Please have all ads and articles in by these dates to ensure inclusion in paper. Thank you.

**Tood day!** February already and thank-**J**fully the days are getting a little longer. Like it or not next month we'll switch back to day light savings time.

I'm a follower of social media but try to be discerning about what I read. In January I received a post from a local funeral home asking for opinions about green burials. Tweaked my curiosity so I searched the internet and found an organization "Green Burial Society of Canada" www. greenburialcanada.ca. It defines "Green Burial" as "Simple and natural, green burial or natural burial, is a gentle way of leaving the world with minimal environmental impact." There's a significant amount of information on the subject at their website so if you're curious I'll leave it to you to do the research.

To my knowledge the only choices we have in Alberta for human remains are traditional burial and cremation. Perhaps our local funeral homes are simply trying to get ahead of the curve of change.



## Price Change Notification

(Effective March 1, 2019)

## FOOT CLINIC \$15.00

Beginning March 1, 2019 Chinook Foot & Ankle Clinic (Dr. Bolokoski) out of office foot clinics (including LSCO) will have a price increase of **\$5.00**.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 403-331-3338.



In my searches I also found the Alberta Funeral Services Regulatory Board. www.afsrb.ab.ca . The Board is a delegated regulatory organization of our Provincial government. If you go to their website and click on the heading Planning and Prearranging, there is a wealth of information about the subject of funerals.

Again, while searching I came across Service Alberta's website www.alberta.ca/ministry-service-alberta.aspx It has a subheading titled 'life Namaste! ★

events' and when I clicked on' Death' there was a list of services and information available to us.

I suspect some of you are thinking this is a depressing subject for Keith to be writing about, to me it's not. It's the way I approach each major consumer transaction I'm entering. I want to have unbiased information. If someone is trying to sell me something their information can hardly be said to be unbiased. Social media and the internet are great sources of information but always remember to question the source. Usually Governments' websites are reliable.

I'll leave you with one of my favourite quotes about investigating. Its by Herbert Spencer.

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance – that principle is contempt prior to investigation."

Hope February brings a smile to your face.

## How to help a grieving friend or family member

rief can be all-encompassing and is a form of Gloss that each of us will have to face at some point in our lives. If you've experienced it, you've likely found ways to cope and can recognize how personal the process is.

When a friend or family member is experiencing grief, there is a role you can play in helping them through the hard times. Consider these tips from Arbor Memorial:

Ask how you can help. Try to take a few tasks off their plate. Your loved ones might not know what they need and there are many ways you can help. Consider making meals and delivering them, shoveling their driveway or mowing their lawn. Even the smallest actions can go a long way when someone is grieving.

Be respectful of their coping methods. Reserve judgement. Whatever their reaction, grieving is normal and everyone experiences it differently. Listen and let them talk as much as they need to, but also be comfortable with silence.

Be patient. Grief doesn't fade with the funeral flowers. Let your loved one know on a regular basis that you're aware they're still in pain. Continue to be there for them for as long as they need.

"There's plenty of support following a loss, during the initial period of shock – but that support may dwindle long before the need for it fades," explains Sean Marenger, a branch manager at Arbor Memorial.

"In the weeks following a death, don't let the fear of saying the wrong thing keep you from reaching out - there is never a wrong time to help."

When offering your support, remember that grief is a process, not an event – and it takes time.

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Breakfast served from 8:00 am ~ 1:00 pm • Lunch served from 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm The Dining Room is now accepting Debit, Credit, Cash or LSCO Gift Cards Non-Members add 15% • Menu subject to change without notice

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Entree: Chicken Stir-Fry Potato: Rice Soup: Chef's Choice

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Happy Valentine's

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Friday, February 8

Entree: Pork Schnitzel Potato: Mashed with Gravy	Entree: Pan Fried Salmon Potato: Roasted	<b>Entree:</b> Honey Garlic Roast Pork <b>Potato:</b> Rice	Entree: Meafloaf Potato: Mashed with Gravy	Entree: Chicken Cacciatore Potato: Rotini Pasta
Soup: Chef's Choice	Soup: Chef's Choice	Soup: Chef's Choice	Soup: Chef's Choice	Soup: Chef's Choice
Monday, February 11	Tuesday, February 12	Wednesday, February 13	Thursday, February 14	Friday, February 15
Entree:Cabbage RollsPotato:Perogies & OnionsSoup:Chef's Choice	Entree:Chicken Pot PiePotato:Mashed with GravySoup:Chef's Choice	Entree: Shepherd's Pie Potato: Soup: Chef's Choice	Entree: Stuffed Chicken Breast Potato: Rice Pilaf Soup: Chef's Choice ♥ Bring your Valentine in for a 2 for 1 Special ♥	Entree:Roast Pork Loin with Apple SaucePotato:Mashed with GravySoup:Chef's Choice
Monday, February 18	Tuesday, February 19	Wednesday, February 20	Thursday, February 21	Friday, February 22
Monday, February 18 LSCO CLOSED for Family Day	Tuesday, February 19Entree:CodPotato:Roasted Baby PotatoesSoup:Chef's Choice	Wednesday, February 20 Entree: Lasagne Potato: Garlic Bun Soup: Chef's Choice	- -	Friday, February 22 Entree: Roast Beef Dinner Potato: Roasted Soup: Chef's Choice
LSCO CLOSED	Entree: Cod Potato: Roasted Baby Potatoes	Entree: Lasagne Potato: Garlic Bun	Thursday, February 21         Entree:       Liver & Onions         Potato:       Mashed with Gravy	Entree: Roast Beef Dinner Potato: Roasted



## Thursday, May 3rd 10 am - 5 pm Friday, May 4th 10 am - 3 pm

#### **Exhibitors** (registered as of January 21, 2019)

Adapt Chiropractic AE Cross Studio Age Care - Columbia Assisted Living AHS - Health Link- Dementia Advice Line AHS – Population Health Promotion Alberta Blue Cross Alberta Motor Association Alberta Supports Lethbridge (AB Gov't) Alzheimer Society of AB & NWT (Lethbridge) Audiology First Avail CPA Canadian Tire Chinook Respiratory Care ComforTek Seating

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- retirement
- travel
- fewer yard and household chores.

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- understanding the current market
- home valuation
- moving services
- finding the "right sized" home.



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## Free Chair Yoga/Exercises

For the month of February join Shawn as she guides you through a routine which may assist you to improve your strength, balance and flexibility. Props will be used. When: Tuesdays, February 5 – 26 Time: 10:30 – 11:15 am Fee: FREE

## Morning Strength & Stretch

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This class is designed to increase physical strength through weight-bearing and resistance exercises. All major muscle groups are worked. We will begin with a warm up, followed by weights and finish with stretching for a complete workout. Weighted bars with weighted plates and additional exercise equipment will be used. Wear comfortable workout clothes, indoor exercise shoes. Bring a water bottle and yoga mat.

When:Wednesdays<br/>February 20 – March 27Time:12:05 – 12:55 pmFee:\$33 LSCO M; \$50 NMRegister by:Friday, February 15



Registration not required. Arrive at least 5 minutes prior to start time.



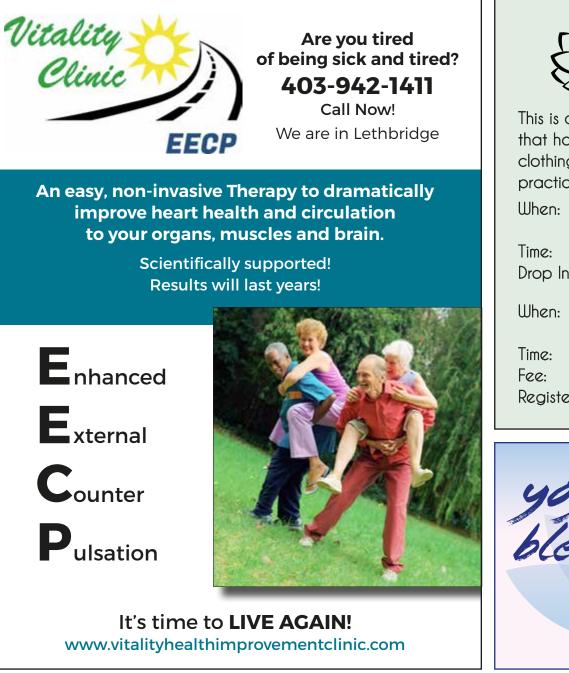
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Gentle Goga

This is class may be perfect for the beginner or individual that hasn't practiced yoga for a while. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle. Plan on practicing barefoot or wear nonslip socks.

When:	Session 1: Tuesdays & Thursdays
	January 8 – February 28
Time:	9:30 - 10:30 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
When:	Session 2: Tuesdays & Thursdays
When:	Session 2: Tuesdays & Thursdays March 5 – April 25
When: Time:	
	March 5 - April 25



Participants will enjoy this class as workouts vary weekly to improve concentration, flexibility, balance and more using a variety of props. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, water bottle and any other props you may like to use. All skill levels welcome.

When:Thursdays, January 10 – March 28Time:12:05 – 12:55 pmDrop In Fee:\$8.50 LSCO M; \$12.00 NMInstructor:Melanie Hillaby

See Chelsea's article on page 9 to see why Bingo volunteering really doesn't suck.

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Drop In Fee:

## **Random Acts of Kindness**

Tn searching the web, I came upon the **L**Random Acts of Kindness website and I like their registered insert: Make Kindness the Norm. Brooke Jones is the Vice President of the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, she suggests that kindness starts with one:

- One smile
- One compliment
- One cup of coffee
- One conversation
- One way for you to determine your kindness

The year 2019 will have many challenges for all of us, environmentally, politically, from many sources. Being kind is timeless, it financially, family, health and spiritually just never goes out of style, it is an important and to name a few. Being kind was something I a valuable action that keeps us human and remember being taught as a young child connected.



Kindness does not cost. Giving and receiving kindness has a basis in brain chemistry that includes:

Serotonin: serotine helps with learning, memory, mood, sleep, health and digestion

Oxytocin: oxytocin reduces stress and lowers blood pressure

Endorphins: endorphins produce feelings of happiness and relaxation

To practice kindness, you do not need a special set of tools, there is no age requirement, no secondary school degree, it requires your own personal mindfulness and effort.

