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Shields to not seek re-election

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Bow River Riding MP Martin Shields announced Feb. 7 that he will not seek to be re-elected in the next federal election. Shields has served three terms as MP for Bow River Riding, comprising the last 10 years of his career. Prior to this, he served on Brooks city council for three terms.

"I believe that other people should have the opportunity to be in an elected place, and so the same goes for being an MP. I think it is a great riding full of great people ... and other people should have the opportunity to represent this riding," said Shields. "I am not dying of any disease - I have often been asked that ... there is wear and tear, no doubt physically in doing this job because you spend a lot of time traveling and in the riding, back and forth to Ottawa. I think it comes down to, it is someone else's turn to know about the great people and represent them in the Bow River Riding."

In total, the riding consists of nearly 120,000 residents, spanning across more than 60 communities ranging from urban Chestermere in the west to rural Linden, Taber, and Tilley in the north, south, and east, respectively.

Shields explained among his accomplishments while serving as MP, was the unanimous passing of a private members bill in the House of Commons recognizing farmers and ranchers as true stewards and conservationists of the lands which they work on.

"That was something important to me because I really believe that is what farmers and ranchers are. They are our chief stewards of the land, and in this riding, that is a significant factor," he said. "Also, in the House of Commons, I was able to bring attention to the issues and speak about those issues that were important to the riding. In the riding itself, I think getting out there and meeting people to understand what their issues were and what their challenges are."

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Hockey Day in G.A.



New champion

Raj Singh (right) holds Ginha during Real Canadian Wrestling's event My Bloody Valentine on Feb. 7 at the Strathmore Agricultural Pavillion. The back-and-forth triple threat match saw Ginha defeat Singh and Krueger to become the wrestling promotion's new Alberta Heritage Champion. RCW will return to Strathmore for another action-packed show on March 28.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Donovan Arnaud has shown exceptional dedication to Crown and Country through his distinguished military and community service. He served 25 years in the Royal Canadian Navy, commissioned as a Commander in 1972, and held senior roles, including as Senior Navy Aide-De-Camp to Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn in the 1990s. Since 2009, Donovan has been an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion, becoming President of Branch 10 in Strathmore in 2022. Under his leadership, the Legion has strengthened its community and veteran support. One of his key initiatives is the Buddy Check program, which grew from seven to 40 participants. The program fosters camaraderie and connection among veterans, ensuring they stay engaged and supported. Donovan's commitment extends beyond the Legion. He is active in local organizations like the Rotary Club and has served in roles such as Councillor for North Grenville, Ontario, making him an exemplary advocate for veterans and the community.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION MEDAL
RECIPIENT: DR. JONI MCNEELY

Dr. Joni McNeely is a dedicated advocate for providing compassionate care to seniors and expanding access to hospice services in rural communities. With a deep commitment to ensuring that seniors receive the care and respect they deserve, Dr. McNeely has worked to bring awareness to the unique healthcare needs of aging populations, especially in underserved areas. Beyond her professional work, Dr. McNeely volunteers her time and organizes fundraising efforts to support the development of senior and hospice care programs in her community. Her dedication and leadership have made a tangible impact, improving the lives of countless families and ensuring that seniors receive compassionate, dignified care.




Fantastic Furfest
Alpine View Pet Spa hosted Furfest on Feb. 8 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The family-friendly event featured a dog play area, a market, face painting for kids and a pet kissing booth.
Joe Lepage Photos

Strathmore Library details impact of regular funding shortages

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library has adjusted its operating hours, as well as its programming in response to the funding which has been made available to them.

During the Town of Strathmore's budget deliberations, the library submitted a community group funding request of \$425,698 of the town. Of this, \$385,000 was approved to support library operations through 2025.

This represented a 0.98 per cent increase in funding over last year.

"Our main goal with our funding request was to increase our staffing to reach an essential level as identified in the Alberta Government's Best Practices for Public Libraries document," said Ann Horn, chair of the library board. "We are currently staffed just under six full-time employees and the essential level for our population is 7.2 full-time employees. More staffing would allow us to offer more programs. We are not yet able to meet the community's need for early literacy programming."

Horn added additional staffing would allow the library to offer a broader range of programs for patrons of all ages and maintain a greater presence within the local community.

In order to avoid cutting hours from existing library staff, the library has elected to not fill vacant positions for 2025. Additionally, a priority has been given to bringing staff wages up to meet averages in comparable libraries.

During the town's 2025 budget deliberations, Coun. Melissa Langmaid, who also sits on the library board, indicated 81 per cent of the library's budget is utilized to finance employee wages and associated expenses.

In order to maintain the library's ongoing agreement with the Marigold Library System, 11 per cent of the budget is transferred there.

Costs to the library are rising more quickly than regular funding allowances. Similarly, use of the library and its resources continues to grow on an annual basis. Throughout 2024, the library hosted nearly 64,000 visitors who utilized their services, and/ or participated in programs.

The library now closes its doors to the public at 4 p.m. on Mondays, in addition to being closed entirely on Mondays during the summer months.

The facility will continue to remain open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Additionally, the library will be closed on the Saturdays of long weekends, as those occasions typically do not see heavy traffic in the facility.

"We are doing our best to meet community needs as much as possible while facing the reality that our costs are rising more quickly than our funding," said Horn. "We have adjusted programming, prioritizing literacy-based programs. The public might notice fewer one-off programs on Flex Fridays and a reduction in other non-literacy focused programs."

While the board is actively engaged in fundraising efforts to supplement the library's finances, Horn added it is not a reliable source of revenue for operating costs.

An ideal scenario would see fundraising revenue directed towards extras such as a self-checkout station, new shelving and furniture, upgrading technology and computers, or to be spent on program supplies.

The library reported throughout 2024, a total of \$9,288.83 was raised through individual fundraising initiatives and general donations.

The idea of establishing a memorandum of agreement between the town and the library board for a more consistent funding model in future years was suggested during the town's budget deliberations, though has not yet been explored further.

"We always appreciate attending Community Delegation Night. There are so many worthy organizations in Strathmore working very hard to make the community better, and it is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community partners," added Horn. "We were grateful to receive the support we did from the town, knowing that they have so many opportunities to invest in the community with limited funds available."

For those who are interested in helping out at the library or contributing to the facility, the team is always looking for more volunteers.

