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Affordable housings plans

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore will soon be hosting a public hearing regarding the potential land use redesignation of 9 Bayside Place.

As initially discussed during the Feb. 15 regular meeting of council, an application has been brought forward to facilitate the development of attached housing on the plot

This location is the site of the former Strathmore Seed Cleaning Plant, which was decommissioned in 2019 and demolished in 2020. The site has remained vacant since.

"Administration received an application to redesignate 9 Bayside Place – the location of the old seed cleaning plant, to a direct control district based on the R3M medium density modest residential district," explained Megan Williams, with the Town Municipal Planning Division. "The applicant is asking to redesignate this site to facilitate a two-phased development. The first of which is a 60-unit affordable housing townhouse development."

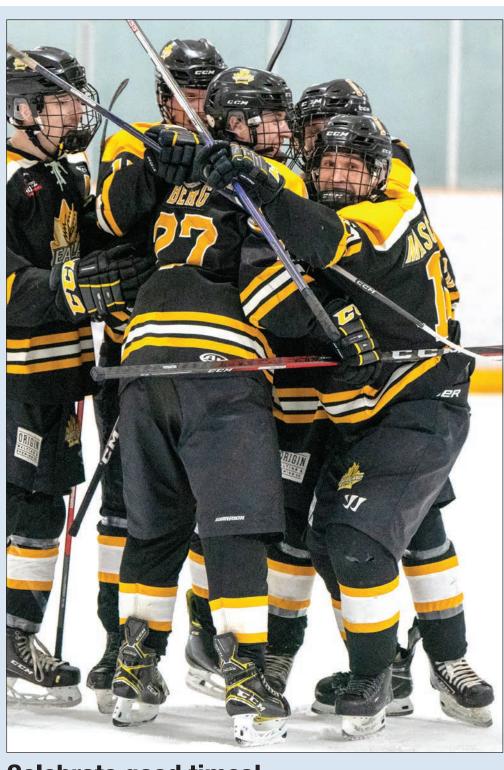
She added a subdivision application was also submitted simultaneously by the applicant and is currently with town administration for review.

The subdivision application, if successful, would see two parcels from the subject lands created. A tentative site plan was presented to council during the meeting.

The applicant has requested the following amendments be passed regarding the parcel of land in order to facilitate further planning and construction:

- Remove the maximum building height of three stories in the district's purpose statement
- Add "housing attached" as a permitted use
- Increase the distance balconies may project from the building, as well as how far balconies and landings may project into a rear yard setback

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Celebrate good times!

The Wheatland Kings are off to Round 2 of the HJHL playoffs after they dispatched the Coaldale Copperheads 4-3 in overtime on Feb. 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. After both teams won on the road in Games 1 and 2, the local Junior B team iced the best-of-three series with a huge win on home ice. The Kings will now take on the league-leading Okotoks Bisons in a best-of-seven series in Round 2. See Page 5 for more coverage.

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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.

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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.

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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

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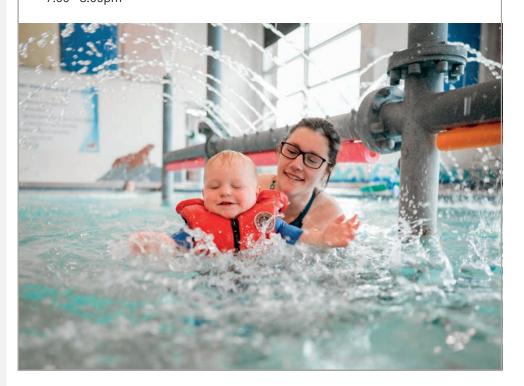
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Free Family Day Public Swim 1:00 - 4:00pm (140 person capacity)

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.

Badlands Search and Rescue seeking new recruits

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Badlands Search and Rescue are once again hosting spring recruiting sessions for those potentially interested in becoming a volunteer.

Founder and President, Scott Campbell, said the sessions will be an opportunity for folks to learn about the organization and what the commitment requirement would look like in order to get involved.

