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Shields responds to PM resignation

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Bow River Riding MP, Martin Shields has voiced his thoughts and concerns regarding Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's announcement of his intent to resign and step down as leader of the Liberal Party.

The announcement came Jan. 6 during a press conference. Simultaneously, Trudeau announced Parliament will be prorogued until March 24.

"The sad part about it is that he is shutting the House of Commons down now, which means committees ... are disbanded," said Shields. "It is not only the House of Commons that does not start here at the end of January, but also committees cannot meet as well ... he has really shut down all forms of our democracy at the federal level."

Shields explained the conservative opposition is calling for an election, which is not possible while the government is at a standstill.

During the prorogue, the Liberal party will have to come to a conclusion as to whether Trudeau will resign, and who would replace him in that circumstance.

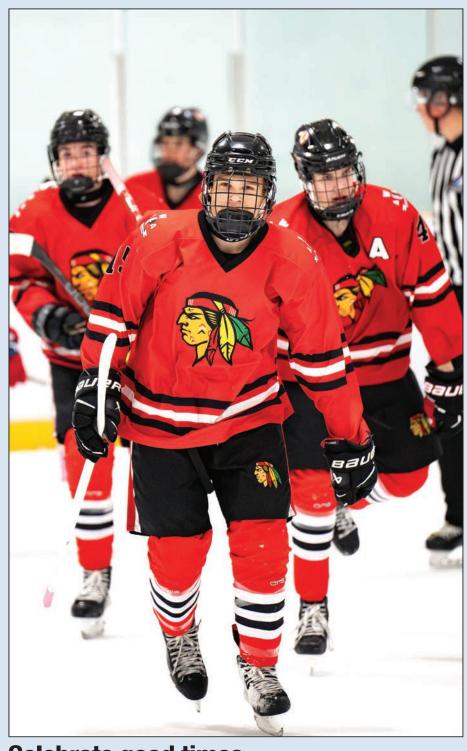
Additionally, the Prime Minister, cabinet ministers and other executive staff remain in their roles. Unless new spending or laws are required, they are permitted to continue business.

During prorogation, all parliamentary activity comes to a halt. The legislative agenda will be reset once government resumes in March. Opposition will have the option to revive old activity through motions, though there is no guarantee that will occur.

If the current government falls and an election is called, ongoing legislation could be abandoned entirely.

"The struggle that we have had for months (is) that the government could have been functioning and not debating a particular motion that could have just produced documents that we had asked for," said Shields. "For the last three months, we have been debating a motion about a board that had spent a lot of money that the Auditor General said there were a lot of ethical problems where there is no money. All we were asking for was the unredacted documents, which the Speaker had said, and all the opposition parties voted in favour of, but that had not been produced."





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Celebrate good times

The Wheatland Raiders had plenty to celebrate as they used a pair of third period goals en route to a 3-2 win over the Red Deer TBS Sports Chiefs on Jan. 12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. Despite trailing 2-1 going into the third, the Raiders scored two goals in under two minutes to improve to 14-8-2 on the season. The local U16AA teams opened the weekend with a 6-1 home win in Hussar over the Medicine Hat Hounds on Jan. 10.

Joe Lepage Photo



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New Alzheimer's awareness program available to Strathmore

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

As a new January marks Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Alzheimer's Calgary is highlighting their new Dementia Share Card initiative, which is currently being launched throughout Alberta.

"This is really about empowering people to be able to communicate a discreet message. You might be out in public, you are out in the community with your parent or grandparent or your spouse and the communication might not be as easy or the behaviors might be a little bit unexpected," said Jill Petrovic, a strategist with Alzheimer's Calgary. "This is a way of sharing an important message that just asks for a little bit of empathy, a little bit of patience and time to help communicate what is going on."

She added an example of such a time being at a restaurant to look at a menu and needing generous time to make decisions or being at a grocery store and perhaps requiring additional assistance.

The Dementia Share Card aims to serve as a discreet way of asking for help that is able to be downloaded to a smartphone, and a physical copy may also be ordered for free from the Alzheimer's Calgary office.