Through 2025, the library will be working on a new plan of service to determine their direction for the next three to five years. Community input will be solicited for this, and the team hopes to hear from as many members of the local community as possible.

Delegation to council discusses need for more local housing, affordable housing solutions

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A public delegation which presented before Town of Strathmore council during the Feb. 5 regular meeting, brought the issue of local affordable housing to the attention of councillors.

“Strathmore is a beautiful, vibrant, growing community. Unfortunately, we do have an affordable housing issue,” said Nell McDonald who presented before council. “Strathmore boasts 10 schools and what feels like a playground every single block. We have programs for children of all ages, and these programs continue to grow and thrive. This attracts a lot of families to the area.”

McDonald described a “desperate” need for affordable housing for families, citing that hers, among many others in town are barely able to afford their rent, despite operating two full-time income households.

She suggested that housing has been an issue in Strathmore for roughly the last decade, particularly as growing costs of living largely outpace wage increases.

“My husband and I, like many families in Strathmore, we both work full time. There is no reason why we should not be able to afford a rental. However, the cheapest one on the market that I can find right now is a two-bedroom for \$1,800 a month that is not including utilities,” she said. “Other two-bedroom places are going for anywhere between \$1,800 and \$2,500 a month and that is not including utilities.”

She explained for many families, commuting to and from Calgary or other municipalities every day for work is simply not an affordable option.

Adding to the problem, she described a lack

of local jobs in town outside of those offering minimum wages or, for those who have obtained post-secondary education credentials, are outside of their respective fields of study.

“It is very frustrating to our family, as well as many others that housing would be the reason that we would have to leave Strathmore ... we are spending two thirds of our income on rent alone. With two growing children and with the cost of living increasing, the ability to save any money to buy a house is a pipe dream,” she said. “We need solutions for the lower income families. Commuting to and from Calgary every day for work is not a solution. Some families like mine only have one vehicle. Some families have no vehicle. Most cannot afford to commute.”

For families who can find housing outside of Strathmore that they are able to afford, McDonald added it does not present a fix for the local issue.

A particular emphasis was placed on the requirement for families to pull their children from their schools and into new placement, should they be required to vacate Strathmore in order to find housing within their budgetary constraints.

“This council has worked really hard in the last few years to find more housing and we have three different multi-unit projects in different stages of development,” said Mayor Pat Fule. “We are working toward it; it is in our strategic plan for the rest of our term and we have been all pulling together with our administration and our planning department and infrastructure department.”

As the presentation was considered a delegation, no further discussion or debate was hosted on the topic. The delegation was accepted by council as information.

County declines invitation to attend regional collaboration meeting

JOHN WATSON
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During the Feb. 4, regular meeting, Wheatland County council voted to decline an invitation from the Town of Strathmore to attend a regional collaboration meeting.

The invitation from the Town of Strathmore, dated Jan. 27, indicated the town would like to host a meeting with the county, as well as with representation from the Villages of Hussar, Rockyford, and Standard, on Feb. 26, at the Strathmore Civic Center.

Coun. Glenn Koester had motioned for the county to attend the collaboration meeting, which was supported solely by Coun. Rick Laursen.

“This is a collaboration meeting and especially with all the development coming into the county, annexations, and it is ... a regional collaboration meeting ... I think it is vital that the county is part of this planning initiative,” said Koester. “We just passed a \$10 million pipeline to take water to the area, we are still looking for water for another development in the area and I believe Strathmore was one of the asks to get the water from. I think it is crucial (to attend).”

Coun. Donna Biggar said she would like to see a specified agenda put forward regarding a meeting of this nature before the county agrees to attend. This sentiment was supported by Coun. Shannon Laprise.

Coun. Biggar and Coun. Laprise added the coun-

ty has just recently concluded the successful development of an Intermunicipal Development Plan, and Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework with the Town of Strathmore and are satisfied with the communication between the municipalities.

Koester pointed out despite the IDP and ICF frameworks established with the Town of Strathmore, the Villages of Hussar, Rockyford, and Standard were also invited to the meeting, with which the county has not established such plans alongside.

“We can work individually with each of the villages and with Strathmore very easily. We have got requests from different villages for different things that we can address one on one,” said Laprise. “Given the reasoning for not attending, I think we still have collaborative relationships with all of them, just separately.”

Koester expressed concern regarding the message it would send from the county regarding their refusal to attend such a meeting.

“The least we can do is show up and collaborate and be there and be in attendance ... this feud has been going on for nearly three years. The villages have asked the county to come and speak with them and the county will not move ... it will probably last until the next election,” he said.

The invitation to attend the town’s regional collaboration meeting was defeated 5-2 against, with Koester and Laursen being the only councilors in support of attending.

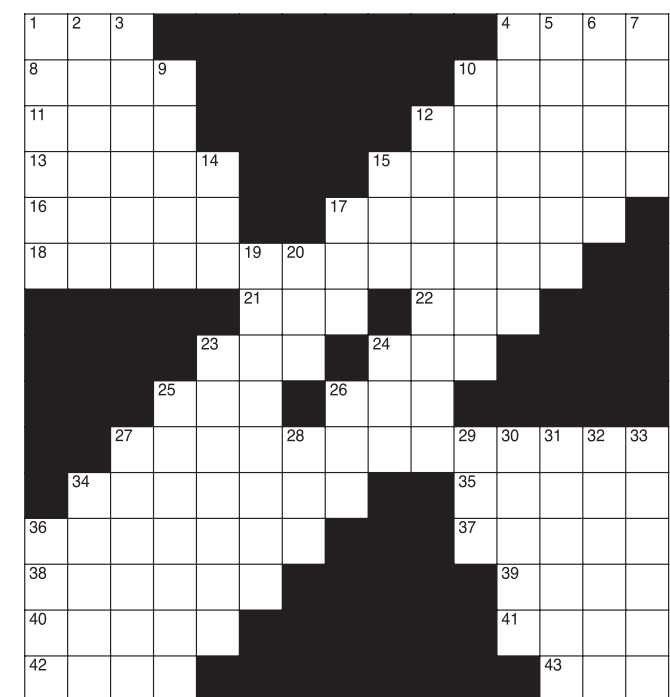


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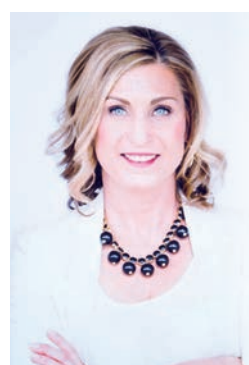
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Hopeful concert

Chase Morgan brought his soulful voice to the Hope Bridges Community Concert Series on Feb. 4 at Hope Community Covenant Church where he serenaded the audience with a mix of cherished classics and heartfelt originals. Joined by the Music Discovery class, led by accredited music therapist Kate Ager, Chase's set featured familiar favourites over the course of the afternoon concert.

