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CGC recruits for job openings

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CGC announced April 8, the beginning of their recruitment for 100 full-time manufacturing positions at its facility currently under development in Wheatland County.

Once operational, scheduled to be in 2026, the facility will produce drywall wallboard panels and ship to distributors across western Canada by truck and rail.

"Groundbreaking took place in 2024 and today we are essentially only a few months away from hiring on our first crew of individuals who are going to run our new wallboard line, and then shortly, a few months after that we will begin our operation," said Duane Van Duuren, plant manager for CGC Wheatland. "What we are looking to do is fill all the positions we need to start up our plant safely and efficiently and effectively on time. To do that, we need a number of individuals to bring on site and begin the training process to learn all about CGC, learn all about our operating practices."

CGC roles being recruited for include production and supply chain operators, production and supply chain coordinators, quality technicians, mechanics, electricians, PLC technicians, and administrative professionals.

Van Duuren emphasized the opportunities offered by CGC are able to be considered as avenues to build careers, rather than just being an offhand job.

"They are rewarding and meaningful and very safe career opportunities for someone to be very proud of, and that is the reputation that we want to continue to build here in Wheatland County," he said. "To manufacture any product, you need a lot of different individuals to do different skills. We are looking for experiences from all different types, certainly from skilled trades ... operators, board production; we are looking for somebody who has the right attitude, who can work safe and wants to have a good career."

He explained an applicant does not necessarily need to have a background in manufacturing, nor in the creation of chips and wallboard.

Interviews to fill the open positions are likely to begin over the summer, but no exact date was given. Similarly, no strict application deadline has been set.

Following the establishment of the facility and operations becoming consistent, CGC plans to begin another wave of hiring in order to be able to operate 24/7.

CGC's wallboard manufacturing facility was first announced in July 2022 and is being executed alongside partners including Wheatland County, the Government of Alberta, Siksika Nation, and Invest Alberta.

For those who are curious about the opportunities, more information as well as application portals are available online at www.usg.com, as well as through standardized recruiting websites.



The Joy of Music!

Lisa Jacobs, alongside Jory Kinjo and the Music Discovery members, performed at the Hope Community Covenant Church on April 8 as part of the Hope Bridges concert series, bringing together an afternoon of inspiration, talent and community celebration through music. Melissa Piche Photo



Chapel Rock Development hosted a VIP Opening of their presentation centre in Lakes of Muirfield on April 11. Paul Berggman (right photo, I-r), Tom Ekert, Scott Klassen, John Kearney, Heather Dougall and Scott Kolewaski were on hand for the ribbon cutting to celebrate the occasion.

Joe Lepage Photos





Lakes of Muirfield hosts information openings for neighbourhood development

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Lakes of Muirfield hosted VIP and public openings, April 11 and 12, respectively, to showcase and discuss ongoing, as well as future developments for the neighbourhood.

The openings allowed an opportunity to meet the developer, Chapel Rock Developments, learn about the upcoming development phase releases, and talk to the Exclusive Builders Group.

The property, which is located in Lyalta, was purchased by Chapel Rock Developments and Winchester Builders in March. The rights to purchase the

residential lands were awarded to the developers by Wheatland County.

"We invited residents of Lakes of Muirfield, council members, media – it is the first time the presentation center has been open. The new builders were here talking about our release of the new phase," said Heather Dougall, vice president of sales and marketing with Lakes of Muirfield. "The County of Wheatland put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) back in the summer, so a bid for somebody to purchase and develop the rest of the Lakes of Muirfield, which is approximately 300 lots on a commercial site."

Ongoing development will see the construction of single-family homes, seniors' villas, and commercial-use buildings.

Dougall explained Lakes of Muirfield has been working towards this point for the last 12 years; now having a true developer in place, the team is looking to build momentum, advancing the development phases.

"We have had quite good growth but having a developer on site, that is somebody that people can go to, talk to, keeping consistency, and then also having the builders group is key," said Dougall. "We are hoping to get the excavators out on site on May 1, and the builders building houses starting Aug. 1 so show home parades going in – so we should see some completion of houses probably by November."

The majority of the houses which will be completed during this phase of construction will be large bungalows or two-story units, with prices starting approximately at \$800,000 and up.

Each lot is able to accommodate a triple car garage with the bungalows being planned to be in the 1,500 square foot range and up, while the two-story houses will be 1,800 square feet and up.

"We are a semi-estate community ... you have the triple car garages, architecturally, you have to have stucco or hardy board, aggregate driveway – it is not a starter community. The majority of the lots back up onto the canal, onto a pond, or onto the golf course, and they are all minimum 50 feet wide," said Dougall.

The presentation center will be open on a regular basis for people to come in, meet the builders, and view layouts of all the lots.

Lakes of Muirfield plans to continue hosting similar events as development continues, and as new construction phases begin. More information is also available online (www.lakesofmuirfield.com).





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Annual job fair returns to Strathmore

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Prospect Human Services hosted their annual job fair in Strathmore at the Travelodge, April 9, aiming to connect hundreds of job seekers with potential employers.

The event is hosted every spring in collaboration with the Town of Strathmore. This year's event saw 27 participating employers. It was anticipated that approximately 400 job seekers would attend the event throughout the afternoon.

"We are super thrilled with the turnout. In terms of employers, we had a wait list actually going. I could not accommodate everyone that wanted to be here, just given the size of the venue," said Erin Fenton, workforce advisor for Prospect Human Services. "This year, at all of our job fairs in the Rocky View-Wheatland region, as well as Calgary, we have been hitting records. There has been record-breaking attendance for all of them."