"This is something we have heard there was a need for in the community for a while. We used to have some kind of version of it that you could create yourself at home, and we know of people who have created their own cards as well because they have had awkward or uncomfortable public situations," said Petrovic. "This one, we thought, now is the time; let us put something out there that everyone can access; it does not matter who you are, and it just makes things so much easier to be able to facilitate those public interactions."

January serves as Alzheimer's Awareness month, as it directly follows the Christmas and New Year's holidays, when many people are likely to have been visiting family members. This presents opportunities to notice potential irregularities or changes in behaviours, particularly of older family members.

Alzheimer's Calgary works to serve not only the city, but also the surrounding regions which also include Strathmore and Wheatland County.

"The number one thing we do not want people to do is to be staying home in Strathmore, especially in a rural community if they are living on an acreage or a ranch, that is not the way to live well," added Petrovic. "If we can encourage anything, it would be to, as much as possible, try and see people, try and get social. Do all the things that you used to do, and even if those are impacted a little bit, try to do them as best you can."

More information about Alzheimer's disease, how to recognize it, and the new Dementia Share Card program is available through the stillme.ca website.



Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings are open to the public in person and via

teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person. February 4: Council Meeting

February 11: Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

February 11: Public Presentation Committee Meeting

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Agenda packages can be found on our website

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers February 4th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025. The following public hearings begin at 9 a.m. and proceed until all applications have been heard:

Bylaw #: 2024-30 (LU2024-014) Legal Description: NW 22-25-25-W4M – Plan 1412199; Block 2; Lot 1 Proposal: To redesignate the subject lands from HC District to IG District, to facilitate the development of a water treatment and equipment storage and supply business. Bylaw #: 2024-07 (Goldfinch Raw Water Borrowing Bylaw) County-wide

Proposal: The Council of Wheatland County, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2024-07 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize Wheatland County to borrow \$7.75 million for a period not

WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

Wheatland County recognizes that its residents utilize various recreational, cultural and other community enhancement facilities and resources and has established the Community Enhancement Fund to provide financial support for such venues and activities.

The Community Enhancement Fund provides grant funding from Wheatland County to enhance, promote, and support groups and organizations that bring a broad range of enjoyment, benefit, beautification, recreation, entertainment, participation, and enhancement projects to Wheatland County. The program is intended to invest tax payer dollars annually to support recreational, cultural and other community activities, facilities, and resources that are utilized by Wheatland County residents.

- How to Apply: Applications and Guidelines for the Community Enhancement Fund are available at the Wheatland County Office and on the County website: <u>www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb</u>
- Deadline: Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2025.

Please note that eligibility for 2025 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2025.

For more information please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or at cerb@wheatlandcounty.ca



Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 1412199, within NW-22-25-25-W4M

to exceed twenty (20) years, from the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution, by issuance of debentures, to construct a raw water line from wells diverting water from the Bow River to the Goldfinch Area Structure Plan (ASP). This project will improve water infrastructure and support future development in the Goldfinch area. There shall be levied and raised in each year of the debenture, levies or fees towards users of the Goldfinch Raw Water Line to pay the principal and interest falling due each year. (Read more at https:// wheatlandcounty.ca/publicnotices/)



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Hawks soar to win

The Wheatland Hawks U11AA team was firing on all cylinders, scoring eight first period goals, four second period goals and six third period goals en route to an 18-1 win over the Central Alberta Selects on Jan. 12 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Hawks, who dropped a 5-1 decision to Taber the previous day, improved to 7-3-3. Joe Lepage Photos



Storm battle Strathmore The

U15T2 Storm team hosted Fort MacLeod on Jan. 12 at the Strath-Family more Centre. Despite a solid effort, the Storm fell 4-2. Joe Lepage Photo





Singers of Calgary to host an Artist in Residence Program at the school. Kindergarten to Grade 6 students were instructed in several sessions on how to perform a song, which was then showcased to their families, Jan. 10.

