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SHS honoured

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School's community Greenhouse Project has been shortlisted among other applicants for a \$2,000 prize from the Alberta Emerald Foundation.

Amidst the Alberta Emerald Awards, which is an annual event, Strathmore High School has submitted under the legacy award category for youth.

Cole Hintz, who teaches at Strathmore High School and oversees the greenhouse project, explained the Alberta Emerald Foundation recognizes the contributions of businesses, individuals, institutions, and more towards environmental sustainability.

"There is a financial amount attached to the award, but there is also some cool stuff that they do through their website. They do short documentaries on each award winner as well," he said. "With that, comes the ability to tell our story and to further the impact of the project that was as well."

Hintz added being selected as finalists for an Emerald Award is not the only thing Strathmore High School students are looking forward to over the course of the spring and summer.

He said Flowing Springs Permaculture and Soil Health has been offering a free community course through which there is intent to develop a co-designed community space around the greenhouse.

"With the help of students and volunteers, we are actually going to be planting and constructing that area to one of the designs," he said. "We are also going to be building our off-grid solar system this year, so there are a couple of students who have started on that during their lunch hours."

Also taking place this year, will be the unveiling of a sign designed for the Strathmore High School Greenhouse by Phoenix Signs, showcasing all of the donors and community partners who have been instrumental in establishing the greenhouse.

Since its development, Hintz said several community groups have already gotten involved with horticulture within the greenhouse, including elementary and junior high schools, as well as a local Connect group.

Should the Strathmore High School team be successful in achieving their Emerald Award, the intent is to use the prize money to help finance pollinator gardens, pathways and landscaping around the greenhouse.

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Celebrate good times!

Luke Van Egmond celebrates a goal with teammates Lochlan Frese (8) and Joel Big Snake (15) as the Strathmore Storm hosted the 2023 U18 Tier 1 Provincial Championship March 30-April 2 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Each team played in three round robin games during the first two days of the event, with the semifinal and final being played on April 2. Despite not making it to the last day of the tournament, the Storm capped off a successful season by hosting the prestigious event.

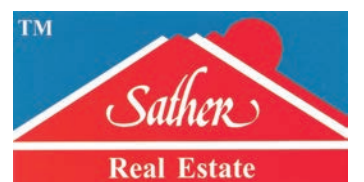
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Strathmore High School's community greenhouse project has been shortlisted for an Alberta Emerald Award. Should they be successful, the school will be awarded \$2,000 and a short documentary will be produced around the greenhouse.

Photo Courtesy of Cole Hintz

SHS shortlisted for Alberta Emerald Award

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“It has been great to have a real-world application for some of these ideas around passive solar (energy), food production and just having community groups be able to come into and utilize this space, whether it is December, January, February – it has been really neat to be able to utilize

that space year-round,” said Hintz.

The winners of the Alberta Emerald Awards will be announced June 7. For those who are interested in learning more about the greenhouse, or potentially getting involved, they may do so via the Strathmore High School Community Greenhouse Facebook page, or by getting in contact with the school.

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Strathmore Easter egg hunt returns

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After going on hiatus due to COVID-19 concerns, Strathmore's annual Easter egg hunt is back and is expecting to be highly anticipated.

According to Hayley Poirier, who spoke on behalf of Remax/Key, folks who are interested in participating may want to show up early to get themselves a good spot.

"What we do is we cordon off an area at Kinsmen Park and then we put out all sorts of Easter candy for the audience," she said. "We have two areas; one that is for the little ones, being five and under, and the other is for kids over five years old."

Poirier explained that at 11 o'clock sharp on April 8, the whistle blows and kids are allowed to race to find their share of candies throughout the park.

Remax/Key has hosted the event in previous years, prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is excited to be finally bringing it back for the town.

"We have an amazing group of 10 sponsors that came forward. Some of them donated prizes, some of them donated candy,

some of them donated money," said Poirier. "Because of them, we were able to put together a really, really great Easter egg hunt. We also had Canadian Tire donate two bikes for prizes as well."

She explained the Remax/Key team will not be surprised if upwards of 600 or more kids show up with their parents in tow to participate in the hunt.

With roughly 2,000 pieces of candy scattered throughout the park, there will be enough for everyone to at least find something before the event area is scoured of candy.

