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Ice at home

Innovative home building starts in Siksika

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Lafarge Canada announced Jan. 11 its combined effort with nidus3D in supplying OneCem low-carbon cement for the 3D-printed housing project taking place in Siksika Nation.

As of Oct. 16, work had begun on 3D printing a set of fourplexes on Siksika Nation, marking the largest project of this type in Canada to date.

The project plan consists of four structures, which will ultimately house 16 families at a time upon completion. The aim is to help address housing challenges within Siksika Nation, as well as to celebrate Indigenous culture and heritage.

Nidus3D has successfully completed similar projects in Ontario, though this is the first venture of this kind to be undertaken in Alberta.

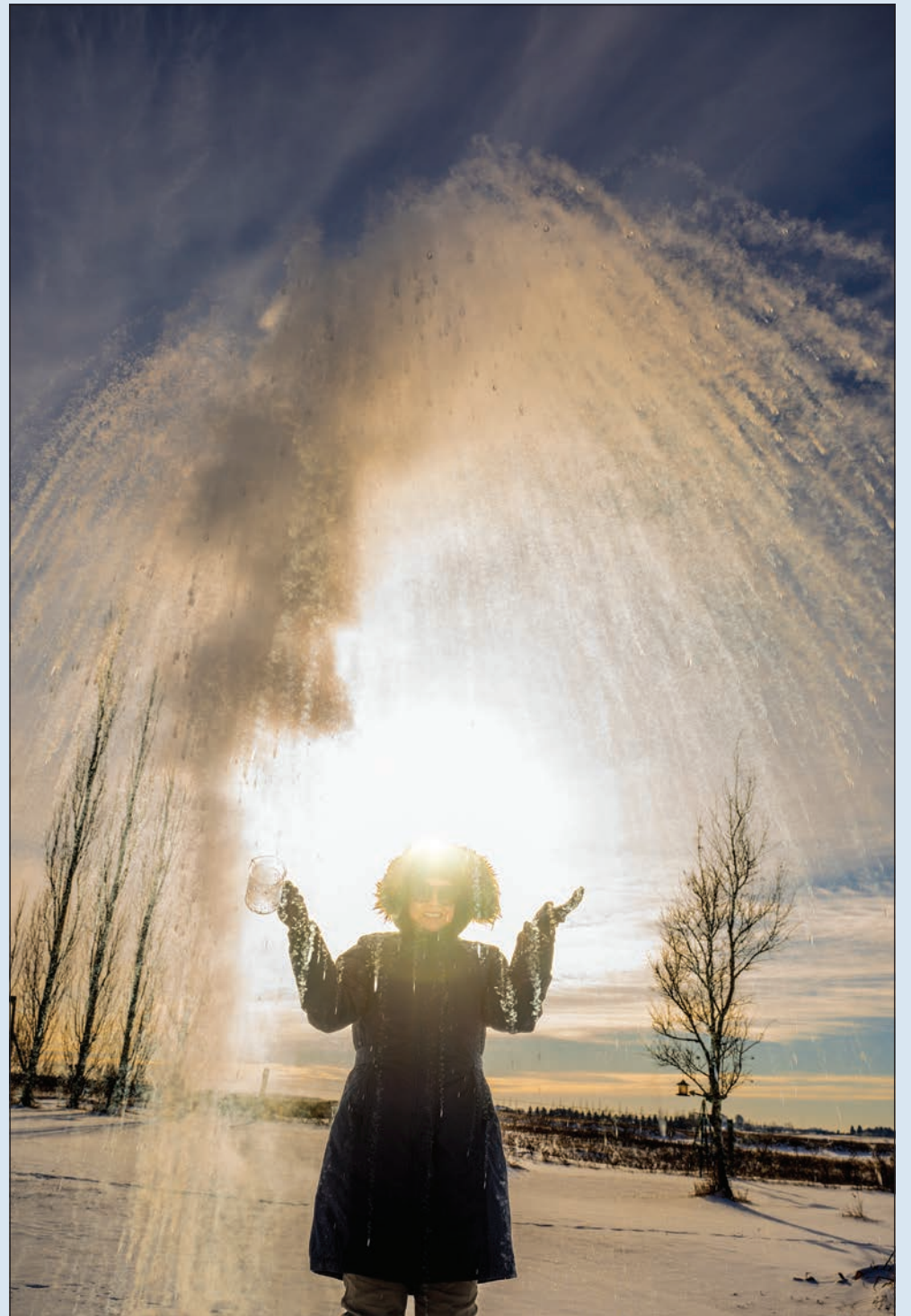
The units are designed to provide affordable, supportive housing for those who are fleeing domestic violence, or who are facing homelessness.

Lafarge is supplying its OneCem low-carbon cement for the project. The idea being that the cement mix has a high limestone content, which translates into a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions when utilized when compared to more traditional Portland cement.

