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## Standard fills council seat

**IOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Mike Worthington has stepped up to fill the vacant seat on Standard's municipal council, and will serve the remainder of the current term until the next elec-

Worthington will be replacing Carol Allard, who submitted his resignation from council in December, after holding the position for a little more than two years.

"I have kind of followed politics my whole life and I also believe you have to give back to your community. When I was younger, I also coached sports," said Worthington. "I grew up in Standard, and my wife and I recently moved back, and a lot of my peer groups, they give to the community through other means such as coaching or the Lions or what have you. This is a way to give back to the community."

This will be Worthington's first foray into politics. He explained following his move back to Standard, he saw there was an opening on council with little other interest to fill the position, and was curious to achieve a better understanding of how municipal government operates.

Worthington was the sole applicant to fill the position vacated by Allard. The Village of Standard had initially intended to close the application window, Jan. 29, but had to instead close it, Jan. 31 due to a lack of submissions.

"I want to just learn the role as best I can, and then then when I find out where there is need and my skillset can fill that need, that is where I will have the most impact. I do not have a whole bunch of pre-set objectives," said Worthington. "There are a few projects around (the village) such as expanding some roadworks or maybe some kind of housing stuff. There is lots of interesting things that the (village) can do ... to attract new residents and increase its tax base."

As Worthington was the sole applicant, he won his seat by acclimation, rather than the Village of Standard being required to hold a byelection.

After the closure of the nomination period, Worthington was notified of his acclamation by the village, and was given a period of 24 hours to accept his position, prior to his name and participation on council being made public knowledge.

Village of Standard Mayor, Martin Gauthier, stated in December he anticipated application numbers to be low in regards to filling the seat.

Outside of council, Worthington is a partial owner of Worthington Construction, and is an engineering consultant for the oil and gas sector.



## Try it, love it

The Wheatland Whirlers hosted a free social square dance on Jan. 31 at Westmount School. Nearly 35 regulars hosted 12 people during the "Try-it Nite" for a way to introduce new people to the sport. It was a great way to learn some new moves, meet new people and get in some steps. Joe Lepage Photo



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# Supporting our youth

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Last week Premier Danielle Smith announced that Alberta's government will be introducing policies to make sure children are supported as they grow into adults to become the people they want to be. This includes policies across several ministries to preserve the choices children and youth have before potentially making life-altering and often irreversible adult decisions involving the alteration of their biological sex while also ensuring women and girls can participate safely and meaningfully in sport. In addition, the government will improve access to health services for Alberta's transgender community and social supports including developing a counselling pilot project to help youth identifying as transgender and their families work through often difficult and complex issues and discussions.

In another development, I am excited to share that Alberta got a grade of 'A' on the CFIB's Red Tape Report Card for the fourth year in a row! By simplifying procedures, eliminating redundancies, and embracing modernization, we've managed

to save Albertans a staggering \$2.75 billion since 2019. With over 200,000 pieces of red tape slashed, we're not only cutting through the thicket of red tape, but we're also laying the foundation for a stronger and more prosperous Alberta. Reducing red tape has played a pivotal role in fueling Alberta's economic prosperity. Over the past five years, our government has been steadfast in our commitment to lightening the regulatory load for Albertans. This has resulted in tangible benefits such as job creation, skill enhancement, and innovation and investment. The journey towards a leaner, more efficient government is an ongoing endeavor. I encourage any Albertan who has an idea for red tape reduction to submit it to us at Alberta.ca/cutred-tape. Our province has proven that by working together, we can build an Alberta that is better for

I am hosting a coffee meet & greet in Chestermere this week Friday, February 9th from 9 a.m.–11 a.m. at Tim Hortons (120 Chestermere Station Way). Stop in any time and say hi!

