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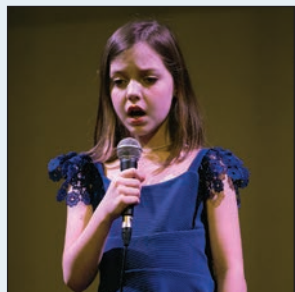
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Budget burden

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Government of Canada has recently released its budget for the next fiscal year. Bow River MP, Martin Shields, said he is less than impressed with some of the decisions indicated in the document.

Shields scrutinized the government for their lack of intent to balance the budget and make headway towards largely repaying national debt.

“The initial thing in a sense, is that last fall in (the government’s) update, they said they were going to be, I think, \$10 billion in deficit last fall. Now, they are (forecasting) \$40-some billion in deficit,” he said. “You cannot run a business or your house that way, but they just continue to spend a lot more money than we have and that (inflates) the interest payments on our national debt.”

The federal budget is divided into six chapters and three annexes which detail how funding is to be allocated for the fiscal year.

The focus of the first three chapters is suggested to indicate methods for making life more affordable for the average Canadian, investment in public health, and investment in affordable energy as well as growth of a clean economy, respectively.

Some of these strategies include the new grocery rebate, the launch of a new tax-free home savings account, and the increase of grant funding to students, as well as eliminating interest on student loans.

Shields was critical of the budget particularly in the areas of the government’s carbon taxes, which he said will inevitably influence the price of food, as well as impacting how much Canadians will have to spend at the pump.

“The ripple effect that has into our food chain is huge. When people talk about the grocery chains and their prices going up, if you go back to the ground level of farmers, the ag producers and the amount of the carbon tax, the impact is huge,” said Shields. “People are going to have to make much more drastic choices in the sense of what they can want versus what they need. The idea of a family vacation may have to be shelved because the needs of family eating come first and it is becoming more expensive.”

He added he would prefer to see Canadians being able to claim more of their paychecks overall instead of seeing significant deductions taken to satisfy taxes.

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Easter Egg Hunt!

The Real Estate REPs Group from RE/MAX Key hosted Strathmore’s annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 in Kinsman Park. With the help of numerous sponsors from the community, children searched for hidden treats in the park. See Page 2 for more coverage.

John Watson Photo

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Eggcellent hunt

Strathmore's annual Easter Egg Hunt returned on April 8, following a few years of hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions. Several hundred people came out to participate in the event, which also featured a bonnet contest to celebrate the holiday.

John Watson Photos

For God loved the world so much
that he gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who
believes in him will
not perish but
have eternal
life.

JOHN 3:16

Carseland volunteer awarded

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Carseland resident and prolific volunteer, Geraldine "Gerry" Cool, was recently recognized with a Stars of Alberta Volunteer award at a ceremony held in Calgary.

The Stars of Alberta Volunteer awards are hosted through the Alberta government's ministry of culture on an annual basis and present awards in several categories. Cool received her award in the senior's category.

"I was unaware of (the awards) until I was nominated. Once a year, they have different categories for volunteers who are nominated by their coworkers and whoever," said Cool. "The people who nominated me asked my permission to nominate me and then sent it in. We did not hear anything back and we just forgot about it. Then about three weeks ago, I got a call from the government saying I had been selected."

The ceremony, which was held in-person for the first time since COVID-19 pandemic measures had been lifted, took place at the McDougal Center in Calgary on March 31.

Awards were presented to respective recipients by Alberta Minister of Culture, Jason Luan, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, Salma Lakhani.

"It was a huge honour, and it was very humbling because I do not think I do any more than most other people who I know are in small communities," said Cool. "People who volunteer just do what needs to be done, but it was very humbling to be recognized and that I was selected from all of the nominees across Alberta."

Cool is one of six total recipients this year of the award. Reg Radke, hailing from Brooks, was also recognized with the award in the seniors' category.

Two recipients were also named in each of the Youth and Adult categories for Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards.

According to the Alberta website, nominees are eligible for consideration, meeting several criteria, including:

- Exemplifying the spirit of community service,
- Demonstration of exemplary initiative, leadership, and creativity in their service to others



Carseland resident and prolific volunteer, Gerry Cool, was recognized with a Stars of Alberta award in the seniors category. She is among five other award winners to be recognized this year across the three age categories. A ceremony was held in Calgary to distribute the awards.

Photo Courtesy of Gerry Cool

- Serving as a role model for others in their community,
 - Inspiring others to engage in volunteer services,
 - Improving the overall quality of life for their fellow Albertans, and their communities as a whole
- "It was the principal of Carseland School who asked if she could nominate me, and then two people I worked with from the preschool also supported the nomination," said Cool. "You meet wonderful people (while volunteering) and get to work very closely with wonderful people. It is really gratifying to see something come to fruition or to help move a goal or process forward."

