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Budget process overhauled

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole discussed during their most recent meeting, Feb. 8, their feedback to administration regarding the newly implemented budget process

As the system for determining and approving the town's budget had seen significant overhaul, administration asked Town Council members for their feedback regarding the new process.

Mayor Pat Fule noted immediately his support for the new process, and how much of an improvement it was over previous years.

"The process I found was really good. I found the information brought to us was very clear to follow, it tied in well with our strategic priorities, and I think ... it was probably the best format that I have been involved in," he said. "I felt like I really understood far more than I did in past terms. I like the process and I like the strategic plan review we also did that tied back to budget."

Councillor Brent Wiley, largely echoing Fule's sentiment, added for a first-time councillor he was pleased to see the process was easy to understand.

"It was a very good experience, I felt like I knew exactly what was going on along the way, the process from November until it finally passed I thought was very smooth," he said.

Despite this, he explained there were several areas where there was room for opportunity to improve the process further. Two had been noted by administration in the committee agenda, and two he brought forward.

These included the suggestion for a rubric for community groups to come in and present to council regarding funding requests, obtaining a clear mandate from council early on in terms of acceptable percentage increase, more accessible references to council spending recommendations, and to attach user fee increases to the acceptable per cent increase notes in addition to property tax increases.

"Small increases can still be in the tens of thousands for the town," said Wiley. "I know we are not talking millions, but it is still worthwhile as part of the discussion."

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More than just a game!

The Strathmore Storm U13A team was the first Strathmore squad to be part of the Orange Jersey Project, which is an initiative to inform, educate, and engage with youth about the history of the residential school system, promote truth and reconciliation throughout Canada and to promote physical and mental wellness of Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth through sport. The Storm applied to take part in the project and their select game was held on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore Family Centre when they hosted the Indus Hurricanes. See Page 8 for more coverage.

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Spartans host Knights

The Strathmore Spartans high school boys and girls basketball teams hosted the Holy Trinity Academy Knights on Feb. 7 at the SHS gym. Both Spartans teams will now host their annual tournament Feb. 17-18 with the boys playing at 11:15 a.m. and the girls playing at 1:15 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the school gym. Joe Lepage Photos



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Weekend split

The Strathmore Storm U11T2 team capped of the regular season by splitting a pair of home games Feb. 11-12. The Storm dropped an 8-1 decision to Nanton on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore Family Centre, before defeating Okotoks 7-3 the following day in Standard.

Joe Lepage Photos

Tricksters leaving their mark

MELISSA PICHE Times Contributor

Wheatland Elementary School is in full swing preparing for their weeklong residency with Calgary Based Trickster Theatre Feb. 13-17.

Trickster Theatre began in the 80's when founders David and Cheryl Chantler "hit the road" to bring live theatre to schools across the country. In the 30 years that the company has been touring and offering programs to schools, they have had residencies in over 100 Indigenous communities and over 250,000 people of all ages have spent time creating shows with the theatre.

Emily Garrioch, associate principal at Wheatland Elementary, is very excited about this opportunity for the school.

"It's a great opportunity for all the students (kindergarten to Grade 6) and staff to participate in a live performance," she said.

This will be the schools' first yearend performance since before COVID, so the atmosphere around the residency is one filled with curiosity and excitement. In past years the yearend performance has been limited to Grade 6 students. What makes this one so special is the fact that the whole school community is involved.

"We haven't had an opportunity for all our students to perform before in this capacity," said Garrioch.

She explained that the number of audience members is limited to two tickets per student, different from the Christmas concerts for example where the gymnasium is packed to capacity.

Six artists from the theatre will be calling Wheatland Elementary home for a week. During this time, the students will be busy brainstorming with one another on creating props, designing costumes and co-creating stories to perform for parents and peers. Each class will spend up to three hours a day collaborating with the professional Trickster artists on a daily basis throughout the week.

The theme for the school's performances is "Leadership for Change" which goes along with the Leader in Me philosophy at the school.

"The focus will be on how we as a school can be a leader for change within our community, provincially and globally," said Garrioch.

The Wheatland Elementary Schools parent advisory council (PAC) has played a role in making this dream become a reality through school fundraising such as their hot lunch program and their annual gift card fundraiser. The PAC has donated extra money toward each classroom to help with the endeavour.