“Our shared goal with nidus3D extends beyond mere innovation,” says Brad Kohl, president and CEO of Lafarge Canada (West). “This project is about helping address the critical housing needs of the nation and (fostering) a resilient, inclusive future through sustainable construction practices. We were proud to contribute to this project.”

The 3D concrete printing technology creates objects in a layer-by-layer process until the desired outcome is achieved; in this case, a building. The process is very similar to 3D printing processes which utilize plastics.

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Water to Ice

Wheatland County resident Ivonne Leonel de Cervantes demonstrates boiling water turning into a dust of ice during the frigid temperatures Jan. 14. Most of Alberta was in the midst of an extreme cold warning for most of last week, while temperatures dipped to -50 with the wind chill. The extreme cold forced the Alberta Emergency Management Agency to issue an Alberta Emergency Alert on Jan. 13 as the power grid was in risk of rotating power outages because of the high demand.

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Strathmore athletes participate in Arnie Enger Cup football game

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Five athletes from Strathmore High School were invited to and participated in the annual Arnie Enger Cup – formerly the Senior Bowl, at Shouldice Park in Calgary, earlier this month.

Strathmore Spartans members who were asked to play included Taehyeon Park, Bodey Pettifer, David Marleau, Caelin Dehoop, and Hunter Corbin.

“The Senior Bowl is an annual game where basically it is Southern Alberta versus Northern Alberta ... and it is the best Grade 12 players who try out; there are about 150 or 160 kids (from the zone) who try out and we ended up taking 40 players,” explained Danny Warrack, who was among the selection and offensive coaching staff for the game. “The North does the same, but now that there is that dome in Calgary, we are able to play it in the winter and make it more of a showcase for universities or CJFL junior teams— they get a chance to watch the game on YouTube or they could attend.”

Warrack added the event was renamed after Enger, who passed away in December 2023, and was previously a public address announcer for the Senior Bowl for the first 25 years of the event.

To secure their spots in the event, athletes were required to participate in a three-day try-out event which ran from Dec. 16-19 for the South team.

Players were selected based on their speed and skill, but also regarding their flexibility to fit into roles, as the boys would be working with a selection of teammates they would be unaccustomed to playing with.

Athletes from across the province were divided into participants from North, and South of Red Deer to make up the competing teams.

“We won 32-2. We jumped out to a really quick



Five members of the Strathmore Spartans were selected to participate in the annual Arnie Enger Cup, formerly referred to as the Senior Bowl, at Shouldice Park in Calgary on Jan. 7. The South Zone, in which Strathmore is located, defeated the North Zone 32-2.

Photo Courtesy of Danny Warrack

16-point lead, then we played quite conservative on offense, trying to wear them down and maintain that lead,” said Warrack. “In the fourth quarter, things busted loose, we got a touchdown from Hunter Corbin ... and then we got another one in the last minute. You could tell the other team was worn down pretty good and did not have any answers for us.”

Warrack added he believes the boys who participated were, rightly, proud of themselves for their accomplishment, and enjoyed the whole process of trying out, and being selected to play.

Additionally, he noted there were scouts present at the game, as well as who would have been watching the recording posted online, to the interest of some of the athletes wishing to continue their football careers beyond high school.

Koester vs Wheatland County returns to Court of Kings Bench

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The challenge between Coun. Glenn Koester and Wheatland County regarding complaints and sanctions against Koester has returned to the Court of Kings Bench.

On Jan. 9, the court heard presentations from council of both sides during a session which was available for online attendance.

Koester is challenging the county’s decision regarding a complaint he received in 2022 alleging he had violated Wheatland County’s Code of Conduct, for which he was ultimately sanctioned following an investigation.

The sanctions saw him removed from all nine municipal boards he sat on as part of his elected duties as a councillor, among other resolutions.

Details at the time, as well as following the county’s decision and sanctions were voted to remain in camera and were not released to the public.

Information regarding the complaints against Koester was made public via affidavits submitted to the courts on his behalf, as well as via articles submitted for the jury’s consideration.

In his own affidavit, Koester explained the allegations surrounding the code of conduct violation complaints were in relation to actions taken by the Wheatland and Adjacent Districts Emergency Medical Services (WADESMA) Board of Directors, and actions taken by Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) Board of Directors.

Koester was the chairperson of both bodies prior to his removal due to the sanctions against him imposed by the county.

The WADESMA issue stems from interactions based around a request made by County Reeve, Amber Link, Nov. 12, 2021, for a document which would at the time have outlined funding required to eliminate core-flex shifting for WADESMA operations.

Concerns which were raised during the discussion were in regards to whether Link’s husband

being employed with WADESMA constituted a conflict of interest for her to be viewing the requested document, as well as with respect to Link communicating with other parties about WADESMA matters without explicit instruction by the board.

