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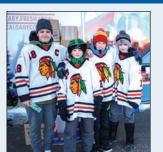
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Water settlement process begins

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Siksika Nation has announced they will be moving forward with applications for claims under the First Nations Drinking Water Settlement.

The settlement aims to compensate Nation members who were impacted by poor local water conditions and long-term water advisories which lasted from 1995 to 2021.

Ola Koleoso, Siksika Nation Chief and Council's liaison, said currently, talks regarding the settlement are in their early stages.

"It is a claim ... and we are going through the process and learning as we go. A First Nation brought this up and is encouraging other First Nations who have similar challenges to join the process," he said. "As we go through the process, we submit our claims through the contact, (Lucille Wright, as Siksika Nation's Drinking Water Administrator) ... and everything is due by early March."

Based on the release distributed by Siksika Nation regarding the settlement claim, "the courts" have approved a settlement for nation members who were subjected to drinking water advisories within the indicated time period.

Nation members who were born prior to Nov. 20, 1995 will be compensated if they ordinally resided on an impacted First Nation for over a year, during a long-term drinking water advisory that lasted for a year or longer, anytime between Nov. 20, 2013 and June 20, 2021.

"It is actually kind of cumbersome with how they explain it because it is not crystal clear for everybody," said Koleoso. "If you are born before the indicated period, you qualify for the settlement, and that is the way it seems to be conveyed."



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He added no specific numbers had been shared with Siksika Nation yet as to exactly how much any one person may be compensated, nor how much money was being made available to fund the agreement. Continued on Page 4



Hawks soar!

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks hosted Calgary's Foundations for the Future Charter Academy during the junior varsity girls basketball tournament on Dec. 2. The Hawks, who hosted seven other squads during the Dec. 2-3 tournament, made it to the B final versus Hanna.

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Icy conditions

The Strathmore Ice U16B ringette team hosted the SC Avalanche on Dec. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite scoring half a dozen goals, the Ice fell 10-6 in their final regular season home game of 2022. Joe Lepage Photos



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County exploring options to increase water infrastructure

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Coun. Tom Ikert, during the Nov. 22 regular county council meeting, introduced a discussion regarding an idea to develop more access to water within the county.

Prior to the meeting of council, Ikert inquired to county administration about how to approach bringing forward a project which would involve Bruce Lakes - bodies of water located north of HWY 564, and west of Nightingale.

"The problem we are going to run into in the county is, we are going to run into a water problem. At the RMA (Rural Municipalities of Alberta), I talked to several councillors in Rocky View ... Rocky View will look at more water, that is not a problem," said Ikert. "We need water, WID (Wheatland Irrigation District) needs irrigation, which, the Bruce Lake location is about (32 kilometers) from the City of Calgary, so there is a recreational possibility there, also there is a possibility that, if we can take some of the burden off of the Bow River Basin, that Calgary might buy in on this, and I can assume because Airdrie is only 20 (kilometers) away that they might also be in the same situation."

Ikert inquired to Wheatland County Council about directing administration to start looking at the idea as a multi-municipality operation.

"I understand it is a massive undertaking; it will be a big, big project ... and if we can find out why it was stopped, maybe we can correct that," he

said. "I do not see any other way to bring enough water into the county without somehow tying into the Red Deer River basin. It is the only thing that makes sense to me."

He added in previous discussions with the WID, storage issues have been brought up on multiple occasions, and that a project involving Bruce Lakes would be too large for any one municipality to take on alone. Similarly, the necessity to involve the provincial government was mentioned during Wheatland County Council's discussion.

Ikert motioned to direct administration to find historical documentation on Bruce Lake and reach out to parties they believe may be beneficial to the project. This was determined to be the WID, as well as Rocky View County, whose jurisdiction Bruce Lakes are technically located under.

Brian Henderson, speaking on behalf of County Administration, said while the county was a part of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB), there were additional hurdles regarding the previous introduction of a similar project, which was ultimately abandoned.

"The biggest problem that I remember with CMRB was, there is a lot of water in the river in the spring, and it flows by, so something like this would be ideal if we could capture some of that spring runoff and store it for a while," he explained.