For more information on Trickster Theatre you can visit their website (www.trickstertheatre.com).



Library to potentially see new outdoor mural

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Prospect Human Services presented to the Town of Strathmore Committee of the Whole during their regular meeting, Feb. 8 regarding a new community art project.

Shantelle Vermeylen, team lead at prospect human services, brought forward a proposal seeking approval to see a mural developed on an outer wall of the Strathmore Municipal Library building.

The mural would be completed through Skills for Success, a 12-week experiential learning program supporting clients to build soft skills through art and collaboration.

"It serves to beautify the community of Strathmore while reinforcing a deeper connection between our participants and the community," said Vermeylen.

The Skills for Success program is fully funded by the Government of Alberta under the Department of Community and Social Services.

"Our program works with participants who are removed from the workforce and helps them to build their soft skills such as communication, problem solving, teamwork, adaptability and creativity," said Vermeylen. "A huge benefit that we have experienced with our clients is an increased sense of self-confidence and a greater sense of belonging in the community."

Participants take part in creating a public art piece in the final seven weeks of the program alongside the rest of their cohort

The program has already established two public art pieces throughout the town and is reques-

set for a comeback

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore Battle of the Badges

ting permission to create the third. The first two are located within the library and the soon to be new location for Pizza 249, respectively.

The mural would come at no cost to the town, nor the library, being operated through the program by its current clients.

Participants take part in planning the project, communicating their ideas with receivers of installation, pricing out and sourcing supplies and budgeting for the expense.

It is meant to serve as an effective opportunity for participants to practise the skills they have learned in the program in a live and impactful

The program is currently in its third sessions and has thus far served 14 citizens of Strathmore. Six of these clients have successfully attached to the job market. Five are currently enrolled in the

The current group are in the planning stages for their mural in collaboration with the Wheatland Art Society.

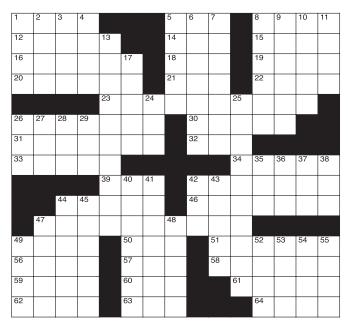
The intention for the mural is to depict the culture of Strathmore as described by local residents.

"The depiction will be created from stories told by Strathmore residents such as farmers, firefighters - and these stories will be collected by the Skills for Success participants' interviews with residents," said Vermeylen.

According to Vermeylen, the Skills for Success cohort has been in close communication with library administration and the library is on board

Pending Town Council approval, the team intends to start painting in August, with no specific start date yet established.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. River in Tuscany
- 5. A way to represent
- 8. Rocker's guitar 12. Civil Rights group
- 15. Scratch
- 16. W. Asian country
- 18. The Eve Network
- 19. Clarified butter 20. Part of the Cascade Range
- 21. Downwind
- 22. A way to steer
- 23. Loop
- 26. Not ingested 30. Swampy coniferous forest
- 31. Musician
- 32. Signing
- 33. Containing iron

- 34. Part of a theorem or proof 39. Veterans battleground (slang)
- 42. Of enormous proportions
- 44. Italian city
- 46. Come before
- 47. Balm
- 49. Undergarments 50. Male parent
- 51. Ropes
- 56. Ear part
- 57. Investment vehicle 58. Dictator
- 59. Cain and
- 60. A type of code
- 61. Border river along India and Nepal
- 62. It's what's for dinner
- 63. Consume
- 64. Christian , designer

ted contest, as Strathmore's Battle of the Badges is set to return for the first time since 2019. Similar to the previous event, hosted prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the game will be played between the Strathmore Fire and RCMP detachments, with EMS personnel joining

Fans of local hockey are in for a long-anticipa-

"It got started ... back in 2018. It was me and a couple other constables here. We're talking with one of the guys in the fire department and we suggested that might be a good idea to organize something like that, and it morphed from that," said Randy Romkey, a constable for the Strath-

The game was originally a hit in 2019, which, according to Romkey, raised nearly \$10,000 for the Youth Family Hub and the Wheatland Food

Based on their initial success, the original inten-

"We were very excited, then disappointed that COVID-19 put the kibosh on subsequent games," said Romkey. "Especially the game in 2020, we were within 10 days of launching the game when everything was cancelled. It was very disappointing and we tried a couple times to get another

game going but unfortunately circumstances were not on our side."