Via his affidavit for the court, Koester noted at no time did he or any other board member make open accusations of Link’s intentions, nor did they speak in a manner which would have been damaging to her reputation.

The complaint stemming from discussions occurring between the WHMB, originated from county Coun. Tom Ikert submitting his complaint to Link, who then brought it before Wheatland County council.

The WHMB, on or about Nov. 18, 2021, passed a vote to pass a COVID-19 vaccination policy for its board members. The motion for the policy was not put forward by Koester himself, who also denied imposing or pressuring other board members to vote in favour of the motion.

Ikert, who also previously sat on the WHMB board and was present for the discussion, was noted by Koester to have not raised any concerns or objections about the policy prior to voting against it during the discussion.

Koester noted in his affidavit that he was not made aware the motion to pass the policy had caused embarrassment to Ikert until he received the code of conduct violation complaint from Link. The described “embarrassment” was what had been noted as constituting the code of conduct violation complaint.

More information regarding the two issues, as well as about the sanctions imposed against Koester, is published online on the Strathmore Times website, as well as in the Feb. 8, 2023 issue of the Strathmore Times.

The Court of Kings Bench, having adjourned from its meeting, will resume discussion in February, at which point the jury will make its decision regarding Koester’s case.

ALUS presents to County ASB

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Bryan Gilvesy, CEO of ALUS Canada, presented to the Wheatland County Agriculture Service Board during the Jan. 10 meeting, speaking about what ALUS is, as well as their purpose.

He explained the purpose of ALUS is to help rural communities, particularly farmers, provide environmental solutions and return positive impacts for the environment.

"It is a response to the way that easements are delivered to us so that the only way conservation from our communities could happen was through a big conservation group like NCC or Ducks Unlimited," he said. "It was a bit of a reaction to that, in that we wanted to control the agenda and it was also a rejection of the notion that farmers and ranchers should be regulated to be environmentally more sound."

ALUS initially launched in 2004 with the Farmer's Conservation Plan, which was a proposal in Norfolk County, Ont. to test Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) and create positive environmental impacts.

ALUS is currently networked in 38 communities across six provinces, with the initiative looking to spread to the United States later this year.

"Farmers in Iowa and Ohio have come to us and asked us to bring (our) program or the concept to them as well, and I think that is a real testament

to how ALUS travels, and it can be applicable to any community setting, anywhere on the planet," said Gilvesy. "It is becoming apparent that one of the things that we do very well is, we have opened the doors to try and create lots people that could come in to fund our programming, while maintaining a one-stop-shop for the farmer."

The idea being that any given agriculturalist within a participating community can make a request from their local branch of the partnership, and money can be delivered to complete work from nonprofit organizations, government, or from philanthropic foundations.

Gilvesy also emphasized ALUS is actively testing modified and regenerative agricultural practices, and applying a whole-farm approach to building nature based solutions.

"The organization at ALUS Canada has an extensive programming now where we are trying to quantify the work, quantify the ecosystem services through technology and research partners," he said. "The better we can quantify the work, the better we can understand the value that is being created through our work, and the better we can then communicate to our funding partners the value in dollars and cents, and that allows us to drive investments."

More information regarding ALUS programming is available through their website, as well as via their presentation to the Agriculture Service Board, posted to the county's YouTube channel.

Provincial Crop Assurance Program meets with Ag Service Board

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Michael Harding, crop assurance program lead with the Government of Alberta, presented to the Wheatland County Agriculture Service Board, Jan. 10, speaking about crop disease monitoring in the local region.

"Sometimes, disease issues can be trade irritants (and) it is important for us to know if diseases are getting worse or if they are receding. Is there something new emerging? - This could be fungicide resistance emerging, or resistance-breaking pathotypes of clubroot emerging, etc." he said. "It also helps to inform researchers on what priorities might need to be rearranged or placed in certain ways, and it helps life science companies and crop projection companies deploy management tools to regions where they are needed when they can understand where things are going to be necessary."

Harding added, under the Alberta Pest Act, some species of flora and fauna are classified as pests which are regulated and monitored to keep an eye on their statuses.

Random representative surveys are generally the format for which monitoring and sampling is completed by the province. Samples are taken from a large sample area over several fields selected randomly so as to generate a more accurate representation of crop statuses across the county.

The Agricultural Pests Act is provided for the

extermination of agricultural pests - defined as any animal, insect, or disease that may likely be destructive or dangerous to grain and other crops.

"The thing that really links us with folks like ag service board fieldmen in each county is the Pest Act. The section that I am in in the government has a regulatory affairs branch that is really responsible for the act and regulations, but the ag service fieldman is the local authority for enforcement of acts like the Pest act, Weed Act, and the Bee act," said Harding. "This is what really links our work in crop assurance with ag service boards. We want to prevent the spread, we want to reduce hardships to producers, we want to make sure we are not restricted in our international trade."

