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Hitmen team with Siksika Health

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Calgary Hitmen are excited to be partnering with Siksika Health Services, the Blackfoot Confederacy, and the Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary to host their fourth annual Every Child Matters hockey game, Feb. 10.

“There isn’t a day that we don’t share with Siksika Nation and our other seven nations that surround us that we don’t learn, and that is the essence of this relationship, this game, this partnership, and this friendship,” said Mike Moore, Calgary Hitmen vice president. “Daily, we learn, daily we are educated, but more importantly, we – through this game – are enabled to educate as well our fans, the community, the people who do not understand residential schools, do not understand the impact of the past, do not understand the learnings that we get to do every day.”

Moore explained the themes surrounding the game this year are hope, opportunity, pathways, and empowerment.

He added the Calgary Sports and Entertainment Corporation (CSEC) now boasts multiple teams representing Indigenous education and celebration including through the Flames, Stampeders and Roughnecks.

“We understand and recognize the problems and the challenges. We want to take hope and now find a pathway forward with that hope,” said Moore. “Without the understanding and the partnership and the acknowledgement and acceptance of what we do, it does not happen.”

The partnership between Siksika and the Calgary Hitmen began initially in 2018, as options were being explored as to how collaboration could happen, eventually landing on the Every Child Matters hockey game.

Siksika Health Services CEO, Tyler White described the game and the partnership between Siksika Health Services and the Calgary Hitmen as much more than a business arrangement.

“It is a friendship, and that goes throughout our friends within the Calgary Hitmen. I am just so honoured, and what we have created over the years, it is very special,” he said.

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Prestigious tournament

Sylvie Merkley (front) darts up the ice with teammate Marin Jones defending during the Strathmore RISE U14A game versus Airdrie on Jan. 27, as part of the annual Laurie Morton Ruppe Memorial Ringette tournament. The annual tourney, which features all of Strathmore’s ringette teams, took place in Strathmore and Rockyford from Jan. 26-28. See Pages 6-7 for more coverage.

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The Strathmore Legion branch hosted their annual student awards ceremony, Jan. 27. A total of 23 awards were distributed to students in Grades 1-12 for their submissions on the theme of remembrance. First place winners will move forward to be evaluated at a similar competition at the district level.

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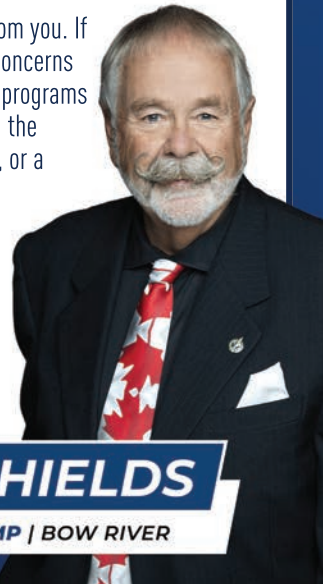
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Legion awards students for Remembrance contest

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Legion recognized the winners of 23 student awards, Jan. 27, for creative works submitted under the theme of remembrance.

An awards ceremony was hosted at the Legion building with the public being invited to join. Awards were distributed to students for their submitted essays, poems and posters.

"This is held all across Canada within different Legions and we are all in different zones. Our winners will go on to District – so all the Legions in our district," said Jenny Schuman, treasurer and membership chair for the Strathmore Legion. "The posters, poems, and essays will be judged from there, and the first prize winners will go to provincials. From there, the top two prizes will go to Dominion, which is held in Ottawa. The winners from that will get to go to the National Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa."

Schuman added at each level of competition, students who are awarded for their submissions receive monetary prizes, which serves as part of the incentive to make submissions.

Each year, students in Grades 1-12 are encouraged to submit poems, essays, and posters which reflect their understanding of remembrance.

"The participation is great, and the thing is, it is so nice to see all the parents come because most of this is done in class. The parents have never seen the posters or poems," said Schuman.

Anna Haynes, poppy chair with the Strathmore Legion, added participation in the contest has been growing over the last three years following students' return to in-classroom learning.