The Battle of the Badges is partnering with School Fuel this year, a charity designed to provide food for school kids in Strathmore who can't afford breakfasts. Romkey said no specific fundraising goal has

been set for the game this year, as everyone is just

excited that it is able to finally take place. He added, however, he would like to see a similar turn out to what was seen four years ago. "We just wanted to get the game up and running

because we have had a lot of people asking about it," he said. "We decided that we will get what we can and we are hoping that we will be close to our goal from the first game."

Entry to the game will be purely by optional donation. Those who wish to come by can feel free to donate what they can afford. A 50/50 draw will be hosted during the game, and should time and donations allow, the team hopes to also host a silent auction.

Romkey added as the Strathmore Fire Department were victorious the last time, the RCMP are looking for some friendly payback come game

The Battle of the Badges is scheduled to host at the Strathmore Family Centre Arena in the Gold

rink on March 26. The puck will drop at 4 p.m.

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cuckoos
- 2. Skin issue
- 3. City in central Japan
- 4. Sorrels
- 5. Twinned diamond
- 6. Canadian province
- 7. Monetary units
- 8. Head honcho 9. Goddess of wisdom
- 10. Part of a play
- 11. Get rid of
- 13. Applicant 17. Bowling alleys have many
- 24. Explosive
- 25. "The Say Hey Kid"
- 26. Ultrahigh frequency
- 27. No (Scottish) 28. Make a mistake
- 29. Credit card term

- 35. Keyboard key
- 36. Woman (French)
- 37. In the middle of 38. Score perfectly
- 40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
- 41. Deadly disease

45. "In ": separate from others

- 42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
- 43. Belch 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 47. Examine extensively
- 48. Adjust 49. Tattle
- 52. Actor Pitt 53. Gulls
- 54. Within
- 55. Exceptionally talented

performer

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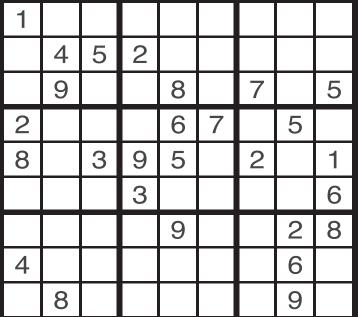
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Fun on the ice

76 skaters attended the Gleichen and Area Pond Hockey Associations annual pond hockey tournament on Feb.11 at the Gleichen and District Arena **Manny Everett Photo**





Invaders at home

The Strathmore Ice Invaders U10 Step 3 team hosted the Foothills Fusion on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore Family

Joe Lepage Photos



Last dance at home

The Strathmore Chargers U11AA team capped off the regular season home schedule with a loss to Medicine Hat on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The team will now prepare for playoffs later this month.

Joe Lepage Photo



Doc and **Doris**

Doc Mehl and cowboy poet Doris Daley performed 'Romance on the Range' to a soldout crowd on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore United Church. The performance was part of the Arts on 817 Season 5 concert

Melissa Piche Photo

Town reviews new budget process

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Councillor Jason Montgomery, similarly echoing satisfaction with the new process, added his own note to the discussion.

"The only part of the whole process that I was not a huge fan of was when we had the public coming in and making requests - I have no problems making decisions about those types of things, I just feel like maybe there are better ways to go about that," he said.

Montgomery suggested that groups requesting funding speak with administration ahead of council in order to determine more realistic funding requests for their projects and have a higher likelihood of getting approved, should the town be able to afford supporting the project.

The full notes regarding the debrief are available in the Committee of the Whole agenda for Feb. 8. Further councillor comments can be referenced in the meeting recording posted on the Town You-Tube channel.

RCMP officer involved shooting in Wheatland County

ALBERTA RCMP

On Feb. 12, at approximately 2:15 p.m., Airdrie Rural RCMP received a call from Calgary Police Service to assist in locating a vehicle which had been driving erratically. An RCMP officer located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled and the pursuit was terminated.