John Watson Photos

Sacred Heart Academy showcases Artist in Residence program

JOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Students at Sacred Heart Academy showcased the culmination of their lessons with the Youth Singers of Calgary to their families, Jan. 10 creating a concert-type venue at the school.

The Youth Singers of Calgary were brought in to partner with the school through the Artist in Residence program.

This created an opportunity for students to spend the previous week being exposed to music and choreography lessons to develop their singing, dancing, and performance skills, as well as to give them an outlet to build confidence, and expose them to fine arts.

'Youth Singers of Calgary had been in Sacred Heart Academy all week. We sent two professional artists, a musician and a choral director, as well as a choreographer. With each class, they worked on learning a song, how to sing it, as well as perform it, and add dance and choreography," said Megan Emmet, CEO of Youth Singers of Calgary. "Together, those things allow most kids to find a great way to enter into some new skills and confidence, taking up space, performing, as well as working on their vocal skill, get some dance literacy in there, and we find it is just a lot of fun and a great way to bring a high level of educational value (and) professional experience to kids in schools"

demy has partnered with the Youth Singers of Calgary to operate an Artist in Residence program.

It was largely financed through fundraising efforts within the school, particularly through the results of the Spell-a-thon.

The lessons offered to students consisted of four 45-minute to one-hour lessons spread throughout the course of the week, before presenting to their families on the Friday.

"We value bringing in experts from outside of the school for the fine arts because there is a very broad variety of arts available to children and they all have very different and unique styles of being who they are," said Tashina Mackenzie, music specialist with Sacred Heart Academy. "To bring in experts from other fields within fine arts brings them a rounder, more in-depth understanding of what the arts has to offer both for them personally, but also educationally."

Mackenzie added for the majority of students, they tend to greatly enjoy the opportunity to shine and perform.

One aspect of the program this year, is that the students were instructed by male performing artists, which Mackenzie explained was a very diffe-

This created a space both for male students to

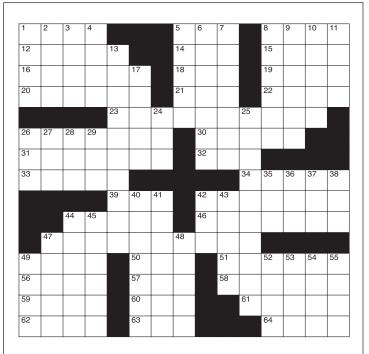
see men in performing arts, as well as to learn

more about male vocal range as opposed to only

having a female teacher, which she added is very

rent experience than usual.





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- production (abbr.)
- 5. People of northern Vietnam
- 8. Employee stock ownership plan 44. Long or fast speech
- 12. Regions
- 14. The center of a city
- 15. Hindu serpentine deity
- 16. Roared
- 18. Sun up in New York
- 19. "Sir" in Malaysian
- 20. Shrimp dish
- 21. Muckraker Tarbell
- 22. Apex
- 23. Harmonic effects

- 33. Noted writer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Partner to "oohs"
- 2. Scaly water dweller
- 3. Pueblo people of New Mexico 36. Sound unit
- 4. Music producer Teo
- 5. Greek mythological goddess
- 6. Got together to discuss
- 7. Acquires

or door

- 9. Some are tomato-based 10. Old Irish alphabets
- 11. A sheet of glass in a window

- 47. Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
 - 49. Actor Idris
 - 50. I (German)
 - 51. Taxes
 - 56. Indonesian island

46. Things you can eat

- 57. Nuisance (slang)
- 58. Shawl
- 59. Digits

34. Building occupied by monks

42. Colorless liquid hydrocarbon

39. "The world's most famous arena"

- 61. "For goodness _
- 62. Facial body part 63. Russian river
 - 64. Urinates

 - 29. Small amount
- 35. Guy (slang)
- 37. Midway between northeast
- and east
- 38. Affirmative
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- playwright

44. Martens

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RCMP encourage safe winter recreation activities

