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Town of Strathmore releases 2022-25 strategic plan

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore recently released their 2022-2025 strategic plan, which outlines some of the Town's priorities for the next three years.

Mayor Pat Fule said after meeting to brainstorm for the plan, they boiled their priorities down to six concepts: affordable living, financial sustainability, intentional community development, climate resiliency including environmental stewardship, economic development, and community wellness.

"We had a really solid strategic planning weekend, it was very intense ... it was actually the best strategic planning session I've ever been involved in, in 12 years on council," said Fule. "Those six areas are the ones that council basically comes up with the concept of higher-level priorities like this, and then administration gets together with the CAO and the senior leadership team to come up with actions that can help accomplish some of the some of the goals within each of those six priorities."

During their brainstorming sessions, council broke down into working individually, as well as in small teams, to discern what they believed to be immediately important to the town.

Though the publicly available document does not elaborate heavily on the details of the strategic plan, Fule summarized each of the key points.

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Self-defense with STAND!

A self-defense seminar was held in Kinsmen Park on Aug. 17, hosted by STAND Against Sexual Violence, where women were taught basic personal protection and were made to feel stronger, more confident and empowered. See Page 6 for more coverage.

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Public Notice to Electors of the Town of Strathmore, Province of Alberta

Section 191 - Municipal Government Act

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to repealing the loan By-law No. 20-16 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to repeal the loan by-law which was for the purpose of lending monies in the amount of \$23,000 to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter.

The total outlay for the aforesaid loan amounts to \$23,000.00. The loan, including principal and interest, was repayable in 90 days and the loan has been repaid in full.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 22-22 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said repeal of the loan by-law.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this 21st day of July 2022.

Per: Kara Rusk Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services

DATE of the last publication of this notice is the 10th day of August 2022.

Public Hearing Notice September 7, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a redesignation within the SW-11-24-25-W4M as listed in the table below and shown on the attached map.

This redesignation is proposed to facilitate a pea protein processing facility. The proposed District Overlay would permit a handful of general industrial, agricultural, and agricultural processing uses, allows for a maximum height of 37m, allows for the parking stall requirements to be at the discretion of the approving authority, and does not require specific exterior building materials. Staff are also proposing to add a new definition for "Agricultural Processing and Manufacturing" to the Land Use Bylaw and include it as a permitted use in the proposed district overlay.

Public Hearing Process

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM and in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, Alberta on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 commencing at 6:00 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all of the proposed bylaw, may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Jonathan Strathdee at jonathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 in order to register to present. Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes.

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, August 31, 2022 as outlined in Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw 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, Alberta), or can be found on the Town website: https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx

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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.





SCFA starts new season

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Community Football Association (SCFA) has officially resumed its new season and is gearing up to see games in full swing come

Doug Thiessen, SCFA president and head coach of the peewee team, said he's optimistic regarding the upcoming season of play, particularly with athlete attendance climbing from last year.

"We started (Aug. 8) and it's picking up. We've got our schedule for the peewee's - they're started, (and) the bantams already have a great number of kids, we may even have enough to move to the 12-man league if we get a few more joining up," said Thiessen. "That would be exciting, because they've had to play nine man for the last few years. And then on the peewee side, we're on track right now, I'd say we have about 20 kids, my goal would be to get to 30, at least because then we can run two full teams and work against each other and really improve the team and the skills and give everybody a chance to play multiple positions."

Thiessen said he has been looking to see the local Badgers teams under the SCFA recover their numbers to numbers seen before COVID-19 affected youth sporting events, since restrictions have been largely lifted in Alberta, and combined with the onset of strict athlete safety regulations enforced by provincial standards.

Last season both the bantam and the peewee teams barely had enough players to muster for play, even for the league supporting smaller teams.

"Last year was our first season back post COV-ID. We were really slim on kids — I think we had about 13 bantams and about 17 peewees," said Thiessen. "This year, we're already looking like we're ahead of that with both teams already. I'm hoping ... I'd like to get back to... peewee teams that were in that 25 to 35 range (of players)."

Thiess e stressed that provincial safety standards for play are very strict

when it comes to the athletes, and for many parents who are worries about concussions, though they do happen, they are few and far between.

"Football has undergone changes to reduce concussions (and we) make sure we handle concussions better ... because there's been lots of talk about it in the past. And so, I just always try to make sure parents understand like everyone ... has already had safe contact training and all those things as required by football Alberta," he said.

"We have a full concussion protocol set up, we train our trainers on concussion protocol, the coaches are up to speed on concussion protocol, and we work with people in town that specialize in concussions to help us get better."

Regarding their performance record, Thiessen is hoping the team has a stronger year, with the peewees being completely skunked out of taking a single win in the previous season.

"In all my years of head coaching, last year was the first time I'd ever never won a game and actually the first time we didn't make the playoffs,"

Both the bantam and the peewee teams are accepting new athletes right up until the end of the first game, which is tentatively scheduled in the second week of September.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Report looks similar

(Statement from the Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP Government of Alberta release report on policing model)

On Aug. 16, I learned that the Government of Alberta would be releasing the Alberta Police Service Deployment Model report. The proposed framework appears to be very similar to the current model of the Alberta RCMP.

