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Building growth

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Building starts in Strathmore have shown impressive gains through the first quarter of this year in comparison with 2021, according to the Town.

In a release published April 5, the Town disclosed that nearly \$4.5 million in estimated construction value had been approved in the first quarter of 2022, roughly triple that was approved by this time last year.

Director of infrastructure operations and development services, Jamie Dougdale, said it's an encouraging metric for the town to see such positive growth within the first quarter.

"We've seen a lot of building starts, a lot of housing starts so far this year and we're hoping to have a better year than last year," said Dougdale. "We might have actually a record year for single family housing starts, but we will see how the rest of the year goes."

Dougdale said Strathmore typically grows by roughly one to three per cent annually in a normal year. The town hopes to see housing developments continue to accommodate population growth numbers, as well as to see more housing options for residents.

"That's one thing we want to get better at is providing different housing choices for people. I think people are ... a little bit more confident in things moving forward, they're hoping that COVID-19 will come to an end," said Dougdale. "Interest rates are still relatively low, I think developers are more confident and builders are more confident in terms of the future."

In comparison with nearby towns and cities, Dougdale added that part of Strathmore's appeal is the relative affordability of dwelling and access to services. He estimated savings on properties can be anywhere from 10 to 20 per cent over a similar property found in cities such as Chestermere, Airdrie or Calgary.

Though many of the properties under development are intended as single-family units, the town is exploring more choices in housing development such as town-house style dwellings, secondary suites, duplexes and other multi-family accommodations.

Compared to the five dwellings which were approved in the first quarter of 2021, 14 have been approved in the same period of 2022. Of these, five were duplexes.

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Deal made!

After more than six months of negotiations, the Town of Strathmore and the Strathmore Handi-bus Association signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The agreement will see the Town covering some of the association's costs on an annual basis in order to ensure they are able to continue operations and services.

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Weekly green cart pickup returns the last week of April. Green carts are picked up weekly from May 1 to October 31 and every two weeks from November to April.

Do you have lots of compost waste to get rid of? Fill your green cart first and void packing down contents in your cart. Materials may become stuck in the cart, and the truck may not be able to fully empty it.

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Hospice Society presents to County Council regarding local palliative care

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Wheatland & Area Hospice Society (WAHS) presented to county council on April 5 during the regular council meeting, regarding how the organization fits into palliative care within the province.

WAHS representative, Joni McNeely addressed council to give an update on the society, as well as hospice efforts within the community.

"The purpose of our society and what we imagine palliative care to be, is we want to make the last days to weeks to months a little bit easier, be a little better informed and help support people as issues arise," said McNeely.

One of McNeely's larger concerns, which she made known to council, was the inadequate amount of funding that palliative care is allowed by the province and the dramatic disparity in time spent at end of life with a professional caregiver, versus without.

"We know and the Alberta Government knows that palliative care is a specific specialty of medicine, but really, five per cent of palliative care is carried out by medical personnel," said McNeely.

For the remainder of the time, McNeely explained, the patient is generally unattended to by medical personnel.

Much of the palliative care to those who are nearing the end of their lives is given and funded

by family, friends and volunteers.

"With regard to the health care system ... they (the province) are recognizing there is a huge dependency on volunteers and the community itself. We have lost our innate ability to care in the community for the dying," said McNeely. "Doctors are sixth on the list of resources that families and patients seek help from. We realize that palliative care is no longer about the illness, it's about the journey, the loss, the heartaches and the personal growth."

McNeely also discussed at length about the need for more funding and more professional caregivers outside of a hospital setting.

Councillor Rick Laursen, empathizing with the need for more funding towards palliative care, inquired as to what would be necessary of the county to aid in the WAHS's efforts.

"This is a great thing. I know what I went through in 2018 with my father and the limited amount of funding that was available to allow for him to die in his home," said Laursen. "How can we support these programs to switch the model? Back then, the funding for him to stay in the hospital was not transferrable to take him home."