He explained for certain kinds of pests for which effective management options do not exist, the best way to tackle the problem is to simply avoid or eradicate them when they show up. These are the types of pests which are regulated under the Acts.

Pests detailed under the Act include wild boar, Norway rats, grasshoppers, clubroot, and blackleg, among others.

More information regarding the presentation to the Agriculture Service Board is available through the recorded meeting minutes posted to the Wheatland County YouTube channel, as well as via the province's documents which are publicly available.



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- 15. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 16. Negatives
- 17. Rescued
- 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 19. Assigns tasks to
- 21. Island nation native
- 22. Trade
- 23. Detergent brand
- 24. Famed NY Giant
- 25. Before
- 28. Split pulses
- 29. Extremely angry; highly incensed
- 31. Body part
- 33. American state
- 36. David __, US playwright
- 38. Move one's head slightly
- 39. Secret rendezvous
- 41. Improved
- 44. A place to exercise
- 45. 18-year astronomical period
- 46. Automobile
- 48. You can take it
- 49. A radio band
- 51. Jaws of an animal
- 52. Short-billed rails
- 54. Chinese province
- 56. Shameless and undisguised
- 60. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 61. Adult males
- 62. Fail to entertain
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. City in north-central Utah
- 65. Southern U.S.
- 66. German river
- 67. Oxygen
- 68. Make law

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Curved segment
- 2. Wings
- 3. From pentane (Chemistry)
- 4. Gradually gets into
- 5. Commercial document (abbr.)
- 6. Overhang
- 7. Christmas and New Year's have them
- 8. Type of bulb
- 9. Lacking a plan
- 10. Tattle
- 11. Rockers like it "heavy"
- 12. One who's been canonized
- 14. Indicate time and place
- 17. Nobel Prize winner in physics
- 20. The voice of Olaf
- 21. Fragmented rock
- 23. They __
- 25. Master of Philosophy
- 26. Backside
- 27. Landmark house in L.A.
- 29. An act of undue intimacy
- 30. From which a later word is derived
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Computer language
- 37. Sacred book of Judaism
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A way to dedicate
- 43. Challenges
- 47. British Air Aces
- 49. Large, influential bank
- 50. Portended
- 52. Cavalry-sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Napoleonic Wars general
- 56. Italian Seaport
- 57. Hip joint
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Insect repellent
- 61. Decorative scarf
- 65. Delaware

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RCMP and law enforcement partners launch Operation Cold Start

ALBERTA RCMP

As the temperatures drop and the snow starts to fall, the Alberta RCMP once again partnered with law enforcement partners across the province for Operation Cold Start from Jan. 8-12.

Operation Cold Start is designed to work with the public to reduce the theft of idling vehicles during the winter months.

Law enforcement agencies performed a variety of tasks to help keep vehicles safe. They checked on unattended, id-

ling vehicles to see if the keys are in them, and whether or not they are properly secured. Officers also participated in educational efforts to teach the public ways to keep their property safe.

“Warming up your vehicle briefly before your commute might seem convenient, but this convenience can turn into a serious problem when your vehicle is stolen. Vehicle-related crimes often occur due to opportunistic situations,” says Cpl. Mike Fulton of the Alberta RCMP’s Community Safety and Well-being Branch. “In 2021, 8.3 per cent of vehicles stolen in

Alberta RCMP jurisdiction were left idling. The goal of Operation Cold Start is to reduce crime by educating Albertans on steps they can take to help keep their property safe.”

Vehicle theft doesn’t only affect vehicle owners; it has an impact on the greater community. Not only do thefts increase the cost of insurance across the province, but stolen vehicles can also be used for further crime, or even be put back on the market and sold to unsuspecting Albertans.

The Alberta RCMP offers the following tips for vehicle safety:

- If you can’t park in a garage or driveway, ensure that you’re parking in a visible well-lit area.
- Visible anti-theft devices like steering wheel locks can help mitigate vehicle thefts and break-ins.
- If possible, look into automatic car starters as an option to warm your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle unattended if the keys are in it.
- Always lock your vehicles doors even if you’re parked in a driveway or garage.
- Never leave valuable items like wallets, keys, purses, or even change visible in an unoccupied vehicle.
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Thought for the Week

“Truth bears the same relation to falsehood as light to darkness?”

Leonardo Da Vinci

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It’s only a few weeks after the winter solstice, when the darkness of night was at its longest. But even now we can observe that the light of the day is slowly getting just a little longer. The metaphor of the light shining into a dark world has been part of the readings from Isaiah that have been a feature of the season leading up to and beyond Christmas. Readings like: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” and “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” And the season after Christmas, called Epiphany, is particularly focused on the ways in which the glory of God was revealed in various aspects of Jesus’ life, the ways in which Jesus, as the light of God, entered into a dark world.