The Alberta RCMP is future-focused and flexible, changing as the safety and security needs of Albertans change. Modernizing our force, leveraging technology, and finding new ways of delivering our services more efficiently, combined with collaboration and input from our partners on all levels, drives how we adapt to the needs of the citizens we serve and respond to modern-day threats and social factors within the province. The Community Safety and Well-being Branch that was stood up earlier in the year is just one example of how we are constantly adjusting our service to meet the demands of Albertans.

The Alberta RCMP have always been willing to work alongside the Government of Alberta to ensure transparency and accountability in our service delivery. Our budget and staffing levels are determined by the Government of Alberta, the provincial policing priorities are developed with their oversight and approval, and we report on strategic and budget performance measurements on a regular basis.

Open communication and consultations with community leaders; county and municipal governments; chiefs and councils; the Alberta Municipalities Association; the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Association; the Interim Police Advisory Board and Albertans have positioned the Alberta RCMP to continue responding and evolving as a police service. I am grateful for our continued ability to collaborate and work together to address the needs of communities and citizens.

Our employees are skilled police professionals, trained to the highest standard in Canada, based on over a century of rural policing lessons. In addition to these frontline policing skills, our specialized services - including units such Police Dog Services, Forensic Identification, and Emergency Response Teams - are leaders in their fields, know the geographical realities of Alberta, and are strategically positioned throughout the province.

Over the next few days the Alberta RCMP team will be reviewing and analyzing the report in depth.

Deputy Commissioner Curtis Zablocki Commanding Officer of the Alberta RCMP

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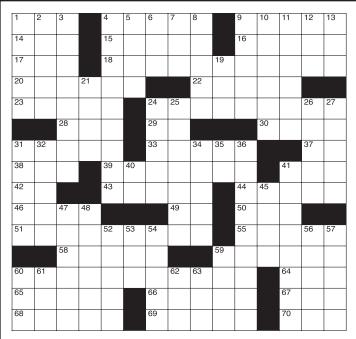
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- 1. One point north of due west
- 4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
- 9. Popular California/Nevada lake
- 14. Go quickly
- 15. Fatty acid in soaps
- 16. Brand of fuel stations
- 17. State of fuss
- 18. Romance novelist
- 20. Members of a household
- 22. Asserts to be the case 23. Type of infection
- 24. With metal inlays
- 28. Chinese philosophic principle
- 29. Early multimedia 30. Employee stock ownership plan
- 31. He investigated Clinton administration
- 33. Shells
- 37. Six
- 38. Snakelike fish

- 39. Capital of Kenya 41. Influential group (abbr.)
- 42. Used to chop 43. It comes as a case
- 44. Challenges
- 46. Small amounts 49. The Golden State
- 50. Peyton's little brother
- 51. For walking in Alaska
- 55. Buddhist honorific titles
- 58. Lively ballroom dance 59. Capital of Albania
- 60. Late night host
- 64. Draw from 65. A way to utilise
- 66. One who is not native Hawaiian
- 67. A power to perceive
- 68. Bulky 69. Horse mackerels
- 70. Proclaim out loud

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hits
- 2. Bathroom accessory
- 3. Young 4. Beef cattles
- 5. It's often in soap
- 6. For each
- 7. Innermost membrane
- enveloping the brain 8. A way to leave
- 9. Emaciation
- 10. Punish with a fine
- 11. Steeds
- 2. Having eight
- 13. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 19. Mature reproductive cells 21. Armadillo species
- 24. Ancient country in what is now
- Romania
- 26. Stars
- 27. Poems
- 25. Extreme greed

- 31. Places to sit
- 32. One from the Lone Star State 34. Small rails
- 35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.) 36. Where coaches work
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Mammals 45. Resembling a wing
- 47. Beliefs
- 48. Hindu male religious teachers
- 52. Mischievously 53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- 54. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 56. Horned squash bug genus
- 57. Excessively sentimental 59. Shared verbally
- 60. You can put it on toast
- 61. Data mining methodology (abbr.) 62. Resinlike substance secreted by
- certain insects 63. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano

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BBB Scam Alert: Rental cons cash in on stressed out movers





You respond to an online rental listing that touts a beautiful home, low rent, and great amenities. It looks legitimate; con artists often use real photos and descriptions stolen from other websites. The "landlord" replies to your message claiming to be out of town and unable to show the property. In the newest BBB Scam Tracker reports, con artists pretend to be out of town for work or in the hospital with a health emergency. The scammer will then create a false sense of urgency, telling you that others are interested, so you must act immediately. They will ask for a security deposit and/or the first month's rent to reserve the property. The scammer may claim that you can see the property through a rental agent - only after you pay the deposit. In some versions, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which asks for

some versions, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which asks for personal details like a Social Security number.

One renter reported this experience, "I saw a house for rent on Facebook and reached out... They sent me an application link and requested \$50 per adult through CashApp. I sent \$100 for two adults and got a confirmatic link saying they received the application. After that, they requested \$400 to be sent to them to hold the property. I refused since I had not met them in person or seen the house."

No matter the details, the result is the same once you send the money. The "landlord" will stop responding to messages and disappear. Renters reported to BBB Scam Tracker losing thousands after paying fees to hold an apartment make a deposit, and nay the first month's rent.

