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Legacy farm in works

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Strathmore has passed second reading for the Legacy Farm Area Structure Plan (ASP) which proposes a large-scale development of 48 hectares of land.

The ASP, also regarded as bylaw 21-21, saw its first reading passed on Jan. 12. Following that, letters were circulated to 23 adjacent properties to inform them of the project discussions.

"Staff received an application in the summer of 2021 for a new ASP that affects 48 hectares in the southeast of town," said Megan Williams, a planner with the Town of Strathmore, during the regular town council meeting on Feb. 16.

"The proposed development for this site includes an agri-tourism hub focused on Canadian Pacific Rail's demonstration farm, which was constructed in the early 1900's."

The rest of the ASP is proposed to consist of complimentary use spaces including an RV resort, commercial businesses, institutional uses and agricultural businesses.

"In staff's opinion, the ASP proposes an attractive, unique and sustainable development that will generate employment opportunities for the community and create a fun and attractive regional tourism destination for residents and tourists," added Williams.

Project Manager, Michael Von Haussen, said the vision for the Legacy Farm, is to develop it into an agricultural tourism destination and business hub.

Development of the ASP would be broken into six phases, starting at the north of the site, being the farm and the RV resort, described as the "focal point" of the community to support

"It is envisioned as a dynamic mix of commercial, light agricultural, industrial (and) business uses and institutional research uses that will build on that agricultural theme," said Von Haussen.

Deputy Mayor Jason Montgomery was curious as to how the ASP would be affected if Alberta Environment and Parks did not approve the removal of the wetland that currently occupies part of the area which would be developed.

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King on the brink of elimination

After a massive win in Game 1 of their best-of-seven series over the Okotoks Bisons, the Wheatland Kings dropped three straight games, including a 6-2 loss in Game 4 on Feb. 22 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team will look to stay alive when they travel to Okotoks for Game 5 on Feb. 28. See Page 9 for more coverage. **John Watson Photo**





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During the Strathmore Cham-Wheatland Commerce Excellence Business Awards, the Strathmore Overnight Shelter was awarded the Non-Profit Business of the Year.

John Watson Photo

SOS receives donation

Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Overnight Shelter (SOS) has received \$1,000 from the Strathmore Wheatland Chamber of Commerce (SWCC), following their announcement as the recipient of the Non-Profit Business of the Year award.

The award came as part of the SWCC business excellence awards (BEA). The SOS had been nominated and subsequently voted in favour of receiving the award by the local community.

Chair of the SWCC, Hayley Poirier, said the donation has been a recent addition to the BEA for the non-profit business of the year.

"What we've been doing (for) the last few years at the BEA's is, we've been inviting a local artist to come and paint live during the business awards," explained Poirier.

"All of the donations from that painting then get donated to our non-profit business of the year. This year, (that is) the Strathmore Overnight

This year's awards mark the third year the BEA has been able to make such donations to their award winners.

Executive Director of the SOS, Elizabeth Karp, said the donation will certainly be of great help to the facility and the people who make use of it.

"I was saying, our utility bill alone last month was over \$3,500, so just for that, but it also helps in all areas - in food, in keeping the shelter running, cleaning supplies and all those kinds of things. It's a huge blessing," said Karp.

'What's really amazing about it is the community support, because that's where it comes from. That's what I really, really like and really appreci-

Karp added it felt like a blessing to have the local community behind her and supporting the

As far as feeding people alone is concerned, Karp explained meals per person typically cost between \$6 - \$10, which is stretched as far as possible by the team's regular cook.

"If you think in terms of meals, it'll go a long way, it'll cover a lot of people. On Mondays and Thursdays alone, we do more than 20 loads of laundry, so that's a lot of electricity, but it's also a lot of laundry detergent and cleaning supplies,"

"It helps to purchase some of the things we need like pillows and day to day things and just to keep everything clean and running smoothly."

Karp also encouraged the local community to continue to keep an eye out for ways to support the SOS, as well as to think about volunteering.

"The shelter can't run without volunteers and without that community support. It's just key in whatever (we're doing) and people are very giving in Strathmore, the surrounding area and even in Calgary."

Legion prepares to celebrate centennial anniversary of war memorial hall

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10, occupying Strathmore, has announced plans to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the local Great War Memorial Hall.

Donovan Arnaud, who served as a Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy for 25 years, explained the hall was built originally as a memorial to the fallen in the Great War, but now also serves the surrounding community, as well as local veterans.

