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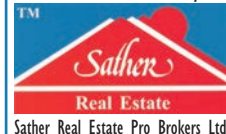


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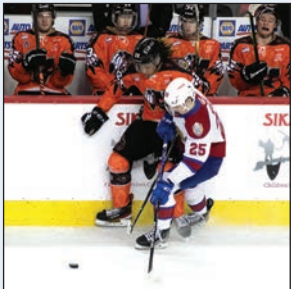
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Councillor takes county to court

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Wheatland County Coun. Glenn Koester is challenging the County's decision regarding a complaint he received last year suggesting he violated the County's Code of Conduct.

Koester has chosen to take Wheatland County to the Court of King's Bench regarding the County's decision to sanction him regarding the decided violation, which saw him removed from all nine municipal boards he sat on as part of his elected duties as a councillor, among other resolutions.

The original complaint against him was filed March 1, 2022 by County Reeve Amber Link. Until this time, Koester noted in his affidavit to the court he had never been subject to a prior complaint against him since his original election to county council in 2003.

In his affidavit, Koester explained the allegations advanced in the complaint relate to actions taken by the Wheatland and Adjacent Districts Emergency Medical Services (WADESMA) Board of Directors, and actions taken by the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) Board of Directors.

Both bodies of which, Koester was the chairperson at the time before his removal due to the sanctions imposed by the County.

WADESMA ISSUE

Koester's affidavit states he received an email from Link Nov. 12, 2021, requesting a document outlining funding which would have been required to eliminate core-flex shifting for WADESMA operations.

Core-flex shifting refers to a scheduling provision whereby an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff member is on duty and their shift is comprised of what are regarded as core hours, flex hours, and on-call hours.

During the WADESMA board meeting, Nov. 15, 2021, Koester said he solicited feedback from the board regarding the email. He added several board members raised concerns that Link was communicating on WADESMA matters without board involvement or approval.

Koester stated during the discussion, one board member, who was not named, raised a question as to whether a conflict of interest pertaining to Link existed due to her husband's employment with WADESMA.

In his affidavit, he states to have never accused, nor raised the potential of a conflict of interest with respect to Link. He adds he did not accuse her of acting based on pecuniary self-interest, and nor did any other board member.

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Silver medal!

The Strathmore High School Spartans JV basketball team hosted their home tournament Feb. 3-4 at the school. The Spartans earned a berth in a championship final by defeating Springbank and McCoy in their first two contests. Despite a valiant effort in the final, the Spartans lost 73-66 earning them a silver medal.

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 February 15, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting
 March 1, 2022 | 6pm Regular Council Meeting

Want to speak at a Council Meeting?

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

Public Notice to Electors of the Town of Strathmore, Province of Alberta

Section 191 - Municipal Government Act

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

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by the Council of the Town of Strathmore that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on By-law No. 23-09 is demanded, as provided for by the terms of Section 231 of the Municipal Government Act, the said Council may pass the said repeal of borrowing by-law 22-07.

All persons interested are hereby notified and they are required to govern themselves accordingly.

DATED at the Town of Strathmore, in the Province of Alberta this XX day of January 2023.

Per: **Kara Rusk**

Director of Strategic, Administration and Financial Services

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

Bylaw 23-02

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

Public Hearing Process

A copy of the proposed Bylaws may be inspected by the public during regular office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday at the Town Office (1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore, AB), or can be found on the Town website (<https://strathmore.ca/en/town-hall/public-hearings.aspx>). Please contact the Town Office if you would like an opportunity to review and provide input on the proposed amendments prior to the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held via ZOOM AND in Council Chambers, Strathmore Municipal Building, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore Alberta on Wednesday, **March 1st, 2023**, commencing at 6:00pm with procedures in accordance with the Municipal Government Act, Section 199 and the Town of Strathmore Council Procedural Bylaw #22-10 and amendments thereto. Any person or group of persons, or person acting on someone's behalf, who claims to be affected by any of the proposed bylaw may present suggestions or concerns by making a submission to the public hearing. Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at johnathan.strathdee@strathmore.ca by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, **March 1st, 2023** in order to register to present.

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

Please note that written submissions will become public documents once submitted to the Town, unless otherwise requested.

Please contact Johnathan Strathdee at (403) 934 3133 prior to attending a Public Hearing to determine the order of Bylaw presentations in the Council Agenda to ensure efficient use of your time.

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How do you apply?

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

Day camp available for the February break

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

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

Registrations are now open.

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February 20

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

February 9 and 23

Free Deep Water Run
7:00 - 8:00pm



Property assessment notices

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

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

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

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

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

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



Every Child Matters

The Calgary Hitmen, in partnership with Siksika Nation, hosted their third annual Every Child Hockey game against the Edmonton Oil Kings on Feb. 4 at the Scotiabank Saddledome. Prior to the game, dignitaries and the family of Margaret Bad Boy, for whom the game was dedicated, participated in a ceremonial puck drop.

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Gleichen pharmacist sanctioned for professional misconduct

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Gleichen pharmacist has been sanctioned by the Alberta College of Pharmacy (ACP) and must pay a fine to a maximum of \$16,000.

A hearing tribunal held a hearing into the conduct of Bernadette Galang, Nov. 23, 2022, to address allegations of professional misconduct against her.

The hearing was deemed necessary as it was alleged that between June 26, 2020 and June 18, 2021, Galang failed to employ the requisite number of staff with adequate training and qualifications to provide safe and effective pharmacy services.

Specifically, on Fridays, Galang was accused of having the pharmacy at which she was an owner, open to the public without a pharmacist present; one or more unregulated employees of the pharmacy were scheduled to and did attend the pharmacy to perform services and restricted activities without a pharmacist present; the attendance of a pharmacist not employed by the pharmacy attending the location who did not document their profes-

sional services, nor did they have access to Kroll software; and performing services outside of hours of operation.