Ikert's motion was ultimately carried by county council. No further information regarding the potential project's details or Administration's direction has been made available.

Strathmore Library to host Holiday Extravaganza

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is hosting its Holiday Extravaganza once again this year, and encouraging families to get out of the house during their winter break.

The event is being held in a similar format to how the Halloween Spectacular was put on in October, and is the result of a partnership between the library, the Wheatland Youth Network, and the Strathmore Wheatland Wellness Resource Project.

Assistant Library Director Carmen Erison said though it is not the library's first time hosting the Holiday Extravaganza, it is their first time partnering with other organizations to put it on.

"It is kind of exciting because it gives it a new twist, it gives families an opportunity to learn about other organizations in the community and it also is just a really great time for the kids," she said. "We are actually bringing in people from our Signing Strathmore program as well (those attending ASL classes at the library) and they have little Christmas ornaments that kids can decorate."

According to Erison, the event will also consist

for the Holiday Extravaganza.

"We have found that this type of format works really great for families because kids get to try different things and ... it is free to attend so we are seeing families at our programs who are wanting to get out of the house," said Erison. "One of our unofficial mandates at the library is to always try to run some type of exciting programming for kids when they are off school, and it helps families to have something to do with the kids."

As the Holiday Extravaganza is a free event to the public, there is no prior registration required in order to drop in.

Folks who are planning to come out are also encouraged to dress in their favourite holiday colours and ugly Christmas sweaters as just another way to enjoy the theme.

"We find that it is not a huge commitment for families, they can come when they want and it is just always a good time," said Erison.

run on Dec. 9 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., the library will be closed from Dec. 24 until Jan. 2, 2023. The facility will reopen officially on Jan. 3.

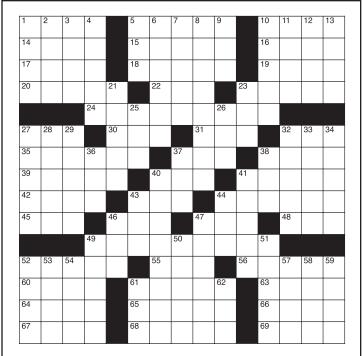
For its first week of reopening, the library will be offering a host of activities for folks to come and enjoy in the program room during the facility's full operating hours.



Confidence building win

The Wheatland Kings proved they can beat any team in the league when they eeked out a 4-3 shootout win over the always-tough Cochrane Generals on Dec. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team's next home game is slated for Dec. 10 (8 p.m.) when they host Sylvan Lake, the team that beat the Kings 4-1 on Dec. 4.

Joe Lepage Photo



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- 10. Sings with closed lips
- 14. South American hummingbird
- 15. Serves as a coxswain
- 16. Liquor distilled from
- coconut or rice 17. Spur
- 18. Senile 19. Tanzanian people
- 20. Cruel
- 22. Boxing's "GOAT" 23. Yokels
- 24. London soccer team 27. Chinese chess piece
- 30. Supervises flying
- 31. 007's creator
- 32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.) 35. A spider makes one
- 37. Liquefied natural gas
- 38. Opaque gem 39. Brazilian palm

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3. A mark left behind 4. Archaic form of have

5. Fiddler crabs

8. Making over

southeast

Small water buffalo

6. Popular Hyundai sedan

1. Not low

7. Deport

68. Eternal rest 69. It holds up your headwords

66. Large wading bird

64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle

65. Member of Jamaican religion

40. Periodical (slang)

43. Partner to cheese

44. Unpleasant smell

46. Fashion accessory

49. Songs to one's lover

47. Cool!

55. Go bad

56. Sword

60. Very eager

67. Carries out

63. Italian seaport

61. Leaf bug

48. Time zone

52. German river

41. You might step on one

45. Field force unit (abbr.)

42. Marvin and Horsley are two

- 34. Double or multiple fold
- 36. No longer is
- 37. Lakers crosstown rivals (abbr.) 38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
- 40. Cloth or fabric
- 41. Flanks
- 43. Disfigure 44. Angry46. Baltic coast peninsula
- 9. Midway between south and
- 10 Arabic masculine name
- 11. Type of acid
- 12. Popular 1980s Cher film
- 47. Large, flightless birds 49. Plants of the lily family
- 50. Medieval Norwegian language
 - 51. Polio vaccine developer

Following the Holiday Extravaganza, which will

of activities such as making bird feeders and cardmaking, as well as other crafts and games.

