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Supporting truck drivers

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Several hundred people rallied in Kinsmen Park on Jan. 29 in support of the convoys protesting in Ottawa over the mandatory vaccination requirements for shipping truck drivers.

On Nov. 19, 2021, the Minister of Health Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra and the Minister of Public Safety Marco Mendicino issued a statement that as of Jan. 15, 2022, travelers who were at the time exempt from entry requirements, would be required to be fully vaccinated with one of the approved COVID-19 vaccines to enter the country.

Over 10,000 people including travelers who frequently cross the border, as well as many who oppose public health mandates, gathered on Parliament Hill over the weekend to demonstrate.

In Strathmore, though the gathering was much smaller, the message was of support for those protesting on the other side of the country.

“We just wanted to show, because of everybody’s division on everything, how your community is there to support you, no matter what it is,” said Amanda Bissett, who was one of the organizers of the rally in Strathmore.

“With the freedom convoy that’s rolling into Ottawa, I saw a post that every town and city around Canada should hold their own little rally on the same day, at the same time that the truckers roll into Ottawa at noon,” said Breanna Palmerchuk, who worked with Bissett.

“If Strathmore has a turnout like this, then imagine every other city and town across Canada.”

By comparison, the rally in Strathmore was notably less disruptive to public property, local law enforcement, and to town residents.

“People are stronger together in numbers ... we are not against everybody else; we’re trying to bring people together,” said Palmerchuk.

Meanwhile from Ottawa, reports and videos have surfaced of vandals urinating on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, assault on local law enforcement and journalists, as well as harassment of shelters and businesses in the vicinity of the demonstration.

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Ready to rally!

Hundreds of protesters rallied in Strathmore on Jan. 29 to show their support for the trucker convoy in Ottawa. People in Strathmore demonstrated in Kinsmen Park after marching and conveying through town. The demonstrations call for the elimination of the mandate that requires professional truck drivers who cross the Canada-US border to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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Holy Cross Collegiate educator retires after nearly 20 years at the school

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Long-time Holy Cross Collegiate (HCC) educational assistant, Shirley Boiteau, has announced her retirement after nearly 20 years at the school.

"It is (a big step), but my husband retired from his job in December and I just thought, maybe COVID-19 was edging me along a little," said Boiteau.

"With COVID-19 over the past couple

years in the schools, it's been a little more of a struggle for everyone."

Boiteau explained that she has been residing in Strathmore for nearly 27 years and was pleased to have seen the town go from not having a Catholic education option, to a full complement of Catholic schools and Catholic education.

Boiteau said her beginnings as an educator were quite humble, but she expressed that over the course of her

career she found working with the local youth was something she loved doing each day.

"If you can find that one love of a job, which is what I've been blessed to have, it makes it all worthwhile. Twenty years has gone by so fast," said Boiteau.

"Being able to work with so many faith-filled teachers ... faith is a big component for us. And one of my daughters graduated through this school."

Prior to starting at HCC two years af-

ter its opening, Boiteau worked with Sacred Heart Academy (SHA). Before taking up that position, she was employed at a local daycare.

She explained that she made the transition to HCC out of a joy for working with the junior high age group.

Though Boiteau did not get into particular specifics, she said her career was filled with highlights and being able to take students under her wing.

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Kevin Scoble takes over as Strathmore CAO, excited to begin in the position

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The Town of Strathmore has welcomed its new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kevin Scoble, who took over the position from the former interim CAO, Doug Lagore.

Scoble officially started in the position on Jan. 10, moving to Strathmore from Saint Albert, where he served as a CAO for the past five years.

"I'm enjoying it ... I selected Strathmore for personal reasons, but also professional reasons. On the professional side of it, Strathmore is doing some really interesting things and it's right on the cusp of some really great opportunities here locally," he said.

Scoble was born and raised in Calgary and since beginning his professional career, was worked all over the province both in the public and private sectors.

"I'm in my 29th year of my professional career now (and) about half of it has been in the private sector, mostly with energy companies, like ATCO gas and Petro Canada and Enbridge and Suncor," explained Scoble.

"(The other) half of it has been in the public sector in management or leadership roles with the City of Medicine Hat (and) Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo."

Scoble added he chose Strathmore in part because it is much closer to friends and family for him, while the town also "punches above its weight class" in terms of leadership, resources and opportunity. He cited specifically the recent launch of

the solar farm on leased land and the Town's leadership in working together with Siksika Nation.