The allegations also included measures which suggested Galang's professional judgement had been impaired by the prospect of commercial benefit by operating outside of designated hours and without a registered pharmacist on site, and failed to provide adequate supervision to unregulated employees.

According to the decision of the hearing tribunal, Galang allegedly breached statutory and regulatory obligations to the ACP, undermined the integrity of the profession, decreased public trust, created the potential for patient harm, and failed to exercise professional and ethical judgement expected and required of an Alberta pharmacist.

The exact statutes of the alleged breach, as well as the evidence presented to the tribunal are outlined in the decision of the hearing tribunal, which is available to the public.

Galang's hearing proceeded by admission of unprofessional conduct, by which, according to the tribunal, she also admitted to the allegations presen-

ted against her.

It is noted in the decision of the hearing tribunal, Galang did not admit her conduct constituted a breach of ACP Code of Ethics principles, and it was struck from the allegations.

Galang has been ordered to pay \$6,000 to be paid within 90 days from the date she received the hearing tribunal's written decision.

She has also been ordered to pay 50 per cent of the costs of the investigation and hearing to a maximum of \$10,000. This will be repaid over the next 24 months from the time Galang received the written decision.

Galang's permit to practice has been suspended for three months, with one month to be served on dates acceptable to the Complaints Director. She has been ordered to provide the Complaints Director with evidence of completing Part A of the ACP Licensee Education Program.

Hon Leela Aheer, MLA

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Ag Society announces construction of new luxury rodeo suites

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore and District Agricultural Society is excited to have announced a new expansion to their rodeo grounds, which will begin following this year's rodeo season.

President and CEO of the Ag Society, Ryan Schmidt, said the construction, once completed, will see 12 new infield suites added to the grounds situated over the bucking shoots.

"They will have a tremendous view of the arena, and these are going to be high end suites, really providing a new and higher level of accommodation for people who are interested in that," he said. "We will also have a rooftop patio on top of the suites with a 360-degree view of the rodeo arena, the chuck wagon tracks, and that will be available for corporate parties and things like that."

Schmidt added he believes the addition of the new suites will effectively catapult the Strathmore Stampede "to the next level" and allow the Ag Society to better compete with similar and larger events in Alberta.

The idea, he explained, has been on the table for the Ag Society for some time now and was included in their recently released five-year strategic plan.

"We noticed a growing and growing wait list for our existing suites and it was getting so long that there was not

really a lot of hope for people to get a spot when they really want one," Schmidt said. "We also saw an opportunity to reach a new type of client as well by increasing the level of luxury with these suites."

He explained the suites will be comparable to what a client might experience booking a similar accommodation with the Calgary Stampede.

The suite bookings will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and whoever is interested will be able to book them – be it corporate, or larger bodies, or private individuals.

According to Schmidt, the Ag Society team has yet to even start marketing the suites, and have already been receiving calls from interested parties seeking to learn more about them.

"We have been getting calls in as word has spread from people asking about them and wanting to get on a wait list," he said. "We are looking for people or companies to sign three-year agreements to give us some certainty on the rentals of the suites, and all indications are that we will have them fully booked before we even finish off spring and head into summer."

Construction on the suites will officially begin in October, with the project intended to be complete prior to the start of the 2024 rodeo season, operating on a budget just shy of \$2 million.

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Pricing, ingredients, and preparation requirements vary greatly between services. You'll need to do some homework to pick the one that best meets your family's needs. If the appeal of a meal delivery subscription is learning new recipes and experimenting with ingredients, you might choose one company. But if your main interest is speed and simplicity, another may be a better fit.



The following tips will help select an ideal meal delivery service for your household:

- Research the delivery service. Ask friends and family, read reviews, and check BBB.org to learn about past customers' experiences.
- Set a budget and check the fine print. Pricing can vary from one company to the next. Make certain the service aligns with your budget. In addition, not all meal delivery services include shipping fees in their pricing and read the fine print.
- Know your skill level. Before committing to a plan, research what kind of cooking techniques you'll need to know. If a company's recipes require searing, roasting, and braising, do you know how? If not, make sure you have the time to learn new techniques.
- Consider ingredient quality. Not all companies offer organic, non-GMO, or free-range meal ingredients. If these are must-haves for your family, make sure the company offers them.
- Determine how much prep work you want. Some companies do more chopping and sauce-making than others. This seemingly small difference can make a big difference in how long each meal takes to make.
- Contact customer service. If there ever is a problem - a missing recipe card or ingredient, for example - you want to know you can count on customer service. Make sure there are clear, easy ways to contact the company, even late in the evening. Read the company's reviews and keep an eye out for any indication that customer service is lacking.
- Check the cancellation policy. Before making a decision to subscribe to meal delivery, understand the cancellation policy. Each company is different and some may have very strict policies.
- Be careful with personal information. Most food delivery services process payments online. Make sure the company is legitimate before offering up personal information such as financial information and address.
- Review BBB tips for shopping online. Since meal delivery services don't usually have brick-and-mortar storefronts, consider the tips in BBB's tips for smart shopping online.

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Mixed winners

The Strathmore and District Curling Club host their annual Mixed Bonspiel from Jan. 23-29. Team Krahenbil claimed the A Event. Team Musselman were the B Event Winners while Sticks and Stones were the C Event Winners.

Photos Courtesy of Ken Shackleton

Court documents present Wheatland County Councillor Code of Conduct Violation information

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As chairperson of the board, Koester suggested an informal, friendly meeting between himself, Link, and WADESMA Vice-Chairperson Darcy Burke. This request was ultimately declined by Link, who suggested WADESMA present its concerns to County Council.

At the Jan. 17, 2022 WADESMA Board meeting, Koester reported Link's refusal to the informal meeting invitation, and willingness to meet in the presence of County Council.

