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ACROSS

1. The continent we live on – some indigenous oral histories refer to this landmass as TURTLE ISLAND

21. Flying mammals who are soooooo good for our environment. Despite their ecological value, _____ are relentlessly and unjustifiably persecuted. They are often killed because they live near people who needlessly fear them. These actions emphasize the need to educate the public on the reasons for conservation. Don't be afraid! <http://www.batscalgary.ca/>

About 15 years ago we used to have them here. They hovered in front of my living room window every night. I sure miss them! I remember Ilona running down the lane as they followed her around in the twilight.

36. We see a lot of this lighting up the sky every summer, especially during Stampede. Nope, it's not the fireworks. You can see a map here of places that might see some "in the next 10 minutes": https://weather.gc.ca/lightning/index_e.html

50. What I call for when I need a ride 'old school'. Also known as a cab.

57. The astrological sea creature designated to those born under the sign of Cancer. <https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/crab.html>

68. If you are a L.O.T.R. fan, you will know the aforementioned acronym, and you will know this fictional kingdom of men in Middle Earth <https://lotr.fandom.com/wiki/Rohan>

86. After a mosquito bites me I get an _____. Why does that happen? – read about your immune system and histamines here <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/320979> Interesting fact, during my radiation treatment, when my immune system was very low, or maybe it was focussed on fighting the radiation entering my body, mosquito bites did not bother me at all. THAT is how I knew I was pretty sick.

98. What most wildlife become as you approach them. Can't say I blame them!

114. The city we live in, known to the Blackfoot people as **Moh-kíns-tsis** - sometimes the spelling differs

129. What direction to drive to visit Saskatchewan.

147. Who I call when I need a ride "new school" The name of the company is derived from the German word meaning "**above all the rest**," a principle the founding partners wanted for their new company.

152. We don't have this kind of snake that mythology says bit Cleopatra, but watch out on the bluff for the 'garter' variety that we DO have.

156. The ocean east of Nova Scotia –historically the southern part was known to Europeans as the Ethiopian Ocean or Sea until the 19th century - an old map showing the western coastline of Africa, the ocean labelled "Aethiopian Ocean" check this website <https://www.blackhistory.com/2020/07/atlantic-ocean-formally-called-ethiopian-sea-ocean.html>

165. Mister, for short

178. 3.14159265359

199. What's between your unit and my unit.

204. A brass instrument, often appearing in marching bands

212. The blending of one color hue to another, usually moving tints and shades from light to dark. It's very popular to include this effect with your hair color if you are feeling showy!

243. An Orkney word for a person that owns land that has been directly from family. Don't we wish we had an _____ living here so that we could outright own this land we are built upon today?

254. I want to get rid of this! I will _____ it with the pink end of my pencil.

279 Against

289. The beautiful pointy nosed bird with gold under the wings and spots on the back and some red on its head. Can be seen at the feeder behind 809 – see this link for a hint <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide#>

305. Old timey for 'soon'

327. I'm hungry, let's _____

341. Taking a break

352. Where I keep my tools, or maybe how I describe a baby skunk or squirrel <https://www.babyanimalprints.com/blogs/news/kits-and-cubs>

366. Not fat

371. The ocean west of British Columbia - Indigenous Hawai'ian people called this **Moananuiākea** and the Māori name is similar: **Te Moana Nui a Kiwa**. Why do you think these people share similar language? What is the common portion of these words in Haida Gwaii – and seems to mean “ocean” (a) area in the ocean near shore: chaansjī. (b) off the ocean: sjīsguud. (c) on the ocean: sjīsgw. (d) wide stretch of sea, wide inlet, ocean: sjī. I think it is “sij”!!

379. Not “your” but “__”

385. Care for a spot of ___ Grey tea? <https://www.bostontepartyship.com/tea-blog/who-was-earl-grey> We'll never know the real truth, but interestingly the football cup here in Canada is named after a holder of the same title ___ Grey!

402. Short for ‘father’ in some places (see 379 down)

405. A fitting final word for the puzzle!!!

DOWN

2. The capital of our country. The name _____ is derived from the Algonquin word “adawe”, which means “to trade”. The settlement was originally incorporated as Bytown in 1850. The name was changed to the current name in 1855. “Bytown” didn't last very long!!