Last year, the job fair event in Strathmore attracted 22 employers and approximately 355 job seekers. The goal for next year being to grow by a further 20 per cent.

Fenton explained the current environment is an employer market. Despite this however, employers are eager to meet prospective hires in person as many are feeling overwhelmed by the number of job seekers applying online, and job application sites not meeting their needs.

"Indeed, and then through their websites, they are getting a lot of applicants, but HR teams do not have the capacity to manage that load and so these job fairs really allow them to get a sense of who their job seekers are and to connect with them one-on-one, have a quick chat, they take a resume, and then maybe follow up with that job seeker," she said. "Our employers are finding these very valuable, despite it being the fact that it is an employer market and the number of job seekers has definitely gone up because unemployment has increased."

Factors attributed to the current employment situation include an increase in migration into Alberta, increased newcomers looking for work, and a surplus of people changing careers.

In-person job fairs also create opportunities for employers to conduct sit-down interviews on site with attractive applicants

Inversely, an in-person event may also favour applicants who prefer not to use job application sites such as Indeed.

Demographics seen at the Strathmore job fair range from teenagers in high school looking for their first jobs to adults looking for a new opportunity.

Employers featured at the event included retailers, food service, first responders, construction, nurseries, aviation, and early childhood education, among others.

Outside of the in-person job fair, Prospect Human Services



has an office in Strathmore for job seekers to access during operating hours.

"We also have a lot of online workshops that people can access. This is all at no cost because it is heavily funded by the government. On the employer side, we also provide workshops, training, and we do hiring events like this," said Fenton. "We do online connectors where we have employers meet with potential job seekers and they talk about their industry, the organization and how they can apply for certain roles that are available."





Prospect Human Services hosted their annual job fair in Strathmore at the Travelodge on April 9. In all, there were 27 local employers in attendance limited only by the space of the chosen venue. It was anticipated over 400 job seekers would attend the event over the course of the day.

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Fantastic finale

Performers took centre stage at the Strathmore Performing Arts Festival Final Concert at the Hope Community Covenant Church on April 9, showcasing top-notch talent from the recent festival. The evening celebrated outstanding musical and theatrical achievements from young performers, from piano to musical theatre, school band and

> **Melissa Piche and Carolyn Steeves Photos**





peted at the Dance Power competition in Lethbridge (Impermanence, contemporary small group winner). **Photo Courtesy of Heather Thomas**

took part in the Catch Dance Productions in Brooks March and Scholarship high score winners were Summer Moskal (Top photo I-r), Charleigh Burns, Heather Thomas (director EDG), Malia Murdoch and Mia Srubawich. lia Murdoch, Mia Srubowich, Charleigh Burns, Sophie Morton. Helena Temple, Madison Sexton and Hailey Butland also com-

Small town, big talent

HEATHER THOMAS

Expressions the Dance Gallery

Expressions the Dance Gallery, fondly referred to as EDG, is making its mark again this dance competition season.

Strathmore's dance school is really showing Alberta that small town talent truly exists.

After two dance competitions in Brooks and Lethbridge, students of EDG have come home with multiple awards - from individual solos to large groups.

"Brooks was March 28-30 and we were very happy with the results of our first competition of the 2025 season," said Heather Thomas, Artistic Director and owner of EDG. "We were against five other studios from Alberta, and I can proudly say we were shinning

There were multiple high score awards (Diamond's mark is 91 plus), with students taking top awards in Lyrical, Open, Contemporary and Acrobatics. Several dancers also received monetary and tuition scholarships.

EDG then travelled to the Power Dance Competition in Lethbridge April 3-6. With six different high caliber studios from Alberta, the bar was set very high. Again, many students won their categories for individual performances, duets, trios and groups.

"I must point out an exceptional win by our advanced contemporary dancers," says Thomas.

Seven students performed 'Impermanence," choreographed by Brittney Anderson of Calgary, scoreing a 94 near the start of the competition.

That mark held all the way to the final day, winning not only the category, but the highest scoring routine for their

This group then moved on to the final dance off, where the best of the best compete again in a showcase. Impermanence won again, along with judges' choice for contemporary routine.

"To say I'm proud is not enough," says Thomas. "These dancers rose to the challenge and dug deep. Bringing it all and leaving it on the stage."

EDG will now prepare for two more competitions in May in Red Deer and Okotoks respectively.

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Town adopts change to 2024 reserve funding accounting policy

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore council met during a special meeting on April 7, to discuss an accounting policy change to the 2024 reserve funding.

It was recommended by administration they be directed by council to fund the change in accounting policy, reflected in the 2024 year-end audited financial statements, out of the financial stabilization reserve in the amount of \$125,000.

"Administration has substantially completed the 2024 financial statement audit ... last year, we were issued a qualified opinion on our 2023 statements as had not yet accounted for asset retirement obligation (ARO) at that time, which we now have completed and accounted for," said Riley Brolly, manager of financial planning, budgeting and reporting for the Town of Strathmore. "In collaboration with our auditors at Avail LLP, we have determined the best course of action is to retroactively apply these ARO calculations as they are now reflected in the 2023 annual audit statements.'

Brolly explained the change in policy necessitates a \$125,000 reduction in the financial stabilization reserve to reflect the impact of applying the ARO, being the best practice to ensure reserves are accurately accounted for.

This change goes does not alter the town's financial position in any way, rather it simply accounts for the retroactive changes correctly.