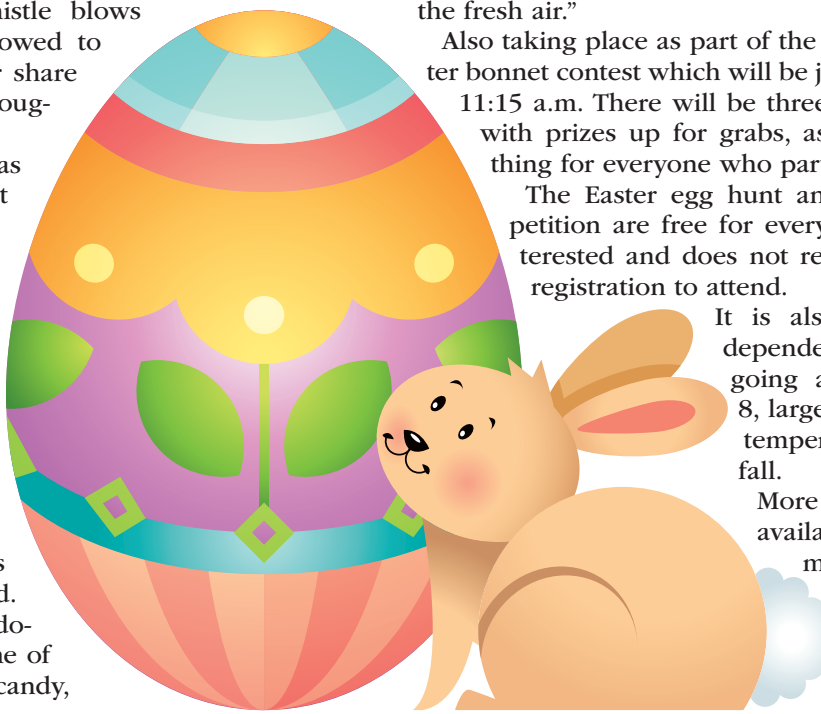
"Everybody has been wanting to get back out to events again, especially an outdoor event like this one," said Poirier. "It is really fun to have a family event that just gets everybody out to enjoy the fresh air."

Also taking place as part of the event is an Easter bonnet contest which will be judged on site at 11:15 a.m. There will be three age categories with prizes up for grabs, as well as something for everyone who participated.

The Easter egg hunt and bonnet competition are free for everyone who is interested and does not require any prior registration to attend.

It is also not weather dependent and will be going ahead on April 8, largely regardless of temperature or snowfall.

More information is available via the Remax/Key social media pages such as Instagram and Facebook.



SWCC seeking new executive director

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) is looking for a new executive director in the immediate future and is currently accepting applications.

Scott Silva, who currently holds the position, said the SWCC is looking to introduce their new Executive Director during their upcoming annual general meeting.

"Throughout this meeting, we are looking to bring on our new executive director," he said. "The job posting has now gone live."

Silva has been with the Chamber for a little over three years and has held the position of Executive Director for nearly 18 months.

During his tenure, the SWCC has more than doubled in size and is ambitious to continue their growth moving forward.

Qualifications and qualities the chamber is looking for in an applicant have been posted online for the convenience of anyone who may be interested in the position.

"In a general sense, it is always good to have a leader who understands what they are leading, and that means for small, medium and large businesses," said Silva. "The second part is somebody with passion for their community, somebody who

wants to come out here and make a difference every day that they are able to."

Though the position is not a full-time roll, Silva added in time it will come with a tremendous amount of public recognition.

He explained the team is looking for someone who is eager to jump in right out of the gate and wanting to have a positive impact for the local business community.

"What you are going to find as executive director, is that you are involved in so many different levels of people's lives, from small businesses to medium, and large," he said. "When you start to see the response and the difference that you can make in these businesses just by picking up a phone, answering their questions or putting them in touch with a resource, it is amazing."

As the window is open, the SWCC is currently taking applications and according to Silva, has already received a few.

The SWCC will be taking applications until – though Silva did not specify an exact date – no later than a week prior to the AGM meeting, which is scheduled to take place on April 28.