McNeely suggested the county continue to spread the message that majority of palliative care will be done in the community and to apply pressure to the provincial government to release funds for further care.

Town agrees to three-year funding agreement with Strathmore Stampede

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore will once again be sponsoring the Strathmore Stampede this summer, following the renewal of their sponsorship agreement.

During the April 5 regular council meeting, the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society (SDAS) presented to council their request to continue the agreement.

Town council had previously agreed to a two-year sponsorship of the Strathmore Stampede in 2020, with a chance to renew the agreement in the third year.

The original agreement was motioned into effect again and will carry forward for the next three years, with the town budgeting \$25,750 annually for the Strathmore Stampede.

Town administration had recommended council proceed with this course of action on the basis that it would allow for budgeting stability around the event over the duration of the agreement.

Although the recommendation from town administration was to approve a three-year funding agreement, town council also had the option to sign a one or two-year agreement instead.

Prior to the renewal of the sponsorship agreement, Strathmore Town Council had budgeted \$21,750 in 2022 to put towards the event. The now extra \$4,000 will be taken from the communication and marketing operational

budget to cover the difference.

According to administration, the 2021 Strathmore Stampede enjoyed a record attendance.

Ag Society president and CEO, Ryan Schmidt, wrote to council with the request for sponsorship prior to the discussion.

"After hitting record attendance last year and growing our event by adding the Friday night concert, we are determined to continue to build the event for the benefit of the community, its businesses and in support of our proud ranching and farm-

ing heritage," said Schmidt. "With the support of the Town and despite the lingering effects of the pandemic, we are determined to have a safe and phenomenal August long weekend for businesses, residents and visitors."

Following a motion from Councillor Denise Peterson to approve the agreement, the motion for a three-year agreement, as presented was passed without opposition.

As per its usual operation dates, the Strathmore Stampede is currently scheduled to take place over the August long weekend, this year running from July 29 to Aug. 1.

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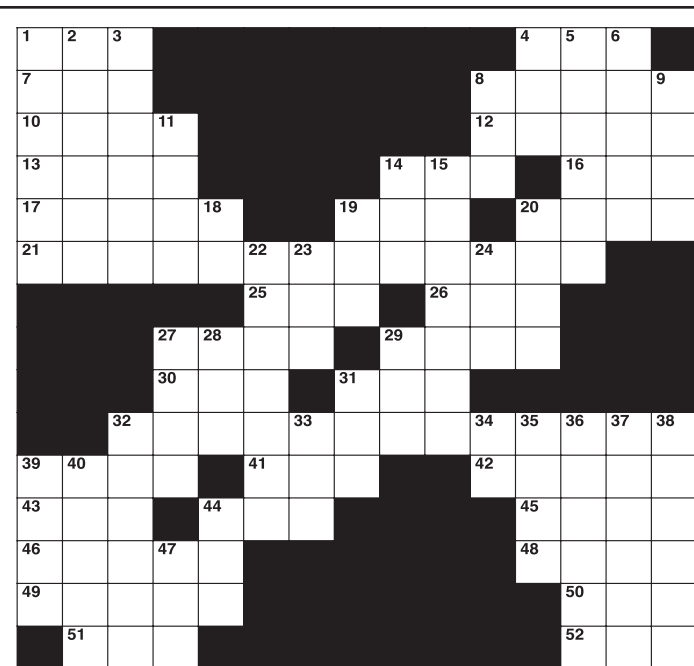
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- 10. Not excessive
- 12. African antelope
- 13. A way to fly a glider
- 14. Tough softly
- 16. In the course of
- 17. Early Mesoamerican people
- 19. A way to drop down
- 20. Mistake!
- 21. Housing developments
- 25. Baseball stat
- 26. No (Scottish)
- 27. Type of cuisine
- 29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- 30. Marry
- 31. Buffer solution
- 32. Legendary rock band
- 39. Recording industry show
- 41. A way to consume
- 42. Lake in Botswana
- 43. Political action committee
- 44. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 45. Very eager
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Nocturnal insect
- 49. Challenged to perform
- 50. Thus far
- 51. Famed NYC arena
- 52. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small, purple-black fruit
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Northwestern Mexico town
- 6. Edible fruit
- 8. Upper-class southern young woman
- 9. Sums up
- 11. The most worthless part
- 14. Dash
- 15. Sufferings
- 18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- 19. Indian title of respect
- 20. Poems meant to be sung
- 22. Actor Cooper
- 23. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 24. Clumsy person
- 27. Figures
- 28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- 29. Old cloth
- 31. Explosive
- 32. Automobiles
- 33. 007's creator
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JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Strathmore Town Council has officially proclaimed April 24-30 to be National Volunteer Appreciation Week, following a recommendation from administration.

