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Tremendous tourney

County reeve looks back on 2024

JOHN WATSON
 Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With 2024 having drawn to a close, Wheatland County Reeve, Amber Link, takes a look back on the year and some of the notable developments that have been occurring within the county.

Such included the installation of fencing around the DeHavilland field, which is in preparation to break ground on the campus' runway in April, and the ongoing construction of the CGC's wallboard manufacturing plant, aiming to be operational by January 2026.

"2024 was a remarkable year for Wheatland County, marked by growth, innovation, and collaboration. From significant milestones in infrastructure like the approval of the Goldfinch Raw Water Line to groundbreaking developments such as DeHavilland Field, CGC, and Rocky Mountain Clean Fuels, our community continues to lead with forward-thinking investments that strengthen our economy and create meaningful opportunities for our residents," said Link. "These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our businesses, residents, and council working together for a prosperous future."

With the recent approval of the county's interim budgets, Link highlighted the decided three per cent tax increase, which is anticipated to be generated through increased assessments for the county.

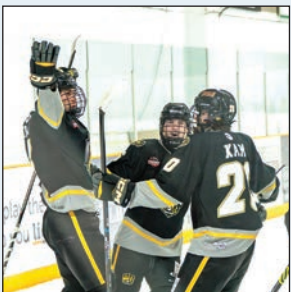
Overall, the interim operating budget was approved at \$52 million, with \$25.6 of that being accounted for in public works for bridges, road maintenance, and general construction, among other projects.

The county approved 56 Community Enhancement Regional Board projects in 2024, totalling \$432,722.12, supporting recreational and cultural initiatives operated by local not-for-profit organizations.

Community and Development Services projects through the year also include Lakes of Muirfield and Gleichen multi-use pathways, which range from early development stages to near completion, surveying and evaluations of the Rosebud High Eagle Campground, and distribution of \$45,000 through Community Benefit Funding, among other projects and initiatives.

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Kings on a tear



Happy New Year!

It was a time to party as the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society's Celebration of Lights hosted their Kids New Year's Eve Party on Dec. 31 at the Ag Pavillion. There was plenty of dancing, games and food prior to the ballon drop and outdoor fireworks. See Page 4 for more coverage.

Joe Lepage Photo

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Elks step up

Bryce Currie (l-r) of Assist Health Supplies collaborated with Tony Giasson and the Strathmore Elks, who have contributed \$3,500 for the purchase of a stair mobility device for a local family with a young boy with bilateral spastic cerebral palsy. Recognizing the urgent need, the Strathmore Elks stepped forward to support this initiative, ensuring that the boy can safely and comfortably access necessary facilities. This generous contribution highlights the community spirit and dedication of the Strathmore Elks.

Photo Courtesy of the Strathmore Elks



Rosebud welcomes new artistic director

MELISSA PICHE
Times Contributor

Rosebud Theatre and School of the Arts is kicking off 2025 by welcoming the new Artistic Director Craig Hall.

Hall comes to Rosebud with over 25 years in the artistic industry with an impressive resume, including 10 years as Artistic Director for Calgary's Vertigo Theatre.

Hall is transitioning into his new role with his predecessor Morris Ertman easing into a semi-retirement. Ertman served as Artistic Director with Rosebud for 23 years, a footprint with Rosebud that will not be forgotten.

"I feel very excited and I feel like I'm about to start a new adventure," said Hall of his new role.

"What I'm really looking forward to is capitalizing on the rich soil that exists and actually bringing a new perspective in and just growing the great programs and the theatre that they (Rosebud) already have."

Hall grew up in Brooks, so he is very familiar with Rosebud as it's just short drive from many local communities.

"I know what the place is all about,"

said Hall. "It's a destination theatre. When you go there it's an experience. The Hamlet is so quaint and everything that's there kind of seems to revolve around that theatre."

He describes Rosebud as a mini-New York in a way.

Hall will be overseeing both the school portion and also the theatre aspects in his new role. He is also excited to be teaching some classes at the school.

Hall said with a major centre like Calgary so close, many students from Rosebud find work there.

"That is something I'd like to do more actually is get some of Rosebud's actual work to Calgary," he said.

"It's a destination theatre but I think that a lot of our audience comes from (Calgary) and I think an opportunity to bring their friends and family to a Rosebud production inside of Calgary has lots of potential."

Hall said he has been in constant contact with Ertman and is looking forward to picking his brain as he knows he has some high expectations to live up to.