Melissa Piche Photos

Strathmore RCMP make arrest

ALBERTA RCMP

On Jan. 9, at approximately 12:25 a.m., Strathmore RCMP was on patrol in Strathmore's industrial park when they noted a silver Mercedes Benz SUV parked in the middle of Slater Road with the brake lights illuminated. The officer activated their emergency lights which did not illicit a reaction from the driver. Further examination revealed the vehicle was stolen and believed to be involved in several property crimes in the Calgary area. Additional members were called for assistance to box the vehicle in, and a tire deflation device was placed in front of the rear wheels to prevent the vehicle from fleeing.

The driver eventually woke up when officers issued commands. The vehicle rolled forward across the tire deflation device, flattening both rear tires, before stopping. The driver eventually complied and exited the vehicle and he was taken into custody.

A search of the vehicle located a sawed-off shotgun in the backseat with ammunition affixed to the buttstock. The vehicle was also filled with stolen property including tools, several pieces of identification, financial documents, vehicle registration/insurance documents, several sets of vehicle keys, break in instruments, a prohibited weapon, and bear spray.

Anthony Favel (25), of no fixed address, has been charged with 24 offences, including:

- Operate a motor vehicle without insurance;
- Operate a motor vehicle while unauthorized;
- Failure to comply with a probation order (x2);

- Identity Theft (x2);
- Flight from Peace Officer;
- Possession of break-in instruments;
- Possession of a firearm while unauthorized;
- Possession of a prohibited weapon (x2);
- Possession of a firearm with ammunition while unauthorized;
- Possession of property obtained by crime (x11);
- Possession of a firearm contrary to prohibition order

Further charges may be laid as the investigation continues. After a Judicial Interim Release Hearing, Favel was remanded into custody with a court date of Feb. 4. At the time of his arrest, Favel was wanted on a warrant out of Calgary, he was bound by a probation order issued as a result of convictions on 10 other criminal offences and has an extensive criminal history.

"This investigation highlights the effort of Southern Alberta RCMP criminal analyst efforts to identify crime series in the Calgary Urban Area, timely dissemination of information to front line members, and in this case, the diligence of Strathmore RCMP to detect, deter, and prevent crime," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, the Detachment Commander of the Strathmore RCMP. "It also serves as a reminder for our residents to remain vigilant in keeping their property and businesses secure with the periodic presence of area offenders."

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Bow River Riding to have new MP

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He added his advice to the incoming MP is that each of the communities which comprise the riding are important, from big to small.

"Whether it is Chestermere or whether it is Milo, Swalwell, Taber, all communities are important. Making sure that you spend time in those communities and meeting people in those communities from the largest to small, they are all important," he said. "Get to know the communities in the riding and spend time in them whether it is a July 1 parade in a large community or a Remembrance Day ceremony ... to the March 17 parade ... all of those things are important in communities. Do not sit in an office somewhere and wait for people to come visit you."

Following the end to his term, Shields said he intends to be a regular Brooks community citizen and spend time volunteering with organizations such as the local Rotary Club.

Wheatland Kings finish second in regular season

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have reclaimed second place in the Southern Division, defeating both the Medicine Hat Cubs, and the Coaldale Copperheads in the last games of the regular season.

“Medicine Hat was in (Strathmore) on Friday, and we knew this was the big one. If we won, and we beat Coaldale, we could get second place ... if we lost, we knew there was no possible way for us to get second,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. “It was a really close game for a while. We pulled away from them in the third. It was a great game and we played really well.”

By the end of the second period versus Medicine Hat, the Kings were up 3-2. Throughout the third period, Kyle Woolridge leveled the score with a power play goal against the Kings. In the last eight minutes of the game, the Kings ran away with four unanswered goals for the win.

On the road in Coaldale, the Kings took control of the game early, scoring three goals in the first, and another two in the third. Only two goals were yielded to their hosts over the course of the game.

“Coaldale is a tough, physical team and their rink is pretty small. Whenever you go there, you know it is going to be a tough, physical game and they really pressure,” said Raycroft. “We were missing a couple of defensemen, so that was one of the things we really had to contain.”

Having finished the regular season in second place in the division with a 27-10-1 record, the Kings have earned home ice advantage for their playoff series against Medicine Hat.

The series will be a best of five, beginning in Strathmore, Feb. 22, and counts as being the second round of the playoffs. Both the Kings, the Cubs and first place Okotoks placed high enough in the regular season to earn a first-round bye.

“At (this) time of the year, you just really want to go through any last minute preparations for things that you are going to be doing against the team you are playing. For us, it is just making sure we are sharp and all of our defensive structures that we do are in place and the guys are focused,” said Raycroft. “We get four more practices in here to get us ready. It is nice to have the bye so that some of our players who are injured can heal up a little bit and then it is just an all out battle against a good team.”

Last season set a new franchise record for the Kings, with a total 39 points accumulated over the course of the regular season. This translated to 18 wins and 17 losses.

Raycroft attributed some of the team’s success this season



The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings capped off their regular season with a pair of pivotal wins, including a 7-3 triumph over the Medicine Hat Cubs on Feb. 7 at the Strathmore Family Centre. **Joe Lepage Photos**

to achieve such a dramatic new height to significantly less injuries and illnesses picking apart his roster.

Additionally, he explained, the team has extra depth at all positions this season, making them a tougher team to play against.

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Capsule Comments

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Is it safe to drink alcohol while breastfeeding? The amount of alcohol in breast milk is proportional to the amount in the blood. Studies have shown that if blood levels are below the legal limit and the mother waits at least two hours after a drink to breastfeed, there is no harm to the baby. However, refraining from alcohol during pregnancy is still a rule to be followed.

Apple is saying their new Series 10 watch can detect sleep apnea in wearers. The watch uses an accelerometer to monitor small movements in the wrist that are associated with breathing disturbances during sleep. A clinical study of nearly 1500 participants found that the watch could accurately detect sleep apnea 66% of the time. Sleep apnea is a serious health problem. The watch doesn't replace getting professional help if you feel you have the problem.