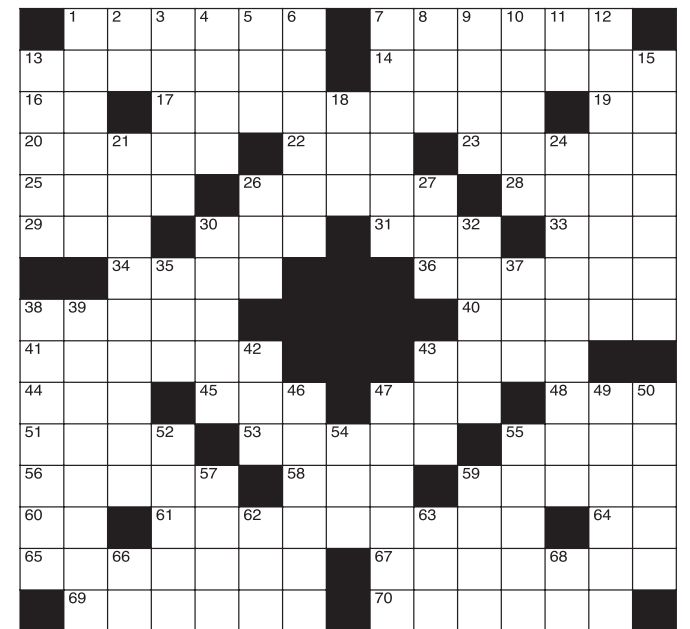
Details for both how to apply for the position as executive director of the SWCC, as well as information about how to attend the AGM either in person or virtually can be found online.

The lions share

A lawn mower was one of many items being auctioned during the Strathmore Lions dinner and auction on April 1 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The auction, which was online last year due to COVID-19 concerns, was back in person for the first time in three years. The evening is one of Lions largest fundraisers.



Mario Prusina Photo



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Colas
- 7. Single-celled animals
- 13. The rear car of a train
- 14. Endangered
- 16. It cools your home
- 17. Helper
- 19. "The First State"
- 20. More aged
- 22. Partner to cheese
- 23. Type of wrap
- 25. From a distance
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. "Dallas Buyers' Club" actor Jared
- 29. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 30. Cooking utensil
- 31. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 33. Able to perform
- 34. Big man on campus
- 36. Second epoch of the Tertiary period
- 38. Porticos
- 40. Alban and Peter are two
- 41. Gets up
- 43. Humble request for help
- 44. One-thousandth of an inch (abbr.)
- 45. Unhappy
- 47. Hint or indication
- 48. A way to plead
- 51. Digits
- 53. Broadway actress Daisy
- 55. Jewish calendar month
- 56. Author Gore
- 58. Peacock network
- 59. White poplar
- 60. Promotional material
- 61. A period of calm
- 64. Take too much
- 65. Emit energy
- 67. Something you can take
- 69. Mended with yarn
- 70. Inconsistent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Calm down
- 2. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 3. One who pretends
- 4. Hang glide
- 5. Distinctive practice
- 6. Mariner
- 7. Peaks
- 8. Queens ballplayer
- 9. Geological times
- 10. Twofold
- 11. Atomic #13
- 12. Tranquillizing
- 13. Metric weight unit
- 15. Indicates
- 18. Unwanted rodent
- 21. Partly cooked with hot water
- 24. One who can be recommended
- 26. Resembles a bag or pouch
- 27. Midway between south and southeast
- 30. Sets up for a photo
- 32. California white oak
- 35. More (Spanish)
- 37. After B
- 38. Decorated tea urn
- 39. Island
- 42. Car mechanics group
- 43. Wordplay joke
- 46. Cut a rug
- 47. Prickly plant
- 49. Speech in praise of a deceased person
- 50. European buzzard
- 52. Influential linguist
- 54. West African languages
- 55. Siskel's partner
- 57. Skinny
- 59. Oblong pulpit
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Small, mischievous sprite
- 66. Powerful lawyer
- 68. Indicates position

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It was a successful season for the Strathmore Ice Flares U16B ringette team after capturing the zone championship.

Photo Courtesy of Charlotte Hermann-Trozzo

Icing a season with a win

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Brooke Parker and the Strathmore Ice Flares U16B ringette team finished the 2022-2023 season with a banner win and fifth place showing at provincials.

“It was a really magical year, and a lot of fun,” said Parker of the season.

The Ice Flares won three silver medals in away tournaments over the season and took gold after defeating Edmonton Adrenaline in Strathmore’s annual Laurie Morton-Ruppe Memorial Tournament held on Jan. 27-29.

“(This team is) fantastic, a real fun group of girls that came from five different teams. A couple from Rockyford, a couple from 16B, 14A and 14C,” said Parker, explaining that the team consisted of players from a number of different previous teams and age divisions. “It was crazy how they bonded and supported each other.”