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

Affordability and Utilities)



#### **PNWER** meetings

Garth Rowswell (I-r), MLA for Vermilion-Lloydminster-Wainwright, and Chantelle de Jonge, MLA for Chestermere-Strathmore, met with government, legislative and private sector leaders from the northwestern United States to discuss issues of importance to Alberta as part of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) capital tours. The tours kicked off in Olympia, Wash., on Jan. 17 and a second set of meetings took place in Juneau, Alaska, where de Jonge continued conversations around energy security, economic growth and environmental concerns.

**Photo Courtesy of Chantelle de Jonge** 



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# Small homes a debate within the county

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Marc Palardy, owner of Strathmore Highway Camping, said there has been an increase in interest from the public about living at the campground as a cheaper alternative to a more traditional residence.

"This June, it will be my 30th year here, so I am not new to this game. With camping, over the years the county has brought in legislation and you are no longer allowed to camp year-round," he said.

Palardy described that regarding his living situation on the campground, he has been grandfathered in, and falls outside of the county's jurisdiction.

Conversely, he explained the county has conditioned any discussions regarding potential small-home or year-round camping developments on him surrendering his own year-round permit.

"They, for some reason, do not want campers year-round. I am not sure what their reasoning is, but it is very obvious to me because they wanted me to surrender that on multiple occasions and in years of discussions," said Palardy. "I do have a permit to have people here year-round, but they cannot live in a small home. They are allowed to live in a tent, (and) they are allowed to live in a trailer that is not designed to be year-round."

Palardy had previously offered winter camping, though has since dramatically reduced his capacity due to increasing prices in electricity.

As soon as patrons of the campground reside in dwellings that are akin to, or are classified as small homes, they are unable to stay at the grounds year-round, as that would be in violation of Palardy's permit.

"The only way I would be able to do it under current legislation would be if I made the small home, built to look like an RV ... and that is just not feasible," he said. "That is not going to happen. I am certainly not going to put out \$100,000 to build small homes that look like RVs because my county thinks that is appropriate. I think they need to review their current situation. We have a housing crisis here in Canada. I think the answer is staring everybody in the face."

Palardy explained having small homes fueled, particularly in the winter months by gas furnaces, would cost a significant amount of money, as opposed to dealing with the costs of electricity, and patrons plugging in space heaters.

No requests to present as a delegation or further requests to initiate discussions with the county have yet been made. Palardy is not optimistic about their willingness to come to the discussion table, and is also seeking a way to establish solar panels on his property.

## MLA de Jonge meets with constituents

**IOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Chestermere-Strathmore MLA Chantelle de Jonge met with constituents at the Rocky's Bakery in Strathmore, Jan. 26, to discuss talking points of concern for residents.

This meeting was one of several she and her team are hosting across the constituency in order to speak face to face about United Conservative Party goals, as well as to gather input from local

"It was great ... Rocky's was completely packed, and I really appreciated the discussion and I am definitely looking forward to the next one that we have," said de Jonge. "I just had another one in Langdon, (Feb. 2), that had a similar format and we will be hosting these throughout the coming weeks in various communities."

Talking points during the meeting at Rocky's included pensions, potential investment from the province in nuclear power, federal policing in Alberta, fluoride in water, housing deficits, and childcare subsidies, as well as de Jonge's recent trip to Alaska, representing the province.

De Jonge described responses she heard from residents as being eager for a provincial government that "stands up for Albertans," and advances interests in the province in an effective manner.

"Albertans want a government that is fighting

for them and this is on many, many different areas, whether that is on pension benefits, whether that is on discussions with the federal government, on energy," she said. "This is what Albertans need, and I think this is a government that is continuing to stand up for Albertans, and I think people are very happy to see that."

Similar "coffee meet and greet" discussions with de Jonge will be hosted in Chestermere on Feb. 9, Lyalta on Feb. 16, and in Carseland on Feb. 23, each in two-hour blocks, beginning at 9 a.m. on the respective occasions.

Regarding her participation with the delegation to Alaska in January, de Jonge was one of Alberta's delegates to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, which is a nonpartisan public-private partnership, established in the 1990s to expand the regional interests of its member organizations.

