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# He was a Good Egg

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- Works with Cardel Homes, Graywood Developments and the City to try to ensure that Shawnee Park is developed in a way that melds with our existing community as well as is possible
- Diligently alert to the future development of lands surrounding Fish Creek Lacombe LRT station
- Involved with the City in transportation issues (e.g. SW Ring Road, traffic and safety issues, etc.) that impact our community
- Address speeding and other traffic issues within our community (e.g. Shawnee Drive SW and 6 Str. SW intersection)

## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

Volunteers are the heart of our community. We hope that more and more of our residents will join in our vision of creating a more neighbourly community. It is such rewarding work!

**National Volunteer Week** takes place from April 19 to 25, 2020. We celebrate our incredible volunteers and the positive impacts they are making.

From board members to committee members to event volunteers the contributions of our volunteers help to make our community a warm and friendly community.

Volunteering with SECA is very rewarding! We have openings on the Board of Directors and on committees. Or, if you would prefer to volunteer for specific tasks, volunteers with some basic social media skills, newsletter editing, use of Mailchimp, or website and CRM management would be warmly welcomed. We are looking for event volunteers to help us with our Stampede Breakfast. Please email info@shawneeevergreen. ca to see how your skills and experience could support SECA's work.

May is membership month and we are recruiting volunteer canvassers. As membership revenue funds our operations, this campaign is foundational to our organization's success. Please contact us if you can spare some time in May to canvas 20 to 30 nearby homes. It's a great way to meet your neighbours! This year we are offering an Orientation Session for canvassers to prep you for the task. Please welcome canvassers to your door during the month of May.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Stampede Breakfast is returning on June 20th and will once again feature the Backroad Traveler Band, the City's Mobile Adventure Playground and all the usual activities. Come for breakfast and enjoy the fun!

**Thanks** to those residents who took action around the parking issues on 6th Street. New signage and parking zones are on their way to make that street safer. When we work together, we can make things happen!

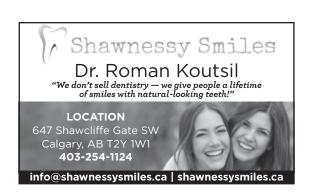
**Thanks** also to the families that agreed to be interviewed by our MRU practicum student. Some interesting themes are emerging, and we look forward to sharing Laura's report with the community soon.

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The Board of Directors is always interested in your feedback! We are looking forward to meeting you at our events this year!

Lynn Jobe, VP@shawneeevergreen.ca





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# Don't Leave Pets Out of Your Plans

April is a great month for dogs and cats alike. Warmer weather means longer walks for dogs and lazy days by the sunlit windows for cats. But that life of leisure and serenity can be turned upside-down in an emergency.

"Our pets are members of our family. When faced with an emergency or disaster, the last thing a pet owner wants to do is leave a pet behind," says Chief Tom Sampson of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency. "That's why we recommend having a plan for your pet as well as your family."

Here are some steps you can take to ensure the safety of your furry friends during an emergency or disaster:

- Make sure your pet is identifiable. If you become separated during an emergency, this will make it easier for you to find them.
- Prepare a pet emergency kit with a sturdy crate or carrier, a leash, 72-hours' worth of food and water and special medication if needed.
- Make a list of pet friendly hotels or relatives you can stay with as emergency shelters don't normally accept pets.
- Visit Animal Services to get a door or window sticker that informs emergency services that there is a pet in the home.

Taking these steps now, will save a lot of time and stress during an emergency or disaster. To learn more visit calgary.ca/getready or come and join us at Disaster Alley on May 4 at McMahon Stadium.





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## **Neighbour Day 2020**

Neighbour Day is an opportunity to get together with your neighbours and celebrate Calgary's strong community spirit. This year Neighbour Day falls on Saturday, June 20.

The City is once again waiving its greenspace booking fees for approved Neighbour Day events taking place on June 20. As of January 1, 2019, The City has waived fees for block party permits. Please note that the deadline to apply for these permits is May 29, 2020. Visit calgary.ca/NeighbourDay for more information.



