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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Lions reach critical levels

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Lions Club is launching a campaign to recruit new members to the club, as membership is on the decline.

Additionally, the club has decided to not host a Seniors Christmas Party this year, as well as to host the Strathmore Lions Auction every second year.

"It is a concern. These events are important to the club. We like to reach out to the seniors, and the auction is a venerable fundraiser for us," said Wayne Herdman, president of the Strathmore Lions Club. "We are in a position where our membership is dropping and we have just found that and decided this year we could not really put on these two particular functions and that we want to start a campaign to attract more members."

As it currently stands, the Strathmore Lions Club has 24 members. Another concern is several members of the club are either older and are no longer able to help out like they used to, and several members no longer live in Strathmore.

Herdman added there are roughly 12 people among the Lions membership who are largely unable to take part in club functions and activities.

"We have been holding these annually for a great number of years. I am not sure when they started, but our club has been around for 85 years. In my memory, these have been annual events," said Herdman.

Outside of COVID-19 public health restrictions preventing the Strathmore Lions from hosting in-person events, Herdman explained this is the first instance of having to cancel club events due to lack of membership.

The Strathmore Lions Club is seeking members of any age, and is hoping to see eager young faces to be able to continue club efforts for a long time to come.

In working to recruit new members, the club is hosting a "Just Ask Campaign" event through February 2024. Anyone who is interested in joining the club and being of service to the local community is encouraged to reach out and inquire.

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Cougars host tourney



Perfect performance

Grade 1-6 students from George Freeman School held their Christmas concert on Dec. 14. See Page 6 for more coverage.

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Town, county partner to develop ICF, IDP

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore and Wheatland County are collaborating to develop a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) and Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP).

The collaboration aims to help strengthen the partnership between the municipalities, as well as to support prosperity and growth within the region.

According to legislation set out in the Municipal Government Act, an IDP and ICF are required between Strathmore and Wheatland County, following their departure from the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board, as the two municipalities share common boundaries.

“The purpose of an IDP is to provide a coordinated and collaborative land use, servicing and transportation framework for areas where the municipalities, in this case being Wheatland County and the Town of Strathmore, (share) a joint interest,” said Brian Conger, community planning manager with ISL Engineering and Land Services – which is aiding Strathmore and Wheatland County to develop the ICF and IDP.

“An IDP maintains the characteristics, visions, and goals unique to each community while coordinating future growth and development patterns.”

A steering committee has been established, consisting of members from both the Town and County councils in order to guide the direction of the project.

A public engagement session was hosted Dec. 13 in order for members of the community to learn more about the project, as well as to have their questions and concerns heard.

“Right now, we are early on in the process. We have met with both municipalities in order to create a study area. What this study area does is, it provides us with a space commonly referred to as the rural urban fringe between the town and the county that we have then gone and we have studied,” said Conger.

“Tonight (Dec. 13), what we are trying to do is get some feedback from the attendees. If they have any insights or any comments on what we are showing tonight. This information is going to be collected into a ‘what we heard’ report and we will be sitting down with the elected officials on the committee.”

The process for developing the ICF and IDP will take up to 12 months and will feature facilitated sessions with the steering committee members.

“The town looks forward to strengthening our intermunicipal relationship with Wheatland County and positioning ourselves for continued success through the creation of an IDP and an ICF,” said Strathmore mayor, Pat Fule.

Wheatland County is committed to working together with the Town of Strathmore.

“We know how important collaboration is to the growth and prosperity of our communities and the region, and we are committed to developing sound and sensible plans through the ICF and IDP development process that will support these goals,” added Wheatland County reeve, Amber Link.

More information regarding the project has been made publicly available via both the town and county websites.

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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.

- January 9: Council Meeting**
- January 10: Agricultural Service Board**
- January 16: 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.

Christmas Closure Dates

The Wheatland County Administration Office, Agricultural Service Board Shop, and Public Works Shop will be **CLOSED**

December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2024

Normal operating hours will resume January 2, 2024

Waste Transfer Sites:

All Waste Transfer Sites will be **CLOSED** on December 25, December 26, and January 1



WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 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/cefb

Deadline:

Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2024.