According to a new survey, almost 18% of Canadian residential properties have radon levels above Health Canada guidelines. Radon exposure is a cause of a greater risk of lung cancer in both smokers and non-smokers. Some cities have radon-testing devices available so if radon is elevated where you live, get a radon-tester to check the levels in your home.

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Locals concerned for future of critical wetland and wildlife habitat

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Bird Sanctuary Initiative presented as a delegation before Town of Strathmore council during the Feb. 5 regular meeting to discuss the preservation of the natural area west of Thomas Drive, and north of the Strathmore Municipal Library.

The area in question contains trees planted by Harry Freeman in the 1940s and has been a Ducks Unlimited project since 1947.

Seymour Pacific Developments aims to construct 147

apartments across two buildings at Eagle Heights, clearing away the heritage forest in order to do so.

“The wetland in question, ST19, it has been identified as an environmentally significant wetland because of its high species diversity,” said Denis Manzer, addressing council. “This is a wetland that a lot of species have their babies, but we also have in that forest there, great horned owls, great blue herons, red tailed hawks, Swainson’s hawks – that forest is actually part of why that wetland is so diverse because it has a lot of habitats for bird species in the trees.”

The Town of Strathmore maintains a local policy citing the protection of wetlands, such that “no development shall be permitted within 30 meters of the ‘legal bank’ of a permanent and naturally occurring wetland or such greater distance determined necessary by a qualified wetland aquatic environment specialist.”

Trumpeter Swans, which are identified federally as a protected species, also frequent the area.

Under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, Prohibition 5.1 (1) no person or vessel shall deposit a substance that is harmful to migratory birds, or permit such a substance to be deposited, in waters or an area frequented by migratory birds or in a place from which the substance may enter such waters or an area.

Common pollutants found in parking lots include automotive grease, gasoline, heavy metals, sediment, fertilizers and pesticides, and trash deposited by users.

“We do have a vision that this place could be turned into such a really cool place for the Town of Strathmore to build a bird sanctuary, an interpretive center, bird observatory ... this would be a great place for education, bringing school groups; this a very valuable thing for young people to go see the birds,” said Manzer. “Birding is a multimillion-dollar industry. When people come here to Strathmore, they (could) go visit the bird sanctuary; they are going to spend money at the local businesses; it is going to be a huge boost.”

During the regular meeting, council did not open the floor to discussion or debate regarding presentations and only accepted what the delegation had to say as information.

Simon Metke, who presented before council alongside Manzer, said to see an old growth forest as old as the one in question on the prairies is a rare and valuable site, particularly as this one is a prominent wildlife corridor.

He added though additional housing in Strathmore is something that is necessary and becoming increasingly so, this location is not the space to put it.

“We are 100 per cent behind the whole concept of affordable housing. This developer has stated that 10 per cent of the units will be affordable housing for the first 10 years, (but) there is not real definition of, what does ‘affordable housing’ mean to who,” he said. “There is lots of room to expand for more affordable housing. Destroying Strathmore’s super valuable biodiverse nature asset for affordable housing and cramming more density in, that is not improving quality of life.”

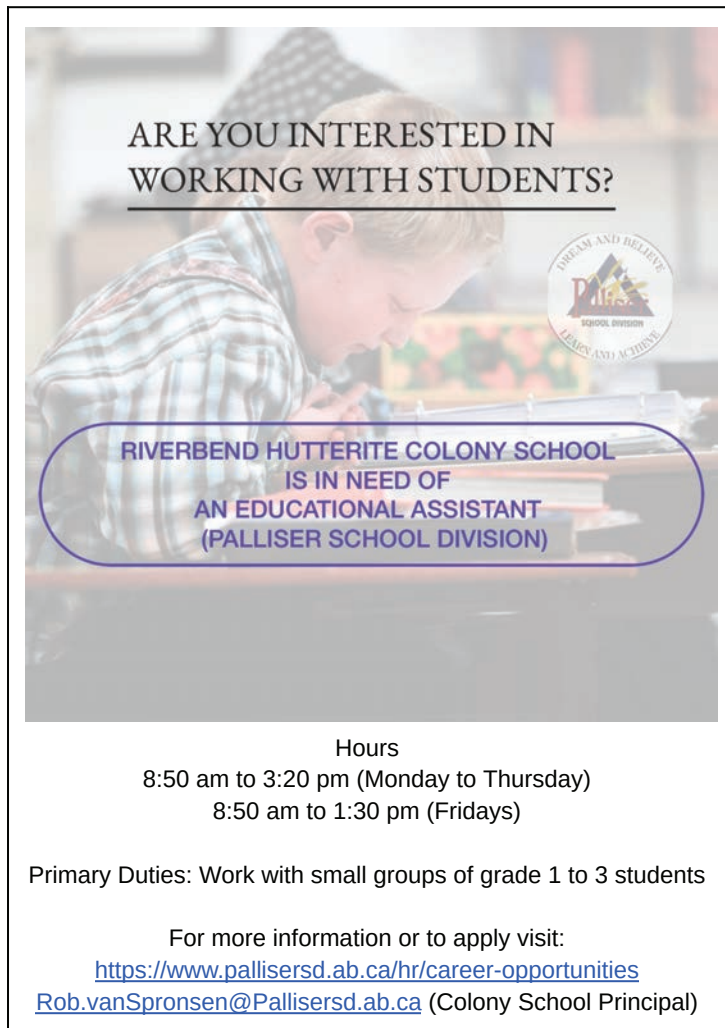
In addition to being host to local and migratory bird species, the wetland also shelters amphibians such as frogs and salamanders, among other aquatic species.

Their ultimate goal is for the town to turn the location into a protected environmental area.

“We are requesting that a stop to any further permits, even though they already have their demolition permit, but a stop for any more advancement of doing anything to this land, especially until a proper qualified environmental assessment has been done and the province is involved,” said Metke. “If this goes through and this gets destroyed, there is no going back from that. It is a 100 per cent loss; it devalues the properties in the neighborhood around here; it is going to very much disturb the old folks homes on either side of Park Lane Way, Park Lane Place and Lambert Village.”

In order to aid in raising public awareness towards preserving the wetland, a Strathmore Bird Sanctuary Initiative Facebook group has been founded. The group is open to the public for anyone wishing to learn more and get involved.

