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New sport in town

## New church moving forward

BRAD EVERETT  
Times Contributor

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish is \$1.8 million in pledges away from beginning construction on a new church in May of this year.

Bishop William McGrattan announced the Diocese of Calgary would contribute an additional \$500,000 to the \$9.3 million project, bringing the funding shortfall to \$1.8 million, at the Sacred Heart Parish community presentation on the project Jan. 14.

About 80 people showed up for the event, which included a virtual tour of the new church and progress report on the project. The parish purchased the old IGA store at 4 Ave and 2 St. downtown with the intention of renovating it to become the new parish church.

A combination of local fundraising, pledges, a proposed \$1.5 million mortgage and contributions from the diocese has the project within \$1.8 million.

“The work done by the parish committees involved in this project is to be commended and serves as an example of best practices in the diocese,” he said. “I want to acknowledge the work and sacrifice of the parishioners in this, as well as the many very generous pledges and financial sacrifices people have made toward this project.”

The Bishop’s approval is required for the project to move fully into the fifth and final phase of construction, which the building committee refers to as “shovels in the ground.” Some have suggested that if he were to give this approval now, the pledges would follow. However, the Bishop was clear that he wanted the pledges in place before giving his approval.

“The diocese wants to assist in this and I’m willing to meet with donors over the next three months,” said McGrattan. “I think it is completely doable to have this in place before the end of March so construction could begin on schedule in May.”

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New year success

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## Perfect paintings!

The Wheatland Society of the Arts hosted a free community painting event on Jan. 14 at their studio in downtown Strathmore. All three sessions during the day were completely full with over 50 people on the waiting list. The event was made possible by Strathmore FCSS grant funding from the CMHA’s Rural Mental Health Program.

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# Search warrant executed

STRATHMORE RCMP

On Jan. 5, members of the Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), with assistance from Strathmore RCMP, executed a search warrant on a property in the Village of Rockyford. RCMP recovered the following: stolen vehicles (x4), a fifth wheel RV trailer, stolen licence plates, 25 grams of suspected fentanyl, 10 grams of suspected methamphetamine, stolen identification documents and office equipment used to create fraudulent identification and financial cards.

Jason Lazette (46), a resident of Rockyford, was arrested on the property and has been charged with 27 charges, some of which include: possession of stolen property over \$5,000 (x5), possession of stolen property under \$5,000 (x2), possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking (x2), obtaining/possession of identity information (x8), possession of a prohibited firearm and failure to comply with release order (x4).

Vehicles recovered included a 2017 Honda Civic, 2020 Hyundai Elantra, 2007 Ford F550, 2003 Chev Silverado and 2009 Heartland Big Country RV Trailer.

After a judicial interim hearing, Lazette was remanded in custody and his next court appearance is in Strathmore Provincial Court on Jan. 17.

The Southern Alberta Crime Reduction Unit would like to thank the community of Rockyford for their support during this operation.



## Winning weekend

The Strathmore Spartans JV girls' basketball team won their home tournament on Jan. 14. It capped off a great weekend of action, that also featured Strathmore's Holy Cross Collegiate JV team.

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YOUR WEEKLY HEALTH ADVICE Gord Morck Pharmacist Capsule Comments

Having a home blood pressure kit is a good idea especially if you have a heart or blood pressure condition. These units often come with a memory to record recent tests. Doctors like patients reporting results of home testing especially during telephone consultations. Try taking your blood pressure while sitting then five minutes later take a reading while standing. That kind of information can be very helpful to your doctor.

When you think of weight-lifting, you think of muscle-bound jocks bench-pressing hundreds of pounds. But seniors can benefit from weight-lifting as well. New research has shown that seniors who regularly exercise with weights show significant reduction in heart disease. The effects are even more positive when weight-lifting is combined with moderate to vigorous aerobic activity. (The benefits seemed stronger in women than men.)

Having trouble sleeping? Here's a non-drug method that might help. Try a weighted blanket. They are popular in Europe and are often used to treat insomnia. Available in Canada, these blankets weigh from 15 to 20 pounds. It is suggested that they work by stimulating an increased release of melatonin, a hormone naturally released by the brain. Might be worth a try for a better night's sleep.

People holidaying in Mexico often worry about drinking the water. There was an attempt by one hotel to allay these worries with the following sign:

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### Battling for top spot

It was a battle for first overall when the Wheatland Braves hosted the West Central Tigers on Jan. 14 at the Strathmore Family Centre. The local U13AA team used a four-goal outburst in the first period en route to a 5-2 win, their first on home ice in 2023. The Braves capped off the weekend by blitzing the Foothills Bisons 14-0 on Jan. 15, improving to 19-1-2 on the season.

Joe Lepage Photos

# Climate change policies

LEELA SHARON AHEER  
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Hello Chestermere-Strathmore readers. We have had a few interesting weeks across the political front federally. We saw our federal government float policies regarding climate change. We heard terms like “just transition,” followed by that lump in our stomachs, whereas Albertans, we say, “what now?”

If you are interested, here is my understanding-albeit frustrated understanding. The world is investing in all sorts of energy, including investments in the green, low-carbon global economy, including net-zero. As with any economy, there are huge opportunities and drawbacks. Unfortunately, political divisiveness leads these discussions, and common sense is not part of the discourse. We must believe that any transition needs to be driven by markets, needs, prosperity, and the advice of experts in the energy sector. We need to speak honestly about energy security, but it is so much more than being able to flip on the light switch; it's about affordability. We need a policy agenda that speaks to the global energy crisis that has come full circle due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. High energy prices impact the global economic outlook, but more importantly, it hurts households and industries. It's time to restore and take a different look at how governments build energy policy priorities.

The discussions around energy transitions show us the ability to build diverse and sustainable energy systems. These opportunities are important because they address the volatility and exposure in the market that drive the high prices we are facing right now. But this road is full of pitfalls and potholes and needs to be handled with transparency which is sorely lacking in the political and divisive rhetoric. Energy needs to be reliable and affordable. That is something we can all agree on. We are in the midst of economic recovery globally and locally, and we need to get our ethically and responsibly sourced energy to the world, particularly Europe and Asia, where consumers are paying exorbitant prices for energy, and there are supply shortages. Some nations and people who only recently secured electricity will not be able to pay for it and are forced to burn wood. Governments should be focused on adequate storage, fuel alternatives, and affordability in the short term. This is where the actual harm is, and unless there are thoughtful conversations and actions meaningful to the people we serve, politics win, and people lose. Keeping Alberta's resources in the ground only prevent nations from progressing and having access to affordable energy. We are morally required, in my opinion, to be able to offer our vast resources to the world, and governments need to be on board. The future of energy includes all energy, and we should work towards enhancing efficiencies in all these areas.

As always, we love to hear from you. (Leela Sharon Aheer is the MLA Elect for Chestermere-Strathmore)

### BBB Tip: Decluttering? Tips for selling your used items online



It's a great time to clean out your home and organize your living spaces. But what should you do with the gently used clothing, furniture, home items, or electronics that you aren't using anymore?

Fortunately, online marketplaces, such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, eBay, and Poshmark, make it easy to sell without even leaving your home. That said, there are a few perils to selling used items online. To avoid the dangers and to successfully make sales, BBB recommends the following tips.

