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Operating budget approved

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has approved their 2023 operating budget, which was finalized during the Dec. 7 regular meeting of council.

Throughout the process of evaluating and approving the budget, several amendments were made since the initial presentation to council.

Included in these a tax increase, which was finalized to sit officially at 4.5 per cent over the 2022 budget, having been reduced from the initially proposed 4.9 per cent increase.

Tom Maier, manager of financial reporting and budgeting for the Town of Strathmore, explained during the meeting of council, a change of 0.1 per cent to taxes equates to roughly \$20,000.

Reducing tax increase by a total 0.4 per cent will effectively reduce the town budget by \$80,000.

The town's combined total budget was officially approved at \$38,024,800. This is broken down into \$35,119,800 operating, and \$2,905,000 capital budgets over the course of 2023.

"While the Strategic Plan lays out council's vision for Strathmore, the budget is administration's commitment to making the vision a reality," said Leana Ashbacher, senior manager of financial services for the Town of Strathmore. "Council's approval of the 2023 budget sets the pace for the projects, initiatives and services that will make the Town of Strathmore future ready."

"This year's budget was about investing in programs and services that improve community well-being, while balancing what's possible given the current economic realities, inflationary pressures, and pandemic recovery."

Coun. Brent Wiley said during the meeting, he is aware the increase to local tax rates will not be a well-received decision, despite its necessity.

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Pushing their limits!

Roughly 50 athletes from Southern Alberta took part in a football combine hosted by former CFLer Bryn Roy on Dec. 10-11 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The workshop encouraged athletes to come out, train, and get scouted by nationally ranked schools across Canada and the US. See Page 5 for more coverage.

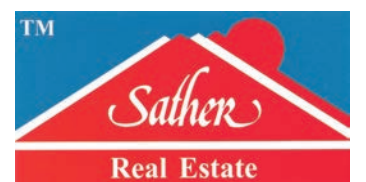
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Terrific train

The CP Rail Christmas Train pulled into Gleichen at 8:35 p.m. as scheduled to a warmly dressed and eager crowd on Dec. 7. Performers on the train included Aysanbee (pictured) and Tenille Townes. Wheatland County fire department was on hand at the event in Gleichen to show their support, while horse drawn carriage rides, by Hammer Hill Stables, provided entertainment and nostalgia to all.

Melissa Piche Photos



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will once again be hosting its live performances of the Nativity Scene, Dec. 17 and 18. On each day, there will be four performances, put together by volunteers from the church congregation. This year marks the third time the church has hosted the display

Photo Courtesy of Loralee Laycock

Local church once again putting on live nativity scenes

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is once again putting on performances of the Nativity Scene for the local community.

The performances are 15 minute acted representations of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. This year marks the third time members of the church's congregation have put on these performances.

"We started in 2019 and then took a year off in 2020 because of COVID-19. Last year, we did it again and we will do it again this year," said Loralee Laycock, who spoke on behalf of the church.

"We've had really positive responses and lots of attendance to the community. Last year, we had about 700 people in total come to see it."

The performances will run over two nights this year on Dec. 17-18. Both days will feature four shows per night, which will begin at 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Laycock added attendance to last year's shows was higher than in 2019, though she described breaking the show during the height of the pandemic effectively caused the team to have to start advertising and spreading awareness from scratch.

"It is all volunteers. Members of our congregation are the actors, and also run the lighting, the sound, operate the sets, and we also have animals," said Laycock. "We have a donkey, a pony, and some sheep, and they are all loaned to us by members of our congregation."

For those who are putting on the show, Laycock explained they had one rehearsal together in November prior to their dress rehearsal one week prior to the shows.

She added now that the performances have been hosted a few times and those in the congregation know to expect it, whole families are making a point to get involved together for the holiday season.

"It is a really exciting thing to see people want to come back and do this. We have lots of youth involved, several teenagers who are angels, and they love to come back and do it from one year to the next," said Laycock. "It gives our whole congregation a chance to celebrate Christmas in the way that we believe is really important – celebrating the birth of Christ and how Christmas is centred around that."

The shows will take place outside the church itself, along Maplewood Drive, for those who are interested in attending any of the performances.

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FCSS to offer Good Food boxes next year

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) will once again be offering monthly Good Food boxes in an effort to make eating healthy more affordable for locals.

The boxes are sourced from the Calgary-based organization, Community Kitchens, which aims to make fresh produce more affordable than buying from a grocery store.

Community Kitchens itself makes an effort to source as much produce as it can locally, and when that becomes impossible (such as for bananas or other tropical items), wholesalers will be employed.

Tammy Sieben, administrative assistant with Strathmore FCSS, said the boxes have been made locally available every year on a monthly basis, averaging roughly 50 orders per month.

“When COVID-19 first started, we were doing up to 300 or 400 boxes a month. Prior to COVID-19, the average was always around 50 or 60 boxes,” she explained. “People can pick them up from town hall starting in January. We will be distributing them from here in the council chambers.”

For those who are interested in picking up a Good Food box, they will simply have to call the FCSS and pre-order them. Each month, there is a cut-off date when orders will no longer be accepted.

For January, the order date is the third, there-

fore any orders must be made prior to then. Pick-up day for all orders will be on Jan. 13.

Order cut off days, as well as pickup days are listed online via the Strathmore FCSS website.

“The weights of the boxes are approximate, but on average, the small is 25 to 30 pounds, the medium is 35 to 40 pounds, and the largest is 45 to 50 pounds,” said Sieben. “When COVID-19 hit, we offered the boxes at quite reduced rates, so at that point we were up to something like three or 400 boxes a month. Now that prices are back to normal, we have gone back down on average to around 50 a month, which is a pretty steady rate.”