For those either not on Facebook or not desiring to participate in social media, Metke is encouraging anyone who wishes to help or learn more to email them (strathmorebirds sanctuary@gmail.com).



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- February 18, 2025 | 9 a.m. Council Meeting
- March 4, 2025 | 9 a.m. Council Meeting
- March 11, 2025 | 9 a.m. Municipal Planning Commission

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Wheatland County Administration Office

- When:** March 6, 2025, 8:30am - 5:30pm
- Where:** Wheatland County Administration Office: 242006 HWY #1 & RR 243
- Cost:** \$100 + tax (lunch included)
- Instructors:** Dr. Bill Hamman & Erin McIlwraith
- Register before February 28 at:** <https://2025pest.eventbrite.com>
- For more information contact:** Albert.Anderson@wheatlandcounty.ca


The Farmer Pesticide Certification course is a tool intended to help farmers to reduce risks associated with pesticide use. This course is recommended under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan, but is also mandatory for farmers who wish to use restricted pesticides that require certification such as Aluminum phosphide.

Online home study of the course would be beneficial. The online training is located at the following link or simply search Farmer Pesticide Training on the Alberta Agriculture & Forestry website: www.alberta.ca/farmer-pesticide-certificate.aspx

The Certificate will be sent to you by Alberta Agriculture after successfully passing a closed book exam at end of day.

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Floral honour

The Wheatland Wranglers U18 female hockey team wrapped up their regular season home schedule with a 7-3 win over Windermere on Feb. 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre. They also honoured the graduating players who finished their minor hockey career. The graduating players are Emma Breaker (l-r), Dina Abdallah, Tameka Brough, Grayson Backfat, Rylee Potiuk, Kamryn Shorhen and Ali Edwards.

Joe Lepage Photo



Home finale

The Strathmore U19B ringette team capped off their regular season with a home game versus the Lethbridge Rattlers on Feb. 8 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos

Strathmore to host U11AA, U18 provincial tournaments

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore is soon to see an influx of travelers coming into town, as both the U11AA Wheatland Hawks, and the U18 Wheatland Wranglers Female Hockey teams are both preparing to host their respective provincial championships.

“This is the first year that Wheatland Athletic Association has taken on the U11AA division for Hockey Alberta, and it is also the inaugural season for U11AA provincial championships, so this is the first time that this has ever happened,” said Jodi Koester, chairperson for the U11AA Hockey Alberta Provincial Championships. “We were fortunate enough to win the bid to host this, and it is a tournament that starts on Thursday, March 27, and ends with the final game being on Sunday, March 30.”

This is the first year the Wheatland Athletic Association has taken over operations for the U11AA team. Previously, it was overseen by the Strath-

more Minor Hockey Association.

Koester explained this Wheatland Hawks team consists of nine- and 10-year-old boys from across Wheatland County, as well as a few players from municipalities such as Drumheller, Siksika Nation, and Chestermere.

“It is a very diverse group of kids who may have battled against each other in previous minor hockey teams in their youth and now they have joined forces to play together and they have done a tremendous job of that,” she said. “They have really bonded together as a group of young boys and grown together as a team, and it is so fun to watch them on the ice. Obviously, they do not win all of their games, but the games they do win are magical.”

Hockey Alberta requires the Wheatland Athletic Association to operate a legacy project, thus any money generated through the tournament beyond covering costs are required to be reinvested into the community in a project tied to local hockey.

Proceeds generated from this year’s provincial tournament will go towards an outdoor ice rink, as well as to contribute towards dressing rooms which would be usable both by patrons of the outdoor rink in the winter, and football teams in the fall.

Koester estimated it will take approximately \$20,000 in order to be able to effectively host the tournament. Financing is being sought through sponsorships to help cover costs.

Volunteers are also needed throughout the weekend to aid with raffle tables, event entry, and game time announcements.

Koester may be contacted at U11AAprovincials@gmail.com for more information regarding the upcoming tournament.

Meanwhile, the U18 Wheatland Wranglers female team will be hosting their provincial championships, come March 20-23.

Jodi Vanderlaan, manager for the U18 Wheatland Wranglers, said this is only

the second year the team has existed.

“We are trying to grow the girls program, so it will be exciting to host a completely female hockey tournament here in Strathmore. That has not happened here (before),” she said. “We take girls from the Wheatland area including Chestermere, Brooks ... Drumheller, then we have Siksika, Strathmore and surrounding area. It has grown quite a bit this year even from last year.”

Like that of the U11AA tournament, any excess funding raised to host the tournament effectively beyond what is required is to be put back into the local community.

Of the teams which will be participating, the host team gets a bye which enters them automatically. The rest of the tournament consists of divisional champions from across the province and two wildcard teams.

Tickets for the event will be available at the doors of the Strathmore Family Centre over the course of the tournament weekend.

Strathmore Minor Hockey to host annual U7/U9 tournament

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Minor Hockey is hosting their annual U7/U9 tournament throughout the Family Day weekend with 500 athletes anticipated to be participating.

Kendra Toovey, tournament coordinator for Strathmore Minor Hockey, explained teams will be coming into Strathmore from across central and southern Alberta.

“We will be running five U9 divisions, and a junior and a senior U7 division. Within that, we are also including the Wheatland Wranglers ... so we have a couple of all-female team divisions as well for U9,” she said. “It used to be just a single day tournament, but we expanded it because we had so much interest in teams attending. It is also a fundraising opportunity for Strathmore Minor Hockey and a great way for people to come and visit our community.”

With approximately 500 athletes scheduled to participate, this is the largest event of the year for the organization in terms of sheer numbers of participants.

Two other tournaments are hosted by Strathmore Minor Hockey throughout a given year – one being in November for the U13s, and one in January for the U11s.

“This is definitely one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, as all of our tournaments are fundraisers for Strathmore Minor Hockey. We are a volun-

teer board and volunteer-run organization and are a very dedicated group of people who love the game of hockey,” said Toovey. “We will be hosting a raffle table, we have lots of great donations from the hockey families, as well as the community businesses, and we really try to support local and we have to buy prizes for the raffle. We will also be hosting a triple threat draw and a 50/50.”

Toovey explained all of the funds raised over the course of the tournament go back to the association to help with various costs.

Between the three tournaments hosted by Strathmore Minor Hockey, the overall goal is to raise approximately \$20,000 on an annual basis to support operations and the athletes.