Though there are always new challenges that accompany beginning a new position in a new municipality, Scoble does not believe he has hit the ground running, so to speak, as many aspects of municipal government are similar no matter where you go.

"I would say probably 80 or 90 per cent of local government is pretty much the same issues between communities in Alberta. That other 10 or 20 per cent is really custom to the location and the culture and the industry of the community," said Scoble.

"It's a time of change for everybody when a new CAO comes in, but also, of course, we've just had an election this past fall across Alberta."

Regarding the goals and priorities of Strathmore's new town council, he said he looks forward to working with them on the "interesting and progressive things they want to accomplish."

"It's really about council and administration now formulating their plans for the term of council here for the next four years and my job is really to make sure that we're all rowing in the same direction," Scoble explained.

"I think Strathmore is really well positioned to bring in more non-residential revenue, so new investment opportunities in the community, which benefits both existing residents and businesses."

Overall, Scoble added that the nature of the position, being a mix of spontaneous and proactive work is what keeps him excited about local administration.

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Hundreds rally in Strathmore in support of trucker convoy in Ottawa

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Locally and according to Bissett, the mindset of demonstrators takes a much more modest and respectful approach.

"Obviously, there are things that we've got to be respectful of ... but this is just showing the community of support that we all have and bringing everybody together to just continue fighting for what you believe in," said Bissett.

"The vaccines are there, everybody can choose to get it or not to get it, that's their own choice. We are not against anybody or any of their choices."

Palmerchuk suggested that until change happens, it is plausible similar demonstrations will continue until the federal government yields their decision.

"I think until a change happens, then there may be more of this, but speaking for myself, I mean (to) just bring the community together. Because of COVID-19, people have been so divided, we haven't come together as a community to help each other."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has issued a public statement, Monday, that he is not intimidated by the demonstrators and has no intention on repealing the mandate.



Many of the protesters who spoke to the gathered crowd at Kinsmen Park, Jan. 29, were simply those who wished to make their voices and opinions heard, rather than being dedicated organizers. Demonstrators rallied to show their support for the trucker convoy who gathered on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on the same day.

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- 8. Surrenders
- 13. Omission
- 14. The white poplar
- 15. They become butterflies
- 19. Used to chop
- 20. Select
- 21. Volcanic craters
- 22. Consumer price index
- 23. Utilize
- 24. "True Blood" actress Paquin
- 25. Got up
- 26. Sank in
- 30. Retail
- 31. Giants
- 32. Most bald
- 33. Changes color
- 34. Unit of loudness
- 35. Undresses
- 38. Fathers
- 39. Learned skill
- 40. Remove qualification
- 44. Covered with frost
- 45. Speak up
- 46. Nowhere to be found
- 47. Part of surgery (abbr.)
- 48. Type of wrap
- 49. Church seating
- 50. Mathematical figure
- 51. College football conference
- 55. Turkish officer title
- 57. Organized body of knowledge
- 58. Smooth and glossy
- 59. Left

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Get back
- 2. Pass or go by
- 3. Having a sharp taste
- 4. Midway between east and southeast
- 5. Cairo Regional Airport
- 6. Peace officer
- 7. Brings to life
- 8. Automotive vehicles
- 9. One point south of due east
- 10. Football position
- 11. Goes by
- 12. Most attractive
- 16. Road divisions
- 17. Not the sea
- 18. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cabbage
- 25. Least frequent
- 27. Change slightly
- 28. A country in NE Africa
- 29. Metric units of measure
- 30. More coherent
- 32. Make uninteresting
- 34. Nausea
- 35. Institution of Oceanography
- 36. Of little value
- 37. Hindu model of the ideal man
- 38. Biblical exclamation
- 40. You throw it at a board
- 41. Be about to happen
- 42. Brutal
- 43. Opened one's mouth widely
- 45. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- 48. Saturate
- 51. The woman
- 52. Someone who is highly skilled
- 53. A way to launch an attack on
- 54. Where golfers begin
- 56. Atomic number 58

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Wheatland Lodge begins offering temporary residence option

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Wheatland Lodge has officially begun offering a short-term stay option for those who need a temporary space to be or who are considering moving into the facility permanently and want to test it out first.

Resident Manager of the lodge, Christi Shworak, said the team has been thinking about offering the service for some time and are now in a convenient position to try it out and gauge local interest.

"What changed for us at this time, is that we had a room that was available to be used for that purpose, so we took the opportunity to convert it into a furnished room," said Shworak.