"It is nice to see that kids are now looking at participating a little bit more and getting out and watching others get their prizes, so hopefully that gets them to also participate in the coming year and years ahead," said Haynes.

The Strathmore Legion will be presenting to local students again at the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, encouraging kids to get involved.

In the next competition season, the Legion will also be accepting digital and video presentations as qualifying categories.

"The new categories will be a little bit more of an expansion, so we will have to see how that goes, and whether it attracts more students to participate," said Haynes.

The annual deadline for students to submit their works to the Legion is Dec. 1, so as to give students as much time from the start of their school year as possible to work on their submissions.

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Lions Club donates \$5,000 to local exchange program

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Strathmore Lions Club made a contribution of \$5,000 to the Wheatland Leos, Jan. 18, to fund activities for the Lions Youth Exchange this summer.

“The Wheatland Leos, it is a relatively new group that we certainly want to support, but they have undertaken a project that has to do with student debt – the Lions Student Exchange program,” said Wayner Herdman, speaking on behalf of the Strathmore Lions Club. “Under this program, international students and local students, they come to the area and what they do when they are here is they will spend roughly one week in a leadership camp where they all meet and they are given some leadership training.”

Following this, Herdman said the students are hosted by families around the area for the remaining duration of the program. Host families will take students on excursions around the province during the two-week tenure.

The camp will take place in July, hosting 20 international students and 10 from Alberta.

“What they are trying to do is give them more exposure to Alberta, so they are planning for trips for the students to different areas ... they are basically trying to find certain venues in Alberta that show international students what Alberta has,” said Herdman. “In order to support that, we have decided to donate monies to the Leos so

that they can carry out this program. They will have to charter busses for example, pay for entrance fees and things like that. That is their goal and we thought that was a worthwhile thing.”

In order to function as intended, the Wheatland Leos have to be sponsored by a club. In this case, the Wheatland Leos were sponsored by the Wood Creek Lions Club, which is a virtual Lions Club. With this sponsorship in place, the Wheatland Leos are inducted into the Lions Club system.

Herdman added the way the Strathmore Lions got involved was due to the Wheatland Leos largely operating out of the Strathmore High School, with most of their membership base residing within Wheatland County. It was something the Lions felt was worth supporting.

“We expect that this fund is going to last for a number of years – not a large number, possibly three years I would suggest. Certainly, it is an expensive thing to charter a bus and travel any distance, but it gives a boost to the whole program,” said Herdman. “We expect that we might donate funds in the future. We will see how it turns out with the funds that they have ... (and) if we think it is worthwhile for further contributions.”

The Strathmore Lions are still accepting applications from any youth who are interested in spending three weeks to a month abroad for the exchange program. Anyone who is curious or is wanting more information can reach out to Brad Walls (bradwalls@shaw.ca) via email.

George Freeman School hosts Grade 8 entrepreneurship night

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Grade 8 students at George Freeman School participated in an entrepreneurship market and movie night at the school, Jan. 30, which served as the culmination of their semester-long course.

“We host a family night for our school community every year, and we have a Grade 8 entrepreneurship class in our school so they start little businesses and they are running their market that night,” said Jill McDonald, associate principal at George Freeman School. “Our eco club is running a thrift shop of Falcons gear – so school logoed hoodies and t-shirts and stuff that kids have outgrown, they have donated them to the thrift shop and will be resold at a pretty great price.”

An assortment of movies was shown in eight classrooms for families at the conclusion of the evening.

McDonald described the event as something students have been looking forward to, being an opportunity to spend time with their friends and families, and be at the school in a more relaxed manner than normal.

“The entrepreneurship market is something the students had been working towards all semester long. They have done business plans and marketing and they did a Dragon’s Den style pitch to local businesses to get investors so they had

some cashflow to get their businesses going,” said McDonald. “The movie night portion of it is an event that our Falcon Council – so our student leaders, they put that part of the event on.”

Each group of students, or each business, was responsible for selecting a local charity for which they wanted the proceeds of their endeavor to go towards supporting. Each student group has selected a different local charity.