Please note that eligibility for 2024 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2024.

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

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Call for Members

Do you hold a strong interest in the decisions made by local government regarding subdivision and development permits? If so, seize the opportunity to apply and become a representative on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)!

Wheatland County is actively searching for individuals residing in **Division 2, Division 6, and Division 7** to participate as members of the SDAB. If you reside outside these specific Divisions but are interested in contributing, we encourage you to submit your application for our consideration.

The SDAB deals with subdivision and development appeals by 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 online training provided by the Land & Property Rights Tribunal. Members will be financially compensated for their training as well as attendance for scheduled 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](tel:4033612000).

Please forward letters of interest to sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2024

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Celebrating the Reason for the Season

Strathmore United Church:
 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m. – Advent Four Worship
 Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service

Strathmore Alliance Church:
 Dec. 24, 10 a.m. – Regular Worship
 Dec. 24, 6 p.m. – Candlelight Service

Hope Community Covenant Church:
 Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
 Dec. 24, 5 p.m. – Christmas Eve

St. Michael and All Angels Anglican:
 Dec. 24, 2:30 p.m.
 – Christmas Eve celebration

Lord of All Lutheran:
 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m. – Children's Service
 Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Candles and Carols
 Dec. 25, 10:30 p.m. – Communion Service

RCCG Peculiar People Assembly:
 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.
 – Christmas Carol Service
 Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m. – Christmas Service

Harvest Healing:
 No morning service on the 24th.
 Dec. 24, 4 p.m.
 – Christmas Eve celebration

Sacred Heart Parish (HCC Gym):
 Dec. 24, 10 a.m./5 p.m./8 p.m.
 – Christmas Eve
 Dec. 25, 12 a.m. (Midnight Mass)/10 a.m.
 – Christmas Day
 Dec. 31, 10 a.m./5 p.m. – New Year's Eve
 Jan. 1, 10 a.m. – New Year's Day

Bow River Alliance Church:
 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.
 – Brunch and Carol Sing
 Dec. 31, 6 p.m. – New Year's Eve
 Potluck and Game Night

Strathmore Full Gospel Church:
 Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m.
 – Christmas Sunday Service




And the winner is ...

The Strathmore Community Football Association hosted their annual team banquet and awards night Dec. 8. The peewee awards winners were Jacob Perkins (top photo, l-r) - Most Improved Player, Adam Hofer - Defensive Back, Chase Moen - Defensive Lineman, Lexx Piche - Offensive Lineman, Chance Carlson - Rookie of the Year and Cade Robison - Offensive Back. The Bantam award winners were Aiden Faubert (bottom photo, l-r) - Rookie of the Year, Declan Havelock - Offensive Lineman, Dorian Dykens - Defensive Lineman, Cayden Lees - Offensive Star, Evan Saad - Defensive Star and Keifer Jones - Most Improved Player.

Melissa Piche Photos

RCMP arrest and charge two for robbery

ALBERTA RCMP

On Nov. 27, Gleichen RCMP responded to an armed robbery at the Gleichen Cannabis Store. Two suspects were reported to enter the store with a firearm and demand cannabis products. The two suspects then fled in a stolen vehicle with a quantity of cannabis products. The RCMP Southern Alberta District Crime Reduction Unit (SAD CRU) was engaged to investigate the armed robbery.

On Dec. 7, SAD CRU, with assistance from Gleichen RCMP, executed a search warrant at a residence on Siksika Nation.

Brandon Royal (23), a resident of Siksika Nation, was arrested and has been charged with the following: robbery with a firearm, wearing a disguise with intent, failure to comply with a release order (x2), possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose (x2), possession of a firearm contrary to order (x2), possession of a firearm knowing its serial number

has been altered, defaced, or removed, unauthorized possession of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm knowing he was not the holder of a licence, careless use of a prohibited firearm.

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Royal was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Siksika on Dec. 14.

On Dec. 12, SAD CRU executed a second search warrant at a residence on Siksika Nation in relation to the armed robbery.

