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MOXAM, Fredrick 'Ken' June 17, 2024 85 Jackson & Barnard Funeral

JOLICOEUR, Maurice June 17, 2024 84 Park Lawn Cremation

REGAN, Sister Dorothy (Sister M. Philomena) The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste. Marie wish to announce that Sister Dorothy Regan transitioned peacefully into the heart of God on June 14, 2024

BELANGER, Gaetan 'Gator' June 14, 2024 75 Cooperative Funeral Home

BROSSEAU, Camille June 15, 2024 77 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

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STEVENS, Joanne June 16, 2024 Parklawn Cemetery

TAMMI, Richard Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

RICHARDS, April May 24, 2024 44 Simple Wishes of the North

Celebration of Life: WOLFGRAM, Bryan Please join us to Celebrate Bryan's Life on Thursday, July 4th, 2024 at The Royal Canadian Legion, Lockerby Branch 564 (2200 Long Lake Rd, Sudbury, ON)

TAMMI, Richard Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

COUTU, Susanne June 7, 2024 49 Simple Wishes of the North

HOWARD, Elizabeth June 10, 2024 Elliot Lake Funeral Chapel & Cremation Centre

WADDELL, Robert May 16, 2024 Simple Wishes of the North

BEAUDRY, TI June 3, 2024 Simple Wishes of the North

PENSTONE, Katharine June 8, 2024 62 Lougheed Funeral Homes

Celebration of Life: AITCHISON, Colin January 25, 2024 86 years old Lougheed Funeral Homes

ETHIER, Marc June 10, 2024 54 Cooperative Funeral Home

STRICKLAND, Claudette Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

BELLAND, Nora Cooperative Funeral Home

BURTON, James June 1, 2024 60 Simple Wishes of the North

Graveside Service: CARRIERE, Nicole The family of the late Nicole Carriere would like to invite relatives and friends to a graveside service being held in Nicoles honor on June 21,

BRYAN, Garth Jennings May 1, 2024 63 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

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DROVER, Jean June 6, 2024 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

GAUDETTE, Carmen June 7, 2024 54 Cooperative Funeral Home

Celebration of Life: BUSHEY, Kevin Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

MYRE, Rita June 8, 2024 77 years old Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home

DAVIS, Julie May 29, 2024 64 Parklawn Cemetery

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LEMIEUX-QUESNEL, Kathryn June 8, 2024 75 Lougheed Funeral Homes

SHEPPARD, Randall June 5, 2024 86 Martyn Funeral Home Celebration of Life: BUTCHER, Joan June 12, 2024 90 Lougheed Funeral Homes

SABOURIN, Aime June 5, 2024 94 R.J. Barnard Chapel

MOGET, John June 4, 2024 94 Simple Wishes of the North

BARROW, Rosalie Denise June 2, 2024 Cooperative Funeral Home

PETERS, Rodney May 26, 2024 44 Simple Wishes of the North

JOLY, Allain June 2, 2024 65 Simple Wishes of the North

Celebration of Life: DELORME, René Cooperative Funeral Home

McAVOY, Vanessa May 29, 2024 Simple Wishes of the North

LANGDON, Denise June 1, 2024 71 It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Denise Langdon (née Levert), Saturday, June 1st, 2024, Edmundston Regional Hospital, at the age of 71 years.

LOYER, Gerard June 2, 2024 75 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

RONDEAU, Laurette May 27, 2024 92 Cooperative Funeral Home

LADEROUTE, Marcel June 4, 2024 64 Menard Funeral Home

JENTSON, Erich June 1, 2024 Lougheed Funeral Homes

COMEAU, Henry June 1, 2024 95 Lougheed Funeral Homes

SINGER, Dana June 2, 2024 69 Cooperative Funeral Home

GUY, Anna June 3, 2024 91 Simple Wishes of the North

SHANK, Nancy May 28, 2024 85 Simple Wishes of the North

ALAHAIVALA, Aira June 1, 2024 91 Park Lawn Cremation Services

YAWORSKY, Wilf May 29, 2024 77 years old Cooperative Funeral Home

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STRATO, Stanley Michael May 31, 2024 80 Simple Wishes of the North