Each month, the boxes are filled with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, often including common cooking staples such as carrots, potatoes, tomatoes, and onions.

Fruits and vegetables contained in the boxes may include options such as squash, avocados, cucumbers, apples and oranges. The boxes also contain seasonal items based on what is regularly more available based on the time of year.

Sieben added the prices of the small, medium, and large boxes, respectively, are \$27, \$32, and \$37.

For those who decide to order a box for a given month, they are asked to pick up their order on the designated pickup day between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

If there are any boxes that are not claimed and another pickup arrangement is not made, the box will be donated to a local support organization such as the overnight or crisis shelters.



Santa paws

The town held its first-ever Santa Paws Christmas Pet Expo, presented by Alpine View Pet Spa, on Dec. 3-4 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. Patrons and their furry friends could find dog accessories, a variety of pet treats and even get a picture with Santa Claus.

Melissa Piche
Photo

Strathmore Stampede 2023 tickets up for purchase

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Stampede is offering tickets to their annual rodeo much earlier than usual this year in an effort to make the event more accessible.

According to Kate Dubois, events coordinator Strathmore Stampede, offering tickets to the 2023 event this early will give folks more opportunities to purchase tickets, as well as to keep the event fresh in their minds to prioritize.

“This year, we decided to make our Strathmore Stampede tickets on sale a little bit earlier, just so people can maybe buy them for Christmas or whatnot,” she said. “The biggest part of it is to start getting word of mouth out there, and news going out that the Stampede is happening again.”

Generally, tickets to the Strathmore Stampede go on sale in February. The goal, according to Dubois, is to encourage the event to grow, as well as to give folks who are potentially interested more time to plan their summer.

“I know there’s so many different events that go on throughout the summer, so this is something that you are kind of aware of a little bit earlier,” she said. “We’ve seen huge, huge increase in our seated events like the rodeo and chuckwagons, so we’re hoping to continue growing it.”

Another point of excitement for the Strathmore Stampede team is that this year they will not be competing with Medicine Hat for rodeo fans to

choose which event to attend.

Dubois explained Strathmore’s and Medicine Hat’s events will this year be hosted on different weekends, which will be to the advent of both athletes and their teams, as well as fans.

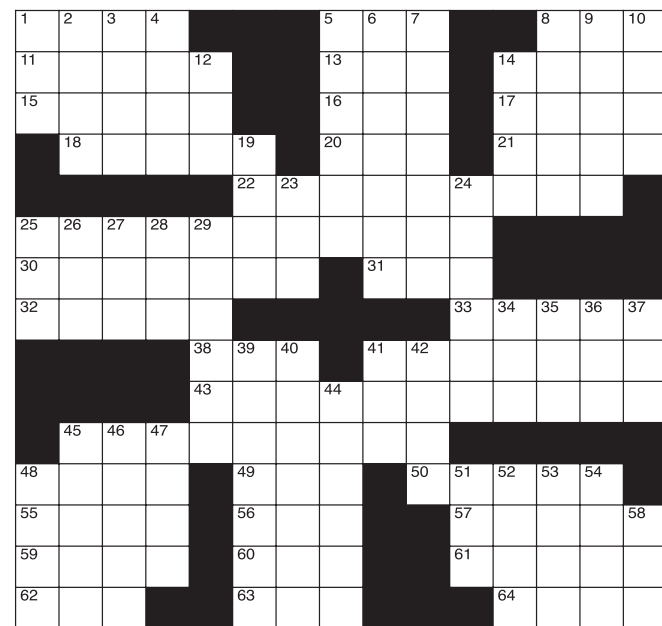
“Typically, we have had Medicine Hat go at the same time, but this year actually works out great that they are happening the weekend before us,” she said. “If you go visit Medicine Hat and us, you don’t really have to split your time between the two – you can do both.”

Tickets for the Strathmore Stampede are currently on sale for their regular listing prices. Dubois did not specify whether early bird deals will be made available later.

The team is working to secure a headliner for the Strathmore Stampede’s Friday Night Roundup Concert – the artist for which, they are hoping to reveal in a few weeks.

Another popular event set to make a return is the Running with the Bulls. Others which Dubois said the team would like to see returning include the Kisling Farms Petting Zoo, as well as the Alberta Wrestling Academy.

For those who are interested, tickets can be purchased online via the Strathmore Stampede website, or in person at the office on the Agricultural Society Grounds. As a note to keep in mind, the in-person office will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
- 5. Supervises interstate commerce
- 8. Touch lightly
- 11. Relating to bees
- 13. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 14. Mosuo culture religion
- 15. Italian village
- 16. Stiff bristle
- 17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
- 18. Cause to lose courage
- 20. Examines animals
- 21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Having easily perceived thoughts
- 30. Removed surgically
- 31. Principle underlying the universe
- 32. Popular airline
- 33. Antelopes
- 38. Peacock network
- 41. Utter repeatedly
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Father
- 49. Popular BBQ dish
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Atomic mass unit
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body
- 59. Indian mythological figure
- 60. Mild expression of surprise
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Brew
- 63. Doctor of Education
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. State attorneys
- 2. Imitated
- 3. Latvian capital
- 4. Irish goddess
- 5. Taste
- 6. Dried
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Mother of Perseus
- 9. Evergreen coniferous trees
- 10. Refuse to comply
- 12. Negative
- 14. Hyphen
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. One who tends the furnace
- 25. Small amount
- 26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. The whole quantity
- 28. __ King Cole, musician
- 29. One’s opinion
- 34. Holds ashes
- 35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
- 36. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 37. Legislator (abbr.)
- 39. Concentrated bombardment
- 40. Took for oneself
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Thousands of pounds
- 44. Inspired
- 45. Secret clique
- 46. Expression
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Comedian Carvey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resistance fighters
- 58. Criticize

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RCMP make multiple arrests at rural property

ALBERTA RCMP

On Nov. 30 at approximately 10 a.m., Strathmore General Investigation Section (GIS) and Strathmore Detachment members with assistance of RCMP Auto Theft Section attended a property in Rocky View County south of Langdon to conduct a check for stolen property. In total, four vehicles and a util-

ity trailer were recovered from the property. One vehicle was stolen in Wheatland County, another from Rocky View County and the remaining two vehicles and trailer were stolen in Calgary. Two arrest warrants from Calgary were also executed for a male at the property.