"We decided that we would offer it to the community to see if there was interest for the short term stay room."

Temporary occupancy of the room will not be considered a respite space, according the Shworak, but will offer the same services to a guest as if they were permanently residing in the facility.

"If seniors are living with their family members and maybe they want to come and try out the lodge for a few days to see if it's something that interests them, or if their family is going on vacation and they need a place to stay ... It really gives them a good feel of what the lodge has to offer ... so if they (become interested) in moving into the lodge, we could talk about that as well."

There is a minimum time of three days stay required to book the room, with a maximum of two months that a person may occupy it. Shworak said by the end of an extended stay, the occupant will have a better idea of whether they wish to move in permanently.

"Right now, we've definitely only put one room up as an availability for that because we do have some other rooms available for seniors to move into and rent on a longer-term basis," said Shworak.

"We have been asked about if we have this type of room, from families in the past. And at the time, even before COVID-19, we just didn't have availability, or rooms that didn't

get filled with seniors."

Shworak anticipates many of those who opt to make use of the service will do so for a week or two. She is optimistic to see how the community responds as the service becomes more well known throughout the community.

"It's not something that we've offered in the past, so that's why we've put it out there as a new service offering through the lodge," Shworak added.

"The key thing is to know is that we do still have rooms that people can rent and this is just a side option to see if it's something that they're interested in."

The service was officially announced as being made available to the public on Jan. 27.

Happy trails

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"I can't remember what year it was, but I did have two students one year who I did really a lot with and they just had many challenges. After seeing them go through Grades 7-12, they both managed to get their high school diplomas, so just seeing them cross that stage," Boiteau said was a highlight.

"You take them under your wing and you're like a mother hen and you (guide) them as they go through the system."

Going into retirement, Boiteau said she and her husband hope to connect more with their family and hobbies and potentially even travel when the process becomes easier.

"(My husband and I), we both hope to get more into golfing, we both love to golf. And, go back to Manitoba, we have a lot of family there that we still visit and it will be a couple years before we venture out of the country."

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Pro wrestling makes its debut in Strathmore

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Local Journalism initiative Reporter

Making their debut visit to Strathmore, CANAM Wrestling dropped in to put on a unique and exciting show for residents, while also unveiling new partnerships, during their show on Jan. 29 at the Strathmore Civic Centre.

Otto Gentile, CEO of CANAM wrestling and the Alberta Wrestling Academy, said for fans of television such as the WWE, it was a show they definitely did not want to miss.

"If you enjoy professional wrestling and storytelling, that's what we do best. We have an incredible roster of rookies and veterans who have been around for 20 or 30 years as well," said Gentile.

"We're debuting in Strathmore ... I know we're going to have an incredible show, we're just hoping that the people of Strathmore embrace this."

A total of seven matches were performed Saturday night ranging from individual fights for belts and titles, to tag team brawls which were performed both in and out of the ring.

In between the rowdy and chaotic matches, CANAM unveiled its partnership with Bikers Are Buddies Canada.

"We have recently signed a deal to work together to eliminate bullying from the schools, from at home, online, whatever we can do to give a community some help with outreach and education and just us being around letting the kids know that we're there for them," explained Gentile.

The partnership is being called the Alberta Wrestling Academy Battling Against Bullying (AWABAB), which during Saturday's show, unveiled their new championship title to pair with the partnership.

Working against bullying isn't the only stance CANAM takes for the bet-

terment of wellbeing for local youths, as Gentile explained CANAM doesn't stand for the commonly used "Canadian-American" attribution.

"CANAM has been around since 1996 and (stands for) Constantly Against Narcotic and Alcohol Misuse. We work a lot with kids who do have problems with drugs (and) alcohol, we work with kids who have disabilities," said Gentile.

"We're trying to do our best to spread a positive message to the communities and we're trying to give back to the communities in taking on these kids who have these issues by giving them a second chance at life through the art of professional wrestling."

The Alberta Wrestling Academy aspect of the organization launched on Oct. 3, 2020, right in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Acknowledging the presumed insanity of the decision, Gentile said the school is doing well and is proud to have begun to see students graduate and begin working as professional wrestlers.

"We're still going strong and a lot of our students have now graduated their training and are now working for us under the CANAM wrestling banner," said Gentile.

"A lot of the kids do have problems that we deal with. We're just trying to be those role models who show them that it's okay to have these issues and to let them know that we're there for them."