BLOMME, Olga May 30, 2024 95 Cooperative Funeral Home

REWEGA, Steve June 1, 2024 92 Lougheed Funeral Homes

ROY, Hazel E. (nee Housell) May 29, 2024 92 Lougheed Funeral Homes

HEBERT, Patrick May 31, 2024 73 Lougheed Funeral Homes

Celebration of Life: PERREAULT, Lucien May 22, 2024 80 Cooperative Funeral Home

WILKINSON, Marilyn May 29, 2024 82 Lougheed Funeral Homes

LALONDE, Blanche-Aline (née Galipeault) November 19, 2023 92 Cooperative Funeral Home

JANICIJEVIC, Olivera Lougheed Funeral Homes

WILKINSON, Marilyn May 29, 2024 82 years old Lougheed Funeral Homes

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MAISONNEUVE, Lindsey May 17, 2024 36 Simple Wishes of the North Inc.

TREMBLAY, Robert May 24, 2024 84 Simple Wishes of the North

Celebration of Life: ALLAIRE, Carmen Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

GILBERT, Thérèsa May 25, 2024 66 Simple Wishes of the North

BOOTH, Charles May 28, 2024 85 Lougheed Funeral Homes

McDONALD, Thérèse May 26, 2024 Lougheed Funeral Homes

BRAY, Neil May 25, 2024 85 St. Andrew the Apostle

LABELLE, Deborah Cooperative Funeral Home

GUITARD, Jeffrey May 22, 2024 42 Lougheed Funeral Homes

DIONNE, Michel Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home

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CLEMENT, Mathieu May 19, 2024 33 Cooperative Funeral Home

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BESWICK, Anthony May 24, 2024 Lougheed Funeral Homes

BUSHEY, Kevin May 17, 2024 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

QUENVILLE, Twila Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

GERVAIS, Diane May 22, 2024 68 years old Park Lawn Cremation Services

Celebration of Life: BOULET, Richard Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

DEMPSEY, Robert May 21, 2024 Simple Wishes of the North Inc.

ARMSTRONG, Paige January 28, 2024 31 It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Paige Susan Armstrong, 31, on January 28, 202<mark>4, i</mark>n Vancouver, British Columbia. Paige was born on December 16, 1992, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, to Hilma Armstrong and Richard Carlson.

NURMI, Carla May 17, 2024 70 Simple Wishes of the North Inc.

DAVEY, Taylor May 18, 2024 Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home

HODGSON, Rev. Clifford May 18, 2024 78 Simple Wishes of the North MEI, Frances May 22, 2024 101 Cooperative Funeral Home

MILLER, Wade May 12, 2024 64 Simple Wishes of the North

GAGNÉ, Donald May 19, 2024 74 Simple Wishes of the North

AMELL, Mary May 21, 2024 80 Cooperative Funeral Home

LAFRENIERE, Daniel May 17, 2024 Cooperative Funeral Home

KUSINSKIS, Michael May 18, 2024 Simple Wishes of the North

STASSEN, George May 18, 2024 Lougheed Funeral Homes

BERTRAND, Theodor May 16, 2024 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

McNICHOL, Jeffery October 24, 2023 Lougheed Funeral Homes

DESJARDINS, Germaine October 31, 2023 101 Cooperative Funeral Home

GAJDEMSKI, Raymond May 17, 2024 73 Lougheed Funeral Homes

SIMPSON, Irene May 17, 2024 100 Parklawn Cemetery

HEALE, Gordon May 12, 2024 96 Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd.

PEARSON, Bobbie May 5, 2024 60 Lougheed Funeral Homes

Celebration of Life: HICKEY, Doreen December 21, 2023 88 Doreen (Evelyn) Hickey, nee Mulcahey, just into her 88 th year, peacefully passed away Thursday, Dec 21 at AgeCare Samac LTC, Oshawa (formerly Chartwell Wynfield) Doreen was born in Sudbury on Dec 19, 1936, to Evelyn Mae (Boucher) and William Edward

LARGE, Aloisia (nee Reif) May 19, 2024 101 Jackson & Barnard Funeral

SOREL, Paul With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Paul Sorel, from cancer.

ASSELIN, Florence (nee Olive) May 18, 2024 92 Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home

PRICE, Hector May 17, 2024 93 Cooperative Funeral Home

JAAS, Catherine Ann May 16, 2024 83 Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home



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Nothing is worse than an unwanted house guest who just won't leave! From flies to rodents and everything in between, you never know what a new season will bring around in your home. Sometimes it takes a professional to help, and our Pest Specialists can provide a quick and efficient service to get your home free of visitors.