For many of the participants, this provincial tournament represents their first opportunity to compete and experience an event of this magnitude.

“When they get out on the ice and really showcase their skills, they get very, very excited about it and they have a chance to win an MVP or a Heart and Hustle award during the games,” explained Toovey. “And then of course, everybody gets a medal at the end just to recognize their participation and keep that memory alive.”

Games will be taking place at both the Strathmore Family Centre and the Standard Arena in order to help manage numbers and play as many teams as possible over the course of the event.

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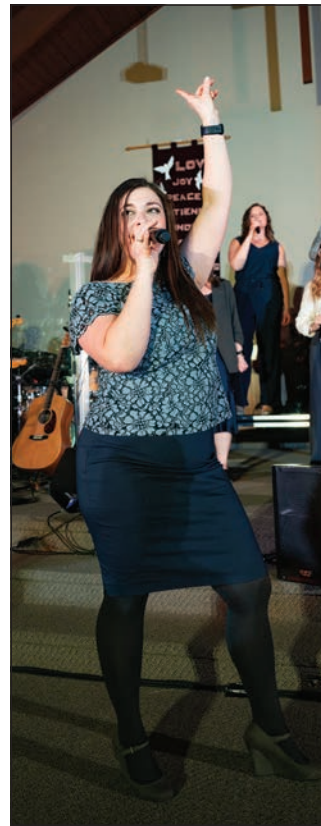
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Hockey heroes in Gleichen

Former NHL player Morris Lukowich (far right) shares a moment with young Grey Wetherell (7) during the Hockey Day in GA 4-on-4 pond hockey tournament on Saturday, Feb.8. Over 80 kids from across southern Alberta took part in the annual event celebrating the love of the game.

Melissa Piche Photos



Revved up concert

The Arts on 817 presented ReMix: Powered by REV52 on Feb. 8 at the Strathmore United Church. The group featured 13 singers who were assembled to bring the incredible vocal power and beautifully blended harmonies of REV52.

Joe Lepage Photos



Home cooking

The Holy Cross Collegiate Hawks senior girls' basketball team hosted their home tournament Feb.7-8 at the school. The Hawks defeated Our Lady of Snows, Rundle Academy and Strathcona-Tweedsmuir to claim the gold medal at their home tourney.

Joe Lepage Photos

Lakewood of Strathmore announces donation commitment to Strathmore Overnight Shelter

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As part of the newly coined Lakewood Growth and Giving Initiative, Lakewood of Strathmore is announcing the Strathmore Overnight Shelter to be the donation recipient from the next phase of the community's development.

Last year, Lakewood of Strathmore partnered with #NotInMyCity, donating \$1,000 from each lot sale through their Phase 2A, totaling \$46,000.

"Part of understanding the needs and our commitment to community is also being involved with them at the ground level. We have been working with the Strathmore Overnight Shelter for many years, helping in various ways, whether it is volunteering, digital aspects, or even supplying different community items, needs, and whatnot," said Scott Silva, director of sales and marketing for Lakewood of Strathmore. "What really brought our attention to them this year is their need and demand for growth based on the growth of the town. Where these funds are actually proposed to go is obviously at the shelter's discretion, but focusing on a renovation and a redevelopment of the current facility."

Silva added this is tied in with other grants and fundraising the Strathmore Overnight Shelter is looking to receive.

In Phase 2B of Lakewood of Strathmore's development, there are 76 lots available, and the team is once again committed to donating \$1,000 per lot sold.

"It will make a huge impact because we are going to put a partial second story over the church sanctuary becau-

se it goes up really high, and it will open up space for a private office, for storage – people come in and there is nowhere for them to put their things – we just do not have that kind of space," said Elizabeth Karp, executive director of the Strathmore Overnight Shelter. "It will open up where we can move things out of the current area, so we can open up our dining room a little bit more as well because we are pretty tight for space in that area too."

Karp estimated the total cost of the renovation will be in the realm of \$150,000, according to current cost estimates. She explained it would be something that would simply not be possible without the level of support being made possible by Lakewood of Strathmore.

As the available space for backend operations expands, so too would the shelter's ability to take people in, rather than have people living out of their vehicles.

"It is cold and people are freezing – we could throw extra mats in the common area, so it will expand our ability to do that so nobody freezes to death out there," said Karp. "It does not mean they will be staying there for any length of time, but during cold spells like that, it certainly relieves some pressure in every area. If we can throw some mats on the floor even, just to get people in, out of the cold temporarily while the weather is bad."

Silva added he aims for Lakewood's contribution to be a community growth and giving initiative as opposed to prioritizing sales.

More information about the initiative is being made available online through Lakewood of Strathmore.

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Alberta's government believes that Albertans with disabilities should not have to choose between receiving support and pursuing a meaningful career. All Albertans have incredible potential and deserve opportunities to thrive in the workforce without jeopardizing the benefits they rely on. In response to this need, Alberta's government is launching the Alberta Disability Assistance Program (ADAP) in July 2026.

Albertans with disabilities should not be penalized for finding rewarding employment. Every dollar they earn on a paycheck should be helping to make them better off, not threatening their access to the medication they need. Recognizing the importance of employment for those who are able to work but still require support, ADAP will allow individuals to earn more while continuing to receive financial benefits, featuring the highest earning exemptions of any program to date.

ADAP will also ensure that all participants receive necessary health benefits regardless of their employment income. This means more Albertans with disabilities can experience the benefits of employment, such as financial independence, skill development, and social connection. Beyond financial and health benefits, ADAP will provide access to resources and tools designed to help individuals develop new skills and reach their full potential.

ADAP was developed based on extensive consultation with Albertans with disabilities, who stressed the need for individualized pathways to employment

rather than a one-size-fits-all approach. Starting in July 2026, disability income assistance applicants will be assessed for both ADAP and the longstanding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program, ensuring each applicant is placed in the program best suited to their unique situation.

To make the application process more efficient and accessible, applicants will be connected with a roster of pre-qualified medical professionals for comprehensive assessments. A new review panel of medical professionals will also be established to streamline approvals and better understand applicants' needs. These enhancements will ensure that Albertans with disabilities receive the support they need more quickly and effectively.