"The building itself that the Legion lives in now, the Great War Memorial Hall was built 100 years ago to celebrate the actual sacrifice of the many people from the Strathmore area who served ... and many of whom died in the process of doing that," said Arnaud.

"It's quite an honour to actually be part of the Legion at this time, to actually be able to participate in the celebration of this event (for) this wonderful building."

The Legion is planning for the celebration to begin on July 8 with celebrations ongoing until July 11, the actual day of the centennial, when a formal dedication will be held at the cenotaph.

"I know I speak for many of the other members of the Legion, many of whom have been here forever - that they are very excited about the celebration and they're very honoured to be a part of it," said Arnaud.

"It is the sacred responsibility of the Royal Canadian Legion to care for the veterans of the Great War, World War Two, the Korean War and of course, all the military activities since then."

On July 8, it is currently scheduled to host a dinner for local veterans. Any veterans in Strathmore, Wheatland County and who call the local region home are welcome, including those who do not necessarily engage with the Legion itself.

Arnaud explained a darts tournament is set to be held on the Saturday and a golf tournament is scheduled for the Sunday, prior to the ceremony on Monday, July 11.

"The Legion has been a very central community hub for a long, long time ... it continues to serve the community as a place, for the hall that is often rented out by a variety of purposes," said Arnaud.

"It's a place that welcomes all comers in the community for a variety of activities and that's what it does on an ongoing basis."

Arnaud also explained the Legion itself as an organization will soon be celebrating its own centennial anniversary, as it was founded in 1925.

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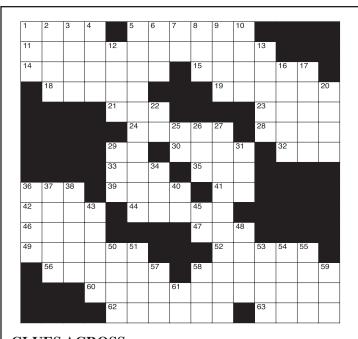
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- 1. Constrictors
- 5. Abounding in rocks
- 11. Speed
- 14. German city
- 15. Lacking sympathy
- 18. Visionaries 19. Wastes away
- 21. One precursor to the EU
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Unconsciousnesses
- 28. Baby's word for father 29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Midway between south and southwest
- 33. When you hope to get there

- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
- 39. Fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Personal computers
- 44. Ecological community 46. Wings
- 47. Halfway
- 49. Cool, calm and collected 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. __ Falls
- 60. Repeating remarks
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. __ Humbug!
- 2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.) 34. Brew
- 4. One point east of southeast 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. Work unit 7. Atomic #56
- 8. British thermal unit
- 9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
- 10. Egg part
- 12. Device
- 13. Rechargeable power source 16. Ancient sage
- 17. Consist of two elements
- 20. "Pygmalion" writer
- 25. Of I
- 26. Get older
- 27. Brotherhoods
- 29. Buzzing insect

- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's dad
- 43. Horse mackerels genus 45. Morning
- 48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.) 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, twisted bunch 53. Developed
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanistic discipline
- 57. Word element meaning ear 22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.) 58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely
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County discussing changes to residential land use bylaw, potential allowance for backyard hens, beekeeping

Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Wheatland County council has both passed the first reading and has scheduled a public hearing for bylaw 2021-34, which is designed to make a series of amendments to the land use bylaw 2016-01.

The proposed bylaw is currently written to implement textual changes, introduce new uses and consolidate others, modernize the language and provide clarity to existing regulations and application requirements within land use bylaw 2016-01.

Areas under consideration include wineries and alcohol production, parks and playgrounds, backyard hens and coops, backyard hives and bee supers, manufactured dwellings, landscaping, fencing and screening and rear-yard setbacks for accessory buildings.

Administration is recommending these changes to the bylaw in order to add new uses, consolidate and remove contradicting uses and clarify definitions throughout the land use bylaw.

One subject, which became of particular concern to council, was regarding the proposed update to backyard hens and

According to administration, the majority of responses received from residents living in Speargrass and The Lakes of Muirfield were in opposition for permitting backyard hens

In response, county administration removed provisions for backyard hens and beekeeping in the Speargrass, The Lakes of Muirfield and Eagle Lake communities.

In mid-December, notice was circulated regarding potential amendments to the land use bylaw for all residents within Wheatland County. Included within the notice were the amendments to allow backyard hens and beekeeping in all hamlet and residential communities.