"It is not just going out and walking around randomly. It is actually professional level training. We run our members through a search and rescue basics course and do ongoing training throughout the year," he said. "We do everything from navigation to search techniques, first aid, communications, survival skills, and a whole list of things that I just wouldn't be able to touch on everything."

Campbell described Wheatland County as a "low frequency but high-risk area," referring to the low number of situations which require a search and rescue team, but high urgency when it does happen.

Some of the primary concerns local search and rescue address are topographical, being that somebody may not know they are lost or do not know how to navigate the area, or regarding a person's mental health.

"It's the people who don't know they're lost that we typically look for, or people who don't want to be found," he explained. "These are peop-

le with dementia, on the Alzheimer's related spectrum, young children who may not realize they are lost, or people who are maybe going through a rough patch in their life and do not want to be found - in some cases who are potentially suici-

During a search, Badlands Search and Rescue may assist local RCMP typically with locating evidence, or assisting with a missing persons case for which human remains have been found in a specific area.

Following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Campbell added Badlands Search and Rescue saw a number of their members step away from volunteering, and the team is now trying to rebuild their numbers.

"Unfortunately, that is the norm for a lot of the teams," he said. "Normally, we have people for about five or six years, but we are trying to increase that to 10 years."

Pandemic aside, he explained member loss tends to occur when people move away or otherwise have significant life developments.

Volunteering with the Badlands Search and Rescue also comes with a tax credit incentive which is eligible to be noted on anyone's income tax, similar to that of a volunteer firefighter, and the training sessions are free to attend.

Recruitment events for Badlands Search and Rescue are scheduled to take place in Strathmore at the Fire Station on March 11, March 25 and March 30 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

As of Feb. 13, the program had already seen 42

"People are coming every day, they are chec-

king in, they tell us when they are going to miss

a day, they look forward to seeing their peers and

there is a little friendly competition between some

people to see who can walk the furthest," said

Montgomery. "It is huge for people's mental he-

alth because not only are they getting the positive

effects of having exercise, but they are also con-

necting with peers and coming out and having

that social aspect (which) is really important to

which has yet to be announced by the town or by

There will be a prize at the end of the month

The person who achieves the highest milage be-

tween their activities at the Sports Centre, pool,

and free skates will be awarded a grand prize. A

Montgomery added this is a program she hopes

to see return on an annual basis to encourage the

second and third place prize is also available.

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to bring the program to Strathmore.

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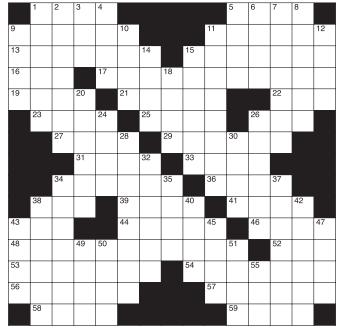




Trickster time

Students at Wheatland Elementary spent the week of Feb. 13 collaborating with cast members of the Calgary-based Trickster Theatre in preparation of their performance on Feb. 16 titled "Leadership for Change."

Melissa Piche Photos



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- 1. Sea grape
- 5. European public health group (abbr.)
- 9. A way to delight
- 11. Appetizers
- 13. Ancient heralds' wands
- 15. Make a booking
- 16. '__ death do us part 17. Pearl Jam frontman
- 19. Spider genus
- 21. Fill with high spirits 22. A major division of
- geological time 23. Catch
- 25. An independent ruler or chieftain
- 26. Electronic music style (abbr.) 27. Influential Spanish cubist
- painter
- 29. Illegally persuades

- 31. A way to derive
- 33. British School
- 34. Appear alongside 36. Surely (archaic)
- 38. Harsh cry of a crow
- 39. A day in the middle 41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
- 43. The longest division of geological time
- 44. The first sign of the zodiac
- 46. Appetizer 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. A bacterium
- 53. In a way, forces apart
- 54. Cheese dish
- 56. Combines
- 57. In an inferior way
- 58. Colors clothes 59. Dried-up