Finally, Alberta's government is encouraging Albertans to explore their electricity options and take charge of their power bill. Albertans need to be able to make smart financial choices, including choosing an affordable electricity plan that best meets their needs. While most ratepayers choose to sign competitive contracts with one of more than 50 electricity providers in the province's uniquely competitive market, those who don't are automatically enrolled on the Rate of Last Resort – the default electricity rate – and likely to pay more for their power.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your feedback and concerns (chestermere.strathmore@assembly.ab.ca).

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Mr. Trump

To the Editor

Thanks to your multiple insulting decoration threats to your friendly Canadian neighbors, please know you have single-handedly reminded us who we are and what we stand for as Canadians.

Thank you for your presentation of why Canada should be the 51st state and your proclaimed benefits. However, in comparison, your presentation in using the same directive tone and mannerism on a country like Palestine on the potential displacement of nearly two million people, about half of which are children to leave their own country, is somehow in their best interest? This speaks volumes on the real intent of what matters to you and your lack of concern for human lives over profit.

It is a reality check on what any nation should expect from this example and shows why you can relate to a leader like Putin. To those that think his ideas are great, then please move south to enjoy this authoritarian dictatorship that some bow to.

Thank you, for showing that when Canadians come together, we can overcome the challenges by thinking about new global opportunities in a more united way. This attack also has shown the true colours of our political leaders in what is first, and who they stand for.

Mr. Trump, you stated if Canada proposed tariffs, you would hit back harder; well, that didn't happen. True proud Canadians are not going to take being bullied.

Thank you for showing us from your spoken words your true intention is really about Canadian resources, not the betterment of our open supported cultural society of respecting the human race.

Finally, in this world of misinformation, having one nationally funded fully Canadian broadcast institution like the

CBC with its countrywide infrastructure in supporting national and local Canadian news, sports and entertainment from coast to coast to coast for a cost of 10 cent per Canadian to fund is not only a Canadian jewel, but a majority necessity of supporting true Canadian culture.

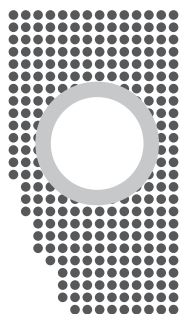
So, I question Pierre Poilievre's recent comment about putting Canadians first, when he wants to remove this trusted Canadian information institution from Canadians, which you can bet US stations as they do now, will fill in that Canadian void.

A footnote of interest, when looking at labeling, made in Canada, final product is about 51 per cent Canadian in materials, Product of Canada, is 98 per cent Canadian made.

Question: putting political preference aside in dealing with Trump, who's all about the business deal for the next four years, what PM for all Canadians is best to take him on at his level? Poilievre that has only been a career politician from his twenties, as reported never been in business, or a non-politician Carney, with a successful track recorded in dealing with world business and finance areas in Canada that lead us through some tough times in Canada and from that was then sought after by Britain to successfully sort them out financially as well.

I encourage you to listen to both sides. Carney, who comes from Alberta is talking about how to take advantage of Trump's actions by leapfrogging the US to a better Canadian position in our world we share and will work with. That's the kind of leadership that is saying to other like-minded nations, let's work together. Your future is your vote.

Dennis Bigras
Wheatland County



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I will not be seeking re-election in the next federal election; it is time for a new representative to serve the interests and the people of this riding.

I would like to thank my family for their support and selfless sacrifices. They have been by my side to help with advice, attending events, driving, acting as photographer, parade team member, and my biggest cheerleaders. They deserve more thanks and recognition than I can give them, for their years of endless support and encouragement.

My staff team, both in the riding and Ottawa, have been incredible. The support I have received from my team – through their assistance with information, scheduling, transportation, communication and attending events both with me and on my behalf – has been integral to my role as an elected representative. Without their dedication and hard work, I would not have been able to serve the riding to the extent that I have. They are a phenomenal team that has made it possible for me to be a successful MP.

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me throughout the years by keeping me informed about what is happening in their communities and attending events with me. I have been very fortunate to have had an extraordinary President of the board during my terms as Member of Parliament; this relationship is invaluable.

It has been an immense pleasure to work alongside my fellow Conservative MPs as we served as the official opposition, especially my Alberta colleagues. This country has bright Conservative leaders, and I look forward to watching their success in the years to come.

I have had the opportunity to work together with the Members of the Alberta Legislature, with six MLAs representing distinct parts of the Bow River Riding, including the current Premier as the MLA who represents my home community of Brooks. It has been my pleasure to collaborate with them and serve our communities together.

There is a larger group of elected leaders in the Bow River riding that deserve recognition as fantastic community leaders. These are the mayors, Reeves, Chief, and council members of the villages, towns, cities, counties, municipal districts and Nation. They are leaders of democracy, residing closest to the people they represent. I have profound respect for them and have greatly valued our working relationships. It has been an extraordinary experience to interact with them in their communities and participate in many of their community events like council meetings, milestone celebrations, parades, fundraisers, rodeos or just dropping by for a visit.

The Bow River riding is home to many marvelous people, and it has been my true pleasure to have the opportunity to meet so many of them.

Thank you for the privilege of being your representative.

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FLEMMING, Norma

Norma passed away surrounded by her family the afternoon of February 7, 2025 at the age of 83.

Norma is survived by her children Bonnie (Greg) Scott, Lisa (Dave) McDonnell-Fowler, Jim McDonnell, and her step sons Joe, Darryl, and Neil Flemming. She is also survived by her grandchildren Daylin, Aaron, Caleb, Brittany, William, Madysen, Jasmin, and Kate; great-grandchildren Brody, Keely, Carter, and Hayden. Norma is also survived by her many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Norma was pre-deceased by her husband Ervin (Tom) Flemming, her parents, and brothers and sisters. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, February 13th at 1:00 at Wheatland Funeral Home, Strathmore, Alberta. Internment of Ashes for Norma and Tom will take place later this year in Dysart, SK.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Strathmore District Health Foundation in memory of Norma Flemming.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

1. Drop off a cheque at the admitting desk of Strathmore Hospital, located at 200 Brent Blvd.
2. Mail a cheque to the Strathmore District Health Foundation at 200 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1J9.
3. Donate online at strathmoredistricthealthfoundation.com

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BURNE, Micheal James

Micheal James Burne, known affectionately to friends and family as Mike, brought his unique blend of humor

and heart to the world on October 27, 1975, in Calgary, AB. He took his final bow on January 30, 2025. Mike's early years were spent mastering the art of mischief at High School Cluny Bow Valley, where he was as creative with his homework excuses as he was with his guitar solos. He carried that creativity into adulthood, becoming a Class 1 Driver who could navigate the roads with the same finesse he strummed his six strings. But Mike wasn't just about horsepower and heavy loads; he was a volunteer firefighter, and a hazmat officer always ready to trade a punchline for a fire line when duty called.