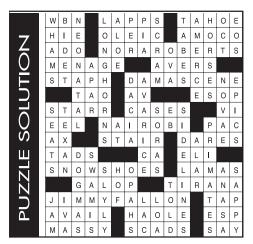
apartment, make a deposit, and pay the first month's rent

Tips to avoid this scam:

- Watch out for deals that are too good. Scammers lure you in by promising low rents, extra amenities, great location. If the price seems much better than elsewhere, it may be a scam.
- Search online for similar properties. Do a quick search for the listing, scammer's email address, or number. If you find the same ad listed in other cities, that's a huge red flag.
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Town plans ahead

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AFFORDABLE LIVING

We do have a lot of a lot of people looking for affordable housing rents. I know people's rents have been going up and there's definitely a shortage of decent places that people can rent," said Fule who explained some of the options for the Town to explore expanding affordable housing options include working in partnership with organizations such as Siksika Nation, or to dive into Town-owned projects working with contractors to encourage more builds in affordable

"We would (also) want to ... increase the number of its own properties in town if, finances are still good. There are opportunities for the Town to become involved in assets of land and things and then we can start to possibly work with other partners to develop places to rent or purchase."

Strathmore is expecting to see a noticeable increase in local employment options in the next several years, an example being with the scheduled construction of the Phyto Organix yellow pea processing plant, which in turn will also require more local housing options.

"There's going to be a lot of need for people to possibly rent or they might even decide they're going to move to Strathmore. We do have to look ahead to housing, what's going to happen and how are people going to be able to get good jobs in our town," said Fule.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

"We know that the Town has some debt that we can tackle, so we're working towards the initiatives for that. We have our budget workshops coming this fall and it'll be the budget for 2023," said Fule. "Some of the things we're going to be looking at is how much money is available to us to pay down debt, to put into reserves for future needs."

Among financial priorities that the Town will be addressing is enforcement and protective services, for which more reserves will need to be created.

Fule explained the Town is looking to find a balance between gaining assets for the municipality while still continuing to complete projects to help residents and address ongoing debt.

"We also have to keep in mind tax increases, because we don't want to hit people hard with tax increases. Council, and I, have to pay taxes too, so we're very aware of when

property taxes go up and obviously, sometimes people have a lot of concerns about them," said Fule. "We have to always find that balance between moving the Town forward and either sustaining services or trying to add services in places. And then you have to couple that with trying to keep property taxes reasonable."

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

"We're looking at things like a transportation plan, possibly in town, or there has been lots of talking about regional transportation," said Fule who added that he intends for the Town to be in discussions with Siksika Nation and Wheatland County to further develop the region.

Regarding the Town's relationship with Wheatland County, Fule spoke highly of the collaborative effort between the two administrations to remove Strathmore and Wheatland Countym the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

Fule hopes to build on that relationship and foundation going forward with the strategic plan.

"We were able to really work hard at developing a regional partnership approach. And you can see that in some of our projects — the Phyto Organix project in Strathmore is going to help Wheatland County and Siksika farmers.

"Perhaps if they decide to grow yellow peas, there could be jobs available to all the groups, including the Town of Strathmore as residents," said Fule.

Among the Town's other ideas and priorities for the community are maintained ideals for reconciliation, economic development and potential partnerships with local school boards. More detailed information can be found at Strathmore.ca by searching strategic

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Strathmore's Communities in Bloom and Ducks Unlimited Canada unveiled four signs last week displaying information regarding the town's local wetlands and some of the flora and fauna they support. The signs will help educate and make the public aware of how critical these environments are to the local ecology.

John Watson Photo

New signs unveiled to educate public on local wetlands

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and Communities in Bloom (CIB) unveiled four new signs in Strathmore to help raise awareness about the importance of wetlands.

Derek Hallgrimson, DUC conservation programs lead, said the idea is for the signs in the area to help convey to locals the importance of wetlands and the species they support.

"I think it's great. I think we do lots of work on the landscape but a lot of people in the urban communities don't exactly know what we're doing," said Hallgrimson. "I think it's great just to see the importance of the wetlands and why we do the conservation work that we do."

DUC, for the kids in the back who

may be unfamiliar, largely focuses on wetland and landscape restoration, as well as conservation.

"We work with producers – were that to be grain farmers or cattle ranchers, and we restore wetlands on the land-scape. And we also do conservation easements, which protects the land forever, the upland and the wetland," explained Hallgrimson who added he hopes the new signs in Strathmore will help locals stay informed and educated, at least regarding the wetlands in their communities.

Rob Pirie, with Strathmore's branch CIB, said as much as local wetlands are important to be educated about, they are also a distinct part of Strathmore's heritage.

Strathmore CIB partnered with Ducks Unlimited to erect the new signs because the organization is well poised to give credibility to what they stand for.

"It was probably a two-year discussion. It took a while because of course, this was also part of the Sustainability Committee with the Town of Strathmore and DUC, and CIB," said Pirie.

Alongside the information provided regarding the local wetlands, DUC also makes information about local bird species and other assorted fauna that make use of the biome easy to access for those who are interested.

"Not a lot of people understand that there is a vast amount of bird species and other species that utilize the wetlands. So, I think it's just great for educational purposes," said Hallgrimson. "Everything starts from education. If people understand why we do what we do, then they will support it in the future to come."

The signs set up in Grey Park display a QR code which passerbys can scan to be immediately directed to informa-

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tion available through DUC, or those who are interested can make their way manually to the DUC website (www. ducks.ca).