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# Music to My Ears: The Shadowy Fossegrim

by Alexa Takayama

When I think of April, one of the things I think of is all the melting snow coming down from the mountains. I was poking through my list of mythological creatures to try to decide on what to write on this month, and I settled on the Fossegrim—a waterfall-dwelling water spirit that takes the form of an old man and likes to play stringed instruments.

Fossegrim originates from Scandinavian folklore, namely in Norway and Sweden. Fossegrim literally means "waterfall lord\*". He's known as a Strömkarlen in Swedish, meaning "stream man." The descriptions of his appearance are varied from region to region and story to story. He is usually an old man who wears a green hat and has a mouth full of green teeth. Other times he has green hair and green eyes to match. Sometimes he is described as looking like a young boy. Occasionally, he's a sort of centaur-like figure, probably because he is very similar to the näk—Scandinavian kelpies, essentially. He is said to have "slit ears" (like gills, maybe?) and he will keep his feet hidden.

The Fossegrim is known to be an exceptionally talented fiddler or harpist. There is magic in his music which makes it so the strings play the sounds of the forest, wind, and water. His skills are much sought-after, and he can be convinced to teach those skills in exchange for a food offering. With the caveat being that this food offering must be a white ram thrown butt-first, without looking, into a northward-flowing waterfall. Sound oddly specific? Well, this offering also must be made specifically on a Thursday evening\*\* and in secrecy. Alternatively, if chucking a whole goat into a waterfall is a little too inconvenient for you, you can provide smoked mutton as a substitute, but it has to be stolen from your neighbour's pantry, four Thursdays\*\* in a row. Now, if you don't provide enough meat, the Fossegrim will only teach you how to tune your instrument.

Let's assume you've managed to provide a satisfactory, albeit odd, meal to the Fossegrim and he has

agreed to teach you his skills. His teaching style is a little extreme: he will guide your hand onto the instrument, drawing the fingers along the strings until they bleed. But after that, you'll be able to play so well that trees will dance and torrential waters will stand still. I'm also assuming you will be learning while standing waist-high in a frigid cold fjord.

Apparently, the Fossegrim has eleven variations in his repertoire, but I couldn't find what the first ten were, as everyone seems to jump straight to the eleventh. Forget *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star,* we're going straight for Paganini's *24th Caprice*. The reason this eleventh piece is so desired is because if a mortal plays it, every person and living thing must dance. Because making trees dance and water stop wasn't enough.

Speaking of Paganini—he was rumoured to have made a deal with the devil to acquire his musical genius. Well, there were Scandinavian fiddlers who were so skilled that it was rumoured they had been taught by the Fossegrim. Two of them were Torgeir Augundsson (1801-1872) and Ole Bull (1810-1880). Because somehow it was more conceivable to people that making agreements with supernatural, nefarious spirits was how you got good at making music. Instead of, you know, practicing.

So, if you're thinking of taking up the harp or the fiddle, it's probably easier to put in 40 hours of practice a day than throwing an ungulate into a river. Just saying. Now go practice.

\* Okay, so the etymology of "grim" is a bit varied. It's Old Norse and could be used to denote an intimidating hooded figure. In Icelandic texts, it meant heartless, strict, or wicked, and was very similar to the word for wrath, gramr. And gramr was usually used as a name for "lord". Regardless of the origin, it says a lot about the Viking ruling class.

\*\* I'm guessing that this has something to do with Thor, as he is associated with rams, and Thursday is literally from Old Norse "Thor's Day".



#### April in Fish Creek Provincial Park

#### The Amazing Step Up 4 Students Race

Show your support for healthy lifestyles and healthy greenspaces by supporting the Step Up 4 Students Race on June 6! For the second year in a row, NSTEP (Nutrition, Students, Teachers, Exercising with Parents) and the Friends of Fish Creek are teaming up to bring you this annual family-focused event, taking place at the beautiful Hull's Wood area of Fish Creek Provincial Park, NSTEP shares the Friends of Fish Creek's vision of a sustainable Fish Creek Provincial Park that improves the quality of life for present and future generations. The Friends of Fish Creek and NSTEP need your help to make this year's Step Up 4 Students Race a success and we are looking for community members to help us purchase race day t-shirts. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for race-day t-shirts for the runners and with your help we can reach our goal! For more information, please visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/nstep.