By this time, WADESMA had been informed by Alberta Health Services (AHS) of a proposal to change shifting arrangements, which Koester said rendered the original coreflex shifting discussion moot.

Link was noted to have not been present for either the Nov. 15, 2021 nor the Jan. 17, 2022 WADESMA Board meetings.

Koester denies his role in the "WADESMA ISSUE" having constituted a violation of the Wheatland County Council Code of Conduct, those events being grounds for sanctions based on alleged breaches of the code, and noted he had no intention to damage Link's reputation.

WHMB ISSUE

Link's complaint regarding the WHMB is with respect to Coun. Tom Ikert, who according to the complaint had been treated with a complete lack of respect and put in an embarrassing situation. Koester denies the allegation.

Koester stated within his affidavit, during the WHMB Board meeting on or about Nov. 18 2021, he provided a report on his attendance at a meeting of the Alberta Senior Citizen Housing Association (ASCHA).

His report shared a poll had been taken at the ASCHA meeting about whether management bodies had implemented vaccination policies for its board members. It was at this time, during Koester's report, another board member (unspecified in the affidavit) motioned to institute a vaccination policy.

The WHMB proceeded to vote on and pass a COVID-19 vaccination policy for its board members, 7-2. Koester did not raise the motion himself and denies imposing or pressuring other board members to vote in favour of the motion.

Ikert, who was present for the discussion, is noted by Koester to have not raised concerns or objections with respect to the policy until the vote, where in he voted against.

Link was noted to have not been present for the discussion and motion at the Nov. 18, 2021 WHMB Board meeting.

Koester was not made aware the motion to pass the vaccination policy had caused embarrassment to Ikert until receiving Link's Code of Conduct violation complaint.

Ikert resigned from his position on the WHMB, Mar. 1, 2022, following his receipt of a reprimand letter from the WHMB regarding a prior inflammatory email Ikert sent on or about Jan. 10, 2022, which Koester suggested undermined the actions of the WHMB.

The letter of reprimand was issued on or about Feb. 7, 2022. It did not impose disciplinary actions against Ikert, and did not suggest he resign from the position, though did request an apology for the offending email.

According to Koester, Ikert never responded to the letter of reprimand prior to his resignation from the WHMB.

COUNTY INVESTIGATION AND SANCTIONS

Wheatland County Council appointed Douglas Henderson of Transitional Solutions Inc. to investigate Link's complaint.

According to the information provided in Coun. Richard Laursen's affidavit, Henderson described he had no formal investigation training during their interview, though felt himself qualified for the position having previously been a Chief Administrative Officer for an unspecified organization.

Laursen reported he believed Henderson's investigation to be flawed and the evidence gathered was insufficient to support the conclusions made in the investigation report.

Despite efforts from Koester to have the details of the code of conduct violation, as well as the investigation report made public, Wheatland County Council defeated both motions in votes of 4-3 against, and kept the documents held in-camera.

Link, Ikert, Scott Klassen and Donna Biggar voted against releasing the documents out of camera for both votes.

This information is reflected in the affidavits provided to the court by Denise Peterson, and by Richard Laursen, who were both sworn in December 2022, as well as via the evidence provided by Koester, which are available to the public via the court.

Koester's lawyer, Colby Georgsen, says he will not be making further comment regarding the issue, as it is now before the courts. According to Georgsen, it is scheduled to be addressed again in early 2024.

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A life-changing connection

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Two family friends who met at a local rink will undergo a life-changing live kidney donor transplant operation on Feb. 7.

Kael Cummings, 13 and Carmen Briggs will soon become closer than most people could imagine as Briggs will be donating her kidney to Kael, which will help him to live his best life possible.

It's not every day that you wake up and think how you can become a living donor, but for Briggs it was a "no brainer."

Briggs' daughter plays on a Strathmore ringette team. One of the players on the squad is Katie Cummings, whose brother Kael is in need of a kidney transplant. That is when Briggs sprang into action.

"I didn't know the steps to becoming a living donor," she said. "I knew I could do it, but I didn't know how."

All it took was a quick Google search and Briggs was on her way; Kael's life was about to change for the better.

Kael was born prematurely at 31 weeks, weighing in at a little over four pounds. At birth, Cummings was in Stage 3 kidney failure, and his family knew that to live a long life one day he would need a kidney transplant. When his kidneys shut down a week before his 12th birthday it upped the urgency and he needed a new kidney now. Cummings is hooked up to a dialysis machine 21 hours a day and has a basement full of medical supplies to help keep him alive.

"We met through ringette ... my youngest (Ellie) had joined U10 and their oldest Katie had joined," said Briggs. "They were always on the same team."

This was the beginning of the two families' connection.

Having had an early delivery herself with her youngest daughter who was considered a micro preemie, Briggs knows the feeling of helplessness that goes along with having a sick child.

"When your child is facing a health crisis and there is nothing you as a parent can do," said Briggs. "You put all your faith in doctors to fix them."

The process for the transplant began in April 2022. She put in her application and a couple of weeks later she got the call to come in for the initial conversation. This first visit to the Foothills Hospital was just to talk and to get an explanation of the process. A month later the tests began to ensure she was a suitable healthy donor. In July or early August more tests were conducted such as MRI's and CT scans along with more blood work.

"They seem to like to take a lot of blood," Briggs laughs as she tells how she will go through blood testing up until and even after the operation.

Briggs recalls the biggest test was the cross-match. This test indicates whether the recipient's body will reject the donor organ immediately.

"Once we got that test result we knew we were 80 per cent of the way there," she said.

By the end of September, the phone call they had been anticipating came in; they were a 100 per cent match. From here, the waiting game for a surgery date began.

One of the biggest challenges with a living donor operation is scheduling the operating rooms.

"They need two OR's side by side for a certain amount of time during the day," said Briggs.

The initial hope was a Christmas surgery, but with Covid looming yet again and RSV hitting the Alberta Children's Hospital, the surgery was delayed until February 2023.