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County approves 2023 final budgets

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County approved their final operational budget for 2023 to 2025, and the final capital budget for 2023 to 2027, during the April 4 regular meeting of council.

Joel Chiasson, manager of Financial Services, presented to council three prepared, nearly identical budget options which represented a 2.5 per cent, three per cent or 3.5 per cent municipal tax increase.

“They are essentially all the same, with the discrepancy between the different options - we are essentially changing the net transfer to or from reserves,” he said. “It is flipping between that and how much is pulled from tax revenue. Other than that, everything else between the operating budgets is identical.”

Only one capital budget document was presented to council, given that property tax increases do not have a direct impact on the capital decision.

Coun. Shannon Laprise inquired to administration regarding last year’s expenditures, equating to approximately \$13 million of the budgeted \$18 million, and whether that was a typical occurrence to not utilize a significant amount of the budget.

“Unfortunately, I will say historically, yes, that has happened. I would say we are actually getting closer from budget to actual, and I would say most of the cases this year ... a lot of it we have found

to be supply chain issues just within the last couple years,” said Brian Henderson, speaking on behalf of county administration. “We definitely have shored up our numbers from the last five years, I would say, and we are trying to get to a better spot. Unfortunately, it is a trend that we do face.”

County Reeve Amber Link added she acknowledged that several points within the proposed budget were carry-overs which were ordered in previous years and are only now able to be completed.

The 2023 interim operating and capital budgets were approved during the Dec. 20, 2022 meeting of council. According to Section 247 of the Municipal Government Act, no municipality may pass a property tax bylaw unless its capital and operating budgets have been previously approved.

The proposed final capital budget, assuming the 2.5 per cent tax increase option was approved, included a total net decrease from the interim budget of \$37,800.

Coun. Scott Klassen motioned for council to approve the final capital budget as presented. The motion was carried without further discussion.

Coun. Glenn Koester moved that council approve the operating budget with a 3.5 per cent increase in municipal tax revenue.

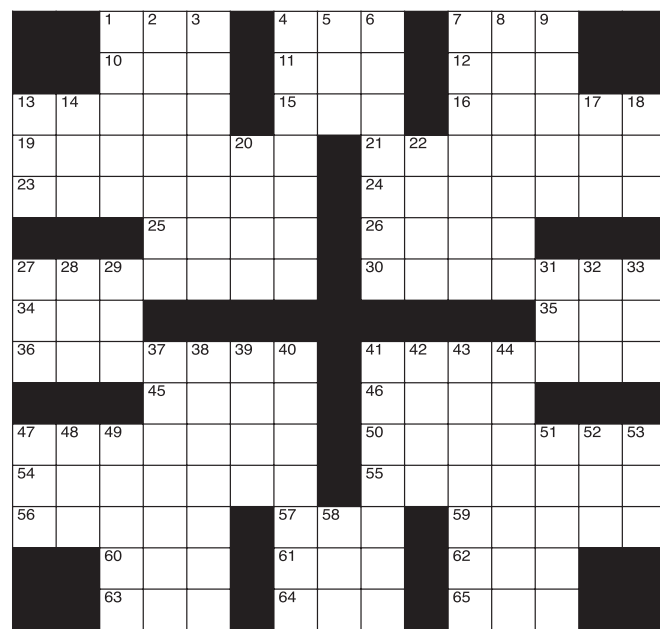
“I believe if we do not keep up to date with our taxes, we are just kicking the can down the road, and at a future date, there is going to have to be some very unpleasant decisions being made,” said Koester. “I believe in being current and not

dipping into reserves for operating such as we did last year. That money has to be replaced. We cannot keep living on a shoestring.”

The difference between the 2.5 and 3.5 per cent options equates to roughly \$287,000 in the county’s financial reserves.

Coun. Rick Laursen echoed Koester’s concerns, and suggested ratepayers will understand the necessity to increase taxes. He also noted the motioned increase falls well below the current rate of inflation, being approximately six per cent.