The Halloween Spectacular saw over 100 people in attendance within the first two hours of the event, which the library is aiming to see repeated



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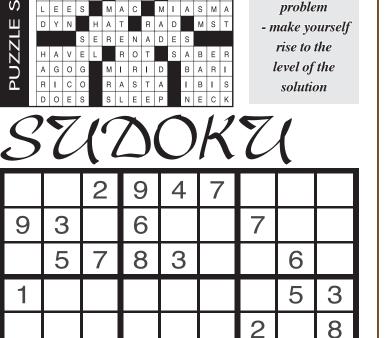




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RCMP warn of the dangers of impaired driving

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Motorists should remember the following before getting behind the wheel:



• Driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol impairs your judgment and reaction time.

· Impaired driving is criminal and dangerous.

· Mandatory Alcohol Screening is used by Alberta RCMP to deter and detect impaired drivers. If you are pulled over or at a check stop, you can expect to provide a breath sample.

· Individuals with a Graduated Driver's Licence must abide by the zero tolerance law (Government of Alberta, 2021).

 Impaired driving is always preventable. Plan ahead to have a safe ride home. Call a taxi or rideshare service, use a designated driver, or stay the night.

• Call 911 if you witness or suspect impaired driving.

It is important to understand that Mandatory Alcohol Screening permits police officers to demand that any lawfully-stopped driver provide a preliminary breath sample to test for alcohol without reasonable suspicion that the driver has alcohol in their body.

In 2021, Alberta RCMP removed 6,787 impaired drivers from Alberta roadways - which averages more than 18 impaired drivers per day.

"Driving impaired under the influence of drugs or alcohol is dangerous and illegal," says Insp. Chris Romanchych, Alberta RCMP Traffic. "The greatest gift you can give this holiday season is doing your share to help ensure everyone makes it safely home this time of year."

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Siksika Nation begins process to acquire drinking water settlement

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Regarding how much of an impact there is to be had for locals currently or who resided on Siksika Nation, Koleoso explained the information which had been provided to Chief and Council was "extremely vague." More information will be made available as Chief and Council receive it prior to the application deadline on March 7, 2023. According to Siksika Nation's release, Wright will be attending Nation members' homes after working hours and meeting with residents in support of applications and to clarify as much as possible with applicants. Currently, no other application criteria has been made known for those who may be eligible for compensation under the settlement. Koleoso also did not go into detail regarding the potential health effects which may have impacted Nation members due to poor water quality during the indicated period.

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Local youth hockey and ringette teams gathered at several franchises around Strathmore to raise donations for this year's Christmas Hampers. The teams were visible at the front of Sobeys, Co-op, Canadian Tire and No Frills on Dec. 3. John Watson and Joe Lepage Photos



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Strathmore Christmas Hamper Society hosts donation blitz

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Christmas Hamper Society hosted a donation blitz Dec. 3, at several local franchise locations to help collect food and toys for this year's Christmas hampers.

Lynn Thurston, who spoke on behalf of the Christmas Hamper Society, said the annual event tends to have a fantastic impact for ensuring all the requested hampers get filled.

"This is the third year gathering at the stores. We fill our boxes there and then deliver them to our sorting venue," she said. "It is one day out of our monthlong campaign. We have two local Ringette and two local AA hockey teams (helping us) ... the kids have signs and are very enthusiastic and they greet customers as they come in."

Donation boxes for the Christmas Hamper Society were located at Sobeys, Co-Op, No Frills and Canadian Tire from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. The idea was to hand out wish lists for the Christmas hampers to folks as they entered the building and let them decide whether to pick out a donation.