Often, the stories that are told in the ring are about good versus evil. Gentile explained often good will triumph over evil, while other times the villain will come out victorious.

Ultimately the goal is to engage with the crowd and have them become invested in the characters and the stories.

CANAM and the Alberta Wrestling Academy made their debut performance in Strathmore on Jan. 29, with a rowdy show that engaged and enthralled the audience. CANAM also announced their new partnership with Bikers Are Buddies Canada, hoping to spread the word against bullying.

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- Never leave your vehicle running unattended.

Strathmore RCMP ask residents to help do their part by ensuring their property is properly locked.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE
 Gord Morck Pharmacist
Capsule Comments

Pharmacists are occasionally asked if there is any gluten in medications. Celiac patients who are sensitive to gluten can find comfort in the fact that although no drug is completely gluten-free, the amount in any medication is so tiny that it shouldn't cause any problems for gluten-sensitive persons.

About one in three wearers of dentures in Canada suffer from *denture stomatitis (DS)*. This is a fungal infection that can be caused by badly-fitting dentures and poor oral hygiene. Symptoms include redness and inflammation under the dentures. There may also be some gum sensitivity and bleeding. Have a dentist check out the problem as soon as possible.

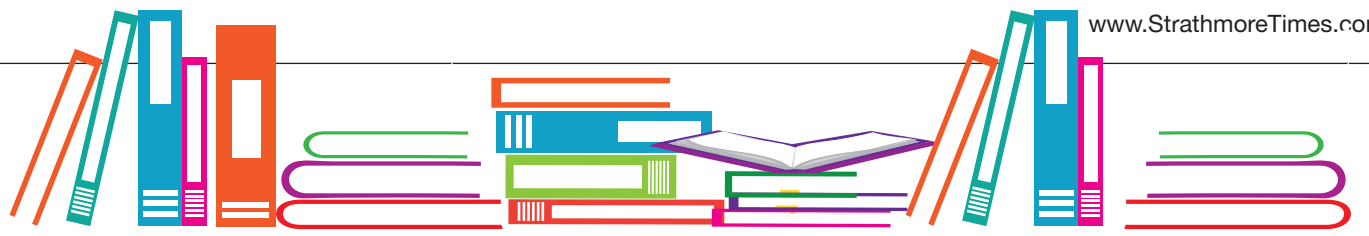
In the U.S., where there is no Canadian-style universal health coverage, uninsured COVID patients who are hospitalized are often faced with huge hospital bills. A 14-day stay in a U.S. hospital can cost over \$100,000. Those who have health insurance can still be faced with co-pays which can amount to thousands of dollars. COVID can affect the wallet in the U.S. Best advice for everyone everywhere? **Get vaccinated.**

Many women have shoes they wear for style not comfort. They are usually high heels and steady wearing of these shoes can result in *pump bump* where the rigid back of a pump-style shoe can create pressure irritating the heel bone when walking. This can develop into tendonitis or bursitis. If high heels are a must, try heel lifts or wear backless shoes.

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5 for Life book sale returns to supply community with accessible literature

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism initiative Reporter

After being unable to host the event last year due to on-going COVID-19 concerns and safety protocols, 5 for Life brought back their annual community book sale on Jan. 28 - 29.

The event was hosted at the Hope Community Covenant Church and was estimated to have had over 1,000 books available for redistribution within the community.

Debbie Taylor, chair of 5 for Life, said the annual book sale is the organization's one and only fundraiser over the course of the year, with all of the revenue going right back into supporting community programming.

"We used to be funded by the government and then that ceased, so we were just supplementing our grants with this fundraiser," said Taylor.

"Through the grapevine, we heard there was quite a need for a used book sale, so that's how it began. It (started) small and then it has morphed into a pretty big deal."

All the books in the sale were donated by community members. According to Taylor, 5 for Life began collecting books in November via dropoff points at various business locations.

"We're very, very grateful to the community for their support, for donating books and very grateful to ... (local businesses that) had great big bins where they collected books for us."

The books collected at the end of 2021 supplemented the collection from last year which amounted to the larger than normal accumulation.

Though ideally, the goal was to empty the tables and



5 for Life was once again able to host their community book sale on Jan. 28, after collecting donated books from the community since November 2021. The annual sale was reported to have a surplus of literature, as it was unable to be held last year due to COVID-19 concerns.