The motion was defeated in a vote of 5-2 against. Coun. Tom Ikert motioned to approve the operating budget with the 2.5 per cent increase in municipal taxes. The motion was carried in a vote of 5-2 in favour.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Atomic mass unit
- 4. Criticize mightily
- 7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 10. Stand in for
- 11. Everyone has one
- 12. Brew
- 13. Rectify
- 15. Popular Dodge truck model
- 16. Beef or chicken intestine
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. Of a particular people or localized region
- 23. Movements in quick tempos
- 24. Able to pay one's debts
- 25. Fleshy bird beak covering
- 26. Dueling sword
- 27. Helps
- 30. Court is in it
- 34. Touch lightly
- 35. Airborne (abbr.)
- 36. Of one
- 41. Baked good
- 45. Jai __, sport
- 46. About aviation
- 47. Low oval mound
- 50. Rugged mountain ranges
- 54. Compel to do something
- 55. A way to carve
- 56. Sao __, city in Brazil
- 57. Mustachioed actor Elliott
- 59. American Idol runner-up Clay
- 60. A way to soak
- 61. Car mechanics group
- 62. Born of
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Sea eagle
- 65. Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Thin, fibrous cartilages
- 3. Provides new details
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Ottoman military title
- 6. Banes
- 7. Horse-riding seats
- 8. Arms of a shirt
- 9. Narrow path along a road edge
- 13. Viper
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Variety of Chinese language
- 18. Portray in a show
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. No (slang)
- 27. State of agitation
- 28. __ Diego
- 29. One point east of due south
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. The NBA's Toppin
- 33. Midway between north and northeast
- 37. Examples
- 38. __ Gould, actor
- 39. The habitat of wild animals
- 40. Artful subtlety
- 41. Infielders
- 42. Keep under control
- 43. Herb
- 44. Distressed
- 47. A way to go down
- 48. Type of acid
- 49. Take by force
- 51. Collected fallen leaves
- 52. Shout of welcome or farewell
- 53. Monetary unit
- 58. Swiss river

GHSD Superintendent announces retirement

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Golden Hills School Division (GHSD) Superintendent Bevan Daverne has announced his retirement at the conclusion of this school year, after 30 years of service.

In 2022, Daverne was recognized both provincially, as well as nationally, being awarded an EXL Award for Excellence in school system leadership, and as Canadian Superintendent of the Year, respectively.

Reflecting on his time within the GHSD, as well as his 12 years as superintendent, he did not choose any highlights specifically, as he said there were simply too many to choose from.

“I’ve worked with some amazing people, when I was in schools, in the office, and certainly lately in my role ... we’ve had such good individuals, amazing people all across our system that truly has been a highlight for the last 30 years,” he said. “I’ve been truly blessed for three decades and just working with amazing people wherever I’ve been.”

Despite his personal success, Daverne spoke largely regarding his team at the GHSD, reflecting that much of the division’s successes would not have been possible without them.

One of the larger and more significant initiatives which was established under Daverne’s leadership was Powerful Learning, which operates as a student-centered approach to learning, focussed on opportunities and experiences.

“We want students to be able to learn not just

in shallow ways but more deeply,” he explained. “Learning that sticks, learning that makes a difference to them, learning in a way that matters to their everyday lives as well.”

Daverne’s impact on the division also includes the host of partnerships and large-scale changes seen during his tenure. Though it will not be completed until after his retirement, one such example is the imminent replacement of the Westmount School building.

During his career, he served as the College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) president from 2019 to 2021 and liaised with the Ministry of Education to support CASS’s attainment of self-regulatory professional status.

His leadership was also commended for having overseen the division through the COVID-19 pandemic, during which he openly communicated with and addressed the concerns of parents.

Though Daverne said he has yet to consider much of his future activities during his retirement, he is not without hobbies and personal interests.

“I have lots of hobbies; I’ve got grandkids; I’ve got grown kids who have renovation projects of their own. I think I’m going to do a little consulting work, so there’ll be a lot to do,” he said.

“I won’t be sitting idle on the couch all the time in retirement, but I am looking forward to a little more flexibility, and more time with my family.”

Golden Hills School Division has yet to open a job posting, nor have they yet issued a comment to address the need for Daverne’s replacement come next school season.

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Charming concert

The Hope Bridges Society hosted their second mini-concert featuring The Charms at Hope Community Covenant Church on April 4. This is the second concert in the extension of the newly reimagined Music Discovery Class which is held on Tuesdays at the church. The concerts will continue every second month, with the next concert being on June 6 (1:15 p.m.). The concerts are free and everyone is welcome. The Charms member Denis Dufresne delighted the audience as he played the fiddle, strummed his guitar and picked the mandolin, all while singing familiar favourites and Charms originals.

Melissa Piche Photos

Wonderful volunteer

Wanda Coldwell (97) was presented with a 70-year volunteer pin for her years of volunteering in the Strathmore Legion #10 Ladies Auxiliary on April 4 at Sagewood. Coldwell has been a member of the ladies auxiliary since 1952. Etta Sanderson (l-r), Rose Jeffrey and Coleen Cameron presented the pin to Wanda Coldwell (seated).

Melissa Piche Photo



Town approves repair to sanitary pipe

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore approved the use of \$55,000 to make repairs to the Ridge Road Sanitary Project during the April 5 regular meeting of Council.

This repair will be administered to an existing sanitary main which, according to administration, is currently cause for regular extensive maintenance due to a misalignment in the pipe.

Ethan Wilson, manager of infrastructure for the town, explained to council the correction of the issue will reduce the need for regular maintenance, as well as improve the sanitary service for connected businesses upstream.