Most recently, the Ice Flares took part in the provincial championship March 17-19 in Medicine Hat.

“We were in the hardest pool going into provincials,” said Parker, a pool which included the very tough Medicine Hat team. “They were a strong team that in turn made us a better team.”

After provincials the team wasn’t quite done their season yet – they still had a chance at the Zone banner on the weekend of March 25-27.

The final game of the zone weekend was against team Airdrie Smash in Airdrie, another rival team. The Ice Flares won the banner and brought it home to be proudly hung at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Parker had great coaching staff that helped the team with their success. Greg Bell and Ed Yu were assistant coaches, junior coach was Kiri Sader. Tara Risdon also helped on the bench along with Bradie Munro. Keeping the parents and team on track was manager Charlotte Hermann-Trozzo, reemphasizing the importance of every member of the team as a whole.

“I would love to take this group of girls and carry on,” said Parker.

The team also managed to fit some community service into their season, including building boxes for the Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society. They also did some fundraising throughout the season to help with team expenses, such as tournament entrance fees.



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Joe Lepage Photos



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Communities in Bloom resumes annual spring workshop

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Communities in Bloom is gearing up for the upcoming gardening season and invited local community members to a free workshop to discuss gardening and plant husbandry.

According to past Communities in Bloom Chair Rob Pirie, the workshop is a return to an annual habit which aims to help people to know how to better care for their plants, as well as those in the community.

"We have two members of the town coming to talk about fire blight, how we can prevent it, and what can be done about it; we have someone from Eagle Lake coming for a brief talk, and then somebody from Eagle Lake Landscaping," said Pirie. "Then, our feature speaker is Cynthia Pohl, and she is coming from Red Deer to talk about the reason we need to increase pollinators and how we can bring about an increase of pollinators inside our community."

The event, which took place April 1 in the Strathmore Municipal Library, was free to attend and offered free seeds, coffee and cookies to those who came out.

For the occasion, the library also put out a display of their available gardening tools available to rent out over the spring and summer.

"I think the impact of the workshop is always positive. It is tough to measure, but one of the pillars of Communities in Bloom is to provide education," said Pirie. "We felt this is a very worthwhile thing for us to continue to do on a yearly basis. We have an opportunity to provide some information and free seeds."

Pirie added he believes it an obligation of the Communities in Bloom committee to work with the Strathmore community and the town to provide information regarding the maintenance of local flora and keeping the town looking its



Communities in Bloom hosted a workshop at the library, Saturday, to talk about spring gardening, as well as plant husbandry around town. Presentations were give regarding suitable plants to the local climate, as well as how to address the local fire blight epidemic.

John Watson Photo

best.

Though Strathmore will not be evaluated again this year by Communities in Bloom, it certainly is not a reason to suddenly abandon the maintenance of local plants.

"We do not do it on a yearly basis because it would be exhausting, so we would wear out our community, and it is also expensive," said Pirie. "We are not doing it this year, and it will be up to the committee to decide if we are going to do it next year. This year, we will be focussing on other things not focused on in the evaluation."

For those who may have missed the workshop or who are simply looking for more information, resources are available through the Communities in Bloom website and social media.

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May 2: Council Meeting

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File: SDAB SO2023-002

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: April 20, 2023

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)

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

File: SDAB DP2023-001

Re: Refusal of Development Permit for a Home-Based business Type 3 (HBB 3) for a Sanctuary for the Care of Rescued, Surrendered, Injured and Abandoned Farm Animals

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

Permit Refused – March 14, 2023 - Municipal Planning Commission

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WSA spring programming kicks off

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Society of Arts (WSA) is excited to be rolling out their spring to summer brochure, which is packed full of programming for the next several months.

WSA Program Coordinator Emmeline Keeling said there are a host of different activities which are available to choose from, so there will be something for everyone to come out and try.

"I think we've got a lot of really exciting things coming up here. We've got a lot of spring-themed things, as well as a lot of summer things," she said. "We've got some really exciting pottery classes and hopefully our new upcoming pottery studio (will be) here very soon; we've got our own wine and paint classes which are coming up, (and) we're continuing our free family paint classes."

The spring and summer brochure includes classes running from April

through August, and includes activities such as needle felting, a palette knife watercolour workshop, encaustic painting, batik, wood carving, byzantine weave bracelet making, and a host of designated youth activities, among others.