#### How to stay safe when making online sales

- Know the worth of your items and price appropriately. To determine the value of an item you want to sell, Consumer Reports suggests searching for similar items on the site where you plan to list. If you are selling an item that was never used and is still in its original packaging, remember that technically it is still coming to the buyer second-hand, so you'll need to charge a little less than the original retail value if you want to make a sale.
- Make a quality listing. Make sure the images are clear and accurately show the item's color, form, and other key details. You'll also want to include specific measurements and detailed written descriptions that inform buyers of any flaws the item may have, no matter how small. Make it clear that the price you set takes the flaws into account.
- Watch out for shady buyers. Con artists often pose as buyers in scams. Sometimes they offer to overpay for an item, but that's not their only tactic. Beware of buyers who ask you to make transactions outside of the selling platform or those who ask for personal information, such as your banking information.
- Be extra cautious when making local sales. Some platforms allow you to meet up with people in your local area to exchange your item for cash in person. While this can be an effective way to sell big items and avoid marketplace fees, use caution when meeting up with strangers. Don't be quick to give them your home address, instead ask buyers to meet you in a safe place, such as outside your local police department. Never meet up with a buyer you don't know alone. Always bring your partner or a friend to make the transaction.
- Always protect your personal information. As you sell items online, keep your sensitive personal information under lock and key. Avoid communicating with buyers outside of the online platform you are using to make the sale and don't give out your home address, phone number, or email address.

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### Thought for the Week

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*Could it be true that we model our values without trying?*

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New beginnings are something we look forward to. Many of us faithfully make New Year's resolutions hoping to start something new and improved as the year commences. We will exercise more; we will eat less. That was January 1st. It is now mid-month, and the reality of the new beginning does not quite live up to the hype. Shortly after deciding on what the New Year's resolutions are to be --we promptly break them. It is too cold to go out for a walk, the big game is on TV, and we overindulge. The bible is full of stories about new beginnings; new beginning marking a change in someone's life story; a new beginning usually instigated by an encounter with God. Often these new beginnings are marked with a name change. Even after doubting God's promise of offspring, breaking out in a full belly laugh at the prospect of having children at their advanced age, Abram and Sarai become Abraham and Sarah (Gen 17). After wrestling with God, Jacob becomes Israel (Gen 32). After encountering Jesus, Saul becomes Paul (Acts 9). With God's help, the new beginnings were a change that 'stuck' for Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Paul. God is faithful and with God's help, the strength we need to make the desired change is available. We are able to live into new beginnings for the full and grace filled life that we so desire --even in the small details of life like feeling better by exercising more and eating less. God of new beginnings, be with us on our journey. Give us the strength to make life giving choices. Amen

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# Nashville style songwriters circle to take place in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the first time in Strathmore, a group of local musicians are coming together to organize a songwriters circle, similar to what might be observed in Nashville.

As Erinn Gregory explained, it is designed to be an outlet for music artists to talk about their work, as well as to perform for other likeminded individuals.

"I've been talking to the musical arts society for a while about wanting to get a songwriters circle or performance where it really focuses on our local artists and the talent they have at writing songs," she said. "I feel like we have a lot of shows where more covers are played, but this is more focused on the actual written songs of these artists. I was hoping to introduce Strathmore to that sort of setup."

Traditionally in Nashville, she explained, attending artists would sit literally in a circle with one taking to the middle at a time.

The artist in the middle of the circle, or in Strathmore's case, simply up for their turn to perform, will introduce and explain the song they have written, then sing.

She said typically speaking, there will be four to five rounds of the exercise for the artists to participate in.

"My husband and I have been to Nashville ... and I was blown away by how intimate it was and how inspiring it was to listen to these guys' stories," she said. "Once you have actually heard the actual songwriter explain why they wrote their song or who they wrote it for, or what was their inspiration at the time, I think it just makes you connected to the music even more."

Although similar shows in Strathmore tend to



A Nashville-style songwriters' circle will be hosted in Strathmore, Jan. 27. According to Erinn Gregory, who is organizing the event, the space is designed to be an opportunity for artists to talk about the lyrics they have written, as well as to perform and listen to other artists from the area.

Photo Courtesy of Erinn Gregory

attract the same people over and over, the music community in town is, as Gregory described it, passionate and committed to their work.

For the event itself, she is aiming to have 100 tickets sold by showtime. Thus far, Gregory said response to the idea has been very positive on social media, and wherever it has been promoted.

If it is successful, she said it would be exciting to host more events of its like throughout the year and invite more songwriters out to talk and perform.

The event on Jan. 27 will feature Blake Reid, Lindsay Butler, Troy Kokol, and Joni Delaurier; each are from different parts of Alberta.

Tickets for the show are available online at strathmorearts.com or are available in person at the Assist Business Centre, ConnectFirst Credit Union, Pro Water Strathmore, the Station Market and the Vault.

Show details can also be found online.

# Library bringing back cat café

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Municipal Library is bringing back their cat café, in partnership with the Happy Cat Sanctuary for their second iteration.

Hosted for the first time in November of last year, the Library's Public Services Coordinator, Laura Henderson, said it was an absolute success last time around.

"It's going to look very similar to the first time except that have been able to streamline the event. You learn from the first one, but to be honest, it was so successful the first time around, there was not much that needed to be adjusted," she said. "The Happy Cat Sanctuary is going to bring in a number of cats, I think between 10 and 15 this time, and you can come in and cuddle the cats and there will also be a separate area with some coffee and doughnuts."

For those who missed, were unaware of, or otherwise unable to attend the pilot event, the library's program room will be divided into two segments. One will feature tables to sit, socialize and enjoy the provided snacks, while the contained area will host the visiting felines.

Henderson estimated eight or nine cats were adopted through the previous event and hopes to see similar numbers this time around.

"People loved coming to cuddle with the cats and a lot of people felt that the weather was not great the first time around, so we are hoping it will be clear this time for the people who missed it last time to be able to take it in," she added.

The event will be free for public attendance, just like last time around, though donations will be accepted to aid Happy Cat Sanctuary with their operations.

Though she was unable to confirm exactly what Happy Cat intends, Henderson explained there will likely be a variety of ages brought to the library ranging from kittens to older cats.

The library is aiming to host more of such events throughout the course of the year, and those who are interested are encouraged to get in touch about volunteering.

"It is mostly run by volunteers, the library is open at that time so there are staff available but volunteers work on it, Carmen Erison will be there and Happy Cat will have volunteers and staff on hand as well," said Henderson.

For those interested in getting involved, apply for a general volunteer position with the library and communicate the cat café is something of interest, as well as about any other future opportunities.

Those who are interested may also get in touch with the Happy Cat Sanctuary to inquire about any of their needs either for volunteers or foster homes.

Henderson estimated the last café attracted roughly 200 people and is expecting to see similar numbers this time around.

The café will operate from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Jan. 21. The program room will be disinfected by the Strathmore Fire Department the following day to sterilize any allergens from the room.