Mike leaves behind a legacy of laughter in his sons Eddie, Mack, and Olie, who will carry on his knack for turning everyday moments into comedy gold. He is survived by his loving mother Candie, his father, Jim, and sister, Cara, who will miss his quick wit and boundless energy, as will his aunts, uncles, cousins, and a chorus of friends.

To send condolences, please visit Mike's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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THANK YOU

Thank You

The family of Armand Corbiell would like to thank all of the family, friends and neighbours for the cards, meals, messages, calls, flowers, masses and visits. Thank you to Father Cristino and Deacon Roger Nelson for the heartfelt mass and all who contributed to and helped with the beautiful lunch. Dad was a friend to all and it sure showed. He would have been humbled by all of the support given to our family. We would also like to thank Dr. Piesas, his clinic staff and all of the staff at Strathmore Hospital that cared for dad with compassion and kindness. Thank you to the Wheatland Funeral Home and to those that donated to The Wheatland and Area Hospice Society.

We are so very fortunate to belong to such caring communities.

MaryEllen (Sis) Corbiell and family

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MILLMAN, Goldy

With great sadness we announce the passing of Goldy Luceal (nee Anderson) Millman of Strathmore, Alberta on Sunday February 2, 2025, at the age of 95. Mom married the love of her life Earl Edgar Millman on August 28, 1948, and together they were inseparable. Being married for 75 years they passed away within months of each other.

Mom was born in Vancouver, B.C. on July 28, 1929, to Oscar and Bertha Anderson (nee Finley) She was the youngest of 7 children and is predeceased by 4 brothers, Cecil, Melbourne, Chester and Kermit and 2 sisters, Bernice and Grace. She was also predeceased by her eldest son Barry Millman and son-in-law Fred Harms.

She was the loving mother of 4, grandmother to 9 and great grandmother of 13. She is survived by her eldest daughter Gay Harms (Fred), granddaughter Charlene Allen (Shawn), great-grandchildren Mathen and Bryn, grandson Shane Harms (Deanna), great-grandchildren Zachary, Ethan and Mikayla; daughter-in-law, Betty Millman (Barry), Tiffany Hansen (Jeremy) great-grandchildren Elisabeth and Vanessa, grandson Ben; son, Dennis Millman (Carrie), grandchildren Robyn, Isaiah (Meaghan), great-grandchildren Sam, Mya and Eli, granddaughter Amanda Neeson and great-grandchildren Toryn and Ballymena; daughter Sharon Millman, granddaughters Jennifer Cisna (Jason), and Sarah Tetlock and great-grandson Isaiah.

Mom and Dad resided in Calgary for most of their married life. While raising their 4 children, Mom worked at various jobs, notably the #1 Co-op and the Hudson's Bay downtown. After a move to Kelowna in 1982, Mom enjoyed her position at Marks and Spencers, or "Marks and Sparks" as she affectionately called it.

When in Kelowna Mom and Dad were able to retire and spend many years travelling south for the winter, calling Arizona and Nevada home.

Mom had various hobbies, sewing and beadwork to name a few, and she always loved a good deal. Many Saturdays were spent at garage sales and thrift stores.

After 38 years in Kelowna, Mom and Dad decided to reside in Strathmore to be closer to their family. We are so thankful for the time we were able to create new memories with them here.

A Funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Lord of All Lutheran Church (Strathmore), at 2:00 p.m. with a luncheon to follow.

A special and sincere thank you to the wonderful staff at AgeCare Sagewood for their compassion and care to both Mom and Dad while they resided there.

To send condolences, please visit Goldy's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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 March 5, 2025 | 6 p.m.

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 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.

Public notice to electors.

Borrowing Bylaw.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to borrowing By-law No. 25-03 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of the said Town to borrow monies from a Canadian Chartered Bank or the Government of Alberta on the general credit and security of the municipality, to pay for upgrades to the Wildflower Reservoir located in Strathmore, Alberta.

The total borrowing required for the aforementioned project is \$5,450,000. The borrowing is to be repayable in monthly, semi-annual, or annual equal payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed a repayment period of twenty-five (25) years, at an interest rate as fixed from time to time by the Canadian Chartered Bank or other financial institution. The annual rate of interest is not to exceed five and a half percent per annum (5.5%).

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 25-03 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said borrowing by-law.

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

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this 22nd day of January 2025.

Per: Riley Brolly, CPA
 Manager, Financial Planning, Budgeting & Reporting

Ready to vote?

2025 Municipal Election.

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Every four years Strathmore holds a Municipal Election where residents elect a Mayor and six Councillors. In Strathmore, Council members are elected at-large, which means the Mayor and Councillors represent the entire population. Strathmore does not have wards, voters in the town may choose up to six candidates for Council, and one candidate for Mayor.

The next general election will be Monday, October 20, 2025.

- Nomination Period: January 1, 2025 – September 22, 2025
- Nomination Day Deadline: September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- Election Day: October 20, 2025, polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming election, please visit our website, Strathmore.ca/Election.

Development Permit D25-006 Appeal.

Notice of Hearing.

Notice of Appeal on Development Permit D25-006 for the Property Located at 408 Strathford Boulevard, Strathmore AB Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 991 0219

Development Permit Regarding: Residential Addition with 2.67m variance to the rear yard setback

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) received a Notice of Appeal on January 27, 2025. The SDAB will hear the appeal on:

Date(s): Thursday, February 20, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Strathmore Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB

Adjacent landowners 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.

Persons are asked to provide any written and/or visual presentations to the clerk no later than noon on February 14, 2025.

Please be aware that any submissions are collected for the purpose of a public hearing. By making a submission you are consenting that all information that it contains – including addresses, personal or other sensitive information – to be forwarded to the parties (e.g. municipality, appellant, applicant), the board/panel and any other person who requests to see the material.

The Development Permit Application, Notice of Decision and Notice of Appeal are available for review at the Strathmore Municipal Building, at 1 Parklane Drive 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 undersigned at **403-934-3133** or veronica.anderson@strathmore.ca.

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