I see those acts of kindness being practiced by so many individuals at LSCO Community Centre on a regular basis and I want to say thank you. \*

## Which smartphone should I buy?

f it's time to upgrade your device, you could be overwhelmed by the number of choices and features on the market. But with a little bit of research and expert advice, the process can be simpler.

Here Paul Dayco, chief technology officer at Huawei, offers a few helpful pointers that will make finding your next smartphone a breeze.

"I think the best thing to do before you go shopping is to determine what you're going to use it for. If you want great photography, lightning-fast downloads, huge battery and the confidence that goes with those features, I would recommend the Mate 20 Pro. Smartphone reviewers have had nothing but praise for it."

Below is some more advice to help you make an informed purchasing decision:

• Check the IP rating. This number indicates what level of protection the phone has against both solids and liquids. Take for example an IP68 rating. The

first number (6) indicates that it is totally protected against dust. The second number (8) indicates that it is water resistant for up to 1.5 metres of water for 30 minutes. You want to be sure your phone will survive wet, wintery weather.

- Smartphones have all but supplanted dedicated point-and-shoot cameras as the way to capture day-to-day moments. A great all-around camera with good day and nighttime performance is a must-have for some. The ability to take ultra-wide angle shots can get all of what you see in frame, so you won't need to take multiple photos. Visit a dedicated, unbiased reviewing website that reviews and benchmarks smartphones and can give you great the best idea of which camera on which phone is better.
- One of the biggest pain points consumers face when ۲ it comes to their smartphone is battery. Choose a phone that's equipped with the biggest battery and

a fast-charging system. This way, on really heavyusage days, you'll be confident that your smartphone won't give out before you do.

- Some manufacturers have trouble keeping up with security patches and updates, so it's important to choose a phone that has the latest and greatest software out of the box. A phone's operating system not only gives you the latest features, but also protects you. The latest version right now for most phones is Android 9, codenamed "Pie."
- Just like you would with any other computer, opt for a smartphone with the latest hardware and sufficient storage out of the box. Finally, large RAM helps consumers do more things at once and large storage means you can keep all your files in one convenient location.

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Looking for volunteers 60 years or older to take part in a study from the University of Lethbridge.

Understanding the development of visuospatial abilities can be crucial in many situations; while driving, remembering where you parked or when locating yourself on a map.

The study will take place at LSCO in January and February. For further details call Daniela at 403-593-8502.

To sign up, contact the LSCO Admin. desk at 403-320-2222.

You will be asked to do three tasks; replicate Lego models from an array of pieces, solve paper-based matching figure problems and without vision, search your hands in a small bin with for matching lego pieces. These tasks are very easy to complete and you will be at no risk of harm while doing so.

lasting social ties human beings establish.

This 6 week group offers education, support and resources to older adults that are grappling with relationship issues with their adult children.

Thursdays, April 4 – May 9 10:00 – 11:15 am • LSCO Board Room

> Topics include: Communication • Boundaries Roles & Relationships

Please register at LSCO Administration Desk Group limited to 12 participants. 403.320.2222





## Fraud Prevention Workshop with Better Business Bureau

Information and tips on investment, house and home, windfall, heartstring and other scams aimed at boomers and zoomers.

> Tuesday, February 19, 2019 10:00 am ~ Room A/B LSCO

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A strong core is essential to balance, posture and movement. This class will work on improving the overall strength of your abdominals, buttocks and legs. During this challenging, fun class, you will be using your own body weight, bands, tubing and other exercise equipment. Dress in comfortable workout clothing and indoor footwear. Bring a yoga mat and your water bottle.

When:	Mondays, January 14 – March 25
	(no class Feb. 18)
Time:	10:30 – 11:15 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Tracy Simons
When	Thursdays January 17 – March 28

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Time:	5:15 – 6:00 pm
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Tracy Simons
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#### February 27, 2019 is Pink Shirt Day ~ 2019 Focus: Cyberbullying

The dawn of social media brought with it a whole new way to interact, communicate, and even bully. But in this digital world where filtered photos and crafted messages can be posted in an instant, it often takes more time and effort to say something mean than it does to say something nice. Kindness requires no manipulation, no focusing on the negatives, and no filtering of yourself. It's simply, truly nice. For social media users, we want them to THINK before the post. We want them to ask themselves if it is: True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and KIND.

#### No income to report? File your taxes anyway or you could miss out

Doing your taxes can seem like a difficult task, but it's the key to getting the benefits and credits to which you're entitled. Even if you don't have any income to report for 2018 or your income is tax exempt, you can still claim helpful tax credits and benefit payments. Just remember to do your taxes by April 30, 2019.

The Canada Revenue Agency uses the information from your income tax and benefit return to calculate the benefit and credits to which you may be entitled. Some common payments include the Canada child benefit, child disability benefit, the GST/HST credit, Guaranteed Income Supplement, the working income tax benefit, and related provincial and territorial payments.

You only need to apply once for benefits and credits, but to continue getting your payments you need to do your taxes on time every year and keep your personal information. like your address and marital status, up to date. Make sure to keep your supporting documents for at least six years in case the CRA asks for them. Need help doing your taxes? If you have modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers from the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program may be able to do your taxes for free.



## Working with Windows 10

If you are familiar with the previous versions of Windows and need a hand with the new one, or if it's been a while since you've last used a computer, this course is here to help you to become competent and confident. Sign up today to learn all of the following: Safely booting up, and shutting down; Accessing the internet; Installing programs and games; Communicating though Email, etc.; Writing documents and saving files; Accessing entertainment; Online best practices & more. Bring your portable computer if you have one. This is the class for you if you have general knowledge of how to use a computer.

When:	Mondays & Wednesdays, February 4 - 13
Time:	10 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$50 NM
Instructor:	Peter Harris
Register by:	Friday, February 1

There are also free tax preparation clinics all over Canada. If you live in Quebec, you can get help through the Income Tax Assistance Volunteer Program, offered in partnership with Revenu Quebec.

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## **Volunteer & Fund Development**

#### **BINGO VOLUNTEERING DOESN'T SUCK**

But we sure do struggle to keep the volunteer positions filled! This has come into sharp focus for Kari and me in the past two months. We have had a few volunteers retire along with a few others taking some well-deserved vacation time. These events all together have caused us to be in a really difficult position (by no fault of the fabulous volunteers), and it has reminded us how small our team really is, and how poorly prepared we are for contingencies.

Participating in Winner's Bingo for two bingos each week nets the LSCO about \$130,000 a year, and we do not have a way to replace this revenue if we have to give up bingos.

This amount nearly covers the rent on our building, which benefits ALL of our programs and services. To put this in perspective, in order to replace this amount of funding, we would have to increase annual membership from \$50 to \$150!

Additionally, last year we had to say "no" to for the rest of this year. Effective for all of 2019,



other groups have to give up their bingo day, other groups are contacted to take over, and therefore make some extra money). We don't like leaving money on the table that could be used to improve programs and services here, but we don't have the volunteer interest to take on any more.

#### **NEW BINGO INCENTIVE**

To try to alleviate our bingo volunteer shortage, Kari and I are trying out a pilot program taking on additional bingos (sometimes when every Winner's Bingo that you volunteer for, and family. \*

for LSCO, will be worth \$5 towards your membership when you renew.

In other words, doing 10 bingos for the year gets you a free LSCO membership for next year, but even a commitment of 3-4 bingos would make a huge difference.

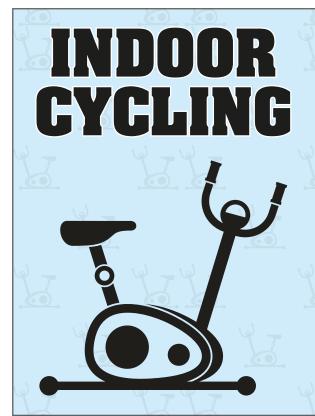
Not everyone can volunteer for bingo, and it can be a pretty big commitment (it's a 5 hour shift, the longest of any volunteer shift here at LSCO). We are hoping to be able to get all of our bingos filled with volunteers for the rest of the year!

Please come and speak to me if you are interested in hearing more or signing up.

#### **PLANT CARE VOLUNTEER**

We are also back to needing a Plant Care Helper who has a green thumb. Georgie is able to keep our atrium plants watered, but someone who knows when and how to re-pot, fertilize and prune would be gratefully welcomed.

Wishing all of you a beautiful month of love



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Time:	12:10 – 12:50 pm
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Bonners Ferry, ID	Feb. 3-6, June 23 – 26, 2019	\$380 pp/dbl
Moose Jaw, SK	April 23-26, 2019 Temple Gardens GST inclu	ded \$425 pp/dbl
Camrose, AB	May 5-7, 2019 + GST	\$229 pp/dbl
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Calgary, Lethbridge - Pincher Creek and MORE Let us arrange your group tour. Call with destination ideas. Tours depart from Lethbridge or Calgary. Other pick ups available I hope you had an enjoyable start to your new year. As we jump into February, mark these dates on your calendar as we ride out another month of mild winter (here's hoping it continues!)

Friday, February 1: Friday Music Program, Hank Wiebe, 11:45 am - 1:30 pm\*

Tuesday, February 5: Serenity Foot Care, 9:00 am - 3:45 pm

Wednesday, February 6: Dr. Bolokoski Podiatry, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm (a few spots remain)

Friday, February 8: Friday Music Program, Classic Legends, 11:45 am – 1:30 pm

Monday, February 11: Direct Dental Hygiene (Mobile dental services): 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 13: Alger Zadeiks Shapiro (Free 15-minute legal consultation), 10:00 am –12:00 pm

Thursday, February 14: Lethbridge Hearing Services (Hearing Screening): 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday, February 15: Reflexology, 9:00 am -3:00 pm

Friday, February 15: Friday Music Program, Carl Sigurdson DJ, 11:45 am -1:30 pm

Friday, February 22: Andrea's Massage, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm



Friday, February 22: Friday Music Program, Tom Wolsey, 11:45 am – 1:30 pm

\*Note: 2019 time change for Friday Music

#### **Fraud Prevention Workshop**

With March being Fraud Awareness Month we are getting a jump on it mid February. As we know, fraud affects seniors at an alarming rate. It is the number one crime against older Canadians. Though people of all ages can be victims of fraud, older people get targeted more than others. Some of the reasons are that they are often home during the day to answer the door or phone, they can be more trusting and they may not have family or friends close by to ask for a second opinion.\*

Better Business Bureau will be here to share tips and strategies to fight against scams involving investments, windfalls, house and

#### **Dance for Good Health**

ancing is a great workout for the mind and body. A 150-pound adult can burn about 150 calories doing 30 minutes of moderate social dancing. And by concentrating on your dance steps, you'll boost brain power by improving memory skills. Dancing builds confidence, reduces stress and tension and provides the social opportunity to meet others.