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- 14. Small cavity in a rock
- 15. Recidivists
- 17. City of Angels hoopster
- 19. A way to mark with one's signature
- 20. OJ trial judge
- 21. Rice cooked in broth
- 22. One point east of due south
- 23. One point east of southeast
- 24. Complements an entree
- 26. Grouped by twos
- 29. Disfigure
- 31. Woods
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- 35. Kin groups
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Contrary to
- 39. Bluish-gray fur
- 40. Comprehend the written word
- 41. Natural depressions
- 43. Felines
- 45. Breathe noisily
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Foot (Latin)
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Monetary units of Peru
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. High points

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
- 2. A bright color
- 3. Thicket
- 4. Journalist Tarbell
- 5. A place to work or relax
- 6. Sharp mountain ridge
- 7. Helicopter
- 8. Mimic
- 9. Suggests
- 10. More musty
- 11. Large, flightless rail
- 12. Make beer
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 16. People who account for you
- 18. Taunt
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. Cover the entirety of
- 24. Kids' favorite visitor
- 25. A way to save for retirement
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. C. China mountain range
- 29. Type of sandwich
- 30. Team
- 31. Paddle
- 33. Partly digested food
- 35. Most cagey
- 36. Shoppers make one
- 37. Cathode-ray tube
- 39. Food supplies
- 42. Backbones
- 43. Concern
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
- 50. Type of bread
- 51. S. Nigerian people
- 52. Scottish tax
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Hide of a young animal
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

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# Cornhole kicks off in Strathmore

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Strathmore's own local cornhole

league has officially kicked off as of Jan. 10, and immediately attracted more participation than organizers expected. Lance Smith, president of the Strath-

more Huskers Cornhole Club, said the club had no idea whether to expect 20 people showing up or 100 at launch day.

"I think we have got around 60 or 70, and that is more than we could have hoped for, for sure. We made sure we had enough sets of boards to accommodate this many people ... as long as everybody is up throwing, that is the main thing," he said. "Going forward, we will have playoffs every week and cash prizes. The app we run it through will look after all that, so that helps keep us on track."

Smith explained cornhole has been experiencing significant growth in Alberta over the past year, going from two leagues within the province to eight.

Strathmore's league will operate for a 10-week season, with Jan. 10 having been week one. Based on the success of the pilot season, Smith said the team may organize up to three seasons a year.

"The response has been good on Facebook and everything leading up to this, it looks to be pretty positive and that's what we are after is just to get everybody out and let them have fun, try it out, mix and mingle and go from there," Smith said.

For those who are more interested in trying out cornhole, they can drop in for one night. If they decide they would like to stick around for the rest of the season, the cost of their first attendance would be deducted from their league fees.

Smith explained league fees are ultimately used for operational expenses such as renting out the space, maintaining local equipment and other administrative costs.

The original idea to get a league kicked off, he added, started as cornhole became more and more popular at



Strathmore's local cornhole league, the Huskers, hosted the opening night to their league, Jan. 10. The event, which kicked off a 10-week organized league, saw more than 60 people in attendance signing up either for a drop-in night or for the entire league

John Watson Photo

an annual party.

Strathmore's Cornhole league is registered with Canada Cornhole, as well as being involved with the other leagues around the province.

Smith said the idea is to potentially see folks from other leagues coming out to Strathmore to support the local league and vice versa.

Though the potential to host a regional or provincial tournament exists, Smith and his team are uncertain when or if they will host anytime soon.

"We are not super competitive, we just want to get people out, have fun, and just have something else for people to do," he said. "If our league becomes a success, maybe we can host a bigger tournament or two and that would be awesome."

Strathmore's cornhole league meets every Tuesday at the Ag Society grounds starting at 6:30 p.m. during league weeks.



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For more information please contact Jessica Salmon at 403-361-2021 or [jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca](mailto:jessica.salmon@wheatlandcounty.ca)



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## 22/23 INTRO TO HOCKEY STRATHMORE



*Coaches:* Gord Baldwin, Travis Phibbs, Shadoe Stoodley, Tanner Stoodley, Reece St. Goddard, Keith Gregory, Keenan Desmet, Tom Littlefair  
*Middle:* Isla Baldwin, Isabel Lausen, Calder St. Goddard, Austin Thorhaug, Dylan Toovey, Weston Fairfield, Emma Inglis, Caleb Littlefair, Jackson Elliott, Bennett Gregory, Doc Desmet, Quincy Desmet, Roman Graff, Camden Puttick, Nash Belton, Elliott Benjamin, Kaydence Musselman *Front:* Luke Lausen, Grayson Stoodley, Taytum Stoodley, Jamison Phibbs, Loresa Stewart, Alexandria Graff, Sterling Langen, Elwynn Kusal, Emmett McCann, Nixon Woodson, Harvey Goebel, Emilia Kenney  
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## 22/23 U7 EAST WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



*Coaches:* M Aimee Christensen, M Nicole Gordon, HC Garrett Stokes, AC Joel Rasmussen, AC Belinda Nielsen, CA Ryder Harder *Middle:* Graham Jensen, Kaleb Klemmensen, Josie Bellanger, Jonathan Schultz, Clark Dundas, Grayson Nielsen, Brody Gordon, Luke Geeraert, Barron Corbiell *Front:* Chase Wheatley, Livy Christensen, Atticus Stokes, Linden Gordon, Briney Hazel, Tilley Gordon, Reid Rasmussen, Oakley Dundas, Isaac Koester, Logan Eicher *Missing:* Daxton Hazel, AC Kent Christensen  
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## 22/23 U7 JR BLACK STRATHMORE STORM



*Coaches:* AC Mason Marlatt, AC Ryan Witteman, HC David Bryan, AC Kristina Shantz, AC Chad Bryan *Middle:* Archer Paetz, Colton Walters, Marcus Marlatt, Emma Shantz, Courtney Bryan, Jackson Bryan *Front:* Easton Geeraert, Casey Witteman, Kabe Baldwin, Devinder Singh, Beau Koester, Ty Beekman  
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## 22/23 U7 JR WHITE STRATHMORE STORM STRATHMORE U7 JR-RED DEVILS 2022/23



*Coaches:* AC Warren Bills, AC Rance Coulter, AC Shadoe Stoodley, HC Brett Thurston, AC Drew Gregory *Middle:* Rhys Matheson, Kessler Bills, Tate Calf Robe, Tulo Big Snake, Aria Stoodley, Jessie Thurston, Madnus De Cocq *Front:* Benson Gordon, Everson Calf Robe, Weston Crozier, Rhett Warrack, Tate Matheson, Memphis Coulter, Ty Gregory  
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## 22/23 U7 SR STRATHMORE STORM



*Coaches:* AC Kirk Deeg, AC Reece St. Goddard, HC Evan Barlow, AC Jonathan Heer *Middle:* Tenley St. Goddard, Bobby Reid, Max Beddie, Oliver Tennis, Boston Heer, Parker Smith, Carson Pitts  
*Front:* Bennett Montgrand, Hudson Barlow, Max Deeg, Lincoln Ross, Luke Cammaert, Jacob Jones, Marek Miller  
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## 22/23 U9 EAST WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



*Coaches:* M Cindy Collins, AC Shaun Collins, HC Brendan Christensen, AC Tyler Henke, AC Lance Gordon *Middle:* Calum Crump, Kaleb Crouse, Piper Larsen, Hunter Murphy, Brynlee Gordon, Nolan Gordon, Sarah Collins, Ryver Martens *Front:* Max Caplette, Jorgia Gordon, Emma Barnett, Owen Jensen, Emmett Henke, Hunter Christensen, Kohen Koester, Harlyn Crump  
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## 22/23 U9 WHITE STRATHMORE STORM