26. Turns away

30. Gift adornments

35. Check or guide

37. Dogs do it

38. Chilled

40. Scorch

32. San Diego ballplayers

34. Manufacturing plant

42. Unproductive of success

43. Electronic counter-

28. Satisfies

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gastropods
- 2. Confusing
- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. The rate at which something proceeds
- 5. A prosperous state of well-being
- 6. Asked for forgiveness
- 7. Makes less soft
- 8. Part of speech
- 9. Outside
- 10. Advice or counsel 11. Badness
- 12. Protein-rich liquids 14. Not moving
- 15. Call it a career
- 18. Poetry term
- 20. Not wide
- 24. Pastries
- countermeasures 45. Attack with a knife
- 47. Feel bad for
- 49. Enclosure
- 50. Assert
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Midway between east and southeast



for heart month on and facilitate similar challenges in Calgary at JOHN WATSON other facilities, which were part of the inspiration

Town encouraging physical activity

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore is encouraging residents to get active and improve cardiovascular health in the spirit of February's Health Month.

"It is a challenge to encourage community members to get active either walking on the track to see how many laps they can do ... how many laps they can swim... and we also are encouraging them to go to a drop-in public skate," said Lisa Montgomery, Strathmore Motor Products Sport Centre manager.

Mileage in kilometers logged at any of Strathmore's three recreation facilities will contribute to an overall total per person at the end of the month. Attending scheduled fitness classes will also add to this total.

Montgomery explained the challenge was created to give locals some motivation to get back into fitness following the winter season, as it is easy to not want to be active when the weather gets cold.

"We thought we would create a friendly challenge, which allows people to engage in regular social activity while having the additional benefit of exercise," she said. "Since heart disease is so prominent in Canada, we thought that celebra- community to resume healthy activities as winter ting and creating a challenge during heart month draws to a close. would be great."

Montgomery added she has helped to work

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Home cooking on the court

The Strathmore Spartans boys and girls basketball teams hosted their annual tournament Feb. 17-18 in the school gym. It was huge weekend for the Lady Spartans as they won the tournament with solid play all weekend.

Joe Lepage Photos Group Photo Courtesy of Strathmore High School

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DAHF requests financial aid to host fundraiser

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Drumheller Area Health Foundation (DAHF) is requesting financial aid from Wheatland County to help offset incurred costs to operate an upcoming fundraiser.

A presentation was made to the Wheatland County Public Presentation Committee, Feb. 14 in order to introduce the request and provide the county with information regarding its purpose.

"This organization started with the purchase of a CT scanner and they successfully raised enough funds to bring it to our hospital. Since then, countless amounts have been purchased with gracious donors supporting the foundation, making it possible for the DAHF to continue to support and enhance patient care," said Mary Marshman, who spoke to the committee on behalf of the DAHF. "Without the initiative of these dedicated people, we wouldn't have the amazing facility that we have today at the Drumheller Health Centre. It is with this spirit of dedication that we as a board carry forward for today and for the future of our area residents."

The DAHF is requesting a \$500 donation from Wheatland County, to pool with donations from Town of Drumheller, Kneehill County, Starland County, and the Special Areas Board.

In total, the donations to offset the cost of the April 1 fundraiser would equate to \$2,500. Thus far, all four other bodies have agreed to provide the \$500 donation.

During her presentation, she explained the DAHF serves patients east of the Saskatchewan border, west towards Three Hills, north towards Stettler, south towards Cluny, Gleichen, Hussar and southwest towards Rosebud, Rockyford, Standard and Strathmore.

She added the DAHF has committed to raising \$120,000 for 2023 in the purchasing of a hysteroscope for \$70,000 and an electrical surgical unit for supporting colonoscopy surgeries for \$40,000.

During the fundraiser, a silent auction and a 50/50 draw will be hosted in order to continue raising money throughout the night.

"There will be a time in each of our lives, whether it is ourselves personally, or someone we love who will need hospital care. Be it emergency, acute, surgical, continuing care, maternity, mental health, palliative or various support services such as diagnostics, cancer treatments or dialysis," added Marshman. "Since 1994, DAHF has been improving

patient care by purchasing the equipment that is not funded by Alberta Health Services."

This fundraiser will mark the first in-person event hosted by the DAHF since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Badlands Community Facility in Drumheller. The Public Presentation Committee voted to accept the presentation as information and to discuss it at the next meeting of county council.