John Watson Photo

shelves back to community member who would make good use of the books, Taylor said there was no specific fundraising goal over the course of the weekend.

"We're just happy if, ideally, we could sell it all, but there's not a target. Rounded up there's probably about 1,100 books here."

Prices were set at \$1 a book for adults and \$0.50 for kids, with a selection of shelved items being marked as free to claim.

For teachers who dropped by on the last day of the sale, 5 for Life encouraged them to fill a bag with books to take for free.

"We're trying to get the books back out into the community and not have to store them," said Taylor.

She estimated several hundred people visited the book sale over the course of its duration.



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to the ConnectFirst Credit Union Board of Directors to maintain a rural voice.

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FORM 3 Notice of Nomination Day
 Local Authorities Election Act (Section 26)

LOCAL JURISDICTION: Village of Rockyford, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that Nomination Day is February 14, 2022 and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below within the period beginning on January 13, 2022 and ending at 12:00 noon on Nomination Day.

Office(s)	Number of Vacancies	Ward or Electoral Division Number (If Applicable)
Councillor	1	

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:
Village of Rockyford
110 Main Street
Rockyford, AB
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DATED at the Village of Rockyford, in the Province of Alberta, this 13th day of January, 20 22.

Elaine Macdonald
 Returning Officer

CORE childcare service prepares to begin operations in downtown Strathmore

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

There's a new childcare center opening its doors in downtown Strathmore after nearly a year of renovations and preparation.

The CORE hosted an open house on Jan. 26 to show off the newly completed facility and to answer questions from parents curious about how the service will work as it comes into operation.

Paula Beekman, the owner and operator of the CORE, said the process has been a long time coming and hasn't been without its challenges, but will be a welcome addition to local childcare operations.

"In the spring, we were eligible to apply for an EOI (Expression of Interest), which was a government grant. When we got the EOI, the government gave us quite a bit of money and it was to start a daycare," explained Beekman.

"(The government) saw areas in the province that were in need of care and (so) we applied and got that funding which was great ... through that process, we found this building."

Beekman added she had been eyeing up the former post-office for quite some time prior to acquiring the lease and when it was up for grabs, she didn't hesitate to jump at the opportunity.

"I took the lease over from another company that wasn't going to be here. I think in April we started tearing it all down, because this used to be the old Canada Post office."

"This is our 17th year doing childcare in Strathmore ... and we do have another center in the north end of town in Strathaven, which is just out of school care."

The CORE program, which is being offered through the center, is designed around emergent learning and developing children's skillsets to prepare them for primary education.

The idea, as Beekman explained, is to look at the individual strengths and weaknesses of the children in their care and address them, as well as preparing to send them into classroom environments.

"It's a program that was custom built for them and not something I went into a building and had to kind of work



The new CORE childcare center held an open house on Jan. 26 for the community to drop by and view their newly renovated facility. The CORE team hopes to have 56 children who are preparing to enter the school system enrolled and using their space.

John Watson Photo

around," said Beekman.

Ideally, the facility will support up to 56 kids who are preparing to enter Kindergarten, with the potential for the facility to eventually begin offering overnight care options.

For parents who may be worried about potential COVID-19 outbreaks, Beekman said each room is set up to operate as its own cohort, such that if a positive case was confirmed among the kids, it would be easy to contain.

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Please be advised that there will be controlled burns happening in Lakewood during the time period specified below.

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Note that we have an approved burning permit. All fire precautions and preventative measures have been completed with the town. Please stay out of the work areas.

FEBRUARY 7, 2022- FEBRUARY 14, 2022

***WEATHER PERMITTING**



U19B Strathmore



U10S1 Strathmore



U10S3 Strathmore



U16B Rockyford



U12A Strathmore



U10S2 Strathmore



U14C Strathmore



U16B Strathmore

Fantastic weekend

The Strathmore Minor Ringette Association hosted their annual Laurie Morton Ruppe Memorial Tournament from Jan. 28-30 at the Strathmore Family Centre and Rockyford Arena. There were 10 Strathmore teams and one Rockyford team taking part in the weekend, which featured U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19 divisions.

John Watson & Joe Lepage Photos



U14A Strathmore



U16A Strathmore



U12B Strathmore

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.

February 8: Municipal Planning Commission

February 15: Council Meeting

March 1: Council Meeting

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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An application form and information about available funding opportunities located as follows:
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2022 Gravel Pit Sales

The new application form and updated sales information is available on our website.