De Jonge explained while in Alaska, Alberta's delegation was able to showcase the province's "impactful energy story," spotlighting local energy solutions including hydrogen, and oil and gas.

"There is a memorandum of understanding between Alaska and Alberta," she said. "We had set up an Alaska-Alberta bilateral council in the early 2000's and then in 2022, previous Premier (Jason) Kenny signed an MoU with Alaska to strengthen the ties between our jurisdictions."

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#### Christmas Child success

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected 88,639 gift-filled shoeboxes from Alberta in 2023 - with 848 packed right here in Strathmore. This particular batch - seen in this photo - was sent to Costa Rica. Samaritan's Purse is celebrating the overwhelming generosity of volunteers who packed these shoebox gifts for boys and girls around the world. Each shoebox - filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items - brought joy to many during the Christmas season.

**Photos Courtesy of Frank King** 







## Strathmore Legion Branch #10 NEWS

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"Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises." - Charmaine J. Forde

- February 2nd & 3rd Branch 10 is host to Alberta/NWT **Command Cribbage Tournament**. 90 players from throughout the province will vie for opportunity to play in the Nationals in New Brunswick later this year!
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- Chase the Ace is heating up every Friday night from 6pm – 8pm. The pot is growing. Nevada and 50/50 are a bonus. Come try your luck! And don't forget Bingo every Wednesday night 6:15 pm - Cards on sale at 5:30pm
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- Drop by and enjoy a warm meal from Baldwin BBQ. Tuesday – Saturday 11am – 8pm. You don't' have to be a Legion member to enjoy the wonderful menu with regular features.

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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.

#### February 13: Municipal Planning Commission February 13: Public Presentation Committee February 13: Committee of the Whole

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Agenda packages can be found on our website.

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March 5th Wheatland County Administration Building

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- Where: Wheatland County
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- ✓ Instructors: Dr. Bill Hamman & Erin McIlwraith
- Register at: https://2024pest.eventbrite.com
- For more information contact: agandenv@wheatlandcounty.ca

Note: Recertification is no longer an option. The course must be retaken every 5 years.

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

Engaging in online home study for the course would be beneficial. The online training is available at the following link, or you can simply search for "Farmer Pesticide Training" on the Alberta Agriculture & Forestry website. www.alberta.ca/farmer-pesticide-certificate.aspx

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

Dr. Bill Hamman and Erin McIlwraith are certified trainers who have been teaching pesticide application legislation, applicator, and environmental safety for many years.



#### 2024 ASB Bursary Application Period Now Open!

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Application Deadline: September 15, 2024

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## **Public Hearings**

#### Wheatland County Council Chambers February 20th, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024.

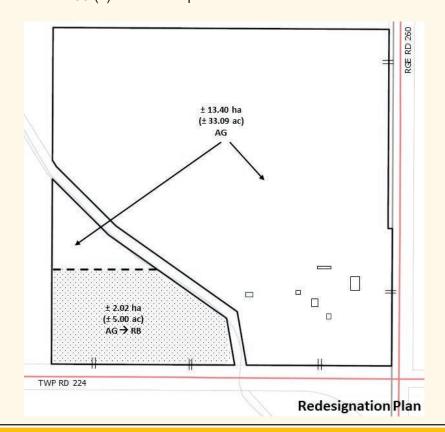
The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2023-30

Legal Description: LSD 1 within SE-25-22-26-W4M

**Proposal:** To redesignate a  $\pm$  2.02 hectare ( $\pm$  5.00 acre) portion of LSD 1 within SE-25-22-26-W4M from Agriculture General (AG) District to Rural Business (RB) District to facilitate the development of a distillery operation and restaurant business.

Comments may be forwarded in writing to Wheatland County or in person at the above meeting. The application files may be reviewed in the County Office during regular office hours – Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Any comments provided will become part of the public record in accordance with Section 40 (1) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act. Any personal information on submissions made regarding applications is collected under the authority of the FOIP Act Section 33 (c) and subsequent versions of the Act.