Ultimately, the intent of these Gospel scriptures is not just to provide historical accounts of the miraculous aspects of Jesus’ life. Rather it is to encourage Jesus’ followers

to take up the task of shining like lights in the world. Indeed, the scriptures we read in this season of Epiphany act as preparation for Jesus’ admonition to his followers that “You are the light of the world. So let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

The glory of the Lord does not blaze into the world in one massive burst. Rather it comes little by little, like the way the light gets a little longer each day, until it eventually dominates, and we get up in the light and go to bed in the light. As the followers of Jesus reflect his own glory and image to the surrounding world, the world becomes just a little less dark and a bit more light, until the glory of Lord is all the light the world needs.

So, arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
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Lafarge Canada contributing to 3D printed structures in Siksika Nation

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Another benefit to this type of construction is minimizing waste in addition to the reduced carbon emissions, which aligns with environmental and community values.

Nidus3D is a Canadian robotic construction company which was founded in 2021 to deliver low-cost printed structures with automated, on-site 3D concrete printing.

Print times for the exterior walls of a building are reported to take approximately a week per building. For this project, in order to save on costs and print times, only the exteriors will be printed, as opposed to doing both interiors and exteriors in this fashion.

Utilities for the buildings such as plumbing, windows, electrical and finishing will be installed more conventionally, following the completion of the printing processes.

The project has a total allocated budget of \$2.6 million from Indigenous Services Canada. The contract established between participating organizations requires that the project be completed by March 31.

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Strathmore Spartan signs with St. Francis Xavier University

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Bodey Pettifer, who played his final season of football for the Strathmore Spartans, has been signed with St. Francis Xavier University (StFX) in Antigonish, N.S.

“It is awesome. I am super excited to be able to play football at the next level and keep playing the game. It is also exciting to go to university. It is a big step in life so that is always a bonus and I was pretty excited when I got the offer,” said the 17-year-old. “I emailed their (StFX) coach and then he reached out to me on Twitter and then we had a Zoom call, and they gave me a little presentation about the school and about the team. On the call, they gave me an offer and on Jan. 5, I accepted the offer officially.”

Pettifer explained he sent StFX a series of clips from his season which they then used to evaluate him as a player. The school also monitored his grades to ensure he was also managing his academic career.

Being introduced to football in Grade 5, Pettifer got his start simply playing with a friend and their older brother. He joined the Spartans in Grade 10 and played throughout the duration of his high school career.

“It is a tough sport, there is a lot of contact, and it is like a brotherhood,” he said. “A lot of the teammates, you get really close with them because you go to tough games with them, tough situations, so you bond through that.”

Pettifer played slot receiver for the Spartans. During his tenure, he was excited to have been part of the Spartans team to make it to the provincial finals in November of 2022.

“Unfortunately, that was a loss, but going there, we made history for the team,” he said. “It was cool getting to make history and play through those playoff games.”

While playing football at StFX, Pettifer will be pursuing a



Bodey Pettifer of the Strathmore Spartans has been signed to play football for St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S. The 17-year-old has been playing football since age 12 and has been on the Spartans for the duration of his high school career.

Photo Courtesy of Bodey Pettifer

degree in business with a minor in economics. His future ambitions are to either find a career in an associated field, or to potentially become a firefighter.

Having not been out to see the campus in person, Pettifer added he is excited to be going in blind, save for photos of the campus, and what information is made available online.

He will be joining another former Strathmore Spartan player, Nathan Cayouette, at StFX in the fall at the start of the regular autumn semester.



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Blood tests like A1c are used to determine whether you are at risk for type 2 diabetes. Results lower than 6 on this test are good. If the results are between 6.1 and 7, you may have *prediabetes*. Your doctor can advise you on some lifestyle changes to prevent a diagnosis of true type 2 diabetes.

Regarding blood pressure, it’s a good idea to invest in a good-quality home blood pressure kit. The ones that have an arm cuff are usually more accurate than the wrist types. Keep a record of your blood pressure readings to share with your doctor at each visit.

What can you do to improve your metabolic syndrome status? It’s the usual thing we hear about all the time and get tired of hearing them. But January is a good time to start. Exercising regularly will help reduce belly fat. Combining this with removing ultra-processed food and high calorie foods from your diet will also help. And remove all added sugar to your diet by reading food labels carefully and choose “sugar-free” when possible.

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The most frequently identified improper driver actions contributing to casualty collisions were: failing to obey a stop sign, failing to stop at a red light, and unsafe left turns.