Kyler Wolfear (24), a resident of Siksika Nation, was arrested and has been charged with the following: robbery with a firearm, wearing a disguise with intent, unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm contrary to order, possession of a firearm for a dangerous purpose (x2), possession of a firearm knowing its serial number has been altered, defaced, or removed, unauthorized possession of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm knowing he was not the holder of a licence, failure to comply with a release order (x2), possession of stolen property over \$5,000.

After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Wolfear was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear in Alberta Court of Justice in Siksika on Dec. 14.



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Strathmore Lions seeking new membership, winter events cancelled

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“If you contact our club and express an interest, we will get you to fill out an application and everything and we will invite you to meetings so they can talk to other new prospective members and get an idea of who the Lions are,” said Herdman. “We do not have a definite list of obligations; however the expectation is that if (members) have available time that they will take part in these activities ... all we are asking is whatever available time you have, maybe put it forward to the club.”

Strathmore Lions Club meeting are held every third Thursday each month at the Strathmore Civic Centre.



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Photo Courtesy of Renee DuBourdieu



Winter market

The Strathmore Trading Post Market held their Winter Market on Dec. 16 at the Strathmore Stampede Grounds. It was one last chance to get wonderful Christmas gifts from a local market.

Joe Lepage Photos



CGC presents cheques to Wheatland County Food Bank, Siksika Food Centre

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Representatives from CGC participated at the Gleichen stop of the CP Holiday Train, Dec. 19, and presented donations to both the Wheatland County Food Bank, and Siksika Food Centre.

The CP Holiday Train makes a tour of Canada and the United States every year to raise donations for local nonprofit organizations in each of its respective stop areas.

“The holiday train is an event that is sponsored by CP Rail where it comes around and it is free to attend and people are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to these two specific food banks in the area,” said Steve Youngblut, speaking on behalf of CGC. “Within this community, there is a lot of excitement for this event, it attracts people from all around the region, they bring their families, they take part in special events and entertainment and they do some Christmas shopping at the local market that is provided there.”

The event consisted of a Christmas market, live music in the train, and an opportunity for community members to make contributions to the Wheatland County and Siksika food banks.

Though actual attendance numbers were not available, Youngblut said CGC was excited to be part of the celebration.

“Beyond just making a donation, we are looking at it as an opportunity to start conversations with the people around the community who we are going to be spending a significant amount of time with now that we are going to be moving in here,” he said. “This is consistent in all of the markets that we participate in where we engage and we have facilities. Our main priority is to really be responsible and engage communities and neighbours wherever we do business.”

Participation in the CP Holiday Train event is a new activity for CGC, being a relatively new presence within the local community.

CGC is currently in the permitting and build stage to construct a wallboard manufacturing facility in Wheatland County.

The team was excited to use the event as an opportunity to have face-to-face conversations with local residents and community members.

“We are not only doing this just to get the local supporters around us and to meet them as we make this investment ... this is part of our culture,” said Youngblut. “This is what we do right across Canada and right across North America.”

CGC intends to participate in the CP Holiday Train on an annual basis going forward, and is committed to continuing to give back to the Wheatland County community.