#### Weekend sweep

The Wheatland Chiefs won a pair of home qames by an identical 3-2 score this past weekend. including a win over the West



Central Tigers on Feb. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U18AA team, who improved to 14-9-5 on the season, will travel to Calgary to take on the CNHA Gold on Feb. 7, before hosting a home game on Feb. 9 (7 p.m.) in **Joe Lepage Photos** 





#### Offence breaks out

The Wheatland Raiders were firing on all cylinders, outscoring their opposition 15-5 during a pair of weekend home games, including a 9-4 win over the Medicine Hat Hounds on Jan. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U16AA team

trailed 3-1 going into the third period, where goals, en route to the win. The Raiders next home game is Feb. 18 (3 p.m.) when they host the NWCAA Bronks in



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# Bamboo guppies hit the stage

Times Contributor

The Strathmore Musical Arts Society is pleased to present The Bamboo Guppies, featuring opening act Dennis Toner, on Feb. 10 at the Strathmore Travelodge.

"My job is like high school with money," said Rick Kawa, drummer for the Guppies. "We're flattered to be playing out

Kawa said this will be the first time the group has played a gig like this. They're used to playing at weddings and birthday parties, but this more of a formal concert atmosphere and will hopefully be the first of many more.

The Bamboo Guppies hail from Lethbridge and Coledale and they are a three-piece party band with a lead singer, bass guitar and drums.

Members of the band include Kawa, JP Lorge and Jason Eveleigh – with each bringing over 30 years of musical experience with them, 20 of them together.

"We're more of a dance band than a show band," said Kawa. "I feel we play really good music to fill a dance floor. I'm not sure what to expect actually - from what I understand from the organizers, there could be dancing if we do our job properly. I guess we'll see what happens.

"We don't play for ourselves anymore – we play to fill the dance floor, that's job number one."

As for their unique name, Kawa explains how "the legend goes." Two of the original founding members were talking about how bands can just be called almost anything. One of them said, "Like Bamboo Guppies for instance." As he pointed to a wind chime in the shape of a fish made out of bamboo. The name stuck and is one people can't forget.

Kawa finished by reiterating the cohesive nature between the band members.

"The three of us ... is just a perfect harmony," he said. "We don't take ourselves very seriously, we have lots of fun, and hopefully that spills out into the crowd. The biggest feather in our cap or compliment we could get is when people invite us back for another (show)."

Meanwhile, the opening act will feature Dennis Toner. The Carseland native has been playing guitar and singing for Arts Society web page (www.strathmorearts.com).



The Bamboo Guppies will be performing on Feb.10 at the Strathmore Travelodge presented by The Strathmore Musical Arts Society.

**Photo Courtesy of Erik Rotter** 

over 58 years.

"I feel like Mick Jagger, I can keep going, the only thing that will quit is my fingers, I think," joked Toner. "One of the highlights of my playing career was being able to play with my son for 10 years."

Toner said he was part of a band for a number of years before embarking on his solo endeavor.

"I started volunteering at the hospital for the adult daycare program," said Toner. That lead to him getting calls for bookings everywhere. Now he plays for approximately 10 retirement homes on a regular basis.

"I play everything from old time country music, because that's what I was raised on. Then when I heard the Beatles, that changed and I started doing more rock and roll. I think people like what I do because I present it the way they re-

Toner is thrilled to be playing for the Musical Arts Society and hopes people come out to enjoy the music.

The doors to the evening will open at 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the Strathmore Travelodge. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online (www.showpass.com/ bamboo-guppies-dinner-and-show).