Dancing can be quite a workout - just watch the reality television show Dancing With The Stars to see the physiques and fitness levels dancers can obtain. If you are less fit, you can vary the level of physical exertion.

Dancing improves agility, balance and coordination. Its multidirectional movements benefit joint mobility and it's a weight-bearing activity that helps thicken bone density. Dancing can be a mild aerobic workout with the more aggressive dance styles offering excellent cardiovascular benefits. It helps people of all ages and physical abilities get and stay in shape.

experienced significant health benefits, including lower levels of depression and disability limitations, and marked increases in physical function.

There are many types of dance to explore, from creative ballet to fast-paced Scottish Country Dancing, which is a great aerobic workout. There's rumba, foxtrot, tango, aerobic dance, square dancing, swing, line dancing, folk (or ethnic) dancing, salsa, flamenco, jazz, hip hop, tap, modern, clogging, and even belly dancing, to name just a few. Ballroom dance is another rigorous activity that uses the larger muscle groups. It's even a recognized Olympic sport, and may possibly become a medal sport in the Olympic Games.

You can find dance classes at dance schools, health clubs, community recreation centres, YMCAs and even some churches. Also, consider doing your own thing by putting on some music or checking out a dance video on YouTube and dancing around the house. And don't forget the evening hot spots with a good dance band!

home, among others. Join us for a free workshop on **Tuesday**, February 19th at 10:00 am in Room A/B. All are welcome.

\*Source: What every older Canadian should know about: Fraud and Scams, Government of Canada.

#### **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**

Appointment bookings will start Wednesday, February 20th for appointments, beginning Tuesday, March 12th.

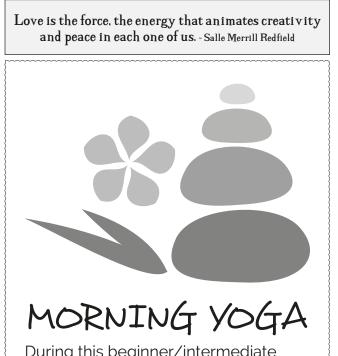
#### **Practicing Happiness**

Group facilitators from Alberta Health Services will be covering mindfulness techniques which can help free us from stress, anxiousness and depression. This popular program is nearly full for the coming session running February 6th to March 13th, 10:00 - 11:30 am in Room C/D. The next session is March 27 to May 1st. Contact Diane or Kari at 403-320-2222 to sign-up for the spring.

#### \*New\* University of Lethbridge Study involving LEGO

Seniors 60+ years of age needed to participate in an exciting study: An Investigation on the development of Visuospatial Abilities. Contact Erin at 403-320-2222 ext. 25 to sign up.

Have a fantastic February. Stay warm and keep smiling!



During this beginner/intermediate yoga class you will be lead through basic yoga poses to help you improve your strength, posture and flexibility. We will use chairs and other props followed by rest and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.

When: Mondays January 14 – March 25 (no class Feb. 18) Time: 9:30 - 10:30 am \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM Fee: When: Wednesdays January 9 – March 27 Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM Fee:

In a recent study reported in the Journal of Aging & Physical Activity (July 2013), 40 people in their sixties participated in a dance program twice a week for 12 weeks. At the study's end, all participants

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#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- How do I register? In person, call 403-320-2222 or online at www.lethseniors.com
- 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 and visit www.lethseniors.com.

#### IMPORTANT

- Please sign up before the register by date to receive the sale price listed. Classes are subject to a \$5 increase after this date.
- If you missed the deadline and are interested in participating, please ask or email shamilton@lethseniors.com to find out if there is room!
- LSCO Member (LSCO M); Non-Member (NM)
- Please note: If the instructor is unavailable to teach due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, we will do our best to contract you prior to your class.

#### **CREDITS & REFUNDS**

- Please ensure you are registering for the correct class. Due to the popularity of many of the classes, refunds cannot be given after the register by date.
- If requesting a refund or credit due to medical reasons after the class has begun participants will be subject to a \$5 Administration Fee. If there is a waiting list for the class a refund will not be given.
- Participants withdrawing prior to the register by date are subject to a \$5 Administration Fee.
- Refunds will be given if LSCO cancels a course. Participants also have the option of taking a credit.

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#### **FITNESS CENTRE** LSCO Member Fees

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#### ULTIMATE FITNESS MEMBERSHIP

Note: LSCO hass launched a Pilot Project to determine whether the Ultimate Fitness Membership is feasible for individuals and the organization. The project

WINTER WALK DAY

Walking is great for our health, the environment, reducing traffic and building community! Winter Walk Day celebrates our Alberta winter while promoting the year-round health benefits of walking. Join us and many other Albertans in celebrating winter and GETTING ACTIVE OUTDOORS! We will meet in the lobby of LSCO. Wear warm clothing, your winter walking footwear, bring poles if you have them. The length of time you/we walk will be determined by the weather and how you feel that day.

When:	Wednesday, February 6
Start Time:	1:30 pm
Fee:	FREE
Register by:	Monday, February 4

wear nonslip socks.

When:	<b>Session 1:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: Drop In Fee:	January 8 – February 28 9:30 – 10:30 am \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
When:	Session 2: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Time: Fee:	March 5 – April 25 9:30 – 10:30 am \$70 LSCO M; \$88 NM
Register by:	Friday, March 1
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Chair yoga is suitable for all ages, fitness levels and physical conditions.

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will be reviewed mid 2019. If LSCO chooses to adjust or terminate the program all Ultimate Fitness Memberships will be honored until their expiry date (6 months from date of purchase). Visit www.lethseniors.com under Memberships & Programs for detailed information.

#### iox Class/Fitness Pass

This Pass is the perfect solution for anyone who enjoys participating in a variety of classes or working out in the Fitness Centre. Certain restrictions apply (Some classes may be full with pre-registered participants) ask at the Administration Desk. Pass expire 6 months from the date of purchase. Fee: \$55 LSCO Members; \$65 Non Members

Present your pass to the instructor as you have access to the following classes:

- Active Aging
- Butts & Gutts Cycling Pilates
- Gentle Exercise • Tabata
- Power Walking Yoga (all classes except Blend, Noon, Yin)
- Zumba (all styles)

#### NEW Facility Day Pass

This pass is perfect for individuals that want to spend all day at LSCO! You may want to go to a class in the morning, have a snack and coffee (at the discounted member price of 15 % off) then attend another class, play some cards or workout in the Fitness Centre. Fee: \$15/day

Present your pass to the instructor as you have access to the following classes (if space is available) and the Fitness Centre as well as to play badminton, billiards, basketball and pickleball:

 Active Aging Gentle Exercise

Tabata

- Butts & Gutts Pilates
- Cycling Power Walking
- Yoga (all classes) Zumba (all styles)
- Under 35 Non-Member Participation

Individuals 18 – 35 years are able to participate in some evening classes offered. Ex: Yoga, Tabata, Movement Medicine. Please ask at the Administration Desk for more information.

#### CLASSES & PROGRAMS

If you are interested in participating in a class don't wait to register, many of them fill up before the register by date however, if you did miss the deadline check with us to see if space is available. Review the class information including the description to determine whether it is right for you. Once the class has started you will not be refunded. At times programs may be cancelled due to meetings, holidays, low attendance, special events, etc. Please watch for notices.

and water bottle. Plan on practicing barefoot or improve your strength, posture and flexibility. We will use chairs and other props followed by rest and relaxation. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket and water bottle.

When: Time: Fee:	Mondays, January 14 – March 25 (no class Feb. 18) 9:30 – 10:30 am \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
When:	Wednesdays, January 9 – March 27
Time:	10:00 – 11:00 am
Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### **YOGA** for MEN

Are you stiff and thinking about how nice it would be to be able to bend over and tie your shoes without straining now and as you age? How is your balance and coordination? Skip Cooper will lead you through movements, balances and stretches. Props will be used. Wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

## Yoga & Pilates

#### **NEW FREE CHAIR YOGA/ EXERCISES**

For the month of February join Shawn as she guides you through a routine which may assist you to improve your strength, balance and flexibility. Props will be used. Held in Stage Area of Dining Room.

When: Tuesdays, February 5 – 26 Time: 10:30 - 11:15 am Fee: FREE Registration not required. Arrive at least 5 minutes prior to start time.

#### **GENTLE YOGA**

This is class may be perfect for the beginner or individual that hasn't practiced yoga for a while. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket will be lead through basic yoga poses to help you

Time: 9:35 – 10:25 am Drop In Fee: \$3.00 LSCO M; \$5.00 NM

#### **YIN YOGA**

When:

This challenging class is intended for those who have already practiced yoga. Yin Yoga focuses on the joints and connective tissue, especially in the hips, lower back and spine. Most of the poses are seated and last for 3-5 minutes, making the practice deeply meditative. Bring your yoga mat, a firm blanket and anything else you will need to be comfortable.

When:	Mondays, January 14 – April 15
	(no class Feb. 18)
Time:	9:00 – 10:30 am
Drop In Fee:	\$10.00 LSCO M; \$15.00 NM
Instructor:	Karen Toohey

#### **MORNING YOGA**

During this beginner/intermediate yoga class you

When: Wednesdays, January 9 – March 27 8:30 - 9:30 am Time: Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### **YOGA Noon Hour**

Whether you are new to yoga or have been practicing, you will benefit greatly by attending this class. The breath becomes an important component of Vinyasa yoga. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket, water bottle and any other props you may like to use.

When: Tuesdays, January 8 – March 26 Time: 12:05 – 12:55 pm Drop In Fee: \$8.50 LSCO M; \$12.00 NM Instructor: Melanie Hillaby

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#### YOGA BLEND

Participants will enjoy this class as workouts vary weekly to improve concentration, flexibility, balance and more using a variety of props. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, water bottle and any other props you may like to use. All skill levels welcome.