Town to host public hearing for affordable housing

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- Increase the maximum building height on the plot from nine meters to 14 meters (three to four stories)
- Decrease the landscaping requirement from 35 per cent of the site area to 30 per cent
- Add site specific definitions for front yard and rear yard which will identify the property lines that are the front yard and rear yard for the purposes of establishing setbacks
- For the housing attached to change the requirement of that to have a fire wall to generalize it to a general fire separation in accordance with the Alberta building code

Adjacent landowners to the land parcel in question will be notified and circulated to regarding the public hearing. This will include properties within 50 meters of the subject parcel, as well as all industrial parcels within Bayside Place and all condo units on 8 Bayside Place.

Coun. Jason Montgomery moved to give first reading to amend the bylaw, as well as to direct administration to schedule the public hearing for March 15 beginning at 6 p.m. in council chambers. Both motions were carried by council.



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After losing 4-2 in Game 1 at the Strathmore Family Centre on Feb. 16, the Wheatland Kings responded with a pair of victories, including a 4-3 overtime decision in the decisive Game 3 on Feb. 19 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Kings now move on to Round 2 where they will take on the Okotoks Oilers.

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Kings take out Copperheads

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings have survived the first round of their playoff run, defeating the Coaldale Copperheads in overtime of the decisive game of their best of three series.

Cole Walker converted a feed from Chase Berg and Jaycob Masciangelo to provide the overtime winner in a 4-3 win in Game 3.

Opening the game strong, the Kings claimed the first two goals of the game, followed by a goal made by Coaldale's Rylan Bruns to close out the first pe-

The Copperheads tied the game with a powerplay goal in the second, before going down 3-2 to the Kings with 1:38 left in the middle frame, with a goal made by Carter Gosling.

Drew Constant opened the third period with a goal less than a minute in, bringing the game to a tie, 3-3.

After falling 4-2 in Game 1 on Feb. 16, Kings head coach Doug Raycroft said his team needed to maintain better

game in order to survive the playoffs.

"We played their kind of game ... and we have to be ready to play our kind of game, and our kind of game is moving the puck fast and skating," he said. "We bought into their game ... we got sucked into some penalties and lost a couple of forwards. And, of course, we were already down. (Kobe) Gosling got suspended in the previous game, and we got a couple injuries so that makes it rough."

Raycroft described the series akin to going into battle, and having to fight for every inch of ice, and in Game 1, it was tool late for the Kings by the time the boys got their engines warm.

In Game 2 of the series on Feb. 18, however, the Kings answered right back, putting themselves on the board with a 3-1 victory over the Copperheads, and allowing them the opportunity to take the series overall.

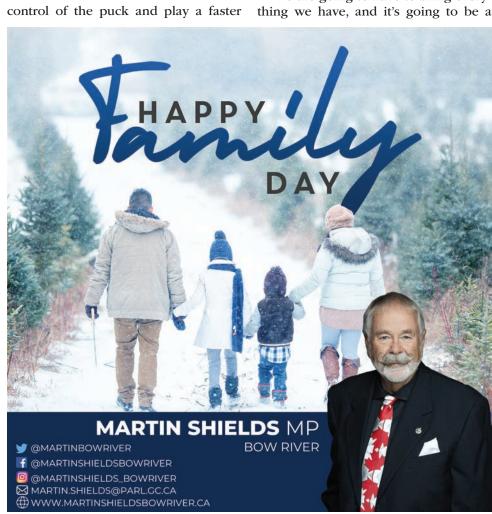
Going forward, Raycroft said his team will have to continue to bring their best if they are to continue moving forward through the playoffs.