More information can be found on the Strathmore Musical

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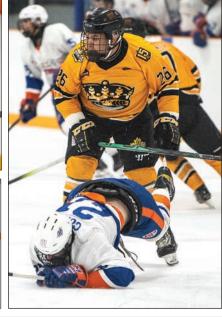












## Playoff push

The Wheatland Kings wrapped up their last regular season home game with a 6-2 loss to the High River Flyers on Feb. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team opened the weekend with a 5-1 win over Three Hills the night prior. The Kings, who are in a battle for the final playoff spot, have three more road games, including a pair this weekend in Airdrie and Coaldale Feb. 9-10 respectively. Joe Lepage Photos

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# **MPC** approves development permit, subdivision applications

**IOHN WATSON** 

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland County Municipal Planning Commission approved three development permit applications and a subdivision application during the Jan. 16 meeting.

Development application, coded DP 2023-190, proposed modifications to an existing dwelling, to convert it to be suitable as a mixed-use building, with retail space, and a residential suite above.

The building in question is located within the Hamlet of Rosebud, 100 meters west of Main Street, on the north side of Martin Ave.

Wheatland County council approved the redesignation of the parcel from Hamlet Commercial to Hamlet Mixed Use District in July 2023. Legally, the mixed-use district allows for the intended development to proceed without issues, as the building falls under the intended use category of the district.

The development permit was issued solely for the purposes of using the existing structure to accommodate the needs of a retail establishment on the main floor of the building, with the residential suite on top.

Development Application, coded DP 2023-191, proposed the construction of a 1,456 square foot residential suite on the upper floor of a new detached garage, which will be constructed in place of the existing garage.

The land parcel, located approximately 8 km west of Strathmore and 1.6 km north of Highway 1, currently has an existing 1,980 square foot residence on site, which will be described for legal documentation as the primary dwelling.

The new dwelling will share the existing well, and a new septic tank will be installed north of the new

structure. According county administration, the application met all the requirements of the Land Use Bylaw, and no variances had been requested.

Development Application, coded DP 2023-192 was to facilitate the development of an Agricultural Support Services business which proposed to operate in an existing 6,000 square foot building.

Uses for the building are to include hay storage, as well as the sale of tack, feed and other related supplies and merchandise to local farmers and agriculturalists.

Wheatland County council approved the redesignation of a 14-acre portion of the subject lands from Agricultural General to Rural Business District in Dec. 2023 to facilitate the application being allowed to proceed.

The remainder of the subject land site will continue to be used for residential and agricultural purposes.

Subdivision Application, coded SD2023-027 proposed to adjust the boundaries between two land parcels, resulting in one approximately 82.42-hectare parcel, and one approximately 38.02-hectare parcel.

The purpose of adjusting the parcel boundaries is to facilitate the continued agricultural use of the lands. Both parcels are undeveloped, with no plans in place for development or change

The alteration to the boundaries of the parcels is in order to resolve legal documentation regarding crown lands and a naturally occurring unnamed water body located in the area.

For clarity and in order to have an accurate area calculation for the subdivided parcel, the bed and shore of this body of water should not be affected by subdivision boundaries.

## TIMES CLASSITUDS

## <u>Obituary</u>



NIŽETIĆ, Josip August 4, 1968 – January 31, 2024

Josip Nižetić was athletic, funny, charming, incredibly kind to ev-

eryone he met and passionate about all he undertook. Whether it was soccer, working with wood, building an artful charcuterie board or spending time with his family and many friends, Josip was all-in. He died suddenly and unexpectedly at the

Born and raised in Selca on the island of Brač, Croatia, Josip was the adored youngest of six siblings. He grew up swimming in the Adriatic Sea, dreaming of a career in soccer while playing for the local club.

After high school, Josip studied Hotel Management. It was a decision that led him to an eightyear career aboard luxury cruise ships, set a standard for hospitality that graced every dinner party he ever gave, and paved the way to a new life in Canada.

It was aboard a ship that Josip first set eyes on the love of his life - Alison Clarke. She was there as the ship's doctor, enjoying the warmth of the Caribbean during a Canadian winter. A romance

When Alison's contract on the ship was up, Josip visited her in Strathmore. Soon, he'd left ship life behind and they married in January of 1998.