When:	Thursdays, January 10 - March 28
Time:	12:05 – 12:55 pm
Drop In Fee:	\$8.50 LSCO M; \$12.00 NM
Instructor:	Melanie Hillaby

#### **ACTIVE YOGA & STRETCH**

Individuals participating in this yoga inspired class will move through a series of poses to help improve balance, strength, and flexibility. At times we will be moving up and down off the mat; options are given and all participants are encouraged to do what is right for them. A variety of props may be used. Wear comfortable clothes; bring a yoga mat & water bottle.

When: Fridays, January 11 – March 29 9:00 - 10:00 am Time: Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### PILATES PLUS

This class involves a series of classical pilates exercises performed on a yoga mat. Each exercise emphasizes breath, core conditioning, and body awareness. We will pay special attention to alignment and form. Light weights, resistance tubing and other props may be used to add strength and stretch work. Wear comfortable workout clothes, bring a yoga mat, and water bottle.

When:	Mondays, January 7 – March 25
	(no class Feb. 18)
Time:	12:05 – 12:55 pm
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	June Dow

When:	Wednesdays, January 9 – March 27
	(no class Feb. 20)
Time:	1:15 – 2:15 pm
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	June Dow

## Exercise & Fitness

#### **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. Wear comfortable exercise clothes, indoor sneakers, water bottle, voga or exercise mat and be ready to have fun! All fitness levels welcome.

When:	Mondays, January 7 – March 25 (no class Feb. 18)
Time:	9:15 – 10:10 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Jamie Hillier

#### **TABATA** (Early Evening)

This high energy fitness class is perfect for both men and women looking for a challenge. Participants will perform a variety of timed exercises that will push you in a new way (20 seconds of work at maximum effort, followed by 10 seconds of rest; 8 times). Wear comfortable exercise clothes and bring your water bottle (intermediate to advanced level class).

When: Wednesdays, January 9 – March 27 Time: 5:15 – 6:15 pm Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM Instructor: Jamie Hillier

#### **POWER WALKING**

This power walking class is much more than an easy walk. You will truly get an overall body workout, using weights appropriate to your ability. Join in on the fun for an energetic workout to upbeat music. Wear comfortable exercise clothes and indoor exercise shoes. Remember to bring an exercise mat and water bottle (intermediate to advanced level class).

When: Wednesdays, January 9 - March 27 9:10 – 9:50 am Time: Drop In Fee: \$4.00 LSCO M; \$6.00 NM Jamie Hillier Instructor:

#### **NOON POWER WALKING**

This power walking class is much more than an easy walk. You will truly get an overall body workout, using weights appropriate to your ability. Join us for a fun, energetic noon workout to upbeat music. Wear comfortable exercise clothes and indoor exercise shoes. Remember to bring an exercise mat and water bottle (intermediate to advanced level class).

When: Thursdays, January 10 – March 27 12:05 - 12:55 pm Time: Drop In Fee: \$4.00 LSCO M; \$6.00 NM Instructor: Jamie Hillier/Jerry Brown

#### **CIRCUIT TRAINING**

During this 4-week session participants will work on improving strength, their cardiovascular system, flexibility and more. Classes are designed for those who are new to exercising with weights and those who have some experience (beginner & intermediate). Instructor is Jamie Hillier. Wear comfortable exercise clothing, indoor shoes; bring a water bottle.

When:	Session 2: Tuesdays & Thursdays
	February 5 – 28
Timo	1.30 - 2.30 pm

When:	Session 3: Mondays, Wednesdays,
	Thursdays, March 4 – 28
Time:	1:30 – 2:30 pm
	(Thursday class is 2:40 – 3:40 pm)
Fee:	\$55 LSCO M; \$90 NM
Register by:	Friday, March 1

\*\* NOTE: If you have previously taken Circuit Training from Jamie, and the present sessions are not full, you may want to pay the drop in fee of \$6 (member) \$7 (non member) and join in the class. Ask at the Admin. Desk if space is available.

#### **BUTTs & GUTTs**

A strong core is essential to balance, posture and movement. This class will work on improving the overall strength of your abdominals, buttocks and legs. During this challenging, fun class, you will be using your own body weight, bands, tubing and other exercise equipment. Dress in comfortable workout clothing and indoor footwear. Bring a yoga mat and your water bottle.

When:	Mondays, January 14 – March 25 (no class Feb. 18)
Time:	10:30 – 11:15 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Tracy Simons
When:	Thursdays, January 16 – March 28
Time:	5:15 – 6:15 pm
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#### **NEW**

When:	Thursdays, February 7 – March 28
	12:10 – 12:50 pm
Time: Fee:	\$44 LSCO M; \$52 NM
Instructor:	Tracy Simons

#### **FIT BALL & MORE**

Join in on the fun while working hard to improve your balance, strength and flexibility - using a variety of resistance equipment. We will be doing some exercises on the floor too. Wear comfortable clothing, indoor footwear and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

When:	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	March 5 – April 25
Time:	9:00 – 9:50 am
Fee:	\$50 LSCO M; \$96 NM
Register by:	Friday, March 1

#### INTRODUCTION TO CYCLING

This class is a light to moderate ride designed for the beginner or individual who hasn't been on a bicycle for quite sometime or for those looking for an alternative way to get some exercise. People recovering from orthopedic injuries often participate in indoor cycling as part of the rehabilitation protocol. If cycling is done correctly, there is minimal DN,

When: Session 1: Mondays & Wedn January 7 – February 27	Fee:	1:30 – 2:30 pm \$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM	impact on the hip, knee, and ankle joints. A person, whether recovering from injury or not, avoids the
(no class Feb. 18) Time: 8:00 – 8:50 am	Register by:	Friday, February 1	pounding associated with other activities. Join us for the ride! You will be glad you did.
Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM	When:	<b>Session 3:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays March 5 – 28	When:Tuesdays, February 19 – March 19Time:5:15 – 6:00 pm
When: <b>Session 2:</b> Mondays & Wedn March 4 – April 24 (no class A	· · · -	1:30 – 2:30 pm \$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM	Fee: \$28.00 LSCO M; \$35.00 NM Instructor: Sydney Wakaruk
Time: 8:00 – 8:50 am		Friday, March 1	Register by: Friday, February 15
Fee: \$79 LSCO M; \$98 NM Register by: Friday, March 1		<b>TRAINING 3X</b> a week training program will sure to	
TABATA		See description above.	Indoor cycling is a low impact aerobic activity that gets your heart pumping and can improve your
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real ride with climbing, sprinting, and coasting. The cycling varies between sitting and standing, and the speed, resistance, and intensity levels can be adapted to your skill level. **Tuesday and Thursday Cycle Combo classes** you will be getting on and off your bike performing a number of exercises. You will want to wear clothing that absorbs sweat and indoor workout footwear. Bring a water bottle. Instructor: Jamie Hillier

 
 When:
 Mondays, January 7 – March 25 (no class Feb. 18)

 Time:
 12:10 – 12:50 pm

 Drop In Fee:
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#### Cycle Combo

 When:
 Tuesdays, January 8 – March 26

 Time:
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 Time:
 12:10 – 12:50 pm

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#### Cycle Combo

 When:
 Thursdays, January 10 – March 28

 Time:
 9:00 – 9:50 am

 Drop In Fee:
 \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### **STRENGTH & STRETCH**

This class is designed to increase physical strength through weight-bearing and resistance exercises. All major muscle groups are worked. We will begin with a warm up, followed by weights and finish with stretching for a complete workout. Weighted bars with weighted plates and additional exercise equipment will be used. Wear comfortable workout clothes, indoor exercise shoes. Bring a water bottle and yoga mat.

When:	Wednesdays
	February 20 – March 27
Time:	12:05 – 12:55 pm
Fee:	\$33 LSCO M; \$50 NM
Register by:	Friday, February 15

#### **FIT FRIDAY**

Each week participants will be lead through a variety of challenging yet fun workouts. Ex: Tabata, Weights & Bars, High Intensity Training & more. Be prepared to work hard. Wear comfortable exercise gear, bring a water bottle, yoga/exercise mat for abdominal/core work and your enthusiasm. (Intermediate to advanced level class). Both men and women encouraged to attend.

When:Fridays, January 11 – March 29Time:12:10 – 12:55 pmDrop In Fee:\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NMInstructor:Tracy Simons

#### 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. Non members pay \$3 drop in fee at Administration Desk.

When:Fridays, January 4 – May 31<br/>(no class April 19)Time:10:15 am – 11:45 amFee:\$40 LSCO M; \$60 NM

#### ZUMBA GOLD

This easy to follow program lets you move to the beat at your own speed. It is an invigorating class held to upbeat music that provides modified, low impact moves for active older adults. Wear comfortable clothes, indoor footwear and bring a water bottle.

When:	Tuesdays, January 8 – March 26
Time:	11:00 – 11:45 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Sheila Mulgrew
When:	Thursdays, January 10 – March 28
Time:	11:00 – 11:45 am

Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM Instructor: Sheila Mulgrew

#### **ZUMBA TONING**

Zumba Toning is a cardio workout aimed at sculpting and toning specific muscles groups, working the thighs, abs, and arms by using toning sticks (filled with sand typically between one and three pounds). Move to the rhythm of the Latin-inspired dance and international music beats. The classes feature several minutes of cardio work interspersed with strength training. Regular weights can also be used in a Zumba Toning class, however may not be as easy to use. Come give it a try!

When:	Saturdays, January 12 – March 30
Time:	11:00 – 11:45 am
Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
Instructor:	Sheila Mulgrew

## Sports

#### BADMINTON

Everyone of all skill levels are welcome to play badminton weekdays however; many have been playing for awhile and at times, games become more competitive. **Drop in fee is \$3.50 for nonmembers.** Pay at the Administration Desk prior to playing.

When:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Time:	11:10 am – 12:30 pm
When:	Thursdays
Time:	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$66 & LSCO membership

Time:	9:15 – 10:45 am
Fee:	\$25 LSCO M; \$45 NM
Register by:	Wednesday, January 30
When:	Session 3: Fridays, March 8 – 29
Time:	9:15 – 10:45 am
Fee:	\$25 LSCO M; \$45 NM
Register by:	Wednesday, February 27

#### PICKLEBALL

If you have taken lessons or have played Pickleball and know the rules you can purchase a pass to play during the week. Due to the high volume of players, we have designated times for play. This may give players an opportunity to have more playing time and encourage players to play with others who are at similar skill levels. Bring a water bottle, wear comfortable exercise clothes and clean, indoor court shoes. Some equipment is supplied. Paddles and balls are available for purchase in our Gift/ Boutique Shop.

#### Intermediate/Advanced

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 7:00 – 9:00 am Mondays; 1:00 – 3:00 pm Tuesdays; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:15 – 3:00 PM Thursdays; 1:15 – 3:00 pm Fridays; 1:00 – 3:00 pm

#### Novice/Recreational

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 3:00 – 4:50 pm

#### All Skill Levels

Wednesdays Open Play 1:00 – 3:30 pm Monthly Fee: \$20 LSCO M; \$45 NM 12 month Fee: \$180 (\$15/month) LSCO M Drop In Fees must be paid prior to playing: \$3 M; \$5 NM

Fees are not pro-rated.

**Note:** A few times a year the gym is not available due to, special events, tradeshows, holidays and floor re-surfacing.

#### 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. Drop in fee is \$2. Pay at the Administration Desk prior to playing.

When	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time:	3:00 – 4:30 pm
Fee:	\$44 & LSCO membership

## Special Interest

#### ADVANCED PHOTOGRAPHY

If you are an experienced photographer & enjoy going on outings to take photos you will enjoy participating in this group. The group may take a

## Dance & Movement

#### **MOVEMENT MEDICINE**

Movement Medicine (Nia) a blend of dance, sing a long music, martial and healing arts, that create a playful practice of moving your body comfortably (you are getting exercise in a fantastic way). Andrea Hertz instructs these classes.

 
 When:
 Tuesdays, January 8 – March 26 (no class Feb. 19)

 Time:
 5:15 – 6:15 pm

 Drop In Fee:
 \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

When:Thursdays, January 17 – March 28<br/>(no class Feb. 21)Time:5:15 – 6:15 pmDrop In Fee:\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### BASKETBALL

Enjoy playing basketball! Join this noon hour group for friendly yet competitive games. Showers are available. Fee must be paid prior to playing. A minimum of 8 players needed to keep this program going.

 When:
 Tuesdays, January 8 – April 30

 Time:
 12:00 – 1:00 pm

 Drop In Fee:
 \$5.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM

#### PICKLEBALL LESSONS

If you are interested in learning the game of pickleball, register for this 4 week course. Some equipment will be supplied. Bring a water bottle; wear comfortable exercise clothes and clean, indoor court shoes. Please complete an Activity Waiver Form upon registration.

When: Session 2: Fridays, February 1 – 22

break from the program during the summer.

WhenTuesdaysTime:9:30 – 12:00 pmFee:\$22/12 months & LSCO membership

#### AMATEUR HAM RADIO

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

When	Monday – Friday
Time:	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$28/12 months & LSCO membership

#### 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. Members & non members may

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drop in provided they are accompanied by a billiard **PAPER TOLE WORKSHOP** member. Fee: \$6 M; \$7 NM.

When	Monday – Friday
Time:	8:15 am – 4:00 pm
Fee:	\$53/12 months & LSCO membership

#### 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. This group does take trips outside of LSCO.

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When:	Fridays
Time:	9:00 am
Fee:	\$10/12 months & LSCO Membership

#### GENEALOGY

Weekly, members spend time researching their family history. LSCO provides a desktop computer for use however; it is recommended that you bring along your lap top. Newcomers are welcome.

When	Wednesdays
Time:	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee:	\$20/12 months & LSCO membership

#### **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. You must register at the Administration Desk.

When	Tuesdays
Time:	10:00 – 11:30 am
Fee:	\$10/12 months & LSCO membership
NM Fee:	\$2/day

#### **KARAOKE**

The Karaoke singers meet weekly at LSCO and twice a year produce wonderful concerts for the community to enjoy. This group may take a break over the summer.

When	Tuesdays	Wh
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Tim
Fee:	\$20/12 month & LSCO membership	Fee
Drop In Fee:	\$2/day	

## Creative Arts

#### **ARTS & 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. Program will be held in Craft Room when not used for courses. When in use another location will be found. Please watch for notices.

When:	Thursdays
Time:	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$22/12 months & LSCO membership

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 leave your name on the interest list at the Admin. Desk.

Fridays When: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Time: Fee:

\$22/12 months & LSCO membership

#### QUILTING

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

When:	Tuesdays
Time:	12:00 – 3:00 pm
Fee:	LSCO membership

#### WOOD CARVING

Wood carving is a form of working with wood using cutting tools. If you are interested in learning this craft pay \$5 at the Administration Desk. Newcomers will be loaned equipment needed to complete a small project. If you choose to continue you will be required to purchase your own tools, wood, etc. and pay the remainder of the fee (\$15).

When:	Thursdays
Time:	12:30 – 2:30 pm
Fee:	\$20/12 months & LSCO membership

#### WOOD WORKING

Women and men interested in the wood working program must be familiar with all types of tools a carpenter would use as there is no formal instruction. Some materials are available for use. For safety, there must be 2 members in the shop at all times.

When:	Monday – Friday
Time:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fee:	\$44/12 months & LSCO membership

## Technology

#### COMPUTER CLUB

Individuals interested in attending free workshops, volunteering and more are encouraged to join. A variety of workshops are offered through out the year. The Computer Lab is available for club members 2 afternoons. Note: At times the lab may be used for classes. Notices will be posted.

When:	Mondays & Wednesdays	
Time:	1:00 – 4:00 pm	SCR/
Fee:	\$20/12 months & LSCO membership	When:

When: Monday & Wednesday, March 4 & 6 Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm \$20 LSCO M; \$40 NM Fee: Instructor: Peter Harris Register by: Friday, March 1

#### **WORKING WITH WINDOWS 10**

If you are familiar with the previous versions of Windows and need a hand with the new one, or if it's been a while since you've last used a computer, this course is here to help you to become competent and confident. Sign up today to learn all of the following: Safely booting up, and shutting down; Accessing the internet; Installing programs and games; Communicating though Email, etc.; Writing documents and saving files; Accessing entertainment; Online best practices & more. Bring your portable computer if you have one. This is the class for you if you have general knowledge of how to use a computer.

When:	Mondays & Wednesdays
	February 4 – 13
Time:	10 am – 12:00 pm
Fee:	\$30 LSCO M; \$50 NM
Instructor:	Peter Harris
Register by:	Friday, February 1

#### **INTRODUCTION TO YOUR iPAD**

If you need some assistance to learn how to connect to the Internet, find and install a variety of "Apps" this class is for you. You must own an iPad to register. Bring it fully charged each day. It is expected that participants registering will have different skills and knowledge therefore you are encouraged to bring a list of things you would like to learn.

When:	Mondays & Fridays, March 4 – 22
Time:	1:45 – 3:45 pm
Fee:	\$50 LSCO M; \$76 NM
Instructor:	Ron Henriquez

Cards

Members and invited guests are welcome to play Crib and Scrabble in the card area throughout the day. From time to time the area may be needed for other LSCO activities and services. If so, play will be moved to another location or canceled for that time period.

#### CRIB When:

Time:

Fee:

Fee:

Thursdays
1:00 – 3:00 pm
\$11 per 12 months
& LSCO membership
Non-member drop in fee is \$2

#### **SCRABBLE**

Wednesdays & Thursdays

#### 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
Time:	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Fee:	\$10/12 months & LSCO membership

#### LAPIDARY (Stonecrafters)

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

When: Tuesdays,10:00 am – 12:00 pm Wednesdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm \$35/12 months & LSCO membership Fee:

**iPHONES** 

If you are interested in learning more about your iPhone this 2 day course will be helpful. If you have an Android this class is NOT for you. Space is limited, register early!

Monday & Wednesday When: February 25 & 27 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Time: \$20 LSCO M; \$40 NM Fee: Peter Harris Instructor: Register by: Friday, February 22

#### **ANDROID SMART PHONES** & TABLETS

Are you in need of basic information in order to operate your Android Smart Phone or Tablet more efficiently? If so register for this 2 day course. If you have an APPLE product this course is NOT for you.

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Time:
            9:30 - 11:30 am
            $11 per 12 months
            & LSCO membership
            Non-member drop in fee is $2
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#### **BINGO**

Every Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 pm volunteers lead In-House Bingo. Interested individuals are welcome to join in. Please arrive approximately 12:30 pm to purchase your bingo cards. Bingo is held in the Stage Area of the Dining Room.

Package of 8 for \$5.00. Intermission and Bonanza \$1 each.

Fitness is not about being better than someone else. It's about being better than you used to be.

## Community Support Groups

#### LSCO provide support to individuals with medical or specific health concerns.

#### Parkinson's Alberta Society Support Group

The next meeting is **Thursday**, **February 21st** at 2:00 pm in Room A.

#### Stroke Care Partner Support Group

Stroke Care Partner Support Group is for Care Partners of stroke survivors only. This is a safe Saturday, February 9th at 2:00 pm in Room Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00 pm in Rooms place to share experiences with a counsel- C & D.



Community Supports Groups that meet at ing emphasis and new topics explored each Alcoholics Anonymous month. Next meeting is Tuesday, February **12th** at 7:00 pm in Rooms C & D.

#### **Trigeminal Neuralgia Support Group**

Trigeminal Neuralgia is a chronic pain condition that affects the trigeminal nerve, which carries sensation from your face to your brain. Mild stimulation of your face may Lethbridge Stroke Recovery cause excruciating pain. The next meeting is

Saturday Morning Eye Opener This group meets every Saturday morning at 9:00 am in Room C & D.

#### **Sunset Alcoholics Anonymous**

Meets in Room C & D Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

## Association (LSRA)

A & B.

## POWER WALKING

This power walking class is much more than an easy walk. You will truly get an overall body workout, using weights appropriate to your ability. Join in on the fun for an energetic workout to upbeat music. Wear comfortable exercise clothes and indoor exercise shoes. Remember to bring an exercise mat and water bottle (intermediate to advanced level class).