A Calgary Police Service helicopter maintained visual contact with the suspect vehicle and advised that it was travelling at high speed, sometimes in the oncoming lanes. An RCMP officer successfully deployed a tire deflation device, stopping the suspect vehicle near the intersection of Highway 564 and Range Road 245, in Wheatland County. The officer attempted to arrest the driver, who was the lone occupant. An altercation occurred which resulted in the officer discharging their firearm. The driver, a 37-year-old female resident of Calgary, has been transported via STARS to a Calgary hospital with gunshot injuries. No officers were physically

injured during this incident.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) has taken over carriage of the investigation into the circumstances of the officer involved

The Alberta RCMP believes in processes that seek the facts and it's important that processes taken to assess the actions of all those involved, including the police, are fair, transparent, and defendable. This is why, as soon as we became aware of this incident, we immediately notified the Director of Law Enforcement and initiated our internal review process.

Independent of ASIRT's investigation, the Alberta RCMP's internal review process has been implemented to gather a full account of what took place during this incident. RCMP training, policy, police response, and the duty status of the members involved will be subject to review. The Alberta RCMP is, of course, fully cooperating with ASIRT and will not be commenting further on this incident.





STAND Against Sexual Assault hosted a self-defense workshop at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre, Feb. 11. The workshop was intended to teach attendees some basic ways to defend themselves in a situation where they felt threatened, as well as to help them feel empowered.

John Watson Photos

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STAND hosts self-defence workshop

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

STAND Against Sexual Assault hosted a workshop at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre on Feb. 11, aiming to continue local self-defence education, largely for women.

"What it is about is, it is self-defence training to help improve fitness and strength, making you less of a target or less vulnerable in the situation of a threat, and just so you're able to know your own strength and leave feeling more confident and empowered," explained Erin Brassard, founder and director of STAND.

This was the fourth instance of such a workshop being hosted in Strathmore by STAND, with the previous one being hosted in August, in the middle of Kinsmen Park.

Similar to its previous instance, the workshop was funded by Strathmore Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) and United Way.

"It (was) a very similar workshop to last year. It (was) held with Maeghen Cotterill, who is an 11-time world champion mixed martial artist," said Brassard. "She (lead) the workshop and (attendees were) able to come and break boards and learn different techniques to be able to defend yourself."

Brassard added Cotterill helps with a host of workshops for STAND, both within Calgary as well as in Strathmore. STAND workshops also periodically present at local junior high and high schools.

"(Cotterill) really teaches this training to make you feel better about yourself and to make sure that even if something does happen to you, it is never your fault, which aligns with what STAND Against Sexual Assault is all about," said Brassard. "Out of all of our feedback forms, over 95 per cent of people who have come to see these workshops let us know that they leave feeling more confident, they leave feeling more empowered and they feel that this workshop has helped them either physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually."

Post-workshop, she added one of the best ways to maintain the skills learned there is to regularly practice them. For those who are also interested, STAND offers scholarships to attend Cotterill's martial arts studio in Calgary in order to continue regular training.

Self-defence training aside, STAND also offers art therapy workshops intermittently, hosted with registered art therapist, Donna Gage.

Online wellness workshops through Transcend Yoga are also made available through STAND.

According to Brassard, STAND self-defence workshops typically attract between 20 and 30 people, though they are able to host a maximum of 40.

More information regarding STAND and their resources are available online through their website.

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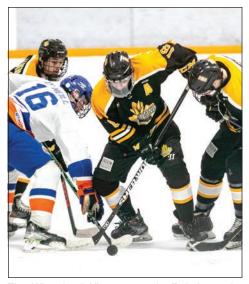












The Wheatland Kings capped off their regular season with a pair of home games Feb. 11-12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team defeated the High River Flyers 5-2 on Feb. 11 before sneaking by the Medicine Hat Cubs 3-2 the following day. The Kings open the playoffs on Feb. 16 (8 p.m.) when they host Coaldale. **John Watson and Joe Lepage Photos**

Kings aim for playoff success

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings closed out their regular season of play with a pair of wins and now their attention is turned to a long playoff run, beginning on Feb. 16.

The Kings took down the Medicine Hat Cubs 3-2 on Feb. 12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings opened the weekend with a 4-2 loss in Airdrie on Feb. 10, before posting a 5-2 win over the High River Flyers the following day on home ice.