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Library Summer Reading program a success

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library wrapped up its summer reading programs over the Aug. 20 weekend with a showing of the movie Shrek and serving hot dogs to folks attending.

Summer Reading program coordinator Karissa Carlson said this year's program has been a huge success among kids in the community.

"It was great. We had a great turnout, we had a lot of fun events ... the kids really enjoyed all the weekly themes that we had with mythical creatures being one of the favorites," said Carlson, explaining that this year's summer reading program took on a fan-

tasy theme, with events and activities having started in the late spring for those registered.

Participating kids were also being encouraged with light competition to get as many logged reading hours in as they could.

"We had an overall summer reading goal this summer of 800 hours (between) all the kids to complete and they made it, which is like super exciting," said Carlson. "At the beginning of summer we were a little worried because we weren't getting a ton of reading logs back in at first ... but as the summer progressed, the kids got more and more excited to reach that goal."

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STAND Against Sexual Violence hosted a selfdefense seminar in Kinsmen Park for women to attend and learn a little about how they may protect themselves if they encounter a potentially dangerous situation. Participants were taught basics surrounding protection of their head and neck and how to strike back against an aggres-

John Watson Photos

Women's self-defense seminar hosted in Kinsmen Park

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

STAND Against Sexual Assault hosted a self-defense seminar for women in Kinsmen Park on Aug. 17, helping women to realize their own strength, among other motivations.

According to Erin Brassard, founder of STAND Against Sexual Assault, the seminar was also aimed to help attending women increase their confidence, feel empowered and learn a little about how to potentially defend themselves.

"It's about knowing your own strength and knowing the badass that you can be," said Brassard.

The seminar was hosted with Maegh-

en Cotterill, an 11-time world champi- 10 per cent of men are committing acts box." on mixed martial artist, who partnered with STAND to help with their cause.

"We really want to build a community of support for people who have experienced sexual violence. Our main mission of STAND is to end this stigma that surrounds sexual violence and to end victim blaming and victim shaming," said Brassard. "A big reason that sexual violence is so common is because it's not talked about. One-in-three men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime and two-in-three women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime — and that's in Alberta."

On the same note, Brassard described that against women, less than of sexual violence.

Brassard and Cotterill said they began working together following a women's event they had both been attending and jumped at the opportunity to create their self defense seminar.

Since its inception, their team has brought it to junior and senior high schools, as well as local communities.

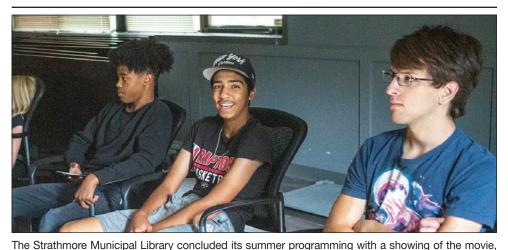
"STAND has been an organization that I care very deeply for and have been involved with for several years. I've been a survivor of sexual assault and sexual violence and so I want to be able to bring more awareness and more healing into the community," said Cotterill. "If I can make people feel stronger and more confident, more empowered and give them permission to feel those things, but also feel like they have the potential to defend themselves in the way that makes them feel comfortable and safe, that's a huge gift and it just adds more tools to their tool-

Cotterill added she hopes to encourage everyone to come out and experience the seminar, regardless of how intimidating it may seem at first glance.

"Come with an open mind, you're able to watch, you don't have to participate in it," said Cotterill. "If you learn one thing in the seminar, that's one more thing that you didn't have before. I want you to feel like you have permission to elevate yourself and grow and heal and be vulnerable and put yourself out there in a new and different situation."

Over the long term, Brassard is aiming to continue making STAND activities more accessible to everyone and continuing to normalize talking about sexual abuse and trauma.

STAND also hosts workshops such as art therapy, healing yoga and online vision board classes, such that there is a class for anyone to attend, feel safe in and begin to heal.



Shrek, for the participating kids to attend. Overall, program organizers said the summer activities were a big hit among kids, and they were able to achieve a goal of encouraging over 800 collective hours of reading between attending kids. John Watson Photo

Growing youth readership

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As another way to encourage kids to read, their logged hours would contribute to a display in the library that showed the growth of Rapunzel's hair and reaching the 800 hour goal would see it touch the ground of her tower.

"We had her hair growing as they were getting to the goal, so once it reached the ground, we knew that they had made their goal," said Carlson. "And you could see them with each week (asking), 'Is it? Is it closer?' so they were really excited as it got closer to the goal."

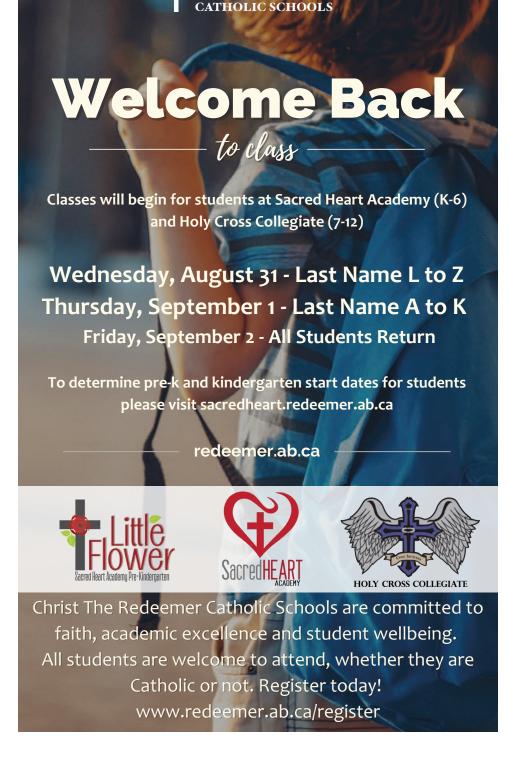
For some of the events in the program, the team had not anticipated such a high turnout of participants, but Carlson described it as a good problem

Other comments, especially from par-

ents, indicated interest in having longer programming as opposed to the 90-minute time slots used this year for each age group.