“It’s an important part of our town’s recognition of the many volunteers that we have. Our community benefits from over 70,000 hours of volunteering every year,” said Jamie Dougdale, part of the town administration.

This year’s National Volunteer Appreciation Week will be hosted by the Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), with the theme being “volunteering is empathy in action.”

According to administration, this theme affirms a strong connection between volunteerism and empathy.

By proclaiming the week as national volunteer week in Strathmore, the local community joins with others across the country in celebrating volunteers.

“Our community has benefited for over a hundred years from volunteer efforts like these. Our Stampede, Historical Society and Minor Hockey rely on volunteers,” said Chief Administrative Officer Kevin Scoble, in administration’s report to council regarding the proclamation.

Councilor Melissa Langmaid made the motion to accept town administration’s recommendation that National Volunteer Appreciation week be adopted in the Town of Strathmore.

Langmaid’s motion was carried without opposition by fellow councilors.

Standing in for Mayor Pat Fule, Deputy Mayor Jason Montgomery made the proclamation following council’s decision to pass Councilor Langmaid’s motion.

Volunteer Canada has released a package regarding how celebrating municipalities can show their support during the week.

Strathmore’s local FCSS has yet to release a statement regarding what is planned over the duration of Volunteer Appreciation Week.



Spring market season

The Strathmore Trading Post Market hosted its first April event on April 9. Locals returned to the Remuda Building at the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society grounds to browse what local vendors had to offer. The market is scheduled to operate every second Saturday going forward.

John Watson Photos



Celebrating women

The Strathmore Women’s Conference returned as an in-person event on April 9 for women to come out and socialize, participate in workshops, browse vendors and learn about several topics of potential interest to them.



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Shields responds to 2022 NDP - Liberal Budget

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARTIN SHIELDS

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament for Bow River, released the following statement on the announcement of the 2022 federal budget.

“For the first time ever, the NDP-Liberal Government has tabled a budget in the House of Commons,” said Shields. “Today’s budget announcement furthers speculation that the NDP-Liberal partnership is about spending without a vision. The mechanism to measure results is missing. We are in a time where Canadians are finding it harder to pay for rising prices be it at the pumps or at grocery stores.

“Housing prices have doubled since this government has been in office and this budget does nothing to slow down this inflated housing market. This government’s claim that their investment has led to an increase in housing supply

has simply not happened. There is no reason for anyone to believe them this time around, because merely promising billions in spending doesn’t build homes.

“To incentivize investment and innovation we must de-regulate and allow Canadian industry to flourish. The energy and agriculture industries are a key part of our economy and should be encouraged to thrive.”

Construction season off to a good start in Strathmore

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“Duplexes are a great starter home for young families and they are one of the most affordable types of homes. Seeing an increase in this type of home could provide some relief for Strathmore’s affordable housing market,” said Chuck Procter, manager of development services.

Dougdale said another factor that works in Strathmore’s favour is the lack of urgency currently being experienced in Calgary.

“I don’t think there are the bidding wars that have been going on in some of the other markets in the region. I’ve heard stories like that from Calgary where people put a house on the market and there are three or four people who want to go over market the next day,” explained Dougdale. “I don’t think we’re seeing that kind of pressure here yet and hopefully we get to continue that steady growth.”