"It is a repair that has been outstanding for a little over a year now ... (the) misalignment reduces flow velocity of the sanitary (line) and has caused backups, specifically in this case, of fats, soils and greases," he said. "Epcor has been very diligent in monitoring, flushing, proper cleaning, but it

is excessive maintenance for what we should have to do for a sanitary project."

The misalignment is in the sanitary main along Ridge Road, near the Co-Op gas station, and services adjacent businesses to the east, including restaurants, hotels and gas stations.

Wilson added the project was debated last year in June, though was put off so as to save money at the time for sanitary emergencies in the fall.

Via the report provided to council in the meeting agenda, it was explained the repair would be financed by the surplus from 2021 and 2022, resulting in no additional tax burden.

Specifically, the \$55,000 was proposed to be taken from the town's sanitary capital reserve in order to complete the project.

Administration has broken the project down as delegating \$48,000 for Epcor Out of Scope, and \$7,000 for paving and contingency.

"The sanitary line in this area is somewhat shallow for a slope as it is, so it already has low flow," said Wilson. "When you have a misalignment in there, it stops everything and it backs up and causes flooding."

Coun. Denise Peterson moved to approve the use of the requested \$55,000 to complete the Ridge Road Sanitary Project. The motion was approved unanimously without further discussion.

Following the completion of the project, the result will reduce the maintenance time Epcor spends on the pipe, allowing them to address other issues throughout the town.

As the repair has now been approved by council, it will be awarded to Epcor as an out-of-scope project and is expected to see completion this summer.

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MP Martin Shields criticizes federal budget

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More information from the budget is available through the Government of Canada website, as the federal budget has since been made publicly available.

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Perfect performance

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Joe Lepage Photos



YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Women have long borne the burden of birth control alone. The hope is that men can assume more of that burden other than using condoms and having a vasectomy. A new male birth control pill is soon moving from the rat-testing stage to human trials. It is a non-hormonal pill that works by blocking a protein from binding to vitamin A which is essential for sperm production. So far there are few side effects and stopping the pill will make men fertile again.

Early detection of cancer is very important. Swedish researchers are working on a blood and urine test using machine-learning algorithms that can accurately predict 14 different types of stage 1 cancers. Current tests look for DNA from tumours but this new test will look for changes in certain metabolic sugars caused by the cancer cells. Still in the trial stages but the test will be remarkable for early diagnosis and treatment.

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SHS Community Work Day returns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After having to shelve the program due to COVID-19 concerns, and then due to bad weather, Strathmore High School (SHS) is finally bringing back its Community Work Day.

According to Cheryl Davidson, a teacher at SHS, the program is an excellent opportunity for students to get some hands-on job experience around town.

“It is also an opportunity for students to get out into the community to maybe do a little job shadowing with somebody or help in a different field that they might be interested in as a career,” she said.

None of the students currently enrolled at SHS have experienced the formerly annual event. Davidson hopes now that the program is able to resume, it will return to being a regularly scheduled event.

Community Work Day also serves as a fundraiser for SHS, as the school is eventually looking to purchase an LED presentation board for the gym. The expense to do so will be approximately \$100,000.

“The students try to find a placement, so that is somebody who will hire them for the day for \$50. They make the payment to the school and then the student will spend the day doing whatever the employer would like them to do,” said Davidson. “The community can also call in, so if somebody

does not have a student here at the high school or know anyone but they want some work done, they can call the school and we place students with the community.”

Students may be able to participate in a wide variety of different jobs, under the pretense that it is safe and supervised work.

Davidson added she has seen many students take on jobs such as maintenance of the senior’s lodge, helping out around the school, farm work, automotive detailing, and spring cleaning.

“Some of the students will be working here at the school. I am the cosmetology teacher, so I am going to open up the cosmo lab to the community and there are six students who said they would like to work here,” she explained. “I will hire them and then we will run a cosmo lab that day. The community is welcome to come in and have their hair done and pay for those services. The school is also going to hire a couple of students to do some painting.”

Any student at SHS is able to participate should they so choose. Businesses or individuals may reach out to Davidson at cheryl.davidson@ghsd75.ca or to jan.wathen@ghsd75.ca to register jobs for students.

Interested students will then reach out to those offering employment for the day and will be on hand from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. mimicking regular school hours. Community Work Day will take place on April 27.

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

The hearing will be held at the Wheatland County Council Chambers: 242006 Range Road 243 (East of Strathmore off Hwy 1) (mail: 242006 Rge Rd 243, Wheatland County, AB T1P 2C4) on **Thursday, April 20, 2023, commencing at 9 a.m.** regarding the following:

File: SDAB SO2023-002

Re: Appeal of Stop Order Issued March 3rd, 2023

Legal Description: SE-11-27-18W4 & SW 12-27-18W4

At the hearing(s) the SDAB will hear from the appellant(s) and/or the agent; from any person who claims to be affected by the proposal; and from any other person who wishes to make representation AND whom the SDAB agrees to hear. Comments may be made verbally at the hearing, OR if you wish to present a written submission, you must have copies of the same to be distributed at the commencement of the hearing. Any submissions you make are collected under the authority of subsection 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes set out in sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act. Submissions will form part of a report available to the public and may be referenced in the Board's public written decision. If you have any questions regarding the collection or retention of this information, contact the Wheatland County FOIP Coordinator at (403) 934-3321.