*Coaches:* AC Brett Thurston, AC Dallas Anderson, HC Devin Olson, AC Brad Huntley *Middle:* Celeste Wells, Maddox Goodwin, Mason Hatt, Rogan Bezanson, Matthew Anderson, Kate Thurston, Crosby Breaker, Sutter Schwager *Front:* Callen Huntley, Everly Olson, Bryer Paschal, Easton Soch, Aubree Johnston, Emersyn Klatzel, Brayzen Duhn  
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## 22/23 U9 BLACK STRATHMORE STORM



*Top:* AC Ryan Schmidt, HC Matthew Leboldus, Decker Leboldus, Myles Matheson, Liam Sacher, Yuvraj Singh, Weston Schmidt, James Sansome, Rylan Langejans, Luke Oulette, AC Rance Coulter, AC Kirk Cameron *Front:* Jace Lohse, Bennett Robinson, Luke Mordy, Logan Oleksyn, Emmett Coulter, Luke Graff, Lukas Cameron  
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**22/23 U9A STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* AC Erin McGrath-Brown, AC David Bryan, HC Andy Cammaert, AC Kristina Shantz *Middle:* Avery Sanders, George Bellanger, Corbin Bryan, William Shantz, Liam Pickett, Jack Barron, Kaden Cammaert, Kaden Penner, Viggo De Cocq *Front:* Logan Brown, Sadie Morse, Ryan Spiller, Samuel Spiller, Kason Kartz, Jace Parker Hrycuk  
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**22/23 U11 EAST WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



*Coaches:* M Nick Phillips, C Ty Corbiell, AC Craig Nelson *Back:* Ryle Corbiell, Jaxon Verhey, Blake Nelson, Carsten Schnarr, Dane Corbiell, Ethan Schultz, Edmond Bellanger *Front:* Charlie Crump, Phoenix Martens, Parker Henke, Camden Hager, Colton Christensen, Marc Phillips, Ryker Gerrard  
*Missing:* AC Kyle Crump, AC Darrin Schnarr *Kelly Jennings Photography*

**22/23 U11C STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* AC Ken Haslam, HC Jason Sheppard, AC Shane Breaker *Middle:* Lennon Breaker, Claire Hilton, Braxton Duhn, Joshua Lausen, Brody Haslam, Liam Breaker, Mason Chmelyk *Front:* Colton Sheppard, Cole Guimont, James Lloyd, Jackson Lyle, Brooks Plett, Houston Big Snake  
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**22/23 U11B STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* HC Mike Janes, AC Danny Strasky, AC Ryan Geremia, AC Landon Pitts *Middle:* Quaid Schwager, Wyatt Pitts, Lucas Geremia, Gabriel Reynolds, Tanner Pitts, Rowan Strasky *Front:* Landyn Johnston, Jaxon Meakin, Hunter Jansen, Benjamin Klatzel, Anderson Janes  
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**22/23 U11A STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* AC Graham Fitzsimmons, AC Ryan Kinsey, HC Reese St. Goddard, AC Dustin Reid, M Paden Grant *Middle:* Javen Sansome, Zane Greenslade, Graysen Grant, Jody Wells, Brayden Toovey, Jaxon Quinney, Anabelle Morse *Front:* Nixon Reid, Damien Fitzsimmons, Koen Kinsey, Dryden St. Goddard, Ryker Bodeux *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U11AA STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* AC Cody Brown, AC Jason Dudley, AC Tristan Periard, HC Ryan Dalziel *Middle:* Deklan Scherger, Gavin Thorhaug, Brady Norman, Landon Dalziel, Maizon Periard, Titan Dudley, Reid Semeniuk, Emery Lunn, Blake Jakubiszyn, Tristan Johansen *Front:* Miles Brown, Andy McNair, Lucas Ouellette, Eddie Paterson, Jackson Jones, Grayden Shave  
*Missing:* AC Mike Jones *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U13 GREEN EAST WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



*Coaches:* HC Jason Gauthier, AC Cole McCallum, AC Jay Schultz, M Karyn Huckerby *Middle:* Travis Selgensen, Tate Filkohazy, Cale Christensen, Blayne Martens, Braden Schultz, Bryar Larsen *Front:* Tyson Gauthier, Max Hemminger, Hunter Crump, Cale Hager, Kash Koole, Ryder Harder, Miller Jumpsen *Missing:* Jack Praeker, AC Abe Jensen, AC Francis Praeker, Connie Harder *Kelly Jennings Photography*

**22/23 U13 WHITE EAST WHEATLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**



*Coaches:* AC Brad McArthur, HC Craig Christensen *Middle:* Eddie Christensen, Henry McArthur, Jazmyne Martens, Frank Jr. Sitting Eagle, Owen Cochrane, Bodey Barnett, Charlie Christensen *Front:* Samuel Geerhaert, Colton Zakariasen, Tyson Gibeau, Drystan McKinnon, Grayson Brassard  
*Missing:* AC Jim Barnett, M Marie McKinnon *Kelly Jennings Photography*

**22/23 U13D STRATHMORE STORM**



*Top:* AC Chance Breaker, HC Chris Bailey, AC Mike Armstrong, AC Tim Calf Robe *Middle:* Madison Baron, Timothy Calf Robe, Brayden Bezanson, Rogan Tudor, Holden Armstrong, Joseph Stewart *Front:* Jett Bailey, Charlie Stewart, Max Sitting Eagle, Tavia McKinnon, Tiernen Wurz *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U13C STRATHMORE STORM**



*Coaches:* AC Chris Hart, AC Chris Legault, HC Ryan Kinsey, AC Jonathan Pickett, AC Rob Spiller *Top:* Trey Baron, Justin Homan, Quintin Mercer, Tyler Van Oosterhout, Lyla Perkins, Phoenix Romkey, Hunter Hart *Front:* Breyden Pickett, Matthew Spiller, Jace Kinsey, Nixon Narain, Gurleen Hundal, Jaxon Smith *Goalie:* Kalan Legault *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U13B STRATHMORE STORM**



*Top:* AC Armand Pinel, AC Jason Schneider, HC Ryan Zolmer, AC Dan Rayton *Middle:* Asher Paetz, Bose Hermanson, Jayden Schneider, Chaz Rayton, Merik McMaster, Caelan Pinel, Leland Sitting Eagle, Waren Bell *Front:* Chayce Halsall, Sylus Zolmer, Cade Lausen, Nolan Rayton, AJ Aldridge  
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**22/23 U13A STRATHMORE STORM**



*Top:* AC James Podloski, AC Joey Koester, HC Mike Bourgon, AC Mike Periard *Middle:* Taggart Koester, Dasan Periard, Devyn Beekman, Devin Berry, Andrew Bourgon, Colton Campbell, Parker Podloski *Front:* Trent Brown, Gray Jensen, Rhett Parker, Grady Peterson, Jakob Wilson, Elway Temple, Kale Running Rabbit *Imageworks Photography*

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**22/23 U13AA WHEATLAND BRAVES**

*Top:* HC Jack Vergouwen, AC Ryan Skytt, *Middle:* Nathan Snook, Mathew Bourgon, Emmett Kautz, Walker Kautz, Ty Barlow, Easton Moskal, Weston Kautz, Tripp Hayes, Luigi Valente, Lucas Van Den Bussche *Front:* Cooper Ditto, Eric Schrock, Rykert Scherger, Ajay Hannigan, Jett Evans, Mason Mallet *Missing:* AC Connor Boyd, GC Barry Becker *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U15 ROCKYFORD ROUGHNECKS**