These included the Strathmore Overnight Shelter, the Wheatland County Food Bank, the Strathmore Legion, Strathmore Salvation, STAND Against Sexual Assault, and True North.

“It is nice that they get to choose something that is personal to them that impacts themselves or their families in some way, so that is a nice thing for them to be able to do,” said McDonald.

Grade 9 students at George Freeman conduct a similar activity for their entrepreneurship class, which was held during the school’s Christmas festival.

For the Grade 8s, the end of January marks precisely the end of the school semester, with a day off following the event so students have a chance to relax after a long night.

Things that were sold at the Jan. 30 market included but were not limited to, beef jerky, smokies and hot dogs, candied popcorn, cotton candy and lemonade, and pumpkin rolls.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Become less intense
- 6. Variety of pear
- 10. Religion native to China
- 14. Type of tooth
- 15. Fitted out
- 17. Make every effort
- 19. Autonomic nervous system
- 20. Complete
- 21. Alternate name
- 22. River in France and Belgium
- 23. Miami’s mascot is one
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Most cognizant of reality
- 29. Broad volcanic crater
- 31. Canadian surname
- 32. Satisfaction
- 34. Traitorous Greek mythological prince
- 35. Collide
- 37. Immune response
- 38. Feline
- 39. High opinion of one’s own appearance
- 40. Thin strip to align parts
- 41. Containers
- 43. Convicted American spy
- 45. Breathe noisily
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. I.M. __, architect
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Dutch and German surname
- 59. Square measures
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Degrade someone

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Siberian river
- 2. Blessing
- 3. Substitutes (abbr.)
- 4. Principle underlying the universe
- 5. Work unit
- 6. Yellow edible fruits
- 7. Gemstone
- 8. A place ships dock (abbr.)
- 9. Evergreen tropical tree
- 10. Reality TV star Richards
- 11. Nonflowering aquatic plant
- 12. Stakes
- 13. Antidiuretic hormone
- 16. Make warm again
- 18. Light beams
- 22. Lethal dose
- 23. Terrorist group
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Naturally occurring solid
- 27. German surname meaning “man from Saxony”
- 28. Popular cuisine
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 30. Type of horse
- 31. __ Diego
- 33. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 35. Most shrewd
- 36. It may be for shopping
- 37. Midway between south and southeast
- 39. A stock of foods
- 42. The bindings of books
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. Megabyte
- 46. Sammy __, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth __, American writer
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Popular type of bread
- 51. Transfers of money (abbr.)
- 52. Association of engineering professionals
- 53. Young women’s association
- 54. City
- 55. Niger-Congo branch of language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

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Siksika Health Services and the Calgary Hitmen announced their fourth annual Every Child Matters hockey game, Jan. 25, which will be taking place Feb. 10. The announcement was made during a press conference which took place at the Calgary Zoo.
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Calgary Hitmen, Siksika Health Services to host annual Every Child Matters hockey game

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"It is the first of its kind in many ways, the memorandum of understanding we signed in 2021 outlined our shared commitment to a number of important goals, including addressing stereotypes and racism, promoting the Blackfoot culture, (and) advocating for healthy lifestyles for all youth through participation in sports."
White added youth from Siksika Nation and from the Calgary Hitmen will be featured in the leadup to and throughout the Every Child Matters event to showcase their strength and skills.

the Hitmen will be sporting their orange jerseys featuring a host of First Nations art and iconography.
Dancers and drummers will be featured and performing throughout the game, and attendees will also be invited to a test kitchen, where they will have an opportunity to try traditional First Nations foods.

As was the case in the previous Every Child Matters game,

Major Crimes Unit investigates fatal shooting

ALBERTA RCMP

Strathmore RCMP and the Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit are investigating after shots were fired resulting in the death of a man at the Mountain View Campground near Conrich.
Shortly after midnight on Sunday, Jan. 28, Strathmore RCMP responded to a 911 call reporting that gunshots had been fired at the Mountain View Campground on Range Road 284 and Highway 1. Investigators arrived and found an adult male in the campground suffering from gunshot wounds. EMS provided care; however, the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit is now leading the investigation and an autopsy was scheduled for Jan. 29, at the Calgary Medical Examiner's Office. The deceased has been identified as a 26-year-old male resident of Calgary. The name of the deceased, as well as cause of death, are anticipated to be available once the autopsy results are known.