Say goodbye to unwanted guests (and keep them from coming back)

Mosquito control should be a top priority, not only because they are annoying pests during outdoor fun, but also because they can spread dangerous diseases. Begin treating your yard and minimizing potential mosquito breeding grounds and mosquito shelter areas.

For personal protection, you can use Mosquito Barrier which is an allnatural, super strong, liquid garlic-based formula that will keep pests like mosquitoes out of your yard. It does not contain chemicals so it is environmentally safe and safe for animals and humans. It will keep pests away for 24 hours.

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The following are steps you can take to help keep wasps and hornets away from your home:

- 1. Clean outdoor trash cans frequently and always keep the lids on tight
- 2. Keep leaves and yard debris swept up and orderly
- 3. Keep bushes and trees properly pruned
- 4. Empty standing water from bird baths, rain gutters, animal dishes, and other items that collect rainwater

Spiders aren't as troublesome as other pests in a day-to-day living environment. They usually only cause issues when there are large numbers of them or they intrude on your daily activities. Other than just being super freaky, one of the bigger threats they pose is biting you while you sleep, as they are usually nocturnal and will occasionally go out searching for food at night.

Ants are on the lookout for food and water, and this is often inside your home. The best approach to ant control in the home is cleanliness. Any type of food or food particles can attract and provide food for ants. Store food in tight containers. Reduce moisture sources, including condensation and leaks. Inspections and locating the nests are key to control because ants are social insects. Large numbers of individual ants can be killed without ever solving the problem. Determine the kind of ant species. Most species of ants never enter buildings; others build their nests near buildings and forage indoors. Others usually nest indoors.



To prevent ant infestations, remember to clean up food spills and crumbs, keep screens repaired, repair cracks and crevices, and keep plants and bushes from touching the exterior of your home.

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Summer often means getaways and vacations, and with this, comes bedbugs. Anywhere you stay, you should do a bed bug inspection before you unpack and settle in. Just taking a few minutes to check your room out can save you the headache and anxiety of a bed bug infestation.

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It's a true sentiment for many retirees. When it comes time to downsize one's home after years of raising a family and living in the same neighbourhood, the monetary amount they receive is incredibly important! This money then goes towards the future. For example, some may need the funds to pay for long-term care or retirement living facilities which can cost upwards of \$4,000 a month!

Since becoming a real estate agent I've seen far too many people undersell their homes due to a lack of knowledge of today's real estate market. Some elderly sellers miss out on \$50,000 -\$60,000 in sale price. I don't have to explain how detrimental this can be for someone's quality of life after leaving their home. Most retirees aren't as educated as necessary in the new age of real estate. They may know someone in the business from 40 years ago. While experience networking and selling homes remains important, a lack of experience in marketing and social media can be detrimental when it comes to achieving the highest dollar value for one's home.

Being a successful real estate agent used to be all about the people you know, solely about word of mouth and shaking hands. Before the internet, you would sell a house because of how connected you were. You knew the sellers of the home and you connected them with buyers that you also knew. But the market has CHANGED. In this era of real estate, you need to be thoroughly versed in the importance of social media reach and consumer perception.

(Selling Their House)

Here are the 5 MUST-HAVES that very few agents in Sudbury are executing:

1. Professional Staging

On average, a staged home sells for 6% more if has been effectively staged. This means, replacing older furniture pieces with modernized pieces (if able), adding artwork and decor pieces, new paint where needed, and even plants to help the photos really pop. Our stagers will also recommend areas to declutter and rearrange pieces to open up a space! In the Sudbury market, we are the ONLY brokerage/team with enough furniture to stage more than 2 homes at a time. We have a full warehouse of curated pieces for our professional stagers to utilize.

2. Professional Photos

This is the absolute minimum. Look at the difference below. Which house would you be more interested in viewing, or possibly purchasing? It pains me to see new listings with low-quality photos. All agents should provide this for their valued clients. The first place anyone sees a home listing is online. This first impression online is so important!

3. Professional Videos

Our brokerage was the first to offer video services with all of our listings. We are well aware of the importance of this step! Just as high-quality photos are necessary for online marketing, high-quality videos make all the difference in a home's listing campaign! Statistics show that video marketing helps to generate 66% more qualified leads for homes per year. The more views a video generates, the more potential buyers you reach.