Before long, their first son, Nikolas, was born. Two years later, Luka joined the family. Josip's love for his family was limitless. To Alison he was a true partner as she pursued her medical career. Josip was home with the boys until they went to school, and was there everyday when they returned, full of stories of their day. He instilled in his sons a love for soccer, the outdoors and cured meats especially the prosciutto Josip aged himself.

The family cabin in Waiparous, Alberta, was Josip's happy place. There he would build, repair, beautify, hike, kayak and stack firewood. There could never be too much firewood, either at home in Strathmore or at the cabin. His epic fires appeared before guests just as effortlessly as his charcuterie boards.

Josip leaves a gaping hole in the lives of his life partner, Alison Clarke, their two adult sons, Nikolas and Luka, his siblings, his mother-in-law, Frances Clarke, the entire Village of Selca, Croatia, and countless extended family and friends. He will be forever missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Lord of All Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. Father Cristino Bouvette officiating. To send condolences, please visit Josip's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

Wheatland Funeral Home Strathmore, AB

# <u>Obituary</u>



PETERSON, Margaret Jane November 4, 1923 ~ January 18, 2024

Margaret's 101 years on earth unfolded in five stages. She grew up on the farm in the Namaka area, married Earle and raised three children while running a general store, enjoyed farm life in the Clive area with second husband Alex, spent over 30 years in Calgary meeting new friends after being widowed a second time, and passed away peacefully in her sleep at Bow View Manor where she received excellent care.

Margaret will be lovingly remembered by her children: Gail of Okotoks, Sandra (John) of Three Hills AB, and Barry (Carole) of Calgary; her four grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and her sister Jean Pischke. She was predeceased by her parents, Margaret (née Smitton) and William Fawkes; first husband Earle Buker; second husband Alex Peterson; sister Nancy Shaw; and brothers, Jack Fawkes and William Fawkes.

A Celebration of Margaret's Life will be held in Calgary when the flowers are in bloom this summer. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice.

To express condolences and share memories, please visit: www.mountainviewmemorial.ca.



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#### **THANK YOU**



The Zarokostas (Stuckey) family would like to thank everyone for their support during this difficult time.

Bill would have been so honoured that so many family, friends and community rallied together to help our family. Your kind words, cards, flowers, meals and hugs meant the world to us.

We would like to thank the amazing doctors and nurses at Strathmore Hospital as well as Peter Lougheed Hospital. You will never truly know how much it meant to have you there going above and beyond on our most difficult day.

We would also like to thank Wheatland funeral Home. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful service and felt heard and supported.

> We also would like to thank LaRue for the beautiful luncheon at dad's service.

To all of our friends and family that reached out, came to our aid and carried us through, thank you.

To everyone that made phone calls, sent texts and kind messages please know we read and heard them all. We are most grateful that Bill was so loved and treasured by this beautiful community. May his memory live on through all of us.

> The family of Bill Zarokostas (JoAnn, Jackie, Mike and Barry)

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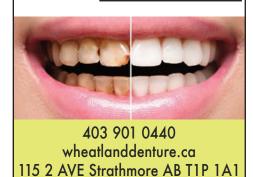
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#### **Upcoming Council Meetings**

February 7, 2024 | 6 P.M. February 14, 2024 | 6 P.M. February 21, 2024 | 6 P.M.

Regular Meeting of Council Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting of Council

#### Come Say Hi

Hearing from the community is really important to us, so you're welcome at any Council or Committee of the Whole meeting. You do not need to call ahead or register to observe Strathmore Council in action. There is ample public seating and additional standing room if needed. You can also watch livestreamed meetings online as they happen, or catch up later on YouTube.



In North America and elsewhere, February is marked as 'Heart Month' - a time to bring attention to the importance of cardiovascular health, and what we can do to reduce our risk of cardiovascular disease.