The town is estimating a number of new lots to be created this year in Strathmore. A complete report across every category of building permits is available online (strathmore.ca/buildingstatistics).

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Spring camp

The Fort McMurray Oil Barons held their Southern Alberta spring camp from April 8-10 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Eighty players primarily from Southern Alberta were invited to the camp trying to earn a spot on the team's prospect summer camp in a few months.

Joe Lepage Photos



The Wheatland Kings hosted their annual dinner and awards banquet on April 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos

Kings crown award winners

MARIO PRUSINA
Times Editor

The Wheatland Kings officially capped off their 2021-2022 season when they hosted their annual awards banquet on April 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

It was a successful season for the local Junior B team, who finished the campaign with a 17-18-1 record and made it to the second round of the HJHL playoffs.

In front of family, friends and team sponsors, the Kings gathered one last

time to celebrate the season with a nice buffet dinner and awards banquet.

Goaltender Brett Willan was named the teams Most Valuable Player, while Zach Suntjens took home the Top Defenceman title.

Jayden Hendricks and Garret Vander Ploeg were both presented the Top Forward, while Chase Clayton was selected the teams Most Dedicated Player.

Because the COVID-19 pandemic stopped the 2019-2020 season and essentially cancelled the following campaign, the Kings felt obligated to pres-

ent that season's Rookie of the Year to Jaycob Masciangelo. Forward Joel Romano claimed this season's Rookie of the Year.

The Strathmore Times Player of the Year is awarded to the player(s) who accumulate the most Player of the Game honours during the course of the campaign. Brett Willan and Kage Yellowfly finished the season in a tie and were both named the Strathmore Times Player of the Year.

The team also honoured graduating players Vander Ploeg, Suntjens, Willan and Hendricks as 'Forever a King.'

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Esteemed artist Gudrun Hirsche on display at Strathmore Library

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

With a new month comes a new artist or artists on display at the Strathmore Municipal Library. Over the course of April, Gudrun and Ken Hirsche have been welcomed back to the local gallery.

Assistant director of library services, Carmen Erison said this is the second time Gudrun has had her work on display at the library.

“She is a portrait artist and so this is something a little different than what we’ve had in our gallery before, (it) is a lot of portraits of individuals,” said Erison. “Because it is portraits, a lot of the pieces are not for sale, there’s only a select group of pieces that are for sale ... as well as maybe three or four original pieces for sale.”

Erison added that repeating artists is not something that occurs particularly often within the library’s gallery, but after a reasonable amount of time, it can happen.

“We’ve been talking about it since about last fall, on when we were going to have their work back again,” said Erison. “We generally try not to repeat

artists so quickly – we usually try to give about a year or a year and a half between when one artist is on display.”

Roughly two dozen originals are on display, as well as a number of prints depicting work Hirsche has sold previously.

Hirsche herself said she’s no stranger to showcasing her art. Her passion for creating, she said she inherited – beginning to practice at an early age.

“I have done this basically all my life. I have had one or two shows by myself here in Strathmore, but in other areas that I lived, we had exhibitions,” said Hirsche. “I inherited it from my grandmother and my dad ... ever since I was little I’ve been drawing. I see the world differently than other people. When I

look around, I look for compositions, I look for angles, I look for shapes and I see so many things I want to paint.”

Hirsche grew up in Salzburg, Austria, then resided as a young adult in Graz where she attended the local school for art professions.

She explained to learn and practice, she would attempt to copy the works of artists such as Van Gough, Picasso, Michelangelo and Monet.

Hirsche said despite having displayed and sold her art all over the world, she settled in Strathmore to be close to family in Airdrie.

A meet the artist event was hosted at the library on April 9 for those who were curious to come out, meet and chat with Hirsche about her craft.



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Gudrun Hirsche and her husband Ken are the Strathmore Municipal Library’s featured artists for the month of April. Hirsche took up art at an early age and has displayed her works all over the world prior to settling down in Strathmore.