4. Virtual Tour

Right now, more and more of the population is buying homes sight unseen. A virtual tour allows buyers can see the layout of a home as though they were walking through it in real-time. This aspect of a listing can be a huge asset when selling your home. Every offer that you generate can help to increase the sale price of your home, especially as our real estate board practices blind bidding.

5. Online Marketing and Social Media Presence

We don't just post photos online anymore. Despite having the largest organic reach of any realtor or team in Sudbury, we also pay thousands of dollars to market a new property. Our team employs social media specialists that create customized marketing plans for all of our listings to target specific buyers. We also utilize highly curated email campaigns to notify our pre-existing network of hundreds of qualified buyers and agents whenever a new listing hits the market! We have been focusing heavily on online marketing for the last several years, and continually learn and implement new strategies as the real estate market evolves.

If you are selling your home, or have a family member selling their home, I can't emphasize the importance of not skipping any of these steps. Please interview potential real estate agents and their teams to ensure they have all of your best interests at heart, and the capacity to ensure you get the most for your homes.

In a hot market, every home will sell. The true question is, will you be getting the most amount of money for your home? Make sure you aren't leaving any money on the table when it comes to selling one of your largest assets. Below is a perfect example of a client who sold their house \$120,000 higher than it was previously listed with an out-of-town agent with poor listing practices.

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Aries horoscope for this month, July 2024

Aries, July 2024 is a powerful month for personal growth and new beginnings. With Mars in your sign, expect a surge of energy and determination. This is the time to pursue ambitions that have been on hold. In your career, take the lead and demonstrate your innovative ideas. Financially, tread carefully; avoid impulsive investments. Romantic relationships may experience heightened passion and occasional friction. Open communication is key to navigating these dynamics. Singles may find themselves drawn to someone who matches their intensity. Health-wise, maintain a balance between work and relaxation to avoid burnout. Engage in physical activities to channel your energy positively. The Full Moon on July 23rd illuminates your house of friendships, potentially bringing reconnection with old friends or an important networking opportunity. Trust your instincts and embrace the changes coming your way.



Libra horoscope for this month, July 2024

July 2024 is a month of partnership and collaboration for Libra. The presence of Jupiter in your career sector ensures professional growth, so be open to new opportunities. Early in the month, Mercury in your financial house promotes smart decision-making; capitalize on this for long-term gains. Emotionally, Venus retrograde in your familial zone may stir past issues, urging you to mend and strengthen bonds. With Mars energizing your daily routine area, seize opportunities to enhance productivity and streamline tasks. Health should be a priority; incorporate balanced meals and regular physical activity into your regimen. Mid-month, the new moon in Cancer highlights your friendship circle, making it a prime time for networking and socializing. Engage with new circles to broaden your horizons and gain fresh perspectives. The full moon in Capricorn on the 21st spotlights your home and family life, bringing clarity to unresolved matters. Attend to domestic affairs with care and compassion. As the month concludes, Mercury's shift into your communication sector enhances clarity and expression.

Taurus horoscope for this month, July 2024

Taurus, July 2024 brings a month of introspection and steady progress. With Venus, your ruling planet, in a favourable position, focus on nurturing relationships and creative projects. In your professional life, patience and persistence will pay off. Avoid rushing decisions; thoroughness is your ally. Financially, this is a good time to review your budget and consider long-term investments. Love life sees deepening connections. If single, you may encounter someone with shared values. Health should be a priority; establish a routine that includes ample rest and self-care. As Mercury enters your communication sector mid-month, you'll find your voice in important discussions. This is an excellent time for negotiations or writing projects.



Scorpio horoscope for this month, July 2024

In July 2024, Scorpio is advised to focus on self-improvement and personal development. The month begins with Mars energizing your personal wealth sector, encouraging you to strategize and maximize your financial potential. Be diligent in managing your resources and seek professional advice if needed. Venus retrograde in your communications area may induce misunderstandings, so rely on patience and clarity in all interactions. The mid-month new moon in Cancer inspires you to explore educational pursuits or plan travel, broadening your mental and spiritual horizons. Engage in activities that elevate your knowledge and understanding. Work-wise, Jupiter in your sector of shared resources promotes collaboration and partnership ventures; prioritize teamwork for the best results. Health-wise, balance is key. Incorporate relaxation techniques and regular exercise into your routine to maintain energy levels. The full moon in Capricorn on the 21st puts the spotlight on your career and public image, signaling a time for recognition and accomplishment.