The bylaw proposes that hens and their coops be added as a discretionary use to the hamlet residential general district

Councillor Rick Laursen raised concerns both for the safety of the animals in extreme cold weather, as well as the safety of

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their keepers from harmful bacteria and associated hazards with keeping hens.

"Chickens are notorious for carrying salmonella and campylobacter bacteria campylobacter is a reportable disease from Alberta Health Services and I just think we need to be careful with that,"

According to Reeve Amber Link, the proposed bylaw outlines what would be required of coops for domestic animals. Further, an education program would be implemented as changes to the bylaw are implemented, should the changes pass third reading.

First reading of bylaw 2021-34 was passed and a public hearing for the proposed bylaw has been scheduled for

Town on board with potential large scale Legacy Farm development

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Williams clarified that the stormwater management plan would need to be revised, should Alberta Environment and Parks not approve the wetland removal.

According to the ASP owner and developer, Bruce Klaiber, the team would ultimately like to see shovels in the ground as soon as possible, but there are several more steps to get past before a project of this scale can begin.

"I think all of us would like to see (shovels in the ground) starting tomorrow, but due to COVID-19 and the time it takes for approval and whatnot, we have everything on hold at this time," said Klaiber.

"We would like to know that we have the Town's approval for the project as well so that when we sit down with interested parties, we can say to them we have the community's support."

The next step in the process is to submit a report to Alberta Environment and Parks for evaluation of the project's impact and gain approval for the ASP.

Times CORRECTION

In the Feb. 18 story,

"Meadowlark Closing its doors", the wording in the last paragraph caused the article to suggest that Meadowlark had closed on Feb. 14, when in fact Meadowlark Senior Care Home staff will be working until Feb. 28, 2022.

We apologize for any inconvenience and confusion this may have caused.

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Local school boards on board with lifting of mask mandates for students

IOHN WATSON

Local Journalism initiative Reporter

As provincial COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift, Strathmore's local school divisions continue to be committed to following the directions of the prov-

Golden Hills School Division (GHSD) Superintendent of Schools, Bevan Daverne, said that students no longer wearing masks in school or on the bus is a shift, but not necessarily a dramatic

"That health order, up until just recently, was that students needed to wear their masks when they were moving around the school or moving around their classroom, but they didn't need to wear their masks when they were working at their desks or when they were eating or were involved in physical ed," said Daverne.

"In actuality, students were not wearing masks already for the majority of the school day ... many classrooms were set up in such a way that students were working at their desks to allow more opportunities to take off their

Prior to the announcement, which was released on Feb. 8, and took effect on Feb. 14, kindergarten to grade three students already did not wear masks while in school. The larger shift for students is no longer being required to wear masks on school and transit bus-

According to Scott Morrison, superintendent of schools for the Christ the Redeemer Catholic School Division, reactions to the change have been similarly modest.

"I think both staff and students will appreciate the choice, but they also know that masks were not the only thing we were doing to help reduce the risk - the spread of COVID-19 or any respiratory illness," said Morrison.

"This is a slow return to near normal for us. We've got lots of things in place and there's no reason to stop keeping those things in place to keep safety as

Alongside the announcement that mandates to wear masks would be lifted, Education Minister Adriana La-Grange stated in a release that individual school boards would not be permitted to introduce their own localized mask use mandates for students.

"School authorities cannot deny their students access to in person education due to their personal decision to wear or not wear a mask in schools," wrote LaGrange.

Both divisions within Strathmore have stated they did not have any intention to potentially re-introduce any sort of mandates for students within their systems and are unfazed by the minister's stance.

"None of us are medical professionals and our best guess as to what might be a good idea or not, that takes us into an area that is not our expertise," said Daverne.

"If the minister (is) talking about changes that would not allow boards to go beyond the health order in practice ... our board has not wanted to, so I'm sure our board would be comfortable with it based on past practice."

"It didn't concern us that the minister gave that direction because we've been following the minister's direction and the chief medical officer of health's direction since the beginning of the pandemic," added Morrison.

"Our board wouldn't have consid-



Strathmore's local school boards say they are on board with the province's decision to drop mask mandates in schools and will follow the provincial health orders. Regarding the Minster of Education's statement which prohibits school boards from introducing their own localized mask mandates, the sentiment is one of indifference, as neither local school board had intentions of introducing such measures. Students continue to have the option to wear their masks if they so choose. **John Watson Photo**

ered otherwise because we've been going that direction for two years."