Alberta RCMP

Winter in Alberta offers the opportunity for many different recreational activities; however, the weather can also cause unsafe conditions like extreme cold, obstructed vision, and thin ice. Whether you're driving your ATV, skiing in the mountains, skating with friends, or ice fishing, the Alberta

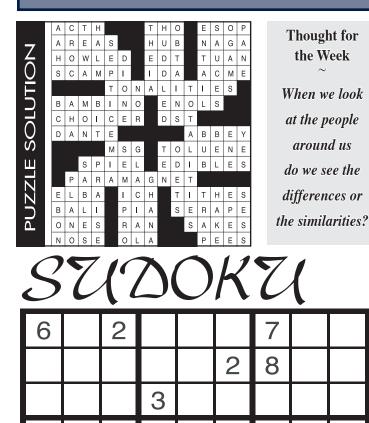
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Always check ice thickness: Use a tape measure, drill, or auger to make sure the ice is thick enough and check in multiple locations. As a general rule, ice should be at least 20 cm (eight inches) thick for walking or 25 cm (10 inches) for snowmobiles.

Be mindful of how the cold can affect your gear: Tire pressure, engines, and batteries can all be impacted by extreme cold. Always make sure that your vehicles are functioning, and electronics are charged before heading out into the cold.

Have a plan and share it: Always make sure to check conditions and the weather before you head out. Make a plan and let your loved ones know where you're going, when you'll be out, and what time to expect you home.

Have an emergency kit and know how to use it: Emergency kits should include first aid supplies, tools, and extra clothes/blankets. Depending on what you're doing you may also want to include additional items like tow straps and extra fuel.



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MP responds to prime minister's resignation

FROM THE OFFICE OF MARTIN SHIELDS

Martin Shields, Member of Parliament for Bow River released the following statement on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Resignation and Prorogation of Parliament:

"After nine years of piling on the hurt for Canadians, Justin Trudeau has finally announced his resignation as Prime Minister. It has been a long time coming, but unfortunately, this will not change anything until an election is called and Canadians can elect a common-sense Conservative Government."

"Make no mistake: every Liberal vying to replace Justin Trudeau is just like him. They have been in lockstep with his radical agenda for the past nine years. They supported and voted for job-killing inflationary policies like the carbon tax, doubling the cost of housing, unleashing crime in our streets, forcing a quarter of the population into poverty, and allowing spending and immigration to get out of control. They continued supporting Trudeau when he did all those things. They had no problem going along with his devastating decisions when it was politically useful, but now these same Liberals that are power hungry and desperate for the top job are quick to turn on Trudeau because he is no longer popular enough to keep them in power."

"The Bow River Riding has been directly affected by these policies too. Housing is increasingly unattainable in rural communities, the carbon tax adds costs to farms that makes everything more expensive for everyone, and criminals are emboldened because they believe it's easier to commit crimes in rural areas. This cannot go on."

"Canadians need a carbon tax election now so they can take back control of their lives and their country. Only a Conservative government led by Pierre Poilievre will cap spending, axe taxes, reward work, build homes, uphold family, stop crime, secure borders, rearm our forces, restore our freedom, and

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put Canada first."

Martin Shields speaks to federal government prorogue

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Shields said the federal government has not been functioning because the Liberals have not been following the directions of the Speaker.

The plan for when government resumes is for non-confidence votes to take place. Shields added discussions with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois parties suggest this will be the case, which will trigger an election.

South Calgary Female Colts host Try It night in Strathmore

IOHN WATSON Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The South Calgary Female Colts football team hosted a free Try It day, Jan. 11, at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre, aiming to introduce more girls to the sport.

Despite being based out of Calgary, the Colts team also recruits U16 and U19 players from surrounding regions, which include from Strathmore and Wheatland County.

The event was aimed to encourage U19 players to experience the sport, and potentially be recruited for the team.