Then on Dec. 2 at approximately 10 a.m., Strathmore GIS and detachment members attended the same property to conduct a check for stolen property. While there, a pickup truck previously reported as stolen in Calgary was located. While on the property, members located a male wanted on two warrants from Calgary. Once arrested, a drivers license not belonging to the male was found in his possession. The male was transported to Strathmore Detachment for a bail hearing. Yanick Carbonneau, a 32-year-old resident of Calgary, was charged with unlawful possession of a government document. He did not speak to bail and was remanded to appear on Dec. 6. The vehicle was recovered and returned to its owner.

Later that day, at approximately 2:45 p.m., Strathmore GIS and detachment members attended the same property to conduct another check for stolen property. Upon arrival, a white Ford pickup truck was observed parking on the property. Further investigation revealed the truck was stolen in Calgary and the occupant was found to be wanted on two warrants from Calgary. A search of the vehicle revealed the presence of what

was believed to be methamphetamine. The occupant was arrested and transported to Strathmore Detachment for a bail hearing. Kyle Rankin, a 32-year-old resident of Calgary was charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, obstruction, possession of a controlled substance, driving while unauthorized, and operation of a vehicle while uninsured. Rankin was held in custody to appear in Provincial Court on Dec. 8. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

“Strathmore RCMP monitors a number of properties known to be frequented by habitual offenders with a goal of preventing, detecting, and deterring crime as part of our crime reduction and prevention strategies,” said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, Detachment Commander of the Strathmore RCMP. “These recent investigations are representative of ongoing efforts to keep our communities safe and to remind offenders who enter our area that we are watching.”

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- RCCG Peculiar People Assembly**
Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Carol Service Christmas Day.
- Sacred Heart Parish (HCC Gym)**
Dec. 14, 7 p.m. – Advent Reconciliation Service (2 priests will be assisting)
Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. – Eucharistic Silent Adoration
Dec. 24, 5 p.m./8 p.m. – Christmas Eve
Dec. 25, 10 a.m. – Christmas Day
Dec. 31, 5 p.m. – New Year's Eve
Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – New Year's Day
- Harvest Healing**
Dec. 24, 6 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service
No Service Christmas Day.
- Hope Community**
Dec. 24, 5 p.m./7 p.m. – Christmas Eve
No service Christmas Day
- Dalemead Church**
Dec. 24, 4 p.m. – Sleigh/Wagon Ride with refreshments around a controlled flame
Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Carol Service
No service Christmas Day
- Strathmore Alliance Church**
Dec. 24, 6 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service
No Service Christmas Day.
- Bow River Alliance Church**
Dec. 18 – Christmas Singing in the community
Dec. 24 – Carol Sing at the church (check the website for service times)
No service Christmas Day.
- Strathmore Full Gospel Church**
Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. – SFGC Christmas Sunday service
- Lord of All Lutheran Church**
Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service at Wheatland Lodge for families and residents
Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service at Sagewood for families and residents
Dec. 24, 3 p.m. – Family Carols and Candles and “Jesus Birthday” for children
Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Gentle Candles and Carols Service
Dec. 25, 10:30 p.m. – Christmas morning Communion Service
Jan. 1, Family Worship to welcome 2023
- Strathmore United Church**
Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve
Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day



Joe Lepage Photo

Wranglers rope Kings

After taking a 1-0 first period lead, the Wheatland Kings allowed three goals in the second period en route to a 3-2 home loss to the Sylvan Lake Wranglers on Dec. 10 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team will close out 2022 with a pair of road games Dec. 16-17 in Cochrane and Coaldale prior to the Christmas break. Their next home game is Jan. 10 (8:30 p.m.) versus the Mountainview Colts.

Town approves 2023 operating budget

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“No one wants to see taxes go up, but simultaneously no one wants to see services go down. So, this budget is not perfect, but it's a compromise,” he said. “Our administration worked months to bring it down below five per cent before even bringing it to council. I will be supporting this budget, due to the very modest property tax increase and the fact that there are no significant services being cut.”

Mayor Pat Fule said while everyone is experiencing the effects of economic inflation, balancing a budget becomes an extremely difficult process.

“Council's commitment to optimizing the value of every dollar has helped us be able to invest in the services that we've heard are important to residents – all while keeping our costs in line with community growth and economic pressures,” he said.

According to a release distributed by the Town, in relation to a typical home assessed at \$350,000 in Strathmore, the 4.5 per cent tax increase will equate to an additional expense of \$134 per year.

Fule added he acknowledged increasing taxes on residents is never an easy decision to make.

“Council and administration have worked tirelessly over the past few months and have prioritized financial prudence amid inflation to keep the tax demand increase as low as possible,” said Fule. “We believe we've struck a balance between showing fiscal restraint and supporting the needs of the community – now and into the future.”

Final tax levy and tax rates will be determined once education and senior housing requisitions are provided to the town in the spring, with no exact date currently indicated.

A final copy of the adopted 2023 budget will be made publicly available via the Town of Strathmore website in the new year.