- June 15th and 16th, 2022 – Goldsmith Pit (Cluny) located at NE-8-22-21W4 (7/8" Crush & Pit Run)
- July 5th and 6th, 2022 – Christensen Pit (Carseland) located at NE-03-22-25W4m (3/4" Crush & Pit Run)
- August 9th and 10th, 2022 – Fish Lake Pit (Dalum) located at NE-28-26-18W4M (7/8" Crush & Pit Run)

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Perfect performance

Christina Bouey and Pierre-Andre Doucet of the Bouey-Doucet Duo performed a concert Jan. 26 at Strathmore United Church. The concert was sponsored by The Happy Gang, Arts on 817 and Prairie Debut. Bouey from New York City but originally from Charlottetown, P.E.I. and Doucet from Montreal but originally from Moncton, N.B. were on a two week Alberta tour sponsored by Prairie Debut and the Canada Council. It was a wonderful concert of French music, entitled Crème de la Crème, and received a standing ovation from the very appreciative audience.

Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Steeves

Strathmore U15 Spurs champions of Okotoks Anthem Community Cup

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism initiative Reporter

The Strathmore U15 Spurs have returned victorious from the Okotoks United Football Club's Anthem Community Cup tournament, bringing gold medals home with them.

The team's Coach, Ryan Parkins, who also serves as the Strathmore Soccer Association Technical Director, said despite a host of challenges, the team pulled through and are proud of their achievement.

"I think the team was pretty happy with what they were able to deliver at the end. They took a few injuries but still fought through it and banded together as a team and showed a lot of depth," said Parkins.

The Anthem Community Cup was, according to Parkins, the first competition the team has competed in that used a tournament format, as with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, other opportunities to compete have not been made readily available to the team.

Though the Spurs competes in the boys' league, they are a mixed team and include a few young women on their team.

"I think the team came in feeling pretty confident, we've had a strong year and they've really found a resource in one another. They played well as a team, not just as individuals which is really nice to see," said Parkins.

"I think we're definitely a defensive-minded team. We have some really strong goalkeeping in the back and a well-

structured defensive line."

Despite their defensive focus, Parkins said the Spurs are beginning to fill the gaps in their offence and are starting to better pressure the other teams they compete against.

As of Jan. 26, Parkins added the Spurs were sitting at second place within their regular division.

Over the course of the tournament, the Spurs rampaged their way up the ladder undefeated, but that isn't to say there weren't any close calls.

"We did come through undefeated, but we were trailing in both our first game and in the gold medal match and we were able to come back from that and pull ahead," explained Parkins.

"(Okotoks was) a skilled group, so it was quite a good battle between the two teams. They were able to put away a goal on us a little bit earlier in the game ... but they were under a lot of pressure from us."

Ultimately the final game came down to the latter portion of the second half, when the Spurs managed to score their second goal to pull ahead and shut out the hosting team for the remainder of the game.

"We had a lot of opportunities that just found their way outside, or in a few instances, their keeper made some excellent saves, then our team was able to respond quite quickly and get it evened up," said Parkins.

The team is not scheduled to compete in any more tournaments prior to the provincials bracket, for which the progression format has yet to be decided.





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Obituary



JOHNSON, Carolyn Antoinette (Godfrey) 1942 – 2022

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Carolyn. She was born on June 25, 1942 in Calgary and was the only child to Edward Godfrey and Johanna (Kuyten). Carolyn grew up and lived in Strathmore her whole life. She attained her LPN Nursing degree in 1962 and worked for several doctors in the area including Dr. Avramenko and Dr. Lavalee. She also met and married Floyd Johnson in 1962. They had two sons, Greg Edward and Dale Nolan. Floyd, Carolyn, and the boys spent many weekends skidooning, boating, fishing, and camping. Later on, their cedar house on the corner became a welcoming hub and comfortable hangout for many of Greg and Dale's friends. Carolyn's life revolved around her family and community. She served Strathmore in various capacities throughout her 79 years. She coached girls baseball, organized the Carnival Queen contest, sat on various boards, and spent many hours volunteering for the AG society and Strathmore Stampede. She was a kind and generous soul who helped many people in the community when they needed a hand up. Carolyn never ventured too far from Strathmore but she enjoyed an Alaskan Cruise with her partner of over 26 years, Fred Knight, and enjoyed frequent trips to Kalspell, Montana, to Arizona, and even Mexico for a wedding. Nan was a fierce and loving Grandmother to Greg and Myrna-Lea's children Dawson, Dusty, Denver, and Dale and Lynn's girls Lacey and Hailey. She hardly missed a ringette or hockey game and loved to watch the boys perform in their rodeos. She also welcomed the opportunity to spoil her great grandsons Jett and Jagger. Carolyn was truly one of a kind and she will be missed by many long time friends, acquaintances, and community members. Her family will miss her dearly. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. To send condolences, please visit Carolyn's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneral-home.ca and follow the links.