"Going forward, I think it would be nice if they were able to do some longer programming and I definitely think the reading goal was something that would be good to continue, maybe even push for a higher kind of goal, see if we can really push the limit on that one," said Carlson. "If there was more ways to go into the community and do events, rather than just like having everything at the library, that would be cool if we could do that kind of thing in the future."

According to Carlson, the library has every intention of continuing the summer reading programs next year and is in the process of setting up their fall agenda.



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Strathmore RCMP ask residents to help

U16 baseball tryouts to represent Team Alberta hosted in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The U16 Team Alberta tryouts were hosted in Strathmore over the Aug. 19 weekend, with the three-day long tournament determining next year's provincial team.

Among the players from the Zone 2 team is Strathmore's Aubrey Stender, who was selected to participate in the tournament from the Strathmore Reds.

Andy Stender, Aubrey's father, said though the tournament wasn't one of a more competitive nature for a provincial title, all the participating players are there to show off in hopes of being selected to play for Team Alberta.

"What we basically have is ... the best 15-year-old players in Alberta. And basically, the province has split up into eight zones and each zone had a large group bulk trial," said Stender, who explained that several large trial camps were held to assemble the eight zone teams all over the province. Strathmore, included in Zone 2, being the southernmost situated.

"Basically, what it is, is an evaluation camp for what will be the U16 Team Alberta next year. Team Alberta plays in all events, including a fall cup, there's one in the spring and then of course, the bigger one is the summer games in Ontario," said Stender.

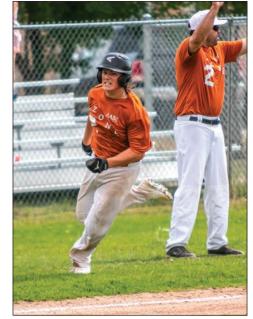
The Zone 2 team is comprised of kids from High River to Olds, and east towards the Saskatchewan border. Aubrey Stender is the only athlete on the Zone 2 team hailing from Strathmore, though Strathmore hosted the zone tournament.

According to Stender, the Zone 2 team has been practicing together since the conclusion of the regular baseball Alberta season provincials, roughly three weeks ago.

"The team has kind of been put together for probably, I'd say six weeks total," said Stender. "What had happened was they selected I think it was about 20 kids ... (and) we had a second kind of trial camp. Out of that, we kept

Though the team selection took place in July, practices together did not start until the first week of August.

Stender added the tournament itself is not one of particular competition, but more-so as an evaluation camp in the form of a tournament. Inter-player competition is centered around vying



Tryouts for the U16 Alberta baseball team were hosted on the diamonds between Strathmore and Cheadle from Aug. 19-21. Athletes competing in the tryout tournament were organized by their respective zones, and the final Team Alberta will be selected from that pool. Aubrev Stender (15, pictured) is the only representing athlete from Strathmore to have competed over the weekend.

John Watson Photo

for spots on Team Alberta as opposed to winning a sort of championship.

Friday's games were hosted in Cheadle, with Saturday and Sunday having been hosted at the Kinsmen Park ball diamond.

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There is still a percentage of Canadians who are unvaccinated against Covid-19. A recently published Canadian study found that vaccinated people who mix with the unvaccinated have a significantly increased risk of being infected than mixing with only vaccinated people. The reverse is also true. Haven't had your Covid shot yet? Do it soon.

By the way, in case you are not being vaccinated because of some of the vaccine myths circulating, here are a few myth-busters: vaccines will NOT make you sterile or infertile. They do NOT increase your risk of cancer or dementia. Vaccines also do NOT alter your DNA.

Has your doctor written you a Nature Prescription yet? There is a lot of evidence that says those who take a walk in nature report less repetitive negative thoughts. The Health Service in Scotland is encouraging doctors to write a Nature Rx to treat high blood pressure, anxiety and depression.

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Local athlete crowned King of the Rink in up-and-coming sport

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the folks who enjoy watching a good brawl, an emerging new sporting series aims to have audiences cheering at the edge of their seats.

Ice Wars is a series by AJ Galante which, in essence, boils hockey down to just the fights in an eight-man tournament.

Strathmore's Justin Schmit is the most recent athlete to be crowned "King of the Rink" after his victory in the Ice Wars arena in Enoch, Alta. on Aug. 6.

"It's definitely something that hasn't been seen, but ... people really jumped on board and the fights themselves are super exciting," said Schmit. "I don't think anybody that bought the pay per view, or anybody that bought a ticket was really disappointed by it."

Competing athletes are geared effectively similar to hockey players, skates and all, and are set into an octagonal ring to duke it out. The whole series is comprised of hockey style fights, by professional athletes, in hockey gear.