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Kings spread Christmas cheer

The Wheatland Kings spread some Christmas cheer by hosting their annual Christmas shopping day on Dec. 10. The Kings, along with an assist from Tina's No Frills, Canadian Tire and the Strathmore Lions Club, helped local families going through a tough time. The players assisted children picking out and wrapping gifts just in time for Christmas.

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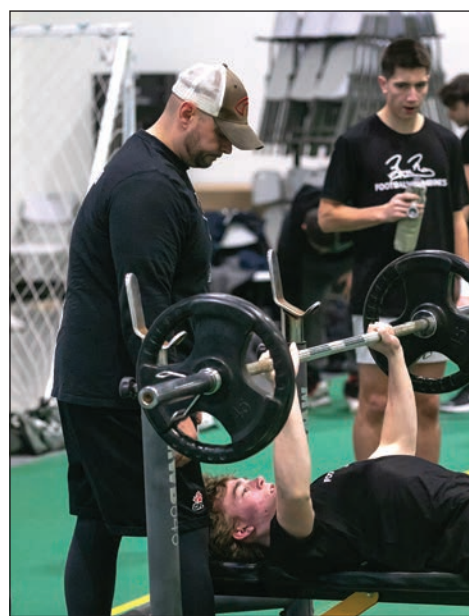
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Bryn Roy Football Combine returns to Strathmore for third year

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County's Bryn Roy, who once played in the CFL, returned to Strathmore, Dec 10-11, to host another football workshop for aspiring young athletes.

This year marks the sixth that Roy has hosted his combine, and the third time it has been hosted at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The workshop was previously hosted in Okotoks.

"The focal point of my combine is to help all Alberta athletes, but especially with an emphasis on rural Alberta," said Roy. "That was me. I grew up here, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to get noticed or recruited by nationally ranked schools in the US or nationally ranked schools in Canada. We don't get the exposure as often."

Roy explained when he started the combine, he had 12 partner schools on board, which equated to friends of his within the football community.

Currently, according to Roy, his combine is now supported by every junior program in Canada, as well as several in the US, totalling over 50 university programs.

For those who don't age out of the target demographic, he said there are many attending athletes who are returning to the combine for another round of training. Additionally, a large number of athletes who trained at previous combines have since been recruited to play for various post-secondary institutions.

"In the last five that we've had, we've had 42 athletes who have come through our combine, and (now) they're playing at the next level," said Roy. "When kids see that, and when parents see that, the proof is in the pudding of the athletes who we've been able to help progress

their careers." The combine is largely targeted to athletes who are of high school age, however, this year it was opened up to those in Grades 8-9 as well.

The goal overall, he said, is to give students and young athletes an opportunity to be scouted and recruited, as well as to be evaluated in an industry-standard setting in order to properly prepare them to continue their careers.

"I know firsthand how hard it is to get recruited ... we just don't have the proper scouting and stuff, so because of that, there are not a lot of events in the country - especially out here," said Roy. "Because of that, you get a lot of very good athletes who are getting themselves ready to go to the next level, but have never been properly trained in the tests and the drills that are used to evaluate talent across the board."

Previously, the combine was hosted on a single day and put attendees through the ringer all at once. This year, an additional day was added in order to give the athletes a day to prepare and become familiar with what was expected of them, before they were required to give their all on day two.

Although the first day was not intended expressly to evaluate and record results, scouts were present to observe the athletes.

In all, Roy said roughly 50 athletes were in attendance from across Alberta, with significant representation from Strathmore and across Wheatland County.

"The thing about events like this is that they catapult careers ... if I give any, any local kid, any advice at all is to go to as many camps and outings as you can and get as much exposure as you can," said Roy. "Without that exposure, it just makes your goals that much harder to attain if you are trying to play at the next level."

Former CFL footballer, Bryn Roy hosted a combine for aspiring athletes at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre Dec. 10 -11.

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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

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December 20: Council Meeting

January 10: Council Meeting

January 11: Municipal Planning Commission

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

Public Hearing: Wheatland County Council Chambers December 20, 2022, at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 20th, 2022. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2022-024

Legal Description: Section 12-28-24-W4M

Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from Agricultural General to Direct Control District, in order to facilitate the future development and expansion of the Hutterian Brethren Church of Stahlville. The proposed district provides for a mix of uses including multi-unit dwellings, schools, churches, agricultural operations, abattoirs, farm and accessory buildings, market gardens and farmers markets, communal childcare facilities, and other compatible uses.

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



Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Call for Members

Wheatland County is seeking a representative from Division 2 and Division 6 to sit on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB). If you reside outside of these Divisions and still wish to apply, please submit your application for consideration.

The SDAB reviews subdivision and development appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; and shall exercise any other powers, duties, and functions as assigned by Wheatland County bylaws or policies. Members of the SDAB serve a three-year term and meet as necessary during the day or evening.

Following your appointment to the Board, SDAB members must successfully complete training provided by Municipal Affairs. This training may be in person or online and members will be financially compensated for their training and their attendance at appeal hearings.

For more information regarding training, please go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-and-development-appeal-boards-training.aspx>

If you require additional information, please contact the Wheatland County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, Michelle Van Haarlem, at (403) 361-2000. Please forward letters of interest to michelle.vanhaarlem@wheatlandcounty.ca.

WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2023 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Wheatland County recognizes that its residents utilize various recreational, cultural and other community enhancement facilities and resources and has established the Community Enhancement Fund to provide financial support for such venues and activities.

The Community Enhancement Fund provides grant funding from Wheatland County to enhance, promote, and support groups and organizations that bring a broad range of enjoyment, benefit, beautification, recreation, entertainment, participation, and enhancement projects to Wheatland County. The program is intended to invest tax payer dollars annually to support recreational, cultural and other community activities, facilities, and resources that are utilized by Wheatland County residents.