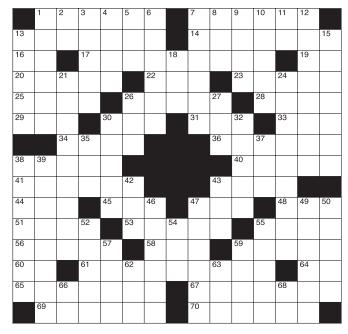
ARO is the public sector accounting standard which the Town of Strathmore falls under, implemented in the last couple of years, which is related to municipalities having to account for the cost of decommissioning assets when there is a legal obligation related to it.

"Depending on the municipality, there can be a wide array of things. In our case, it is older buildings that have asbestos in them - so it is basically accounting for the cost of remediating and abating the asbestos today based on when we expect to do it," said Brolly.

Town administration noted they agreed with the recommendations presented by Avail LLP. The draft financial statements which will be presented at the April 16 regular meeting of council will be required to reflect the impact of the motion due to timing requirements of having financial statements to be approved and submitted to Municipal Affairs no later than May 1.

"When we think of reserves, we think of having put funds aside for the future however we choose to spend them. Based on this standard, we have to consider this a liability to us because we have to expend these funds now. There is no discretion on it," said Brolly.

Coun. Richard Wegener motioned that council direct administration to fund the change in accounting policy as recommended in the meeting agenda. This motion was carried unanimously by council.



True North hosting spring high tea

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The True North Society is hosting a high tea fundraiser and fashion show, April 26, at The Gathering Ranch in Strathmore.

The Bridgerton-inspired event aims to both raise money and awareness about the organization, as well as to offer a unique event for the community to come out and enjoy.

"It is going to be a spring-focused pre-Mother's Day celebration. It is going to be everything you would visualize when you think about having an afternoon tea - dainty sandwiches and tea service in a floral-themed setting," said Rochelle Mathieu, event planner and fundraising lead with the True North Society. "We have never done an event like this before and we really just wanted to do something that celebrated spring - it is kind of a symbol for hope and renewal of the season."

In addition to the funds raised through ticket sales for the event itself, a silent auction will also be featured during the festivities. Items up for bidding largely center around self-care.

True North typically hosts three large-scale fundraising events throughout a given year, being a drag show, a golf tournament, and a winter gala. Additionally, several smaller events are typically assembled periodically in the interim.

Mathieu explained the team at True North hopes to see the new high tea become an annual celebration, which stemmed from a desire to host something different, try something new and celebrate the women in the community.

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"All of the money that we raise goes towards all of our different types of programs. So, for instance, this money goes towards paying for our crisis line to be running 24/7. Last year, our impact report came out and those calls resulted in 20,412 minutes spent by crisis intervention workers providing direct services," she said. "In those calls, that also included 1,079 shelter admission requests ... our scope is quite large because we go as far north as Trochu, as far east as Drumheller and Hussar, and then as far south as Milo and Mossleigh, and then all the way to Chestermere."

Mathieu added last year, True North was able to provide 386 hours of direct yoga programming, as well as 2,922 hours of child and youth programming, serving 192 kids.

True North is actively seeking sponsorship for the high tea event within the community for décor, as well as directly monetarily to support the event.

Additionally, the team is seeking models of all ages to participate in the fashion show. The team is highlighting their "Mom and Me" segment of the show where mothers and their children can walk the runway together.

Those who are interested are encouraged to contact Mathieu via email (rochellem@truenorthab.com) in order to participate.

Tickets for the event are already available for purchase. More information is available through the True North website.

The overall goal of the event is to raise between \$5,000 and \$7,000 through its various efforts.

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- 1. Dark blacks
- 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer
- 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down 22. China's Chairman
- 23. Former Houston footballer
- 25. Periods of time 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 29. A Brit's mother 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. Type of spirit Ladd, actor
- 36. A medium oversees it
- 38. One time province of
- British India

- 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up
- 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians
- 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes 55. Samoa's capital
- 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports official
- 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story
- 65. Marked by no sound 67. Weathers
- 69. Denouncements

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Winged nut
- 2. It cools a home
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- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key
- 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly
- 8. Not around
- 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein 11. Greek letter
- 12. Movements
- 13. Ned ___, composer 15. Popular series Game of
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 21. Helper 24. Gift
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- 27. Treat without respect
- 30. Trims

- 70. More beloved
- 35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)
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- 38. Island nation
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Hitting the right note

Times Contributor

Strathmore's music scene will come alive this spring as the Strathmore Musical Arts Society welcomes Canadian duo Scarlett Butler to the Travelodge on April 26.

Scarlett Butler is more than just a band – it's a collaboration built on love, creativity and a deep-rooted passion for song writing. The Calgary-based duo is comprised of married couple Troy Kokol and Joni Delaurier, singer-songwriters who met by chance and started their journey writing for other artists, contributing to over 300 songs in their careers. But



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it was the quiet reflective time of the pandemic that sparked a new chapter for the pair.

"We'd kind of threatened to do something together for a while," said Delaurier. "As a couple we loved singing on each other's songs and performing together, but it wasn't until we had more time during the pandemic that we really started writing just for us. And that's how Scarlett Butler was formed."

Writing for themselves has opened new creative doors. Influences range from legends like Willie Nelson and Hank Williams Jr. to contemporary icons such as The Weepies and Jason Isbell -artists known for their lyrical storytelling.

"We're all over the map," laughed Kokol. "The Beatles, Nirvana, Dolly Parton, even Taylor Swift. If you only ever listen to what you like, you'll never learn anything new."

