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Langdon looks to save post office

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Residents of Langdon are going to see some changes to the availability of postal services in their community come the new year, as Canada Post prepares to pull the local post office at the end of December.

Rocky View County Division 7 Coun. Al Schule said the topic has been under discussion in Langdon for several months, as there was a lot of confusion and a lack of clear information regarding the future of the office.

"There seems to be a lack of communication between Canada Post, the people they were leasing from, and their own employees," said Schule. "The last Post Master gave her two months (notice) about two months ago that they were leaving, and so then (Canada Post) really didn't act on it, and other people have been trying to take over the post office."

Schule added he, as well as many in the local community are actively working to save their local post office, including whether the county will be able to do anything to help.

The fear, he explained, is that the community of approximately 6,000 people is poised to experience significant growth in the next few years, and will be left without a local post office.

Residence and many businesses would be forced to commute to either Chestermere or Strathmore to send or receive mail.

"The way Langdon is growing, to lose a post office is absolutely ridiculous. It is going to hurt businesses and everything here," said Schule. "It is going to be hard on residents and businesses who rely on the post office quite a bit for parcels and normal business duties when they are sending stuff out."

According to Schule, there is also a great deal of confusion regarding what the responsibilities of a new post master would be, and whether they are being fairly compensated.

He added he would like to see more active communication from Canada Post with those who have been applying to take over the post office so the hamlet does not lose a critical service.

Schule said he has been in touch with Bow River Riding MP, Martin Shields, to ask for aid from the Government of Canada to help remedy the situation.

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Fabulous Frozen rendition!

SHS Drama 20 and 30 students performed their rendition of Frozen on Dec. 19. Despite the frigid temperatures outside, the actors performed to a full house.

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Notice of Public Hearing Jan 9, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Notice of Appeal on **Development Permit D22-126** for the Property Located at 279 Highland Circle, Strathmore, AB – Plan 0213125, Block 8, Lot 12

Public Hearing Process

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) received a Notice of Appeal on November 17, 2022. The SDAB will hear the appeal on:

Date(s): Monday, January 9, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m

Location: Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Dr., Strathmore, AB

Adjacent landowners may have the right to be heard by the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Affected persons include people who speak in favour or against the decision being appealed.

Please provide any written and/or visual presentations to the SDAB clerk no later than noon on January 6, 2023. Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

The Development Permit Application, Notice of Decision, and Notice of Appeal are available for review at the Strathmore Municipal Building, at 1 Parklane Dr. during regular business hours, being 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Legislative Services at 403-934-3133 ext. 227 or lsadmin@strathmore.ca.



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Brentwood Elementary held their Christmas performances between Dec. 20-22.

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Strathmore RCMP involved in Christmas morning shooting

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Strathmore RCMP officer was involved in an incident during which a firearm was discharged at a local gas station, early Christmas morning.

According to a release, local RCMP were responding to an unwanted persons call at approximately 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 25.

It was reported a male was causing a disturbance at a gas station. Police say when the man was confronted, he responded with a weapon.

It is detailed in the release, responding officers discharged their sidearms, which struck the man.

He was treated by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and was transported to hospital with injuries as a result of police action.

Strathmore RCMP chief of police, Mark Weilgosz said RCMP will not be releasing more information regarding the incident outside of what has been made available in the release.

"I don't have a position to comment any further beyond the release that was

sent out," he said. "What I can say is that ASIRT (Alberta Serious Incident Response Team) has assumed carriage of the investigation."

RCMP had blocked the northbound lane of Hwy 817 from Highway 1 while police were investigating.

No further concerns were reported by police to have existed as a result of the incident.

According to the release, Alberta RCMP will be conducting an independent internal review to gather a complete account of the incident.

On Dec. 26, Siksika Nation Administration released the following post on their Facebook page.

"It is with deep sadness that Siksika Chief & Council inform our members of the tragic altercation between a Siksika Nation member and Strathmore RCMP in the early hours of Dec. 25. At this time, it was confirmed a male nation member. Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) will handle the investigation. They are a thirdparty agency from the Government of Alberta. ASIRT investigates all serious incidents that cause injury or death by



Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has taken over the investigation into the circumstances of the officer-involved shooting outside of a local gas station on Christmas day.