Anyone with information on these events is asked to contact the Strathmore RCMP at 403-934-3535 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.

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MLA Chantelle de Jonge met with a variety of her constituents at Rocky's Bakery in Strathmore on Jan. 26. Topics of concern to the constituents that were gathered included items like CPP vs APP, the possibility of investing in nuclear power, the future of federal policing (RCMP recruitment issues), fluoride in water coming from Calgary, available housing deficits and the new \$25/day childcare subsidies.

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Westmount Elementary supports local animal shelter

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Grade 5-6 students at Westmount Elementary School raised a donation of \$2,465.90 during their annual Christmas Marketplace for the Happy Cat Sanctuary in Strathmore.

The event, which took place Dec. 21, was the 17th annual occurrence of the market, which is meant to teach students about setting up a business, profits, losses, floats, and money management.

"All our Grade 5-6 students set up businesses and they make Christmas decorations, or trinkets, bookmarks, anything that they can make themselves – soap, cards, bath bombs, candles, and they sell them to all the other kids in the school," said Marie Cooke, a Grade 5 teacher with Westmount School. "The kids take them and use them as Christmas presents for their families. Then, all the money that we raise, we donate to a charity every year. This year, we donated \$2,465 to the Happy Cat Pet Sanctuary."

Cooke added this total is a pretty typical amount to see raised through the annual Christmas market. The school generally anticipates raising between \$2,500 and \$2,600 every year for the charity selected to benefit from the activity.

"In the past, we have let the kids decide where they want their money to go to. In the past, we have donated to the Wheatland County Food Bank, to the Christmas Hamper Society – last year we did to the Strathmore Overnight Shelter," explained Cooke. "We have done Project Hope, we also did fish farming in Haiti one year. The kids always pick and this year, they picked Happy Cat Pet Sanctuary."

She explained last year, half of the funds raised through the Christmas market were sent to the Overnight Shelter, and half were sent to Happy Cat. This year, all of the proceeds went to the pet sanctuary.

The event took place over the course of a school afternoon, which serves as the culmination of the business lesson taught to the students, and allows for the sale of all their wares to their peers.

"It is one afternoon and they sell all their stuff and all the other students in the school, like all the kindergarten to Grade 4s come around and buy things," said Cooke. "Parents

come in, the community comes in and spends the money and buys all the little trinkets."

The Happy Cat Sanctuary itself currently supports roughly 75 cats, with their maximum capacity being roughly 100 animals. This cap, however, is taxing on staff and volunteers and stretches resources thin.

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A CT scan examination of the lungs of tobacco-only smokers and cannabis smokers and non-smokers showed greater inflammatory changes and higher rates of emphysema in cannabis smokers. It is thought that cannabis smokers keep the smoke in their lungs longer to get the maximum absorption of the drug resulting in damage to both small and large lung airways.

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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings will now be open to the public and via teleconference.

For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

- February 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.

Public Hearings

Wheatland County Council Chambers February 6th, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Wheatland County will consider the following applications for Public Hearing at the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024.

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

Bylaw #: 2023-24

Legal Description: County-Wide – Land Use Bylaw Textual Amendment
Proposal: To amend the Land Use Bylaw to add 'Agricultural Operations' as a permitted use in the Hamlet Residential (HRG) District, and to update Section 4.2 Development Permits Not Required to support this addition.

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

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February 6, 2024
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Snacks and beverages will be provided!
The Open House Meeting serves as a platform for individuals to engage in informal interactions with Council members, facilitating discussions, and gaining insights into various County initiatives.

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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Application Deadline: September 15, 2024

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Mixed magic

The Strathmore and District Curling Club hosted their annual Mixed Bonspiel from Jan. 24-28. The club is now preparing to host the Ladies Bonspiel Feb. 7-11 before hosting the Junior Bonspiel (Feb. 23-25) and the Men's Bonspiel (Mar. 11-17).