*Front:* Hardy McArthur, Lance McKinnon, Luke Nelson, Morgan Jensen, Liam Barnett, Ryan Reagan, Jonah Beingessner *Back:* HC Dusty Kalbhen, M Jacci Brassard, Ryder Drydale, Carson Kalbhen, Jaxon Brindle, Riley Ellis, Aiden Ellis, Reiko Red Old Man, Quinton Mavor, Mitchell Brassard, AC Dave Ellis, Lucas Reagan, AC Geordy Mavor *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U15C STRATHMORE STORM**

*Coaches:* AC Kelly Mullins, AC Clint Jansen, HC Keith Van Bavel, AC Wes Clark, AC Joe Van Bavel *Top:* Luke Van Bavel, Lyman Running Rabbit, Paisley Walker, Austin Jansen *Middle:* Cashus Tessier, Reeve Barnett, Carter Brown, Kale Van Bavel, Jackson Mullins, Hudson Laprise, Ryley Lohse *Front:* Troy Hilton, Evan Clark, Kaelym Bissett-Luyendyk, William Betke, Layla Bissonette *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U15B STRATHMORE STORM**

*Coaches:* AC Trevor McKinnon, AC Wes Lewis, AC Jayden Hendricks, AC Rob Spiller, HC Matthew Rapuano *Top:* Azrik Running Rabbit-Williams, Hudson Big Snake, Dane Lewis, Conan Broad Scalplock, Tristan MacKenzie *Middle:* Nixon Rapuano, Andy Many Bears, Austin Sanders, Hudson Ames, Ryker Dielwart *Front:* Nolan McKinnon, Nolan Maitre, Ty Spiller, Ashton Wilson, Kowen Belanger *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U15A STRATHMORE STORM**

*Top:* AC Kaylon Calf Robe, AC Brad Garner, AC Ryan Crook, HC Brice Pears, AC Mike Homan *Middle:* Brody Tashlikowich, Jaden Prairie Chicken, Miles Johansen, Kolt Calf Robe, Paiden Doore, Ryan Homan, Noah Robinson, Jameson Garner, Hadley Rider *Front:* Kyson Larocke, Gage Husband, Joshua Van Den Bussche, Maddux Pears, Kaylen Crook *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U15AA WHEATLAND WARRIORS**

*Top:* Kade Jensen, Carter Radford, Matteo Sartore, Koen Wainwright, Donovan Kautz, Cash Colpoys *Middle:* AC Chase Clayton, AC Kyle Gordon, Reid Lezubski, Cooper Olsen, Aiden Controy, Jared Lanyon, Paxton Olsen, Preston Ward, Paxton Cabana, AC Darin Dunlop, HC Clay Armstrong *Front:* Nixin Brown, Gavin Wrathall, Caden Toupin, Cameron Johnson, Ryder Sinnot, Isaac Hachey *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U16AA WHEATLAND RAIDERS**

*Coaches:* C Thomas Reinhardt, C Kyle Sheen, C Rob Heckle *Top:* Alex Halat, Brandon Corbeil, Kelton Stender, Ryder Meade, Griffin Brown, Ryder Endall, David Barclay, Jordan Hendricks, Karson Maguire *Middle:* Marcus Lehmann, Grady Watkins, Cody Mountjoy, Nolan Van Den Bussche, Lucas Rees, Brady Hainstock, Emery Medicine Shield, Jaden Clarke *Front:* Brandon Williams, Evan McNair *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U18 ROCKYFORD ROUGHNECKS**

*Front:* Hudson Gregory *Middle:* Dawson Gregory, Cole Adamson, Mitchell Nienaber, Kaden Gauthier, Wyatt Koester, Daniel Jensen *Back:* AC Ian Koester, HC Grant Gregory, Matthew Adamson, Daniel Dionne, Max Phillips, Brody deGroot, Rhett Gregory, Landon Brindle, Colby Nelson, Joshua Winnipeg, Jace Munchrath, AC Brad Munchrath, Jr C Layne DesRoche *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U18 FEMALE STRATHMORE STORM**

*Top:* HC Pud Breaker, Riley Bakker, Grayson Backfat, Selena Maguire, Eliana Breaker, Alison Edwards, AC Buck Breaker *Middle:* AC Travis Murphy, Rylee Appleyard, Emma Breaker, Addison Terry, Kamryn Shorhen, Jaime Smith, Lidia Wilks, Cailey Daniels, AC Dallas Ward *Bottom:* Tara Quinney, Shayla Young, Keira Kawula, Charly Ward, Khloe Watson, Hannah Brown *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U18B STRATHMORE STORM**

*Coaches:* AC Garry Ness, HC Dallas Anderson, AC Chris Legault, AC Joe Van Bavel *Back:* Jason Jerry, Andon Pretty Young Man, David Marleau, Casdin Doore, Andrew Breaker *Middle:* Brayson Breaker, Jake Van Bavel, Tanner Ness, James Tucker, Sam Michta, Jack Anderson *Front:* Spencer Nagy, Dayde Muir, Jakob /von Bulow, Ryan O'Donnell, Rylan Legault *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U18A STRATHMORE STORM**

*Coaches:* AC Chuck Plett, AC Nolan Frese *Top:* Breyden Doore, Cayden Adams, Luke Wells, Nolan Parker, Luke Aldridge *Middle:* Sam Rieger, Joel Big Snake, Nolan Sawatsky, Adam Moore, Corson Burns, Aiden-James Maitre, Brock Keer *Front:* Lochlan Frese, Finley Plett, Houston Langen, Luke Van Egmond, Hayden Bodnar *Missing:* HC Doug Keer, AC Kevin Boucher, AC Jason Burns *Imageworks Photography*

**22/23 U18AA WHEATLAND CHIEFS**

*Top:* Kaiden Healy, Keaton Kish, Noah VanSteenis, Luke Nootveit, Troy Semeniuk, Dexter Hannigan *Middle:* HC Matt Gregory, Carson Severtson, Tanner Philips, Devon Barody, Riley Lunn, Deacon Frayn, Copper Barclay, Scott Avery, AC Colton Grant *Front:* Leland Westgard, Luke Eitzen, Jace Koole, Adam Hakim, Austin Drinkwalter, Matthew Dovichak *Missing:* AC Mark Laycock, T Stacy Greenwood, M Kilee Dovichak *Imageworks Photography*

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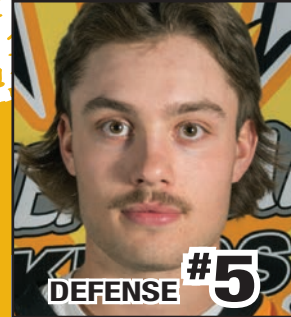
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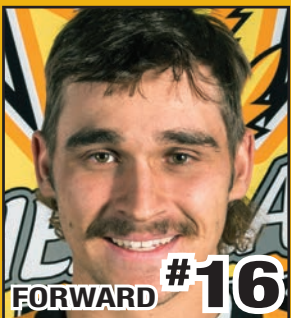
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## RCMP arrest male with drugs and guns

STRATHMORE RCMP

On Dec. 29, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Strathmore RCMP responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked off of a rural roadway on Township Road 244, east of Highway 21. The vehicle was reported to have been there for several hours. Upon arrival the vehicle appeared unoccupied however upon approach a male occupant was found sleeping in the driver seat. A scale and a baggie with a white substance was also visible from outside of the vehicle. The occupant was arrested and removed from the vehicle. While removing the male occupant, a .22 calibre handgun was noticed on the driver

floor board. Once in custody, a more thorough search of the vehicle was conducted where another loaded 9mm handgun was found in a satchel on the passenger seat. Additional items seized were:

- 1.4 grams of a substance believed to be cocaine in a clear bag with an estimated street value of \$140;
- 4.8 grams of a substance believed to be cocaine in a pink bag with an estimated street value of \$480;
- 52 grams of light blue pills believed to be fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$10,400; and
- 30 grams of what is believed to be a cutting agent.