Scarlett Butler's upcoming performance was originally scheduled before the pandemic and had to be postponed. Now, after crossing paths with local organizer Linda Storkson several times, the duo is excited to finally bring their music to Strathmore

"It feels like we're visiting old friends," said Delaurier. "We've gotten to know some of the folks through other events and this one feels extra spe-

The April 26 concert promises more than just

"We're an acoustic duo, so it's intimate. We poke fun at each other on stage - it's like being invited into our living room," said Delaurier. "We hope people sing along, laugh with us and maybe even cry a little. We've had 20 years of learning how to write songs for others. Now we're telling our own

Attendees can expect to hear a mix of those songs written for others, but also brand-new tracks from their upcoming debut album titled Until Now, set to release this fall.

Beyond the concert, Scarlett Butler is also focused on building community through song writing. They co-founded The Calgary Songsmiths, a barrier-free group that

welcomes songwriters from across southern Alberta.

"We meet monthly and it's one of the largest independent song-writing groups in North America," said Delaurier. "It's all about support and growth."

For aspiring musicians, their advice is simple but powerful.

"Read great books. Listen to great music. Falling in love with the written word is really how one becomes a great lyricist," said Delaurier. "Be patient. The apple tree analogy is our favourite - you plant it, water it and have faith that it will bear fruit in five to 10 years. It's hard to have that kind of patience but those who are able to tend to have success."

Kokol explained the importance of being patient and persuing your Dreams.

Looking ahead, the duo plans to tour across Western Canada continuing to explore new venues and connect with audiences in meaningful

"We've always believed music will guide us if we keep it joyful," Kokol reflected. "We have that ability to allow doors to open when they're ready and the adventure is always a good one."

Scarlett Butler performs at the Strathmore Travelodge on Saturday, April 26. The evening will also feature special guest Charlie Ewing. Tickets can be purchased online (strathmorearts.com) for \$60 or at various ticket outlets in town. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. and the concert starting at 8 p.m.



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.

May 6, 2025 | 9 a.m. May 13, 2025 | 9 a.m. May 13, 2025 | 10 a.m. Mat 13, 2025 | 10 a.m.

Council Meeting Municipal Planning Commission Public Presentation Committee Committee of the Whole

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website

Public Hearings Wheatland County Council Chambers May 6th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025.

The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-34 (LU2024-015)

Legal Description: NE-21-25-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate a ± 6.68 hectare (± 16.52 acre) portion of NE-21-25-24-W4M from Agricultural General (AG) District to Country Residential (CR) District, in order to create four ± 1.67 hectare (± 4.13 acre) parcels and a ± 54.51 hectare (± 134.82 acre) remainder



Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours - Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.

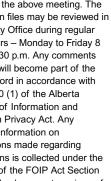
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Celebrating arts

Holy Cross Collegiate hosted their annual Fine Arts Night on April 8 at the school. The art show began at 6 p.m., followed by the Spring Concert featuring the school's band, world drumming and drumline.











Strathmore Library a hub for spring programming

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library has organized a suite of events scheduled to take place over the course of the "Spring Break" and into the beginning of May.

Currently ongoing, is their Meet a Specialist series, which has invited a variety of professionals to chat with parents of babies and toddlers about a variety of topics. These include a speech pathologist, a public health nurse, a nutritionist and a dentist.

"We have a variety of programs coming up, but we are really focused on literacy-based programs and informational programs that make sense to offer the community, as well as some fun things that tie all that together as well," said Laura Henderson, public services manager with the library. "All of our early literacy programs are for children and their parents ... and what we found is that we were bringing in guest speakers for those programs occasionally ... and more parents ... in those specific programs were wanting access to that information."

Henderson said the library elected to alter how their programs were operated in order to allow as many people as possible to be able to participate and have access to the information being offered.

What initially began with a speech pathologist and dietician has expanded, with more specialists in different fields being asked to present at the library. Each presenting specialist is local to the Strathmore area.

"Our focus was to bring in local specialists. It is that familiarity, it is very community-oriented and they are sharing the information that directly is important to our community," said Henderson. "It gives these parents an opportunity to ask questions that are very targeted for our area, and it is a very exciting opportunity for us."

Designated as its Spring Break programming, the library will be the venue for a writing workshop hosted by local author Christina Hatton-Fearnley, activities celebrating children's author Mo Willems, a presentation by the Alberta Community Bat Program, and a Lego building program.

These events will each be taking place respectively during the week of April 22 to 25. Though the original plan was to encourage the community, particularly school-age children on break, to get outside, Henderson described these programs as too good of opportunities to pass up hosting.

"We were talking to our patrons, we were talking amongst staff, and we all kind of had an odd interest in bats in general. I think it might have been last summer it first started coming up; we were noticing bats around town and started talking about it," said Henderson. "We realized that there is this Alberta Bat Program and when we contacted them, they said they were happy to come out and do a talk about it. They are bringing some items to look at; we will do a craft; it sounds like it is going to be a really exciting program and just interesting and relevant to our area too."

Come May 1, the library will be hosting an online safety presentation with the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team's Internet Child Exploitation unit.

The event will discuss the realities of internet child exploitation in Alberta and strategies to navigate these issues. The recommendation is that this event not be attended by children, but is recommended for teen attendance.

On May 3, the library and Communities in Bloom will be partnering to host their annual Plant and Seed Exchange. Communities in Bloom will be engaging patrons beginning at 10 a.m. that morning, prior to the exchange beginning at 11:30. Anyone who is interested may simply bring in plants and/ or seeds they wish to part with or exchange.