Schmit, having experience in boxing, mixed martial arts and hockey said he was excited to jump at the chance to

"I've known AJ for quite a while and we started discussing it last December when I was up in up in Danbury," said Schmit. "Him and I got talking and you know, we started discussing the possibility of having a tournament like this. I actually didn't plan on coming back to Canada this offseason, so I was like, 'well, you know, if it happens to take place in United States, I'd love to be a part of it."

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Justin Schmit was crowned King of the Rink earlier this month, as he emerged victorious from the up-and-coming sport, Ice Wars. The series effectively boils hockey down to just the fights for audiences who enjoy a good brawl.

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Strathmore's annual rodeo school was hosted for its fourth iteration from Aug. 15-18 at the Strathmore and District Agricultural Society grounds. Attending students were given an opportunity to be introduced to, or hone their skills, in a growing variety of rodeo sports, under the coaching of industry professionals.

John Watson Photos

Strathmore Rodeo School hosts fourth annual workshop

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's annual rodeo school returned last week for its fourth year of operation, with administrators excited to see another year of success.

The rodeo school saw athletes coming out to the Strathmore rodeo grounds for four days of instruction from industry professionals to help better their game and pique interest in a variety of rodeo sports.

Scott Schiffner, former professional bull rider, was asked to assist in coaching the Strathmore Rodeo School since its inception.

"I've worked with the Johansen brothers for years actually, they got me started in rodeo with one of their schools way back in the steer riding days and as I progressed over time, they kind of slowly asked me to help them with their schools," said Schiffner. "I've been helping them now for just about 15 years, so just seemed like a good fit, right at home for all of us originally from Strathmore. It's nice to do something like this in your hometown."

The rodeo school originally started with bull riding only in its first year and has been adding events to its roster in the years following.

Now, students can come out to experience and practice bareback, bronc riding, barrel racing and breakaway roping. The lattermost of which is a new addition to the school this year.

Each of the events, Schiffner said, is instructed by different industry professionals with appropriate experience in the wente

"It's really important to me. Over the years, rodeo ... (has) given me pretty much everything I have in life, so it's nice to give back to it," said Schiffner. "We really take it upon ourselves to try to get the kids off on the right foot and put them on the right stock, and then help them the best we can. The more it grows, the more it helps the sport and the longer the sport can live. Hopefully, over time, some of these kids can go on to make a very successful living as being bull riders."

Schiffner did clarify the goal of the school is not necessarily to train the next world class athletes, but to introduce youth to the sport and give them a good experience to take away from.

Though each of the students who come out are different and have varying levels of comfort in the ring, he added a highlight of being able to put on the school is simply to see the growth experienced by the kids who come out in such a short period of time.

"I think the biggest thing is just seeing the growth in the kids and seeing them overcome their barriers. We have kids who show up here who have never been on (a bull) and by the end of the day ... they've now been on maybe six bulls and their confidence is really improving in that," said Schiffner. "Some of the more advanced kids that show up too, we help them with little things, tweak little things and all of a sudden, it's like the light bulb goes on. For me, it's just seeing them grow and just seeing, what they realize they can do and what they can accomplish."



Community imput is key to decision making

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers! Area residents may be familiar with EPCOR; it has been the trusted operator of the Strathmore wastewater treatment plant for over 20 years. EPCOR is in the process of designing its proposed Ardenode RNG facility to be located in Wheatland County.

EPCOR, like many businesses and operators, believes community input is an important part of its decision-making and design process. The proposed project differs from other projects developed or proposed in the area. The facility is not a compost facility nor a fertilizer production plant and the process does not involve burning manure or organics; rather, it uses anaerobic digestion, a proven technology that is widely used across the world in municipal, agricultural and agri-food sectors

to process organic materials. EPCOR is committed to conducting its business and operations safely and responsibly. Environmental stewardship, public health and community well-being are at the heart of its mission to provide clean water and safe, reliable energy. EPCOR understands the issues that area residents have faced in the past with some industrial facilities and they want to be transparent about the project, the potential impacts and planned mitigations. EPCOR held a project open house on Aug. 23 at the Nightingale Community Hall as part of its engagement efforts. If you did not have a chance to attend, you can still provide your feedback as the open house materials, project information and project questionnaire are available virtually on EPCOR's Project webpage epcor.com/ ArdenodeRNG until Sept. 7.

Mayor Fule and I are happy to announce a new funding collaboration

where the Government of Alberta has approved funding, up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$296,805, for the eligible cost of upgrades to the intersection of Lakeside Boulevard and Archie Klaiber Trail. This was granted through the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP), which works to reinforce the Government of Alberta's commitment to improving local transportation infrastructure as well as stimulating the economy in our constituency.

Finally, I want to share an article by David Yager: Is Oilfield Services the World's Largest Misunderstood Industry? (Aug. 17, EnergyNow Media - https://energynow.ca/2022/08/david-yager-is-oilfield-services-theworlds-largest-misunderstood-indus-

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The article shines a very important light on Oil Field Services (OFS), the many jobs necessary for this sector's function and the damage that bad policy has on these critical sectors. There are thousands of jobs at stake, and as quoted from the article:

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As always, we love to hear from you. (Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

RCMP provides road safety tips for new motorists

ALBERTA RCMP

This August, the Alberta RCMP is focussing on new driver safety. Many motorists with a learner's licence or a probationary graduated driver's licence (GDL) are often still getting comfortable behind the wheel. The time spent learning the rules of the road is critical for developing safe driving habits and behaviours.