A time limit may be imposed on verbal submissions, at the discretion of the Chairperson. No comments via telephone will be considered by the SDAB. We would appreciate receiving your written comments by end of day Thursday, April 13, 2023, regarding this matter.

The complete file for this application may be inspected in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information will be posted on the Wheatland County website for public to view prior to the Hearing date.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Van Haarlem at the Wheatland County Administration Office (403) 361-2000 or email sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

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File: SDAB DP2023-001

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Legal Description: NW 17-26-25W4; 262049A Rge Rd 255

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Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link and Bow River Riding MP Martin Shields hosted two roundtable events, Apr. 4 and 5, inviting the community to learn about goings on within county government, to ask questions and air concerns regarding their municipality. **John Watson Photo**

County Reeve, MP host community roundtable

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Bow River Riding MP Martin Shields and Wheatland County Reeve Amber Link hosted roundtable discussions to connect with residents, and answer questions regarding municipal and federal issues.

The discussions took place April 4-5 in Gleichen and Namaka respectively. During the discussion, copies of the county's strategic plan, annual report, 2022 agricultural report, and 2021 fiscal report were made available for attendees to read and take home.

Link opened the discussion in Namaka, clarifying the county has not yet completed its latest annual report, though it will be made publicly available before summer.

Contained in the documents, as well as discussed during her presentation, was basic information about Wheatland County's community profile, government structure, and county committees.

Following Link's presentation regarding much of the county's activities, departments and reports, the floor was opened to questions from attending members of the community.

One of the first questions brought forward was regarding when the estimated start date for the development of the De Havilland aircraft campus and CGC's wallboard manufacturing plant would be.

"Our administration are meeting weekly with

CGC right now, and then we meet about every two weeks with De Havilland," said Link. "Both are complex projects ... CGC are looking to put 70 acres of solar within their rail loop ... (and) De Havilland has federal approvals that they need to get."

Link did not provide a concrete answer as to when shovels will hit the ground, as she explained De Havilland still has several barriers to get through, both municipally and federally before development can begin.

One concern regarding the development of the new campus is in regards to the potential impact it will have on adjacent landowners and farm families who have resided on the land for generations.

"Our sector is not going to be sustainable if we do not diversify, so we are trying to ... funnel that development into that corridor along Highway 1 and into the industrial park in Carseland so that we can keep life as we know it and the rest of the county the same," said Link. "What we do try and do is find ways to mitigate that impact on adjacent landowners. De Havilland is working closely with the family who will be most impacted ... so that they are minimizing the impacts of that airstrip."

The information provided during Link's presentation and in the printed documents made available during the round table is also publicly accessible online via the County website.

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The Strathmore and District Curling Club has just completed their 2023 Men's Bonspiel on March 26th. We would like to express our sincere THANK YOU to all of our 2023 Sponsors. Without your support we would not be able to host one of the best Bonspiels in the Southern Alberta. This year we had 29 teams entered from throughout the area, we offered four events and our prize table was beyond expectation of all the curlers.



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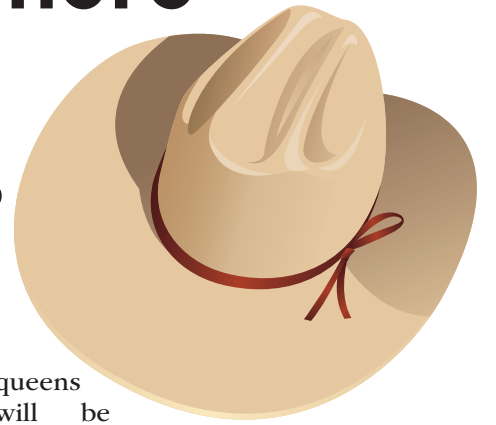
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Miss Strathmore Stampede applications open



JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Applications are now open to compete to be the next Miss Strathmore Stampede, as the competition returns for the second year following its hiatus.

Nikki Peltzer, who spoke on behalf of the Strathmore Queen Committee, said she was excited to see a new group of young women throw their hats in the ring for the title.

"It is great that we can all get together and do this again. We are looking for some great girls to come and run," she said. "It is a great ambassador position for the Strathmore Rodeo in Wheatland County and the Town of Strathmore, so we encourage all who are interested to apply to run."