Gemini horoscope for this month, July 2024

Gemini, July 2024 is a month of dynamic energy and potential growth for you. With Mercury, your ruling planet, in retrograde at the beginning of the month, expect some delays in your communication and travel plans. Patience is key. As the month progresses, the New Moon in Cancer on the 8th highlights your financial sector, encouraging you to review and refine your budget and investment strategies. Mid-month, Venus in Leo brings a burst of creativity and passion into your personal life. It's a great time to explore new hobbies or reignite romance. Professional pursuits demand your attention during the Full Moon in Aquarius on the 23rd, offering a chance to showcase your skills and hard work. Networking is vital, so participate in social gatherings. Health-wise, balance work and relaxation to avoid burnout.



Sagittarius horoscope for this month, July 2024

July 2024 brings a dynamic period for Sagittarius. The alignment of the planets indicates a significant increase in energy and enthusiasm. With Mars in your sign, you will feel a strong urge to pursue new ventures, especially in your professional life. Networking will be crucial; attend social events and exploit any opportunity to expand your circle. However, be cautious of Mercury retrograde from the 7th to the 23rd, which could cause misunderstandings in communication. It's essential to double-check all details in contracts and agreements. On a personal level, Venus inspires romantic indulgence, but keep your spontaneity in balance to avoid overwhelming your partner. Financially, it is a favorable time to review investments and set long-term goals.

Cancer horoscope for this month, July 2024

Cancer, July 2024 brings a period of introspection and transformation. With the Sun in your sign, it's your time to shine and focus on personal growth. The New Moon in Cancer on the 8th is particularly significant, offering a chance to set new intentions and start fresh. This is a powerful time for self-reflection and planning for the future. Venus in Leo enhances your finances, suggesting potential for increased income through creativity or a side hustle. Mid-month, however, Mercury's retrograde may affect communication, so be cautious in negotiations and be sure to proofread documents. The Full Moon in Aquarius on the 23rd emphasizes your shared resources and partnerships. It's a good time to clear up any misunderstandings and strengthen bonds.



Capricorn horoscope for this month, July 2024

Capricorn, July 2024 emphasizes growth and transformation. Professionally, it's a month of rewarding developments as Saturn, your ruling planet, forms a positive aspect with Pluto. Expect recognition for your efforts and a possible promotion or project lead. However, Mercury retrograde from the 7th to the 23rd might bring challenges in communication and travel; plan meticulously and anticipate delays. Focus on collaboration and teamwork to navigate conflicts smoothly. Financially, this month suggests a cautious approach; avoid impulsive spending and review budgets carefully. In personal relationships, Venus enhances harmony and deep connections; it's a good time to resolve past issues and strengthen bonds.



Leo horoscope for this month, July 2024

Leo, July 2024 is a vibrant and transformative month for you. The influence of Venus in your sign brings a charm and magnetism that is hard to resist, making it an excellent time for social activities and romantic pursuits. The New Moon in Cancer on the 8th encourages you to recharge your inner world, maybe through meditation or a retreat. This period is perfect for healing old wounds and preparing for the new beginnings that lie ahead. Around mid-month, Mercury's retrograde might cause disruptions in communication or travel plans, so be prepared for delays and miscommunications. Patience and double-checking details will save stress. The Full Moon in Aquarius on the 23rd lights up your partnership sector, making it a powerful time for resolving conflicts and strengthening commitments. In terms of career, your creative ideas could lead to advancements and recognition.



Aquarius horoscope for this month, July 2024

Aquarius, July 2024 is a month of exploration and innovation. Uranus, your ruling planet, ignites a surge of creativity and forward-thinking ideas in your professional life. Expect breakthroughs and be ready to embrace unconventional methods. Collaboration with like-minded peers will be particularly beneficial. However, with Mercury in retrograde from the 7th to the 23rd, be cautious with communication and technology; double-check emails and data to avoid misunderstandings and errors. Financially, be vigilant about investments and avoid risks until the end of the month. In your personal life, Venus promotes harmony and affectionate connections. Use this influence to deepen your bonds and resolve any lingering issues. Healthwise, the planetary alignment suggests focusing on mental well-being; practice meditation or mindfulness techniques to stay balanced. Embrace your uniqueness and intellectual prowess to navigate through July successfully, turning challenges into opportunities.