"I think he's (Ertman) looking forward to seeing a new perspective and so on as much as everybody else," said Hall. "It took a long time to build something – now what's next?"

He explained that one of the luxuries he has coming into this role at this time is that the season shows have already been set for the main stage.

"It gives me time to get a really good understanding of the audience and to really get to know the place – get to know what the stakeholders want and love and everything else before I have to make any big choices that way," he said.

Hall hopes that people will come to a show whether it's a main stage show or one of the student performances.

"If you haven't gone you should – especially if you're in Strathmore. It's a hop, skip and a jump and it's an experience," said Hall. "Instead of driving all the way to Banff and dealing with the crowds, it's quaint and lovely and you still get good art."



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Upcoming Meetings

Council and committee meetings are open to the public in person and via teleconference. For public hearings it is strongly encouraged that you attend in person.

January 14: Municipal Planning Commission

January 14: Council Meeting

January 15: ASB Meeting

To join the call, dial 403-917-1764 and enter the PIN 47001 when prompted.

Agenda packages can be found on our website.

WHEATLAND COUNTY INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR 2025 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bylaw 2024-07: Goldfinch Raw Water Line Borrowing Bylaw

SECTION 258 - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of Wheatland County, in the Province of Alberta, has given first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 2024-07 which will, upon final passage and approval, authorize the proper officers of Wheatland County to borrow \$7.75 million for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, from the Province of Alberta or another authorized financial institution, by issuance of debentures and on the terms and conditions referred to in this bylaw, to construct a raw water line from wells diverting water from the Bow River to the Goldfinch Area Structure Plan (ASP). This project will improve water infrastructure and support future development in the Goldfinch area. Wheatland County shall repay the indebtedness according to the repayment structure in effect, namely semi-annual or annual payments of combined principal and interest installments not to exceed TWENTY (20) years calculated at a rate not exceeding the interest rate of 6.0%. There shall be levied and raised in each year of the debenture, hereby authorized, levies or fees towards users of the Goldfinch Raw Water Line to pay the principal and interest falling due each year. In the event of any deficiency, the Municipality shall levy and raise municipal taxes sufficient to pay the indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE is hereby given by Wheatland County Council that, unless a petition of the electors for a vote on Bylaw No 2024-07 known as the Goldfinch Raw Water Line Borrowing Bylaw is demanded as set out in the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA, 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass the said Borrowing Bylaw. All persons interested are hereby notified and are required to govern themselves accordingly. Petitions for or against this bylaw can be submitted in writing or via email to admin@wheatlandcounty.ca, including your name, address, and comment with reference to Bylaw 2024-07. A public hearing for this bylaw is scheduled for February 4, 2025. Petitions submitted or comments related to the public hearing will be included in the public hearing package.

Dated at Wheatland County, in the Province of Alberta, January 8, 2025.
Wheatland County, per: Brian Henderson, Chief Administrative Officer.

The full bylaw can be found on <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/publicnotices/> or in the December 17, 2024, Council agenda package <https://wheatlandcounty.ca/agendasandminutes/>



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RING IN 2025

The Kids New Year's Eve Party, hosted by the Strathmore & District Agricultural Society's Celebration of Lights, was once again a huge hit for families to ring in 2025.

Joe Lepage Photos



THE STRATHMORE DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY

Has given two Bursaries to students from the County of Wheatland who have enrolled in Post-Secondary Studies in health-related fields of training.

The recipients of these Bursaries for 2024 are:



SCOTT DESSERRE, attended Strathmore High School, then completed his undergraduate degree in Kinesiology. He is presently enrolled in the Master of Science in Physical Therapy through the University of Alberta at their Augustana campus in Camrose.



MITCHELL DESSERRE, attended Strathmore High School, and is presently a first year student in the 2.5 year Physical Therapy program of the University of Alberta, Calgary, with the intent of following through with a Masters degree in Physiotherapy.

Wheatland County's banner year

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"As we look back on the past year, I am immensely proud of the strides we've made in strengthening our community foundations and enhancing services and amenities for our residents. Projects like the Lakes of Muirfield pathway, new hamlet signage, and the CERB initiatives have enriched the

vibrancy and inclusiveness of our county," said Link. "Together, we are building a community that celebrates its heritage while embracing the opportunities ahead. I look forward to what we will accomplish together in 2025 and beyond."