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- 1. Droops
- 5. Subatomic particle
- 10. Not in danger
- 14. Nursemaid
- 15. Black band worn in mourning
- 16. Long song in opera
- 17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
- 18. Chicago political family
- 19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
- 20. Appetizer
- 22. Hill (Celtic)
- 23. Simple shoe
- 24. Songs to one you love
- 27. Secret activities
- 30. Upset
- 31. Popular hot drink
- 32. Body art (slang)
- 35. Fired
- 37. Blood relation
- 38. Identical
- 39. Porticos
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Type of sword
- 42. Enough (archaic)
- 43. Surface layer of ground
- 44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
- 45. Choose for a post
- 46. Father
- 47. Tell on
- 48. Indian title of respect
- 49. Fonts
- 52. Fencing sword
- 55. Mock
- 56. Vaccine developer
- 60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
- 61. Marten with a short tail
- 63. Chinese temple
- 64. Invests in little enterprises
- 65. Popular cut of meat
- 66. Charity
- 67. Iron-containing compound
- 68. River in Northern Europe
- 69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Exhausts
- 2. Genus of fish related to gars
- 3. Impudent behavior
- 4. Adherents to Islam
- 5. They come after A
- 6. Spoke
- 7. Room to receive guests
- 8. About opera
- 9. End-blown flute
- 10. Heroic tales
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Dog's name
- 13. Opposite of west
- 21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
- 23. Ocean
- 25. Cool!
- 26. Young woman about to enter society
- 27. One from central Caucasus
- 28. Indian city
- 29. A way to serve ice cream
- 32. Emaciation
- 33. Escort aircraft carrier
- 34. Italian city
- 36. Mythical settler of Kansas
- 37. Unhappy
- 38. High schoolers' test
- 40. Measured in pace
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Gullible person
- 44. Enclosed space
- 46. Substance used to color something
- 47. Shirt type
- 49. Discover by investigation
- 50. ___-Castell, makers of pens
- 51. Semitic Sun god
- 52. Grads wear one
- 53. French river
- 54. Part of a cap
- 57. Digestive fluid
- 58. Metrical foot
- 59. Body part
- 61. Very fast airplane
- 62. Supplement with difficulty

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Holiday celebration

George Freeman School hosted their annual Christmas concert for Grades 1-6 on Dec. 14 at the school. Prior to the big performance, the junior high students held a festival complete with a market, games and activities.

Joe Lepage Photos



Strathmore Lions Club poster winner to be judged internationally

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Lions Club has announced the three winners from this year's annual Peace Poster Contest, from among 45 submissions made by participating local students.

The annual contest was open to students between the ages of 11 and 13 years of age, and required the depiction of a poster representing their vision of what world peace might look like.

"The Peace Poster Contest has been going on for probably at least three decades and it goes around the entire world," said June Pirie, secretary for the Strathmore Lions Club. "There are Lions Clubs all over the world that have students doing peace posters and it is supposed to be really allowing the students to create their vision of what world peace would be and to express that vision in an art form."

At the local level, the first-place prize was \$500, followed by \$300 and \$100 prizes for second and third places respectively.

Posters were submitted to the Strathmore Lions Club from George Freeman, Wheatland Elementary, Westmount Elementary, and Ecole Brentwood Elementary schools.

The Top 3 posters were sent to the district level of the Lions Clubs. Piper Cooling (11), who was awarded second

place at the local level, was awarded first place at the district level. Jasmine Andrea (11) was awarded first place at the local level, and Bronwyn Roy claimed third place locally.

Andrea and Roy also placed second and third place, respectively, at the district level.

"There is not a whole lot of criteria that comes in. It has to be their unique perspective and it is asked that is being done by the student (participating). The theme this year was 'Dare to Dream,' so what they envisioned in a dream or what they would view, which is quite a broad topic," said Pirie.

Cooling's poster, being the first-place award recipient at the district level (C-2), was sent Dec. 1 to the multiple district level, where it was to be judged alongside the first-place poster from District C-1 to determine the overall winner for 2023-24.

The Strathmore Lions Club released a statement that Cooling's poster has been sent for judging to Chicago by the Lions Club International.

Pirie explained if Cooling is named a winner by Lions Club International, she, as well as a parent or guardian, and the sponsoring Lions Club President (Strathmore) will receive invitations for an award ceremony to be held in Chicago.

Next year, the Strathmore Lions Club is aiming to increase participation at the local level for the following years.

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A festive advertisement for "The Carpet Cop" featuring a black van with the company name and phone number. The background is red and decorated with various holiday items like gifts, a Santa hat, a candy cane, and gingerbread men. The text reads: "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from THE CARPET COP 403.991.6192". A Facebook logo is also present at the bottom.



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Getting in the spirit

Crowther Memorial Junior High was humming with the sound of music on Dec. 14 as the students from Grades 7, 8 and 9 delighted the audience with their music they've been diligently working on since September.

Melissa Piche Photo




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Special showcase

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Double the fun

Sacred Heart Academy held a pair of Christmas concerts at the Hope Community Covenant Church on Dec. 13-14. The Grade 1-3 students performed the first night, while the Grade 4-6 students took part the following day.