Pricing will vary depending on the class, though there are a number of free options available for those who are looking for a family activity which won't require any investment.

Free activities will be taking place all through Senior's Week in June, as well as the free family paint nights taking place every Saturday throughout the brochure.

"We also have some really low-cost use programming and other programming classes as well, so if budget is at all an issue, we can make it work," said Keeling. "The takeaway from the classes varies from person to person, but for adults, it is just a nice time to wind down and relax from a stressful day. I have had a mother tell me she comes

The Wheatland Society of Arts has released their spring/summer programming brochure for folks to browse and sign up for. Pictured, families attended a free paint session at the WSA to work with acrylic paint on canvas.

John Watson Photo



to the free family paint nights with her daughter to destress from work."

Though some classes will be restricted in numbers based on available materials and tools, others will take as many people as the WSA studio can hold.

Keeling reported occasionally, as many as 25 people may turn out to participate in a class for an evening.

She added the best way to find out more about ongoing or upcoming clas-

ses is to either reach out to the WSA directly via phone or email.

Additionally, if there are artists in the community who are interested in teaching a class, they are also encouraged to reach out.

Classes from the spring brochure are already in full swing. On April 1, the afternoon kicked off with a free family paint day themed around cute bunnies for all ages.

Wheatland West joins stair climb for cancer

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Members from the Wheatland West Fire Department have committed to the challenge of climbing Brookfield Place in Calgary later this summer to raise money for cancer research.

Completing the challenge will require the ascent of 1,370 steps across 57 floors to the top, all while having donned their boots, air packs and helmets.

The efforts of participating firefighters will largely go towards Wellspring Alberta, in order to support the families of cancer victims.

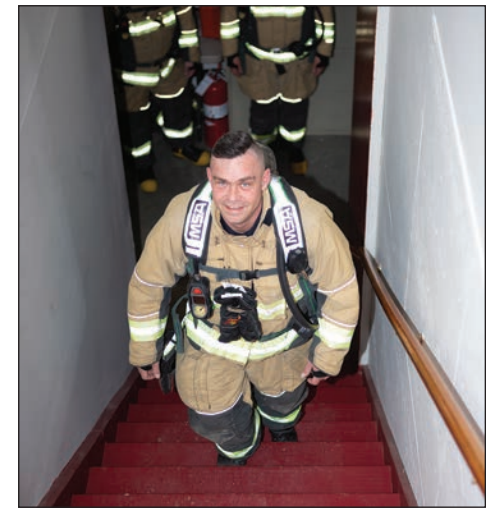
"As long as you are a firefighter, you can join. You can also challenge the chief if you raise a certain amount - I believe it is \$5,000," said Silke Stubbe, speaking on behalf of the Wheatland West Fire Department. "It is for both volunteer and career firefighters. I have heard about it before and I thought it was kind of cool."

Stubbe added as a team, Wheatland West is aiming to raise \$8,000 for the cause prior to the event in June. Thus far, the team has brought together approximately \$5,800.

Kyle McKay, who is also a member of the Wheatland West department, will be joining Stubbe in the climb. He explained he has a personal motivation for wanting to get involved.

"My grandfather was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma on Christmas Eve. That is kind of where my motivation stems from," he said. "He is currently fighting his battle, and it is a matter of time for him. I am doing this for him and for other people battling cancer and their families."

Stubbe added she also has a personal connection to the cause, having lost a family member to cancer earlier in the



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Kyle McKay takes the lead during a training exercise at the Wheatland West Fire hall. Member firefighters are training to complete a stair climb of the tallest building in Calgary in June.

year.

This will be the first occasion at which Stubbe and McKay will be participating, and the ninth such overall that has been hosted in Calgary.


"(Cancer) is everywhere, and part of why I think we both do it is just to get help for the people who are not necessarily suffering with cancer, but also the family members because it is just as hard for them," said Stubbe.

The Wheatland West team has been training since January for the climb and will continue to do so multiple times per week in order to be prepared.

The team is currently working to spread the word via their social media channels as well as via word of mouth to collect donations.

For those who are interested in donating and supporting the cause, Wheatland West can be reached via their Facebook page or via the station in Strathmore.

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Curling season a success

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

As the last rock was thrown at the men's bonspiel last month, it once again signaled the end of the curling season.