"We are a South Calgary team, but we want to include all of the girls, wherever they reside, so we are just looking for some more players to come play this amazing sport," said Tatrina Medvescek, head coach for the South Calgary Female Colts. "Tackle football for females is growing, definitely, but it is still years behind hockey and other sports, so all of our coaches are current players or are coaching another team or (have) another athletic background. We just want to pass our knowledge on and get more females playing football."

This particular Try It event was the first of its kind hosted by the South Calgary Female Colts in Strathmore.

Medvescek explained they represent an opportunity to be introduced to an all-women's football team, and to continue playing football past high school.

In Strathmore, there is currently no all-women's football team available in school divisions, nor through the local recreational division.

"We want a spot for them to feel comfortable, to promote the sport, to come out and show that we are accepting of them, of who they are," said Medvescek. "It is a physical sport, a very physical sport, and some play other sports but this might just be where they excel at."

Currently, there are no future plans or bookings to host similar Try It events in Strathmore specifically; however, events will be held in Calgary for any who may still be interested in exploring the sport without fully committing to joining the team.

The idea of hosting another event in Strathmore, however, is not off the table and may be something the Colts consider going forward.

"We (also) do not want cost to ever be a barrier to play any sport, never mind football, so we want to keep (Try It events) free," said Medvescek. "We want the girls to come out and try it and not feel any pressure with having to commit."

More information about the South



The South Calgary Female Colts football team hosted a free Try It night, Jan. 11, at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre. The aim of the event was to introduce girls to the sport and potentially recruit for the team. This marked the first time the Colts have hosted an event of this type in Strathmore. **John Watson Photos**

Calgary Female Colts football team is available through their website and social media channels. Ongoing dates for Try It events will be advertised online.

Kings falter on home ice

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings were defeated in their first home game of the new year, falling to the Okotoks Bisons 4-1, Jan. 11.

"They are a good team, and we feel like we are really closing the gap and becoming a good team as well. I think for us it is just ... take the experience and what went well and what did not, and we are going to try and work on that now," said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Wheatland Kings. "It is tough right now - I remember High River cancelled one game right before Christmas so then we had to make up a game on a Tuesday, and we missed a practice. Basically, we have only had one practice since the new year, so it is kind of hard to work on anything.'

Following Saturday's loss, the goal is to refocus and adjust the team's plays in order to be better prepared for the next, and final time the Kings will play the Bisons prior to the start of the playoffs.

Despite the final score, Raycroft said it was a closely matched game, with Okotoks having been able to capitalize on several breaks and opportunities to score, particularly during the third period.

"I do not like to complain about officials in the newspaper or the press, but it was pretty one sided anyway. We had to kill some five-on-threes, and they are just too good of a team to give those power play opportunities to," he said. "There were a couple situations where they (the referees) missed a call and it was a dangerous situation for a couple of our players, and then they got some retaliation on our guys ... we try to kill penalties, we are pretty good at it, but when you give toks on Jan. 31. Puck drop will be at 8 p.m.



Despite falling 4-1 to the league's best team, the Wheatland Kings picked up four of a possible six points last week. The local Junior-B team sits second in the South Division with a 23-6-1 record. Joe Lepage Photo

Okotoks too many power plays, they are going to capitalize." The Kings opened the week with a 5-2 road win over High River on Jan. 7, before a 10-3 road win over Three Hills on Jan. 10. The local Junior-B team will now travel to Medicine Hat on Jan. 17, before returning home to host the High River

NEXT HOME GAMES

Sunday, January 19 • 4:30 pm vs High River

Saturday, February 1 • 8 pm vs Airdrie





At the beginning of a new year, reviewing the seven factors contributing to a long, healthy life is good. 1) Sleep 7-8 hours per night: 2) Eat breakfast every day: 3) No smoking; 4) No eating between meals;

5) Maintain proper weight; 6) Moderate or no use of alcohol; 7) Regular exercise.

One other item should be added to this list...ensure all your immunizations are up to date. This includes children too. There has been an increase in the number of measles and whooping cough cases in Canada. These are diseases that can be prevented with vaccines. Parents are advised to check their children's vaccine history to avoid these diseases that can be quite serious.