Joe Lepage Photos

Strathmore Legion to host regional cribbage tournament

JOHN WATSON
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10 in Strathmore will be hosting the annual Alberta/Northwest Territories Command Cribbage Tournament, Feb. 2-3.

Roughly 100 players are anticipated to attend, coming from branches across Alberta and the Northwest Territories, all competing for the opportunity to represent the region at the Dominion National Tournament at Branch 33 in New Brunswick.

"You have to have a branch playoff and a district playoff in order to advance to the command level," said Sylvia Westgard, speaking on behalf of the Strathmore Legion.

Westgard explained legions within each respective region must bid for the opportunity every year to host the annual event. This will be the eighth time she has been involved in hosting this particular event.

Cribbage is a game played with a 52-

card standard deck of playing cards, invented in the early 17th century, and was a popular pastime in the military.

The game is played by finding combinations of cards that add in value to exactly 15, 30, and 31, which scores points. Similarly, points may also be scored for completing pairs, threes, fours, and runs of cards.

Players will mark their cumulative points on a board, and play will continue until the first person reaches or exceeds 121 points. The game can be adapted for two, three, or four players.

The tournament at the legion will kick off, Feb. 2, with a colour party march and an opening ceremony prior to games beginning.

Westgard added only Legion members are permitted to register and participate in the tournament, competing for the opportunity to play nationally. Participating Legion members registered for the tournament in teams of four people.

According to a release distributed by the Strathmore Legion Branch 10,

cribbage has long been a favourite game among members in Legion branches across Canada, and has become a competitive event.

The annual Dominion Cribbage Championships were introduced in


1989 in an effort to bring together players from across the country.

Dominion Legion Command is hosting the 2024 Dominion Convention in Saint John, N.B., Aug. 23-29 this year.

JANUARY 2024 STRATHMORE MARKET UPDATE

Information provided by Calgary Real Estate Board MLS Statistics

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Liberal actions not justified

CHANTELLE DE JONGE
Chestermere-Strathmore MLA

Last week, the Federal Court ruled that the Trudeau government's decision to trigger the Emergencies Act on Feb. 14, 2022, was "not justified," as the invocation of the Act led to the infringement of Canadians' constitutional rights.

This court decision reaffirmed that regulations under the Act violated Charter rights to freedom of expression and that the Orders infringed upon the rights of Albertans, and Canadians, to be free from unreasonable search and seizure.

With this ruling, our nation's courts have confirmed for the third time in only four months that the federal Liberals have, yet again, gone too far. Whether it's this court decision, or their defeat on plastics or the Impact Assessment Act, it is clear the Trudeau Liberal government simply does not understand or respect the Constitution of Canada.

As always, we are ready to work with the federal government on issues that benefit everyday families and businesses. But where they don't, we will be unrelenting in protecting our people and province from harm. While we are willing to work as constructive partners, we will never let Ottawa harm our people or province. Our United Conservative government was re-elected to stand-up for Alberta families, jobs, businesses, and industries – and that's exactly what we will continue to do.

In doing so, I recently joined my colleague MLA Garth Rowswell in representing Alberta in Washington and Alaska as part of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER). PNWER is a regional, non-partisan, public-private partnership that was established in 1991 to advance the economic well-being, quality of life, and common interests of its 10-member jurisdictions, which include the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, as well as the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Big on the agenda was economic corridors between Alberta and its neighbouring jurisdictions; ensuring vital links to market, and safeguarding the efficient movement of not only goods and services, but also ideas, best practices, human capital, and investment. We showcased Alberta's impactful energy story. In the spotlight was our province's clean, innovative, and reliable energy solutions, especially hydrogen, as key contributors to addressing regional energy challenges. I'm so proud of what Alberta has to offer and look forward to sharing our story at every opportunity!