"We are just trying to get ready for playoffs, trying to be fired on all cylinders and not have any injuries. (Saturday) was a much better game than (Friday), so that was good," said head coach Doug Raycroft. "You can't be perfect every game. For us, it is a lot about mental preparation, so we focus on that."

Raycroft described the Kings game against Medicine Hat to be a test of whether his team was ready for playoffs, as the Cubs currently rank second in the division. The Kings are ranked fourth in the South Division going into the playoff.

Regarding their game versus the Flyers, he said he was satisfied to see the Kings improving their defense, though still felt like more work was going to be needed.

"We are also still trying to score more, so, we are always working on improving that. We had a lot of shots, and they had a great goalie though, so we have to give him credit," said Raycroft.

"We are still working on our offense ... but we also don't want any injuries. Hockey is a physical game ... there were no new injuries today so that was good, but if you shy away from it, you can get hurt too."

Being fourth in the division, the Wheatland Kings will start the playoffs with a best-of-three series against the fifth seed, the Coaldale Copperheads. Meanwhile, the third seed Cochrane Generals will square off against the High River Flyers.

Though Raycroft said he is cautiously optimistic, he added he would like to see his team finish their first playoff set 2-0, taking out the Copperheads as quickly as possible.

Should the Kings move forward, the second playoff series they play would be a full best-of-seven series.

"Playoffs area battle - it is like a war every game, so mak-

ing sure the kids are ready mentally so that they start well and we have our systems in place," said Raycroft. "We are trying to prepare them as best we can, and then it is just a matter of battling and making sure we match the other team's work."

Playoffs will kick off on Thursday, Feb. 16, with the Kings hosting Game 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre starting at

Game 2 is Feb. 18 (8 p.m.) in Coaldale. Game 3, if necessary, is Feb. 19 (6:30 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre.





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Strathmore hockey team joins Orange Jersey Project

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the first time since the project's inception, a Strathmore hockey team participated in the Orange Jersey Project, hosting their game Feb. 11 at the Family Centre Arena.

The Strathmore Storm U13A team was selected to participate in the program, following an application to do so, and squared off against the Indus Hurricanes, losing 5-2.

Phil Temple, who sits on the Strathmore Minor Hockey Board of Directors, applied on behalf of the team to be one of 100 teams selected to represent the project.

"Our team went through some training modules regarding truth and reconciliation on Thursday, and they learned about the history and how we can understand the healing process to move forward," he said. "There were five modules that our team went through, taught by two Indigenous teachers who covered the lessons in a classroom environment. Really, this is a project that promotes education and the path towards truth and reconciliation through sport."

Following player introductions at the start of the event, festivities to honour the occasion were hosted over the course of a roughly 15-minute ceremony.

These included an invitation for local dignitaries to speak, a land acknowledgment, prayer, drums, and a ceremonial puck drop. The national anthem was also sung in Blackfoot.

Local dignitaries in attendance included councillors Rubin Buck Breaker and Carlon Black Rabbit from Siksika Nation, Richard Wegener from the Town of Strathmore, and Reeve Amber Link representing Wheatland County.

"We did not think that we would have a chance at





The Strathmore Storm U13A team took part in the Orange Jersey Project, which was capped off with a game versus the Indus Hurricanes on Feb. 11 at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos



getting the opportunity to be one of the 100 teams picked across Canada, so we were pretty excited," said Temple.

The application process began in October 2022 to participate, and the team was notified they had received approval shortly before Christmas.

Each player on the Strathmore Storm U13A team wore a unique orange jersey with their player number and last name printed on them, as well as orange socks for the occasion.

"This is pretty new; I think this is the third year the Orange Shirt Project has been hosted ... it is pretty exciting for Strathmore Minor Hockey to be able to do this," said Temple. "When I registered our team, unfortunately I could only register by team. I was trying to register as an organization, but I could only register the one team."

Now that Strathmore has participated in the Orange Shirt Project once, Temple intends to apply again in the fall to continue the practice for local players.

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LEELA SHARON AHEER

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

"This is a most beautiful campaign ... if you're looking for a reason to proudly, without apology, post a selfie with your daughter, granddaughter, or niece on #linkedin next weekend.'