Alberta RCMP encourages everyone to practice the following intersection #TrafficSafety tips:

Drivers

- Slow down as you approach an intersection, stop and check all traffic before proceeding.
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Make a full stop at red lights and stop signs, even when turning right.
- At a four-way stop, remember the Right of Way rule. You must yield to the vehicle on your right.
- Leave ample room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front. It might stop unexpectedly.
- Use your signal when making turns. Ensure it is safe to turn left before doing so.
- Pedestrians have the right of way in all marked and unmarked crosswalks. Pay attention to pedestrians crossing

when making any turns or at an all-way stop.

- Be prepared for the unexpected. Always look for pedestrians, changing lights, slippery road conditions and other drivers before proceeding through an intersection.

- Don’t try to speed up on a yellow light. A yellow light means slow down and prepare to stop.

Pedestrians

- Never jaywalk. Check traffic before crossing and only proceed when it is safe to do so.

- Always use crosswalks and pedestrian-activated signals when they are available.

- Don’t be a distracted pedestrian. Remove headphones; put away cell phones or other electronic devices when crossing the street.

- Make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you.

“When approaching an intersection, always be prepared for the unexpected,” says Sgt. Darrin Turnbull. “Pay attention to pedestrians, changing lights and other drivers before proceeding through an intersection.”

Traffic safety is everyone’s responsibility, and we all have a part to play.

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- February 6: Council Meeting**
- February 13: Municipal Planning Commission**
- February 13: Public Presentation Committee**
- February 13: Committee of the Whole**

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted.
Agenda packages can be found on our website.

WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2024 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: www.wheatlandcounty.ca/cerb

Deadline:

Applications must be post marked on or before January 31, 2024.

Please note that eligibility for 2024 funding is dependent on filing all previous funding reports with Wheatland County by January 31, 2024.

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February 6, 2024

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Call for Members

Do you hold a strong interest in the decisions made by local government regarding subdivision and development permits? If so, seize the opportunity to apply and become a representative on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB)!

Wheatland County is actively searching for individuals residing in **Division 2, Division 6, and Division 7** to participate as members of the SDAB. If you reside outside these specific Divisions but are interested in contributing, we encourage you to submit your application for our consideration.

The SDAB deals with subdivision and development appeals by the provisions of the Municipal Government Act; and shall exercise any other powers, duties, and functions as assigned by Wheatland County bylaws or policies. Members of the SDAB serve a three-year term and meet as necessary during the day or evening.

Following your appointment to the Board, SDAB members must successfully complete online training provided by the Land & Property Rights Tribunal. Members will be financially compensated for their training as well as attendance for scheduled appeal hearings.

For more information regarding training, please go to: <https://www.alberta.ca/subdivision-and-development-appeal-boards-training.aspx>

If you require additional information, please contact the Wheatland County Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Clerk, Michelle Van Haarlem, at (403) 361-2000.

Please forward letters of interest to sdab@wheatlandcounty.ca.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2024

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Tough stretch

The Wheatland Kings remain without a win to open the new year after a 4-2 loss to the Okotoks Oilers on Jan. 13 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local Junior B team will look to pick up their first win of 2024 when they host the Medicine Hat Cubs on Jan. 20 (8 p.m.) and the Coaldale Copperheads Jan. 21 (4:30 p.m.) at the Strathmore Family Centre.

Joe Lepage Photos



Strathmore gymnast headed to the Alberta Winter Games

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Hailing from Strathmore, 12-year-old Olivia Jarvis will be attending the Alberta Winter Games, taking place in Grande Prairie, come February.

“She has been taking gymnastics since she was three. She started in Strathmore and then we were not really going in the direction we wanted, so we started training out of Calgary,” said Laura Jarvis, Olivia’s mother. “She trained there for a year, but she did not start any of her competitions until we started at the club that we are at now, which is KIN Gymnastics ... and this is her third competitive season.”

Jarvis added Olivia was preparing to begin competing in 2020, but those plans were put on hold as the COVID-19 pandemic began.

This year will mark Olivia’s third competitive gymnastics season. According to Jarvis, she tried out for the Alberta Winter games at a trial event on Dec. 16.

“You have to do trials, and how it works is Alberta is broken down into eight zones, and the top four girls are chosen from each zone and they go to the games and they compete against each other,” said Jarvis. “It was set up like any other competition would be. (Olivia) competes in her four events: bars, vault, beam, and floor, and so just like they would at the Olympics – they each get their scores from each apparatus, they are added up and the Top 4 girls with the highest scores from each apparatus were chosen to compete at the games.”

Jarvis reported Olivia had the highest scores out of any competitor in her age group for the zone, securing her invitation to the Alberta Winter Games.



Olivia Jarvis (12) has earned a spot to compete at the Alberta Winter Games in Grande Prairie, come February. Jarvis will represent this zone along with three other girls who qualified in Gymnastics to compete.