As a new driver, keep the following tips top of mind:

- Carpooling? Do not travel with more passengers than seat belts.
- Get comfy. Adjust your seat, mirrors, navigation, or hands-free devices before shifting into drive.
- Sober driving is safe driving. You must have a blood-alcohol level of zero when driving. Never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Don't go solo. Drivers with a learner's licence must be accompanied by a fully licenced (non-GDL probationary) individual. The individual must be 18 years of age or older and be seated beside the driver (Government of Alberta, 2022)
 - Stay alert. Be aware of your sur-

roundings and practice defensive driv-

- Make an itinerary. Before heading out on long trips, be sure to communicate your destination and anticipated arrival time with an adult.
- Your ride is your responsibility. Ensure your vehicle is in safe operating condition before hitting the road.
- Be distraction free. Keep your focus where it needs to be on the road.

"Driving is a complex skill that requires time and practice," said Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "New drivers should understand that with a licence comes a responsibility of following traffic laws and adopting smart driving behaviours. This is not only for their own safety but also the safety of those they are now sharing the road with."

Whether you have little experience behind the wheel or years of driving under your seatbelt, everyone has a role to play in upholding traffic safety.

To learn more about the Government of Alberta's GDL program, visit their website. For traffic safety information, follow us on Facebook @RCMPinAlberta and on Twitter @RCMPAlberta.

King of the Rink

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Instead, Schmit described being back at home in Strathmore by happenstance when it was suggested to him that he participate in the August event at Enoch, at which he ultimately took home the win.

Schmit described his athletic history as beginning early and being introduced to both boxing and hockey, which lead into a 20-year professional career on the ice.

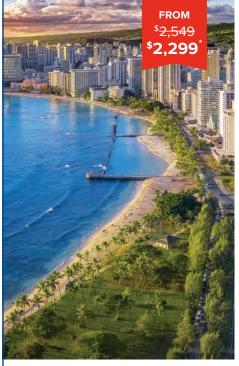
Schmit's time as a mixed martial artist was done during the off-season from the rink, with his first professional fight taking place in 2009.

The aim for continuing to develop Ice Wars is to get enough traction for it to be picked up by a streaming service, according to Schmit. The team behind it is hoping to ride their initial momentum gained during their pay-per-view

Schmit added that if he is given another opportunity to compete, he won't hesitate to come out and do so.

"This was the easiest organization I've ever had to compete for," said Schmit. "It was just first class and to have an opportunity to defend my title whenever the next event takes place, hopefully I can make sure I'm a part of it."

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RCMP remind the public on the steps to report a missing person

ALBERTA RCMP

The Alberta RCMP Missing Persons Unit wants to remind Albertans of a few key things when it comes to reporting a missing person.

- 1. Do not wait to make a call the sooner police are aware or notified of a missing person, the sooner a search can begin.
- 2. You can report a missing person from anywhere. You do not have to wait to get back home call the police from wherever you are, report what you know and ask for help.
- 3. Provide as much detail as you can. It is helpful for the investigation to have as much detail as possible, including recent photos and description and activity of the person.
- 4. Photos are imperative provide investigators with recent photos that are

ideally straight-on profile that are without filters that could obscure or alter appearance. Alternatively, provide links to social media accounts where photos can be found.

To report a missing person, call 911, walk into your closest police station or call a complaint line.

If you have travel plans, ensure that you provide your written itinerary including destination, mode of transportation and contact information to a loved one, friend or neighbour. It is an important safety practice that someone is aware of your location and plans when you are away from your regular routines. The safety of citizens is a priority for the Alberta RCMP.

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Obituary



COLLARD, John Charles

COLLARD, JOHN CHARLES 'Johnny' of Strathmore Alberta passed away August 7, 2022 after a short, but courageous battle with can-

Johnny was born September 29, 1957 in Edmonton Alberta, and was considered a miracle baby as he was just a 2.5lb. preemie.

Johnny was a passionate and caring individual that showed in his 40 plus years of service in the hospitality industry. After graduating from SAIT, John worked throughout the Calgary area. His talent as a chef took him through many kitchens including The Calgary Petroleum Club and Cannery Row. His last calling was at The Station in Strathmore were he catered numerous private weddings and parties.

Johnny was very generous to many charities that he supported. Of special note, as a kidney transplant survivor, was The Kidney Foundation of Canada.

His passion for taking care of others extended to his love of his dogs, suffice to say they were a big part of his family!

Johnny was pre-deceased by his father and mother, and long-time companion Rod Danhauer, and his 'kids' - dogs Buddy and Brandy.

Johnny is survived by his brothers and sisters, Grant, Kandis, Beverly, Holly, Diana and Michael, many nieces and nephews and an untold number of friends.

Johnny's family would like to thank all for their thoughts and prayers.

Obituary



LASSITER, Robert Stanley (Stan) January 30, 1934 — August 3, 2022

Stan was born at Chin, Alberta, the fifth child of O.B. and Alice Las-

He was pre-deceased by his sisters, Dorothy Mildred Nelson and II-

eane Patricia Reimer; parents, O.B. and Alice Lassiter; nephew, Eric Reimer; niece, Natalie Lassiter; brothers-in-law, Glen Schelske, Roy Nelson, Ernie Ferguson and Niels Jensen, Jake and Abe Reimer.