Speaking of vaccines, the Covid vaccine is continually updated to conform to the latest variants. The immunity provided by one shot usually gives protection for 6 months then you can get a booster shot. If you have had COVID-19 recently, it's best to wait a couple months since you still have antibodies circulating.

A word about positive thinking....Optimism is better the pessimism. That certainly is true with people who had bypass surgery. Those who were naturally optimistic, who channelled their energy into things they could control and were accepting of things they couldn't control, recovered much better and had less return visits to the hospital.

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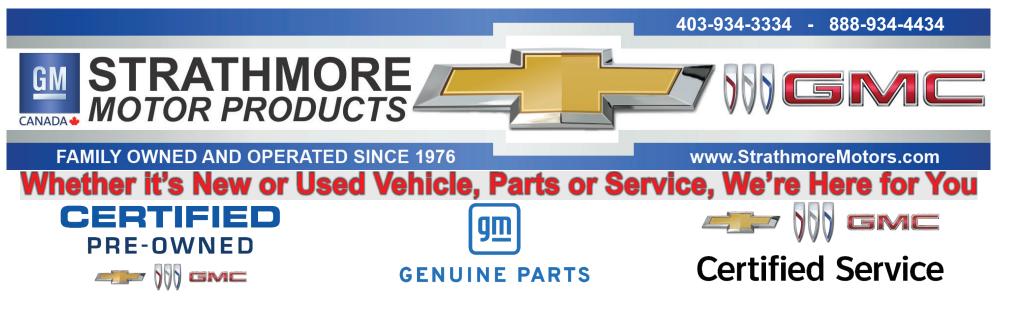


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CORBIELL, Armand

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Armand Corbiell on January 9th, 2025, at the Strathmore Hospital.

Armand was born March 26th, 1936, at Cluny, Alberta. He spent his entire life at the farm. He raised his first bull calf at the age of twelve, which he later sold at the Calgary Bull Sale for \$500, which was an exceptional amount of money at that time. This was the start of his lifelong love of Corbiell Herefords. This humble man was known for his honesty, integ-

rity, work ethic and always did his best to give back to his community.

He married his wife of 68 years Mary Ellen Plante on August 22nd, 1956. Together, they had five children. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a charter member of the Cluny Lions Club-president, St. Mary's Church Council, 4H leader and hockey coach. He was an ambassador for the Hereford Industry. He served as president of the Alberta Hereford Association in 1989 and the Canadian Hereford Association in 1994. He also was a member of the Allbreeds association and Canadian Cattleman's association. He was a recipient of the Calgary Stampede Farm Family Award.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary Ellen (Sis), his children, Dan (Kathy), Brad (Tammy), Brenda (Kelly), Cam (Kelly), Lisa (Cory). Also survived by, 10 grand-children and 13 great grandchildren, brother-in-law Martial Rougeau (Carole), sisters-in-law, Bea Corbiell, Jo Plante and Carol Plante.

He was predeceased by his parents Armand and Amy Corbiell, sister Adele Rougeau, brother Ron Corbiell, mother and father-in-law, Amie and Jean Plante, brothers-in-law, Larry and Ed Plante, sister-in-law, Peggy Plante and numerous other family and friends. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Sacred Heart Parish in Strathmore, Alberta at 11:00 am. Reception to follow.

To watch a funeral service video, please visit Armand's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca. The video of the service will be available later on January 17, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, if so desired, donations in Armand's name can be made directly to the Wheatland and Area Hospice Society (www.wheatlandhospice.ca).

> Wheatland Funeral Home Strathmore, AB 403-934-4404

www.StrathmoreTimes.com



EIGNER, Clayton

It is with great sadness that our family announces the passing of our brother, Clayton Eigner on Friday, December 27, 2024, at the age of 71.

He will be missed by his sisters, Lorraine Lawton (Bob), Arlene Sorenson (John Bart), Doreen Nugent, and Connie Eigner (Ray Lafortune); numerous nieces and nephews; his hunting and fishing buddies; as well as his two dogs, Chevy and Cappy. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Ed and Emily Nicholls Eigner; and his infant brother, Irvin.