Photos Courtesy of Laura Jarvis

This year marks the first that Olivia is eligible to qualify for the games, as they require participants to be a certain age, and demonstrate skill at a certain level. Additionally, the games only take place every two years.

“I am really excited to go to the games ... (doing gymnastics), there is a lot of fun skills and the teams,” said Olivia.

The games will be taking place in Grande Prairie, Feb. 16-19. Though she said information about the event is hard to come by, Jarvis explained Olivia will have a team portion as well as an individual portion of the competition to participate in.

Her fellow teammates and competitors will all be roughly her age, with a variance of up to four years her senior. In order to prepare, as well as to maintain her physical conditioning, Jarvis trains an average of 19.5 hours per week.

Olivia added the games are just the next step in her goals to eventually receive a scholarship with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as well as to participate in the Olympic Games.

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Ice battle

The Strathmore Ice U16C ringette team dropped a close 6-4 decision to South Calgary Ringette on Jan. 14 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The Ice will return to regular season action on Feb. 3, before hosting their next home game the following day (6 p.m.).

Joe Lepage Photos



Eyeing the Olympics

Strathmore's Connor Kautz was one of 100 athletes (aged 14-25) to participate in the RBC Training Ground national final Dec. 2 in Toronto, Ont. with the goal of competing in luge for Team Canada. The RBC Training Ground is an annual cross-country talent search run in partnership with the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canadian Sport Institutes to find future Olympians. "Getting to attend the RBC Training Ground national final was amazing," said Kautz. "Flying to Toronto, meeting all of the other athletes, it was a great experience and I'm excited to start this journey in luge."



Photo Courtesy of Kate Dockeray

Alzheimer's Awareness Month kicks off

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With the new year fresh out of pocket, and many people just having seen their relatives, January is being noted as Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Barb Ferguson, executive director with Alzheimer's Calgary, explained the importance of Alzheimer's awareness, and why the occasion is taking place so soon after the turn of the year.

"It is a national month, and it is just to raise awareness about this really critical condition. It happens every year in January ... often family members start to notice signs when they are together over the holidays," she said. "It is a really critical time and it is really important to have it in January because we get a lot of calls (this month). People have been together over the holidays and are starting to maybe notice some changes in their family members so there are lots of questions coming forward this month."

She explained Alzheimer's Calgary does a lot of outreach events and campaigning through education sessions. The public engagement session this month is an event being hosted Jan. 27, called Talking About Dementia, which presents an opportunity for those who are curious to come out and speak with an expert in the field.

"We do a lot of online programming

and educations, and I also really encourage people who have questions to call our dementia support navigators," said Ferguson. "Strathmore is definitely a very important part of our service area and we are here to serve. Our dementia support navigators are registered social workers; they help people really with emotional support, connecting to other community resources and answering questions."

Ferguson added some people are simply curious about Alzheimer's and want to learn more, while others are seeing different signs of the disease and are hoping to learn about what to do for their loved ones.

Some signs to look for include disruptive memory loss, poor judgement, loss of spontaneity and sense of initiative, losing track of dates or current location, taking longer than usual to complete regular tasks, and repeating questions or forgetting recently learned information.

"It is so much more than just memory. It is really when you start to notice changes in a person's ability to perform once familiar tasks," said Ferguson. "Maybe everyday they would make coffee and they have become a little bit more confused about what that process looks like."

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CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Last week, Canadians were shocked to learn that B.C. is planning to provide free recreational fentanyl to kids of all ages and are seeking to do this without the consent of parents or guardians. Our government will never adopt this so-called "safe supply" drug policy and have brought in regulations to prevent this and making this illegal in Alberta.

Alberta is on a better path. Since 2019, our government has added more than 10,000 addiction treatment spaces across the province and eliminated the \$1,240 in monthly user fees that were once a barrier to treatment. We're building 11 long-term recovery communities across the province (two are already open in Red Deer and Lethbridge). And we've expanded same-day access to life-saving treatment medication anywhere in the province through the Virtual Opioid Dependency Program.

Alberta's government is providing housing providers with a one-time \$10-million increase in operating funding to help them continue to house low-income Albertans during high inflation. This one-time funding has already been received by the province's

housing providers so they can address their immediate needs. It is in addition to the \$165.9 million over three years that Budget 2023 allocated for housing providers to operate family and community housing. Through the Stronger Foundations plan, Alberta's government is supporting \$9 billion in housing investments to provide affordable housing for 82,000 more households by 2031.

The government is also investing more than \$3.6 million to help post-secondaries advance research-driving innovation and technology development. The latest round of successful applications includes projects ranging from advancements in unmanned flight to developments in energy storage and agricultural technologies.

I want to continue hearing from you on issues that matter to you. I will be hosting a series of Coffee Meet & Greet across our constituency in the coming weeks. On Friday, January 26th, I will be at Rocky's Bakery in Strathmore, located on 126 2nd Ave, from 10:00am to 11:30 am. Please stop by for a coffee and chat!