Joe Lepage Photos



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Upcoming Council Meetings

January 17, 2024 | 6 P.M.
 January 24, 2024 | 6 P.M.
 February 7, 2024 | 6 P.M.

Regular Meeting of Council
 Committee of the Whole
 Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

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



Facility Holiday Hours

Date	Municipal Building	Aquatic Centre	Family Centre	Sports Centre
Dec 24, 2023	Closed	Closed	Noon to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec 25, 2023	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dec 26, 2023	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed
Dec 27, 2023	Closed	6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 28, 2023	Closed	6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 29, 2023	Closed	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 30, 2023	Closed	Noon to 5 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 31, 2023	Closed	Noon to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan 1, 2024	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed



Waste collection update for January 1, 2024.

Seasonal Collection Schedule

November 01, 2023 to April 30, 2024

January 1, 2024 new collection days

- black cart/waste
- green cart/organic

December 2023

26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

January 2024

holiday	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

February 2024

28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

March 2024

25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 2024

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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May 1, 2024 - return to weekly garbage and compost collection.
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Waste Collection Days – effective January 1, 2024			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Lakewood	Briarwood	Glenwood	Westmount
Strathaven	Brentwood	Grande Point Est.	Wildflower
Strathcona	Crystal Ridge	Green Meadows	
Range Rd 254	Edgefield	Maplewood	
	The Ranch	Parkwood	
	Thornccliffe	Range Rd 250	
		George Freeman	
No Collection on Monday			

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 waste cart repair or replacement - 403-361-2126 / operations@strathmore.ca
 strathmore.ca/waste-collection strathmore.ca/question

MPC approves several subdivision applications

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved four subdivision applications during the Dec. 12 meeting, following presentations to the committee by administration.

SD2023-022 was to create an 18.01 hectare parcel with a 42.47 hectare remainder located 3.25 kilometers south of the Hamlet of Nightingale, immediately south of Township Road 252, and immediately east of Range Road 245.

The plot was to be classified as Agricultural General District to facilitate continued residential and agricultural uses. Administration described this sector as an appropriate use case for a parcel of this size and intended use.

Lot 1 is developed with a farmstead, including a dwelling and pasture land. Lot 2 is undeveloped and used for agricultural purposes with no development or change of use proposed.

Administration recommended to the Municipal Planning Commission the subdivision application be approved, subject to several conditions, including that the subdivision be affected by a Plan of Survey, pursuant to Section 657 of the Municipal Government Act.

SD2023-026 suggested to adjust the boundaries between two parcels of land, resulting in one 33.32 hectare parcel and one 54.42 hectare parcel. The application was for 1.20 hectares to be transferred from one lot to the other.

The purpose being to create legal and physical access to the smaller lot in order to facilitate continued agricultural use of the land, as well as to allow for further uses.

Both plots are designated under Agriculture General Dis-

trict and are undeveloped. The lands are located nine kilometers south of the Town of Strathmore, northwest of the Township Road 230 and Range Road 251 intersection.

No development or change of use for either plot is proposed, and both are undeveloped for the purposes of agricultural uses.

SD2023-023 proposed to create a 2.08 hectare parcel with a 54.70 hectare remainder, with the lands being designated Agriculture General District.

The proposed Lot 1 is developed with a dwelling, two grain bins and several agriculture accessory buildings. Lot 2 is utilized for agricultural production and is not developed.

Lands immediately west of Lot 2 form part of a larger spillway right-of-way belonging to the Western Irrigation District. The right-of-way extends into the southwest quarter, bordering Lot 2.

It was recommended that the application be approved, subject to conditions compliant with the municipal government act.

SD2023-025 was an application proposing to create a 2.06 hectare parcel with a 62.64 hectare remainder to facilitate residential and agricultural uses.

The lands are located seven kilometers west of the Village of Hussar, immediately southeast of the intersection of Highway 561 and Range Road 210.

Lot 1 is developed with a farmstead, including a dwelling. Lot 2 is undeveloped and is used for agricultural purposes. No development or change of use is proposed.

It was recommended that the application be approved subject to conditions compliant with the municipal government act and county standards.