#### **Dedicate a Brick Today!**

Leave a Lasting Legacy and Show Your Support for Fish Creek Provincial Park! Phase 4 Bricks are going fast! There are fewer than 25 bricks available in the fourth and final phase of the Friends Brick Pathway in front of the Cookhouse at the Bow Valley Ranch in Fish Creek Provincial Park. This program began in 2017 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Fish Creek. If you did not get a chance to dedicate a brick, now is a great time to dedicate one of the remaining bricks. Bricks are only \$250 each and you will receive a valuable tax receipt for your donation. A brick would also make an amazing gift for anyone who enjoys visiting Fish Creek Provincial Park and would like to see it protected and preserved.

For more information, please contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841 ext. 1 or visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/brick.

#### **Fish Creek Community Showcase**

The Art of Judith Hall - April - June 2020

Judith's love of art began at an early age when she started painting with her father. She took private lessons into her teens, earned her Full Drawing Certificate from the Royal Drawing Society in London, England in 1959, and continued pursuing her artistic endeavours throughout her life while working as an organic chemist and raising her family. Her subjects include landscapes, nature and people, and her professional background in science infuses her work with a great attention to detail, matched only by her obvious love for the environment and the outdoors. Join us for our Meet the Artist Event to kick off Judith's exhibit on Friday, April 3 from 6:30-8pm. For more information, please visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/fccs.

## The April Fish Creek Speaker Series - Energize with Grizzlies

Presented by Hanna Thai, Energy Efficiency Educator, CPAWS Southern Alberta Chapter

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Provincial Park

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Just over one month ago, the Government of Alberta released Budget 2020: A Plan for Jobs and the Economy. In it, we continue on our path to balance the budget by 2022-23, while protecting the services that Albertans rely on the most. In fact, we are not just protecting those services; we are funding them at their highest levels in history.

- Healthcare is funded at a record \$20.6 billion
- Education is funded at a record \$8.3 billion
- Seniors and Housing is funded at a record \$637 million
- AISH supports are funded at the highest levels in Canada
- Children's services is funded at a record \$1.6 billion

Those numbers are in black and white and can be found in our budget, at alberta.ca/budget.

On top of ensuring that our public services are able to look after the Albertans who rely on them, we remain committed to getting Alberta back to work.

That's why we released our Blueprint for Jobs. This plan highlights the bold action we have already taken, including our Red Tape Reduction action plan, as well as the Job Creation Tax Cut that is estimated to create 55,000 new jobs in Alberta when fully implemented.

Our Blueprint for Jobs has already led to important investments that the government is making to create jobs, like the \$100 million dollar loan to the Orphan Well Association to create 500 jobs and also begin important reclamation on land impacted by oil and gas development.

We are taking the necessary steps to get Alberta back on track and to protect and fund our most critical services at their highest levels ever. And we are taking bold action to get Albertans working again. We won't stop until the job is done.



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I am pleased to bring you the first update from the spring session of the Legislature. We've introduced Budget 2020, and our government is keeping Alberta on track to a balanced budget by 2023, while maintaining strong support for social services and programs.

In a critical moment for our province's economic recovery, we are focused on supporting employment and the economy. Budget 2020 outlined *A Blueprint for Jobs*, our plan for job creation, which employs a variety of strategies to make Alberta an attractive place to do business—by reducing red tape and taxes, investing in key infrastructure, and focusing on skills development for our young workforce. Other highlights include a citizen initiative law to allow the public to suggest referendum topics, new legislation to protect survivors of human trafficking, toughen sanctions against impaired drivers, and prevent sex offenders from changing their names.

Spending in healthcare and education have been maintained at record highs. In order for core public services to be sustainable, the budget outlined new models to ensure funds directly support Albertans.