Heart disease is currently one of the leading causes of death in Canada, second only to cancer. Approximately 2.6 million Canadian adults aged 20 and older live with ischemic heart disease (IHD), the most common type of heart disease.

Although rates of heart disease in Canada have been declining, largely due to advances in research, drug therapies and prevention efforts, there are many risk factors that still contribute to heart disease.

Lifestyle changes, big and small, can help reduce your risk. These include things such as eating healthier, getting proper sleep, being physically active, managing your stress, and limiting your alcohol intake. We may not be able to help with all these things, but there are plenty of ways to get get active with Strathmore's Recreation Team. Here are just a few:

#### **Aquatic Centre**

#### **Winter Swimming Lessons**

**Schedule released:** January 15, 2024 **Registration opens:** 

January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m. (Strathmore and Wheatland County residents) February 1 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

#### **Spring Swimming Lessons**

**Schedule released:** March 18, 2024 **Registration opens:** 

April 2, 2024 at 9 a.m.

(Strathmore and Wheatland County residents) April 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

#### Summer Swimming Lessons

Schedule released: June 10, 2024

**Registration opens:** June 25, 2024 at 9 a.m.

(Strathmore and Wheatland County residents)
June 27, 2024 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

#### **Family Centre Arena**

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#### **Free Skate Sundays**

Dates	Time
Feb 4, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Feb 11, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Feb 25, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Mar 3, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Mar 10, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Mar 24, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Mar 31, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Apr 7, 2024	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre

Heart Month Exclusive ♥

Event (Ech 9 2024)

#### Class Showcase Event

Join us on Friday, February 9 as we showcase a free sampling of classes in support of Heart Month.

Event (Feb 9, 2024)	Time
Mini Movers (ages 2-5)	4 to 4:30 p.m.
Flex and Flow	5:30 to 6 p.m.
Cardio and Strength Conditioning	6 to 6:30 p.m.
TRX, Bike, and Run	6:30 to 7 p.m.
Heart Opening Yoga	7 to 7:30 p.m.
Roller Glow Night (all ages, helmets required)	7:15 to 7:45 p.m.
Neon Dodgeball (ages 12+)	7 to 7:30 p.m.

#### PD Day/School Closure Camps

Are you looking for activities to keep your kids busy while they have days off from school? Look no further. Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre is now offering day camps on PD / School Closure Days!

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
26332	Jan 31, 2024	W	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
26334	Feb 9, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27467	Mar 15, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27481	Apr 19, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27482	May 3, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27483	May 17, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27484	Jun 7, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27485	Jun 28, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50

#### **Winter Break Camp**

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
27687	Feb 21 to 23, 2024	W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$120

#### **Spring Break Camp**

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost	
27480	Apr 2 to 5, 2024	T, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$180	

Four to five (half-day)

Six to seven

Eight to nine

Ten to twelve

#### **Summer Day Camps**

Registration for 2024 Summer Day Camps opens February 15, 2024. We're excited to be introducing new age groups, continuing with pre-care services, and offering half-day options.

Theme	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
Water Fun	Jul 2 to 5, 2024	Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148
Splash and Play (Swim Lessons)	Jul 8 to 12, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$252
Sport and Explore	Jul 15 to 19, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Multisport Adventure	Jul 22 to 26, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Splash and Dash (Swim Lessons)	Jul 29 to Aug 4, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$252
Neon Days	Aug 6 to 9, 2024	Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148
Balls and More	Aug 12 to 16, 2024	Mo, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Olympic Days	Aug 19 to 23, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185
Let's Celebrate	Aug 26 to 29, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th,	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

#### New

#### Camp for Kindergarten Children

Is your child in Kindergarten and out of school on June 20? Are you wondering what to do until summer camps start? Join us for a week of exploring sports, going to the park, and meeting new friends. This new camp offering has both full-day and half-day options available.

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
27670	Jun 21, 2024	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
27477	Jun 24 to 28, 2024	M, Tu, W, Th, F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$185

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