5. Large woodpecker with a long beak . _____ woodpecker. Can be seen at the feeder behind 809 – see this link for a hint <https://www.audubon.org/news/how-tell-hairy-woodpecker-downy-woodpecker#:~:text=If%20the%20bill%20is%20not,is%20almost%2050%20percent%20taller.>

7. Med sized black bird with iridescent feathers and some white accents on wings and chest. Hardy enough to survive our fickle Alberta winters. Young are raucous in the early summer and are just babies crying for food and learning how to be independent. See this site for a hint – it's a painting of the bird by very famous artist Monet!!! And hanging at a very famous museum in France <https://www.musee-orsay.fr/en/artworks/la-pie-715>

9. What we fondly call the big stones to the west of us “The _____. They have a full name of course, and form the largest mountain range in N. America. They stretch some 3,000 miles from British Columbia and Alberta in Canada through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and down to New Mexico in the U.S. They are part of the North American continental divide. <https://www.britannica.com/place/Rocky-Mountains>

12. The province we live in named after Queen Victoria's fourth daughter, Princess Louise Caroline _____. The Princess was the wife of the Marquess of Lorne, who was Governor General of Canada in 1882 when the District of Alberta was created as part of the Northwest Territories.

14. A major industry in Alberta. We produce canola, wheat, dry peas, and barley, to name a few. Alberta Local Food week is August 13-20, 2023 <https://albertalocalfood.com/#:~:text=Alberta%20Local%20Food%20Week%20happens%20August%2013%20%2D%2020%2C%202023>

17. The small unit of measure used before centimeters became the ‘norm’ on April 1, 1975.

Did you know there are specific exceptions in Canada, in construction and real estate for example, and some people like me still insist on providing my height and weight in feet + inches and pounds. A story related to “metrification” that I like to share also goes with the statement we sometimes hear “it's not rocket science” when telling someone they don't need to be a rocket scientist to solve a problem. Here it is “In 1999, the Mars Climate Orbiter went off course and burned up in the Martian atmosphere after controllers sent commands to the spacecraft that used incorrect thrust measures. The manufacturer of the thrusters, Lockheed Martin, provided the numbers to NASA using their preferred **imperial measure** (in pounds per square inch) rather than the correct metric unit (Newton). **Loss of the orbiter came at a steep price: \$125 million US.**” I guess rocket scientists really need to be “rocket scientists” because it IS rocket science - and that was a very expensive mistake.

24. The name of our neighbourhood – it faces south so it must have been one of the sunniest neighbourhoods to earn the name. Learn more at <https://www.heritageinspiresyyc.org/heritage-places/communities-hillhurst-sunnyside/>

44. To some, it's the proper term for what we usually do to our food when we put it on the metal barbecue. Check here for an opinion on the difference <https://www.foodfirefriends.com/grilling-vs-bbq/>

118. What you will see under the big top if you go to see KOOZA this summer. <https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/>

130. One of the fruit varieties growing in the urban forest next to the Community Garden. I also have these growing in my garden and they are super tasty, though tart!

188. Word used to describe a physical location as well a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common and also to describe a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. We strive for both of the latter here at SHC.

197. Sunshine, rain, snow, wind, calm, fog, you name it. I like to say we have no seasons here in Calgary just _____ !!! <https://www.livingin-canada.com/climate-calgary.html>

199. Provincial flower of Alberta . Alberta adopted the *Rosa acicularis* as its official flower in 1930. The editor of an Edmonton newspaper suggested that a provincial floral emblem be selected. The Women’s Institutes took up the suggestion and passed it on to the Department of Education, and the province’s schoolchildren made the final choice. Good job kids! It’s a beautiful flower.
204. Old-timey way to say ‘three times’ example: “ _____ the brinded cat hath mewed” (Macbeth, 4.1.3) spoken by the first witch
206. Trendy boots – the price might make you go UGH!
217. Small woodpecker with a short-ish beak _____ woodpecker. Can be seen at the feeder behind 809
219. The body of water that flows to the south of our lovely coop, next to Prince’s Island. Can you guess where this water begins flowing and where it ultimately joins the sea (and how it gets there...it’s a long and winding trip)?
<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/bow-river>
249. Lots of Calgarians do this down the Bow River every summer. They often disembark right here at the corner of 3 Street and Memorial Drive. <https://www.lazydayraftrentals.com/>
255. How some might take their steak on the Grill (see 44 Down for more about that)
256. Article in grammar (see 258 down for a related clue)
257. This makes my hair stand up when I rub it with a balloon, and gives me shocks in the winter when I walk on the carpet with socks on _____ electricity.
258. “one” or “an” in German
264. You can see the beavers building this over at Prince’s Island Park. <https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/calgary-photographer-captures-coyote-beaver-playing-at-princes-island-park> In this exchange no one gets hurt!
328. Similar to or old-timey ‘related to’
342. Easier word for Wapiti <https://www.hww.ca/en/wildlife/mammals/north-american-elk.html>
344. A short way of saying ‘thanks’, say it twice and it’s a British “good-bye” or “see you later”
347. I want to get a good one in College or University <https://gpacalculator.net/grade-conversion/canada/>
359. What many come to Alberta to do <https://goskialberta.com/>
361. “I’ in other words
379. Short for ‘mother’ in some places

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