Toy drive success

Royal LePage Benchmark hosted their 14th annual toy drive from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. Royal LePage then donated the toys to Strathmore's True North on Dec. 18. Amanda Vanderlaan (l-r) of True North accepted the donations from Royal LePage Benchmark's Amanda Bazant and Heather Dougall.

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Capsule Comments

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Looking for ways to improve your health in 2024? Here are a few suggestions.... 1. Stop smoking. (only 13% of Canadians smoke). 2. Reduce or abstain totally from alcohol; 3. Get your immunizations shots up to date...flu, COVID-19, shingles, pneumonia); 4. Make exercise part of your daily routines. 5. Eat more fish and less red meat; 6. Socialize more.

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County MPC approves several development permit applications

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved five development permit applications during the Dec. 12 meeting following respective presentations of the applications by county administration.

DP 2023-168 was with respect to a proposed entertainment venue for the purposes of hosting events such as weddings, meetings, and various events.

Council previously approved land use redesignation for the assigned land parcel, located just over four kilometers south of Strathmore, and 1.61 kilometers west of Highway 817.

The site is currently developed with a dwelling, detached garage, concrete pad and outdoor patio space already used for outdoor events and entertaining.

Administration recommended the Municipal Planning Commission issue the development permit solely for the purpose of a venue for weddings and other special events, defining the site as an entertainment

venue.

No concerns were raised by adjacent land owners or other residents regarding the development permit application, following circulation of notice to the public.

DP 2023-172 regarded the same location and facilities, with the application to facilitate a bed and breakfast within the existing five bedroom dwelling already constructed on site where the landowners reside.

Through the application, the landowners would be responsible for the management of the daily operations of the bed and breakfast with casual help hired as requested for some of the activities, as well as for landscaping duties.

It was recommended to the Municipal Planning Commission that the application also be approved subject to several conditions outlined in the public meeting agenda.

DP 2023-169 refers to a plot located approximately one mile west of Namaka, and one mile north of Township Road 232.

The application is to construct a new 1920 square

foot dwelling, including an attached garage on the land parcel, on which there already exists a 1,733 square foot dwelling.

The new structure, once completed, will be defined as the primary dwelling, and the existing structure will be assigned as an accessory, in order to be in compliance with land use bylaws for the plot. Utilizing this assignment, the application met all other requirements of the land use bylaw.

It was recommended to the Municipal Planning Commission that the application be approved, subject to conditions, including that the new structure be defined as the primary residence on the property.

DP 2023-171 is for a facility to roast, package, and sell products such as grains, seeds, coffee, proteins, peanuts, and other nuts.

The application suggests the expansion of existing operations at the facility, located 12 kilometers east of Hussar, allowing operators to import produce from other countries which would in turn be roasted, packaged and sold wholesale to stores for resale.

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Every day, the CBSA works hard to protect Canadians, support the economy, and ensure the safe and efficient movement of people and goods across our borders. Our 2023 Year in Review highlights our accomplishments, including that between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 of this year, we welcomed nearly 73.7 million travellers, an increase of 46 per cent from 2022. We also made over 35,600 drug seizures compared to 23,000 in 2022, an increase of 55 per cent.

The CBSA invests significant effort planning and preparing for peak periods, including holidays. We monitor traveller volumes and work hard to minimize border wait times at ports of entry, including international airports, without compromising safety and security.

Help us by coming prepared! Follow these tips for a smoother trip:

- Save time with Advance Declaration. If you are flying into the Toronto, Vancouver, Montréal, Winnipeg, Halifax, Québec City, Ottawa, Billy Bishop, Calgary and Edmonton international airports, you can make your customs and immigration declaration up to 72 hours in advance of your arrival. Using Advance Declaration gives you access to express lanes to get to an airport kiosk or eGate faster.
- Plan ahead and check our border wait times web page. Travellers crossing the border by land are encouraged to cross during non-peak hours such as early morning. The Monday of holiday long weekends tends to be the busiest – pick another day to cross the border if you can. Also, it's always best to check the official CBSA Directory of Offices and Services for a port of entry's hours

of operation.