A community rallies around two local families as Carmen Briggs (right) and Kael Cummings, 13, prepare for a life-saving operation on Feb. 7. Briggs will be donating one of her kidneys to Cummings, who has been in kidney failure since birth.

Photo Courtesy of Carmen Briggs

Briggs and Cummings both have such a positive attitude about the procedure; this positivity can be felt through Briggs' words.

"When they bring you in and tell you all the good and the bad about what can happen, I tend to not listen to the bad," said Briggs. "I'm very calm and relaxed about this whole thing. I don't want any negative energy here."

Cummings has the same positive energy about him, Briggs said.

"Yes, I know there are risks on both ends, yes he'll have a long recovery ahead of him but he has such a positive attitude," she continues. "He is all smiles and giggles because this is a whole new adventure for him."

Through the tight-knit ringette community, Katie Cummings' team manager, Charlotte Hermann Trozzo, started a sticker donation campaign. It began as a way for the ringette players to show their support by putting the stickers on their helmets. From there, with community support and media coverage, the donations started pouring in.

For \$5 people can purchase a sticker or they can just donate. All donations are being accounted for through the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The sticker campaign has sparked much needed conversation about the living donor program with ways more people can help.

With word spreading over social media platforms, Briggs is finding friends from long ago reaching out to donate, including her local run club pals and work acquaintances, who have all been eager to donate.

All proceeds will be going to the Cummings family to aid in the long recovery ahead.

Briggs is excited to see all the things Kael will be able to do.

"As a mom we want good things for our kids, we want them to be successful and now he has the chance to do all that," said Briggs.

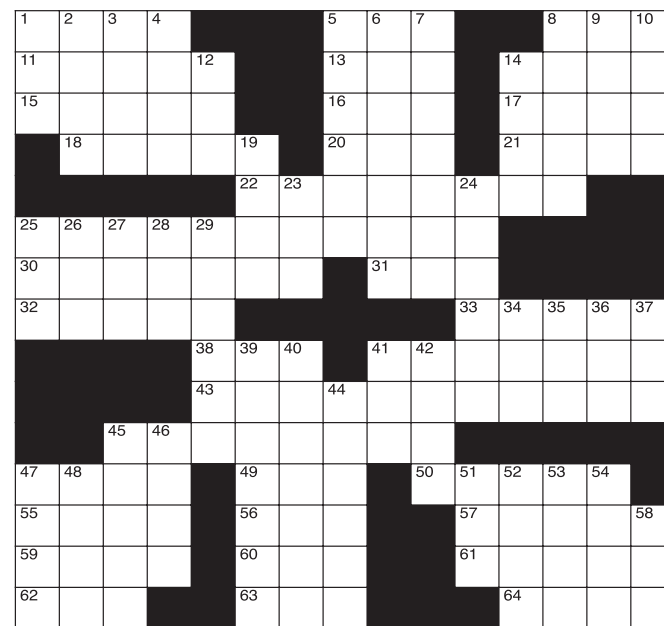
If you would like to donate you can send etransfers to shell_read@outlook.com or you can contact Charlotte Hermann Trozzo to order stickers (charlotte_mk@shaw.ca).



Perfect painting

The Wheatland Society of the Arts hosted a pair of free community paint events on Feb. 3-4 at their studio in downtown Strathmore. The event was made possible by a Strathmore FCSS grant from the CMHA's Rural Mental Health Program.

Joe Lepage Photo



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Functions
- 5. Records electric currents associated with contractions of the heart
- 8. Trigonometric function (abbr.)
- 11. Secret political clique
- 13. Type of gibbon
- 14. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 15. Famed American playwright
- 16. Mesopotamian goddess
- 17. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 18. Long ridge of gravel and sediment
- 20. A place to stay
- 21. Actor Idris
- 22. One who behaves in a rebellious way
- 25. A way to measure movement
- 30. Distinguish oneself
- 31. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 32. Basketball great Baylor
- 33. Masses of salivary matter
- 38. Calls balls and strikes
- 41. Plant that grows along the ground
- 43. A recreational activity in the air
- 45. Consumes too much
- 47. Island nation
- 49. Pistol
- 50. Mixtures of soul and calypso
- 55. Ancient Greek City
- 56. Similar
- 57. Roughly trimmed tree trunk used in a Scottish game
- 59. Semitic fertility god
- 60. Born of
- 61. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 62. School in the northeast (abbr.)
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. " __ the Man" Musical, baseball player

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fiddler crabs
- 2. Discount
- 3. Partner to "flows"
- 4. Ethnic group of Laos
- 5. Beloved "Seinfeld" character
- 6. Book of tickets
- 7. The last name of "Hermione"
- 8. Type of TV package
- 9. Helps to heal a cut
- 10. Town in Galilee
- 12. Actor Horsley
- 14. "Hocus Pocus 2" actor Ed
- 19. Bird-loving group (abbr.)
- 23. They respond when someone is sick
- 24. Emerged
- 25. Midway between south and southeast
- 26. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 27. Unit of work or energy
- 28. Indicates near
- 29. Famed river
- 34. For each
- 35. News organization
- 36. CNN's founder
- 37. They __
- 39. Areas off to the side
- 40. Satisfies
- 41. A spare bed
- 42. Legendary singer Diana
- 44. Frothy mass of bubbles
- 45. A kind of sorcery
- 46. River in South Africa
- 47. Philippine Island
- 48. County in China
- 51. S. American plant
- 52. Beverage containers
- 53. Edge
- 54. Protein-rich liquids
- 58. Moved quickly on foot

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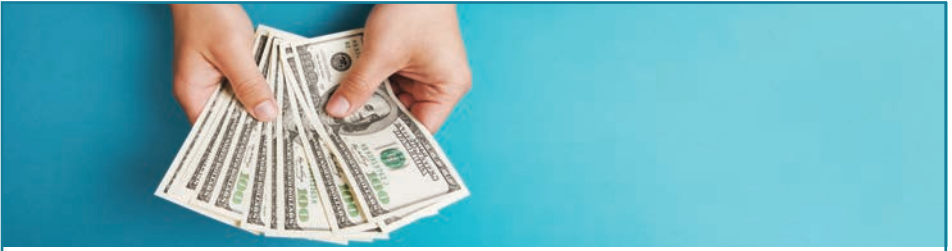
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Raising awareness

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Black History Month it is a way to bring attention to all the contributions of African Americans all over the globe.