Thank you to Anupam Srivastav of V4U Radio, who is launching Sunil Jaglan's #selfiewithdaughter.

You can register for this inspiring event at the link (https://selfiewithdaughter.org/registration.html) and join us at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Selfie with Daughter is the most heartfelt campaign in the world, signifying our love for our daughters.

This campaign has been endorsed by the head of the world's largest democracy ... India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, on his radio show Mann Ki Bat which means "speak from the heart."

I am so delighted to announce the Selfie with Daughter campaign has now launched in Canada.

With India hosting the G-20 - this year, this could be a milestone in encouraging bilateral ties between India and

In 2023 Canada will be privileged to attend the G20 summit, where we will commit to advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls. An app launched by former Indian President - Pranab Mukheriee also said, "it is imperative to increase awareness around female foeticide in India."

That makes 2023 the perfect year to launch the Selfie with Daughter campaign in Canada.

Selfie with Daughter was launched by Mr. Sunil Jaglan, a sarpanch (village elected official) at Bibipur, a village in Jind, Haryana, in 2015.

Mr. Sunil was moved to action when he read about all the missing and murdered girls in India and the female foeticide still being practiced. International celebrities such as Madonna, Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, Bollywood Actor Ajay Devgan, and Badminton Champion Sania Nehwal have also joined in support.

Selfie with Daughter is now a movement that mobilizes social media to spread the beauty of our girls, with a proud parent beside them, to empower the girl child globally and elevate their future as women.

The Selfie with Daughter campaign is often endorsed by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi; on his Launching Selfie with Daughter in Canada under the stewardship and guidance of Sunil Jaglan has been the most gratifying experience in breaking all taboos and narratives. Spreading smiles on the faces of "girl child" is what I always wanted to do. Anupam Srivastav, CEO of V4U Radio, is calling to reform the institutions and cultural practices that perpetuate gender biases against girls that surfaced in 2021, exposing the stark reality of the issue.

"There are several contributing factors, including sex-selective abortion, neglect, and discrimination towards girl children. Biases against female children continue well after birth, including immunization rates, medical care-seeking, household food allocation, school attendance, and the share of household spending they receive."

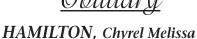
Please join us on Feb. 18 for our virtual event to hear from some amazing panelists, and let's get our selfies ready with our daughters, granddaughters, nieces, cousins, and sisters! I'll be posting a picture of my dad and me.

See you there!

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

TIMES CLASSIFICIOS

Obituary



It is with broken hearts that Chyrel Melissa Hamilton has passed away on February 8, 2023 at the age of 24 year. She was pre-

deceased by her father Donald Hamilton. She is survived by her mother Grace Bunnie (Jeff), brother Adam Hamilton (Corrie and her daughters Jenna, Hannah and Sophia), sister Kristina Hamilton, nieces Gracie and

Teryn, all who will miss her greatly. She is also survived by her special auntie Chyrel Lerat (her sons Keith and Kelly) and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Chyrel's infectious smile will be missed by all her family and friends. She could

always turn a bad day into a bright fun day. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Wheatland Funeral

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

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TIMES CLASSITIBLES

Obituary



MCKINNON, Barbara Joan February 15, 1954 - February 10, 2023

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce that Joan passed away Friday, February 10, 2023, at the Strathmore Hospital. She spent her final hours with her girls smiling and laughing about a few of the countless fun memories of her past.

"Joanie" loved to have fun and was always up for a drink and a visit. She had a big heart and always wanted to help if she could. She loved to smack talk Elizabeth and Jackson when they played any game at all. She was able to babysit Quynn, Zander and Nevaeh and they had a great bond and loved each other endlessly. When she got together with Dona, Lachie and Laurie you could always count on fun times and big belly laughs.

Joan is predeceased by her parents, Neil and Lucille McKinnon, as well as her partner Allen Snydmiller. She is survived by her daughters Kim (Pat) Proust and Laura (Bill) Elliott; grandchildren Elizabeth, Jackson, Quynn, Zander and Nevaeh; siblings Dona (Grant) Klaiber, Lachie McKinnon and Laurie Kernaghan; and all of her nieces and nephews. Danny (Sherri) Snydmiller, Wendy (Lloyd) Visser, Brenda Hoff, Steve Snydmiller and their families.