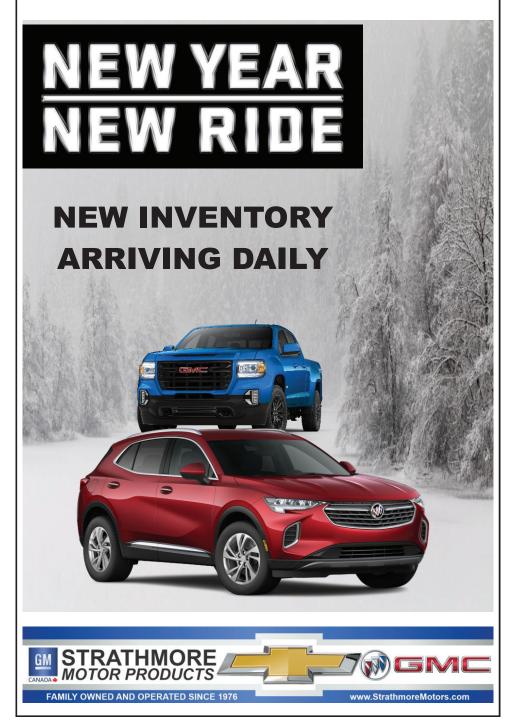
"We are going to have to bring every-

battle. We just told the boys, get ready, take care of your body, take care of yourself, get some sleep because it is going to be a war," he said.

The Kings will now take on the Okotoks Bisons in Round 2, which will begin Wednesday, Feb. 22 in Okotoks at the Murray and Piper Arena, starting at 8 p.m. Game 2 is slated for Feb. 24 (8 p.m.).

The Kings will host Game 3 on Feb. 25 (8 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre.







Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

March 7: Council Meeting March 14: Municipal Planning Commission March 30: Committee of the Whole

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted. Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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Wheatland Wind Ltd and Wheatland County are pleased to announce and launch the new Community Benefit Grant!

The Community Benefit Grant is available to groups such as local registered charities, not-for-profit societies, organizations and associations, and schools.

Grant applications for up to \$10,000 are being accepted until March 1, 2023.

For more information, visit our website and APPLY TODAY!

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Westmount School resumes pre-pandemic school production

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Following a three-year hiatus, Westmount School was finally able to bring back their annual drama production, resuming their rendition of Dr. Seuss' The Lorax.

Sarah Rommens, a teacher at Westmount and the production co-director, said the students have been working on the play since September and were extremely excited to finally present the show.

"We had about 33 actors between our Grade 5 and Grade 6 population, and they do weekly rehearsals as well as some dress rehearsals during the week here at school," she said. "In order to involve our whole school, we also do something called a Collaborative Drama Program, where we get together three times throughout working on the play and each student has a responsibility towards the production."

Students who were not actively on stage were included in creating props, helping with costumes and makeup, making backgrounds, and other auxiliary jobs to support the play.

For those who may be unfamiliar with The Lorax, the story is about a creature who is trying to protect its environment against a man called the Once-ler, who has invented a Thneed which everyone needs, and is chopping down all of the Lorax's trees.

"Our actors kind of become like local celebrities in the school and everyone knows who the Lorax is and they are really excited. They presented to their school population twice, and then we had two performances to people in the community, friends and family," said Rommens. "Everyone seemed to be buzzing about their grandparents coming to watch and we invited all of the seniors in our community to come down from the lodge and we hoped that there would be a full house for our kids who have worked so hard."

Westmount School's The Lorax was originally intended to be shown in the spring of 2020, though it was curtains for the production two weeks before showtime.

Though the school typically assembles a different production every year, Rommens explained the team was eager to finish the project which originally began in 2019.

"That was a huge disappointment for those kids who had really, they put everything into it, and then we were two weeks short of performing," said Rommens.

She added school staff initially ran into difficulties rallying students to participate, given the amount of time since last a show was put together.

"A lot of the kids kind of forgot what this drama production was about, so we did have to rally people a little bit harder to come and audition. The kids in the play were in grade two the last time they watched it," said Rommens. "Now we hope with further, future years, just based on this collaborative drama and now the kids seeing how great of a production it is that we will get that interest back into it."





SUNSTAR HOMES

Westmount Flementary School hosted their rendition of Dr. Seuss' The Lorax, after having to put off their drama program since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students performed the show twice for their peers and classmates, as well as twice for family, friends and those within the community.

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Many people don't realize that NSAIDs (ibuprofen, naproxen) can harm the kidneys. These drugs can decrease the blood flow to the kidneys and this can worsen in people who are dehydrated or have a viral illness. These drugs are very popular and easily obtained without a prescription. Before using them, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

A new method of removing wrinkles has been authorized for use in Canada and the U.S. Called Ellacor, it is not a face lift which involves surgery. This new method creates thousands of micro-punches in the skin resulting in tiny bits of tissue being removed The size of the punches is about the size of a 22-gauge needle and no scarring results.