"(It was a) really good season," said Ken Shackleton, president of the Strathmore and District Curling Club.

With close to 300 active members, Shackleton is confident that the number will continue to rise to pre-COVID levels. While that the number is still down about 30 per cent, with the introduction of new programs, the club remains optimistic to draw new members.

The newest addition to the

already successful curling club is the Sterling League. Sterling involves two players only and the teams play six ends and only throw six rocks ... and no sweeping! In a regular game of curling, there are four players, eight rocks and eight ends.

"There is no sweeping, which is one of the things that make it popular," said Shackleton. "The typical standard curling game lasts about two hours, but a Sterling game is over in about an hour. A lot of people expressed interest, so we'll probably expand next year."

Member Mike Molnar has expressed an interest in starting a mixed doubles league. More research needs to be done on the

exact details of the game, but essentially, it's two players and five rocks. This league would require sweeping, so after you throw your rock, you have to get up and sweep your own rock, which can be quite a challenge to say the least.

The curling club also hosts a learn to curl clinic every year.

"In years past, we had just one evening, but this year we decided to run it every night for a week," said Shackleton.

The clinic is run in early October when the ice goes in, prior to but leagues starting up.

"We had a number of people come every day," said Shackleton. "It was very popular, so I think we'll try that again."

The board starts their first planning meeting in May and another one in August to prepare for the upcoming season. The board works diligently to try to make the season as much fun as possible for each league.

"We do everything we can to encourage people to continue to come back," said Shackleton. "Of course, we are always looking for new members and new curlers

that's where the learn to curl week come into play."

The public is invited to the AGM on April 26 at 7 p.m. at the curling rink and there are some board positions opening up.

If you would like more information on The Strathmore and District Curling Club you can find everything you need by visiting their website (<https://strathmorecurling.ca>).

Standard Fire hosts 4-H Skills for Life

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Near the end of March, the Standard Fire Department hosted members from the Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club Skills for Life program for a tour of the fire hall.

Throughout the tour, the Skills for Life kids were taught by Fire Chief Mark Duguay and his team about the importance of giving back to their local community and being actively involved.

Skills for Life is a program which operates throughout the year, focussing on helping kids learn about and develop skills they can use as they grow into young adults.

Project Leader, Connie Harder said 4-H members and their parents were taught about how volunteer firefighters respond to a 911 call and how the dispatch system works.

"The big takeaway is that the members in these small communities are not paid," said Harder. "They are volunteers and when

those tones go off because you are having an emergency, they stop whatever they are doing so that they can respond to that tone. This was something very valuable for our kids to learn – the sacrifice that these volunteers make."

Information included in the tour also detailed costs incurred when fire engines are deployed, equipment costs and maintenance, and how many hours volunteer firefighters dedicate to the cause annually.

Harder added she believes it was an excellent experience for the kids to get the chance to understand what goes on behind the scenes and develop a sense of perspective regarding what it takes to be a firefighter.

A part of the tour which she said resonated with the kids was seeing a hot water station inside a fire truck.

"When these fire fighters are on a call, they can be out there for 12 -16+ hours at a time," said Harder. "Often, they are called out in the worst weather conditions. So, they are hungry,

they are cold and they need hydration."

With this hot water and food compartment, they can make themselves a cup of soup, grab a granola bar and coffee. They do this so they don't have to leave the scene to be well."

Currently, there are 27 youth involved in the Crowfoot 4-H Multi Club. Of these, eight are a part of the Skills for Life Program.

Skills for Life kids are allowed to choose activities they are interested in learning more about, and it becomes the responsibility of project leaders to make the connections necessary for the kids to be introduced to new skills and activities.

Another skill the kids were previously introduced to was how to change a tire, for which Skills for Life partnered with Ok Tire for the demonstration.

"They taught them how to change a tire manually, where to find a spare, how to use a jack, and what the air tools would work like if they were to do it professionally," said Harder.

Former Eagle Lake Campground under new ownership

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The location which was formerly the Eagle Lake Campground is under new management and is looking to be open to the public later this spring.

Now under the name, Wheatland Shores Campground, the site is now being operated by Cara and Ryan Carriere, who also own Rocking R Guest Ranch.

"When the county was looking for a new leaser, we just figured that it was a perfect fit with the business that we are already operating, and our main goal here at Rocking R Guest Ranch was to be more open to community and events," she said. "The campground is a perfect fit for that. One of the biggest things that drew us to it was the fact that they (Wheatland County) wanted it open to the public."