A short Celebration of Life followed by beverages, conversation and laughs will be held Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Strathmore Royal Canadian Legion Hall #10 at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent directly to Wheatland EMS (196 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1E8) in Joan's name. To send condolences, please visit Joan's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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<u>Obituary</u>



WRIGHT, Natalie Michelle January 23, 1969 - February 06, 2023

It is with great sadness that the family of Natalie Michelle Wright announce her sudden passing on Monday February 06, 2023 at the young age of 54.

Natalie's life would seem too short to many, but those of us who were blessed to be touched by her understand that her existence and the imprint she left on our hearts exceed the quantity of time that she

Her unconditional love transformed the lives of everyone she encountered. She brought a bounty of beauty to everything she did...with her kindness, her smile and unbounded love. She had a remarkable ability to connect with people, share herself and evoke that same spirit of love in each person she knew.

For us, she really is that pebble thrown into a lake as the lives she touched act as ripples that extend far beyond just us.

Natalie is survived and missed by her loving husband, Dean of 30 years; and her two sons, Jamie and Bret. Forever cherished and remembered by her mother Darlene, sister Annette and her two granddaughters, Nevaeh and Gemini.

Her memory lives on with her niece and nephew; Amanda and Mitchell and her Great Niece Aria. As well as uncles, cousins, and many friends.

Natalie was predeceased by her Step-Father, Ken and her Great Aunt Yvonne.

Natalie loved her family dearly. Her husband and boys were the light of her life and her relationship with her mother and sister was cherished. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, colleague and friend.

Natalie will be desperately missed by all those that she's left behind. Our hearts are so broken by this unexpected loss. She was one of a kind and to be loved by her was to be truly blessed.

She would love to be remembered with funny, strange, or silly stories that celebrate what was good and blessed in her life.

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Obituary

WELLS, Curtis Arthur

Apr 4/43 – Feb 5/23

Born in Calgary, AB Apr 4/43 passed away Feb 5/23 from Cancer. Survived by wife Rosemary, son Glen, sister Beverly, sister-in-law Linda (Ralph), sister-in-law Rita, and brother-in-law Ross Brownscombe, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by son Lloyd Feb 18/12, daughter Sherry Feb 18/20, Parents Ovid & Ina Wells, 4 brothers; Clarence, Dennis, Dale, and Roy. In-laws Matt and Elenor Brownscombe.

Curtis had been working since 14 years old for farmers. In 1967 started working for a grain buyer and continued to do so for 30 years. Owned Have Grader Will Travel for 10 years, then Canadian distributor for Happy Campers for 13 years and Owner of Classic Campers presently.

A celebration of life will commence in summer of 2023. To send condolences, please visit Curtis' obituary at www.wheatlandfuneral home.ca

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Seasonal Office Volunteer Coordinator

- · Full time position with some required overtime during events, such as, the Strathmore Stampede & Cowboy Tow
- Assist to retain and organize volunteer applications for all events
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- Communicate with Committee Heads to ensure they are receiving volunteers and scheduling them
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- · Assist in organizing Volunteer Dinner

- Administrative and event planning support for Cowboy Town Concert, Strathmore Stampede & other events · Support other general activities of the Ag Society
- Assist with all ticket sales & phone calls
- Provide excellent customer service to our guests
- Work independently and as a member of a team
 Assist with duties outdoors on the general grounds
- · Other duties as assigned

- Post-Secondary Student/High School Student preferred, but not required · Strong computer and organization skills
- Ability to handle pressure situations, and above all, integrity and character are required
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- · Ability to work both indoors & outdoors at times
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Qualifications

- Post-Secondary Student/High School Student preferred, but not required
- Strong computer and organization skills Ability to handle pressure situations, and above all, integrity and character are required
- Resourceful, motivated & energetic
 Ability to work both indoors & outdoors at times
- · Own a vehicle preferred, but not required This position reports primarily to the CEO, but also to the Events Manage

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Seasonal Office Assistant Position

- Full time position with some required overtime during events, such as, the Strathmore Stampede & Cowboy
- Administrative and event planning support for Cowboy Town Concert. Strathmore Stampede & other events Assist with ticket sales to the Strathmore Stampede & other events
- Answer phone calls and emails
- Handle camping for the Strathmore Stampede booking, packages, etc.. · Support general activities of the Ag Society
- Provide excellent customer service to our guests
- · Assist with duties outdoors on the general grounds · Work independently and as a member of a team