Thurston added the event has effectively replaced the Stuff a Bus campaign which used to operate prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hampers get delivered to families in need at the conclusion of each year's month-long collection period. This year, the campaign kicked off Nov. 14 and will conclude Dec. 13 in order to ensure enough buffer time to deliver each hamper.

Projections this year place requests for hampers roughly 15 per cent higher than last year, with approximately 350 food, and 350 toy hampers applied for throughout the community.

"We have a wish list and these are particular items that go into each hamper and then people are welcome to keep these lists," explained Thurston. "Then they will have 10 more days of shopping if they want to contribute something else or contribute a little bit more."

Regardless of the efforts of the Christmas Hamper Society outside, for the businesses, it was effectively a regular day.

In addition to running the blitz on Dec. 3, the Christmas Hamper Society has hosted drop off locations at several local hockey games throughout their collection period.

These have included locations at U16AA Raiders, the Wheatland Kings, U15AA Warriors, and the U13AA Braves.

This year marks the first that the Christmas Hamper Society has been working with local hockey teams in order to create more awareness and opportunities for folks to donate.

The Christmas Hamper Society also began collecting from their drop off locations from participating schools within Wheatland County starting Dec. 2, and continued to do so throughout the following week.



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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.

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Smile Cookie Campaign smashes previous fundraising record

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) has received the total donations raised through the Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign this year, totalling its biggest year to date.

FCSS received the cheque from Tim Horton's on Nov. 25, which totalled \$20,000.13. Last year, the campaign raised \$15,110 for the FCSS, which was celebrated in mid-November.

Last year's campaign saw a record high for cookies sold during Smile Cookie week, in comparison to previous years, which was blown out of the water this year.

"It ran similar to every other year. Tim Hortons approached us again and wanted to make the donation to us. We are very grateful and humbled by that," said Catherine Walsh, who spoke on behalf of the Strathmore FCSS. "Tim's

challenged us to sell \$20,000 cookies and raise \$20,000 and so we were like 'okay, we are game,' and we were very successful. Our community members and businesses pulled together to make this year's smile cookie campaign a huge success."

For the duration of the smile cookie campaign, 100 per cent of the proceeds from sales of the cookies go towards a charity of the respective Tim Horton's choosing.

The three Tim Hortons location in Strathmore have elected to support the local FCSS for the past six years, raising roughly \$72,000 in total.

Walsh explained the continued support the FCSS receives from the smile cookie campaign every year grants the team an extra degree of flexibility in how they are able to give back to the community and support those who are in need.

'We are just truly amazed by the community's generosity and so grateful to

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Strathmore FCSS received a donation of just over \$20,000 which was raised during the Tim Hortons' annual Smile Cookie campaign this year. The campaign took place in September, selling more cookies than any previous year. In its six year lifespan so far, the campaign has raised over \$72,000 for the FCSS in Strathmore. Photo Courtesy of Tracy Korpi

Tim Hortons for their continued support," she said. "This campaign helps families to access transportation, medical treatments, and other essential services like housing assistance, identification, food security and pharmacy needs.'

During the annual campaign, smile cookies are sold at Tim Horton's for one dollar a piece. Each individual Tim Horton's franchise is able to choose their own organization to support over the campaign's duration. This year's campaign ran from Sept. 19 to 25.

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Songs of peace and joy

MELISSA PICHE Times Contributor

Shannon Gave, along with the Kristian Alexandrov Trio, will be performing a soulful jazz-infused Christmas concert on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Strathmore United Church as part of the Arts on 817 concert series.

The Kristian Alexandrov Trio also includes Tyler Hornby (drums), Steve Shepard (bass) and Kait Shane (vocals).

Alexandrov is a Juno nominated pianist who currently works for the University of Calgary where he teaches jazz piano. Gaye is an accomplished singer/percussionist who is also working in Calgary as a voice over artist.

"I released a (Christmas) CD a few years ago called Songs of Joy and Peace we are going to do some tunes from that," said Gaye.

She goes on to tell how the concert will feature vocal pieces as well as some instrumental pieces.