How to Apply:

Applications and Guidelines for the Community Enhancement Fund are available at the Wheatland County Office and on the County website: www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb

Deadline:

Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2023.

Please note that eligibility for 2023 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2023.

For more information please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca

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Nomination Information

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Ph: 403-361-2007

Email: AgandEnv@wheatlandcounty.ca

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WCS receives \$5,000 donation from CGC Foundation

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Crisis Society (WCS) hosted a tour of their facility, Dec. 5, for CGC representatives following the donation of \$5,000 to support the crisis shelter.

The donation was made as part of the CGC Foundation's "Give Local" program, through which the company makes contributions totalling \$230,000 annually to local charities across Canada and the United States.

CGC Inc. announced earlier this year that a \$210 million wallboard manufacturing plant will see construction in Carseland beginning in 2023. The facility is scheduled to be operational between 2025 and 2026.

The Carseland plant will mark the CGC's introduction into Wheatland County as an operational enterprise. Steve Strembecki, western Canadian sales manager for CGC, said the company already intends to make itself at home locally, and make a positive impact for the community.

"Now that as much as we are in the process of announcing a plant in Wheatland (County) and it is about three years away, it is already considered part of our family," he said. "From this day forward, we will be making that annual contribution based on the

choices of our employees. I think it is going to be an integral part of what we do going forward, whether it is a charity or just getting involved (within) ... the community."

The tour of the crisis shelter showcased to the CGC members in attendance what the facility is capable of, and how it has been modernized over the past several years.

Similarly, Natasha Fyfe, who spoke on behalf of the WCS, explained how the donation would be used to the benefit of WCS clients.

"This money, albeit unanticipated, goes a long way in helping because it isn't in the forecasted budget. It allows that growth aid because we are not so heavily dependent on just our government funding," she said. "All the money that comes in outside of our projected budget goes directly towards client care. So, anything our clients need when they come into the shelter, we can provide for them. Right now, that is winter boots, coats, hats, mittens, and everything above and beyond basic needs."

She added the WCS shelter, more often than not, is operating at over 70 per cent of its maximum capacity, and is regularly at its maximum.

The WCS as an operating body has been a part of the community for the last 29 years, of which 25 have been



The Wheatland Crisis Society hosted a tour of their facility for CGC members to illustrate what the facility and organization are capable of, celebrating a donation from the CGC of \$5,000 to the WCS. Wheatland County and Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce representatives were also present for the tour, Dec. 5.

John Watson Photo

in their current facility. That according to Fyfe, emphasized their need to have modernized the place in order to maintain functionality and client comfort.

County Reeve Amber Link added she, on behalf of the County, was grateful to the CGC for their initiative to actively support the local community.

"It exemplifies how cultivating a strong business community contrib-

utes to the strength of our community, and we know that all of our businesses, including small businesses, right through to our large industry, are the backbone of our community," she said. "One of the very first things that CGC approached was letting us know that they do a give-back program within communities everywhere where they have facilities, and so almost immediately they were looking for organizations that serve Wheatland County in this region and looking for ways that they can partner and contribute to the community."

WCS benefits from more than \$20,000 in donations

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During the week of Nov. 21, the Wheatland Crisis Society (WCS) received greater than \$20,000 in donations from parties aiming to support the organization.

From Premier Auctions and the Daye family, a cheque was written to the WCS in the amount of \$16,458.60, which was raised during the sale of two quarters of land near Eagle Lake in June.

As part of the agreement between Premier Auctions and the Daye family, one per cent of the proceeds from the sale would be forwarded to a choice charity organization.

"Typically anything Premier Auctions does, they donate one per cent of the proceeds to a community organization. Cody (Hayes, representing Premier Auctions) is a local Strathmore guy ... so he picked us to receive this donation," explained Natasha Fyfe, speaking on behalf of the WCS. "Andrea (Daye) and her brother came to Strathmore to meet with me and present me with a cheque of just over \$16,000. We did a tour of the shelter ... they were very appreciative of the services that we offer and were 100 per cent on board with donating that money to our society."

Fyfe added that she and the WCS were humbled by the donation and would be able to do a lot with \$16,000 granted to them outside their anticipated annual budget.

From the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to present day, the need for services through the WCS are up 300 per cent. Though their services are greatly in demand, Fyfe said nobody local would ever be turned away.

"I think it is important to get the message out there for our clients that we are here to support them if they need it, and for our community to know about the hard work we are doing to protect our community members," said Fyfe. "We have high hopes that we will be able to build a new building in the future. We definitely have services that are growing, and the demand for our services are also growing."

Separately, a donation of \$4,328 was made to the WCS by Royal LePage Benchmark on Nov. 22.

"All of our agents always put a portion of the proceeds of their house sales towards our shelter foundation. We also do fundraising events throughout the year," said Amanda Bazant, speaking on behalf of Royal LePage Benchmark. "We just try to help them out as much as we can, and we are glad that this will hopefully go to some good things and hopefully to help them out a lot."

According to Bazant, Royal LePage Benchmark generally makes two donations to the WCS annually, following approximate six-month collection periods between portions of sales and other fundraising initiatives they participate in.

"Having these businesses understand the impact that they have on the region by coming down and seeing a place like the crisis society really helps show them not only what kind of a difference they can make for this region, but how it liter-



Royal LePage Benchmark presented the Wheatland Crisis Society with a cheque for \$4,328 on Nov. 22. Natasha Fyfe, representing the WCS (l-r) and Heather Dougall, representing Royal LePage Benchmark.

Photo Courtesy of Amanda Bazant

ally affects every single individual who is here at the shelter," said Fyfe. "Nothing is ever set in stone. I believe the economy does what it does ... we could only hope that they would always be there to help us and support us, and we will do the same for them."