Carriere explained the campground, once open, will be available for people to occupy sites, rent boats and interact with the camp store.

In total, there are roughly 100 camp sites at the location. Of these, Carriere said 40 would be set aside for seasonal rentals, with the rest available for nightly and weekly bookings.

"It is not only a seasonal camp anymore. We do offer that for sure, but we just want it to be more

inclusive to everybody," she said.

Current goals for the campground include exposure, to let the community know it will be up and running in the immediate future, as well as to renovate the grounds.

"We just want to connect with everybody and just bring people out, whether they want to camp, whether they just want to set up for the day and have a picnic, it is just a matter of letting the community know that we are open to having everybody just come out," said Carriere. "We are going to be open regardless, and then we will be continuing to do renovations and upgrades throughout the summer. We are not going to let that process prevent us from opening, but we definitely have lots of ideas and things that we want to upgrade and add to."

The immediate focus, she explained, will be on the camp store and office space, to help better welcome people to the grounds, as well as to offer essentials such as ice cream, groceries and activities for kids.

Eagle Lake Campground closed its doors after 30 years of operation in September 2022, after making the announcement the month before.

Carriere said the goal is to have the campground open for May 1. More information is available online or by reaching out to contact Rocking R Guest Ranch.



Great performance

Fuoco Piano Quartet finished off the weeklong Strathmore Performing Arts Festival on April 1 at the Strathmore Alliance Church. The quartet features Ava Goertz, Brianna Hollingsworth, Elizabeth and Gabriel Muller.

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The Liberal war on work

MARTIN SHIELDS
Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

The Liberal Government tabled the 2023 Budget last week and we are seeing more of the same. More inflation-fueling spending announcements, more marketing and sloganeering, with few results achieved for Canadians.

Eight years of this government and gas, grocery, and housing prices have more than doubled. But this government continues to insist on running deficits, further increasing inflation, and raising taxes on Canadians. This year's budget deficit will sit at over \$43 billion. That's over \$4,200 per family.

On April 1, the carbon tax is going up again. Doing little to slow emissions, the carbon tax has only increased the burden Canadian families are carrying – be it parents driving to work to put food on the table or taking their kids to soccer practice. The carbon tax raises the price of everything – and no one stands to benefit but the government. Canada's Food Price Report 2023 predicts that a family of four will spend up to \$1,065 more on food alone this year, totaling more than \$16,000 – and the carbon tax makes that price go even higher. The Parliamentary Budget Officer shows the carbon tax will cost the average family between \$402 and \$847 in 2023, even after the so-called "rebates." The ripple effect of the carbon tax seeps into everything Canadian families pay for.

The Minister of Finance claims this budget is exercising "fiscal restraint" – despite the fact the deficit is running \$10 billion higher than projected just a few months ago, with no plans of returning to a balanced budget – ever. Canada's federal debt for the 2023-24 fiscal year is projected to reach \$1.22 trillion. That is nearly \$81,000 per household in Canada. The cost of servicing Canada's enormous debt continues to grow. The cost to service Canada's debt this year (2023-2024) is projected to be \$43.9 billion. This is nearly double the costs in 2021-2022, when debt servicing costs were \$24.5 billion.

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Canadian families can't run deficits; they must budget their spending within their means. We think government should do the same. What do you think?

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Obituary



ZAKARIASEN, Ruby Margaret

Ruby Margaret Zakariassen (Salberg), 97, passed away calmly, surrounded by loved ones on March 31, 2023.

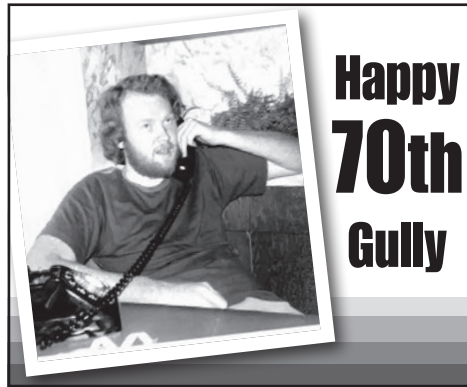
She passed away at home in Standard, AB. Ruby was born on Dec 6, 1925, as the second youngest of 6 children. She moved to Delia, AB to serve as a schoolteacher in 1943, where she met her future husband, Arnold Zakariassen. They were married in 1946 and moved to the Standard area in 1951. Ruby loved the farm and was actively involved in farming for the rest of her life.