"He (Alexandrov) is a brilliant pianist and this is just awesome to give him something to do instrumentally," she said.

Alexandro began playing when he was four and at the age of six he attended the prestigious L. Pipkov School of Music in Bulgaria.

"I come from a family of musicians and that didn't give me much choice," laughed Alexandrov talking about his musical background.

The pair has lived in Calgary, Toronto and most recently Vancouver before moving back to Calgary in March.

"I was offered a teaching position at the University of Calgary. When they started a jazz program, they needed a jazz piano teacher and that kind of got the ball rolling," he said.



Cultural Collective here in Strathmore, where they did a concert titled RESPECT, a tribute to women in soul, and the rhythm and blues. That is when the idea for a local Christmas concert began. Alexandrov hopes that this is just the first of more concert collaborations to be performed

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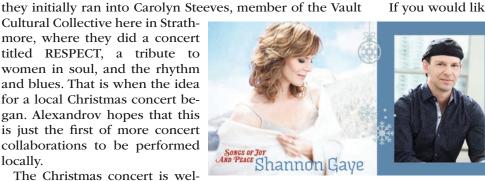
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Over 12 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been given globally since the pandemic began. A recent study done using mathematical modelling showed that the vaccines prevented almost 20 million deaths in 2021 alone. However there has been an increase in new variants and the protection from the original vaccines does reduce with time making the need for booster shots essential.

Research is going on right now about developing "poop" or stool banks.

It would have people give a sample of their stools when they are healthy, usually between the ages of 18 and 35. It would be stored in this bank and in the future, if they got an autoimmune disease, inflammatory bowel disease or heart disease, their stool sample could be used to help restore their gut biome to more normality which may lessen disease symptoms. Antidepressant medications have helped millions of people cope with depression. However these medications often take a month or two to start to work. There is a new medication coming to Canada soon that the company calls "rapid-acting" with effects being felt within one week.

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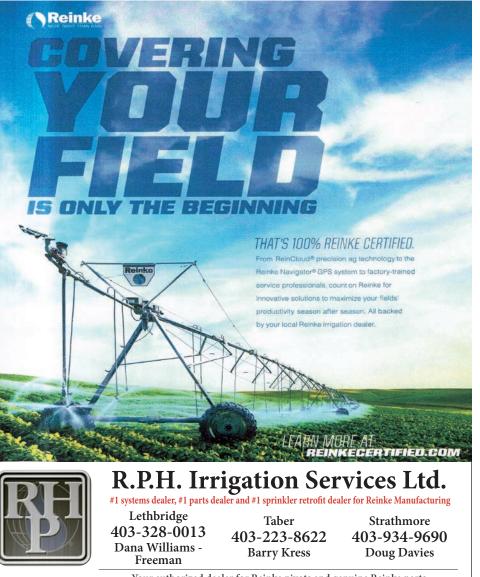
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Strathmore High School students take production to national stage

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Strathmore High School (SHS) teacher is preparing to take her students to the national stage, literally, for them to perform renditions of New Blood.

Deanne Bertsch, an instructor at SHS who is directing the production, said students are excited to be taking the show out of province early next year.

"We are going with EF Tours, and we are going to Winnipeg, Feb. 18 to 22. We are going to visit the Canadian Museum of Human Rights ... and we are going to perform at the museum," she said. "I thought it would be a really special thing to go to Winnipeg, which is the birthplace of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and we are going to do workshops at the museum with the staff."

The museum itself showcases an exhibit about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and about the stories told by Indigenous people across Canada about their experiences in residential schools.

Bertsch added the idea was brought to her by Town of Strathmore Coun. Denise Peterson, several years ago.

Per student, the trip is estimated to cost around \$2,000 for the five days they will be out of province. This would account for airfare, accommodations, and other needs of the students.

"EF tours is (handling) some of the cost for us ... then the kids are each paying \$500, and the other \$1,000 we are fundraising," explained Bertsch. "We have raised some money already through our New Blood shows ... and then we are hoping that maybe some businesses might donate, or individuals might donate as well to sponsor students so they will be able to go on this trip."