He is survived by his sisters, Nina Irene Juanita Jensen, Tobi Hentze (Karl), Caral Beagle (Ivan), Judy Schelske (Glen), Dianna Lynne Lassiter (Jim Powelsland); by his brothers, Leonard Lassiter and Byron Lassiter (Marlene); and by his wife, Ruth Lassiter and six children, Barry, Connie, Robert, Kent, Brenda and Darrel.

Stan's brothers and sisters will gather at the "Dennys" on McKnight Blvd. and Edmonton Trail, Calgary, on Monday, August 29 at 4 p.m. to honour his memory.

Obituary



YULE, Erwin David (Shep) July 31, 1938 to August 20, 2022

Erwin David Yule (Shep) of Gleichen, AB, passed away on August 20, 2022 at the age of 84 years. He was born in Calgary, AB, but grew up and worked the family farm in Gleichen, AB. He went on to purchase an acreage outside of Sterling, AB, where he ranched for many years.

Erwin was an active member of the Gleichen Lions and Gleichen Legion. He enjoyed refereeing hockey for 25 years. Anyone that had met Erwin for even a moment could see his love and passion for horses. Erwin is survived by his sister Shirley Yule (Shani); daughter Diana Rougeau (Ted); son Darryl Yule (Michelle); daughter-in-law Debbie Yule, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Erwin is predeceased by his parents David Yule and Winnie Green; sister Diana Yule; brother Harold Yule, and son Kevin Yule. A Funeral Service will be held at Foster's Garden Chapel, 3220 – 4 Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta (across from Queen's Park Cemetery), on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In honour of Erwin's life, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society at https://cancer.ca/en/, or to the charity of one's choice. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family, via the website: www.fostersgardenchapel.ca

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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.

September 6: Council Meeting September 13: Municipal Planning Commission September 20: Council Meeting

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

Attention Wheatland County Utility Account Holders

At the Regular Council Meeting on August 16, 2022, Council approved an increase to the water and sewer utility rates effective November 1, 2022. The rate increase reflects an increase of 15% on variable rates, capital levies, and flat fees. The rate change will be reflected on your utility bill that will be mailed out on November 30, 2022.

For more information, visit our website: https://wheatlandcounty.ca/news/

Switch to Paperless eBill



Residents now have the option to go paperless and have utility bills sent directly to an email address.

Why switch to eBill?

- eBill is quick, easy to use, and secure
- you will receive an email notification with your bill attached
- eBill reduces paper clutter and the need to file or recycle old
- access your bills anywhere and anytime

Opt-in to receive utility bills by email through our fast and easy online form available at Utility eBilling Registration -(wheatlandcounty.ca)

What Colour is Your Water?

A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day. Your toilet may be leaking without you being aware of the leak.

To do a quick check, put a few drops of food colouring in your toilet tank. Wait 20-30 minutes and if the colour from the tank can be seen in the toilet bowl, you have a leak.



INTERESTING

FACTS

1 Cubic Metre = 1,000 Litres

1 Cubic Metre = 220 Gallons

1 Cubic Metre = Approximately 10 bathtubs full of water The average Canadian uses 7 Cubic Metres of water/month Moving in or moving out? Be sure to let us know!

Quick and easy forms are on our website: www.wheatlandcounty.ca

Utility Rates: Effective November 1, 2022

Hamlet of:	Carseland	Speargrass	Gleichen	Rosebud	Cluny	Muirfield
Water Flat Rate	\$28.30	\$28.30	\$28.30	\$28.30	N/A	\$28.30
Water Consumption Rate (m³)	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.55	N/A	\$2.55
Water Debenture	\$11.74	N/A	N/A	\$15.18	N/A	N/A
Wastewater Flat Rate	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$18.86	\$28.06	\$18.86
Wastewater Usage Rate (m³)	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	\$1.79	N/A	\$1.79
Wastewater Debenture	\$3.42	\$3.42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Septic Tank Maintenance	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$14.38	N/A	N/A
Capital Levy	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$22.09	\$20.25

Bulk Water Sales Water Service Rates: \$8.08

Please Note: Cluny rates differ due to the nature of servicing infrastructure available.

Reminder: Wheatland County utility accounts are billed monthly. If payment is not received by the due date, interest will be charged to your account at 5% of the overdue balance and service disruptions may result. Setting up automatic payments will help ensure you never get behind. Give us a call or visit our website to learn more.

Agriculture Bursary Program

Wheatland County - Agricultural Service Board

The Wheatland County Agricultural Service Board (ASB) recognizes the importance of youth to the agricultural industry and rural communities in Wheatland County. The Wheatland County ASB invites students furthering their education at a post-secondary institution in an agriculture or environmental science related field to apply.

ASB will provide up to \$6000 in Bursaries annually with a minimum award of \$500 and a maximum award of \$1500 depending upon the number of applicants that meet the criteria. Bursaries are available to high school graduates (within 3 years) residing within the boundaries of Wheatland County. Funding is not available to persons qualifying for or participating in job training assistance grants or previous bursary recipients.

Application packages are available online at wheatlandcounty.ca

For additional information contact Michelle Van Haarlem at 403-361-2000 or agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca

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