The occupant was taken to the Strathmore detachment where he underwent an assessment to determine his level of sobriety. The result of which was an opinion of impairment by Cannabis. A bail hearing was held where the occupant, Oussama Mouri, a 22 year old resident of Wheatland County, was charged with 17 offences including: possession of a weapon dangerous to the public (x3), careless use/storage of a firearm (x2), possession of a restricted or prohibited firearm (x2), possession of a firearm without a license (x2), occupying a motor vehicle knowing a firearm was present

(x2), possession of a loaded prohibited firearm (x2), trafficking in a controlled substance (x2), possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 (.22 calibre handgun was confirmed stolen in a 2013 rural break in near Cochrane) and possession of a firearm while prohibited from doing so.

Mouri was remanded and issued an Immediate Roadside Sanction for impairment by drug. He remains in custody at this time.

"I'd like to thank the resident who reported what in their observation was suspicious activity," said Staff Sergeant Mark Wielgosz, Detachment Commander of the Strathmore RCMP. "In this case, a simple report led to an arrest, seizure of firearms one of which was linked to a theft in Cochrane, and seizure of dangerous substances capable of untold harm. Reporting suspicious activity is of great assistance in keeping our communities safe which was evidenced in this investigation."

## RCMP investigate fatal pedestrian collision

GLEICHEN RCMP

On Jan. 9, Gleichen RCMP received a report of motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian on Highway 901 in Siksika Nation. Tragically, upon arrival emergency responders located a deceased woman. The deceased was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner who will work with RCMP to determine identity.

RCMP remained on scene for several hours while officers with the help of a collision analyst, investigated the collision. The driver of the vehicle who remained on scene was uninjured.

Gleichen RCMP continue to investigate the circumstances of this incident.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Proposed Bylaw No. 2023-001

Pursuant to the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*, the Village of Rockyford intends to consider a proposed amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2014-002. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to add "Dwelling Unit (accessory to industrial use)" to the list of discretionary uses in the I-R Industrial Restricted Use District (Section 8.9.3) of the Land Use Bylaw 2014-002. This would allow for a person the opportunity to apply for, and receive, Development Permit approval to construct and inhabit a Dwelling Unit if there is an established principal industrial use on the site. This is proposed to be allowed on any lot within the I-R District.

Should you wish to address council in person, a **public hearing for Bylaw No. 2023-001** will be held in the Village of Rockyford office at 110 Main Street, on **February 8, 2023 commencing at 7:00 pm**. Council will hear from any person claiming to be affected by the proposed bylaw.

Additionally, written comments may be delivered to 110 Main Street, Rockyford Alberta, T0J 2R0, or emailed to [cao@rockyford.ca](mailto:cao@rockyford.ca); submissions will be received up to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Copies of the proposed Bylaw 2023-001 can be picked up Monday through Friday at 110 Main Street, Rockyford from 8:30 am- 4:30 pm.

## Wheatland Kings starting 2023 off strong

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Wheatland Kings are kicking off 2023 strong as they begin to stack up wins in the opening weeks of the new year.

The Kings took a 5-1 home victory over the Coaldale Copperheads on Jan. 15, as well as two other wins since the league resumed regular play. As of publication, the Kings have played a total of five games since the start of the year.

After suffering a 4-1 road loss in Okotoks on Jan. 13, the Kings scored once in the first period, three times in the second, and their final goal in the third period in their home game versus Coaldale.

In their first home game of the new year, the Kings got off to an explosive start as they took on the Mountainview Colts on Jan. 10.

The Kings immediately claimed first goal roughly 90 seconds into the start of the game and ended the first period 4-0 against the Colts.

In the second period, the visitors ponied up to approach settling the score, with the period ending at 4-3 still favouring the Kings.

"We haven't been starting games good, and we started the game really good (against the Colts). Our feet were moving, we took it to them 4-0 after one, so we were really happy about that," said head coach Doug Raycroft. "In the second period, we had a couple of penalties and they are a good team so they fought their way back and it was a close game."

The Kings would ultimately survive a barrage of shots on net in the third, and sneak away with a, literally, last minute goal to seal the game at 5-3.

Raycroft added though he was proud of the boys for the game that they played, there is still always more to work on and more to learn from their plays out on the ice.



The Wheatland Kings defeated Mountainview 5-3 at the Strathmore Family Centre on Jan. 10. **Joe Lepage Photo**

"We are still having trouble playing 60 minutes. In the second period we didn't play very good so that was a problem for us," he explained. "We got a good start, and the second period was a problem for sure. We played well for about 40 minutes. We still need to get better in our defensive zone and right in front of the net."

Raycroft added he is excited to have Kage Yellowfly and Phillip Raycroft back on the ice, as the two of them were out due to injuries for a number of games.

With the two of them returned, the impact they have both for the rest of the team and as leading scorers is a noticeable improvement for the Kings overall.

Raycroft also commended his team's goalie, Rhett Harten in particular for his performance in the third period, shutting down shot after shot on net and keeping the Kings in the game.

"Harten made probably made the save of the year. The one play, the one save, the rebound came right out to them, they had an open net and he dove across and made a save, it was beautiful," he said. "That really saved us. Of course, it was 4-3 and that would have tied it up, so it was kind of a pivotal moment of the third period and then the boys really battled hard and we finished strong."

## Burning the ice in the new year

MELISSA PICHE  
Times Contributor

As the calendar flipped to 2023, it has been a productive season on the ice for a few hockey and ringette associations in and around Strathmore.

Strathmore Minor Ringette numbers are up to 162 from 152 last season and from 142 in 2020.

"All teams are playing well in their respective divisions," said Ardith Lester, a board member with the Strathmore Minor Ringette Association (SMRA) serving as Director of Evaluations. "Our players are just very excited to be playing a regular season without the stressors of Covid lingering over their heads."

SMRA has 11 teams plus their newest addition with U14A RISE and U16A RISE teams. The RISE teams are an amalgamation of players from Strathmore, Indus and Rockyford who are looking for a bit more of a competitive edge. This is the pilot year for the program and there is much interest for it to continue. Strathmore hosts the U16 RISE and Indus is home base for the U14 RISE team.

SMRA will be hosting their annual Laurie Morton Ruppe Memorial Tournament Jan. 27-29 with close to 600 players attending. More information on their program can be found at their website (<https://www.strathmoreringette.com>).

### GLEICHEN AND DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Gleichen and District Minor Hockey Association program is for youth (ages 4-17) at any skill level who like to play non-contact hockey under the Alberta Pond Hockey Program.