John Watson Photos



WHEATLAND COUNTY

Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

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This program offers support to landowners in planting seedlings including drip irrigation and mulch materials. Wheatland County will pay \$2.50 per plant up to \$1000 for seedlings, and 50% up to \$500 for drip irrigation or mulch materials. GST and shipping costs are not eligible for funding.

An application form and information about available funding opportunities located as follows:
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Change of Mailing Address

In 2021, Canada Post changed over 1400 addresses in Wheatland County from rural route addresses to civic, or 911/blue sign, addresses.

If Canada Post changed your mailing address, please contact us to ensure your tax account is up to date.

We are preparing to send 2022 tax notices shortly, and it’s important to have the correct address on file, as non-receipt of the tax notice doesn’t exempt you from late penalties.

To change your address:

- **Online:** Visit www.wheatlandcounty.ca, click on ‘Taxes’ and select the ‘Change of Mailing Address Form’. Please complete the form and email it to tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.
- **Email us at** tax@wheatlandcounty.ca.
- **Call the County Office** 403-361-2029.
- **Visit the County Office** at 242006 Range Road 243.

Please be sure to mail the original Change of Address form to the Calgary Land Titles office.

We usually only accept address changes from the Land Titles Office, but due to the changes made by Canada Post and delays at the Land Titles Office, we will accept changes directly from property owners until July 2022.

DID YOUR ADDRESS CHANGE THIS YEAR?

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If you have not received your tax notice by mid-May, please contact the Wheatland County Office. Taxes are due June 30 and late penalties will be applied on July 1.

Note: Under the Municipal Government Act, Section 337, a tax notice is deemed to have been received seven days after it is sent. Non-receipt of your property tax bill does not exempt you from late payment penalties.



Strathmore shines

The Strathmore Performing Arts Festival was held in town from March 26 to April 2 and was capped off with the Aheer Family Showcase Concert on April 6 at the Hope Community Covenant Church. The festival included performances in voice, musical theatre, choir, concert band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, classroom music, piano, along with instrumental solos, duets and small ensembles.

Photos Courtesy of Lisa Thiessen

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- Locking your vehicle doors is a quick and simple way to help prevent this crime.
- Hide loose change inside the vehicle where it can't easily be seen and take all items of any value with you when leaving your car.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended.

Strathmore RCMP ask residents to help do their part by ensuring their property is properly locked.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE

Gord Morck Pharmacist

Capsule Comments

One of the best medicines in the world is a positive attitude although it has been very difficult to find these past couple years. People who are more cheerful and who take time to enjoy the simple pleasures of life, seem to have less sickness. Even if they do get sick, they seem to get well faster because of their positive mental state.

Socrates said, "When your feet hurt, you hurt all over". Often, foot pain is the result of poor fitting shoes. You can *prevent* corns, bunions, and other foot problems by wearing well-fitted shoes. But if you *have* these problems, pharmacists can suggest measures to bring some relief.

Here's tip on giving liquid medication to children. Try using a dropper or an oral syringe and aim the medicine to the back of the cheek. This by-passes some of the taste buds at the back of the tongue, the area that senses bitter tastes.

Also, a bit of ice cream is helpful to numb the taste buds before bad-tasting medications are given.

When you ask for advice on choosing a non-prescription medication remedy, the pharmacist may ask you a few questions about your health and what other medications you are taking. This so the products recommended will not cause problems with your existing medical condition. It's an important part of the role of pharmacists and to help you get the right medication for your needs.

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Grace and Glorie warms hearts at Rosebud Theatre

LAUREEN F. GUENTHER
Times Contributor

Grace and Glorie, a play by Tom Ziegler, opened at Rosebud Theatre on April 1. It's directed by David Snider

and plays in Rosebud's Opera House until May 28.

Grace, played by Norma Roth, is a 90-year-old woman who has cancer. She has left the hospital so she can die in her own home, on her own terms.

Glorie is Grace's nickname for Gloria, a highly-educated, well-intentioned yet uninformed hospice volunteer who's come to care for her. Gloria is played by Sarah Robinson, a fourth-year student at Rosebud School of the Arts (RSA).