When:	Wednesdays
	January 9 – March 27
Time:	9:10 – 9:50 am
Drop In Fee:	\$4.00 LSCO M; \$6.00 NM
Instructor:	Jamie Hillier



## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

Everyone welcome to the Faith Baptist Church - Sundays at 11:00 am at the Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization (LSCO) at 500 - 11th St. South. Phone 403-381-8237.

FRESH PURE UNPASTEURIZED HONEY for sale. Various sizes from 300 gram jars to 10 lb. pails. 100% natural Beeswax hand & body cream. Will deliver. Call 403-381-1653.

## DROP IN PROGRAMS

If you are unable to commit to a program or activity you may want to drop in every now and then. Fees are listed below. Feel free to call ahead to find out if space is available particularly for the exercise/fitness classes. Call 403-320-2222.

Program	Member	Non-Member
Active Aging	\$6.00	\$7.00
Badminton	\$2.50	\$3.50
Basketball	\$5.00	\$7.00
Billiards	\$6.00	\$7.00
Bridge/Other Cards		
(Free with Membershi	p)	\$2.00
Butts & Gutts	\$6.00	\$7.00
Crib	\$2.00	\$2.00
Cycling	\$8.00	\$10.00
Fit Fridays	\$6.00	\$7.00
Fitness Centre	\$6.00	\$7.00
Fitball	\$6.00	\$7.00
Gentle Exercise	\$4.00	\$5.00
Golden Mile Singers	\$2.00	\$2.00
Karaoke	\$2.00	\$2.00
Keep Fit	\$2.00	\$3.00
Movement Medicine		
(Nia)	\$8.50	\$12.00
Pickleball	\$3.00	\$5.00
Pilates Plus	\$6.00	\$7.00
Power Walking	\$4.00	\$6.00
Scottish Country Dance	\$2.00	\$3.00
Scrabble	\$2.00	\$2.00
Tabata	\$6.00	\$7.00
Table Tennis	\$2.00	\$2.00
Yoga Classes		
Active Yoga	\$6.00	\$7.00
Chair Yoga	\$3.00	\$5.00
Monday Morning	\$6.00	\$7.00
Wednesday Morning	\$6.00	\$7.00
Gentle Yoga		
(Tue. or Thur.)	\$6.00	\$7.00
Tues Noon Yoga	\$8.50	\$12.00
Thurs Noon Yoga	\$8.50	\$12.00
Men's Yoga	\$6.00	\$7.00
Yin Yoga	\$10.00	\$15.00
Zumba (All Styles)	\$6.00	\$7.00

Whether you are new to yoga or have been practicing, you will benefit greatly by attending this class. The breath becomes an important component of Vinyasa yoga. Wear comfortable clothing; bring a mat, blanket, water bottle and any other props you may like to use.

When:	Tuesdays, January 8 – March 26
Time:	12:05 – 12:55 pm
Drop In Fee:	\$8.50 LSCO M; \$12.00 NM
Instructor:	Melanie Hillaby

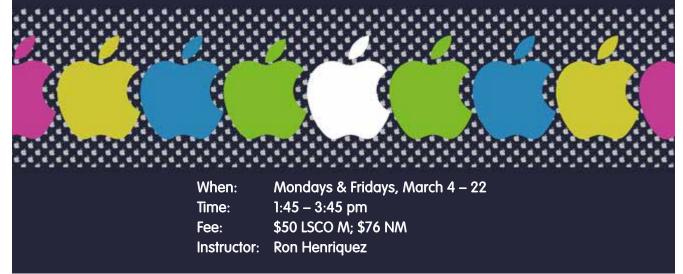
Serving Lethbridge and area for 9+ years. Naked Feet Mobile Foot Care: Certified Podologist. Nail trim and callus removal, filing corns, corn removal when possible \$30.00. Medical or surgical conditions may prevent you from caring for your feet. These could include arthritis, joint replacements, diabetes and/or other disabilities. It is very important to care for your feet. When your Feet feel good you feel good! For more information call Barbara 403-308-7654. Seniors may qualify for benefits. Bless Your Feet.

CERTIFIED ELECTRICIAN. Member of LSCO. Small Jobs for Reasonable Rates. Lights, Fans, Switches, Receptacles or general cleanup of unsafe wiring. Ph/Text Bill at 403.394.1958.



## Introduction to Your iPad

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## FIT BALL AND MORE

Join in on the fun while working hard to improve your balance, strength and flexibility - using a variety of resistance equipment. We will be doing some exercises on the floor too. Wear comfortable clothing, indoor footwear and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

When:	Tuesdays & Thursdays
	March 5 - April 25
Time:	9:00 - 9:50 am
Fee:	\$50 LSCO M; \$96 NM
Register by:	Friday, March 1



## How to Live to 100: Tips from the World's Oldest People

Living to 100 is easier than ever before. In the UK, while the percentage of centenarians is small, they are the fastest-growing age group in the country. With over 14,910 100-year-olds in the UK (and counting!), it's more likely than ever that a Briton in their 90s will get their telegram from the Queen.

Of course, even with all our modern technology, reaching this milestone is no mean feat. So, how can it be done? Doctors have their advice, but so do some of the world's oldest people.

#### 1. "Don't worry about it"

We live in a world dominated by getting things done. When one to-do list is complete, another to-do list begins. The cycle continues and – sometimes – this can make us prone to stress over the little things. If something blocks our path, we get very concerned. We brainstorm, we protest, and we fight until we can move the immovable. Failing that, we become panicked about the undone thing and the fact that it remains undone makes us sad.

Jeanne Calment, who passed away in 1997, was the oldest woman who ever lived. Reaching 122, she attributed her long life to a simple maxim: "If you can't do anything about it, don't worry about it." People who knew her observed that she was also a cool and collected person.

Born in 1875, she would have lived through the turn of the century, the invention of the car, two World Wars, the Cold War, and many other world-changing events. Despite all

this, Jeanne remained relaxed. Life can be difficult, but there's a lot to gain if you can rise above the noise.

#### 2. Leave your husband

Emma Morano of Italy lived to be one of the world's oldest people and claimed that one of the reasons she lived so long was that she left her abusive husband. While it was frowned upon at the time, it ended up being the right decision, as Emma lived to 117.

Social support is vital for any person who reaches an age where they need others to look after them. However, Emma proved that she didn't need a man in her life to receive that social support. Instead, Emma relied on her family, friends, and the people of her close-knit local village to care for her in her later years.

Emma's diet was also quite unconventional. After being diagnosed as anaemic, she survived on a breakfast of raw eggs, an omelette for dinner, and some raw minced meat every now and again.

#### 3. "Eating delicious things and sleeping well"

The NHS recommends between six and nine hours of sleep a night, but the most important thing is that you sleep well and feel well rested. This echoes the advice of the oldest Japanese woman who ever lived, Nabi Tajima. She attributes her long life to "eating delicious things and sleeping well". The "delicious things" in the Japanese diet have long been praised for their healthiness. The low fat and high protein content of a fish and rice meal is the sort of thing that any doctor would approve of.

#### 4. Avoid drinking and smoking?

Susannah Mushatt Jones died at 116 in New York City. She was the granddaughter of a slave and believed that her long life was due to abstinence. She didn't smoke and she didn't drink.

Then again, Jeanne Calment, mentioned above, was the oldest person who ever lived at 122. She is reported to have enjoyed a couple cigarettes and a glass of port every day. So, perhaps the best advice is not abstinence, but everything in moderation.

#### 5. "This is what God has given me"

Whether or not you are religious is a personal choice, but there is a lot to be said about being thankful for the life you've had. This is the lesson that Violet – the world's oldest person when she died in 2017 – would like us all to learn.

Born and bred in Jamaica, she worked hard most of her life, and she was a devout Christian as well. She attributed her long life to both of these things, saying "this is what God has given me, so I have to take it".

> Posted by Ian Willis INSPIRED Senior Living magazine www.seniorlivingmag.com

## Free Neck & Shoulder Massages

The Lethbridge College Massage Therapy

## TABATA (Early Evening)

This high energy fitness class is perfect for both men and women looking for a challenge. Participants will perform a variety of timed exercises that will push you in a new way (20 seconds of work at maximum effort, followed by 10 seconds of rest; 8 times). Wear comfortable exercise clothes and bring your water bottle (intermediate to advanced level class). When: Wednesdays January 9 - March 27 Time: 5:15 - 6:15 pm Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM Instructor: **Jamie Hillier** 

students will be here at the LSCO on **Tuesday, February 26** from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm in the Card Area of the LSCO Dining Room.

The students will provide free neck and shoulder massages on a first come, first served basis.



SUNDA	Y MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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17	18 LSCO Closed for Family Day	<b>19</b> Fun with Wii 1:00 pm Room C/D	<b>20</b> Horse Racing 1:00 pm Room A/B Pickleball	<b>21</b> Music with Tom Wolsey 1:00 pm Room C/D	<b>22</b> Free Community Music in Stage Area Tom Wolsey 11:45 am ~ 1:30 pm Lunch Special	23
24	YOU ARE MY SUUSSAURE	<b>26</b> Pet Therapy 1:00 pm Chair Exercises 2:45 pm Room C/D	<b>27</b> Bowling Holiday Bowl 1:00 pm Pickleball	<b>28</b> Movie Time 1:00 pm Room C/D		

Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization operates an adult day program giving individuals with physical or mental limitations the opportunity to participate with other adults in a variety of activities. Cost is \$3 LSCO M & \$5 NM per visit.







Did you

- LSCO has a Fitness Centre
- The Fitness Centre is open to the public 35+ years

#### Equipment includes:

- Abdominal Curl; Chest Press
- Fly/Deltoid Raise; Lateral Raise
- Lat/High Row
- Leg Extension; Leg Press

## Lifestyle need a bit of a change?

- Set some goals.
- Day-by-day take small steps to a lifetime of health and fitness.
- Gain control of your body, mind and spirit.
- Prepare yourself for the best that life has to offer.

## What is the best time for you to

Get Active ~ Feel Great!

500 - 11th Street South Lethbridge, AB T1J 4G7 **Phone: 403-320-2222** www.lethseniors.com

- Seated Row; Shoulder Press
- Tricep Pull Down; Strength Machine
- 2 Ellipticals
- 3 Treadmills
- 5 Recumbent Bikes
- 1 Upright Bike
- 2 Vibration Trainers
- Rower

There are free weights, fit balls and stretching area.