By the conclusion of November 2024, the county's planning and development department had received or reviewed approximately 180 development permit applications, 20 subdivision applications, 17 land redesignation applications, and 550 safety code permits.

Another significant milestone reached by the county, in partnership with the Town of Strathmore, was the approval of the Intermunicipal Development Plan, and the Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework in December prior to each council's break for the holidays.

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Speaking of cough...For children between 1 and 6 years old with a cough, avoid over the counter cough syrups. Instead, you can safely use plain honey, up to 2 teaspoonsful to help soothe the cough. For discomfort, giving acetaminophen in age-appropriate doses will help with discomfort. Honey is not recommended in children under one-year-old.

On a list of the ten reasons to quit smoking, #10 was quite harsh... "You look stupid". But the article mentioned how smoking deprives the brain of oxygen so this may be the reason why people continue a habit that truly does kill. But smoking is a powerful addiction. Much support is needed to stop. A resolution for 2025?

It's important to learn about the medications you are taking. Be familiar with some of the main side effects of the drugs you are taking and be cautious when taking non-prescribed medications with those that your doctor prescribes. Keep a list of all your medications with you at all times. And finally, don't share your medications with others.

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U11A Wranglers



U11C Storm

Home cooking

The three U11 teams from Strathmore Minor Hockey Association and the two Wheatland Wranglers teams hosted their annual tournament Jan. 5-7, with games being played in Strathmore, Gleichen, Standard and Rockyford.

Joe Lepage Photos



U11B Storm



U11B Wranglers



U11A Storm



U11B Wranglers



U11A Wranglers



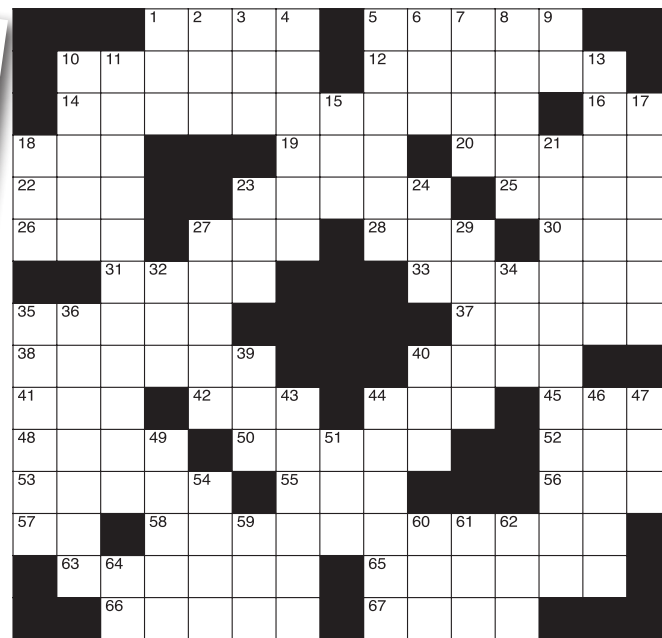
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- 5. Siskel and __, critics
- 10. Seaman
- 12. Chemical weapon
- 14. One who eliminates
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Baseball stat
- 19. Americans' "uncle"
- 20. Cassia tree
- 22. Surround
- 23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
- 25. A sudden very loud sound
- 26. Affirmative
- 27. Disadvantage
- 28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 30. OJ trial judge
- 31. New York art district
- 33. Become more bleak
- 35. Upstate NY city
- 37. Clarified butters
- 38. One who witnesses
- 40. Condemn
- 41. __ juris
- 42. Natural
- 44. Prohibit
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. Greek war god
- 50. 5 iron
- 52. New Zealand mountain parrot
- 53. Scandinavian surname
- 55. Follows sigma
- 56. Doctor of Education
- 57. Spanish be
- 58. One that feeds on bugs
- 63. Tooth issue
- 65. Get into
- 66. Lumps of clay
- 67. Overly studious student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Variety of Chinese
- 2. Boxing's GOAT
- 3. Japanese classical theater
- 4. Prayer
- 5. Inspire with love
- 6. Ballplayers' accessory
- 7. Retailer payment system
- 8. More raw
- 9. Atomic #81
- 10. Fencing sword
- 11. Hostilities
- 13. Sea dweller
- 15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- 17. Businessmen
- 18. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 21. Loud devices
- 23. Make a soft murmuring sound
- 24. One point west of due south
- 27. Trout
- 29. Type of grass
- 32. South American plant
- 34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 35. Not secure
- 36. Traveler
- 39. Sweet potato
- 40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
- 43. Some are choppy
- 44. Asian country
- 46. Genus of mosquitoes
- 47. Cool!
- 49. Shrill, wailing sound
- 51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 54. Within
- 59. Unhappy
- 60. Decorate a cake with frosting
- 61. Videocassette recorder
- 62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 64. It cools a home

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Kings start new year strong

JOHN WATSON

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Agra Risk Wheatland Kings have opened the new year strong with a pair of wins against the Cochrane Generals, and the Red Deer Vipers, respectively.