The audience soon learns that Grace has suffered many losses in her 90 years, losses that run deeper than the orchard that a developer is demolishing around her, and much heavier than most of us think we could bear.

The audience learns that Gloria's losses are not so visible, but they are crippling her too.

Gloria has come to give Grace physical care, but Gloria needs care for her soul. And in a beautiful role reversal, it is frail, 90-year-old Grace who cares for her.

Roth and Robinson disappear into these characters. Roth's awkward gait, a Blue Ridge Mountain accent and facial expressions convinced me she really is a 90-year-old mountain woman who urgently needs to "make water." I believed that Robinson truly is a bitter, highly-strung, do-gooding lawyer from New York.

Though we are far from the Blue Ridge Mountains, Grace and Glorie are people we know. After two years of pandemic and polarization, we need their story more than ever.

We've learned that people who are elderly need more than professional caregiving. And here is Grace, reminding us that elderly people still have a lot to give back.



Sarah Robinson (left) plays Gloria, a sophisticated but uninformed hospice volunteer, and Norma Roth plays 90-year-old Grace, in Grace and Glorie, playing at Rosebud Theatre until May 28.

Photo Courtesy of Morris Ertman

Grace and Glorie also help us reconsider how we handle disagreement. Though they're tempted to walk away – and it seems, for a while, that they will – Grace and Glorie keep coming back. They encourage us to keep coming back to our own relationships and to fight harder for each other than for our need to be right.

Grace and Glorie plays on every Wednesday to Saturday in April, and each Wednesday to Sunday in May, until May 28. Tickets may be purchased with or without a gourmet meal, served in the Mercantile before the show. Contact Rosebud Theatre at 1-800-267-7553 or rosebudtheatre.com for more information or tickets.



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Library programs return

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is excited to be bringing back their regular programming, particularly for kids and students.

Assistant director of library services, Carmen Erison said the team is eager to bring back programs to encourage folks to come and make regular use of their local library.

"Now that restrictions have lifted, the

Strathmore Library has been actively pursuing, bringing back our big programs," said Erison. "Prior to COVID-19, the library would run programs every day when kids were off school and we want to bring that back."

As an immediate example, games and puzzles have been brought back for regular public use. Erison also added that later in the month spring break programming will once again be available for drop in or pre-registration.

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Tickets may not be purchased outside of Alberta or by any persons under the age of 18. Ticket Packages – 50 for \$75, 150 for \$150, 500 for \$250. Stampede Million 50/50 – 1 for \$10, 5 for \$25, 50 for \$75, 100 for \$100. VIP Draw – May 18, 2022, Early Bird Draw – June 22, 2022 at Stride Management Corp. in Calgary, AB. All other draws are on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Licence numbers (tickets printed) – 2022 Rotary Dream Home Licence #592518 (6,701,000), 2022 Kinsmen Million Licence #592520 (5,000,750), Stampede Million 50/50 Licence # 592519 (1,982,500).

Town established MoU with Happy Cat Sanctuary

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has approved a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Happy Cat Sanctuary, agreeing to provide them with \$50,000 for the 2022 financial year.

During the March 16 regular council meeting, Happy Cat Sanctuary originally presented the request to council for additional funding to continue operations without shortfall. The Town has previously funded Happy Cat, though in smaller sums.

During the recent council meeting on April 6, Councillor Denise Peterson motioned for council to approve the MoU as presented. However, Councillor Jason Montgomery did not support the motion, citing that although the town does have a bylaw regarding loose and feral cats, \$50,000 was more than he would want to see expended on the problem.

"I've gone over the information that's been provided and I've asked for follow-up on (that) information ... in my first couple years on council, I've seen this start out with a smaller ask from council, then that ask increased, and it's increased again," said Montgomery. "I'm concerned about the fact that this is an increasing cost for the town and meanwhile, we have ever dwindling free funds. I have concerns about whether this money should be directed this way, how much money should be directed this way."

