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Everybody's Talking

Bird art: When Hannah Bullen-Ryner goes for a walk in the woods, she looks for more than just nice scenery. She scours the earth for petals, seeds, evergreen sprigs, sticks, and berries. From these natural items, she creates images of different kinds of birds, such as owls, chickadees, and hummingbirds. She crafts some as they are in flight, while others sit calmly on a branch. The birds are known as land art because she arranges her masterpieces on the ground. With a background in painting and photography, Bullen-Ryner's work is rich in detail and colour.

Long course: Golfers accustomed to 18-hole courses that take a few hours to complete might want to challenge themselves at Nullarbor Links in Australia. This course is 1,365 kilometres (848 mi.) long. It is located along the Eyre Highway, which runs between Ceduna in South Australia to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. And no, golfers do not have to walk all that distance! They can drive from one hole to the next as they make their way along the highway, which can take up to five days. There are 18 holes; 11 were created for the course and seven are on established courses.

Birds of a feather: Oluwageorge Johnson learned the hard way that when leaving an apartment vacant for any length of time, it's best to be sure to close the windows. Johnson is a student in Nottingham, England, but his parents wanted him to go home to London during the COVID-19 epidemic. The man was away for five months. Before his return, workers in the building heard weird noises coming from the flat. When they investigated, they found that pigeons had taken over the cozy spot. Johnson had quite a mess to clean up when he returned.

Love of animals: Ricardo Pimentel Cordero, an animal lover from Leona Vicario, Quintana Roo, Mexico, is the founder of Tierra de Animales, a shelter that looks after stray animals. As a hurricane was about to make landfall, he grew worried about animals that might not survive on the street. So he opened his own home to more than 300 stray dogs, as well as a few other creatures, such as cats and rabbits. He was lauded on social media for his commitment to these animals, and donations started arriving to help pay for food and cleanup.

Quoteable Quotes

"No one can build his security upon the nobleness of another person."
 —Willa Cather

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."
 —Albert Einstein

What's Happening

Oct 1-Sight Night fun run after dark, in support of visually impaired Albertans! The event raises funds and awareness for the Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind. The event features distances for all abilities. For more info www.asrab.ab.ca.

Aug 4 to 8-Vegreville Country Fair It will look different this year, but there's still much to take in! Chuckwagon Races, Drive-In Movie, Horse Show, Parade, Fireworks and more. Watch the Vegreville Ag Society for updates on events. <https://www.facebook.com/VegrevilleAgSociety>

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Trivia

1. If you are supercilious, are you quite silly or extremely proud?
2. Nora Ephron and Erma Bombeck were popular writers of what type of genre?
3. A spit rod is used with what cooking device?
4. Cuttlefish, jellyfish, and starfish are not actually fish—T/F?
5. Which U.S. president is known as "Honest Abe"?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)
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Recipe of the month

Spicy Cajun Potato Salad

5 pounds medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
 1 large yellow onion
 1/2 medium lemon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 8 hard-boiled large eggs, chopped

1-1/2 cups mayonnaise with olive oil and coarsely ground pepper
 1 cup dill pickle relish
 1/4 cup yellow mustard
 1 to 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
 Paprika

Prep Time: 20 min. Cook Time: 10 min. + chilling Yield: 20 servings

- 1 Place potatoes in a Dutch oven; add water to cover. Cut onion in half crosswise; add one half to saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add lemon and salt to cooking water. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered, until potatoes tender, 5-6 minutes.
- 2 Meanwhile, chop remaining onion. Combine with eggs, mayonnaise, dill pickle relish, mustard and Cajun seasoning.
- 3 Drain potatoes; rinse under cold water. Discard onion and lemon. Add potatoes to egg mixture; gently toss until well mixed (do not overmix, or potatoes will break down). Refrigerate, covered, 1-2 hours. Just before serving, sprinkle with parsley and paprika.

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