Wheatland Funeral Home
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Obituary



LARSEN, William Eric

Bill was born December 24, 1945 in Bassano, Alberta and passed away at home in Strathmore on January 11, 2022. He was predeceased by his daughter, Kari; parents, Kai and Kirstine; siblings, Ejala, Bitten, Kai, Bella, Ellen and Neils. He is survived by his sons, Ian, Kevin (Lany), and Rick; brother, Bob (Joan); and several grandchildren. The youngest of eight children, he was raised in the farming community of Hussar, Alberta. His parents migrated to Canada from Denmark. The Larsen family lost their mother when Bill was a young child. His two eldest sisters at the time remained in the homeland and the family was finally re-united many years later, as adults. Dad would often talk about this – and working, living on a farm through the fifties, with his brother and sisters, especially whenever us kids thought we had it tough. Bill worked many jobs over the years in Alberta and Ontario, as well as operating an electrical business in Drumheller through the eighties. Upon returning from Toronto in 2015, Bill settled in Strathmore and connected with the Harvest Healing Centre Church. He took great comfort with the faith and fellowship they provided. He gave back to the community by volunteering with food pickup from stores to be distributed by the church. Never missing a task, he took these assignments seriously, without complaint, through enduring pain at times. He made many friends during his time in Strathmore, being a farm boy, he loved to garden, socialize, and always had time for others. At Bill's request, no funeral will be held, the family will honour his life privately. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Harvest Healing Centre Church, 102 Canal Gardens, Strathmore, Alberta T1P 0C4.

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Obituary



RIEGER, Archie

We are sad to announce the passing of our beloved dad, Archie Rieger, who passed away peacefully on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the age of 76, after a brave battle with multiple illnesses. Archie has been reunited with his beloved wife, Arlene Rieger who passed away in 2011. He leaves behind his daughters, Collette (Zach), Bailee (Mike) and Marly; three precious grandchildren, Gracelyan, Addalyan, and Hayzen; three siblings, Dot (Brian), Glen (Jan), Merv (Connie); numerous nieces and nephews; as well as his best friend Robert Damen. Dad enjoyed spending his mornings around the table at A&W with his friends. If you couldn't find him at A&W you could find him at a junior hockey game (not NHL) or the local baseball fields. You could always tell when his granddaughter, Addy, visited him because his smile would light up the room. Archie and Addy had an incredible relationship and was beautiful to witness. We will have a celebration of life planned for the spring of 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Archie's memory may be made to Strathmore Minor Baseball, P.O. Box 2112 Strathmore, Alberta T1P 1K1 or e-transferred to smba@hotmail.ca.

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Did you know?

In order to be collected, garbage carts shouldn't be filled higher than the upper rim or in such a manner that prevents full closure of the cart lid. Carts that are not closed properly can lead to;

- Excess garbage falling on the ground and not being collected
- Moisture getting in the carts



Upcoming Council Meetings

- February 02, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
- February 09, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
- February 16, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

In-person attendance isn't available at this time; however, all meetings are streamed live at [Strathmore.ca/youtube](https://www.strathmore.ca/youtube)

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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/youtube](https://www.strathmore.ca/youtube)

Public Hearing Notice

February 16, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.



Bylaw #21-21

Bylaw #21-21 – Legacy Farm Area Structure Plan (ASP) is proposing a new Area Structure Plan that encompasses 118.5 acres of land in the south-east of Strathmore, where the old CPR demonstration farm once was. This ASP is proposing a tourism hub celebrating the agricultural history of Strathmore and surrounding communities and complimentary land uses including an RV Resort, Commercial businesses, institutional developments, green space, and agricultural businesses. The applicants have built a website where the ASP can be reviewed at <http://www.legacyfarm.ca/>.

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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 on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022**, commencing at 6:00 p.m. with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #16-18 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any or all the proposed bylaws 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, February 9th, 2022** 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, February 9th, 2022** as outlined in Bylaw #16-18 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.