Henderson described it as an opportunity for gardeners and plant enthusiasts to get to know each other and chat about gardening.

"There are a lot of gardeners in the community, so we were really excited to start to grow this program after all the years. It has been such a successful program all of these years that it is fun to build off of it," she said.

Some of the library's programs during this period do request registration in order to establish how much material is required for everyone's participation; however, most are simply able to be dropped in on at any time while they are in operation. More information is available in person and online through the library

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Upcoming Council Meetings

April 16 2025 | 6 p.m. May 7, 2025 | 6 p.m. May 14, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council Regular Meeting of Council Committee of the Whole

Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.

Many hands make light work.

Pitch-In Week

Pitch-In week returns April 17 - 23, kicking off with one big Community Cleanup on April 17, 2025. This is an excellent opportunity for residents, students, and community groups to come together and beautify our community. Coffee and donuts will be provided to volunteers.

Sign-up individually, with your family, or clean-up group. For registration and more information, check out our website, Strathmore.ca/StrathmorePitches-In



Land Use Bylaw No. 24-22.

Notice of Public Hearing.

April 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 24-22 712 3rd Street & Surrounding Properties

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 24-22) for those lands described as 710 Third Street, Plan 992HV, Block 28, Lot 2A; 712 Third Street, Plan 992HV, Block 28, Lot 2B, Civic Address NA, Area A, Plan 0313207, and 380 Ridge Road, Plan 8510985, Block 1, Lot 3, Strathmore to facilitate the development of apartment housing and redesignation to R3 – High Density Residential District with a Direct Control District Overlay.

These properties are currently designated as CHWY - Highway Commercial District in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB). At present, apartment housing is not a listed use in this district.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws 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 16, 2025, commencing at 7 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #23-17 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 Please contact Legislative Services at Isadmin@strathmore.ca by noon on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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 noon on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, as outlined in Bylaw #23-17 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.

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24-22. 712 3rd Street (and surrounding properties)



Proposed R3 High Density Residential District, District Overlay

Just keep swimming, just keep swimming.

Spring Swimming Lessons

Spring is here and so have our spring swimming lessons. Spring sessions run from April to June. You can view the lesson schedule on our website. Registration for Strathmore and Wheatland County residents opens on April 22 at 8:00 AM. Registration for all members opens April 24 at 8:00 AM.

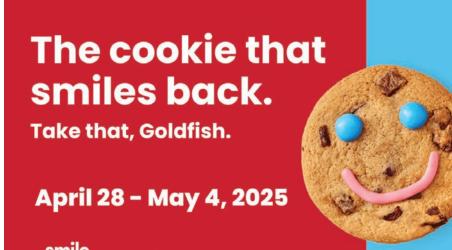
To ensure a smooth registration process, create or login to your recreation account at **strathmore.perfectmind.com** and make sure your address, postal code, and email are up to date. If you need a hand, reach out to the Pool Crew by calling **(403) 934-3325.**

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Seniors & Residents Tax Support.

Tax season can be stressful, but Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is here to help. This service is specifically designed for seniors and those who are unable to complete their taxes on their own. To ensure a smooth process, FCSS will also be available in advance to answer questions, help gather necessary documents, and make sure clients are fully prepared for their appointments.

Residents are reminded to bring all relevant documents to avoid delays. For more information or to book an appointment, contact Strathmore FCSS 403-934-9090 or come by and see them during business hours.



Land Use Bylaw No. 25-06.

Notice of Public Hearing.

April 16, 2025 at 7:10 p.m. Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 25-06 Edgefield Phase 3, Strathmore

Tim Hortons

Staff received an application for a land use redesignation (Bylaw No. 25-06) of Edgefield Phase 3 (Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 071 1894 and Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 031 007) to facilitate the development of R1N - Single Detached Residential (Narrow Lot) District, R2 - Low Density Residential District, R3M -Medium Density Modest Residential District, P1 (MR) - Public Service District. These properties are currently designated as AG - Agriculture General District in the Land Use Bylaw (LUB).

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Winning national gold

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Strathmore High School students Brooklyn Munro and Kyla Koester (17) helped the Zone 2 U19AA Blaze capture the Canadian Ringette Championships in Ottawa, Ont. from April 3-5.

"It honestly feels surreal," said Munro, who previously played in Rockyford. "I don't think I've left the past yet."

Koester, who played in both Strathmore and Rockyford, had similar feelings on their victory.

"It's pretty crazy coming home and being able to say we're the best team in the country," said Koester. "It still doesn't feel real."

The team was a blend of long-time teammates and new faces from across different associations. It also included SHS graduates Tessa Galandy, Sam Munro, and Talisa Cowley. Despite the diversity of the Blaze, they meshed quickly.

"It just worked. Half of us had played together for years, and the other half clicked right in," said Koester

Munro, a rookie in the U19AA division, made an instant impact on and off the ice. Known for her contagious energy and positive spirit, she proudly embraced her role as one of the team's unofficial hype leaders.

"I'm pretty crazy and outwardly positive," she laughed. "I was kind of the team hype-man. I definitely have a loud voice."

Koester added, "From week one, day one, we just had this energy. We were loud, supportive, and just had fun."

But beyond the excitement and celebration, Munro and Koester both emphasized that the team's connection ran deeper than just competition.

"I've never played on a team that's so deep," Munro said. "We genuinely just loved each other. There were no fake friendships. Practices felt like privileges rather than tasks."

That strong team bond helped propel Zone 2 to an undefeated run through the tournament, capped off by a composed and determined performance in the gold medal game.