#### FITNESS CENTRE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:15 pm Note: Times may vary in 2019 Fitness Centre users must display shoe tags at all times.

#### exercise?

#### Morning? Afternoon? Evening?

Make it a habit. When it comes to exercising, find the time of day which best suits your unique needs and schedule. Try working out at the same time each day and you are more likely to make exercise part of your normal routine.

An active, healthy community which is learning, growing and making a difference.

#### See you soon!

# Includes: for you! Includes: Includes:

## LSCO PERSONAL TRAINING **Opportunities**

## Package "A"

1 Hour Personal Training Session ......\$50

- Review of Pre-screening of PAR-Q (Physical Activity) Readiness Questionnaire)
- Your own Personal Training Program. Developed just
- One 1 hour hands on session with your Trainer to teach you the program developed for you.
- 1 Follow up from your Trainer. In person at LSCO, by phone, email or text. Your Choice!

## Package "B"

(x3) 1 Hour Personal Training Sessions ......\$135

- Review of Pre-screening of PAR-Q (Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire)
- (x3) 1 Hour Personal Training Sessions
- Every 4 6 weeks, learn a new and progressed program. Or if you prefer use these session for review of techniques or extra motivation.
- 3 Follow ups from your Trainer. In person at LSCO, by phone, email or text. Your Choice!

## Package "C"

(x5) 1 Hour Personal Training Sessions/Programs ......\$190

- Review of Pre-screening of PAR-Q (Physical Activity) Readiness Questionnaire)
- 5 Follow ups from your Trainer

#### **Benefits of** exercising with a Trainer

If you are wanting to make a change but need the extra little push, make an appointment to meet with one of the staff from the LSCO Fitness Centre.

- They will help to:
- motivate you
- educate you
- ensure you workout safely and efficiently
- keep you on track.

Make a lifestyle Change



Jamie Hillier Fitness Instructor/ Trainer

Visit our website at www.lethseniors.com



## HIGH INTENSITY **FITNESS TRAINING**

#### **FIT FRIDAY**

Each week participants will be lead through a variety of challenging yet fun workouts. Ex: Tabata, Weights & Bars, High Intensity Training & more. Be prepared to work hard. Wear comfortable exercise gear, bring a water bottle, yoga/exercise mat for abdominal/core work and your enthusiasm. (Intermediate to advanced level class). Both men and women encouraged to attend.

When: Fridays, January 11 - March 29 Time: 12:10 - 12:55 pm Drop In Fee: \$6.00 LSC0 M; \$7.00 NM **Tracy Simons** Instructor:





Are you training for an upcoming race or competition and need/want to improve your flexibility, speed and agility. Book your Personal Training sessions with Jamie. She is available for individual or group trainings. Perfect for runners, cyclists, tri-athletes, golfters, pickleball players, swimmers as well as other sports/activities. Contact Jamie at fitness@lethseniors.com

**One Bedroom Suites** 

Market Rate **\$2,300** Subsidized Rate \$1,950

## Experience All-Inclusive Retirement Living for one affordable monthly fee:



- ✓ Bright, private suites with kitchenettes
- ✓ Weekly housekeeping & maintenance
- ✓ 3 meals daily plus coffee, tea & snacks
- ✓ Fitness & wellness programs
- ✓ 24-hour emergency response
- ✓ Social & recreational ctivities
- ✓ Indoor & outdoor gathering spaces
- ✓ Utilities (heat, electricity, water, sewer)
- Transporation for outings
- ✓ Pet friendly community
- ✓ And much more to meet your retirement needs!





**Studio Suites** 

Market Rate **\$1,950** Subsidized Rate \$1,687

#### **Book a FREE Lunch & Tour!** (403) 320-9363 | www.agecare.ca/RetireColumbia



Discover how to use your iPad. You will learn how to connect to the internet and how to find and install "Apps." If you want to set up your e-mail on your iPhone, we have the class for you. Need help with your Android Smart phone or tablet? Need help in becoming

competent and confident working with Windows 10? We have a class to help you use your technology. Check our website at www.lethseniors.com for upcoming classes.





## **iPHONES**

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When: Monday & Wednesday February 25 & 27 Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm \$20 LSCO M; \$40 NM Fee: Instructor: Peter Harris Friday, February 22 Register by:



#### **Android Smart Phones & Tablets**

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When:	Wednesday, February 6
Start Time:	1:30 pm
Fee:	FREE
Register by:	Monday, February 4









#### Moving More in Old Age May Be Linked to Sharper Memory

Older adults who move more, either with daily exercise or simple routine physical activity like housework, may preserve more of their memory and thinking skills, even if they have brain lesions or biomarkers linked to dementia, according to a study published in Neurology.

"Our research team measured levels of physical activity in study participants an average of 2 years prior to death, and then examined their brain tissue after death, and found that moving more may have a protective effect on the brain," said Aron S. Buchman, MD, Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois. "We found movement may essentially provide a reserve to help maintain thinking and memory skills when there are signs of dementia present in the brain."

For the study, Dr. Buchman and colleagues studied 454 older adults; 191 had dementia and 263 did not. All participants were given physical exams, thinking tests, and memory tests every year for 20 years. Participants agreed to donate their brains for research upon death.

At an average of 2 years before death, researchers gave each participant an activity monitor. The wristworn device monitored physical activity around the clock, everything from small movements such as walking around the house to more vigorous movements like exercise routines. Researchers collected and evaluated 7 days of movement data for each participant and calculated an average daily activity score.

After death, the researchers examined the brain tissue of each participant, looking for lesions and biomarkers of dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

The study found that higher levels of daily movement were linked to better thinking and memory skills. The researchers also found that people who had better motor skills also had better thinking and memory skills.

For every increase in physical activity by 1 standard deviation, participants were 31% less likely to develop dementia. For every increase in motor ability by 1 standard deviation, participants were 55% less likely to develop dementia.

The analysis showed that physical activity and motor abilities accounted for 8% of the difference among participant's scores on the thinking and memory tests, according to Dr. Buchman.

The relationship between activity and test scores was consistent even when researchers adjusted for the severity of participants' brain lesions. They also found that the relationship was consistent in participants who had dementia and those who did not.

The link between a higher level of physical activity and better thinking and memory skills was unrelated to the presence of biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease







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Drop In Fee:	\$6.00 LSCO M; \$7.00 NM
When:	Session 2: Mondays & Wednesdays, March 4 – April 24
	(no class Apr. 22)
Time:	8:00 – 8:50 am
Fee:	\$79 LSCO M; \$98 NM
Register by:	Friday, March 1

#### and related disorders.

A limitation of the study was that it did not have data on how active participants were over the course of their lives, just during 1 period later in life, so it is unknown if physical activity in early life also may have played a role. Also, the study did not include the type of physical activity, so it is difficult to determine if 1 physical activity may be more beneficial than another.

"Exercise is an inexpensive way to improve health, and our study shows it may have a protective effect on the brain," concluded Dr. Buchman. "But it is important to note that our study does not show cause and effect. It may also be possible that as people lose memory and thinking skills, they reduce their physical activity. More studies are needed to determine if moving more is truly beneficial to the brain."

> SOURCE: American Academy of Neurology (DG News – Doctor's Guide Publishing)

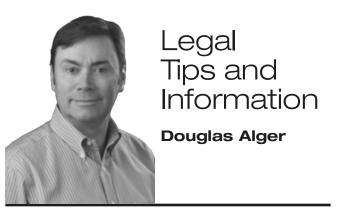
## The Dawn of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

**T**recently watched a segment on 60 *Minutes* Labout the coming age of artificial intelligence and by coming, I mean just around the corner. Think how quickly we adopted automobiles into our daily lives or the use of smart phones.

The Thomas Edison of artificial intelligence is Kai-fu Lee. He was born in Taiwan and spent his formative years in the United States. He now works in China with a group of computer science engineers who work around the clock to develop computer A.I. There is no lack of talent working with Lee on this project. When Lee was asked how big A.I. would be in the history of the world, he confidently said it would be bigger than electricity.

Artificial Intelligence depends on the gathering of data and using super computers to use that data to analyze something. For example, figuring out from school children's facial expressions whether they are paying attention in class and more importantly whether they are actually learning anything.

Artificial Intelligence will have the ability to Guidelines, you take the income of the paying replace many jobs that humans do from general labour to professional tasks. Bear in mind that very little is going to be done to stop AI been a point in human history, where govern-



found effects for our world and I am not sure that even the most intelligent thinkers can comprehend how this will play out.

Many of you are familiar with the flowchart way of analyzing an issue. You ask a series of questions and by answering yes or no to those questions you end up with an answer to that issue. The progression of the law in many countries, especially in Canada, has been based on making things more certain and simpler. Think of the Federal Child Support parent and the number of children and you get an amount for monthly child support. A lot of what lawyers do, is to ask questions of a clifrom taking these jobs away. Has there ever ent and take the answers and plug those into a form. It won't be far off that a computer can ment has stood in the way of technological ask those questions and then plug the answers indeed, climate change notwithstanding. \* advancement for the sake of preserving work into a form. It won't be long before a computer for its citizens? The consequences of many could be given a set of facts and interpret Alger Zadeiks Shapiro LLP is a local Lethbridge people being without work will have pro- those facts and provide a suggested outcome Law Firm.

to those facts. Such an outcome would be close to what a judge would say about those facts. Think of a supercomputer being fed all the data about every criminal case in Canada and then using that data to figure out appropriate sentencing guidelines for a convicted accused. Any job that requires someone to sit at a desk and punch out documents, could eventually be replaced by AI.

The biggest challenge is going to be what are all those people who are displaced by AI going to do and how are they going to earn a living? Just think what Amazon has done to retail shopping and how many brick and mortar stores have been displaced by online shopping. The challenge is immense, and this is where our leaders and great thinkers have to step up and provide solutions and put some restraints on this. It is going to be hard for us to judge whether some jobs should be saved for humans and others be given over to AI and I doubt that anyone is going to be up to the task to stop "progress".

Artificial Intelligence will be one of the biggest challenges that our young people will face in the future. If AI takes away our humanity and humans finding meaning in their lives through work, it could turn the world into a cold place



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## **Relationships: Age 65+**

"Being connected to people is good for your soul, your mind, your body, your emotions. It's good for everything about you. We are genetically designed to be connected to people."