Over 80 players have registered with the Gunners Pond Hockey, which runs through their various age divisions Tuesday and Thursday nights from mid-October through to March.

Shannon Zeiman has been the president of the Gleichen and District Minor Hockey since 2016 and has seen the program grow and become what it is today.

"The primary purpose of the Gleichen Minor Hockey Association is to contribute to the development of our youth through the game of hockey," said Zeiman. "Gleichen Minor Hockey's commitment is to provide the young athletes with the fundamentals of the sport, the opportunity to have fun while learning basic ice skills and to en-

courage good sportsmanship – this is what draws many to the league. "As a team sport, hockey affirms the importance of commitment, self-discipline, and sportsmanship among participants. Our commitment is to assure that all young people who participate will develop skills and values which will have lifelong benefit to themselves and to society."

Gleichen Minor Hockey will be hosting their annual Hockey Day in Canada Pond Hockey Tournament on Feb. 11. Registration opens soon and is limited to 120 participants. Be sure to check their website for more details (<http://gleichenminorhockey.msa4.rampinteractive.com>).

### STRATHMORE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Strathmore Minor Hockey Association has a whopping 322 registered players with 19 teams, which is similar to the 2021-2022 season.

Number are a little down from pre-Covid years where registration was close to 400 players.

"We are hoping to be back to those numbers within the next couple of years," said Brett Thurston, President of the Strathmore Minor Hockey Association.

The teams are thriving this season with 10 out of 12 teams currently holding playoff spots. The U18 Tier 1 team is first in their division, currently undefeated.

"We host provincials (for U18 Tier 1) this year which is exciting," said Thurston. "It's nice to have those high-profile tournaments in our hometown so we can put on a good show for everyone."

The U9's will be hosting a one-day home tournament on Feb. 19, while the U7's will be hosting one the following day.

Thurston is thrilled to be reigniting female hockey within Strathmore with a female hockey program on Jan. 30. The players will have the opportunity to run some drills with past Storm female hockey alumni players.

"We will follow this with a Female Hockey Day in March" he said.

Thurston is hopeful that having these events will encourage players to come and give it a try, while also increasing registration for the league.

For more information on Strathmore Minor Hockey and all their upcoming events visit their website ([www.smhockey.com](http://www.smhockey.com)).

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Representatives from Siksika Health Services and the Calgary Hitmen hosted a press conference at the Saddledome in Calgary to announce the theme of the third annual Every Child Matters hockey game. This year, the late Siksika matriarch, Margaret Bad Boy and her legacy will be recognized and honoured through the partnership

John Watson Photo

# Every Child Matters hockey game celebrates Siksika Matriarch

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

For the third annual Every Child Matters hockey game, the event will recognize the contributions of the late Siksika Nation matriarch, Margaret Bad Boy.

Presented in partnership with the Calgary Hitmen, Siksika Health Services, the Blackfoot Confederacy, and the Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary, the life of Bad Boy will be featured prior to the puck drop, among her contributions to her people.

Bad Boy is remembered for her efforts to aid orphaned First Nations children from residential schools. Although she never had children of her own, she is regarded as the adoptive mother of over 100 Blackfoot children.

“What I appreciate about our grandmother – her story, she would go to the school at the end of the year and those children who were orphaned, she would take them home,” said Lucille Wright, who said she was the great-niece of Bad Boy. “She tried to take as many as she could ... she never had children but yet she raised over 100 children. For us and for our nation, we consider her as our Siksika Matriarch.”

The partnership between Siksika Nation and the Calgary Hitmen began in 2018. The two organizations at the time were engaging in exploration of how they would be able to work together before landing on the Every Child Matters game.

Wright emphasized her belief in the importance of keeping First Nations

culture alive and spreading awareness of figures such as Bad Boy not for today's youth, but for everyone who would care to listen.

“It is about time to hear stories like that. That we have strong women and we need to acknowledge our grandmothers ... I am proud and it is beyond words,” said Wright. “Our culture is alive. It is living. Her spirit continues.”

Tyler White, CEO of Siksika Health Services, said he is excited to once again use the Saddledome and the platform the Hitmen offer in order to spread education, awareness and understanding.

“I think doing this together is so important and so we are hoping the fans can feel the same love, can go out and experience the in-game activities and

try the food, also, see the dancers, the intricacies of the dancing,” he said. “I think there are many elements of this game that we are really looking forward to and we are hoping the fans can come out and support the game and support the Calgary Hitmen.”

White added he hopes to see the Every Child Matters annual game become a catalyst for other teams, governments and organizations to learn from and celebrate First Nations culture.

After hearing the story of Bad Boy from Wright, White said it an emotional one which he felt strongly about getting behind and being able to share with hockey fans through the game.

The Calgary Hitmen will square off against the Edmonton Oil Kings at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Feb. 4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Victims of MAiD's relentless expansion

To the Editor

“If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population” (Dickens, A Christmas Carol). Scrooge's harsh pre-redemptive words ring with cold clarity in Canada's demographic winter. Those Canadians who “would rather die” and did it, numbered 5,661 in 2018, 7,630 in 2019, and 10,064 in 2021 since the legalization of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) or euthanasia (National Post, 5/1/23).

Ever since the killing began in 2016 for the “terminal” (Bill C-14), and was extended in 2021 to those whose deaths were deemed “unforeseeable” (Bill C-7), the categories of the “eligible” have steadily expanded to include the chronically ill, the disabled, the homeless, the lonely and isolated, the poor unable to afford housing, the sick unable to access medical care (including pain management, home care, and support aids), and the terminally ill without hope of palliative care.

Veteran Affairs suggested MAiD multiple times to five Army Forces veterans with PTSD-associated conditions as the answer to their recurring symptoms, and at least one acted on this advice. The former Paralympian, retired corporal Christine Gauth-

ier, was offered MAiD (and the equipment to complete it) after complaining of “delays in installing an in-home chairlift” (Hopper, National Post, 5/12/22).

Disabled food bank clients reported that they were considering MAiD or suicide because of crushing poverty (Nicholls, Maclean's, 30/11/22).

Sophia, a 51-year-old Toronto woman with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) died by MAiD after years of trying to obtain affordable housing free of smoke and chemical cleaners (Shadenberg, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition [EPC], 17/4/22).

Jennyfer Hatch, a 37-year-old B.C. woman with Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, a painful connective tissue disorder, and the central figure in a romanticized pro-euthanasia video, ironically entitled “All is Beauty” (commissioned by the Simons Canadian clothing retailer) opted for MAiD only after years of failing to secure medical treatment and palliative care (Hopper, National Post, 5/12/22; Shadenberg, EPC, 7/12/22).

These are only a few of our brothers and sisters who initially rejected MAiD, until their desperate circumstances and/or the pressuring of caseworkers, doctors, and other health care personnel pushed them to consider or apply for euthanasia

as the only solution to their misery.

Canada now seems to have hit the moral bottom of the “slippery slope” in its plan to lengthen the list of MAiD victims in March by again expanding euthanasia to those applying solely on the basis of mental illness. Although an immediate and robust negative response to this expansion of MAiD caused its temporary delay, Justice Minister David Lametti has stated that the government will not back away from its plan (Calgary Herald, 17/12/22, NP6).