"We were hyped going into it. A little tense, but once we did our warm-up dance, we were loose and ready," Munro recalled. "We knew – this was our time and we were going to finish the job."

Munro credits much of the team's success to head coach Chris Kelly, and the rest of the coaching staff whom she emphasized all played key roles in this team's success.

"I've never had a coach that's put so much time and care on and off the ice," said Munro. "His dedication to our team it just made us all want to win for him."

Munro also highlighted the emotional depth of the week especially playing alongside her older sister Sam, who scored a goal during the tournament.

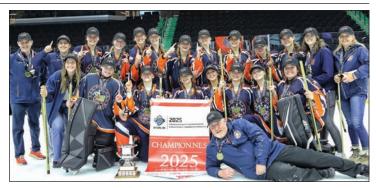
"I've never been so proud of her," she said. "It was our last time, for a long time, playing with her."

In the final game against the Quebec Cyclones, the Zone 2 Blaze clinched gold with a tight 3–2 win.

"Our energy just hit an all-time high, in a good way," said Koester of the final. "Going into half time between the second and third quarter, we ended the second quarter super-duper strong. We knew we had them exactly where we need them. That was when the confidence really kicked in."

According to Munro, the confidence began at the start of the tournament.

"We showed up to opening ceremonies in these crazy outfits and everyone else was their team gear looking at us like, 'What are they doing here?'" laughed Munro. "We were there to have fun and ended up taking the championship with



The Zone 2 U19AA Blaze, featuring local players Tessa Galandy, Sam Munro, Talisa Cowley, Brooklyn Munro and Kyla Koester, won gold the Canadian Ringette Championships in Ottawa, Ont. from April 3-5.

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Joe Lepgage Photo









Searching for deals

The Spring Parade of Garage Sales was held in Strathmore on April 12. The event, sponsored by Debbie Mitzner of RE/MAX Landon Real Estate, featured over 90 garage sales hosted all over town.

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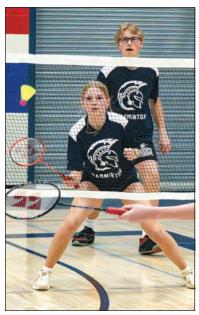


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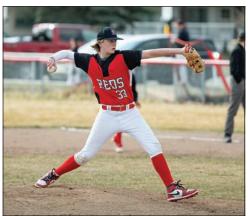


Flying birdies

Strathmore High School played host to the County Badminton Tournament on April 10 at the school gymnasium. The Strathmore High School, Holy Cross Collegiate and Wheatland Crossing competed in various divisions - male and female singles, doubles and mixed.

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Exhibition time

The Strathmore Reds U15AA baseball team hosted an exhibition doubleheader on Sunday, April 13 versus the Drumheller Miners at the Kinsmen Park Ball Diamonds.







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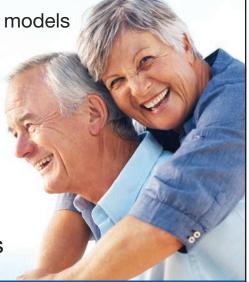
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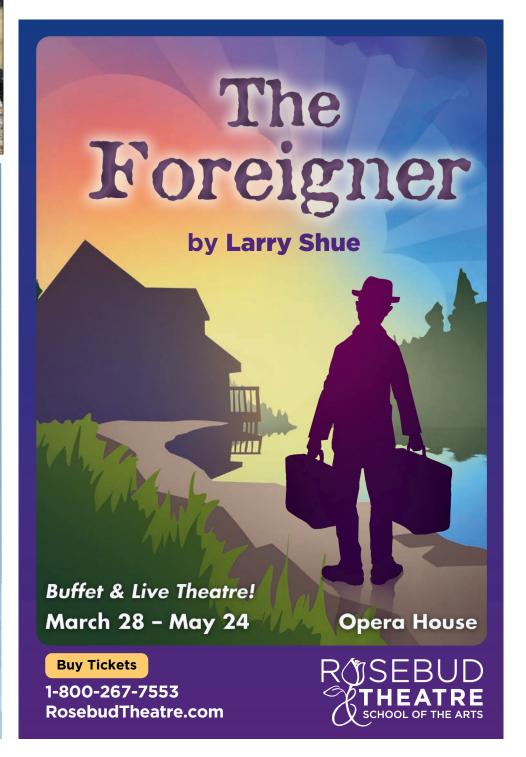
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Economic instability

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

In recent weeks, Albertans have expressed concerns about growing economic instability and uncertainty. Trade tensions and the ongoing federal election have only added to the pressure - but what is especially frustrating is how much of this chaos is being driven by our own federal government. Even with the growing urgency to reinforce our domestic industries and export our oil and gas beyond the shores of North America, the federal government continues to choose eco-radical, extremist policies.

Albertans know we cannot trust them to keep their promises or to help Alberta. While the intentions of Ottawa remain murky, the potential economic damage of their emissions cap remains crystal clear. Under the federal emissions cap, Alberta's economy would shrink by 11 per cent by 2050. Employment would drop by four per cent. And the average Albertan would have \$3,300 less disposable income. All this, while Canada still misses its emissions targets.