Kicking off 2025 on the road, the Kings defeated both teams in their home arenas, Jan. 3, and 4.

“When you go into a break, you are always worried about a lot of guys having gone on vacation, ate a lot, relaxed a lot, and they were not at the rink at all. Coming back from a break like that, you are worried that you might not play the same way,” said Doug Raycroft, head coach of the Kings.

“We were lucky – I feel really good that we got four points this weekend. We did not play perfect, but we went to Cochrane on Friday and really felt like we killed most of the second and third periods.”

The following game squaring off against the Vipers, Raycroft explained the Kings only fielded eight defensemen and 10 forwards, as they were still shorthanded from

the holiday, as well as due to ongoing suspensions.

Following their weekend of wins, the Kings also were scheduled to play the High River Flyers on the road, Jan. 7. This game had been rescheduled from Dec. 21.

“(Now) we can get into a more regular routine where we get a few practices and games on the weekends again,” said Raycroft. “That is what we are looking forward to is that routine and getting eight to 10 games in here with our whole roster before playoffs start.”

Now that the Kings are back on the rink, Raycroft explained he is wanting to develop better puck management and creating pressure rather than turning the puck over to an opponent.

This however is going to come with practice, particularly following a long break and not everyone being on the same page as they initially get back onto the ice.

Next on the schedule for the Kings is another away game against the Three Hills Thrashers, Jan. 10, followed by their first home game of the new year against the Okotoks Bisons on Jan. 11 (8 p.m.).



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Obituary



BEXTE, Reinhard W. "Reno"

Reinhard W. "Reno" Bexte of Strathmore (formerly of Mossleigh), beloved husband of Lydia, passed away at the Strathmore Hospital on December 30, 2024 at the age of 83 years.

Reno was born June 12, 1941 in Freischlag, Germany, to Bernhard and Anna Bexte. His family emigrated to Canada in 1953, settling in Picture Butte. In 1959, they left Picture Butte and arrived in the Arrowwood area. Like his brothers, he worked for farmers needing help, and for some years, worked for B&B (Beagle and Bexte) Service at Arrowwood.

He married Margaret Murdoch in 1962. At the time, Reno worked at the West End Garage in Arrowwood. In 1964, he began working for the Alberta Pacific Grain Company in Arrowwood, and in 1965, moved to Mossleigh where he managed the Parrish and Heimbecker elevator for the next 40 years. Reno and Margaret raised their two children, Lori and Bruce, in Mossleigh and kept busy over the years with their activities and community events.

Reno loved every minute of his job. The local farmers knew Reno had the coffee on every morning and many of the world's problems were solved in his office at P & H! The kids knew that he always had chocolate covered coins in his top drawer to share with them if they were brought to the elevator when grain was hauled or moisture tests were needed. He enjoyed working with farms and their families, and always looked forward to planning the annual "Customer Appreciation Steak and Lobster Feed", as well as the annual group trip to Las Vegas. After working for P&H, and then B&B, and then P&H again, Reno finally retired the last time in 2015.

Reno was a member of the local Lions Club and in 2022 received his 55 year pin, of which he was very proud. He was especially passionate about the creation of, and ongoing improvement of the Mossleigh Lions Park. He was "the Park Guy" who collected dues, took bookings, and mowed acres of grass. For many years, he and Marg camped there every chance they got. In 2016, the Lions Club surprised him with the honor of renaming the park the 'Reno Bexte Lions Park'. It was one of his proudest moments. Both Reno and Marg were active members of the Mossleigh Community Club - they both enjoyed it as they were always working elbow to elbow with friends. In February of 2009, Marg unexpectedly passed away, breaking our hearts.