Mario Prusina Photo

police and, also serious allegations of police misconduct. We ask all mainstream media to respect the family and our Siksika members in this very traumatic time and give family their privacy to process this tragedy. Siksika Chief & Council send our love, thoughts & prayers to the deceased member's family and will follow up in the investigation. If anyone needs mental health support or want to talk call the 24/7 support line at 403-734-1212."

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Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. I was honoured to present the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Alberta) on Dec. 18 at the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10, where the Strathmore Legion Ladies Auxiliary served an exceptional brunch.

This Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum

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The recipients that were nominated for the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal by friends, family or coworkers can be found online at the Strathmore Times website (www.strathmoretimes.com).

Happy Holidays to all.

(Leela Sharon Abeer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

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Town councillor hands \$2,350 to Overnight Shelter

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Town of Strathmore Coun. Richard Wegener concluded his charity challenge, launched on Nov. 30 in order to raise money for the Strathmore Overnight

Wegener, at the start of the initiative, committed to matching incoming donations up to the first \$1,000 raised for the facility.

"I'm feeling really good, I think it went well. In total, \$1,350 was donated, with my matching \$1,000," said Wegener. "It seems like a drop in the bucket when I hear it costs more than that to pay for utilities for the month, but I hope every little bit helps, and hopefully we can keep the donations coming in."

Being the first instance of what he intends to be an annual fundraiser for different local non-profit organizations, Wegener said he would have been thrilled to see total donations in the realm of \$400.

Wegener added he began the fundraiser feeling a desire to give back to the local community, and to those who are in need of aid during the holiday sea-

"My wife and I have been fortunate over the years. We have always worked, had a roof over our heads, and coming onto council, I've been made more aware of the homeless population in Strathmore," he said.

"I have been provided with a lot myself, so I wanted to pay it forward, and I'm going to keep doing that on an annual basis at different charities and help support them as long as I am on council."

He explained community response to the idea has thus far been supportive and receptive to Wegener's

For those who may not be able to contribute financially, things like food, clothes, work boots and the like are also welcomely accepted donations at the overnight shelter. Volunteering is also a tremendous way to get involved.

According to Elizabeth Karp, executive director of the Strathmore Overnight Shelter, the electric bill alone for the building is over \$2,000 every month. Occasionally, utility costs will peak over \$3,500 to the shelter.

"It is a high cost, especially when it gets this cold, but (donations) also help with our food costs, our laundry, our cleaning supplies... It may seem like a drop in the bucket, but when everybody puts in that drop, it makes a difference," she said.

The facility is equipped to host a maximum capacity of 20 people overnight at any given time. According to Karp, it is often at its maximum capacity.

The Strathmore overnight shelter will be open over



Elizabeth Karp (I-r) receives a cheque for \$2,350 from Town of Strathmore Councilor Richard Wegener at the conclusion of his

John Watson Photo

the course of the holidays for extended hours whenever possible. As the service is entirely operated by volunteers, this may not always be the case.





Thought for the Week The only one who likes changes is a wet baby.

Mark Twain

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Langdon to lose Canada Post office

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For residents and businesses, until a solution can be reached, Schule suggested to have parcels and mail delivered directly to their doors whenever possible.

During a previous transition of postal responsibilities within the community, Schule said he remembers several complaints and instances which saw residents going to Strathmore to collect their parcels, only to discover packages had actually been sent to Calgary.

He recommended Langdon residents to call the Canada Post corporate office to make their concerns known to the company.



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Wheatland Kings close out 2022

I am feeling

positive about

the season.

Lee Smith

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings closed out 2022 with a pair of losses on the road against the Cochrane Generals and the Coaldale Copperheads, respectively, but are looking forward to bouncing back in the new year.

According to Lee Smith, general manager of the Wheatland Kings, he is excited with the amount of progress and

improvement the team has seen since new Head Coach, Doug Raycroft stepped in.

"I think we are doing fine. Doug, he is a good hockey man, he has really turned it around for us, and we have got the ship going in the right direction now," said Smith. "We didn't close out the year the way we wanted to, we had a couple of losses over the weekend.

but the guys are playing alright. We are in every game, we have a few things to work on and we are working on them, so I am feeling positive about the season."

Smith added the ultimate goal is to finish third in the division, but he will also be satisfied with a fourth-place conclusion.

The top two teams who have solidified their leads in the division thus far are the Okotoks Bisons, who lead by a significant margin, and the Cochrane Generals, who are closely contested by the Medicine Hat Cubs.

The plan, explained Smith, is to prepare for playoffs, as he described it as effectively a whole new season.