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

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Obituary



FARTHING,
Theodor Eaven "Ted"
June 29, 1928 -
January 14, 2024

Mr. Ted Farthing of High River, Alberta passed away at the High River Hospital on January 14, 2024 at the age of 95 years. He is survived by his son Stephen Farthing (Karyn), and daughter Karen Angell (Roger); grandchildren Taylor Farthing (Laura), Tralaune Thomas, Nathan Steele (Katie), Kristy Sidock (Craig), Jaymee Magnuson (Chris), Lindsey Angell (Kyle) and Naomi Angell (Gino). As well as 13 great-grandchildren.

Ted was predeceased by his wife Donna, sister Ruth Dann, and brother James Farthing. He is survived by his brother Albert Farthing.

Ted lived on the Farthing family farm at Trenville, Alberta. As a youngster he trapped, hunted and fished. He left school to apprentice as a mechanic in Elnora. He was working in Strathmore when he met Donna Mackie. They married in Calgary in 1951. Ted enlisted in the RCAF in 1948. He retired 25 years later as Chief Warrant Officer. The next 15 years Ted and Donna enjoyed their acreage in Sherwood Park.

Ted was Manager of Solar Gas Turbines. He began consulting internationally, working in Japan, Mexico, Indonesia, Malaysia and throughout Western Canada. As owner/operator of Delta Turbines in Carseland, Ted became a valued member of the community. Ted was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Canadian Legion. He was a leader of the Boy Scouts of Canada and a church choir master.

A Celebration of Ted's life will be held in Carseland on a date to be determined.

To send condolences please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.



Obituary



SCHUNICHT,
Christel Katharina

Christel Katharina Schunicht, born February 25, 1937 in Wanne-Eickel, Germany, passed away peacefully

on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 11:24 am at the South Health Campus Hospital in Calgary, Alberta.

She is predeceased by her husband, Karl, who passed away in February, 2020. She is survived by 6 children - Kristin Renger, Karla Thiessen (Danny), Oliver Schunicht, Silvia Schunicht, Sonia Martin (Mike), and Volker Schunicht; 10 grandchildren - Nicole (Trevor), Cody, David (Amanda), Kimberly, Jeffery, Jessica, Dawson, Emily, Jonah and Annika; and 7 great-grandchildren - Aubry, Wyatt, Cali, Brant, Tyce, Sydney and Priscilla. Christel is also survived by her sister-in-law Caecilia Rath (nee Schunicht).

Christel grew up as an only child with loving parents. She married the love of her life, Karl, in 1963 and shortly thereafter immigrated to Canada from Germany. They bought a farm near Rockyford, Alberta, built a house, and raised a family of 6 children. Christel and Karl also took care of her parents who immigrated to Canada in 1964. In 1994, Christel and Karl retired from farming, and moved the family home from the farm to an acreage near Bragg Creek, Alberta.

Christel found true joy in the many little things in life and had an incredibly positive outlook. She was a very creative person who loved to paint using various materials and on different types of surfaces, including raw hide and burlap. She loved fashion and sewing, which likely stemmed from the tailoring business her parents owned, and took great pride in making something unique. She also loved to garden and had a keen eye for landscape design. She loved to listen and dance to German music, which she would often engage her grandchildren in. She especially loved entertaining family and friends at their home, which was, of course, always perfectly decorated for the appropriate occasion, right down to every tea towel being ironed! Christel and Karl collaborated on designing and making all types of meaningful artwork which they enjoyed giving to churches, family and friends, with each piece having a personal touch for the recipient.

She made Canada her earthly home but her eternal home is now with God, and right beside her beloved husband, Karl. May she Rest In Peace.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 2, 2024 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Rockyford, Alberta at 11:00 am. Interment at St. Rita's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made directly to a charity of your choice.

To send condolences, please visit Christel's obituary at www.wheatlandfuneralhome.ca



Obituary



SNYDER,
Dennis Sydney

Snyder was born September 25, 1934, in Calgary to parents Emerson Snyder and Ruth Nicholls. He treasured the

many formative experiences he had growing up as a child and teenager on the family farm at Delacour, east of Calgary. He shared those experiences with his parents, older brother Eugene, younger brother Dale, and younger sister Delores (Dolly).