In 2010, Reno married Lydia Kern of Mannville. They lived together in Mossleigh until 2016, and then moved to Lambert Village in Strathmore, where they made many good friends and enjoyed hours and hours of laughter. Just like when Reno and Marg they lived in Mossleigh, they became the unofficial Social Directors for the community of friends they made in Lambert Village.

Reno is survived by his loving wife Lydia, his daughter Lori (Guy) and their children Geoff (Heather) and Andrew (Jenn), and a Great Granddaughter Agatha, his son Bruce (Helen), his sister Sylvia, and Sisters in Law Nadine, Edna, and Monica, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Reno was predeceased by his parents Bernhard and Anna Bexte, his first wife Margaret, siblings Hugo (Charlotte), Adolf (Dorothy), Clem (Tina), Benny, Hubert, and Fred.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mossleigh Community Hall with Pastor Dawn Nelson officiating. Family Inurnment Arrowwood Cemetery.

Tributes in Reno's memory can be made to the Mossleigh Lions Club (Box 17, Mossleigh, AB T0L 1P0) or to the Alberta Children's Hospital (28 Oki Drive NW, Calgary, Alberta, T3B 6A8.) or via e-donations at <https://my.childrenshospital.ab.ca/give/>.

Arrangements in care of Vulcan Funeral Home. Telephone 1-403-485-2633. E-mail condolences through www.vulcanfuneralhome.ca.

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Upcoming Council Meetings

January 15, 2025 | 6 p.m. Committee of the Whole
 January 22, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council
 February 5, 2025 | 6 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council

Come Say Hi

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

Service fee update.

Credit card service fee.

Please note that beginning in 2025, a service fee of 1.5% will be added to credit card payments. This charge does not apply when paying by cash, cheque, or debit card. Thank you for helping us address the costs associated with processing credit card transactions. For more information, please visit our website.

License fees due in January.

Business license fees.

A valid business license is required for every business operating within or party within the Town of Strathmore. Business license are valid for the calendar year of the application date. Business license fees are due in January, so be sure to submit your payment on time to avoid any disruptions.

For more information, please visit our website, **Strathmore.ca**. If you have questions or concerns about your business license fees, reach out to us at **development@strathmore.ca**.

Help your furry friend make it home safe.

License your pet.

A pet licence is a unique ID that tells us your pet belongs to you. It helps contribute to our high return rates for lost pets every year. However, pet licencing fees go towards supporting so much more than that - they benefit the animal community as a whole. License fees are used to provide bag dispensers along pathways and the off-leash dog park. They also fund education and enforcement to promote responsible pet ownership and safe communities.

For more information, please visit our website, **Strathmore.ca**. If you have questions or concerns about your pet license, call us at **(403) 934-3133** or visit the Strathmore Municipal Building.

Have you seen our new map yet?

Be someone's Snow Angel.

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

- Identifying those in need: Residents in need of snow removal assistance are marked with a "Snow Angel" sign, letting you know they could use a helping hand keeping their walkways clear during winter.
- Be a Snow Angel: Spread your snowy wings and help out your neighbour by clearing their sidewalk, driveways, and paths. You don't need to register to volunteer, simply look for a Snow Angel sign and help out your neighbour.

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



Collection schedule for Nov-Apr.
Seasonal waste collection.

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

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

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

January							April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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February							March						
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8	30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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Help keep fire hydrants clear of snow.

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

HEART MONTH

February is Heart Month - a time to bring attention to the importance of cardiovascular health, and what we can do to reduce our risk of cardiovascular disease. things such as eating healthier, getting proper sleep, being physically active, managing your stress, and limiting your alcohol intake. We may not be able to help with all these changes, but there are plenty of ways to get get active with Strathmore's Recreation Team.

Aquatic Centre

Winter Swimming Lessons

Strathmore & Wheatland County Residents.
 Schedule released: January 07, 2025, 12 p.m.
 Registration opens: January 14, 2025, 8 a.m.

All Other Members

Registration opens: January 16, 2025, 8 a.m.
 For more information, visit our website: **Strathmore.ca/Recreation**. Register for swimming lessons through your account at **Strathmore.perfectmind.ca**. Got questions or concerns? Feel free to reach out by email, **Aquatic@Strathmore.ca**, or phone, **403-934-3325**.

Strathmore Motor Product Sports Centre.
PD Day/School Closure Camps.

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

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

Winter Break Camp

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

Spring Break Camp

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

Summer Day Camps

Learn more at **Strathmore.ca/Recreation**