Players such as Kage Yellowfly and Philip Raycroft, who have been off the ice due to injuries, are also set to be returning to the team in the new year.

Coach Raycroft is optimistic once his roster returns to having the full complement of players available, it will make the difference he has been waiting for

to begin taking games back.

"We are missing our top two scorers and a couple of defensemen. You don't want that to be a big factor, but it is a big factor when you're losing games by a goal or two," said Raycroft. "I think since I've started with them, I have been really happy with the effort from the kids, and their discipline has

been improved. There have been a few games that haven't been perfect, but we are trying to build towards a really competitive team."

Raycroft stepped in to fill the role of head coach for the team following a 10game losing streak at the beginning of the season.

Come the new year and the season resuming, Raycroft still has some cuts to make on his team in order to bring his roster down to size, but ultimately his priority is to prepare the boys for their shot during the playoffs.

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

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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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SHS celebrates Spartans football team

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School (SHS) officially capped off the football season when they hosted their annual dinner and awards banquet on Dec. 22 at the school.

Brady Johanson was named the team's MVP, while Jacob Robson was awarded the Offensive Player of the Year. Porter Zaugg took home the Defensive Player of the Year and CJ Nelson was named Special Teams Player of the Year.

David Marleau was named the Lineman of the Year, while Logan Oryshuk took home Rookie of the Year honours.

Adam Greenhill (Coaches Pick), Gage Robinson (Coaches Pick), Rein Idburm (Most Improved) and Avery Harroun (Spartan of the Year) rounded out the award winners.

The Spartans were successful in reaching the provincial finals for the first time in the team's 25 year history, where they were ultimately defeated 44-0 by the Holy Rosary Raiders, putting a disappointing end to their Cinderella story.

SHS had entered the provincial playoffs as the sixth seed to start, and managed to claw their way into earning a spot against the Raiders in the finals. Their opponents, however, were returning to the finals for the seventh time

"It's our awards banquet that we have at the end of every year. We are celebrating our season, individual (and) team accomplishments, stuff like that," said Danny Warrack, head coach of the





The Strathmore High School Spartans football team celebrated their players and their season, Dec. 22, with a banquet and awards ceremony to close out the year. Players were recognized for their efforts, merit, and outstanding plays during the course of the season

John Watson Photo-

Spartans football team. "Our three year players, we send them off as well with a little something, and that is something we do every year."

Warrack said it was a surprise to many that the team was able to make it as far as they did, given the team has never accomplished such a feat in past years

He added the team should be proud of their run, as they did a commendable job persevering through any challenges the season presented.

Regarding highlights from the season, Warrack said there were definitely a few that made a significant difference to the team.

"The first one was beating Bert Church (High School), that got us out of a three-game losing streak and got us back on the right track," he said. "After that, obviously, beating Crescent Heights in the provincial quarterfinals

was huge for us as a first time we ever won there, and then again, beating Sylvan Lake to get into the finals."

Warrack said it was a bizarre feeling for his team to be in the finals, having never been there before.

He also commended his captains for keeping the team together, persevering, and being real leaders for everyone in order to get the team all the way to the finals.

Among them, Brady Johansen (17) has received multiple offers from post-secondary institutions to play football on scholarships. Aiden Harker and Adam Greenhill, according to Warrack, have been in discussions to play for Canadian Junior Football League Teams.

Regarding next year's season, Warrack said he fully intends to take his team back to the provincial finals, now that they have had a taste of what it is like to make it all the way there.



<u>Obituary</u>



COLPOYS, Nina Madelaine October 18, 1959 - December 16, 2022

It is with sad hearts that the family announces the passing of our dear sister, Nina Colpoys, on December 16, 2022. She was born in Calgary on October 18, 1959 to Victor and Mamie Colpoys.

She is survived by her brothers John and Henry (MaryAnn); sisters Colleen (Keith) and Victoria (Dan); as well as her nieces and nephews

Nina was predeceased by her parents and infant brother Eugene.

Nina loved dancing and music. She loved bowling and even bowled with the Special Olympics.

The family would like the thank the staff at Resicare for their care of Nina.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, December 30, 2022 at Wheatland Funeral Chapel at 11:00 am. To send condolences, please visit Nina's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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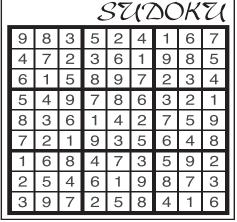
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