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One of the main reasons for medications not working is a lack of adherence. This means not taking the medications as prescribed or forgetting to take doses. This problem is greater when there are more medications to take. Drug companies are still looking at the *polypill*, one pill that could contain 3-4 medications. This could result in greater adherence. This polypill isn't available yet. It depends on governments and insurance companies paying the higher price for the product.

With the new guidelines on alcohol consumption released back in September, there's a feeling that *drinking will become the new smoking*. Back in the 1960s, over half of Canadians smoked. With the proof that smoking caused lung cancer and heart problems, people stopped the habit until less than 14% smoke today. This could happen with drinking since it's known that alcohol is involved with seven types of cancer.

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Crowther Memorial Junior High students hosted their annual Hockey for Hunger campaign on Dec.2 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Photo Courtesy of CrowtherMemorial Junior High School

Hockey for hunger

MELISSA PICHE
 Times Contributor

Crowther Memorial Junior High held their annual Hockey for Hunger campaign on Dec. 2 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

This is the 10th year that the school has hosted a hockey program, and as a result, the Hockey for Hunger game (minus the two COVID years).

Organized by Brad Huntley, a teacher at the school who runs the school's hockey program, the event is a major fundraising event for the Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society.

"This is a special event for just the Grade 9 hockey program students," said Huntley. "We had to pull up one Grade 8 student as we only have 1 grade 9 goalie."

The hockey program has 65 students enrolled, 24 of whom are Grade 9 students who took part in the game and compete in the U15 level of league hockey.

The entire school filled the Civic Centre, approximately 500 bodies, cheering on their fellow students.

Volunteers required for an event of this size meant reaching out to the

Strathmore High School recreational leadership students, who were eager to help.

The students attending the hockey game had a chance to win some great door prizes. If they brought in a donation for the food bank they received a raffle ticket that gave them the chance to win one of six prizes, ranging from toques to hockey paraphernalia.

"(It's an) inner squad game with Team Black and Team Red, consisting of three 15-minute periods, which ended in a tie," he said. "That meant a sudden death shootout where we started with three shooters for each team, which didn't settle anything." Team Red eventually won in the fifth round of the shootout.

Huntley said this game was terrific to watch.

"The game this year really highlighted our hockey program well," said Huntley. "It was a really fun even game. Both teams put on a good display of teamwork and sportsmanship and competitive spirit."

For more information on Crowther Memorial Junior Highs hockey program, you can visit their website (<https://sites.google.com/ghsd75.ca/cmjhs-hcsa/home>).



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Local photographer wins national award

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A local photographer has been recognized with an award for a photograph submitted to a competition which attracted participants from around the country.

Sean McCormick explained he was “nagged” into submitting a photo he captured of the irrigation canal in Strathmore to the Love Your Neighbourhood National Photography Competition from the website, Nextdoor.

His submission, titled “Fire in the Sky,” features the Tom Sadler bridge, across the canal, taken at sunset.

“I am feeling pretty good. I kind of got nagged into entering the contest because some of my contacts on Nextdoor wanted to see us in there,” said McCormick. “I feel good, but I also feel kind of guilty because I have some professional training and I stepped on some amateurs.”

The contest criteria were to submit a photo of one’s neighbourhood and describe what the entrant liked about their location.

In addition to his professional background, McCormick also has experience in the competitive scene with his photography.

“I’ve mostly competed in small agri-

Sean McCormick, a photographer local to Strathmore, submitted his photo “Fire in the Sky” to the Love Your Neighbourhood National Photography Competition after being recommended to do so. McCormick claimed first place with his drone-captured image featuring Strathmore’s irrigation canal and Tom Sadler Bridge at sunset.

Photo Courtesy of
Sean McCormick



cultural fairs and such. It is just, after a while, I kept taking home all the first places and feeling bad. So, I basically stopped entering contests at that point,” he said.

As a hobbyist, McCormick explained he has been shooting since childhood after receiving a camera from his grandmother.

Professionally, he added he primarily shot weddings and portraiture, as they are core areas of the industry where financial gain can be made.

“I would have liked to do some commercial work, but it just never really

seemed to happen, especially when I was mostly living in small towns,” he said. “Personally, I like shooting landscapes, nature, basically whatever is around me. I don’t really have any one particular thing. I like landscapes, but I don’t travel to Banff every weekend just to shoot.”

McCormick’s contest submission, “Fire in the Sky,” was taken using a drone flying low over the canal. His idea was to take several frames at different exposure values and stitch them together later to create an image with much higher dynamic range than would normally be

possible with a single frame.

“When I’m shooting, I can see in my head ahead of time what I’m going to get because I know what my camera and my equipment can do and what I can do in software,” he explained. “I’ll see the shot in my head, I’ll take all the pieces of it with a camera, and then when I get back home, I’ll just put the thing together and it looks like what I thought I saw when I was there.”

McCormick said he is likely going to step back from competition again and focus more on his photography as a hobby for the foreseeable future.

Frozen set to hit the stage

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Frozen comes to the stage at the Strathmore High School (SHS) on Dec. 18-21.

Deanne Bertsch and her Drama 20-30 students (and a few Drama 10) have been hard at work since September preparing for the performance. With daily classes and extra evening rehearsals the show is sure to be a hit.

Role selection began in early September with the roles cast by the end of the month. “In very few cases I have to terribly disappoint a student,” said Bertsch. “They’re usually pretty happy with the roles they get.”

She said that if a student has a good singing voice, has great facial expression and is loud and clear, she encourages them to audition for the role they truly want. More times than not, they

land the part.

Drama 30 student, Emma Moore, is one of the actors who will be portraying Anna in the production. Herself and one other actor will be sharing the role during the four days of production.