Other duties as assigned

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Upcoming Council Meetings

February 8, 2022 | 6pm February 15, 2022 | 6pm March 1, 2022 | 6pm Committee of the Whole Meeting Regular Council Meeting Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

Members of the public are welcome to speak at Council or Committee of the Whole Meetings during the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Learn how at Strathmore.ca/CouncilMeetings

Public Notice to Electors of the Town of Strathmore, Provice o Alberta

Section 191 - Municipal Government Act

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Bylaw 23-09, which is a bylaw to repeal borrowing By-law No. 22-07 which approved and authorized the borrowing of \$537,000 for sidewalk and street repairs.

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. 23-09 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said repeal of borrowing by-law 22-07.

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 XX day of January 2023.

Per: **Kara Rusk**

Director of Strategic, Administration and Financial Services

Notice of Public Hearing March 1, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Bylaw 23-02

The Town of Strathmore is proposing to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 14-11 to remove the requirement to refer variance requests over 25% to Council for decision.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws 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), or can be found on the Town website (https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx). 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, **March 1st**, **2023**, commencing at 6:00pm 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 bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at **johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca** by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, **March 1st**, **2023** in order to register to present.

Written submissions to the Public Hearing or the name of any person wishing to make an oral presentation at the Public Hearing must be received by the Planning and Development Department prior to 12:00 noon on Wednesday, **March 1st, 2023** as outlined in Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. If your written submission is not received by this time, please provide fifteen (15) copies for distribution at the Public Hearing. 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.

Tax Arrears Payment Plan (TAPP) We're here to help.

We understand. It can be difficult to pay off financial debts. Everybody can fall behind, and when it happens the Town of Strathmore is committed to working with our residents to ensure that getting caught up isn't overwhelming.

The Tax Arrears Payment Plan (TAPP) is Strathmore's commitment to providing an economic recovery plan for individuals whose property taxes are in arrears. TAPP is a monthly plan that allows residents to make consecutive monthly payments for taxes over a term of up to 24 months. Payments are made by pre-authorized transfer of funds from your bank account each month, rather than one single tax payment.

How do you apply?

Residents interested in applying to TAPP can call 403-934-3133 or email tax@strathmore.ca. You can enroll in person by visiting the Strathmore Municipal Building located at 1 Parklane Drive.

Day camp available for the February break

What are your kids up to **February 21 – 24?** Keep them safe and entertained at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre Day Camp!

Camps will run from 9am-5pm everyday of the break. Our Counsellors will engage your kidds in crafts, games, and good times all week long.

Registrations are now open.

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/Camp

For children ages 6-12

Free programming at the Strathmore Aquatic Centre

Take part in one of three FREE activity opportunities including a Family Day Swim! Provided in partnership with the Strathmore FCSS and the Rural Mental Health Project.

February 1 and 13 Free Aquasize 9:00 - 10:00am

February 20 Free Family Day Public Swim 1:00 - 4:00pm (140 person capacity)

February 9 and 23 Free Deep Water Run 7:00 - 8:00pm







Property assessment notices

Reminder, property assessment Notices were mailed on January 11, 2023.

Each year properties in your neighborhood are assessed based on economic conditions and their physical characteristics. These assessments determine the estimated market value of homes in Strathmore - these values then help determine your property taxes.

When you receive your notice, you'll have a chance to review it. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Wildrose Assessment Services at 403-343-3357.

Didn't receive a Notice of Assessment? If you've recently changed or registered a land title, you should know that Alberta Land Titles is approximately four months behind in processing these requests. This could delay delivery of your assessment notice. If you don't receive your notice by January 31, please contact the Town Office at 403-934-3133.

Homeowners who feel their assessments may be incorrect have the opportunity to appeal their assessment by filing complaint with the Clerk of the Assessment Review Board. This can be done by emailing **ARBclerk@Strathmore.ca**.

All complaints must be submitted using the Assessment Review Board Complaint form, available at the Strathmore Municipal Building or online at **Strathmore.ca/Assessment**. Appeals must be registered prior to this year's deadline, March 20.