The show was written to capture the history of residential schools and reconciliation on stage, following the life of Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman.

Formerly a Chief of Siksika Nation, Vincent Yellow Old Woman was a survivor of residential schooling. New Blood recreates his ordeals throughout his schooling, with addictions, then the healing process and becoming Chief of Siksika.

Bertsch said there are roughly 48 students who make up this year's cast of New Blood, though only 30 will be attending the trip to Winnipeg due to funding restrictions.

This will not be the first time SHS students have taken New Blood out of province, as Bertsch and her students travelled to Victoria roughly five years ago.

"It was a different cast of students, but we are also going to Saskatchewan March 9 to 11 to perform at the Persephone Theatre, which is the main stage in Saskatoon," she added. "We are also excited about that too, but they have applied for a big grant there, so they are covering everything for us so it doesn't cost anything for us."

Anyone who is interested in donating to support the SHS students can make out a cheque addressed to "New Blood," donate cash in person or online. Bertsch said a cheque is likely the easiest avenue.

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Kiwanis International introduces itself to Strathmore

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Kiwanis International hosted a meeting in Strathmore, Nov. 30, intending to discuss with residents what they might want to see from the organization within the community.

Having not yet established a chapter east of Calgary, Kiwanis came seeking those who may be interested in membership, as well as to introduce themselves to Strathmore.

Ron Gosselin, who spoke on behalf of the organization, said the ultimate goal is to build a local club about helping kids in the community.

"We are looking to understand from the community what they thought the needs here are in terms of kids. We heard a lot about food issues, after school issues, literacy and all sorts of stuff," said Gosselin.

Kiwanis International is a service club founded in Detroit in 1915 and was incorporated in Canada in 1973. Via the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada website, they describe their purpose as being to provide financial support in a variety of ways to the communities branches occupy.

Similar organizations to Kiwanis International are those such as the Lions Clubs International and Rotary International.

"In a nutshell ... what we do is, we are helping kids, one kid at a time. We do all kinds of various different projects, (and) respond to the needs of the local community," said Gosselin. "Once the club is formed, the members decide within the community (what they have specific needs about) and then what they do is they basically start projects associated with those needs."

Similar nearby clubs already exist in Calgary, Cochrane, Airdrie, and Okotoks. According to Gosselin, the whole point of establishing a local club is to respond to a need for service.

Prior to the Nov. 30 meeting, which saw nearly a dozen people in attendance, the Kiwanis team met individually with several community members who had expressed potential interest in creating or joining a chapter, if one were to form locally.

"Part of the presentation today is to ask people who are in the audience what (they) think the needs of the community are, because the club will decide what it is they (would be) doing,"



Kiwanis International hosted a meeting at the Strathmore Civic Centre, Nov. 30, introducing themselves to the local community. The intent is to establish a working chapter in Strathmore to address the needs of local youth. Kiwanis chapters tend to operate in a similar fashion to those of Rotary Clubs or Lions Clubs.

> John Watson Photo

said Gosselin. "At the end of the day, what we are trying to do is, we are just trying to help kids."

He explained a membership commitment to Kiwanis would require a minimum of two or three hours on a monthly basis doing service work for the local community.

Meetings would be held once a month between club members to decide what their service goal would be for that period and how the objective may be facilitated.

One of the rules of the club, added Gosselin, is that any finances generated through their services are put back into the community the club serves.

For those who missed the Nov. 30 meeting but are curious to learn more about Kiwanis and its introduction to Strathmore, more information is available via their social media pages.

Lazy P Rodeo receives national award

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Lazy P Rodeo company is celebrating having been awarded Bull Riders Canada's Event of the Year for their Last Cowboy Standing, hosted in Strathmore.

Cale Pribyl, who owns and operates Lazy P Rodeo, said it is quite the achievement to receive such tremendous recognition from those in the Canadian rodeo circuit, especially for a company so young.

"The award is given every year to the event that is voted on by the riders and everyone's personnel in the Association on which event they felt was best. It is quite an honour." he said. "This is our second year running the event and we achieved this award ... we have gotten a lot of positive feedback about the energy of the event."