Dennis passed away peacefully on January 22, 2024, at Three Hills Health Centre, and finally entered his heavenly Dennis Sydney home where he had desired to go for so long! Dennis accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour when he was 13 years old in the back of his dad's old DeSoto automobile. His strong faith in Christ was his rock and helped him navigate the troubled waters of life and the trials that came his way. He trusted God's promise completely and cherished every bit of scripture, committing much of God's holy word to memory.

Dennis had many occupations over the years, with 2 of the more notable ones being Elevator Attendant/Grain Buyer for the Alberta Wheat Pool and Site Attendant for the Rosebud Waste Transfer Facility. Others included Landscaper/Gardener, Truck Driver, Apprentice Mechanic, CNR Railway Worker, Youth Worker, Camp Counselor, Farm/Ranch Hand, and Oil-field Roughneck.

Dennis married Rachel Elizabeth Collins of England, UK in 1972. Daughter Onawa was born in 1973 and then sons Nathan and Wyckley in 1976 and 1978. He moved his young family to Redland, AB in 1980 and spent most of the last 44 years in the Rosebud area.

Dennis was greatly blessed by his amazing wife Rachel until her passing in 2003 due to illness. Dennis moved to the Linden, AB area to be close to family due to his deteriorating health and resided there for the past 2 years.

Dennis had many interests throughout his life. First and foremost was his love for God and finding like-minded believers and churches to attend. He attended churches in Calgary, Rosebud, Linden, and Camrose to name a few and most recently the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calgary.

He took pride in the accomplishments and endeavors of his children. Dennis loved gardening and took pride in growing beautiful flowers and providing fresh, healthy food for his family. He loved Scrabble and crafting and could often be found creating unique crafts with Scrabble pieces, random pictures, some glue, and his scissors or knife. Dennis loved big game hunting in his younger years and loved all the beauty to be seen in God's creation.

Dennis was predeceased by his dad Emerson Snyder, mom Ruth Snyder (Nicholls), and siblings Eugene Snyder, Dale Snyder, and Delores (Dolly) Bender. He was also predeceased by his wife Rachel Elizabeth Collins.

Dennis leaves behind to mourn and celebrate his life: 3 children, Onawa (Travis) Hogan, Nathan (Melanie) Snyder, and Wyckley (Nira) Snyder; 10 grandchildren, Alexis Hogan, Kailey Hogan, Kaisha Snyder, Yireh Snyder, Shemuel Snyder, Tiana Young, Micah Young, Ella Snyder, Leah Snyder, and Tristan Snyder; many relatives from the extended Snyder and Nicholls families; countless friends and acquaintances; and many relatives in England from the extended Collins family (Rachel's family).

The family would like to extend a huge thank you to all the staff at Three Hills Health Centre who provided wonderful compassionate care

for Dennis over the past 10 months.



Obituary



TOTH,
Zlata (nee Kraljik)
25-April-1938 -
25-December-2023

It is with profound sadness that we announce that mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Zlata Toth passed away on December 25, 2023 at the age of 85. She was re-united with her husband Janos (John) who passed away in 1993 in Creston.

Zlata was born in Croatia but immigrated to Calgary in 1970 with her daughter Yasna. Zlata was educated in Croatia and learned to be a baker in Canada. She had a passion for cooking and baking, often just to give to others. She also loved gardening and all animals.

She will be cherished and missed by her family, daughter Yasna Dubetz (Lyle), grandchildren Dakota Dubetz (Ashlyn & great-grandson Duke), Brady Speirs (Josh), Dalton Dubetz and cousin Slava Klobucar (Jim Hazen). She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her in Strathmore, Calgary, Creston and Croatia. As per Zlata's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Obituary



BEATON, Darryl John

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that we announce the passing of Darryl John Beaton, Oct 23, 1950 – Jan 20, 2024.