Virgo horoscope for this month, July 2024

July 2024 brings a wave of transformation for Virgo, encouraging you to embrace change with open arms. The month begins with a focus on personal growth, as Jupiter in your community sector invites networking and social engagements. Mid-month, Mars in your romantic zone sparks passion and creativity. These energies make it a perfect time for Virgos to revisit hobbies, start new projects, and nurture relationships. Financially, Venus retrograde in your work sector calls for caution; avoid major investments and review your budget carefully. Health-wise, practice stress-relief techniques such as meditation and exercise. As the full moon in Capricorn lights up your communication house on the 21st, expect revelations and important conversations. This is an ideal time to articulate your thoughts and clear the air with loved ones. The month's end sees the Sun moving into your subconscious sector, inspiring introspection and inner peace. Maintain a balanced lifestyle and keep an eye on your emotional well-being.



Pisces horoscope for this month, July 2024

Pisces, July 2024 encourages introspection and emotional growth. Neptune, your ruling planet, inspires a spiritual awakening and heightened intuition. Use this month to reconnect with your inner self through meditation or creative outlets. Professionally, it's a period of steady progress; Saturn's influence favors disciplined work and strategic planning. However, be mindful of Mercury retrograde from the 7th to the 23rd; double-check details and avoid making major decisions during this time. Financially, maintain a conservative approach and focus on saving rather than spending. On the personal front, Venus brings warmth and compassion to your relationships; use this energy to resolve conflicts and strengthen bonds with loved ones.

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Gardening Tips Every Gardener Should Know

Whether you have a green thumb or not, check out this list of essential gardening tips before getting started to ensure that all your plants grow and thrive.

When you're just starting out with gardening, it can seem like there's so much to know, and you've got a thousand questions. How should you plant your veggies, and what is the best soil? When should you prune your hydrangeas and divide your hostas? Is everything getting enough sunlight and water? The good news is that nature is a terrific teacher. The more you garden, the more you'll learn about what works and what doesn't.

Gardening Tips for Growing Conditions

indoors or avoid growing them.

Understand what matters when it comes to environment, weather, and which plants to pick for your garden.

Know your USDA Hardiness Zone. Use it as a guide to avoid planting trees, shrubs, and perennials that won't survive winters in your area. You'll also get a better idea of when to expect your last frost date in spring, so you know when you can plant vegetables, fruits, and annuals outside in your area. Learn the length of your growing season (the time between your last frost in spring and first frost in fall) so you can start some plants

Pay close attention to how much light different plants need. Grow vegetables in a location that gets at least 8 hours of direct sunlight every day. Most vegetables need full sun to produce the best harvest. Try growing cool-season crops such as lettuce, spinach, radishes, and cabbage if you have some shade.

Some plants flower in response to day length. Chrysanthemums, poinsettias, strawberries, and others need long nights to flower. If you want strawberries that flower and produce fruit when temperatures are between 35°F and 85°F, choose a variety labeled "day-neutral." Native species of plants are often better adapted to growing in your region than plants from other places in the world. They also are better for local pollinators that evolved with them. If you want to grow plants to support pollinators, avoid newer cultivars with double flowers because all the extra petals make it harder for insects to reach the nectar and pollen.

Gardening Tips for Pruning and Trimming

Once your plants are growing, you'll want to know how to keep them pruned and trimmed to encourage continued blooms and keep them looking beautiful. Not sure when to prune? Here's a helpful gardening tip: prune springflowering shrubs, such as lilacs, immediately after the blooms fade. They set their flower buds in autumn on last year's growth. If you prune them in fall or winter, you remove next spring's flower buds.



Deadheading is a good practice for perennials and annuals. Because annual plants' goal is to flower, set seed, and die, removing old blooms tells annual plants to produce more flowers. Removing spent flowers also encourages plants to use their energy to grow stronger leaves and roots instead of seed production. Avoid deadheading plants grown primarily for decorative fruits or pods, such as money plants (Lunaria).