Did you know that our bodies are generally at their physiological peak at the age of 25? Then, it's a slow, downhill slide from there. Heart function starts to decline, blood vessels narrow, muscle strength declines and many other body organs don't operated at peak efficiency. Depressing isn't it? However, we can slow that decline by appropriate exercise and diet and regular medical and dental checkups.

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Community Resource Awareness Days

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Health and Wellness Sessions 2023 - various topics and speakers Time: 1:30-3:00 pm; Strathmore Municipal Library, Program Room Future dates February 28, March 28, April 25 and May 23

Tech Talks! 2023 - Bring your own device! Time: 1:00-3:00 pm February 16 - Standard Young at Heart Centre March 2 - Wheatland County Building, ECC Room March 14 - Strathmore Municipal Library, Program Room In partnership with WFCSS, SAIL and the Strathmore Library.

Community Group Events

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Legion starts Coffee and Comradeship

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Legion hosted an event inviting Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, current, retired, or allied, to come share their stories and rebuild a sense of local community on Feb. 11.

The program is being called Coffee and Comradeship, and is sponsored by the local Tim Hortons, Shell location.

Kevin Armitage, a retired military veteran, said the idea has been in the works for several months now and is finally ready to launch.

"It really is just about veterans getting back together with veterans and not feeling completely isolated out in a community where nobody else knows what you are talking about," he said. "(Saturday was) the very first function, so I don't know how many people got the word and how many are coming out. The idea is about supporting military personnel (and) I was inspired to do this by my own personal journey and healing."

Going forward, the function will take place on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month, starting at 11 a.m. and going until 1 p.m.

According to the legion, folks who wish to attend do not have to be members to join in, as the event is simply about spending time with comrades and fellows for coffee and a donut.

"I'm very, I'm very excited about it, right, because I know that there's so much to be offered to the veterans through our communities ... I want to get the guys out of the woodwork, get them out of their own heads," said Armitage. "The legion is supposed to be about veterans looking after veterans, giving them a safe place to come and hang out."

Armitage added he was inspired to get the Coffee and Comradeship function off the ground by similar events hosted elsewhere in the province.

He explained other legions have been hosting similar events for roughly two years, and it was time to introduce the idea to Strathmore.

"The impact is huge. For each person, that is going to be different as to what the impact is because you can talk to anybody in the world and all of a sudden you are not paying attention to it and it doesn't affect you," he said. "Then, all of a sudden, somebody who you know and admire says the exact same thing to you, and now it has an effect on you ... you may meet somebody here who you connect with and who you can find your help with, or just somebody to hang

Veterans, RCMP and allies from outside of Strathmore and Wheatland County are also welcome to join the function should they decide to make the trip out.







Bonspiel winners

The Strathmore and District Curling Club hosted their annual ladies' bonspiel from Feb. 8-12. Team Cannon claimed the A Event, while Team Musselman and Team Garlock took the B Event and C Event respectively.

> **Photo Courtesy of Ken Shackleton**

Strathmore resident wins voucher to fund family vacation

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore resident Wendy Bell is off to plan a vacation for her family, after winning a \$2,000 WestJet Voucher from Value Drug Mart.

According to Strathmore Value Drug Mart Owner, Stacie Morck, the contest took place across Alberta, throughout each of the province's Value Drug Mart locations.

"You could come in and earn stamps towards your passport and you would get your name entered into a draw. What Value Drug Mart did was, through their 28 stores, they decided to have this promo," said Morck. "We were lucky here in Strathmore to have one of the winners here, so Wendy won a \$2,000 voucher to go travel."

Morck added the contest was the first time Value Drug Mart proposed such an idea for the holidays, and following the success of the draw, would like to see its return in future years.

Apparently there are already ideas floating around for other contests that may be run in order to continue encouraging folks to come out and shop in-store.

