

THIS FINE LADY

Here's the Scoop has a wonderful lady in Edmonton that subscribes to our paper weekly.

This is the same lady that sent me the homemade quilt that means so much to us.

Over the years this lady has sent money to us to help with a few fundraisers that the Scoop has been closely involved in.

This sweet lady has sent me, personally, a gift to treat ourselves.

This sweet lady makes me melt and I so look forward to visiting my friend in Edmonton so that I can venture over and meet "This Fine Lady".

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TIRED OLD DOG

Thanks to another faithful Reader!

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard; I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

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A postal worker has been charged with stealing gold which he was supposed to deliver. He made the mistake of pawning it at the same pawn shop which had melted it down to send to a business in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The jeweler at the pawn shop recognized it.

The postal worker has been charged with embezzling.

A 25-year-old man in Utah decided he wanted to get to Washington to see his mother for Christmas. Not having a car, he hopped into a \$500,000 fire truck, blew the air horn and tried to drive away. The fire fighters ran out to see what was happening. He put up a big fight, but they were finally able to subdue him. He never made it to Washington for Christmas.

A female walked into a bank in Centereach, New York and handed the teller a note, demanding all her cash. The note said she would start shooting if the teller didn't comply.

The teller asked her, "Are you serious?"

The suspect responded by fleeing the bank.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PERSONAL

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 403-569-3427, www.chinookna.org, Mon. 8:30PM, Airdrie Basic Text 103 Group, United Church Chapel Basement (use side office door) 216 – 1st Ave NE.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Meets at the Christian Education Centre (United Church) Mon. & Thurs. at 8:30 pm. Contact Dave for information at 403-948-1425.

Winter Grief Support Groups

Barb Hinger MSW, is pleased to offer group sessions for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. These groups are non-denominational and offer an opportunity to learn and grow from your grief experience while sharing with others. They will be held at 128 Main St. North, Airdrie. The fee is \$85.00 per person.

Suicide Grief Group for adults who have lost a relative or friend through suicide.

Thursdays. 7:00-9:00 PM. Feb. 5 - Mar. 12/09

Grief Group for adults who have experienced the death of a relative or friend.

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Jan. 31 Social Evening 7 P.M. at the Over 50 clubroom. Admission \$1.00, Military Whist may be played or games of choice. Coffee & cookies will be served.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Genealogy classes will be held in the Airdrie Public Library from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Feb 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8.

4th Annual Fiddle Jamboree and Dance, Saturday January 31, 2009, Spruce View Hall. 5:30 Beef on a Bun Supper, 7-9pm fiddle program. Admission: \$15pp at the door. Pre-school and Fiddlers Free. Accompaniment Provided. Sponsored by Spruce View Lions Club. Fiddlers pre-register by calling: Darwin 403-986-2004, or Neil 403-728-3798. 15/29

ECS Orientation: Airdrie Koinonia Christian School is hosting their annual ECS Orientation, Friday, February 6, 2009, @ 9:30a.m. If you have a child entering kindergarten this fall and would like the opportunity to explore enrolment at AKCS, this provides the perfect venue. For more information or to register, please call the office @ 403-948-5100.

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Found: One IPOD with earphones found on Allen Street on Friday, January 16th. If you have lost an IPOD, please call to identify. Laurie 948-6627

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KUDOS

Meals on Wheels would like to thank, **Ollie & Homestyle Catering**, for making meals which were excellent while Nash was away on Holidays. Thanks so much, Ollie.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Airdrie Meals on Wheels needs your help. Meals on Wheels desperately needs committee members for Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator. Our organization meeting is being held at Nose Creek Museum on Feb 12/09 at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meals on Wheels meets once a month on the second Thursday. It is very satisfying to know that you are helping seniors to stay in their homes longer, as well as help those who have recently come out of a hospital. Our meals are being made at Fletcher Village by Nash Visram. We deliver five days a week, Monday to Friday, no weekend or holidays. We do need volunteer drivers very badly. If you have any spare time and can help out, please call 403-815-1400 for more information.

Would you like to volunteer and be part of Meals on Wheels? We are going to need and welcome, new board members. Our General Meeting will be held on Feb 12, 2009 at Nose Creek Museum. We could sure use your help.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking Volunteers for Activities Chair: We, Airdrie 55+ Games, are seeking volunteers for Chair positions for a variety of activities and events. If you have any experience in the listed activities, or would enjoy facilitating an activity for the Games, please contact the office at 403-945-3557 or info@airdrie55games.com. We have a variety of positions to choose from: 8-ball (pool); Athletics, Bocce, Contract Bridge, Creative Writing, Cribbage, Cycling, Darts, Disc Golf, Floor Curling, Golf, Horseshoes, Military Whist, Slo-Pitch, Swimming, Tennis and Visual Arts & Crafts.



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Remodeling Projects with the Highest Returns

Exterior remodeling projects return the most money as a percentage of cost. A bathroom remodel was estimated to return 74.4 percent on resale, comparable to a attic-to-bedroom conversion, at 73.6 percent of costs recouped, and basement remodel, at 72.7 percent of costs recouped.

On a national level, wood deck additions and all types of siding replacements fiber cement, vinyl, and foam-backed vinyl—returned more than 80 percent of project costs upon resale.

Projects With Highest, Lowest Returns

In addition to wood decks and siding, window replacements and kitchen remodels also returned a relatively high percentage of remodeling costs on a national basis.

All types of window replacements wood and vinyl returned more than 76 percent of costs. A major midrange kitchen remodel returned 76 percent of project costs, while a minor kitchen remodel returned 79.5 percent of costs. On a national level, bathroom remodels, while still a relatively good investment, do not return as high a percentage as in previous years.

The least profitable remodeling projects in terms of resale value were home office remodels, sunroom additions, and back-up power generators, returning only 54.4 percent, 56.6 percent, and 57.1 percent, respectively, of project costs.

National Association of Realtors® President Charles McMillan says the resale value of any given remodeling project depends on a variety of factors.

"A home's overall condition, availability and condition of surrounding properties, location, and regional economic climate are all factors that will influence the value of any remodeling project," he says.

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