Deadhead spent flowers on spring-blooming bulbs such as daffodils and hyacinths, so the plants send energy to the bulbs instead of making seeds. Leave the foliage until it turns brown and can be removed with a gentle tug. The leaves store nutrients needed for the bulb to bloom the following year. Braiding or tying the leaves is not recommended because it reduces the amount of light that reaches the leaf surfaces.

Gardening Tips for Soil and Water

The soil content and amount of water plants need varies, so make sure your soil is the right kind with the best amendments and nutrients, and that you aren't overwatering or underwatering.

Apply only composted, rotted manure that has cured for at least six months to your soil. Fresh manure is too high in nitrogen and can "burn" plants; it may also contain pathogens or parasites. Manure from pigs, dogs, and cats should never be used in gardens or compost piles because they may contain parasites that can infect humans.

Fertilizer is not the answer to growing the best plants; soil quality is. Add organic amendments such as compost and well-aged manure to your soil. The best soil structure is crumbly, easy to dig, readily accepts water, and loose enough to provide oxygen for plant roots. If you use fertilizer, use an organic one to add nitrogen, phosphate, and potash (the form of potassium plants can use).

Avoid digging or planting in wet soil; working it

damages the soil structure. Wait until the soil is crumbly and no longer forms a ball when you squeeze some in your hand (it doesn't have to be bone-dry) to till or dig.

Understand your soil's drainage. Roots need oxygen, and if your soil is consistently wet, there are no air pockets for the roots to thrive. Many plants prefer well-drained soil, so amend your soil with organic materials to improve the soil quality.

Most in-ground garden plants grow best with 1 to 2 inches of water per week. If not enough rain falls, water deeply once a week instead of lightly each day. Frequent, shallow watering only moistens the top layer of soil and encourages the plant's roots to move there instead of growing deeper.

Don't send your fall leaves away! Instead, chop them up and use them as compost ingredients. Pulverized leaves can be left to nourish the lawn. After several hard freezes, when plants have gone completely dormant, you also can use 3-6 inches of shredded leaves as mulch over tender perennials to keep them that way over winter. Remove the mulch in spring.

Gardening Tips for Planting and Transplanting

Planting new plants and transplanting established ones can make or break the success of their growth and how they thrive.

Perennials generally need three years to achieve their mature size after you plant them. Remember the adage that they "sleep, creep, and leap" each year respectively. Hostas don't need to be divided unless you want to rejuvenate an old plant, increase the number you have, or prefer the look of single plants. The best times to divide your hostas are in the spring, as the new shoots appear and before the leaves unfurl, or in the fall, at least four weeks before your soil freezes solid. Plant spring-blooming bulbs, such as tulips, fritillarias, ornamental alliums, and crocuses, in the fall before the ground freezes. In general, place the bulb in a hole that's two to three times the depth of the bulb. You only need to plant most hardy bulbs once, and they'll keep coming up year after year, but hybrid tulips are an exception. It's best to pull them up when they are done blooming, replant new tulip bulbs each fall, or choose tulip species that become perennial.



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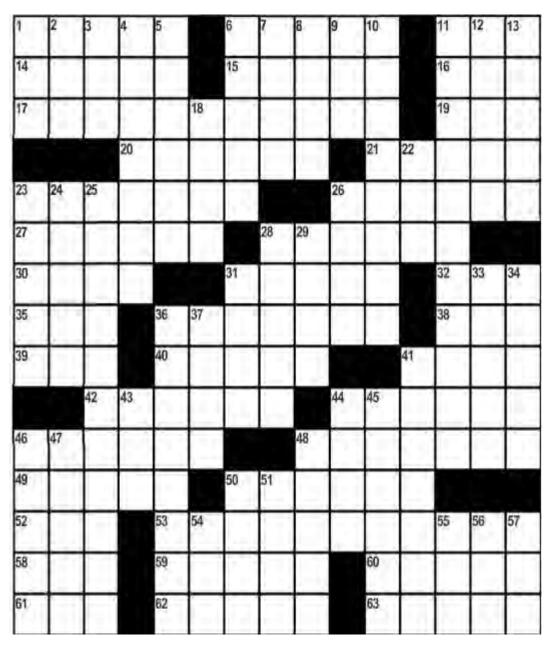
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Across