Performing in a major production like Frozen requires the actors to dedicate a significant amount of time to the performance. The actors have drama class daily and a double period Thursdays. Each class runs about 75 minutes in length.

“We also have additional rehearsals after school, which started late October which are about 2-3 hours,” said Moore.

On their own, the actors are required to run the songs and choreography to ensure the show is “stage ready.”

The cast for Frozen consists of 25 cast members and 10 students on the technical side. The tech students create

backdrops, costume design; they also work the music and sound and make sure the mic system will be running smoothly for show time.

This is a pretty normal-sized cast, some SHS productions can have as few as 17 and as many as 40.

This production is sure to capture everyone hearts since it’s a fairly well-known animated film.

“The audience will definitely recognize the characters and the story and

the music, but we certainly have put our own spin on it,” said Bertsch. “The students are really excited and have been working really hard.”

The show kicks off with two performances on Dec. 18 at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The final three performances will be 7 p.m. from Dec. 19-21.

You can purchase tickets in advance, which is recommended, by texting 403-821-3203 or you can try your luck at the door. Tickets are \$10 each.

Rockyford 4-H gives back

JAXON CAMPBELL
Rockyford 4-H Beef Club

My name is Jaxon Campbell and I am the club reporter for the Rockyford 4-H Beef Club. I’m excited to start my eighth year in this club.

We started our season of 4-H in October with our first meeting. We had returning members as well as some new members join to give our club 19 members this year. At this meeting we elected our new president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, club reporter and district rep.

Our November meeting also included steer weigh in. There were a lot of good-looking steers this year between 700 lbs-800 lbs. These steers will be auctioned off in June if you are looking to fill your freezer.

Also in November our club helped at the Rockyford Lions annual Maritime Dinner & Auction night. The Lions help our club throughout the year and this is one of the ways we are able to give back to our community.

December is our fun meeting as we have our annual Christmas party. This year we enjoyed pizza and bingo. It definitely gets loud as we all compete for a prize. We also handed out record books and our 4-H’er of the year award for last year’s winner. Congratulations to Grady, Peyton, Ryley, Jaxon and Jayla on their record books. Congratulations to Timbree for being our club’s 4-H’er of the year.

The Rockyford 4-H Beef Club will be participating in Stockings for Seniors for the third year this month. This is another way we give back to the community and help people celebrate the holidays.

As the new year rolls around we are excited to have another fun-filled year of working with steers, learning new ways to improve, and creating memories in 4-H.

As always we will follow our motto to Learn to do by Doing.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself, the members, leaders and parents of the Rockyford 4-H Beef Club.

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Tax dollars hard at work

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. I wanted to chat with you about some initiatives that our government is taking over the next few years. Your tax dollars are hard at work as we launch the Affordable Housing Partnership Program, which allocates an additional \$55 million over three years to support affordable housing projects throughout the province. This is only possible because of your resilience and recovery as we continue to rebound after these difficult years. Many of our friends and neighbours are struggling and hopefully we will be able to help by helping low-income families and individuals afford housing by expanding, building, and renovating housing units in our province. Here are some of the commitments that we as a province are looking at over the next 10 years. We are working towards seeing an increase of 25,000 affordable housing units through a program called 'Stronger Foundations' that works with different housing partners and providers to help our communities and municipalities provide this needed housing. Here is how the budget will roll out - Budget 2022 provided the initial capital grant funding of 55.1 million over the next three years (2022-23: \$7 million, 2023-24: \$23 million and 2024-25: \$25.1 million).

Projects considered for funding will include:

- Mixed-income developments with an affordable and/or social housing component.
 - Mixed-use developments with an affordable and/or social housing component; and/or
 - Specialized housing.
- Types of projects include:
- An addition to or renovation of existing housing, resulting in a minimum five net new affordable housing units.
 - Conversion of non-rental housing (e.g., hotel or commercial space).
 - Re-development on the existing site involving demolition and new construction; or,
 - Building new housing.

Proposals for the first round of funding will be accepted from Dec. 7 to Jan. 11, 2023. Housing management bodies may submit a proposal as part of their annual business plan submission.

Capital Plan 2022 allocates \$281 million over three years to provide 2,300 new and regenerated affordable housing units. This will support more than 2,000 jobs across the province.

A mix of new capital builds and rent

subsidies will serve about 3,900 new households over the next three years.

Did you know that the Conference Board of Canada released new research showing that Alberta will continue to be a leader when it come to real GDP growth among the provinces? Alberta's economy has momentum, and we must focus on even more job creation and diversification as we continue to be the economic engine of Canada. Again, this is because of the most important resource in our province, and that is you! Among all provinces, Alberta still has the highest natural growth rate, the youngest average age, and the lowest proportion of people aged 65 and over. This is something that job creators and investors look for. This is great news for Alberta and why we need to continue to focus on investment attraction, economic growth, diversification, and job creation.

Finally, we are hoping to expand the electricity rebate to include more customers even as the program is set to be extended by four months. The \$50-per-month rebate program was designed to show up on the bills of more than 1.9 million homes, farms, and businesses for six months.

However, customers who are sub-metered, like some living in apartments and condominiums, were not eligible, so I am hoping to see this change happen as quickly as possible.

I am happy that the work that we have done to see benefits for vulnerable Albertans being adjusted for inflation. This was a huge part of my leadership campaign, and I am very happy to see these changes happen. I will have more details soon as to how Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Income Support, Alberta Seniors Benefit and Alberta Child and Family Benefit payments will be boosted starting in the new year at a rate of six per cent. There is urgent need for those on fixed incomes.