(Chantelle de Jonge is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore and the Parliamentary Secretary for Affordability and Utilities)

Obituary



TANTON,
Allan Russell

We sadly announce the sudden passing of Allan Russell Tanton (age 73) of Strathmore, Alberta on December 16, 2023, in Calgary. Allan was born in 1950 in Canora, Saskatchewan.

Allan is survived by his wife of 50 years, Birgit; his sons Dervin (Danielle) and Calvin (Bridget); beloved grandchildren Taryn, Zach (Tori), Thea, Ty, Tinley, and Ethan; siblings Harvey, Laurel (Zane), and Marlene; numerous nieces and nephews; He was the "uncle of all uncles" as Brandi put it; as well as his special "sister" Karin, daughter-in-law Michelle, sister-in-law Laurie and so many dear friends from both here and back home in Saskatchewan.

He was predeceased by his parents Ralph and Verna Tanton; his siblings Bonnie, Karen, Kenny, Donnie, and Lloyd; and his Uncle Merle, who helped raise him after his dad's death.

"Big Al" was a large man that had an even larger personality. The very definition of a giant teddy bear. Gruff and intimidating on the outside but had the biggest heart on the inside. He was a hard worker all his life. He especially loved working for his final employer BRT Construction before illness forced him to retire. He loved his fishing trips with Harvey and card games with Lloyd and Karin. He liked working alongside Kenny as they got themselves established in the precast business. He didn't miss many of the boy's ball games years ago. Allan loved his day trips to Sundre to see the wild horses, to longer trips home to Saskatchewan to see many people he held dear. He loved telling stories of his childhood antics with Ronnie Chase. He loved to laugh.

We would like to thank Jason, Angel, and Nolan with all they did to help. We will always be grateful. Please know how much you all meant to "Big Al". As per Allan's wishes, there will be no funeral service. To send condolences, please visit Allan's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

January 17, 2024 | 6 P.M.
 January 24, 2024 | 6 P.M.
 February 7, 2024 | 6 P.M.

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

Come Say Hi

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



Facility Holiday Hours

Date	Municipal Building	Aquatic Centre	Family Centre	Sports Centre
Dec 24, 2023	Closed	Closed	Noon to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dec 25, 2023	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dec 26, 2023	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed
Dec 27, 2023	Closed	6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 28, 2023	Closed	6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 29, 2023	Closed	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 30, 2023	Closed	Noon to 5 p.m.	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Dec 31, 2023	Closed	Noon to 5 p.m.	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Jan 1, 2023	Closed	11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed



Waste collection update for January 1, 2024.

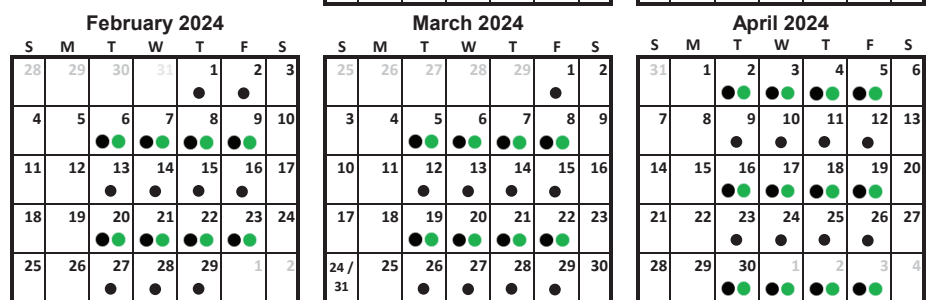


Seasonal Collection Schedule

November 01, 2023 to April 30, 2024

January 1, 2024 new collection days

● black cart/waste
 ● green cart/organic



Keep organics light and fluffy!
 Avoid packing down contents in your cart. Materials may become stuck in the cart, and the truck may not be able to fully empty it. Lining and layering your cart every 30 cm (12") with newspaper, food boxes or paper towels will also reduce materials from becoming stuck. If items are stuck, it is up to you to loosen them and put them out for the next collection date.

May 1, 2024 - return to weekly garbage and compost collection.
 Questions?
 infrastructure@strathmore.ca
 or 403-361-2108
 or strathmore.ca/waste-collection

Waste Collection Days – effective January 1, 2024			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hillview	Aspen	Cambridge	Downtown
Lakewood	Briarwood	Glenwood	Strathmore
Strathaven	Brentwood	Grande Point Est.	Westmount
Strathcona	Crystal Ridge	Green Meadows	Wildflower
Range Rd 254	Edgefield	Maplewood	
	The Ranch	Parkwood	
	Thornccliffe	Range Rd 250	
		George Freeman	
No Collection on Monday			

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