- 1) Evening hour
- 6) Golden Horde member
- 11) Undergrad degs.
- 14) Candidate's concern
- 15) Make retribution
- I 6) Farthest or highest (Abbr.)
- 17) Jumper's protectors
- 19) Prefix meaning "new"
- 20) Software holders
- 21) Become part of history
- 23) Leg bones
- 26) Putting on airs
- 27) Jewelers' aids
- 28) Yellow fruit
- 30) Has the deed to
- 31) Hulk in the ring 32) Scandinavian rug
- 35) Got ruined in the wash
- 36) Utterly unyielding
- 38) Commandment count
- 39) "_ luck?"
- 40) Emphatic denial
- 4 I) Engine knock
- 42) Hindu princesses (Var.)
- 44) Burden bearers
- 46) Virtual-reality pinch hitter
- 48) Home
- 49) Rome's river
- 50) Add spice to
- 52) Tennis court ploy
- 53) Newborn, to parents
- 58) Name among boxing legends
- 59) Adult
- 60) Fast-growing vine
- 61) Didn't strap-hang
- 62) Flyboy's agreement
- 63) Assassinated

Down

- 1) Bro, for one
- 2) Australian runner
- 3) Delivery vehicle
- 4) Breakfast dishes?
- 5) It may be in a groove
- 6) Mexican meal items
- 7) Elementary particle
- 8) Craggy hills
- 9) "Go on ... "
- 10) Full, as a voice
- 11) Con man
- 12) Alaska native
- 13) Novel idea?
- 18) Important blocks of time
- 22) Coquettish
- 23) Fauna's partner
- 24) Dubuque resident, e.g.
- 25) Common hopper
- 26) Gap to bridge
- 28) Apples, e.g.
- 29) Biology lab supply
- 31) Possess
- 33) Gossipmonger
- 34) Apprehensive feeling
- 36) Michigan town
- 37) Big game
- 41) Like some realizations
- 43) Absorbed, as a cost
- 44) Statue part
- 45) Downloadable
- reading material
- 46) Book of maps
- 47) Kind of concerto
- 48) Relatively robust
- 50) Negotiation problem 51) Narrowly defeat (with "out")
- 54) Alien craft
- 55) Kind of approval
- 56) Action film weapon
- 57) Mother Teresa, for one



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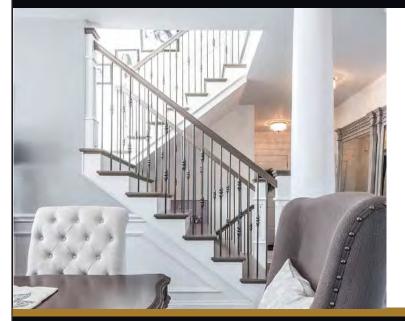


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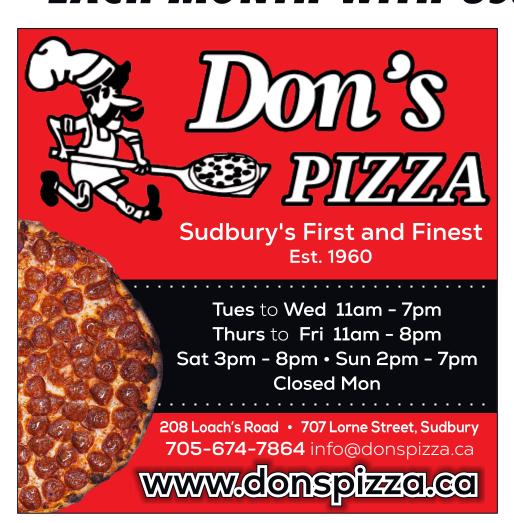


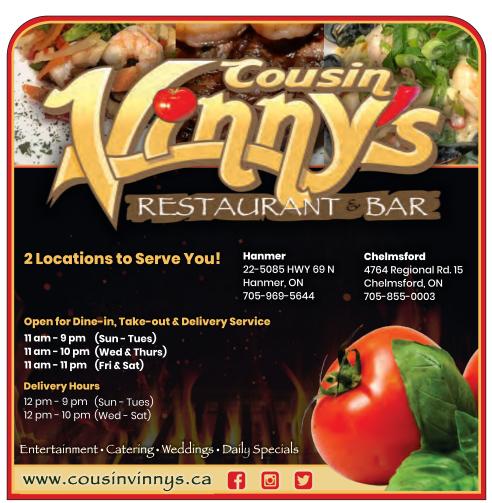
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