Overall, gunning for the Miss Strathmore Stampede title consists of a written exam, a personal interview, speech competition and a horsemanship competition.

Applicants will also be evaluated based on their personalities and how they interact with the local community.

"It runs on the same basic principles as a regular pageant. The girls are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that we would expect that they would do throughout the year if they were to win," said Peltzer. "Unlike most pageants, we do not have bathing suits and gowns and stuff, but the girls are also critiqued on how they present themselves when they are out in public. That includes their attire and their mannerisms."

This year, as part of the competition, there will also be a fashion show taking place June 8 at the Strathmore Agricultural Society rodeo grounds. Current contestants, other dignitaries and past

queens will be involved.

Peltzer added the primary responsibility of Miss Strathmore Stampede is to be an ambassador for the rodeo held each August long weekend, which comes with several things to do. Additionally, the queen will be representing Strathmore at other rodeos throughout Alberta over the course of the season.

Community events and people who may be interested are able to make requests that Miss Strathmore Stampede make an appearance to do public speaking, volunteer, or help to run their event.

"It looks great on a resume, but also the friends that you make, the contacts that you make they advance you personally and, and employment wise, people see you," Peltzer added. "You are also a great role model for younger kids. Little girls love looking up to the rodeo queens, so it is a big responsibility, but you get to experience a lot of different things throughout the year."

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25 years old as of August 4. Once a winner is declared, she will shadow Martina Holtkamp, the current Miss Strathmore Stampede immediately following the competition.

Applications are being accepted until May 1, with the competition taking place June 8-11. Peltzer is estimating between two and four young women to apply. More information regarding the competition is available via the Strathmore Agricultural Society.

Those interested in competing can email Peltzer at strathmorestampederoyalty@gmail.com or contact the Ag office directly.

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Winning weekend

The Strathmore and District Curling Club hosted their annual men's bonspiel from March 20-26. Twenty-nine teams took part in the event. The A Event winners were Team John Damen, while the B Event winners were Team Brent Ashlee. Team Tyler Damen claimed the C Event, while Team Don Owchar won the D Event.

Photos Courtesy of Ken Shackleton

Lakewood of Strathmore launches pre-registration for upcoming townhouses

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Pre-registration has begun for interest in future townhouses which are intended for construction in Lakewood of Strathmore, which aims to break ground later this year.

The complex is being co-developed by Altura Properties and AJ Mason, which are working alongside Lakewood of Strathmore in order to secure a building permit for a 51-unit complex.

"They are going to be submitting to the town right away for their formal building permit and approvals to hopefully look to start or plan to start construction this summer," said Scott Silva, speaking on behalf of Lakewood of Strathmore. "To further reinforce our confidence in the project, we have already been discussing with the town for the last 60 days through what is called pre-application meetings to make sure that we have addressed any concerns around anything at all."

Silva added Altura Properties and AJ Mason are eager to get the project approved and to move into construction as soon as possible.

The team is confident they will be able to secure their permits without issue, as the land they are intending to build on does not need to be rezoned and is already designed to be able to accommodate increased urban density.

Strathmore currently maintains a need for more

affordable housing options, as homes for sale, or to rent are few and far in between. For a time, access to 51 units designed to house small families or tenants would relieve some of the pressure around the issue.

"Part of the issue right now is the cost of construction and, and the volatility within it, but also the price increases not just to global inflation, but to the industry," said Silva, addressing potential pricing for the units upon their completion. "We are projecting that the homes will be starting in the high 300's and if everything goes well, and if the project sells out this year, it will probably be the best thing for it."

Condo fees within the complex are also aiming to be established within the next 60 days, at which point the co-developers will be looking to move pre-reservation agreements into formal purchase agreements with interested buyers – be them individual homeowners or investors.

Silva added the units will consist of four different layouts, ranging from 1,175 square feet up to approximately 1,400 square feet in floor space.

Move in dates would look to have people beginning to move into their properties by summer of next year at earliest.

More information regarding the units is available online via Lakewood of Strathmore, including virtual tours, floor plans, 3D renderings, and images of similar units which have been constructed elsewhere.

Alberta's growth opportunity

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. Economic Development in rural Alberta is a growth opportunity that looks at innovation, diversification, and sustainable, long-term economic development. The goal is to support initiatives already underway and promote rural Albertans and economic opportunities where we live.

Thank you to all rural Albertans and Indigenous community members who informed us about their successes, challenges, and opportunities for rural economic development. This share of data leads to resilient, innovative, and prosperous ideas, providing sustainable economic opportunities.

Minister Toews said, "In Budget 2023, Travel Alberta will receive \$10 million over two years to develop environmentally sustainable year-round experiences in regions outside of Alberta's most popular destinations. Funding will be used to increase awareness of and visitation to lesser-known tourism destinations across Alberta that have a high potential for growth."