> ~ Marriage and family therapist Tina Tessina, PhD

iven increases in longevity, today's older **J**adults face the possibility of acquiring and maintaining relationships far longer than during any other time in modern history. For instance, nearly 1 in 10 adults over the age of 65 has a child who is also within the older adult age range. Nurturing long-term family relationships can be both rewarding and challenging. While middle and older adults may enjoy the peaceful relationships that develop over the decades in place of sibling rivalry, younger adults may feel the strain of trying to care for their aging and ailing parents, grandparents, and other relatives. Even so, most young people report that they have satisfying relationships with their older family members.

#### Stay connected

One of the greatest challenges of aging is maintaining your support network. Staying connected isn't always easy as you grow older – even for those who have always had an active social life. Career changes, retirement, illness, and moves out of the local area can take away close friends and family members. And the older you get, the more people you inevitably lose. In later life, getting around may become difficult for either you or members of your social network.

It's important to find ways to reach out and decline. Make it a point to befriend people connect to others, regardless of whether or who are younger than you. Younger friends



not you live with a spouse or partner. Along with regular exercise, staying social can have the most impact on your health as you age. Having an array of people, you can turn to for company and support as you age is a buffer against loneliness, depression, disability, hardship and loss.

The good news is that there are lots of ways to be with other people. It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you find ways to get out of the house (if possible) and socialize:

*Connect regularly with friends and family.* Spend time with people you enjoy and who make you feel upbeat. It may be a neighbour who you like to exercise with, a lunch date with an old friend, shopping with your children, or playing with your grandkids. Even if you are not close by, call or email frequently to keep relationships fresh.

*Make an effort to make new friends.* As you lose people in your circle, it is vital to make new connections so your social life doesn't decline. Make it a point to befriend people who are younger than you. Younger friends

can reenergize you and help you see life from a fresh perspective.

*Spend time with at least one person every day.* Whatever your living or work situation, you shouldn't be alone day after day. Phone or email contact is not a replacement for spending time with other people. Regular face-to-face contact helps you ward off depression and stay positive.

*Volunteer.* Giving back to the community is a wonderful way to strengthen social bonds and meet others interested in similar activities or who share similar values. Even if your mobility becomes limited, you can get involved by volunteering on the phone.

*Find support groups in times of change.* If you or a loved one is coping with a serious illness or recent loss, it can be very helpful to participate in a support group with others undergoing the same challenges.

February, let it be the month to review who are the people that are important in your life.

In closing as always, if you, or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, please give me, Joanne, a call. *When it comes to Elder Abuse, silence is not an option.* 

Article in Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The Lethbridge Elder Abuse Response Network (LEARN) is a collaboration of human service organizations working together to educate and support senior citizens at risk of or experiencing abuse. For more information or to report a concern, please contact the LEARN Case Manager, Joanne Blinco 403-394-0306 or e-mail: learn@ lethseniors.

## **Computer Corner**

#### by Sjoerd Schaafsma Making the Best of your Mouse

There are shortcuts that are faster than using a mouse, and then there are times and jobs when a mouse is the better choice. Most people know the basic mouse commands; left click to select, right click to bring up a context menu, double click to activate, and using a mouse wheel to scroll down a page or list. If these basic commands are new to you, check out a mouse tutorial online.

http://www.skillfulsenior.com/skills/mouse/ or https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/mousetutorial/ or download a free tutorial: https://basics-4-beginners-mouse-tutorial.soft112.com/

Catch 22 because you can't follow the above directions? Take a course at the LSCO or join the computer club to learn how.

Right Click: brings up a context menu which lets you do a lot of things, depending on the item selected.

Your menu may look different depending on what you clicked, and the program you are using. The following options are some of the most useful: Cut, Copy, Paste, Create shortcut, Delete, Rename, Scan for viruses, New, and Properties. The mouse settings in control panel or settings include controls for mouse speed, choice of icons, and depending on the type of mouse, the functions of the buttons. Sometimes mice come with software to enhance

## Computer Club WORKSHOPS & Events

The LSCO Computer Club has access to the computer lab on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 - 4 pm. This time may be pre-empted for other events. These are low key sharing events geared for seniors and beginners, we are here to help, not speak "High Geek".

February			
Monday 4	Updates & computer maintenance		
Wednesday 6	Backup and Restore PC, iPhones, iPads: Sjoerd		
Monday 11	Sharing & help session		

their performance. This was long a function of Logitech mice. A free third party program is available from the following website. I use XMouseButtonControl because the Logitech option didn't work on my PC.

http://vps2.highrez.co.uk/downloads/XMouseButtonControl.htm

The Monthly Tidbit: This image signifies

a bug in Windows.



#### **Club Notes**

LSCO Computer Club members have access to the computer lab on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 - 4 pm. This time may be pre-empted for other events. If the lab is closed ask for the key at the reception desk. Wireless internet access is available at: ComputerLab-Guest

For one on one help for a specific problem or something you'd like to learn, please email computerclub@lethseniors. com giving a date, time and what you'd like help with. We'll try to hook you up with someone who will be able to help you in the lab. This service is available to Computer Club members only. Suggestions for workshops are welcomed.

The Computer Corner can be read online at the Computer Club tech site https://goo.gl/pjZz3J , which is the short form of https://sites.google.com/site/oldfolkscomputers/home

To subscribe to the computer club email list, or if you have questions about the Computer Club. Email: computerclub@lethseniors.com

Monday 18	Sharing & help session	
Wednesday 20	Building a Computer: Terry	
Monday 25	Planning, sharing & help session	
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## News Flash: "The Sky is Falling", says Chicken Little

*One of the most important things for us humans is to know what we face.* 

~ Dr. Scott, The Vet on the Hill

hicken Little was right except that he was looking in the wrong direction. Had he looked down at the earth he would have realized that we are in for a rough ride in the next eleven years. Last October the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report which says that global temperatures are going to rise at a catastrophic rate in the next century and 12 years into the future (now 11 years) the earth will likely become unlivable for most sentient beings. If we're still able to survive we will be very uncomfortable. Many Pacific islanders will be relocating and much of the pricey coastline property will simply disappear under the sea/ocean waters. The sea levels will rise, our economy will be threatened, our oceans will be choked with plastic and other debris, and we will continue to see more frequent and intense weather and climate-changing events.

We're in trouble, folks, and the president of the United States refuses to believe the facts and will not take steps to halt the scientifically, predicted damage that's coming. I, for one, refuse to bury my head in the sand and I've been researching the subject, ongoing. At my age I might not be here to see it, but I fear for my grand and great-grandchildren. I do hope that I can stick around to see some of these life changing predictions take place (or not), and I count my blessings that I live in Lethbridge, Alberta, far from oceans, seas and large bodies of water.

I have been reading a great book, *The Descendants*, by Kaui Hart Hemmings. It is about a family that lives in Hawaii, descendants of Hawaiian royalty, who are going through a very bad time. This quote jumped off of page 160, right at me, "Am I shaping the life of a bunch of people who haven't been born?" Because, yes we are, people. Not necessarily us, per se, but the small piece of humanity that we are a part of, right here and now. Referring back to the U.N. report – we may only have 11 years left to watch the destruction of our world and all who live on it. Even I, at my ripe old age, may get a chance to see the beginning of the end, and I weep for all of our *descendants*.



Eighty percent of our ocean debris is plastic and parts of our oceans are being overtaken by Crown of Thorns starfish that eat coral (Bye, Bye Great Barrier Reef). To my knowledge there are no stats to tell us the effects of the contamination of the land environment but it is interesting to read about the debris (including human feces) that has been left at the camps at the foot of Mt. Everest in the Himalayas. It is surprising that there have been so many "tourists" visiting Nepal in recent history and that the tourists are allowed to leave the garbage that they bring with them.

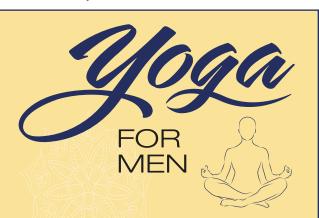
From the highest peaks in the world to the seas and oceans, we have left plastic and other garbage which can lead to the death of the local living beings. Bisphenal A (B.P.A.) is only one plastic additive which is detrimental to our health and can be absorbed via touch through our skin. Thermal paper is one carrying agent which pollutes those who touch it with bare hands, tongue or mouth. **Most** manufacturers have now removed this product from baby bottles, sippy cups, water bottles and other plastic containers. Lucky us if we don't happen to come in contact with this additive in our lifetime but what about our neighbours?

So what can we do to help the situation? I read the lists of remedies just as everyone else does and think, "Some I'm already doing, some items would be impossible to delete from my life and what about the rest of the world?" Every time we watch the news about disasters (i.e. hurricanes, cyclones, floods, fires, mud slides) the first items we see being unloaded for survivors are plastic water bottles and Styrofoam food containers. For some strange reason we are reassured that those poor people are being helped. So then, how are those plastic/Styrofoam containers being disposed of? In the local land fill? In the closest sea? Ocean? Lake? Or just tossed on the side of the road out of a vehicle window?

To really understand what has happened to our world, we need to follow the money. Who makes a fortune from the manufacturing of plastics and Styrofoam? And the value of recycling is a myth that does not begin to cure the problem. Those who make the "disposables" (think diapers, think food courts, think hospitals) could really care less where these products go and what they contaminate. Remember, 80% of our ocean debris is plastic and only 30% of plastic/Styrofoam makes it to the recycling systems. The only way to cut down on the plastics is to **stop producing plastic**. Or at least non-biodegradable plastics. At my age I can remember a world without plastic. I can remember glass, pottery, and metal in my Mother's kitchen. I can remember paper lunch sacks and paper grocery bags. And I know that many of my cohorts have those same memories. Can we do it? Can we return to days when plastic and Styrofoam were not a part of our lives? Can we, at least, slow down the use of plastics that are not biodegradable?

The answers to my questions are maybe, maybe not. It will take a concerted effort on everyone's part to even make a dent, but a dent will be a start. Unfortunately we may run out of time before we make enough progress to save the world that we know, love and live in. Let us all hope that everyone, everywhere, will take this threat seriously. Especially those who have made a fortune at all of our expense. **\*** 

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