One local artist is hoping to raise awareness and perhaps a shed of hope for future generations by sharing her story through a movement show at Rosebud School of the Arts.

The performance called Wave Hello, Say Goodbye is inspired by Judite Voldt, her courage, her legacy and her strength through adversity.

Voldt grew up in an orphanage in Haiti from ages 3-7. During this time, she was abused and faced many challenges. At the age of 8 she was adopted by an Albertan family. She still had fears of being unsafe, but her adventure to Canada turned out to be the best and safest situation possible.

“God was the only thing in my life who didn’t give up on me,” Voldt explained. “So even when I was hurting and beaten, He was the one who gave me the hope and strength to continue on.”

In Haiti, the chances of an older child being adopted is very slim, but she beat the odds and is now able to share her story through the arts.

Director Deanne Bertsch is also the drama teacher at the Strathmore High School. She teaches a movement class at Rosebud where she asked her students to share a story of when they had to shed their ‘public mask.’ This is when Voldt shared her story and the two got to work creating the movement show.

“I was really scared when Deanne asked me to do my story,” said Voldt. “It was a really hard story for me to tell ... I wasn’t sure what would be done with it. While I can say I had multiple meltdowns, it turned into a really beautiful process and everyone there was really understanding and helpful to me and made me feel safe enough to do it.”

The show will feature dance pieces to the music of David Gray, who is a British folk singer-songwriter. Accompanying the show will be a live band and live singing, including students Bertsch had previously taught.



Local performer Judite Voldt shares her story of survival and triumph through the performance Say Hello, Wave Goodbye on Feb. 10-11 at the Rosebud School of The Arts. Photo Courtesy of Deanne Bertsch

“(Gray’s) songs just fit perfectly to her story,” said Bertsch. “It’s been a pretty interesting journey.”

Say Hello, Wave Goodbye has also been turned into a fundraiser for the students who attend the Rosebud School the Arts to help them pay for their annual theatre trip.

This year the trip is to London, UK. For every ticket purchased, \$10 will go towards the fundraiser.

The show is scheduled for Feb. 10-11. Performances will be at 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. both days.

For more information on the performance, to buy tickets, or to donate to the fundraiser, people are encouraged to visit the school’s website (rosebudtheatre.com).

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Yehudi Menuhin, the famous violinist once said that expectant mothers should sing to their unborn child during pregnancy if they want the child to grow up contented and well balanced. If singing isn’t your forte, try some soothing Mozart orchestral music as an alternative or any music that soothes you. But don’t over do it or make the music too loud. And you don’t have to put earphones on your stomach.

Here’s an interesting comment: Self-centred people who often speak in the first person (I, me, my) have a higher risk of heart disease than those who focus on things other than themselves. You can draw your own conclusions on this one.

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Female appreciation

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Joe Lepage Photos



Home cooking

Local players Trip Jensen, Connor White, Nash Wassing and Phoenix Flett of the Okotoks Oilers U17AAA hockey team finally got to play a real home game when they hosted the Calgary Royals on Feb. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Oilers used one of their regular season home games to play in Strathmore to promote the local players on the team.

Joe Lepage Photos



Warriors keep rolling

The Wheatland Warriors U15AA team improved to 18-6-3 on the season after a 7-2 win over Olds on Feb. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Warriors will play in Taber on Feb. 10, before returning home to host the Central Alberta Selects on Feb. 11 (4:45 p.m.)

Joe Lepage Photos

Gleichen farmer appointed to APG board of directors

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Gleichen's Peter Hoff has officially joined the Alberta Pulse Growers (APG) Board of Directors to represent Zone 2, following the organization's annual general meeting.

The APG's 12-member board includes members from across the province, representing 5,400 growers of field pea, dry bean, lentil, chickpea, faba bean, and soybean in Alberta.

As Hoff explained it, the APG is a crop commission which aims to enhance the use of pulses in Alberta. A pulse is effectively the dry, edible seeds of plants in the legume family.

They are a category of crop which includes annual plants which yield one to 12 grains or seeds and is limited to crops harvested solely as dry grains.

He added he has been working with the APG as an advisor for several years, and now serving as a director will be a step up in terms of his commitment, and the expectations of him.

"It is a little bit of a daunting task because there is a lot to learn to do, but ... my son is becoming more involved in the farm so I feel like I have a little more time to commit to serving with the APG," said Hoff. "We represent people who grow

(pulses). We try to help them with agronomic issues, marketing, transportation, international buyers – all that type of stuff and everything in between. We even go so far as to help consumers decide how to use it in their diets."

Hoff's original involvement with the APG started due to himself being in the community of growers, and his desire to help encourage the use of the products he and fellow farmers produce.

"I think all of us as farmers need to be encouraging and helping get the word out for the value of what we grow and how it can be good for people in their diets," said Hoff.

He added the value and importance of the APG is becoming increasingly important as farmers have apparently not been as vocal as they probably should in terms of explaining their role.

Hoff said he is concerned the disconnect between the people who grow food and the consumer is increasing.

"We need to be proactive and help not only consumers, but even government people to understand the importance of farming and the things that we do," he said.

As a director of the APG, Hoff added he is excited to be in a position to see the bigger picture and make a larger impact to help farmers have significant impact for their community.