Pribyl attributed their success greatly to the amount of rides which were able to take place during their event, their social media presence, and the overall environment of being on the grounds in Strathmore.

He added the goal, ultimately, for the upcoming rodeo season will be to continue to grow the Last Cowboy Standing, as well as for the company to host more events, and to contribute to other rodeo events in the area. "We are hoping to keep growing, spectator-wise. Obviously, we would ing and rodeo to keep an eye out to love to have even more and more people, but we are limited to seating events in the circuit once riding season space," said Pribyl, continuing on the

topic of growth for his event.

'We are going to try and figure out ways to seat more people and maybe make some more money so the bull riders get a larger prize and make it another thing that Strathmore is known for."

With the restrictions imposed by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic largely lifted, Pribyl added he is looking forward to a virtually unimpeded rodeo season, as there in theory should be less need to reschedule events and have overlapping rodeo dates throughout the circuit.

Additionally, he is aiming to have the Lazy P Rodeo company beginning to host more events itself throughout the course of the rodeo season.

Now that the team has claimed success with the Event of the Year award once, they will be looking to maintain that established standard of excellence going forward.

"We will just keep trying to do our best, and hopefully just keep the excitement and that overall atmosphere growing and hopefully if we can keep the momentum running, that would be awesome," said Pribyl. "We are kind of a younger, newer company in the industry with kind of a fresher, different approach. We are approaching our events based on a lot more excitement, and being close with a lot of the riders definitely sets us apart."

Pribyl is encouraging fans of bull ridsee when they can catch Lazy P Rodeo's returns.

Raiders split

The Wheatland Raiders split a pair of home games this past weekend, including a 4-3 win over the West Central Panthers on Dec. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U16AA team will look to rebound from Sunday's 8-4 loss to the NWCAA Bruins when they host the Lethbridge Hurricanes on Dec. 9 (7:30 p.m.) at the Hussar Arena.



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I encourage you to get out and enjoy your local community Christmas events with your families and support our local businesses as we all come together to celebrate this most joyous time of the year.

I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politicians work for the constituents

To the Editor

I am against any unilateral powers awarded to ministers and premiers of any political party.

We already have a process of government that provides checks and balances against abuse of power. To give unilateral power, except in times of emergency is not what Albertans want.

Just look at the outrage during Covid when the health minister attempted to take advantage of the loophole to slide other changes past Albertans.

To ask us "trust me," from someone in politics is almost laughable.

We all know many politicians already say one thing and do another when it suits them. The rules are in place to catch that abuse and hold everyone accountable.

I also disagree with putting a no liability clause in this bill.

If you take actions that cause harm, or breach ethical, moral, or legal ground, you better be prepared to stand up and take responsibility for your actions.

Everybody else has to face their indiscretions, so why do you think you are exempt?! We voted you in because we believe you take your mandate seriously.

A better inclusion would be to award Albertans the right to immediately punt those politicians who do not represent us adequately, or fail to take responsibility and consequences of their actions.

I also disagree with these omnibus bills that have many issues lumped all together. It is a way to slide through things that politicians think Albertans won't agree to and muddy waters for members of parliament when they vote.

Pay attention to details, be transparent and above reproach, consult your constituents, and deal with one thing at a time in a timely manner. If a party can do that ... they will win Albertans support.

I do agree with the move to gain Alberta a better profile with the federal government and obtain the opportunity to disagree with federal policy that negatively impacts Albertans. The kicker is putting in place a process to know what Albertans consider is a negative impact issue.

> Sharon McLeay Strathmore



<u>Obituary</u>

HILTON, Douglas Henry June 14, 1930 – December 01, 2022

It is with great sadness and much love that we mourn the peaceful passing of Douglas Henry Hilton, at the age of 92, surrounded by loved ones.

Born and raised in Nightingale, Doug was schooled in Berta Vale, Strathmore, Kathyrn and Olds College. Douglas and Norma established their farm in the Indus area and expanded to the Cheadle area.