Darryl passed away in Calgary on Jan 20th 2024, surrounded by loving family at the age of seventy three. Darryl will be dearly missed by his wife of almost forty years, Wendy of Strathmore, children Nadine (Todd) of Onoway, Devin (Christine) of Edmonton as well as grandchildren Chance, Teyler and Bohdi of Edmonton. Darryl will also be missed by his brothers Rob Beaton of Nanton, Cody Beaton and family of Strathmore and Jackie Beaton of Red Deer, sister Roxanne Beaton and family of Red Deer, Nephew Travis (Kelsey) Beaton and family of Mayerthorpe and niece Bambi (JP) and family of Calgary.

Darryl was born in Eastend Sask. on Oct 23, 1950 to John (Jack) and Josephine Beaton. Moving to Rush Lake Sask. and Medicine Hat AB for parts of his childhood Darryl settled in Calgary AB around the age of 13. Graduating high school but not settling on a career, he performed odd jobs until around 1975 when he went to SAIT to become a Welder and moved to Cochrane AB. Operating out of his beloved 1977 GMC Sierra rig welder, Darryl traveled the Cochrane area doing odd welding jobs. When he wasn't working, he rode saddle bronc in the rodeo circuit and cared for his horses. It was friends from the rodeo that introduced him to Wendy, and the two were married in Strathmore on Dec 27, 1985. Darryl enjoyed time spent with all his horses, whether just caring for them, riding or going to Cutting competition. Later in life he became a pipeline inspector, moving himself and his beloved wife back to Strathmore, where they both eventually retired.

Darryl had a charm about him that will be unforgettable, his sense of humor was unmatched. His wit, wise cracks and famous one-liners will ring in the minds of his friends and family for the rest of their lives.

There will be a Celebration of Life held at the Strathmore Legion, 230 2nd Ave, at 2 pm on Saturday March 2, 2024. We invite you to come and participate in this celebration by "Swapping lies and telling stories to the neighbors" as he would say.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors and Claimants

Estate of CATHERINE "RUTH" HUNTER who died on the April 26, 2023.

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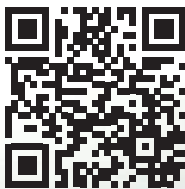
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February 21, 2024 | 6 P.M.

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Regular Meeting of Council

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Heart Month

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

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

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

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

Aquatic Centre

Winter Swimming Lessons

Schedule released: January 15, 2024
Registration opens: January 30, 2024 at 9 a.m.
(Strathmore and Wheatland County residents)
February 1 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

Spring Swimming Lessons

Schedule released: March 18, 2024
Registration opens: April 2, 2024 at 9 a.m.
(Strathmore and Wheatland County residents)
April 4, 2024 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

Summer Swimming Lessons

Schedule released: June 10, 2024
Registration opens: June 25, 2024 at 9 a.m.
(Strathmore and Wheatland County residents)
June 27, 2024 at 9 a.m. (all other members)

Family Centre Arena

Sponsored by UFA Strathmore

Free Skate Sundays

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

Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre

Heart Month Exclusive ❤️

Class Showcase Event

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

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

PD Day/School Closure Camps

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

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

Winter Break Camp

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

Spring Break Camp

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

Summer Day Camps

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

- Age groups:**
- Four to five (half-day)
 - Six to seven
 - Eight to nine
 - Ten to twelve

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

New Camp for Kindergarten Children

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

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

Learn more at Strathmore.ca/Recreation
Register for classes and camps at Strathmore.ca/RecSchedule



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Community Futures and their partners are surveying residents to understand labour needs.

Your input will help create change in your community and your region! Survey closes on February 9!

Participate for your chance to win a brand new iPad!*

GO TO THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO PARTICIPATE

*Must be 15 years old or older to participate.

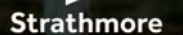


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Did someone say license renewal?

License your pet by February 29. It's their best bet for making it home safe.



If dogs can't use it, neither can a firefighter. Clearing your hydrant saves firefighters (and dogs) precious minutes.

Adopt-a-hydrant today at Strathmore.ca/Adopt-A-Hydrant



Tender Opportunities

We're always on the lookout for great partners to help us deliver valuable services to our community.

To learn more about current tendering opportunities, visit Strathmore.ca/Tenders