- Know your exemption limits. Returning residents who make purchases or pick up online purchases outside of Canada should be aware of their personal exemption limits. Use the CBSA duty and taxes estimator to help calculate your monies owed.

- Have your travel documents handy. Whether travelling by land, air or water, you can help speed things up by coming prepared with your travel documents.

- Be prepared to declare. All travellers must declare their goods upon entry into Canada. For returning residents, have your receipts readily available for goods purchased or received while outside of Canada. You are encouraged not to travel with firearms, but if you choose to do so, be sure to check the CBSA website for the rules on importing firearms and other restricted and prohibited goods.

- Leave gifts unwrapped. If travelling with gifts, make sure they are unwrapped or in gift bags in case border services officers need to inspect the contents.

- Declare any foods, plants, or animals. Consult the Automated Import Reference System (AIRS) on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website before bringing any food, plant, and animal products into Canada.

- Bringing turkey across the border? Poultry products must be retail packaged, for human consumption, and labelled as a "Product of the USA". Homemade food or leftovers containing poultry cannot be brought into Canada. Check the latest Information for travellers: Restrictions on poultry and birds from the United States before bringing these products across the border.

- When travelling with children, it is recommended that the accompanying adult have a consent letter authorizing them to travel with the child if they share custody or are not the parent or legal guardian. Border services officers are

always watching for missing children, and in the absence of the letter, officers may ask additional questions.

- Cannabis: Don't bring it in. Don't take it out. Bringing cannabis across the border in any form, including oils containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabidiol (CBD), without a permit or exemption authorized by Health Canada is a serious criminal offence subject to arrest and prosecution, despite the legalization of cannabis in Canada. A medical prescription from a doctor

does not count as Health Canada authorization.

- If you are travelling with a pet or planning to import an animal into Canada, you will need the right paperwork at the border to meet Canada's import requirements.

Not sure? Ask a border services officer. The best thing you can do to save time is to be open and honest with the CBSA officer. If you are not sure about what to declare, don't hesitate to ask. Our officers are here to help.

Development approval

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The applicant received a permit for Agricultural Processing Minor in February, and now in order to accommodate the expansion, is required to be classified under Agricultural Processing Major.

As an additional note, production, cultivation and processing of cannabis are not permitted under Agricultural Processing Major classifications.

DP 2023-175 was to address non-compliant structures on subject lands outlined in the application. This plot is located 200 meters west of the community of Ardenode.

The proposal refers to three existing

sheds which are currently noncompliant with the required setbacks outlined in the land use district for the plot and requested variance for the structures.

In order to obtain a compliant status, land owners were required to either receive a permit allowing the variance, have the structures removed from the plot, or relocated.

Full information regarding the development permit applications is publicly available via the Municipal Planning Commission meeting agenda through the county website. Discussions surrounding the applications can be viewed on the county's public YouTube channel.



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Close battle

The Wheatland Raiders battled the Calgary CRAA Gold in their final home game of 2023. Despite a valiant effort, the local U16AA team dropped a 5-4 decision at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Raiders next home is Jan. 5 (7:30 p.m.) at the Hussar Arena.

Joe Lepage Photos



Tourney time

Crowther Memorial Junior High School hosted their annual basketball tournament Dec. 15-16 at CMJHS and Strathmore High School. The girls' team and the two boys' teams (Team Red and Team White) hosted various teams, including the cross-town girls Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks.

Joe Lepage Photos

Hard work is paying off

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

The Legislative Assembly adjourned earlier this month and as we approach the end of the year, I look back proudly at the work we started in 2023 and am excited for what is to come next year.

This week, the Alberta government announced that it is increasing financial benefits for vulnerable Albertans to keep pace with inflation. Thousands of Albertans who rely on social benefits are feeling the increased cost of living acutely. Our government is indexing financial benefits for those who depend on the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, Income Support, and the Alberta Seniors Benefit. Albertans receiving these benefits will see their rates increase by 4.25 per cent, effective Jan. 1.