Students still have the option to continue wearing their masks on busses and within schools as they choose and for the time being, all staff continue to be required to wear masks.



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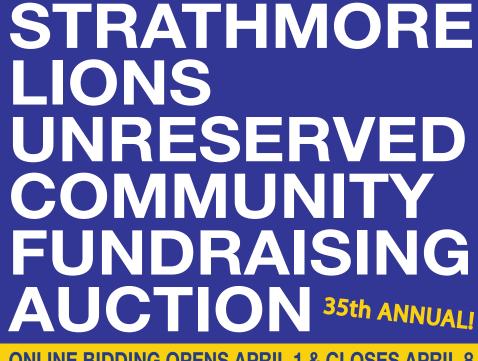
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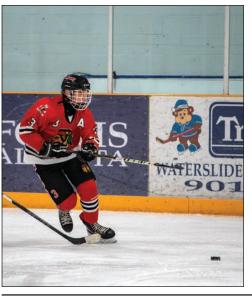








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Weekend sweep

The Wheatland Braves swept a pair of weekend home games, including a 7-2 win over Chestermere on Feb. 20 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U13AA team, which improved to 19-6-1 on the season, will host the Bow Valley Timberwolves on Feb. 26 (4:45 p.m.) at the Strathmore

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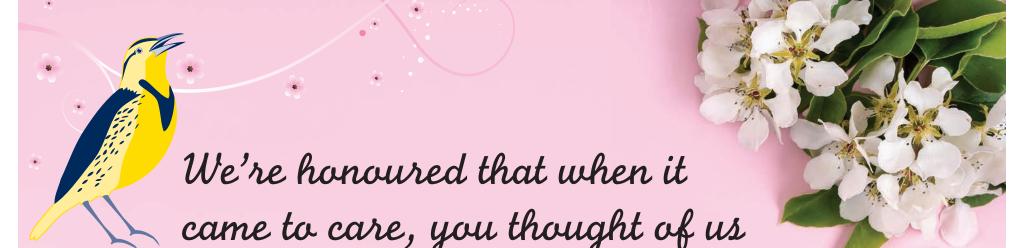




Capped with a win

The Strathmore Storm U13 Tier 6 team capped of their regular season with a 4-1 win over RMAA on Feb. 20 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Storm will now take on Foothills in the first round of the playoffs.

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> Meadowlark memories, I will cherish them always Debbie Wakelam

Local Scotiabank makes donation to SMHA

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Strathmore's local Scotiabank has once again supported the Strathmore Minor Hockey Association (SMHA) with a \$1,000 donation.

The donation was made as part of Scotiabank's hockey club and sponsorship program, which allows the branch to make an annual donation to a minor hockey club within the community.

Branch Manager Michelle Bissett said it's a versatile grant that tends to make a big difference for local teams.

"The last couple years, we have (donated to) the SMHA, but we could go between a few different associations if we needed to. Basically, we just have \$1,000 annually that we can donate," said Bissett.

"We also have hockey kits that come as part of it that we are able to provide to the team. It just has some little things for the members on the team like hats, hockey pucks and scarves."

Representatives from the SMHA, as well as members of the team receiving



Strathmore's local Scotiabank branch donated \$1,000 to the Strathmore Minor Hockey Association.

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the support, collected the donation on Feb. 16.

According to Bissett, the money is not required to be spent in any specific capacity and may simply be used however the team needs it.

"The kids are always very, very excited because the money can be used for whatever they need as part of their team. Whether that's fees for something or to help pay for a trip, or it just helps them to be able to play hockey within the community," explained Bissett.

"When they put in the application for the donation, they can specify exactly what it's going to be used for, but for the most part, it's just whatever the team needs.'

Though she was unable to give an exact timeline, Bissett estimated the program has been running annually for the last seven or eight years.

"I love being a part of this. Especially here in Strathmore, I know what a big impact the hockey community has out here," said Bissett.

"To be able to be a part of it, it's definitely something special, and something that we are very proud to be a part of."

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Mask-wearing will be a fact of life for a while yet. If the mask must be worn steadily for many hours, having a good close-fitting mask is important. A simple way of ensuring this is to apply a piece of tape to a mask on the bridge of the nose. This will keep the mask in place and will help keep both the wearer and others protected.

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SHS curling team runners up at south central zone tournament

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Strathmore High School's curling team has returned as the runners up from the South-Central Zone Tournament in Cochrane.