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Kiwanis presents to Town Council

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

On behalf of Kiwanis Canada, Ronald Gosselin, the organization's district lieutenant governor, presented to Strathmore Town Council, Feb. 1, to talk about efforts to establish a local chapter in Strathmore.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers, currently operating in 86 countries with approximately 6,800 active clubs.

The organization fills a similar community role to clubs such as the Lions and Rotary, though they focus primarily on the benefit for children.

"Our vision is to be a positive influence in the community, so that children can live their lives, we believe in them, we nurture them and we provide the support that they need to thrive," said Gosselin.

During his presentation, he explained Kiwanis stages approximately 150,000 service projects annually throughout their network, raising around \$100 million USD which is then directed back into the respective communities the money was raised from.

"Every club assesses local community needs and sets up service projects accordingly, so it is not an organization (with a strict agenda)," said Gosselin. "We have a slew of things that we have in the hub, but we really target the needs of the community."

Among Kiwanis' projects are leadership programs for children, supporting youth and young

adults throughout their educational careers, as well as hosting programs adults with developmental disabilities.

These programs, with the exception being for the youngest of audiences, are operated largely by local youth, intending to aid other local youth.

Within Strathmore, as a result of Kiwanis' first meeting in November 2022, the needs the organization has currently assessed include food insecurity, free after school activities, an anti-bullying program, and addressing youth mental illness.

"Our plan so far, in terms of food insecurity, we have a program running in Calgary called 'Kiki Care Box,' and what we do is we sell cookbooks in order to put together care boxes that contain dry food, a \$50 gift certificate for a grocery store, it has toys for kids, and books," said Gosselin. "We are probably going to bring something like 40 of those boxes to Strathmore in the next couple of months or something like that."

Regarding local response to bullying, Kiwanis works with the Peer Mediation and Skills Training (PMaST), which is designed as a response tool for parents if their kids are being bullied, are witnessing bullying, or are the bully.

Going forward, Kiwanis hopes to host a second public information meeting in Strathmore, with intent to feature Mayor Pat Fule.

Other events they plan to host include anti-bullying training in March, a bike safety session in June, intent to establish a kids choir, and organizing a local food drive for an undetermined date.



Award winners

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 Strathmore honoured 27 students at a ceremony on Feb. 4 at the Legion. Each year prior to Remembrance Day, students in Grades 1-12 are encouraged to submit a poem, essay or poster reflecting their understanding of Remembrance. The Branch was thrilled to forward 10 first prize entries on for Alberta – NWT Provincial Command judging.

Joe Lepage Photo

Library features two local photographers

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is featuring local photographers Larry McTaggart and Terry Brunson in its gallery for over the course of February.

Assistant Director of Library Services, Carmen Erison, said the pair are new to featuring at the library and are avid hobbyists within the local community.

“They are both avid photographers and what you are going to see this time is a beautiful collection of photography from all around the world, as well as some local pieces from right here in Strathmore,” she said. “They are vibrant and beautiful and just a really great collection for the gallery this month. I would say that if you are a big fan of sceneries and just want something really beautiful for your wall, this would be a great place to go.”

Via his bio shared with the library, McTaggart explained his interest in photography began in Cold Lake, where he was stationed as part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

“I made friends with a guy who was a ‘photo technician,’ on the base,” he said. “With his help, he saved me hours of wondering what I did wrong with my pictures.”

Following his retirement in 1982, McTaggart took a step back from photography. He said he didn’t pick up the hobby again until 2008, when

he found an old Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera at a pawn shop.

McTaggart sells his images at the Vault Cultural Collective, in addition to now being a featured artist within the library.

Bunston explained his love of photography started with a camera bought for him by his father. His hobby was allowed to expand upon reaching an age where he was able to afford to purchase and process film before eventually migrating to the digital format as the technology became available.

Erison explained the pair approached her in the fall of 2022 to ask if they could display at the library together, as they make a habit of enjoying their hobby together.

The library’s gallery consists of 40 pieces this month, split between McTaggart and Bunston’s works.

“This is a very large gallery ... it is a wide range from photography of flowers, animals, and butterflies, to beautiful sceneries of waterfalls to ocean,” said Erison.

McTaggart’s and Brunson’s work will be on display and for sale at the library’s gallery until Feb. 28. Any purchase of their photos will also go towards supporting the library itself.

The library is still seeking a few artists to display their works in the later half of 2023. The team is also seeking an Indigenous artist to showcase their work in September.

Strathmore Legion members take home cribbage tournament win

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Two cribbage players local to Strathmore who play as a team took home a tournament win from Grimshaw, Alta. at the end of January.

Richard Westgard and Rose Jeffrey have been playing the game together for roughly a decade and are regulars in the Legion’s tournament circuit, as well as the weekly game nights locally.

For those who may be unaware, cribbage is a game played with a deck of cards and a peg board. As points are scored across hands, players will move their pegs up the board until the first player reaches the end goal.

Westgard said he and Jeffrey were required to compete against each player twice and they took home the win by a very narrow margin.

“That was a real tough game. The last game, we had to win it in order to win the tournament. It came down to, we were both in the skunk hole ... but we had first count in the last hand. That is how we won,” he said. “We are feeling ecstatic, we have been since it happened.”

The pair were up against a team from High Riv-

er at the conclusion of the tournament, which saw them victorious by a single point by the end of the game.

“We even got a plaque from the Legion and we brought it back with us so we could get our names engraved on it and it is going to be put up in the Legion with all the other trophies,” said Jeffrey.

In order to qualify for the tournament, Westgard and Jeffrey first had to play at home in Strathmore, then through the local district, before finally going off to the Legion Command to play for their title.

Cribbage is a Thursday night staple among members of the Strathmore Legion.