Those receiving the Alberta Seniors Benefit will see the change on their January cheques, and those getting the Alberta Child and Family Benefit will see the increase in their first quarterly payment in February 2023.

It's estimated the re-indexation of AISH, and Income Support will cost taxpayers about \$45 million in 2022-23 and \$173 million in 2023-24, while adjusting the Alberta Child and Family Benefit will cost about \$7 million in 2022-2023 and \$35 million in 2023-2024.

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

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HELP WANTED

We are Hiring – Literacy/ELL Practitioner

Strathmore & Area Adult Inclusive Literacy provides confidential one on one and small group tutoring for adults in Wheatland County who would like to improve their literacy skills and English language skills. Your primary responsibility will be to facilitate an ELL program according to our grant goals and guidelines. This is a short-term contract with potential for renewal.

Areas of Authority

The Literacy/ELL Practitioner supports CALP funded programming in facilitating learning opportunities based on community needs and priorities. Under the direction of the Executive Director and Literacy Services Coordinator, the Literacy/ELL Practitioner has the authority to direct the approved programs and services.

Areas of Responsibility

- ◆ Learner Assessment & Evaluation
- ◆ Learner Support Services
- ◆ Program Delivery & Reporting

Required Experience/ Skills

- ◆ Knowledge and application of Canadian Language Benchmarks.
- ◆ Have a passion for and understanding of lifelong learning.
- ◆ Excellent oral and written communication skills; working knowledge of Microsoft Office
- ◆ Ability to work remotely and the ability to adapt to new technology.
- ◆ Demonstrated ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- ◆ Exceptional interpersonal skills that demonstrate the values of learning, respect, integrity, and collaboration.

- 2 years experience (in-person delivery) working with adult barriered learners and/or English as a Second Language teaching, and TESL, (A)TESOL, TEFL, or TEAL certification preferred (a combination of relevant education and experience will be considered.)

WAGE RATE: \$25.00 per hour

Apply with cover letter and resume to:

Tammy Nischuk - Literacy Services Coordinator
tammy@strathmorelibrary.ca

We are Hiring – Program Support Specialist

Strathmore & Area Adult Inclusive Literacy provides confidential learning for adults in Wheatland County to help them improve their literacy, learning, and English language skills.

The Program Support Specialist will assist the Program Coordinator with day-to-day operations, Learner Support Services, and other projects to support our goals in accordance with grant guidelines. We are looking for an individual with a passion for lifelong learning and demonstrated administrative skills that can provide a warm and welcoming reception to adults that may have complex needs.

This is a part-time grant funded position with Strathmore Municipal Library until June 30, 2024.

Key Responsibilities

- Administrative support – Including program registration, class lists & registration reminders.
- Learner Support Services – front line support offering mentorship, resources, and knowledgeable referrals empowering potential participants to progress towards a variety of relevant adult learning goals.
- Helping volunteers and facilitators with on-site assistance
- Support event planning and delivery as required.
- Record keeping, data entry, and confidential record maintenance.
- Produce newsletters, training & marketing materials, participant certificates etc.
- Organize meetings, contact participants, booking rooms, catering, and travel arrangements.
- Supporting and attending events & projects and other duties as assigned.

Required Experience/ Skills

- Service oriented with a passion for and commitment to lifelong learning.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Strong proficiency in Microsoft Office including Word, Outlook and Excel.
- Digital literacy skills including knowledge of Zoom, Teams and other online platforms.
- Experience and accuracy in data entry & database management.
- Experience with design software is an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to prioritize workload, deal with interruptions and work independently with minimal supervision.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills that demonstrate the values of respect, integrity, and collaboration.

Diploma or course work in a related field such as communications, administration, business, computers, or non-profit administration. (A combination of relevant education and experience will be considered.)

Some travel may be required, and a reliable vehicle is essential for this position.

Experience working in the non-profit sector or working with adult barriered learners is a benefit.

For full job description please see our website:
<https://www.strathmorelibrary.ca/About-Us/jobs>

Hours: 15-20/week **Wage:** \$18-\$20 per hour

Apply with cover letter and resume to:

Anayo Ugboma Director of Library Services
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Tuesday, January 10
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The *Lead by Example Powwow* is a regional, high-energy event showcasing vibrant culture, song, dance, traditional craft vendors, authentic cuisine, storytelling, and demonstrations.

Learn more about Kristian and Melodie's story by watching the award-winning documentary, *Ayoungman* at Strathmore.ca/Ayoungman

Grand Entries

Saturday, March 18

1 PM | 7 PM

Sunday, March 19

12 PM

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies

Donald Speidal, *Whitecap First Nation*
 Howie Thompson, *Carry the Kettle First Nation*

Arena Directors

Bob Badger, *Kawacatoose First Nation*
 Sheldon Scalplock Sr., *Siksika Nation*

Host Drum

Blackfoot Confederacy, *Blackfoot Territory*

Drum Judge

Kent Ayoungman, *Siksika Nation*

Head Women's Dance Judge

Orrie Little Sky, *Nakota Nation*

Head Men's Dance Judge

Tobias Provost, *Piikani Nation*

Tabulation

C&T Tabulating

Sound

Hokah Sound

Specials

Women: Jingle (*Green Dress Special*)
 Men: Traditional (*Green Dress-up Special*)

Dance Contest

Tiny Tot (6 & under)

Junior (7-12)

Girls: Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Boys: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Teen (13-17)

Girls: Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Boys: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Men's Buckskin (18+)

Jr. Adult (18-39)

Women: Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Sr. Adult (40-54)

Women: Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Golden Age (55+)

Women: Traditional | Jingle | Fancy

Men: Chicken | Traditional | Grass | Fancy

Drum Contest

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 Steve Hunt or Melodie Ayoungman-Hunt at
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