As we continue to reduce red tape in Alberta, starting Jan. 1, drivers will not have to report property damage from a collision to law enforcement unless the cost of the damage is more than \$5,000. The threshold has been increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 saving drivers and law enforcement time. The new \$5,000 threshold was a carefully chosen figure to reduce reporting minor collisions, while also making it difficult for fraudulent resales of damaged vehicles.

Starting in January, health care workers and Albertans are invited to join in-person engagement sessions to give their input into the refocusing of Alberta's health care system. Alberta's government has committed to engage with the health care workforce and all Albertans in a thoughtful and thorough manner. There will be up to 30 in-person engagement sessions hosted around

the province beginning in January. These sessions will allow Alberta's government to gather further insights into the successes, challenges, and strengths of the current health care system, which will help shape the future of health care.

Albertans are proud of what they grow, produce, and process. The province's agriculture industry faced significant challenges this year, but our farmers and ranchers are resilient as they continue to put food on tables around the world. This holiday season, I encourage you to show your support for our farmers, ranchers, producers, and processors by shopping local and buying products with the Made in Alberta label. A complete list of companies and products with this label and more info on how to participate can be found at madeinalberta.co. There is something for everyone on your list!

With 2023 coming to a close, I truly believe it was this kind of community support, resiliency, and advocacy that has allowed our entire province to thrive. Alberta is the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family, and I am confident that our province's best days are still ahead. As we gather with friends and family to celebrate the Christmas season, let's cherish the achievements of the past year, celebrate the strength of our province, and look forward to the promising future ahead filled with continued growth and prosperity.

I wish you all the best during the holiday season and look forward to continue serving as your MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore.

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

TIMES CLASSIFIEDS

Obituary



MACKAY,
Alexandra Jason Ann
(Rozanski)

February 20, 2002
- December 1, 2023

Alexandra "Alex" Mackey, of Calgary, AB, tragically passed away suddenly on December 1, 2023, at the age of 21 years. Our precious Alexandra left us far too soon. We will miss her beautiful smile. She will be remembered as the kindest, most caring young woman with the most unique soul and a passion for helping others. Alex was born on February 20, 2002 in Calgary, AB. She grew up in Strathmore, AB leaving to continue her education at Crescent Heights High School where she proudly graduated in 2020.

Alex had a passion for all animals, especially cats. Her comfort cat Ahri received her constant attention. He always lifted her spirits. Alex was a student of life. She would always advocate for herself and explore ways of navigating life's challenges. She pursued many interests. Growing up in Strathmore, she pitched and played first base for girls fastball and played the position of goalie in ringette. Alex was an artist with an interest in graphic design, painting, writing and photography. She was most passionate about helping others overcome their struggles just as she worked so hard to overcome her own.

Alex is lovingly survived and remembered by her parents, Tyler (Angela) Mackey of Pennsylvania and Lillian (Jordan Seely) Rozanski of Strathmore; sister Samantha (Whitney Johnston) Mackey of Lethbridge, brother Johnny Rozanski of Cold Lake, sister Jennifer Rozanski of Quebec City, Auntie Jackie Davis a cancer survivor of Vancouver; grandparents, Ann Mackey and Dennis Stein of Calgary; grandfather Rusty Mackey of Calgary, Step-Grandparents Marvin & Charlotte Seely of Red Deer, Auntie Robbin (Anthony Frater) Mackey of Scotland, Uncle Jason (Yvonne) Rozanski of Ontario, godparents Tim and Terri Flaherty of Calgary; along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins in Canada and the United States. She was predeceased by her grandmother Marion Rozanski Sutherland who recently passed in January and great grandparents whom she lovingly called GG Anne & Grandpa GG Tony Stein.

The family wishes to thank the Calgary Fire Department, EMS and Calgary Police who attended to Alex on December 1, 2023.

Alex we loved you more than there were stars in the sky and we will love you to the moon and back forever.

Any donations can be sent to mental health, anti bullying or animal shelters in Alexandra's name would be greatly, greatly appreciated. As these were passions of hers.

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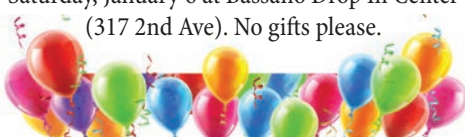
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