Additionally, Dr. Louis Roy representing the Quebec College of Physicians (QCP) appeared before the Parliamentary Committee on MAiD (7/10/22) recommending infanticide for severely malformed and sick babies from birth up to their first birthday and euthanasia for sick minors 14 to 17 years of age, (“mature minors”), at the same time slipping in his suggestion of MAiD for the elderly tired of life. Dr. Mauril Gaudreault, also of the QCP, argued with macabre logic, that “since a 14-year-old girl is already allowed to consent to

killing her preborn child by abortion, then she should be allowed to consent to killing herself by euthanasia” (CLC National News, Jan. 2023, P. 4).

Jonathon Marren, hinting that MAiD is an ignoble means to a utilitarian end, says that “it should be clear that the bureaucrats tasked with administering the new ‘freedom’ to self-delete will view the main benefit in grimly pragmatic terms: it's a great healthcare austerity measure” (Lifesitenews, 6/12/22).

So, although violating the sacredness of human life, MAiD relentlessly expands because it is great for the budget. However, it is immoral for a nation to drive its vulnerable citizens to kill themselves by not assisting them with adequate physical and mental healthcare, palliative care, affordable housing, and social assistance, so that the same loving Creator who gifted the world with their conception and birth, can call them home at their natural death.

Veronica Rochford  
Strathmore

### Distribution of truth

To the Editor

I cannot stress enough the significance of this article given the planned oppression of Alberta's oil industry due to the acceptance of the climate change narrative (<https://dailysceptic.org/2022/08/18/1200-scientists-and-professionals-declare-there-is-no-climate-emergency/>). The citizens of Alberta and Canada desperately need media such as yourselves to bravely pursue the distribu-

tion of the truth of this matter. Your bravery is needed if we all expect to survive the monstrous lies being foisted upon Canada's citizenry with the future of freedom for generations to come as the gambit.

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Grant Klaiber  
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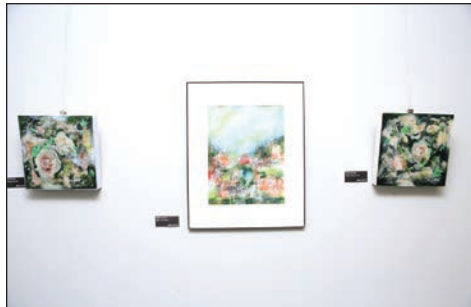
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Local artist Deb Klics is showcasing her work at the Strathmore Municipal Library over the course of January.

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## Library kicks off new year showcasing a returning artist

JOHN WATSON  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Kicking off the new year for the Strathmore Municipal Library's art gallery is Deb Klics, who is once again returning to showcase her works at the facility.

This time around, Klics has put up a display of mixed media and acrylic watercolour depicting landscape and garden imagery.

"Right now, I'm tending to do more collage things, so the rose garden ones I did ... I took photos of my mom's garden and then I printed the photos and collaged them into work," said Klics. "The process is kind of freeing - I like the process of collage and mixed media."

She added her landscapes on display consist of several layers including collage, painted and drawn components.

Klics' passion for art as a hobby began at an early age, being from roughly fourth grade, as she explained. Going into post-secondary, she acquired a Bachelor of Education with a major in arts.

On her days off from teaching kindergarten, she said she makes the time to indulge in her hobby and get creative. Though the pieces she has on display at the library are indeed for sale, ultimately she said it is not about selling her work or making money off it.

"(Creating) gets me into the moment, so when I'm doing that I'm there and I'm not thinking about anything else. That's what it does for me is it brings me into the moment of creating," said Klics. "Maybe I've sold one or two pieces along the way, but (the library) is just a good place to show work and for people to see what I do."

Klics added she also has pieces of her artwork on display at the Valley Medical Clinic, Okotoks Art Gallery, and she occasionally displays at the Leighton Art Centre.

Assistant Director of Library Services, Carmen Erison, said it is always a joy to have Klics return to showcase more work within the gallery, following the downtime which allows other artists their turns respectively.

"Every time Deb has exhibited, she has brought a new, fresh look to her pieces. What I really love about Deb's work is that she is always constantly creating and trying new mediums and new styles," said Erison. "It is always a real treat when Deb exhibits in the library because we always get to see what she is working on now, and her pieces are always so stunning."

Klics' pieces will be on display and for sale at the library for the remainder of January. Following which, Erison added the library still has several months which have yet to be spoken for if any local artists are looking to display their own works.

## Obituary



**HANSEN, Cheryl Lynn**  
(nee Henderson)  
February 2, 1971  
- December 24, 2022

It is with heavy hearts and great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of a mother, daughter, and friend.

Cheryl was born in Calgary and was adopted as an infant by Jean and Zandy Henderson of Lethbridge. She grew up with her parents and sisters and many beloved pets. She studied Travel and Tourism, and as an adult became the first person in her family to obtain a post-secondary education when she graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work; a profession that she was extremely proud of and passionate about. She enjoyed travelling, making and eating delicious food, going to the movies, museums, and spending time with her kids. She was loved by many that came into contact with her, and always had a funny quip, sarcastic remark, or a kind word at the ready. She encouraged and uplifted many of her friends, coworkers, and clients.

Cheryl is survived by her three children: Kassandra Miehle (nee Ward) of Nova Scotia, Shane Hansen of Lethbridge, and Jenelle Hansen of Lethbridge. She is also survived by her parents, birth parents, sisters, brother, and nieces/ nephews. She will be missed and remembered by countless friends as a light to those she knew.

Cheryl was passionate about many projects, but she especially felt connected to charities and assistance provided for abused women and families. In lieu of flowers, if you so wish, you may make a donation directly to Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society in memory of Cheryl at [awotaan.org/about-us/donate-to-awotaan](http://awotaan.org/about-us/donate-to-awotaan)

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Wheatland Funeral Home at 11:00 am. To send condolences, please visit Cheryl's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca).

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## Obituary



**TANTON, Richard Lloyd**

Richard "Lloyd" Tanton, 75 of Strathmore, Alberta passed away peacefully on January 12, 2023, with his wife and daughter by his side. Lloyd was born on June 8, 1947, in Canora, Saskatchewan. He is survived by his wife of 49 years Karin, daughter Brandi, son Jason, his beautiful grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and extended family. Lloyd is also survived by siblings Harvey, Allan (Birgit), Marlene and Laurel (Zane). Preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Verna, brothers Don and Ken Tanton and sisters Bonnie and Karen. Lloyd was raised on a farm north of Stenen, Sask. He attended school in Ormside, Saskatchewan in a one room schoolhouse. Lloyd left early to help his family after the loss of his father at age 15. He soon left the farm to work various jobs in Regina before moving to B.C. Once there he worked at Crown Zellerbach (Fraser Mills). Stayed in B.C. until he got married and had his 1st child. A few years after the birth of his daughter they decided to move back to Alberta to be close to family. Here he got into the Oil & Gas Industry. Soon his son was born, and his family was complete. Lloyd worked for Nova in both Spruce Grove and Calgary for many years. It was in 1998 Lloyd decided to start his own company as a Pipeline Inspector, working until his retirement. His favorite things were fishing with Brandi and grandson Nolan, playing cards with family and, most of all, day trips to the mountains. As per Lloyd's wishes there will be no funeral service. In lieu of flowers, please donate directly to a charity of your choice. To send condolences, please visit Lloyd's obituary at [www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca)

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