“We started playing for the Legion, and from one district to another, we always ended up in the playoffs and then we ended up going to Command to play and that is as far as you can go,” said Jeffrey. “Every Thursday, we play here at the Legion at 7 p.m. and everybody pays their \$5 and we just play. Whoever has the most wins at the end of the night gets the prize money.”

Westgard and Jeffrey plan to compete again once the tournament circuit becomes active again in the fall. Until then, they will simply be playing at home in Strathmore.

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Strathmore Legion Branch #10 NEWS

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- Sunday, February 12 - 6pm **Super Bowl** on the Big Screen. Everyone welcome, sure to be exciting!

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February 16 - Standard Young at Heart Centre
March 2 - Wheatland County Building, ECC Room
March 14 - Strathmore Municipal Library, Program Room
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Community Group Events
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Close contest

The Strathmore Ice U14C ringette team hosted the Bow Valley Xplosion on Feb. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite the 5-4 loss, the Ice boast a solid 9-4-2 record in their division.

Joe Lepage Photos



Late flurry

Despite scoring five third period goals, the Strathmore Chargers U11AA team fell 9-7 to Okotoks on Feb. 3 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The team ended the weekend on a positive note when they defeated Brooks 7-5 on Feb. 5.

Joe Lepage Photos



Weekend sweep

The Wheatland Kings swept a pair of weekend games versus the High River Flyers, including a 5-2 home win on Feb. 4 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team got the best of the Flyers to open the pair of games the night before in High River, earning a 7-4 win.

Joe Lepage Photos

Do you love to sing?

LEELA SHARON AHEER
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. The Chestermere Soundwaves are looking for new members. The Chestermere Soundwaves is a local choral group established in 2008. We perform at local events sponsored by the City of Chestermere, at the Recreation Centre, Senior's homes, Whitecapper's Centre events, etc. In recent years we have been under the directorship of Dr. Sarah Moore. Sarah has relocated to Sylvain Lake to practice and will join the group when time permits. We are forever grateful for her time and direction over the past seven years.

The Soundwaves are excited to expand group membership and offer memberships twice per year – once at the beginning of the year and again in September.

To be a member, you should have some vocal ability and a desire to be a part of the community. There will need to be a commitment to practices and a small financial commitment of \$100 per session to cover the operating/travel costs of the group. Practices will fluctuate between Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. for the next few months at the Whitecapper's Centre, which is located on the south side of the Chestermere Rec Centre. You will find the group to be most welcoming and fun to be around, but our primary focus is on our music. Practices will be structured events.

Please attend our information session on Thurs-

day, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Chestermere Whitecapper's Centre if you wish to join. It will give you a feel for the group and what we hope to accomplish over the course of the year.

If you want to join, you will be asked to complete an information form and commit to the session fee for February to June 2023.

If you have any questions, we will answer them for you on that date.

Thanks to Karen Rideout, Communications for the Chestermere Soundwaves, for this wonderful opportunity.

This month we celebrate Black History Month and honour International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). This horrible practice involves altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of human rights, the health, and the integrity of girls and women.

It leads to complications such as severe pain, shock, excessive bleeding, infections, and difficulty in passing urine, as well as long-term consequences for their sexual and reproductive health and mental health.

We can eliminate this harmful practice through education and policy, such as Bill 10 in Alberta, and partnerships with men and boys whose voices are transformative to girls and women to realize their rights and potential.

As always, we love to hear from you!

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

Happy new year Bow River

MARTIN SHIELDS
Member of Parliament Bow River Riding

The calendar has turned over to 2023. A new year brings a rejuvenated spirit, and a drive for many to reach goals that have been set for themselves.

With the House of Commons returning on Jan. 30, Conservatives are ready to get back to work and fight for the interests of all Canadians. It remains to be seen what the NDP-Liberal government's legislative agenda will consist of, but if I were to venture a guess it would include more wasteful inflationary spending, creating new government programs, and a lot of 'umms' and 'uhhs' from our Prime Minister.

One thing is for certain: I, along with my Conservative colleagues are laser-focused on doing everything we can to fight for Canadians in lowering the cost of living, taming this government-fueled inflation crisis, and pressuring the government to not increase any taxes or introduce new ones for Canadians. But Justin Trudeau thinks otherwise.

On Jan. 1, payroll taxes were increased. On April 1, the Carbon tax will go up, and a new clean fuel standard (or second carbon tax) is expected to be implemented. April 1 will also see an increase on the alcohol escalator tax by over six per cent as it is tied with inflation.

Conservatives will continue to push for responsible government. Canadian families use budgets to manage their income, see which areas need to be saved, or which areas can use some more funding. Canadian families cannot afford to run deficits. That's why we as Conservatives believe the government should treat your money with the same careful consideration as you do.

When elected, Conservatives will implement a pay-as-you-go system which will mandate government departments to find a dollar of saving for each dollar spent - because we believe your tax dollars are important, and shouldn't be frivolously doled out in the form of blank cheques to Liberal insiders or consulting firms.

I am excited to begin this legislative cycle fighting for your interests.

Should you have a question or concern of a federal matter, please email my office (Martin.Shields@parl.gc.ca).

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Your community newspaper is at risk of being included.

These fees will put your newspaper at risk. We estimate that the cost to Alberta newspapers to subsidize a province-wide recycling program could run as high as \$2 million per year. This could deal a crippling blow to local community papers that are already dealing with double digit increases in newsprint, ink, plates and postage costs.

YOU CAN HELP us by speaking to your MLA about the importance of your community newspaper as a product, it's not packaging.

Local business wins award

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Wheatland County business is celebrating being awarded Trip Advisor's Traveler's Choice Award for the second year in a row.

Ryan Carriere said he and his wife took over the business two years ago and have been working to keep it as a staple within Wheatland County ever since.

"We are pretty happy with it, it means that we are doing something right. The award is given to accommodations that go above and beyond," said Carriere. "It is given by visitors who make a review and say they had a really great time at the Rocking R Guest Ranch and Trip Advisor then goes and looks at that and picks the best of the best."