Nationally, real GDP would fall by nearly four per cent and oil and gas production is projected to be 37 per cent lower by 2050 - largely due to the proposed production cap. The Parliamentary Budget Officer estimates this cap alone would slash GDP by \$20.5 billion and cost more than 40,000 jobs across the country by 2032. This is not sound environmental policy. It is economic sabotage disguised as climate action. Alberta is committed to protecting the environment and creating a sustainable future for our children. But we will not get there by shutting down our energy sector and ignoring the constitutional rights of provinces. That is why we have made it clear - if the federal government continues down this path, Alberta will use every tool available to defend our economy, our workers, and our jurisdiction. That includes designating critical infrastructure as protected areas and challenging unconstitutional policies in court. Alberta will not stand idly by while our economy is dismantled by federal policies that fail to achieve their own goals.

While we push back against harmful federal overreach, our government is also focused on building a stronger, more resilient province - starting with the health and well-being of Albertans. Strengthening our primary health care system is a key part of that effort. That is why Alberta's new compensation model for primary care physicians was launched on April 1, with hundreds of family doctors already enrolled to participate. Our government is committed to ensuring every Albertan has access to a primary health care provider no matter where they live. This new compensation model is designed to not only support physicians in their essential work but also to enhance access to family doctors across the province. This model was developed in partnership with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) and was announced in December after months of collaboration. The AMA set a target to enroll at least 500 physicians, and that goal has been surpassed. As of the end of March, a total of 789 family physicians have signed up to participate in the new compensation model.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office with your feedback and questions (Chestermere.Strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Uti-

Online identity theft

BBB RELEASE

The Better Business Bureau released a report on artificial intelligence tools and the dark web when it comes to iden-

"The study points to an elevation in sophistication by those committing this type of fraud," says Mary O'Sullivan-Andersen, President and CEO of BBB Serving Alberta and East Kootenay. "Criminals offer stolen information such as account numbers, Social Insurance Numbers and other personal details to the highest bidder on the dark web just like any other commodity. This underscores how vital it is for all of us to protect our personal information."

TransUnion Canada, a credit reporting agency, notes that cases of identity theft in Canada went up by 15 per cent in 2023, the last data available.

'We know that organized crime gathers multiple pieces of personal information about individuals from a variety of sources in order to commit identity theft," says O'Sullivan-Andersen. "This stolen information is then used in the commission of a wide array of scams including credit card fraud, mortgage fraud, personal loan fraud and more."

Knowledge is power. The BBB offers tips and resources on how to combat identity theft online (https://www.bbb.org/ all/identity-theft).

Here are some ways to protect yourself:

RED FLAGS

- · Examine website domain names closely.
- Be wary of emailed links.
- Avoid websites with low-quality design.
- Texts from unknown sources.
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Tips to avoid ID Theft

- Don't share personal information.
- Double check any request for sensitive data like your Social Security number.
- · Regularly check your credit and review financial state-
- Create strong passwords and change regularly.
- Implement multi-factor authentication whenever possible.
- · Search for reviews and related scams using BBB Scam
- Use a website checker, like Google's Safe Browsing Tool.
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- Freeze all your credit cards.
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- File a police report and gather documentation.
- Report it to the BBB and the CAFC.
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"Protect your personal information, change your passwords regularly, use multi-factor authentication when possible and learn how to protect yourself from this type of fraud," says O'Sullivan-Andersen.



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True North Society advocating awareness surrounding teen dating violence

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The True North Society is running a campaign for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, aiming to draw attention to the growing issue, and offer resources and support for those who require it.

"A lot of the campaign is facilitated through our public education program, and this is where that public education piece can be really powerful. We use a lot of primary prevention strategies that focus on building youth and parent knowledge and awareness," said Amanda Vanderlaan, manager of research and development with the True North Society. "We have our online campaign, so we post some information on our social (media channels); we have a really in-depth article on our website that goes into lots of different elements like, what does teen dating violence look like, strategies for teens to help themselves, things that caregivers can do, and then we also talk about it a lot in our workshops with students."

Through their workshops, Vanderlaan explained True North is able to speak directly with youth who may be dealing with bullying or unhealthy behaviors within their romantic relationships.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What have we learned about being Canadian?

To the Editor

As reported, when our premier makes public statements that if Ottawa doesn't meet its nine policy demands there could be an unprecedented national unity crisis, what message does that send to you or the group that wants to leave Canada? Is that a premature statement to make when we don't know the outcome of this national election yet? Do you think what appears to be her continued reluctance to work with the federal government is in Canadians' best interest? Is a liberal win actually good for her so as to continue fighting the feds while satisfying her very small support base that appears to promote separation from Canada? Is that something you value or want in a leader?

Here is a thought to consider. In regards to our government's comment stating that the feds haven't done anything in the last 10 years to help Alberta: did you find that statement offensive and a slap to the face of every Canadian taxpayer – you know, the ones that contributed to not only buying the transmountain pipeline but to twin it, which has reportedly has tripled production flow and therefore Alberta profit?

Can you think of another example in Canada where the feds spent over \$34 billion on one project in one province? This does point out that if Alberta separated, are those

people that don't leave for Canada prepared to buy out that current Canadian-owned pipeline? And what about the other pipelines that leave this new separate (country?), Wouldn't they then have to also reconcile new Indigenous agreements, along with crossing that other country called Canada, that they gave up on?

Alberta is a land-locked area so anything shipped in or out would have an extra cost, along with border crossings, passports, etc ... the list and cost goes on. Here's another thought about how the US government is handling their own nation in stripping rights and threatening ours. If that takeover were to happen, what do you think the CPP, OAS, GIS retirement funds that are in the \$100's of billions would be used for? Could it be stolen to pay down the US massive trillions of dollar debt and screw Canadians out of their retirement fund? If you don't believe that would happen, you should join the separatist group and move to the US – good luck with that. As shown every day, the vast majority of Canadians are stronger together, and to those that don't believe in Canada, well you better go to the US soon as they report their clamping down on anyone crossing that is not American.