According to the team's coach, Michelle Ledene, for two of the curlers on the team, it was their first time taking to the ice in an actual game, coinciding with the fact that the tournament marked the first time the team has competed together.

Ledene said in the opening game, Strathmore handily defeated the Airdrie team, which secured them a competitive place to move on from the initial pool.

"Then, we had a draw to the button

after the game where each of the curlers had to get as close to the button as they could and we ended up getting the lowest team average, which is the best that

you could get," she explained. "That benefitted us because we lost our second game. However, with all three teams in the pool finishing one win and one loss, we ended up moving right into the crossover game."

The team played two games on Feb. 11 and two more the following day.

According to Ledene, not only did the school's mixed team perform as well as they did, but they also used the tournament as a learning experience.

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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 1: Council Meeting
March 8: Municipal Planning Commission
March 22: Council Meeting

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Kings on the edge after losing Game 4 of Round 2 playoff series

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism initiative Reporter

After a disappointing game four in their playoff series against the Okotoks Bisons, the Wheatland Kings are on the edge, now one game away from being kicked from the playoffs.

The series is now 3-1 in favour of the Bisons. Kings head coach Ron West is feeling like it's not just the odds that are stacked against him.

"It's time to go. Between the reffing – I'm sick of the four-man reffing system. It hasn't worked. I've never seen so many four-minute calls, it's just terrible and I don't even know half of them, I don't even see what they're seeing," said West.

"It's taking our momentum away instantly when we're getting a two and then a four and then a two and then a four."

Throughout the first and third periods in game four, the Kings spent more than half the periods with a man on the bench, penalty killing.

West said as good as his team is at penalty killing, there's only so much the boys can do when they're so often working at a disadvantage – particularly against this opponent.

"It's so hard to keep pushing on that when they're pushing back on us and I'm not getting any help from the referees at all. It was one-sided for the first period. They tried to make it up in the second, but it's a little late by then," said West.

"With these guys, five on four, they're going to capitalize quite often. They're very good, they move the puck very well and we have a very good penalty kill but you can only be so good when the ice is tipping all one way."

Game three of the series ended similarly to the fourth, though West does not blame the referees for his team "coming out flat" during their previous game.

"We just watched it tonight. It took till the third period to figure out we have to hit against a team like this. We'll push forward from here," West explained after game three.

"We need to push back hard and let them know that they are in for a fight. We want to take this to a game six."

West explained during game one, which was played in Okotoks, the Kings were in control for the duration of the game, coming out of the gate strong.

In the second game, which was played the following day, despite taking a loss, the Kings were neck-and-neck with the Bisons.

Now, West said it's all up to his team to pull themselves back together and give it their all, right to the end.

"Find your heart, find your battle, find your compete level, find everything you've got and play it to the end. Make sure you play 60 minutes of hockey and know that at the end of that one, you have another game to play," said West.

"You can coach systems, you can coach many things, but you can't coach intensity. I give them the life to go and push them hard and they need to go. Now, it's up to them. It's all in their hearts pow."

Game five of the best-of-seven will be played







The Wheatland Kings will fight for their survival going into Game 5 of the best-of-seven playoff series against the Okotoks Bisons. After a series of disappointing games, the Kings are down 3-1 and must figure out a way to put themselves back in the series.

John Watson & Joe Lepage Photos

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finding the right candidate

To the Editor

It is a sad day for this Canadian. I am ashamed by what the world sees in Canada. Fascism is what we are witnessing in the governance of our county.

We have a government head that declares opposition to "His" rule to be criminal to "His" Canada. The propaganda machine (CBC, CTV, Google and all other mainstream media service) of that leadership only repeats his approved view or spin to demonize what seems unacceptable to Him.

The overreach by the branches of service under His rule. The freeze of funds in private citizens bank accounts, to freeze activities of private fundraising entities based in the United States and then suggest that donations to those said entities by citizens of Canada could come under investigation. To say foreign donations to those said fundraising firms be unacceptable. I would question the source of funding to the Federal Liberal party or maybe to the anti-oil lobby groups that are so active in Canada.

To invoke the never-before used Emergency Act to clear Canadian citizens protesting? At a stretch, maybe at the Canadian border blockades, but to use it without Parliamentary approval against my fellow Canadians exercising their right to protest at our Parliament in Ottawa, this is absolute fascism playing out under the direction of our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

He must be stopped!