Other good news...on February 24, the Alberta Court of Appeal announced a landmark 4-1 decision declaring the federal carbon tax unconstitutional. The Court of Appeal called the effort to impose this punishing tax on families in Alberta a "constitutional Trojan Horse". I'm proud of the work our government has put done, including fighting the carbon tax, to stand up for Albertans.

It is hard to believe a year has already passed since I was elected to represent the people of Calgary-Shaw. I would like to express my appreciation for your input and support in the past year. Thank you to those who attended the Calgary South MLA Budget Town Hall in March. It was great to engage with you and be given the opportunity to address your questions and concerns.

# DONALL IN (S) E

What are the best kinds of Easter treats? In my opinion, it is anything other than Peeps. In case they weren't already gross enough, there are also a plethora of unpleasant flavor options one can try instead. Some of these include Pumpkin Spice Latte Peeps, Caramel Apple Peeps, Pancakes and Syrup Peeps, and Hot Tamale Peeps. Enjoy!









# Calgary Woman Overcomes Limb Loss to Conquer the Weight Room

by Holly Dunn

Jeannie Stewart lost her left arm at birth, and ever since, she's been told what she can't do.

As a kid, she watched from the sidelines as her sister did gymnastics; in high school, she was crushed when a career counselor told her to forget about a career in automechanics.

"There's a lot of people out there who look at me and say, 'you can't do this; we're not going to let you try."

In November 2018, Jeannie walked into a gym with one goal—weight loss. She was overweight and at-risk for diabetes, lacking in self-confidence, and was terrified of the gym.

She knew that it would be difficult achieving her goals without guidance, so she entered the gym planning on looking into personal training. However, she was also aware that whoever trained her would need to be adaptable and able to work with her unique needs. That's when she met personal trainer Gavin Hawkins.

"I had to know that whoever I signed up with would be able to help, and would be willing to learn how to help," she recalls. "I was introduced to Gavin and I knew right away that he was the right choice."

Gavin had never worked with an arm amputee before, and he told Jeannie that, but he was willing to work at it, and do the necessary research to deliver the best possible program for her.

The two started working together, and it wasn't long before Jeannie's goals began shifting from losing weight to building strength.

"I think part of me thought 'you go to the gym to lose weight," says Jeannie. "I never

realized what else could come of it. But as I started gaining strength and realized I could do things I never thought I could do before, I shifted focus to 'how far can I take this?"

Shortly after high school, Jeannie had stopped wearing a prosthetic because it simply wasn't useful for her daily life and had become much more difficult to acquire as an adult. 20 years later, with a newfound passion for weightlifting, she was researching what she would need to lift heavier.

A huge movie fan, particularly of the Marvel superhero movies, Jeannie chose a Captain Marvel-themed arm nicknamed "Carol" for the main character in the 2019 release. She also got a lifting attachment, which she lovingly refers to as "The Hulk."

Once they worked out the logistics, Jeannie's first deadlift with her new prosthetic was 155 pounds. That lift was the first of many subsequent personal bests, capped with a 200-pound deadlift to celebrate one full year of training.

"For 40 years, other people told me I couldn't, and I believed it. Me picking up 200 pounds of iron off the floor shut that all down," Jeannie reflects.

With one significant milestone in the rearview, Jeannie and Gavin are moving forward with new goals in 2020. A 250-pound deadlift is on the horizon, as is the introduction of the bench press, in preparation for what could be Jeannie's first foray into a powerlifting competition.

"I'm 40 and I'm kicking myself because I'm like 'damn, I could have been in the Olympics," laughed Jeannie. "If I'm this strong at 40, after only a year or training... it's pretty crazy and eye-opening. It's kind of awesome."

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I value your feedback and being your Voice at City Hall, and I rely on as many voices as possible to guide the decisions that need to be made on your behalf. While many residents connect with me on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram (@BigRedYYC) and at www.councillordiane.ca - it's very few of our 91,170 residents. With monthly community newsletters, they allow only a few hundred words which severely limits the content I can share with you. I will use their newsletters going forward to connect residents with the newly launched e-dicu Report.

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