Did you know that 30 per cent of tourism spending already occurs outside the Canadian Rockies, Edmonton, and Calgary regions? Imagine what that could mean for our area! The idea is to grow the tourism industry to a \$20-billion opportunity over the next 10 years, and developing rural tourism is a key contributor to realizing that goal. It means employment, but even more, it is the pride in showing our amazing areas to the world. I've spoken to so many of you about local tourism,

seed-to-table, agri-food and industry tours, weddings, events, and many other great ideas from our community to share our contributions to this great province.

Some important factors include;

- The Government of Alberta increased funding to Travel Alberta in Budget 2023 by 14 per cent.

- Travel Alberta's Tourism Investment Program provides \$15 million in annual funding to support tourism operators. In 2022-23, Travel Alberta funded 166 projects across 73 communities – about 75 per cent of the projects and 70 per cent of the funding were in smaller urban and rural areas of the province.

- The Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan was released in December 2022, with supporting initiatives demonstrating the government's commitment to building healthy and prosperous communities across rural Alberta.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the board of directors, volunteers, families, participants, adjudicators, and accompanists at the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival. The talent in our community is literally bursting at the seams, and it was such an honour to be part of this year's event. Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners, provincial nominees, and a huge thank you to all the sponsors who make this festival possible and bring the dreams of our artistic youth to the forefront.

As always, we love to hear from you. Have a wonderful day!

(Leela Sharon Abeer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

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Obituary



DENNE-SMITH, Michael

Michael Denne-Smith (AKA Mike, Mikey, Spike, Rad-man, and Smurf), passed away peacefully at the Strathmore Hospital on April 7, 2023, 3:10 am, trying to hold out until the 4:20, just 3 days before his 65th birthday. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Lynn Denne-Smith and lovingly remembered by his daughter Angie Boyd nee Denne-Smith (Kevin), his son Michael Denne-Smith (Tiffany), and all of his step children Tina, Norm, Adam, Travis and Timothy; his grandchildren Jesse, Alexis, Mathew, Brayden, Bailey, Dayton, Tessa, Tyson and Quinn.

Mike was born in Lillooet B.C. and "hung his hat" in many towns throughout British Columbia and Alberta. He met his lovely wife, Lynn, in Strathmore and they have been married for 19 years, (3rd time IS the charm). He specialized in automotive engine coolant system, and could often be found under the hood of a vehicle. He is well known at the "Green" and at the "Eddie" and right till the end had a great support system and good friends who stepped up and supported him and Lynn through this difficult time.

Mike fought a good battle against his terminal cancer diagnosis, and right up until his last day on earth he was stubborn, doing things "his way or the highway" and giving the nurses a run for their money. On his final day, Mike went out just how he lived spending time with his family, drinking a double-double for breakfast, an iced cap with lunch and he watched the Toronto Blue Jays win against the Kansas City Royals while drinking a beer, flipping off all the "looky loos" who walked by his room.

Mike left a message for all his surviving family and his buddy's before he left "When I pass, please don't cry for me. Instead, celebrate me and my life. It's been a good life. My wife, Lynn, my family and great friends have impacted my life and have made it so much more. Don't mourn my death, celebrate my life and the fact that I survived not only the 70's but the 90's as well, made all the way to 2023."

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mike's charity of choice, Alberta Kids Cancer Care, Mike has participated in a number of head shave events and has raised around \$6000 himself for this charity.

The family has decided to hold off on Mike's celebration of life until the weather is better, and a party can be planned in true Mikey style. Details will be posted closer to the date. Thank you all for the love and support.

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Obituary



KOLLA, Josephine

1938 - 2023

Josephine Kolla, beloved wife of Cleon, passed away on March 28, 2023.

Josephine is survived by her husband of 60 years, and daughters Charlene (Greg) and Lorrie (Richard).

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ATTENTION WATER USERS

As the water season has arrived, we require all of the stakeholders to provide a minimum of 48 hours notice prior to your planned irrigation start up, and 24 hours notice before shutting the water off. In addition, it is also important to inform us when you are shut down due to maintenance requirements or for any other unplanned reasons. This enables us to efficiently add or remove water from our canals which allows us to provide the users with the best possible service while managing the water more efficiently. Please call to order your water on and off. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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- Joe Friedman (Gleichen/Cluny) 403-325-4642
- Wes Sproule (Rockyford) 403-325-4640
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PROPERTY

- SW ¼ 29-20-2 EPM
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- Section 6-21-2 EPM
Being Approx. 654 Acres
- SW ¼ 32-20-2 EPM
Exc Sly 1320 feet perp
Being Approx. 82 Acres
- SE ¼ 32-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres
- NE ¼ 30-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 155.89 Acres
- NW ¼ 29-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres
- NE ¼ 29-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