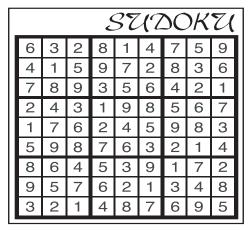
Clay attended the U of A and completed his degree in Mechanical Engineering while working in Calgary. After a successful career in engineering, Clay purchased several acres outside of Calgary where he hobby farmed until his death. Clay was best known for his intense love of hunting and fishing. He also loved water and snow skiing as well as trying to beat his parents and siblings in family card games.

He was also known for his frugality and often shopped at garage sales, second hand stores and auctions. He would purchase or be gifted several old farm machines, take them home and use the parts from those machines to make one functional machine. He wasted nothing and he threw away nothing.

A Celebration of Clay's Life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Clayton's memory to either the S.P.C.A or to the Heart and Lung (stroke) Society.

To view and share photos, condolences and memories of Clay with the family, please visit www.choicememorial.com.





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Every four years Strathmore holds a Municipal Election where residents elect a Mayor and six Councillors. In Strathmore, Council members are elected atlarge, which means the Mayor and Councillors represent the entire population. Strathmore does not have wards, voters in the town may choose up to six candidates for Council, and one candidate for Mayor.

The next general election will be Monday, October 20, 2025.

- Nomination Period: January 1, 2025 September 22, 2025
- Nomination Day Deadline: September 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
- Election Day: October 20, 2025, polls open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

For more information please visit our website, Strathmore.ca/Election.

Have you seen our new map yet?

Be someone's Snow Angel.

While the winter season makes for a beautiful and icy landscape, it also comes with its icy challenges. Navigating icy sidewalks can be daunting, especially for those who face mobility limitations or health concerns. Shoveling those same sidewalks is an even more daunting challenge. This is where the Strathmore Snow Angels Program comes in. Here's how it works:

- Find a snow angel sign. They can usually be sign in the front yard or window.
- Be a Snow Angel: Spread your snowy wings and help out your neighbour by clearing their sidewalk, driveways, and paths.

Need the Snow Angels help? Call FCSS at **403-934-9090** to request a sign or visit the Strathmore Municipal Building. Looking to see who does need help? Visit **Strathmore.ca/SnowAngels** to see the NEW snow angels map.

Upcoming Council Meetings January 15, 2025 | 6 p.m. Comr

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Committee of the Whole Regular Meeting of Council 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.

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Collection schedule for Nov-Apr. Seasonal waste collection.

From November 1st to April 30th, green cart collection is reduced to bi-weekly. This collection change is due to a lower need from less yard waste, as you likely won't be raking your lawn or pulling weeds in a blizzard. There's a couple things you can do during the winter months to make collection easier.

- Layer organics in the green cart with paper products (newspaper, food boxes, paper towels, etc) to mitigate stuck material.
- Cleaning snow from around the carts and at collection location.
- Clearing cart lids of snow and ice so the lid opens during collection.

For questions about collection, visit our website **Strathmore. ca/wastecollection** or email **infrastructure@strathmore.ca**.

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HEART MONTH

February is 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. 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 changes, but there are plenty of ways to get get active with Strathmore's Recreation Team. Strathmore Motor Product Sports Centre. PD Day/School Closure Camps.

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Are you looking for activities to keep your kids busy while they have days off from school? We've got you covered, Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre offers day camps for PD/School Closure days.

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
33047	Jan 31, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
33049	Mar 14, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
33050	Apr 04, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
33052	May 02, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
33053	May 16, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50
33054	Jun 13, 2025	F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$47.50

Winter Break Camp

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
33048	Feb 18 - 21, 2025	T - F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

Spring Break Camp

Course ID	Dates	Days	Time	Cost
33051	Apr 22 - 25, 2025	T - F	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	\$148

Summer Day Camps

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/Recreation