Ruby was predeceased by her loving husband, Arnold, her parents John and Rosina Salberg, and her siblings James Salberg, Katherine Solberg, Pearl Wakefield, Glen Salberg and John C. Salberg. Ruby is survived by her 4 children, Carol (Al) Puerzer, Joanne (Terry) James, Les (Barb) Zakariassen, and Roy (Rhonda) Zakariassen. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, Steve Puerzer, Cam Puerzer, Aaron James, Derek James, Phillip James, Joanne (Larry) Johnson, Sherry (Todd) Bahler, Leslee (Nathan) Shenton, James (Robyn) Zakariassen, Kevin (Jackie) Zakariassen, Mason Zakariassen, Caroline Zakariassen, Katherine Zakariassen and Tyler (Hailey) Zakariassen. She was deeply loved by her 18 great grandchildren. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at Standard Nazareth Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. with lunch to follow at Standard Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to Village of Standard Memory Lane or Standard Nazareth Lutheran Church. Ruby positively impacted her family and friends as a devoted mother, doting grandmother and great-grandmother, and a dedicated friend to many. Her grateful attitude and caring heart will be her lasting legacy.

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

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Being Approx. 654 Acres

SW ¼ 32-20-2 EPM
Exc Sly 1320 feet perp
Being Approx. 82 Acres

SE ¼ 32-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres

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Being Approx. 155.89 Acres

NW ¼ 29-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres

NE ¼ 29-20-2 EPM
Being Approx. 162 Acres

CONDITIONS OF TENDER

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

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

For further information contact
Scott W. Johnston at:
Ph: 204-745-2546 Fax: 204-745-3963
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QUALIFICATIONS

Previous administrative/customer service experience is required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- working knowledge of Microsoft Office - excel, word, outlook
- strong interpersonal skills including the ability to work with others including the public
- effective time management skills; ability to perform duties with minimal supervision and able to manage variable workloads and deadlines
- written and verbal communication skills to provide and exchange information, clarify requests, gather, and interpret information
- willingness to learn is a must

Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. The start date is May 1, 2023.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

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

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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



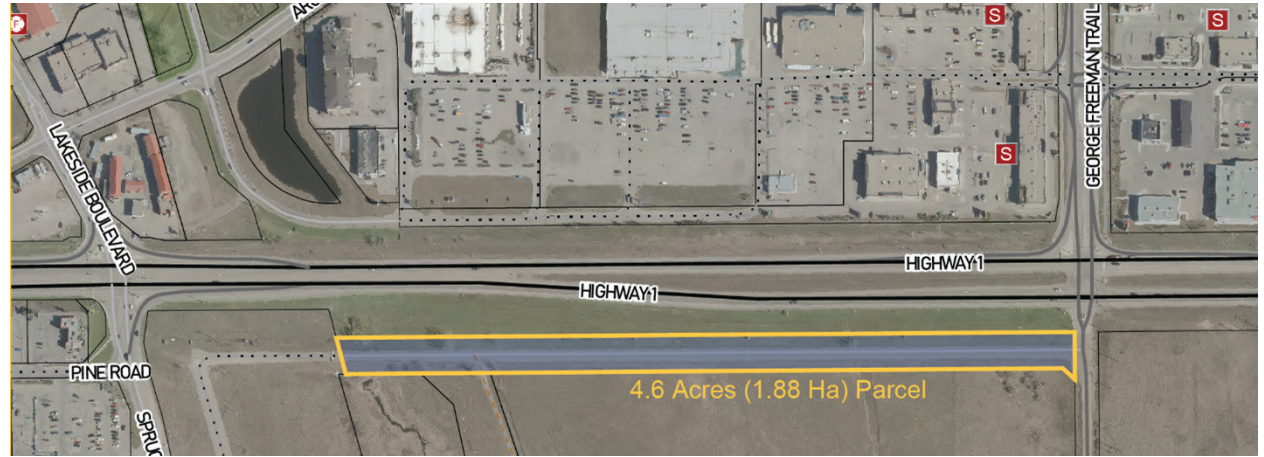
Notice of Public Hearing

Road Closure

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

Bylaw 23-13

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



Public Hearing Process

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Donators:

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

Collectors:

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

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

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

Examples of HIG Items:

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

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