Additionally, Montgomery said dealing that with other pests, such as skunks, seemed to him like a higher priority issue than roaming cats.

Financially, another of Montgomery's concerns included that due to the scale of operation on which Happy Cat is operating, and the fact that they are bringing in cats from outside the town, whether Strathmore's finances were being adequately spent on a Strathmore problem.

"My concern is that there is town money being put towards a problem that is essentially from out of town," said Montgomery. "I think it's fair to

say that if there were not cats being brought in from out of town, the scale of Happy Cat would probably not be what it is and (they) wouldn't need as many volunteers, volunteer hours, it wouldn't need possibly retail space to be rented if there were not hundreds of extra cats being brought in."

"As a previous volunteer for Happy Cat I appreciate the work that they're doing in the community, not only from the aspect of saving cats, taking them off the streets and making sure that they're fed, find homes and all that, but also for the community spirit that they foster in Strathmore," said Councillor Melissa Langmaid, who was fully in support of establishing the MoU with Happy Cat Sanctuary. "(With) the amount of people who come together to volunteer at that facility, I feel like we're getting much more than just cat control. We're getting a facility that really encourages young people, old people, everyone from the community to come out and volunteer."

She added her belief that Strathmore would be hard pressed to find a similar level of service for the same price looking elsewhere than the local sanctuary, in addition to potentially losing the established community and volunteer opportunities that Happy Cat provides.

Mayor Pat Fule, also on board with the proposed funding amount, suggested that if the town is paying for cat control regardless, he would rather it be a positive community experience as opposed to occupying town staff.

"One way or another, Strathmore is going to have to pay for the cat situation that develops. We don't really know the cost of how it would be for our enforcement officers to have to manage that situation," said Fule. "We pay one way or the other. I don't know which way is cheaper, but I would much rather have our enforcement officers in town doing their jobs, as opposed to having to drive to the city to have cats looked after."

Ultimately, Councillor Peterson's motion to provide the Happy Cat Sanctuary with \$50,000 in funding for the 2022 financial year, was carried.

Library to host Titanic lecture

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"Things are starting to open up and definitely we're getting busier," she said. "It feels wonderful to have these things happening."

Organized events are scheduled from April 19-22 in the library. These will include past fan-favourites such as "Get Your Game On" with the full program room being opened and set up with tables of puzzles and board games.

The following day, April 20, will be "Lego in the Library," a drop-in event for kids to come by and assemble to their heart's content, using the available materials.

April 21 is scheduled to be the library's "Early Earth Day," a registration required though free event designed for kids in grades 1-6 to learn about the environment with fun and engaging activities.

"The one program that we are truly excited to bring back is our Titanic lecture. In 2015 and 2012, we welcomed

Larry Robertson, (who) is a Titanic historian and the cofounder of the Canadian Titanic Society," said Erison. "Larry is a Titanic encyclopaedia. He knows everything Titanic - he knows the entire passenger list, he has historical footage of when some of the boats were being built, he's got schematics of the boat and he has a large collection of Titanic memorabilia."

Titanic articles will be on display at the library starting April 14 and will be up for the week leading up to the Titanic program. From Robertson's collection, this will include chinaware and dish replicas, newspapers, documentation, books and more.

"Larry has presented all over the world and it's just wonderful that we're able to continue to welcome him back and every time he comes back, it's such a great experience," said Erison.

More details about the Library's spring programming and the Titanic presentations can be found on the library's website.

Obituary

FALKENBERG, Mervin

August 15th, 1948
- Tuesday, March 29th, 2022



Mervin Falkenberg passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with family at his side at Bethany Riverview in Calgary at the age of 73, after a lengthy time living with Lewy Body Dementia. He was the beloved husband of Janet (Bergstresser).

Born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Mervin moved with his family from Winnipeg to Calgary in 1979. He is survived by his wife Janet, two sons Sean (Shon) and Dean (Sherry), and grandchildren Kingston and Jodeanna.