Doug leaves behind his loving wife of 68 years, Norma (nee Warrack). He and his "thumbs up" will be greatly missed by his devoted children Gayle, Janice (John), Arlene (Henrik), Karen (Kelly) and Bruce (Bronwyn).

Grandpa had quite the sense of humor and loved having his missing ring finger discovered by his grandchildren (Darren, Katherine, Jennifer, Scott, Craig, Katrine, Alexander, Kirsten, Jamie, Shawn, Nathalie and Livianna) as well as his great-grandchildren (Shyanna, Caidence, Zoey, Xander, Alyza, Lucas, Lily and Kinzie). Grandpa was a big kid at heart and consistently egged the little ones on until they got into hot water. Doug treasured his twin brother and recently commented "it was great to live your whole life as a twin". Doug's passions included – Family, Farming and Flying.

Farmer Doug fulfilled his Olds Agricultural College yearbook dream of "being a big grain farmer some day". As well-rounded farmers, they diversified into feedlot cattle, a cow calf operation, and kept their kids busy with field work, milk cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and 4H calves. As a talented "man of all trades", Doug would climb telephone poles, fix literally anything mechanical or electrical, be a handyman for local organizations as well as neighbours and successfully run various businesses. As a volunteer, he was active with numerous organizations in Langdon, Indus, Cheadle and Strathmore. As a pilot, his passion for flying took him to the skies in his Cessna, Piper Dakota, or fabric J3. He was thrilled to have flown his plane as far north as Tuktoyaktuk. His farm runway was always kept ready and waiting for an opportunity to "take off".

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at Strathmore United Church (410 - 4 St) at 11:00 a.m. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Mountain View Memorial Gardens (1605 100 St SE Calgary). Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided and would be appreciated by the family.

If so desired, donations may be made directly to the Wheatland Hospice Society (PO Box 2154 Strathmore AB T1P 1K2; info@wheatlandhospice.ca) or a charity of your choice.

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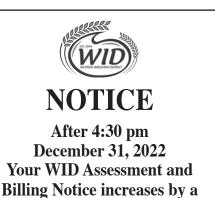
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Notice of Public Hearings Dec 7, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Public Hearing for Development Permit D22-097

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- A +/-0.8m decrease to the 1.5m west side yard setback,
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- An exemption to the bicycle parking requirements (asking to not provide indoor
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- A +/-7.86m decrease to the 30.5m site depth (property length),
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Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 22-25

The Town of Strathmore has received an application for a redesignation of Lot 127, Block 3, Plan 211 0103 from R3- High Density Residential District to R2 Green Meadows Crescent Duplex District Overlay.

This redesignation is proposed to facilitate the development of duplex housing. The proposed District Overlay contains all the provisions of the R2 – Low Density Residential District but reduces the minimum site width for duplex housing to 13m from 15m.



Public Hearing Process

A copy of the application may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM **AND** in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on **Wednesday**, **December 7**, **2022**, commencing at 6 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed development permit may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the Council meeting. Written submissions to the Council meeting or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Council meeting must be sent to Johnathan Strathdee at Johnathan.Strathdee@Strathmore.ca</code> by Noon December 7th, 2022.

Each person wishing to address Council at the Public Hearing shall complete their verbal presentation within three minutes. Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

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

Notice of Public Hearing Dec 5, 2022 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

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, December 5, 2022 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Town of Strathmore Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 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 December 2, 2022.



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 **Isadmin@strathmore.ca**.

Snow Angels

The Snow Angel program pairs volunteers with seniors or those with disabilities that need help clearing their driveways and sidewalks in winter.

If you need help with snow this winter or are willing to lend assistance to someone in need, visit Strathmore.ca/SnowAngels

Keep in Touch

Are you a senior who is feeling lonely and would like someone to Keep in Touch?

The Keep in Touch Program connects Strathmore's residents with one another through a weekly telephone support system.

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/KIT

Volunteer Connector

Looking for a way to give back to your community? The Volunteer Connector website connects volunteers with community events, activities and organizations that require their services

Volunteer today at Strathmore.ca/Volunteer