According to Carriere, only 10 per cent of businesses listed on Trip Advisor have achieved the award.

Other categories for the Traveler's Choice Award include venues such as bed and breakfast, destinations and hotels.

"What it does is it actually helps your business in a lot of different ways. When you win this award, you have a prominent place on Trip Advisor so it is really easy to build trust for customers who are looking to travel to a destination," said Carriere. "They look at it, they see the little badge saying 'winner 2021 or 2022,' and they know right away that we are doing something right and if they come here, they will probably have a good time."

Carriere explained following his first award win last year, the impact for his business was immediately noticeable, as more guests were coming in from as far away as the United Kingdom, Ireland and Holland.

Rocking R Guest Ranch has existed within Wheatland County for roughly seven years in total. Now having been taken over by the Carriere's, the property hosts weddings, and larger social events as well as activities to do around the ranch.

"We also rent out our cabins, and we partner with a lot of local businesses to provide tours, horseback riding, white water rafting, flyfishing, (and other activities)," said Carriere.

Although hospitality was not in either of the couple's backgrounds prior to taking over the ranch, Carriere said he and his wife have enjoyed getting involved both in the local community, as well as with their host of business partners.

As with any business, he added, it is not all sunshine and rainbows, as maintaining a 40 acre property comes with its own host of challenges.

"It has been a bit of a daunting task and it definitely keeps us busy ... having a bunch of animals so close to the wedding areas is both really great, but also hard to make sure it is always running as smooth as possible," he said.

Carriere is excited to have a lot more in store for visitors throughout this year and wants to encourage anyone who is curious about the ranch to keep an eye out and stay tuned for what's to come.

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Obituary



DELORME, Patricia Arleen "Kelly"

It is with great sadness that Patricia Arleen "Kelly" Delorme passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27, 2023, at the age of 80.

She was preceded by her son Darren, father Jim, mother Peggy, sister JoAnn, and brothers Jimmy and Spencer. She is survived by her husband Conrad of 55 years, children Karen (Harvey), Kelly, and Lora-Lee (Matthew), sisters Jeri, Wendy, Nancy, and Donna, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Pat "Mom" had the greatest passion for sports and family. Many thanks to A.H.S. Dialysis Unit in Sunridge. In loving memory, donations can be made to The Canadian Diabetic Association. She will be dearly missed.

If you would like to send condolences to the family, please visit www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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Obituary



MOORE, Carlotta

Born March 27, 1945. Passed away peacefully January 30, 2023 in Strathmore. She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Raymond

Moore. And her three children; Teresa, Trevor & Cheryl, Jay & Melanie. She loved and laughed her way through an amazing life and leaves many to remember her fondly. Her grandchildren; Garett, Marshall, Kennady, Mackinnly, Maria, Mia, Riley, and her great grandson Greyson. A memorial gathering is planned for anyone wishing to share memories and stories for Saturday February 4, between 12:00 and 5:00pm at the Strathmore Civic Centre in the CMR room. Those wishing to pay their respects; in lieu of flowers, a donation can be made in Carlotta's name to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation. If you would like to send condolences to the family, please visit www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca

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Obituary

NAUNDORF, Kelley Lee Ann (AKA Kelly Kruz)

It is with broken hearts that we are announcing the sudden passing of Kelley Lee Ann Naundorf (AKA Kelly Kruz) on January 18, 2023, at the age of 55. Kelley is survived by her daughter Stephanie Brodsky, Sister Ramona Webster-Whiteley, and niece Nicole Webster.

Kelley easily made friends and connected with many people in some way or another. She will be sadly missed.

There will be a tribute to her life, held at the Strathmore Legion Branch 10, on Saturday, February 11th from 2 pm - 6 pm (casual come and go) Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to the SPCA.

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Notice to Creditors and Claimants

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- Flexible hours, including evenings, weekends, holidays & over time hours during the Strathmore Stampede
- Ability to work outdoors in all types of weather
- Physically demanding tasks, standing and moving for long periods of time. Must be able to lift 50lbs.

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary Student/High School Student preferred, but not required
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- Basic general repair skills are considered an asset
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- Drivers license preferred, but not required
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This position reports primarily to the Grounds Lead Hand

Deadline to apply is March 25th, 2023. Please submit resume & cover letter via email: info@strathmorestampede.com or at the office in a sealed envelope: 122 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB

HELP WANTED



Seasonal Sponsorship Assistant Coordinator

Main Responsibilities & Duties:

- Full time position with some required overtime during events, such as, the Strathmore Stampede & Cowboy Town Concert.
- Assist to develop and maintain established and prospective sponsor contact list ensuring accurate and up-to-date information
- Assist in ensuring all Sponsorship obligations are met and delivered to sponsors for all events hosted by the Strathmore & District Ag Society
- Ensure all sponsors receive recognition for their sponsorship and contributions

Other Essential Responsibilities & Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

This position reports primarily to the CEO, but also to the Events Manager

Deadline to apply is March 25th, 2023. Please submit resume & cover letter via email: info@strathmorestampede.com or at the office in a sealed envelope: 122 Brent Blvd, Strathmore, AB



Seasonal Office Volunteer Coordinator

Main Responsibilities & Duties:

- Full time position with some required overtime during events, such as, the Strathmore Stampede & Cowboy Town Concert.
- Assist to retain and organize volunteer applications for all events
- Communicate to every volunteer when application is received
- Communicate with Committee Heads to ensure they are receiving volunteers and scheduling them
- Support several volunteer committees leading up to & during their events during the Strathmore Stampede
- Assist in organizing Volunteer Dinner

Other Essential Responsibilities & Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

This position reports primarily to the Events Manager & Events Coordinator

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Seasonal Office Assistant Position

Main Responsibilities & Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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February 22, 2023
5:30-6:30 pm
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