Devoted son of Alex and Leona Falkenberg (both pre-deceased), Mervin was loved and adored by his surviving siblings; Gordon (Sue), Allen (Pat), Norma (Brian Shrimpton), and numerous loved and cherished nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Mervin was a career Accountant (CMA) holding executive positions at Enterra Oilfield (Key), Badger Daylighting, and numerous consulting positions, as well as spending 20 years operating a greenhouse business (Greenview Nurseries) with his wife and son, retiring in 2016.

We cannot thank the Staff at Bethany Riverview enough for the care and support during our beloved father and husband's final years. We also want to thank the many Nurses and Doctors over the years for supporting our family as we navigated this journey.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Mervin's name to Bethany Riverview or the Calgary Parkinson's Society (for research).

A Celebration of Mervin's Life will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Habebe's Banquet Hall (2611 37 Ave NE #1, Calgary, AB).

To view and share photos, condolences and stories of Mervin please visit www.choicememorial.com. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Choice Memorial Cremation & Funeral Services (403) 277-7343.

Obituary

RAPPEL, Dallas Joseph



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Dallas Joseph Rappel announce his passing on April 3, 2022, at the age of 36 years, after having fought a

short battle with an extremely aggressive cancerous brain tumor. Dallas is survived by his wife Rachelle; daughters Fallon, Brynn and Avery; mother and father Marilyn and Fred; sister Shawna Young (Tim, nephews Austin, Ethan and Jaxon, niece Charlie); brothers Chris (Dawn, nephew Will, niece Skye) and Rob (Susan); mother-in-law Joyce; father-in-law Daniel; and maternal grandmother Gail. He was predeceased by his grandparents Rosina Giles and Ernie Irion.

Dallas was born in Stettler, Alberta and moved to Strathmore in 1991. He attended school in Strathmore and completed studies in the Alberta Apprenticeship Program working as a Finishing Carpenter with his brother Chris. Dallas then became a Contract Oilfield operator under the guidance of Grove Oilfield Contracting of Strathmore. Subsequently he became an independent Gas Plant Operator until he became an employee of Lynx Gas and Oil as an operator at their Redland Plant.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy and happiness to Dallas. He loved his quiet evenings with Rachelle and the girls while enjoying a glass of wine and smoking another brisket on his smoker on the back deck. He enjoyed his horse Doug, annual mountain hunting trips with his dear friend Corey, hockey and camping. His greatest joy in the last few years was cooking and bar-b-queing, golf, trips to the mountains and spending time with Rachelle and the girls.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dallas' memory can be made directly to a charity or a cause of your choice. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at Hope Community Covenant Church (Strathmore) at 10:00 a.m.

To send condolences, please visit Dallas' obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

Wheatland Funeral Home
Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

Obituary

CARNINE, Dorothy J.

Dorothy passed away on April 4, 2022. She is survived by three sisters and many nieces and nephews. Dorothy was predeceased by her parents and brother. At Dorothy's request, there will be no funeral service. Donations in her memory may be made directly to your local animal rescue society.

To send condolences, please visit Dorothy's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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Thank you for your visits, phone calls, cards, gifts, flowers, food and donations to the Strathmore District Health Foundation.

Thank you to Wheatland Funeral Home, Father Tom, the staff at the Strathmore & District Hospital, Dr. Senzani and Joanne.

You are all truly appreciated and I cannot begin to tell you how much your assistance, guidance, and thoughts and prayers has comforted me through this sad time.

Sincere appreciation,
Vera Hermanson



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Returning Officer

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COMING EVENTS

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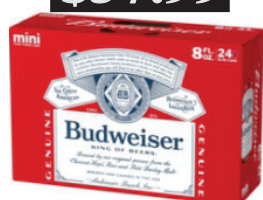
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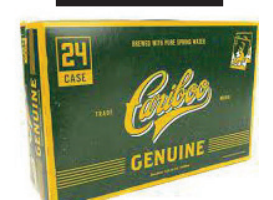
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