Respectfully Yours, Scott Wheeler Wheatland County

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SHS curlers win silver

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"In the end, it was actually the team from Airdrie that beat us in the gold medal game ... we were competitive the whole time and we just didn't quite get it there," added Ledene.

"It came right down to the last end of the gold medal game, so we're just so proud of our curlers and how far they've come from two kids never even having stepped on the ice before to playing four full games and getting silver medals."

The team went into the tournament having not practiced much together. They only met once a week since November 2021 and took much of January 2022 off. Although their lack of practice time and experience seemed to not affect their results

in the tournament.

The team's season may yet continue if they are requested to attend provincials as a replacement for another team should that team be unable to compete.

In 2019, Strathmore's teams made it to provincials, with the girls finishing second. In 2018 a mixed team won the provincial tournament.

Ledene hopes that her team's success inspires more students to take up curling and find a love of the sport.

She added that the conclusion of the season will be bitter-sweet, as her co-coach, Brad Steele, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Ledene said the two have been coaching together for the last 21 years.



Obituary



AGAR, Donald John August 12, 1930 -February 8, 2022

Donald John Agar passed away February 8, 2022 at his home on the

Shepherd farm. Don was born in Coronation, AB on August 12, 1930. He was predeceased by his parents, J Edgar Agar and Grace C (Bray), his brother, Roy, and his infant daughter, Karen. He is survived by his beloved wife Audrey (Hebbes), his sons Kevin (Brenda) Agar, Mervin Agar, his daughter Sharon Agar, and his grandchildren, Darrell (Sharleen) Agar and Kara (Connor) Woodley.

A private ceremony was held at Mountain View Cemetery on February 16, 2022. Arrangements in care of Snodgrass Funeral Homes (Okotoks 403-938-3111) To express condolences, please visit www.snodgrassfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers, a tree may be planted in Donald's

<u>Obituary</u>



WAHL, Gustav Leo (Gus)

Gustav Leo (Gus) Wahl, a beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and neigh-

bor, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Gus was born in Prussia (Lipno, Poland) to Gustav and Berta (Schultz) Wahl on April 10, 1933, the 5th of 11 children. Having lived in war and postwar Europe, he felt that arriving in Canada in June of 1948 was one of his fondest memories. Gus worked at various farms and jobs in the Medicine Hat and Strathmore areas until attending SAIT to learn carpentry. While in Calgary he met Ruth Hoff of Gleichen, AB at the St. John Luther League. They were married on September 21, 1957 and together they welcomed their 5 children. Gus spent his career as a carpenter with Calgary construction company McTavish & McKay, and maintenance man with the Bethany Care Centers. Faith and family were the foundation of Gus's life and he was always actively involved in his church and with his large extended family. Gus loved a 'project' whether that was coordinating a house raising or renovation for a family member, building at church camps, crafting cedar strip canoes, or doing building maintenance for family, neighbors or the church. He was also actively engaged on numerous boards and committees. Gus was a kind, skilled, and practical man who was generous with his time and talents. His was a life well lived.

Gus leaves to remember him his wife of 64 years, Ruth; his siblings and in-laws, Olga Bauman, John Straub, Joan Wahl, Elfriede Franz, Adeline Didack, Alfred (Penny) Wahl, Donna Schneider, Ed (Bev) Hoff, May Thompson, Elaine (Buren) Ree; his children, Martin (Lynn) Wahl, Cathy (Les) Bell, Doug Wahl, and daughter-in-law Crystal Wahl; his grandchildren, David (Megan) Wahl, Eryn Wahl, Ryan Wahl, Robert (Emily) Wahl, Philip (Kylie) Wahl, Luke Wahl, Marcus Wahl, Brianna (Stephen) Giovanetto, Kirsti Bell, Eric Wahl, Nathan Bell, Joanna (Mathew) Rottier, and Evan Bell; his great grandchildren, Desmond, Maverick, Griffith and Wilder Wahl, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Gus was pre-deceased by his parents: his siblings and in-laws, Ellie (Gus) Weinheimer, Emil (Alice) Wahl, Adolf Wahl, John Bauman, Erna Straub, Erich Wahl, Helmut Franz, Nick Didack, Vic Schneider, Regina Hoff, and John Thompson; his sons, Daniel Wahl and Jeffery Wahl: his granddaughter. Carlie Bell. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Strathmore Alliance Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gus's memory may be made to Focus on the Family or the Canadian Bible

To send condolences, or view a recorded version of the Funeral Service, please visit Gus's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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