'We do a lot of little things ... but as I understand for where we are going now is that we are taking it to a new level," said Morck. "One of the big things that they try to do with Value Drug Marts is involve the community and local families as much as possible, so I think we are going to have a whirlwind of fun in the next few months."

As for Bell, she said she is excited to travel, as there has not been an opportunity to do so since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early

Bell and her family were able to sneak in a trip to Disneyland in February 2020, returning to Canada just before strict pandemic measures were

"I am feeling excited to travel. We are a family of four, so this definitely helps with planning for a nice family vacation," said Bell. "When I first got the phone call, I suggested to my husband that we go to New York, but that would be just the two of us, so in reality, we would go on a family vacation."

Amidst her research and planning for the family's eventual vacation, Hawaii as a destination has been circulating their thoughts.

Ultimately, Bell said she would likely take as long as a year to plan her family's vacation in order to make the most of it, as well as to save for any activities they may want to do while away.

Growing Alberta's economy

LEELA SHARON AHEER

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. It has been a privilege to see our rural communities' growth and contribution to Alberta's economy's diversification. The momentum is amazing, so I am sharing that our government is providing \$2.1 million in capacity building grants. The purpose of these grants is targeted to "initiatives that strengthen economic development capacity and promote sustainable growth and diversification in our rural communities," said Nate Horner, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation.

Organizations that have received one-time funding to build capacity within their communities

- Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies - \$50,000 for the Rural Development Cluster Coaching Series that focuses on developing agri-tourism, creating rural partnerships and using regional approaches.
- Alberta Women Entrepreneurs \$195,000 to expand the NextStep to Success program, which offers Indigenous women entrepreneurs with mentorship, business training and guidance on developing small business supports.
- Alberta Municipalities \$150,000 to support their members in accessing grant programs for municipalities.
- Economic Developers Alberta \$130,000 for education and skills training, mentoring and creating networks that share best practices.
 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta \$150,000

for a rural-focused economic development officer course and a micro-grant program to support members in determining economic development opportunities within a municipality or region.

Young Agrarians - \$100,000 for an on-farm apprenticeship program to develop hands-on skills and knowledge to run a rural farm business.

Alberta's government has also committed \$125,000 to each of the nine Regional Economic Development Alliances to support long-term economic prosperity in their respective regions.

Also, \$200,000 was allocated for the Public Library Grant for Skill Development in Rural Alberta. This one-time grant program will assist public library boards in smaller rural areas to strengthen their services and programs to support communities in becoming more resilient and sustainable. The Economic Development in Rural Alberta Plan was released on Dec. 14, 2022, and focuses on:

- · Identifying and improving economic development-enabling infrastructure to support investment and growth in rural Alberta.
- Advancing entrepreneurship capacity and a culture of innovation across rural Alberta.
- · Enabling skills development in rural communities to enhance workforce capacity today and for the future.
- Enhancing rural Alberta's reputation and capacity as a diverse tourism destination.
- Enhancing rural economic development through regional and targeted capacity building As always, we love to hear from you!

(Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Ches*termere-Strathmore)*





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EVANENKO, Anthony A.

Survived by sister Lorna Senger (Evanenko), wife June, daughter Marion (Frank) Purwins, son Blair (Summer) Evanenko, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Predeceased by sister Mari-

on Foodikoff, brother Jim Evanenko, and grandson Clayton Anthony Evanenko. There will be no services by request.

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October 15, 1930 - February 8, 2023

Mrs. Donna Farthing of Carseland, Alberta passed away peacefully

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moved to the Carseland area and then to Strathmore. Donna worked for the Canadian Imperial Bank in Calgary and married in 1951. Ted's career in the Royal Canadian Air Force took the family many places; Northern Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and back to Alberta. Donna settled the family, navigated new neighbourhoods, made friends, volunteered and worked.

Donna was a Girl Guide leader and enjoyed camping. She supported WWF and SCPA. After several years on an acreage in Sherwood Park minding grandchildren, chickens, horses and sheep Donna retired with Ted in Carseland. She curled and bowled in Strathmore and was a member of Carseland's Jet Setters Club.

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Western Irrigation District in the Province of Alberta

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Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Division Number
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Director	1	5

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