1. Interested parties must rely on their own inspection and knowledge of the property.
2. Tenders may be placed and accepted on one or any number or all parcels of land.
3. Tenders must be received on or before 2:30 pm on April 28, 2023.
4. Tenders must be accompanied by a \$10,000.00 cheque payable to MMJS LLP in Trust as a deposit. Deposit cheques accompanying unacceptable bids will be returned.
5. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The bidder whose tender is accepted will be required to complete an agreement covering terms and conditions of sale.
2. In addition to the deposit, the balance of the accepted tender must be paid on or before the date of closing which shall be **June 1, 2023**, or evidence provided that the purchase funds will be available under conditions acceptable to the Vendor. If the balance of the accepted tender is not paid within the set time limit the deposit may be forfeited as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.
3. Possession is not authorized until acceptable arrangements for full payment are made following acceptance of tender.
4. Successful bidder will be responsible for real property taxes commencing January 1, 2023.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of GST or shall self-assess for GST.

For further information contact
Scott W. Johnston at:
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Upcoming Council Meetings

- April 5, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
- April 12, 2023 | 6pm Committee of the Whole
- April 19, 2023 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings



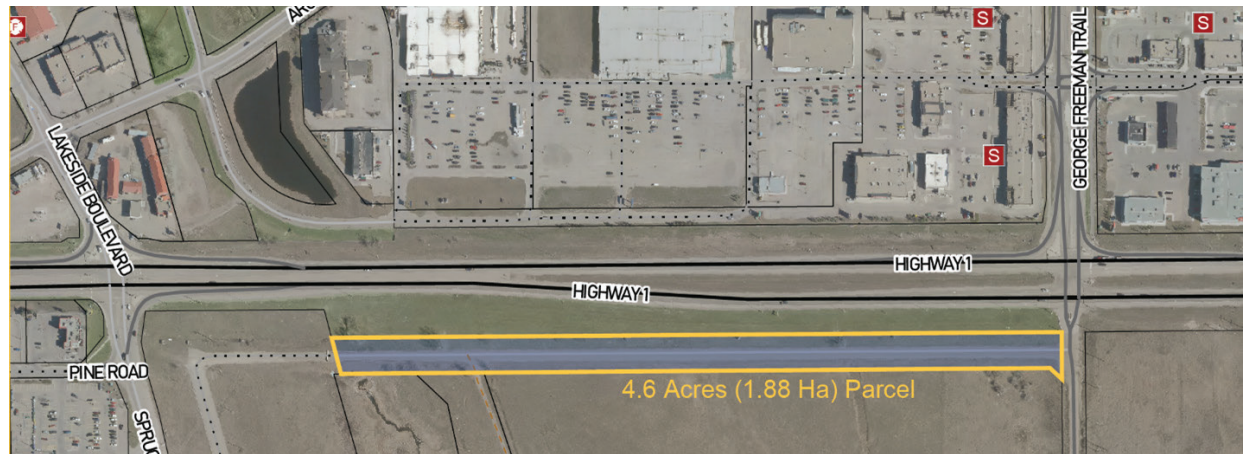
Notice of Public Hearing

Road Closure

April 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Bylaw 23-13

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to close East Pine Road adjacent to the West boundary of Spruce Park Drive and East boundary of Range Road 251. East Pine Road is an access road on the West end of Town, South of Highway 1 which borders the Legacy Farm development. Closing the road will have no impact on the community as far as transportation and access goes. Access to the Klaiber Historical Barn will still be left open, under an access agreement, until an alternative access is provided through the development of Legacy Farm.



Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaw(s) may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023**, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023** in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023** as outlined in Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at (403) 934 3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.



**TRASH TO TREASURE
APRIL 13-16, 2023**

Trash to Treasure Days encourage residents to put any usable items out prior to the Heavy Item Garbage collection so others can pick them up and give them a new home.

Donators:

- Mark your unwanted but reusable items with an HIG tag and place at same location you would place items for HIG collection.
- At the end of the Trash to Treasure Days remove any items you want to keep
- Leave items out that you want collected during HIG week

Collectors:

- Take only items marked with a HIG tag
- Respect others' properties
- Do not discard unwanted items on another resident's lawn

**HEAVY ITEM GARBAGE
APRIL 17-21, 2023**

HIG returns the week of April 17-21! Place all items at your regular garbage pickup location by 7:00 am on April 18 and affix with an HIG or mattress sticker. Stickers are available for free at the Strathmore Municipal Building anytime prior to April 17.

Examples of HIG Items:

- Washers, dryers, dishwashers, and stoves
- Furniture (sofas, love seats, tables, chairs, dressers etc.)
- Mattresses, bed frames, and box springs
- Carpet (must be rolled and no longer than 4ft)
- Separated/salvageable metal materials (small quantity)
- Small amounts of lumber (4ft length, bundled and tied)
- BBQs (propane removed)

Learn more about HIG or Trash to Treasure at Strathmore.ca/HIG