> Dennis Bigras Wheatland County

The society is aiming to grow their prevention strategies, both by looking at violence in youth and adult relationships throughout the province.

"We are seeing increased rates of domestic violence in adult and in youth relationships. True North is really trying to focus on buffing up our prevention strategies because we know that prevention strategies work when individuals have the tools, education and support to make healthy choices," said Vanderlaan. "We really are trying to call in all members of our community to do their part in supporting healthy relationships and that is using our socials, using our website, talking to people in person and community events to reach all members of our community."

Approximately 20 per cent of Canadian teens between the ages of 11 and 18 report experiencing physical violence in their relationships, and 35 per cent report experiencing emotional or psychological violence.

Teen dating violence may manifest as intimidation, stalking, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, isolation, and direct physical violence.

Statistics Canada data released in 2022 indicates approximately 45 per cent of Canadian teens aged 15-17 report experiencing some form of dating violence, being physical, emotional, and/or sexual.

Police reported instances of dating violence in this age group were indicated to be twice as high in rural compared to urban areas.

Among teen girls, seven per cent reported experiencing sexual abuse including being forced to perform sexual acts, and five per cent reported being forced into having sexual intercourse. The most common types of unwanted sexual behaviors in public are unwanted sexual attention, unwanted physical contact, and unwanted comments about their sex or gender. These are experienced by both men and women – however are reported to be much lower directed towards men.

Cyber violence is also pervasive and is a growing problem, perpetuated digitally through text, social media, and networking applications.

This may include instances of hacking, harassment, impersonation, spreading of rumors and gossip, and coercion to share intimate photographs and videos.

Vanderlaan explained True North currently does not have any scheduled in-person workshops, however public education is still active and schools are able to request hosting events.

"When we talk about teen dating violence, it is really important to recognize it in the sense that this is really a community campaign – it is not just for parents, it is not just for teachers. We really need to call on all members of our community to do their part in supporting healthy youth relationships," she said. "That can look like calling out dangerous behaviors like cat calling in our friend groups or modeling healthy coping skills at home. It could be being aware of what information our teens are digesting online and encouraging them to be critical, especially of social media."

More information about teen dating violence and awareness is available through the True North website and social media channels, as well as through Stats Canada, publicly published journals, and PREVNet.



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<u>Obituary</u>



EVENSON, Delmer Alvin Clayton May 21, 1945 – March 17, 2025

With broken hearts, we are sharing the passing of Del who left us suddenly on March 17, 2025, in Strathmore, AB.

Del leaves behind his loving wife Lori, his son Brett (Kelli) Evenson, his daughter Sara (Jodie) Holinaty, Brett and Sara's mom Georgia, his amazing grand-daughters Brooklynn, Makenna, Brynn, Tegan and Chloe, his big sister Freda (Dennis) Lawrysyn and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his Mom Elizabeth, his Dad Alvin and his little sister Arleen (Gordon) Zahariuk.

Del was born on May 21, 1945, in Bengough SK and spent his early years on the family farm. He ventured off at a young age to work in Alberta, where he eventually settled in Calgary and began his career with ATCO Gas as a Heavy Equipment Operator. In 1977, he returned to the farm but came back to ATCO in 1989, retiring in 2010. Del had an incredible work ethic and as dedicated as Del was to work, he was just as dedicated to his free time.

After retirement Del and Lori moved to Fife Lake, SK. Although loving retired life, Del had a hard time staying still so he did go back to work part-time driving gravel and grain trucks.

They stayed a few winters in California and Arizona leading him to trade in his jeans, denim shirts, cowboy hat and cowboy boots for shorts, t-shirts, a ball cap and sandals, this was not an easy transition for Del! They also were lucky enough to travel to a few states including, Tennessee, Nevada, New Mexico, South Dakota and his favourite, Texas.

Del loved a cold beer or two, country music, which would often make him break into song, and spending time with his family and his dogs, Tucker and then Charlie.

Del also enjoyed his walks by the river feeding the birds with Sara and visiting the horses where she volunteered, Dare to Dream Horse Rescue.

He was proud of rebuilding his 56 Merc with Brett and the truck has been showcased in many car shows and parades, utilized in photographs and is still driven by family.

He loved living in Fife Lake but unfortunately, health reasons brought them back to Alberta.

We will never forget his big laugh, his beautiful smile and those BLUE eyes! We will never stop missing you and we will love you forever.

Del requested no service; therefore, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date for family and friends. Because of Del's love for animals, a donation in his memory can be made to a shelter of your choice.

"Oh, the last goodbye's the hardest one to say. This is where the cowboy rides away." George Strait

Wheatland Funeral Home

<u>Obituary</u>



WINKLER, Daryl John

Daryl John Winkler passed away peacefully April 6, 2025 at the age of 82 years. Daryl was born in Leth-

bridge in 1943 and was adopted by Frank and Margaret Winkler. He spent almost his entire life farming near Indus, Alberta. Daryl is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Evelyn (née Ramsay), his children, Kevin (Tanja) Winkler, Michele Konschuh, Doug (Shelagh) Winkler, Steve (Katherine) Winkler, and 8 grand-children. Daryl was a truly great man, wise beyond his years, with a talent for solving problems and making others smile. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

Daryl's family would like to thank the staff at Age Care Seton in Calgary for taking good care of him in the last year of his life.

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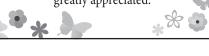
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